

STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
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 COUNTY OF FORT BEND         §

### **AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between Fort Bend County, (hereinafter "County"), a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, on behalf of the Fort Bend County Engineering Department ("County Engineer), and LJA Engineering, Inc., (hereinafter "Contractor"), a company authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas.

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County desires that Contractor provide professional engineering services for preliminary engineering and final design services for the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Mason Road and Victoria Bay in Fort Bend County, Texas, for Mobility Bond Project No. 20427x (hereinafter "Services"), pursuant to Fort Bend County Policy and Procedure for the Selection of Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Services, adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court on June 27, 2023;

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has determined Contractor is the most highly qualified provider of the desired Services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications, and the County Engineer and Contractor have negotiated to reach a fair and reasonable amount of compensation for the provision of such Services, as required under Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such Services.

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

#### AGREEMENT

##### **Section 1. Scope of Services**

Contractor shall render the professional engineering services as described in Contractor's proposal dated April 12, 2023, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein for all purposes.

##### **Section 2. Personnel**

2.1 Contractor represents that it presently has, or is able to obtain, adequate qualified personnel in its employment for the timely performance of the Scope of Services required under this Agreement and that Contractor shall furnish and maintain, at its own expense, adequate and

sufficient personnel, in the opinion of County, to perform the Scope of Services when and as required and without delays.

2.2 All employees of Contractor shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee of Contractor who, in the opinion of County, is incompetent or by his conduct becomes detrimental to the project shall, upon request of County, immediately be removed from association with the project.

When performing Services for the County, Contractor shall comply with, and ensure that all Contractor employees comply with, all rules, regulations and policies of County that are communicated to Contractor in writing, including security procedures concerning systems and data and remote access thereto, building security procedures, including the restriction of access by County to certain areas of its premises or systems for security reasons, and general health and safety practices and procedures.

### **Section 3. Compensation and Payment**

3.1 Contractor's fees shall be calculated at the rates set forth in the attached Exhibit A. The Maximum Compensation for the performance of Services within the Scope of Services described in Exhibit A is forty-eight thousand, two hundred ninety and 00/100 (\$ 48,290.00) as set forth in Exhibit A. In no case shall the amount paid by County under this Agreement exceed the Maximum Compensation without a written agreement executed by the parties.

3.2 All performance of the Scope of Services by Contractor including any changes in the Scope of Services and revision of work satisfactorily performed will be performed only when approved in advance and authorized by County.

3.3 County will pay Contractor based on the following procedures: Upon completion of the tasks identified in the Scope of Services, Contractor shall submit to County staff person designated by the County Engineer, one (1) electronic (pdf) copy of the invoice showing the amounts due for services performed in a form acceptable to County. County shall review such invoices and approve them within 30 calendar days with such modifications as are consistent with this Agreement and forward same to the Auditor for processing. County shall pay each such approved invoice within thirty (30) calendar days. County reserves the right to withhold payment pending verification of satisfactory work performed.

### **Section 4. Limit of Appropriation**

4.1 Contractor clearly understands and agrees, such understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that County shall have available the total maximum sum of forty-eight thousand, two hundred ninety and 00/100 (\$ 48,290.00), specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur.

4.2 Contractor does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the total maximum compensation that Contractor may become entitled to and the total maximum sum that County may become liable

to pay to Contractor shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed forty-eight thousand, two hundred ninety and 00/100 (\$ 48,290.00).

**Section 5. Time of Performance**

Time for performance of the Scope of Services under this Agreement shall begin with receipt of the Notice to Proceed and end no later than December 31, 2026. Contractor shall complete the tasks described in the Scope of Services, within this time or within such additional time as may be extended by the County.

**Section 6. Modifications and Waivers**

6.1 The parties may not amend or waive this Agreement, except by a written agreement executed by both parties.

6.2 No failure or delay in exercising any right or remedy or requiring the satisfaction of any condition under this Agreement, and no course of dealing between the parties, operates as a waiver or estoppel of any right, remedy, or condition.

6.3 The rights and remedies of the parties set forth in this Agreement are not exclusive of, but are cumulative to, any rights or remedies now or subsequently existing at law, in equity, or by statute.

**Section 7. Termination**

7.1 Termination for Convenience – County may terminate this Agreement at any time upon forty-eight (48) hours written notice.

7.2 Termination for Default

7.2.1 County may terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement for cause in the following circumstances:

7.2.1.1 If Contractor fails to perform services within the time specified in the Scope of Services or any extension thereof granted by the County in writing;

7.2.1.2 If Contractor materially breaches any of the covenants or terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement or fails to perform any of the other provisions of this Agreement or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, and in any of these circumstances does not cure such breach or failure to County’s reasonable satisfaction within a period of ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notice from County specifying such breach or failure.

7.2.2 If, after termination, it is determined for any reason whatsoever that Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the County in accordance with Section 7.1 above.

7.3 Upon termination of this Agreement, County shall compensate Contractor in accordance with Section 3, above, for those services which were provided under this Agreement prior to its termination and which have not been previously invoiced to County. Contractor's final invoice for said services will be presented to and paid by County in the same manner set forth in Section 3 above.

7.4 If County terminates this Agreement as provided in this Section, no fees of any type, other than fees due and payable at the Termination Date, shall thereafter be paid to Contractor.

### **Section 8. Ownership and Reuse of Documents**

All documents, data, reports, research, graphic presentation materials, etc., developed by Contractor as a part of its work under this Agreement, shall become the property of County upon completion of this Agreement, or in the event of termination or cancellation thereof, at the time of payment under Section 3 for work performed. Contractor shall promptly furnish all such data and material to County on request.

### **Section 9. Inspection of Books and Records**

Contractor will permit County, or any duly authorized agent of County, to inspect and examine the books and records of Contractor for the purpose of verifying the amount of work performed under the Scope of Services. County's right to inspect survives the termination of this Agreement for a period of four years.

### **Section 10. Insurance**

10.1 Prior to commencement of the Services, Contractor shall furnish County with properly executed certificates of insurance which shall evidence all insurance required and provide that such insurance shall not be canceled, except on 30 days' prior written notice to County. Contractor shall provide certified copies of insurance endorsements and/or policies if requested by County. Contractor shall maintain such insurance coverage from the time Services commence until Services are completed and provide replacement certificates, policies and/or endorsements for any such insurance expiring prior to completion of Services. Contractor shall obtain such insurance written on an Occurrence form (or a Claims Made form for Professional Liability insurance) from such companies having Best's rating of A/VII 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:

10.1.1 Workers' Compensation insurance. Substitutes to genuine Workers' Compensation Insurance will not be allowed.

10.1.2 Employers' Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per injury by accident, \$1,000,000 per injury by disease, and \$1,000,000 per bodily injury by disease.

10.1.3 Commercial general liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate. Policy shall cover liability

for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage and products/completed operations arising out of the business operations of the policyholder.

10.1.4 Business Automobile Liability insurance with a combined Bodily Injury/Property Damage limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. The policy shall cover liability arising from the operation of licensed vehicles by policyholder.

10.1.5 Professional Liability insurance may be made on a Claims Made form with limits not less than \$1,000,000.

10.2 County and the members of Commissioners Court shall be named as additional insured to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability. All Liability policies including Workers' Compensation written on behalf of Contractor shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of County and members of Commissioners Court. For Commercial General Liability, the County shall be named as an Additional Insured on a Primary & Non-Contributory basis.

10.3 If required coverage is written on a claims-made basis, Contractor warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of the contract; and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of 2 years beginning from the time that work under the Agreement is completed.

10.4 Contractor shall not commence any portion of the work under this Contract until it has obtained the insurance required herein and certificates of such insurance have been filed with and approved by Fort Bend County.

10.5 No cancellation of or changes to the certificates, or the policies, may be made without thirty (30) days prior, written notification to Fort Bend County.

#### **Section 11. Indemnity**

**CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS COUNTY AGAINST LOSSES, LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION, INCLUDING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF COUNTY'S REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES IN PROPORTION TO CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY, ARISING FROM ACTIVITIES OF CONTRACTOR, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES, PERFORMED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT THAT RESULT FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACT, INTENTIONAL TORT, ERROR, OR OMISSION OF CONTRACTOR OR ANY OF CONTRACTOR'S AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES.**

#### **Section 12. Confidential and Proprietary Information**

12.1 Contractor acknowledges that it and its employees or agents may, in the course of performing their responsibilities under this Agreement, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to County. Any and all information of any form obtained by Contractor or its employees or agents from County in the performance of this Agreement shall be deemed to be confidential information of County ("Confidential Information"). Any reports or other documents or items (including software) that result from the use of the

Confidential Information by Contractor shall be treated with respect to confidentiality in the same manner as the Confidential Information. Confidential Information shall be deemed not to include information that (a) is or becomes (other than by disclosure by Contractor) publicly known or is contained in a publicly available document; (b) is rightfully in Contractor's possession without the obligation of nondisclosure prior to the time of its disclosure under this Agreement; or (c) is independently developed by employees or agents of Contractor who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.

12.2 Contractor agrees to hold Confidential Information in strict confidence, using at least the same degree of care that Contractor uses in maintaining the confidentiality of its own confidential information, and not to copy, reproduce, sell, assign, license, market, transfer or otherwise dispose of, give, or disclose Confidential Information to third parties or use Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than the provision of Services to County hereunder, and to advise each of its employees and agents of their obligations to keep Confidential Information confidential. Contractor shall use its best efforts to assist County in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any Confidential Information. Without limitation of the foregoing, Contractor shall advise County immediately in the event Contractor learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Agreement and Contractor will at its expense cooperate with County in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of County or Contractor against any such person. Contractor agrees that, except as directed by County, Contractor will not at any time during or after the term of this Agreement disclose, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any person, and that upon termination of this Agreement or at County's request, Contractor will promptly turn over to County all documents, papers, and other matter in Contractor's possession which embody Confidential Information.

12.3 Contractor acknowledges that a breach of this Section, including disclosure of any Confidential Information, or disclosure of other information that, at law or in equity, ought to remain confidential, will give rise to irreparable injury to County that is inadequately compensable in damages. Accordingly, County may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of the legitimate business interest of County and are reasonable in scope and content.

12.4 Contractor in providing all services hereunder agrees to abide by the provisions of any applicable Federal or State Data Privacy Act.

12.5 Contractor expressly acknowledges that County is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 552.001 *et seq.*, as amended, and notwithstanding any provision in the Agreement to the contrary, County will make any information related to the Agreement, or otherwise, available to third parties in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act. Any proprietary or confidential information marked as such provided to County

by Consultant shall not be disclosed to any third party, except as directed by the Texas Attorney General in response to a request for such under the Texas Public Information Act, which provides for notice to the owner of such marked information and the opportunity for the owner of such information to notify the Attorney General of the reasons why such information should not be disclosed. The terms and conditions of the Agreement are not proprietary or confidential information.

**Section 13. Independent Contractor**

13.1 In the performance of work or services hereunder, Contractor shall be deemed an independent contractor, and any of its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers performing work required hereunder shall be deemed solely as employees of contractor or, where permitted, of its subcontractors.

13.2 Contractor and its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers shall not, by performing work pursuant to this Agreement, be deemed to be employees, agents, or servants of County and shall not be entitled to any of the privileges or benefits of County employment.

**Section 14. Notices**

14.1 Each party giving any notice or making any request, demand, or other communication (each, a "Notice") pursuant to this Agreement shall do so in writing and shall use one of the following methods of delivery, each of which, for purposes of this Agreement, is a writing: personal delivery, registered or certified mail (in each case, return receipt requested and postage prepaid), or nationally recognized overnight courier (with all fees prepaid).

14.2 Each party giving a Notice shall address the Notice to the receiving party at the address listed below or to another address designated by a party in a Notice pursuant to this Section:

County: Fort Bend County Engineering Department  
Attn: County Engineer  
301 Jackson Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond, Texas 77469

With a copy to: Fort Bend County  
Attn: County Judge  
401 Jackson Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Richmond, Texas 77469

Contractor: LJA Engineering, Inc.  
1904 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 100  
Katy, Texas 77449

14.3 A Notice is effective only if the party giving or making the Notice has complied with subsections 14.1 and 14.2 and if the addressee has received the Notice. A Notice is deemed received as follows:

14.3.1 If the Notice is delivered in person, or sent by registered or certified mail or a nationally recognized overnight courier, upon receipt as indicated by the date on the signed receipt.

14.3.2 If the addressee rejects or otherwise refuses to accept the Notice, or if the Notice cannot be delivered because of a change in address for which no Notice was given, then upon the rejection, refusal, or inability to deliver.

**Section 15. Compliance with Laws**

Contractor 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 of this Agreement, including, without limitation, Worker’s Compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations. When required by County, Contractor shall furnish County with certification of compliance with said laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees above specified.

**Section 16. Standard of Care**

Contractor represents shall perform the Services to be provided under this Agreement with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent engineers practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional license. Further, Contractor shall perform the Services as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent engineer.

**Section 17. Assignment**

17.1 Neither party may assign any of its rights under this Agreement, except with the prior written consent of the other party. That party shall not unreasonably withhold its consent. All assignments of rights are prohibited under this subsection, whether they are voluntarily or involuntarily, by merger, consolidation, dissolution, operation of law, or any other manner.

17.2 Neither party may delegate any performance under this Agreement.

17.3 Any purported assignment of rights or delegation of performance in violation of this Section is void.

**Section 18. Applicable Law**

The laws of the State of Texas govern all disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The parties hereto acknowledge that venue is proper in Fort Bend County, Texas, for all legal actions or proceedings arising out of or relating to this Agreement and waive the right to sue or be sued elsewhere. Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed to waive the County’s sovereign immunity. County does not agree to pay any and/or all attorney fees incurred by Contractor in any way associated with the Agreement.

**Section 19. Successors and Assigns**

County and Contractor 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 the other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement.

**Section 20. Third Party Beneficiaries**

This Agreement does not confer any enforceable rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties.

**Section 21. Severability**

If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in full force, if the essential terms and conditions of this Agreement for each party remain valid, binding, and enforceable.

**Section 22. Publicity**

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

**Section 23. Captions**

The section captions used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

**Section 24. Conflict**

In the event there is a conflict between this Agreement and the attached exhibits, this Agreement controls.

**Section 25. Certain State Law Requirements for Contracts**

The contents of this Section are required by Texas Law and are included by County regardless of content. For purposes of Sections 2252.152, 2271.002, and 2274.002, Texas Government Code, as amended, Contractor hereby verifies that Contractor and any parent company, wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, and affiliate:

- a. Unless affirmatively declared by the United States government to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization, is not identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code.

- b. If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Contractor does not boycott Israel and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to boycott Israel during the term of such contracts. "Boycott Israel" has the meaning provided in § 808.001 of the Texas Government Code.
- c. If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Contractor does not boycott energy companies and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to boycott energy companies during the term of such contracts. "Boycott energy company" has the meaning provided in § 809.001 of the Texas Government Code.
- d. If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Contractor does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of such contracts. "Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" has the meaning provided in § 2274.001(3) of the Texas Government Code. "Firearm entity" and "firearm trade association" have the meanings provided in § 2274.001(6) and (7) of the Texas Government Code.

**Section 26. Human Trafficking**

BY ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE COUNTY IS OPPOSED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THAT NO COUNTY FUNDS WILL BE USED IN SUPPORT OF SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES THAT VIOLATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS.

**Section 27. Use of Customer Name**

Contractor may use County's name without County's prior written consent only in any of Contractor's customer lists, any other use must be approved in advance by County.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed or have caused their respective names to be signed to multiple counterparts to be effective on the date signed by the last party hereto.

**FORT BEND COUNTY**

*KP George*  
KP George, County Judge  
County Judge KP George

**LJA ENGINEERING, INC.**

DocuSigned by:  
*William Todd Thurber*  
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Authorized Agent – Signature

12.5.23  
Date



William Todd Thurber  
Authorized Agent – Printed Name

ATTEST:

*Laura Richard*  
Laura Richard, County Clerk

Senior Vice President  
Title

11/16/2023  
Date

APPROVED:

*J. Stacy Slawinski*  
J. Stacy Slawinski, P.E., County Engineer

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$48,290.00 to accomplish and pay the obligation of Fort Bend County under this contract.

*Robert Ed Sturdivant*  
Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

Exhibit A: Contractor's proposal dated April 12, 2023

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# EXHIBIT A



3600 W Sam Houston Pkwy S, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77042  
t 713.953.5200 LJA.com TBPE F-1386 TBPLS 10110501

April 12, 2023

**PROPOSAL**

Stacy Slawinski, PE  
Fort Bend County Engineering  
301 Jackson Street,  
Richmond, Texas 77469

Re: Mason Road at Victoria Bay Roundabout Plans Specifications and Estimate Development (PS&E) with Supplemental Surveying Support  
LJA Proposal No. 23-18486

Dear Ms. Slawinski:

LJA Engineering, Inc. ("LJA") is pleased to submit this proposal to provide preliminary engineering and final design services for the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Mason Road and Victoria Bay in Fort Bend County, Texas. The project scope of work as outlined below will be to design a temporary roundabout at the subject intersection. The project will be constructed mainly within the existing County right-of-way with some areas requiring new right-of-way to accommodate the sidewalks along intersection approaches.

## **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The scope of this project will be as follows:

### **A. PREPARE ONE LANE ROUNDABOUT SCHEMATIC LAYOUT**

LJA will prepare a schematic layout of the proposed one lane temporary roundabout concept at the intersection of Mason Road and Victoria Bay. LJA will submit draft schematic layout to Ft Bend County, gather feedback and make revisions as necessary. LJA will calculate the area and perimeter of the raised median/islands considered for the roundabout coordinate with VORTEX Roundabouts. LJA will refine and update the schematics based on feedback from VORTEX design team who will be manufacturing the modular pieces that make up the island/raised medians.

### **B. PREPARE PLAN SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES PACKAGE FOR ROUNDABOUT SCHEMATIC**

LJA will analyze drainage impacts, evaluate utility impacts, traffic control plan, bike and ped access and prepare plan and profile sheets and construction plans for the proposed new roundabout. LJA will also prepare summary of quantities and construction cost estimate based on proposed design to aid in preparing construction bid tabulations and letting of project for procurement.

Stacy Slawinski, PE  
 April 12, 2023  
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### C. SURVEY SUPPORT SERVICES

The prior work authorization covered surveying of just the proposed roundabout footprint. This supplemental survey will cover all the area around the roundabout, as identified in Attachment "A". The following tasks will be conducted.

- Utilize previously established horizontal and vertical control to nearby TSARP benchmarks, and locate new boundary and the Street ROW.
- Prepare topo at a 50' grid, for the identified area presented in the schematic layout and locate curbs, gutters, inlets, signs, light poles, trees, sidewalks, paving stripes for the new limits (parking stripes will only be ties at the extents of the parking lot and drawn in using a parking space count to draw the remaining stripes)
- Open manholes and grates to get pipe type, sizes and flow line elevations.
- Coordinate and prepare map, abstracts for easements and placement of easements and street right-of-way (Mason Road and Victoria Bay) in the CAD file.

### D. PROJECT COORDINATION

During the design process, we will attend or conference with the Ft Bend County and/or other project consultants as required. We will coordinate with VORTEX roundabouts, provide roundabout design schematic, required design calculations and support with preparation of VORTEX roundabout modular design. All coordination services will be billed on a time and materials basis in accordance with our standard hourly rate schedule attached as Attachment "A".

### E. REIMBURSABLE

Reproduction expenses, field visit, office related expenditure and minor out-of-pocket expenses for courier, etc. will be provided for this project.

### COMPENSATION

Based upon the Scope of Work listed above, LJA proposes to provide you the scope of services described above on a fee structure as follows:

Phase	Description	Basis of Fee	Contract Amount
A	Schematic Design	Lump Sum	\$ 11,500.00
B	Roundabout PSE	Lump Sum	\$ 26,710.00
C	Topographic Survey	Lump Sum	\$ 5,000.00
D	Project Coordination	T&M	\$ 4,480.00
E	Reimbursable Expenses	T&M	\$ 600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 48,290.00</b>

Please note fees shown for the hourly basis elements are for budgeting purposes only and invoices will reflect the actual time incurred. Should work outside the above scope of services be required, a separate proposal will be submitted to the Client for approval prior to our beginning the additional services.

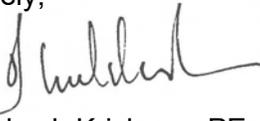
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## **SCHEDULE**

We will begin the project immediately upon receipt of notice to proceed and we expect these efforts to be completed in 2-3 months. If this proposal meets with your approval, please execute both copies, returning one copy to our office and keeping one copy for your records. Your signature below and on the attached Professional Services Agreement will be sufficient authorization to commence the stated work.

LJA appreciates the opportunity to continue working with Fort Bend County on this critical infrastructure project. If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact me on my cellphone at 713.953.5053 or by email at TKrishnan@lja.com.

Sincerely,



Thirulokesh Krishnan, PE  
Vice President

TK/pa

Attachment(s)



3600 W Sam Houston Pkwy S, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77042  
t 713.953.5200 LJA.com TBPE F-1386 TBPLS 10110501

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement prepared on April 11, 2023 is by and between Fort Bend County Engineering with address at 301 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas 77469 ("Client") and LJA Engineering, Inc. ("LJA"), who agree as follows:

Client engages LJA to perform professional services (the "Services") for the compensation set forth in one or more proposals or work authorizations (the "Proposal(s)") for one or more projects (the "Project(s)"). LJA shall be authorized to commence the Services upon execution of the Proposal(s) by the Client. Client and LJA agree that this Agreement, the Proposal(s), and any attachments herein incorporated by reference (the "Agreement") constitute the entire agreement between them.

**I. LJA'S RESPONSIBILITIES:** LJA shall perform or furnish the Services described in the Proposals, which shall be combined and attached as part of this Agreement. Where the terms or conditions of any Proposal conflict with those of Parts I-III contained herein, the Proposal shall control for the Services performed under that Proposal only.

**II. CLIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES:** Client, at its expense, shall do the following in a timely manner so as not to delay the Services:

**1. INFORMATION/REPORTS:** Furnish LJA with all information, reports, studies, site characterizations, advice, instructions, and similar information in its possession relating to the Project.

**2. REPRESENTATIVE / ACCESS:** Designate a representative for the Project who shall have the authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define Client's policies, and make decisions with respect to the Services, and provide LJA safe access to any premises necessary for LJA to provide the Services.

**3. DECISIONS:** Provide all criteria and full information as to requirements for the Project, obtain (with LJA's assistance, if applicable) necessary approvals and permits, attend Project-related meetings, provide interim reviews on an agreed-upon schedule, make decisions on Project alternatives, and participate in the Project to the extent necessary to allow LJA to perform the Services.

**III. COMPENSATION, BILLING, & PAYMENT:** Client shall pay LJA for Services as denoted in the applicable Proposal and in accordance with the standard rate schedule – Attachment B.

**IV. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Attachment A.

The persons signing this Agreement warrant that they have the authority to sign as, or on behalf of, the party for whom they are signing and each of the undersigned parties has caused this Agreement to be duly executed. This Agreement contains a limitation of liability clause and the Client has read and consents to all terms.

**APPROVED FOR "CLIENT"**  
**FORT BEND COUNTY ENGINEERING**

**APPROVED FOR "LJA"**  
**LJA ENGINEERING, INC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: William Todd Thurber

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: W. Todd Thurber, PE

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Senior Vice President

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Attachments:
- A – Standard Terms and Conditions
- B – Standard Rate Schedule

## ATTACHMENT A STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**1. STANDARD OF CARE.** The Services shall be performed with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent engineers practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional license. The Services are not subject to, and LJA cannot provide, any warranty or guarantee, express or implied, including warranties or guarantees contained in any uniform commercial code, work authorization, requisition, or notice, except as provided herein.

**2. CHANGE OF SCOPE.** The scope of Services set forth in any Proposal is based on facts known at the time of execution of the Proposal, including, if applicable, Client Data (defined below). As the Project progresses, facts discovered, including, but not limited to, site conditions or the existence of differing subsurface or physical conditions, may indicate that the scope, pricing, or other terms must be redefined, and the parties shall reasonably cooperate to equitably adjust the scope, pricing, or terms of this Agreement accordingly.

**3. SAFETY.** LJA has established and maintains corporate programs and procedures for the safety of its employees. Unless included as part of the Services, LJA specifically disclaims any authority or responsibility for general job site safety and safety of persons other than LJA employees.

**4. DELAYS.** The Services shall be performed expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent engineer. Where LJA is prevented from completing any part of the Services within the schedule provided under the Agreement due to delay beyond its reasonable control, the schedule will be extended in an amount of time equal to the time lost due to such delay so long as LJA provides written explanation of the delay to Client. Except with regard to payment of any amounts due LJA from any Services, neither party shall be liable to the other for any delays or failure to act, due to unforeseeable causes reasonably beyond the control of the party claiming such circumstances.

**5. TERMINATION/SUSPENSION.** Either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. In the event of termination, Client shall pay LJA for all Services, including profit relating thereto, rendered prior to termination, plus any expenses of termination. In the event either party defaults in its obligations under this Agreement (including Client's obligation to make the payments required hereunder), the non-defaulting party may suspend performance under this Agreement. In the event of a suspension of Services, LJA shall have no liability to the Client for delay or damage caused the Client because of such suspension of Services.

Before resuming Services, LJA shall be paid all sums due prior to suspension and any expenses incurred in the interruption and resumption of LJA's Services. LJA's fees for the remaining Services and the time schedules shall be equitably adjusted. Obligations under this Agreement, which by their nature would continue beyond the suspension or termination of this Agreement (e.g., indemnification), shall survive such suspension or termination.

**6. RELATIONSHIP WITH CONTRACTORS / REVIEW.** LJA shall serve as Client's professional representative for the Services, and may make recommendations to Client concerning actions relating to Client's contractors, but LJA specifically disclaims any authority to direct or supervise the means, methods, techniques, security or safety activities, personnel, compliance, sequences, or procedures of construction selected by Client's contractors. For Projects involving bid preparation, LJA may supply standard contract forms, templates, or other documents that will be executed between the Client and contractor(s). It is the Client's responsibility to review those documents and to obtain legal advice thereto. For Projects involving construction, Client acknowledges that under generally accepted professional practice, interpretations of construction documents in the field are normally required, and that performance of construction-related services by the design professional for the Project permits errors or omissions to be identified and corrected at comparatively low cost. Evaluations of Client's budget for construction and estimates prepared by LJA represent LJA's judgment as a design professional. It is recognized, however, that neither LJA nor Client have control over the cost of labor, materials, or equipment, the contractor's methods of determining bid prices, or competitive bidding, market, or negotiating conditions. Accordingly, LJA cannot and does not warrant or represent that bids or negotiated prices will not vary from Client's budget or from any estimate of costs prepared or agreed to by LJA. Client agrees to hold LJA harmless from any claims resulting from performance of construction-related services by persons other than LJA and LJA shall not be responsible for the contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. In fulfilling its duties pursuant to the Agreement, Client permits LJA to elect to subcontract to others certain tasks in its scope of Services.

**7. INSURANCE.** LJA will maintain insurance coverage for Professional Liability, Commercial Liability, Auto, and Workers' Compensation in amounts in accordance with legal and business requirements. Certificates evidencing such coverage will be provided to Client upon request. For Projects involving construction,

Client agrees to require its construction contractor, if any, to include LJA as an additional insured on its policies relating to the Project. LJA's coverages referenced above shall, in such case, be excess over any contractor's primary coverage. Client shall require its construction contractor to include LJA as an indemnitee under any indemnification obligation of contractor to Client to the fullest extent allowed by law.

**8. PROJECTS WITH MULTIPLE CLIENTS.** When LJA undertakes a Project for multiple Clients, each Client on the Project is jointly and severally liable for payments for LJA's Services. If any Client fails to make timely payment to LJA, and the remaining Clients wish to continue the Project, the remaining Clients will promptly notify LJA in writing to continue the Project and their joint and several obligations shall remain the same. LJA, at its option, may suspend the remaining performance under this Agreement until all past due payments are made, and authorization to proceed and pay from all non-defaulting Clients is received, or continue work on the Project and invoice and collect from the remaining Clients any payment (including damages) of amounts past due and that become due.

**9. SITE CONDITIONS.** Hazardous, archaeological, paleontological, cultural, biological, or other materials, protected resources, unknown underground facilities, or other conditions ("Conditions") may exist at a site where there is no reason to believe they could or should be present. LJA and Client agree that the discovery of unanticipated Conditions constitutes a changed condition that may mandate a renegotiation of the scope of Services. LJA will notify Client should unanticipated Conditions be encountered. Client acknowledges and agrees that it retains title to all Conditions existing on the site and shall report to the appropriate public agencies, as required, any Conditions at the site that may present a potential danger to the public health, safety, or the environment. Client shall execute any manifests in connection with avoidance, containment, transportation, storage, or disposal of Conditions resulting from the site.

**10. INDEMNITY.** LJA shall indemnify Client from and against liability for damage to the extent that the damage is actually caused by or results from an act of negligence, intentional tort, intellectual property infringement, or failure to pay a subcontractor or supplier committed by LJA, LJA's agent, or another entity over which LJA exercises control.

**11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** No employee or agent of LJA shall have individual liability to Client. Client agrees that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, LJA's total liability to Client for any and all injuries, claims, losses, expenses or damages whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to the Project or this Agreement from any causes including, but not limited to, LJA's negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability, or breach of contract, and whether claimed directly or by way of contribution, shall not exceed the total compensation received by LJA for the relevant work authorization or proposal under this Agreement. If Client desires a limit of liability greater than that provided above, Client and LJA shall include in Part III

of this Agreement the amount of such limit and the additional compensation to be paid to LJA for assumption of such additional risk.

**12. CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.** IN NO EVENT WILL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, SPECIAL, OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, INCLUDING LOST REVENUES, LOSS OF USE, LOSS OF FINANCING, LOSS OF REPUTATION, LOST PROFITS, DELAYS, OR OTHER ECONOMIC LOSS ARISING FROM ANY CAUSE INCLUDING BREACH OF WARRANTY, BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT, STRICT LIABILITY OR ANY OTHER CAUSE WHATSOEVER, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY. REGARDLESS OF LEGAL THEORY, LJA SHALL BE LIABLE ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY DAMAGES SPECIFIED HEREIN ARE FOUND BY A FINAL COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE BEEN THE SEVERAL LIABILITY OF LJA. TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, ANY STATUTORY REMEDIES THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT ARE WAIVED.

**13. REUSE OF PROJECT DELIVERABLES.** Reuse of any documents or other deliverables, including electronic media, pertaining to the Project by Client for any purpose other than that for which such were originally prepared, or alteration of such without the written verification or adaptation by LJA for the specific purpose intended, shall be at the Client's risk. All title blocks and the engineer's seal, if applicable, shall be removed if Client provides deliverables in electronic media to any third party. Any modification of the plans will be evidenced on the plans and be signed and sealed by a licensed professional prior to reuse of modified plans. Client agrees that relevant analyses, findings, and reports provided in electronic media shall also be provided in hard copy and that the hard copy shall govern in the case of a discrepancy between the two versions, and shall be held as the official set of drawings, as signed and sealed. Client shall be afforded a period of thirty (30) days to check the hard copy against the electronic media. In the event that any error or inconsistency is found during that time, LJA shall be advised and the inconsistency shall be corrected at no additional cost to Client. Following the expiration of this notice period, Client shall bear all responsibility for the care, custody, and control of the electronic media. In addition, Client represents that it shall retain the necessary mechanisms to read the electronic media. Client agrees to indemnify and hold harmless LJA from all claims, damages, and expenses (including reasonable litigation costs) arising out of such reuse or alteration by Client or others acting through Client.

**14. CLIENT DATA.** Client or any third party designated by Client may provide information, reports, studies, site characterizations, advice, instructions, and similar information in its possession relating to the Project ("Client Data"). LJA may reasonably and in good faith rely upon the accuracy of Client Data and unless described as part of the Services, LJA is not required to audit, examine, or verify Client Data. However, LJA will not ignore the

implications of information furnished to LJA and may make reasonable inquiries if Client Data as furnished appears to be incorrect or incomplete. LJA makes no representations or warranties (express or implied) as the quality, accuracy, usefulness, or completeness of any Services to the extent LJA relies on Client Data. LJA, its affiliates, its officers, directors, and employees shall have no liability whatsoever with respect to the use of unreliable, inaccurate, or incomplete Client Data.

**15. ASSIGNMENT/BENEFICIARIES.** Neither party may assign this Agreement without the written consent of the other party. With the exception of such assignments, nothing contained in this Agreement, nor the performance of the parties hereunder, is intended to benefit, nor shall inure to the benefit of, any third party, including Client's contractors, if any. The Services may be performed by any affiliated company of LJA under its common insurance program.

**16. AMENDMENT, NO WAIVER, & SEVERABILITY.** This Agreement can be amended in writing and signed by the parties. No waiver by either party of any default by the other party in the performance of this Agreement shall invalidate any other section of this Agreement or operate as a waiver of any future default, whether like or different in character. The various terms, provisions, and covenants herein contained shall be deemed to be separate and severable, and the invalidity or unenforceability of any of them shall not affect or impair the validity or enforceability of the remainder.

**17. INDEPENDENT PARTIES.** Each party is an independent entity and is not a partner, agent, principal, or employee of the other party, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties in writing. Nothing in this Agreement shall restrict or otherwise prohibit either party or their respective affiliates in the conduct of their businesses.

**18. STATUTE OF LIMITATION.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, the parties agree that the time period for bringing claims under this Agreement shall expire one (1) year after Project completion.

**19. STATUTORY TERMS APPLICABLE TO STATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.** As required by Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code (the "Code"), and as such terms are defined therein, LJA is not listed on, nor does not do business with, "Companies" that are on the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' list of "Designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations." As required by Chapter 2271 of the Code, and as such terms are defined therein, LJA verifies that it does not, nor will it, "boycott Israel" through the term of this Agreement. As required by Chapter 2274 of the Code, and as such terms are defined therein, LJA hereby verifies that it does not, nor will it, "boycott energy companies," through the term of this Agreement. As required by Chapter 2274 of the Code, and as such terms are defined therein, LJA hereby verifies that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a "firearm entity" or "firearm trade association," and will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade

association through the term of this Agreement. As required by Chapter 113 of the Texas Business & Commerce Code, and as such terms are defined therein, LJA is not owned by nor has the majority of stock or other ownership interest of the company held by (i) individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia or a "designated country", or (ii) a company or other entity, including a governmental entity, that is owned or controlled by citizens of or is directly controlled by the government of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia or a "designated country." LJA is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

**20. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties shall attempt to settle all claims, disputes, and controversies arising out of or in relation to the performance, interpretation, application, or enforcement of this Agreement, including but not limited to breach thereof, by discussion between the parties' senior representatives. If any dispute cannot be resolved in this manner, within five (5) business days, the parties agree to refer such claims, disputes, and controversies to mediation by a mediator mutually agreed to and equally paid for by the parties before, and as a condition precedent to, the initiation of any adjudicative action or proceeding, including arbitration. The mediator shall convene the mediation at the request of either party, and the mediation will last at such times and as long as the mediator reasonably believes agreement is probable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to or during negotiation or mediation, either party may initiate litigation that would otherwise become barred by a statute of limitation. In the event any actions are brought to enforce this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to collect its litigation costs including reasonable attorney's fees from the other party.

**21. LITIGATION SUPPORT.** LJA will not be obligated to provide expert witness or other litigation support related to its Services, unless expressly agreed in writing. In the event LJA is required to respond to a subpoena, inquiry, or other legal process related to the Services in connection with a proceeding to which LJA is not a party, Client will reimburse LJA for its costs and compensate LJA at its then standard rates for the time it incurs in gathering information and documents and attending depositions, hearings, and the like.

**22. GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without giving effect to any conflict or choice of law rules or principles under which the law of any other jurisdiction would apply. Each party hereby submits to the jurisdiction of the federal and state courts located in the county of LJA's address and agrees that such courts shall be exclusive forum and venue for resolving any legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

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Project Name:

Mason Road at Victoria Bay Roundabout Design Services  
Ft Bend County

Rates and Charges:

SR PM	\$245.00
PM	\$170.00
SR Tech	\$150.00
PE	\$155.00
EIT	\$120.00

## Projected Hours by Task

		SR PM	PM	SR Tech	PE	EIT	Total	Total Cost
A	Schematic Design	4	4	12	24	36	80	\$11,500.00
B	Roundabout PS&E	10	16	30	48	80	184	\$26,710.00
E	Project Coordination	8	8	2	4	2	24	\$4,480.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>\$42,690.00</b>

## Direct Expenses (estimated)

1.0	Topographic Survey	200ft along each approach to the intersection					\$5,000.00
2.0	Travel Mileage	at \$0.655 per mile for 500 miles					\$327.50
3.0	Overnight mail - letter size	2	each	\$20.00			\$40.00
4.0	Overnight mail - oversized box	3	each	\$30.00			\$90.00
5.0	Photocopies/Print B/W (8,5 x 11)	400	each	\$0.10			\$40.00
6.0	Photocopies/Print B/W (11 x 17)	300	each	\$0.20			\$60.00
	<b>Total</b>						<b>\$5,600.00</b>

TIA Fee Estimate Grand Total

\$48,290.00

# CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.  
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

## OFFICE USE ONLY CERTIFICATION OF FILING

**1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.**  
LJA Engineering, Inc.  
Houston, TX United States

**Certificate Number:**  
2023-1095613

**Date Filed:**  
11/16/2023

**2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.**  
Fort Bend County

**Date Acknowledged:**  
12/05/2023

**3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.**  
20427x; 23-18486  
Professional Engineering Services for Roundabout at Intersection of Mason Rd and Victoria Bay, Fort Bend County, Mobility Bond Project No. 20427x

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary
	Alford, Susan D	Houston, TX United States	X	
	Cannon, Jeff T	Houston, TX United States	X	
	McKee, Alan B	Houston, TX United States	X	
	Ross, James D	Houston, TX United States	X	

**5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.**

### 6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and my date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_.

My address is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
(month) (year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity  
(Declarant)