

FORT BEND COUNTY FY 2009  
COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA REQUEST FORM  
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Date Submitted: 07/14/2009 Submitted By: P.Batts  
Court Agenda Date: 07/21/09 Department: Engineering  
Phone Number: 281 633 7507

SUMMARY OF ITEM: Take all appropriate action to approve Professional Engineering Services Agreement between Fort Bend County and AIA Engineers, Ltd. regarding Old Richmond Road Bridge at Red Gully in an amount not to exceed ~~\$107,654.00~~, Mobility Bond Project #728, Precinct 4. *90,605.00*

RENEWAL AGREEMENT/APPOINTMENT YES  NO   
REVIEWED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: YES  NO

List Supporting Documents Attached:

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

BUDGETED ITEM: YES  NO

FUNDNG SOURCE: Accounting Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Activity (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF LAWSOM ACCOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

Special Handling Requested (specify):

*7-28-09 2 orig. ret. to Paulette at Engineering*

July 23, 2009

D. Jesse Hegemier, P.E.  
County Engineer  
Fort Bend County  
1124-52 Blume Road  
Rosenberg, Texas 77471

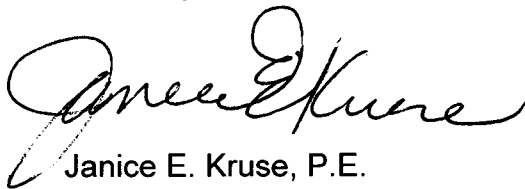
Re: Old Richmond Bridge at Red Gully  
2007 Fort Bend County Mobility Programs

Dear Mr. Hegemier,

Attached are two partially executed contracts for further processing. We appreciate the opportunity to work with Fort Bend County on this project.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Janice E. Kruse, P.E.  
Project Manager

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
  §  
COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**PROJECT NO. OLD RICHMOND ROAD BRIDGE AT RED GULLY**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into by and between FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Texas acting by and through the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court (hereinafter referred to as “County”) and AIA Engineers, Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as “Engineer,”) authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County proposes expand Old Richmond Bridge at Red Gully, located in Fort Bend County, Texas, as part of the 2007 Fort Bend County Mobility Programs, hereinafter referred to as the “Project;” and,

WHEREAS, County desires to enter into this Agreement for the performance by Engineer of professional services related to the Project; and,

WHEREAS, County has determined that this Agreement is for personal or professional services and therefore exempt from competitive bidding under Chapter 262, TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; and

WHEREAS, County has determined that this Agreement serves a public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth below, the parties agree as follows:

**AGREEMENT**

SECTION I  
SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- 1.01 Engineer shall render professional services to County related to the Project as described in each executed Work Authorization, a sample of which is attached as Attachment B.
- 1.02 Engineer shall use all best efforts to perform all professional services agreed hereunder in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to County, in keeping with the highest professional standard of care provided by engineers in similar projects. Engineer shall use its best efforts to ensure that all services provided hereunder shall be suitable for their intended use.
- 1.03 Engineer shall use all best efforts and measures to implement its responsibilities under this Agreement to safeguard County against defects and deficiencies in the completed services provided under this Agreement. However, Engineer will promptly inform County whenever defects and deficiencies in the completed service are observed, or when

any observed actions or omissions are undertaken which are not in the best interest of County and the Project.

- 1.04 At the request of County, Engineer shall provide appropriate personnel for conferences at its offices, or attend conferences at the various offices of County, or at the site of the Project, and shall permit inspections of its offices by County, or others when requested by County.
- 1.05 If requested by County, or on its behalf, Engineer shall prepare such engineering exhibits and plans as may be requested for all hearings related to the Project, and, further, it shall prepare for and appear at conferences at the office of the County's Engineer, hereinafter referred to as "County Project Manager," and shall furnish competent expert engineering witnesses to provide such oral testimony and to introduce such demonstrative evidence as may be needed throughout all trials and hearings with reference to any litigation relating to the Project.

## SECTION II THE ENGINEER'S COMPENSATION

- 2.01 For and in consideration of the services rendered by Engineer, and subject to the limit of appropriation under Section XVI, County shall pay to Engineer an amount not to exceed \$80,605 including all reimbursable expenses.
- 2.02 Progress payments for authorized work will be made when Engineer has attained a level of completion equal to or greater than agreed upon milestones of completion, as determined solely by County.
- 2.03 Engineer shall not provide any services under this Agreement until authorized by County in writing.
- 2.04 Engineer shall submit invoices to County as detailed in Section 2.05 below and County shall pay each invoice within thirty (30) days after the County Project Manager's written approval provided however, that the approval or payment of any invoice shall not be considered to be conclusive evidence of performance by the Engineer to the point indicated by such invoice or of receipt or acceptance by the County of the services covered by such invoice.
- 2.05 Engineer shall submit to County two (2) copies of invoices detailing the amounts due for services performed during the previous month, set forth separately for work under this Agreement, and accompanied by a progress report describing the tasks performed in a form acceptable to County. County shall reserve the right to withhold any payment pending verification of satisfactory work performed. County shall process all uncontested invoices within thirty (30) calendar days.

## SECTION III TIME OF PERFORMANCE

- 3.01 This Agreement shall become effective upon execution of the last party and shall terminate on or before May 7, 2010.
- 3.02 Services described under written Scope of Work shall be completed in accordance with the schedules developed for the Project or within such additional time as may be extended in writing by the County.
- 3.03 Any services provided by Engineer or any costs incurred by Engineer before issuance of a Work Authorization or after the expiration of a Work Authorization shall be ineligible for payment or reimbursement.

## SECTION IV TERMINATION

- 4.01 County may terminate this Agreement at any time by providing thirty (30) days written notice to Engineer.
- 4.02 Upon receipt of such termination notice, Engineer shall discontinue all services in connection with the performance of this Agreement and shall proceed to cancel promptly all existing orders and contracts insofar as such orders or contracts are chargeable to this Agreement.
- 4.03 Within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of termination, Engineer shall submit a statement, describing in detail the services performed under this Agreement to the date of termination.
- 4.04 County shall then pay Engineer that proportion of the services actually performed under this Agreement bear to the total services called for under this Agreement, less such payments on account of charges as have been previously made.
- 4.05 Copies of all completed or partially completed designs, drawings, electronic data files and specifications and reports of any kind prepared under this Agreement shall be delivered to the County when and if this Agreement is terminated in the manner and for the purposes provided in this Agreement.

## SECTION V INSPECTIONS OF ENGINEER'S BOOKS AND RECORDS

Engineer shall permit County, or any duly authorized agent of the County, to inspect and examine all books and records of the Engineer for the purpose of verifying the amount of work performed on the Project by Engineer. County's right to inspect survives the termination of this Agreement for a period of four (4) years.

## SECTION VI OWNERSHIP AND REUSE OF DOCUMENTS

- 6.01 All documents, including original drawings, electronic files, correspondence, estimates, specifications, field notes, and data created, produced, developed or prepared by Engineer or its approved outside advisory or support consultants (collectively, the "Documents") shall be the property of County.
- 6.02 County shall not be entitled to any Documents not deemed "final" by the Engineer until termination of this Agreement.
- 6.03 Engineer shall deliver all Documents to County within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Agreement and may retain a set of reproducible record copies of the documents, provided that Engineer has received full compensation due pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. County shall use the Documents solely in connection with the Project and for no other purposes, except with the express written consent of Engineer, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Any use of the Documents without the express written consent of the Engineer will be at the County's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Engineer.
- 6.04 County shall also be the owner of all intellectual property rights of the services rendered

hereunder, including all rights of copyright therein. County and Engineer agree that the services provided are a “work for hire” as the term is used in the federal Copyright Act. Moreover, Engineer’s worldwide right, title and interest in and to such work product and all rights of copyright therein.

- 6.05 Any trademarks, trade names, service marks, logos, or copyrighted materials of County are permit only for use in connection with the services and shall not be used without County’s consent and shall remain in the sole and exclusive properties of County.

## SECTION VII PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIAL

- 7.01 Engineer represents that it presently has, or is able to obtain, adequate qualified personnel in its employment for the timely performance of the professional services required under this Agreement. Engineer shall furnish and maintain, at its own expense, adequate and sufficient personnel and equipment to perform the professional services when and as required and without delays.
- 7.02 County will approve assignment and release of all key Engineer personnel and that the Engineer shall submit written notification of all key Engineer personnel changes for the County’s approval prior to the implementation of such changes. For the purpose of this agreement, key Engineer personnel are defined in Attachment C, Key Personnel. Services described in this Agreement shall be performed under the direction of an engineer licensed to practice professional engineering in the State of Texas.
- 7.03 All employees of Engineer shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them to the standard stated in this Agreement. Any employee of the Engineer who, in the opinion of the County, is incompetent or by his conduct becomes detrimental to the Project shall, upon request of the County, immediately be removed from association with the Project.
- 7.04 Except as otherwise specified herein, Engineer shall furnish all equipment, transportation, supplies, and materials required to provide all services subject to this Agreement.

## SECTION VIII ITEMS TO BE FURNISHED TO ENGINEER BY THE COUNTY

County shall provide to Engineer copies of preliminary studies, assistance in the coordination with all utility companies and assistance in coordination with all public and governmental entities.

## SECTION IX ENGINEER’S INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 9.01 Engineer shall obtain and maintain, throughout the term of the Agreement, insurance of the types and in the minimum amounts set forth below.
- 9.02 Engineer shall furnish certificates of insurance to County evidencing compliance with the insurance requirements hereof. Certificates shall indicate name of Engineer, name of insurance company, policy number, term of coverage and limits of coverage. Engineer shall cause its insurance companies to provide County with at least 30 days prior written notice of any reduction in the limit of liability by endorsement of the policy, cancellation

or non-renewal of the insurance coverage required under this Agreement. Engineer shall obtain such insurance from such companies having Bests rating of A- or better, licensed or approved to transact business in the State of Texas, and shall obtain such insurance of the following types and minimum limits:

- A. Workers' Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, or state or hire/location of Services, and Employers' Liability coverage with a limit of not less than \$500,000 each employee for Occupational Disease, \$500,000 policy limit for Occupational Disease; and Employer's Liability of \$1,000,000 each accident.
- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance including coverage for Products/Completed Operations, Blanket Contractual, Contractors' Protective Liability Broad Form Property Damage, Personal Injury/Advertising Liability, and Bodily Injury and Property Damage with limits of not less than:
  - \$1,000,000 general aggregate limit
  - \$325,000 each occurrence, combined single limit
  - \$325,000 aggregate Products, combined single limit
  - \$325,000 aggregate Personal Injury/Advertising Liability
  - \$50,000 Fire Legal Liability
  - \$5,000 Premises Medical
- C. Business Automobile Liability coverage applying to owned, non-owned and hired automobiles with limits not less than \$300,000 each occurrence combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage combined.
- D. Professional Liability insurance with limits not less than \$2,000,000 each claim/annual aggregate.

9.03 County and the County Commissioners shall be named as additional insureds on all coverages required above with the exception of Workers Compensation Insurance, Employers Liability Insurance and Professional Liability Insurance. The Workers Compensation Insurance written on behalf of Engineer shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of County and County Commissioners.

## SECTION X INDEMNIFICATION

- 10.01 ENGINEER SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD COUNTY HARMLESS FROM EACH AND EVERY CLAIM, DEMAND, SUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, LIEN OR JUDGMENT CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEGLIGENT ACTS AND OMISSIONS OF ENGINEER PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT.
- 10.02 Engineer shall timely report all such matters to County and shall, upon the receipt of any such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment, not later than the fifteenth day of each month, provide County with a written report on each such matter covered by

this paragraph and by Section 10.03 below, setting forth the status of each matter, the schedule or planned proceedings with respect to each matter and the cooperation or assistance, if any, of County required by Engineer in the defense of each matter.

- 10.03 County shall timely forward to ENGINEER copies of any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings or judgments which it may receive and which it may contend is covered by this section. Thereafter, County shall fully cooperate with Engineer in its defense of each such matter.
- 10.04 ENGINEER'S DUTY TO DEFEND INDEMNIFY AND HOLD COUNTY HARMLESS SHALL BE ABSOLUTE. IT SHALL NOT ABATE OR END BY REASON OF THE EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED BY COUNTY IN WRITING. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO ALL SUCH MATTERS NO MATTER WHEN THEY ARISE WITHIN THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.
- 10.05 In the event of any dispute between the parties as to whether a claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with negligent acts or omissions of Engineer, Engineer shall never-the-less fully defend such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the negligent acts and omissions of Engineer are not at issue in the matter. In such event, County shall promptly reimburse Engineer for its costs of defense.
- 10.06 In the event that any such matter being so defended by Engineer also involves any claim of negligence or wrongful action by County, County shall have the obligation to participate in the defense of the matter through separate counsel.
- 10.07 Engineer shall have full authority to resolve all matters being defended by it providing such settlement(s) shall not involve any findings adverse to County and shall not involve or require any payments or contributions by County.
- 10.08 In the event of any final judicial determination or award of any matter covered by this section, County shall be responsible to third parties, pro rata, for any negligence determined to have been caused by County.
- 10.09 Engineer's indemnification shall cover, and Engineer shall indemnify County, in the manner provided for and to the extent described above, in the event County is found to have been negligent for having selected Engineer to perform the work described in this Agreement.
- 10.10 The provision by Engineer of insurance shall not limit the liability of Engineer under this Agreement.
- 10.11 Engineer shall cause all contractors and consultants who may have a contract to perform construction or installation work in the area where work will be performed under this Agreement, to agree to indemnify County and to hold County harmless from all claims for bodily injury and property damage that may arise from said contractor or consultant's operations. Such provisions shall be in form satisfactory to County.
- 10.12 County shall be exempt from, and in no way liable, for, any sums of money which may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of deductibles shall be the sole responsibility of Engineer providing such insurance.

## SECTION XI

## DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 11.01 In the event of a dispute related to the breach of this Agreement that cannot be settled through negotiation, County and Engineer agree to submit the dispute to mediation.
- 11.02 In the event County or Engineer desire to mediate any dispute, that party shall notify the other party in writing of the dispute desired to be mediated. If the parties are unable to resolve their differences within 10 days of the receipt of such notice, such dispute shall be submitted for mediation.
- 11.03 All expenses associated with mediation shall be shared 50 percent (50%) by each party.
- 11.04 The requirement to seek mediation shall be a condition required before filing an action at law or in equity.

## XII NOTICE

- 12.01 Any notice required to be given under the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be duly served when it shall have been deposited, enclosed in a wrapper with the proper postage prepaid thereon, and duly registered or certified, return receipt requested, in a United States Post Office, addressed to County or Engineer at the addresses set forth below.
- 12.02 If mailed, any notice or communication shall be deemed to be received three days after the date of deposit in the United States Mail.
- 12.03 Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, all notices shall be delivered to the following addresses:

A. If to Engineer:

Janice E. Kruse, PE  
AIA Engineers, Ltd.  
15310 Park Row  
Houston, TX 77084

B. If to County notice must be sent to the County Engineer:

D. Jesse Hegemier, P.E.  
County Engineer  
1124-52 Blume Road  
Rosenberg, Texas 77471

- 12.03 Either party may designate a different address by giving the other party ten (10) days written notice.

## SECTION XIII REPORTS OF ACCIDENTS

- 13.01 Within 24 hours after the occurrence of any accident or other event which results in, or might result in, injury to the person or property of any third person (other than an employee of Engineer), Engineer shall send a written report of such accident or other event or County, setting forth a full and concise statement of the facts pertaining thereto.

- 13.02 Engineer shall also immediately send County a copy of any summons, subpoena, notice, other documents served upon Engineer, its agents, employees, or representatives, or received by it or them, in connection with any matter before any court arising in any manner from Engineer's performance of work under this Agreement.

#### SECTION XIV WORK AUTHORIZATIONS

- 14.01 Not Used.

#### SECTION XV LIMITATIONS

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, all covenants and obligations of County under this Agreement shall be deemed to be valid covenants and obligations only to extent authorized by the Act creating County and permitted by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Texas. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, and no officer, director, or employee of County shall have any personal obligation hereunder.

#### SECTION XVI LIMIT OF APPROPRIATION

- 16.01 Prior to the execution of this Agreement, Engineer has been advised by County, and Engineer clearly understands and agrees, such understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence to this Agreement, that County shall have available the total maximum sum of \$80,605, including reimbursable expenses, if any, specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities which may be incurred by County.

#### SECTION XVII SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

- 17.01 County and Engineer bind themselves and their successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement.
- 17.02 Neither County nor Engineer shall assign, sublet or transfer its interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other.

#### SECTION XVIII PUBLIC CONTACT

- 18.01 Contact with any media, citizens of Fort Bend County or governmental agencies shall be the sole responsibility of County.
- 18.02 Under no circumstances, whatsoever, shall Engineer release any material or information developed or received from County in the performance of its services hereunder without the express written permission of County, except where required to do so by law.

#### SECTION XIX MODIFICATIONS

This instrument contains the entire Agreement between the parties relating to the rights herein granted and obligations herein assumed. Any oral or written representations or modifications concerning this instrument shall be of no force and effect excepting a subsequent written modification signed by both parties hereto.

SECTION XX  
MISCELLANEOUS

- 20.01 By entering into this Agreement, the parties do not intend to create any obligations, express or implied, other than those specifically set out in this Agreement.
- 20.02 Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create any rights or obligations in any party who is not a signatory to this Agreement.
- 20.03 Engineer agrees and understands that: by law, the Fort Bend County Attorney's Office may only advise or approve contracts or legal documents on behalf of its clients; the Fort Bend County Attorney's Office may not advise or approve a contract or other legal document on behalf of any other party not its client; the Fort Bend County Attorney's Offices has reviewed this document solely from the legal perspective of its client; the approval of this document by the Fort Bend County Attorneys Office was offered solely to benefit its client; Engineer and other parties should not rely on this approval and should seek review and approval by their own respective legal counsel.
- 20.04 The captions of subtitle of the several sections and divisions of this Agreement constitute no part of the content hereof, but are only labels to assist in locating and reading the provisions hereof.
- 20.05 This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. The parties hereto acknowledge that venue is proper in Fort Bend County, Texas, for all disputes arising hereunder and waive the right to sue or be sued elsewhere.
- 20.06 Engineer shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance if this Agreement, including, without limitation, Worker's Compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations. When required, Engineer shall furnish the County with certification of compliance with said laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees above specified.

SECTION XXI  
APPENDICES

The Appendices attached to this Agreement, which consists of the following and are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth verbatim:

- Attachment A            Fee Schedule
- Attachment B            Scope of Work

SECTION XXII  
EXECUTION

This Agreement shall not become effective until executed by all parties hereto.

FORT BEND COUNTY:

Robert E. Hebert

Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

Date July 24, 2009

Attest:

Dianne Wilson

Dianne Wilson, County Clerk

Approved: COUNTY ENGINEER

D. Jesse Hegemier  
D. Jesse Hegemier, Fort Bend County Engineer

ENGINEER: AIA Engineers, Ltd.

Ashraf Islam  
Ashraf Islam, PE, Principal

Date July 23, 2009

Attest:

Alicia Salinas

MER:Engineering Services Agreement.3791-

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

\$80,605 RSE

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of ~~\$86,605~~ to accomplish and pay the obligation of the Fort Bend County under this contract.

Ed Sturdivant  
Ed Sturdivant, Fort Bend County Auditor