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**SHORT FORM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN OWNER AND ENGINEER
FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

THIS IS AN AGREEMENT effective as of _____ (“Effective Date”) between

Brunswick County (“Owner”)

and

_____. (“Engineer”).

Owner's Project, of which Engineer's services under this Agreement are a part, is generally identified as follows:

_____. (“Project”).

Engineer’s Services under this Agreement are identified in the attached Exhibit A.

Owner and Engineer further agree as follows:

1.01 *Basic Agreement and Period of Service*

- A. Engineer shall provide, or cause to be provided, the services set forth in this Agreement. If authorized by Owner, or if required because of changes in the Project, Engineer shall furnish services in addition to those set forth above. Owner shall pay Engineer for its services as set forth in Paragraphs 7.01 and 7.02.
- B. Engineer shall complete its services in accordance with the schedule outlined in Exhibit B.
- C. If the Project includes construction-related professional services, then Engineer's time for completion of services is conditioned on the time for Owner and its contractors to complete construction. If the actual time to complete construction exceeds the number of days indicated in Exhibit B through no fault of the Engineer, then Engineer's period of service and its total compensation shall be appropriately adjusted.

2.01 *Payment Procedures*

- A. *Invoices*: Engineer shall prepare invoices in accordance with its standard invoicing practices and submit the invoices to Owner on a monthly basis. Invoices are due and payable within 60 days of receipt. If Owner fails to make any payment due Engineer for undisputed services and expenses within 60 days after receipt of Engineer's invoice, then the amounts due Engineer will be increased at the rate of 1.0% per month (or the maximum rate of interest permitted by law, if less) from said thirtieth day. In addition, Engineer may, after giving fourteen days written notice to Owner, suspend services under this Agreement until Engineer has been paid in full all undisputed amounts due for services, expenses, and other related charges. Owner waives any and all claims against Engineer for any such suspension. Payments will be credited first to interest and then to principal.

3.01 *Termination*

- A. The obligation to continue performance under this Agreement may be terminated:
 - 1. For cause,
 - a. By either party upon 30 days written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the Agreement's terms through no fault of the terminating party. Failure to pay Engineer for its undisputed services is a substantial failure to perform and a basis for termination.
 - b. By Engineer:
 - 1) upon fourteen days written notice if Owner demands that Engineer furnish or perform services contrary to Engineer's responsibilities as a licensed professional;
or
 - 2) upon fourteen days written notice if the Engineer's services for the Project are delayed for more than 90 days for reasons beyond Engineer's control.

Engineer shall have no liability to Owner on account of a termination by Engineer under Paragraph 3.01.A.1.b.

 - c. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement will not terminate as a result of a substantial failure under Paragraph 3.01.A.1.a if the party receiving such notice begins, within fourteen days of receipt of such notice, to correct its substantial failure to perform and proceeds diligently to cure such failure within no more than 30 days of receipt of notice; provided, however, that if and to the extent such substantial failure cannot be reasonably cured within such 30 day period, and if such party has diligently attempted to cure the same and thereafter continues diligently to cure the same, then the cure period provided for herein shall extend up to, but in no case more than, 60 days after the date of receipt of the notice.
- 2. For convenience, by Owner effective upon Engineer's receipt of written notice from Owner.

- B. The terminating party under Paragraph 3.01.A may set the effective date of termination at a time up to 30 days later than otherwise provided to allow Engineer to complete tasks whose value would otherwise be lost, to prepare notes as to the status of completed and uncompleted tasks, and to assemble Project materials in orderly files.

4.01 *Successors, Assigns, and Beneficiaries*

- A. Owner and Engineer are hereby bound and the successors, executors, administrators, and legal representatives of Owner and Engineer (and to the extent permitted by Paragraph 4.01.B the assigns of Owner and Engineer) are hereby bound to the other party to this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators, and legal representatives (and said assigns) of such other party, in respect of all covenants, agreements, and obligations of this Agreement.
- B. Neither Owner nor Engineer may assign, sublet, or transfer any rights under or interest (including, but without limitation, moneys that are due or may become due) in this Agreement without the written consent of the other, except to the extent that any assignment, subletting, or transfer is mandated or restricted by law. Unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under this Agreement.
- C. Unless expressly provided otherwise, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create, impose, or give rise to any duty owed by Owner or Engineer to any contractor, subcontractor, supplier, other individual or entity, or to any surety for or employee of any of them. All duties and responsibilities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement will be for the sole and exclusive benefit of Owner and Engineer and not for the benefit of any other party.

5.01 *General Considerations*

- A. The standard of care for all professional engineering and related services performed or furnished by Engineer under this Agreement will be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of the subject profession practicing under similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality. Subject to the foregoing standard of care, Engineer and its consultants may use or rely upon design elements and information ordinarily or customarily furnished by others, including, but not limited to, specialty contractors, manufacturers, suppliers, and the publishers of technical standards.
- B. Engineer shall not at any time supervise, direct, control, or have authority over any contractor's work, nor shall Engineer have authority over or be responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction selected or used by any contractor, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, for security or safety at the Project site, nor for any failure of a contractor to comply with laws and regulations applicable to such contractor's furnishing and performing of its work.
- C. This Agreement is to be governed by the law of the State of North Carolina.
- D. Engineer neither guarantees the performance of any contractor nor assumes responsibility for any contractor's failure to furnish and perform its work in accordance with the contract between Owner and such contractor. Engineer is not responsible for variations between actual construction bids or costs and Engineer's opinions or estimates regarding construction costs.

- E. Engineer shall not be responsible for the acts or omissions of any contractor, subcontractor, or supplier, or of any of their agents or employees or of any other persons (except Engineer's own employees) at the Project site or otherwise furnishing or performing any construction work; or for any decision made regarding the construction contract requirements, or any application, interpretation, or clarification of the construction contract other than those made by Engineer.
- F. The general conditions for any construction contract documents prepared hereunder are to be the Brunswick County, North Carolina General Conditions of the Contract (for construction contracts) unless the parties agree otherwise.
- G. All documents prepared or furnished by Engineer are instruments of service, and Engineer retains an ownership and property interest in such documents, whether or not the Project is completed. Owner shall have a limited license to use the documents on the Project, extensions of the Project, and for related uses of the Owner, subject to the following limitations: (1) any use or reuse, or any modification of the documents, without written verification, completion, or adaptation by Engineer, as appropriate for the specific purpose intended, will be at Owner's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Engineer or to its officers, directors, members, partners, agents, employees, and consultants and (2) such limited license to Owner shall not create any rights in third parties.
- H. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Owner and Engineer (1) waive against each other, and the other's employees, officers, directors, agents, insurers, partners, and consultants, any and all claims for or entitlement to special, incidental, indirect, or consequential damages arising out of, resulting from, or in any way related to the Project, and (2) agree that Engineer's total liability to Owner under this Agreement shall be limited to \$50,000, the total amount of compensation received by Engineer, or the total insurance benefit of Engineer's insurance policy(s), whichever is greater.
- I. The parties acknowledge that Engineer's scope of services does not include any services related to a Hazardous Environmental Condition (the presence of asbestos, PCBs, petroleum, hazardous substances or waste as defined by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§9601 et seq., or radioactive materials). If Engineer or any other party encounters a Hazardous Environmental Condition, Engineer may, at its option and without liability for consequential or any other damages, suspend performance of services on the portion of the Project affected thereby until Owner retains appropriate specialist consultants or contractors to identify and, as appropriate, abate, remediate, or remove the Hazardous Environmental Condition.
- J. Owner and Engineer agree to negotiate each dispute between them in good faith during the 30 days after notice of dispute. If negotiations are unsuccessful in resolving the dispute, then the dispute shall be mediated. If mediation is unsuccessful, then the parties may exercise their rights at law.
- K. By signing this contract, Engineer affirms they are not listed and will not utilize a consultant, vendor, contractor, or subcontractor listed on the Final Divestment List created by the State Treasurer pursuant to NCGS 143-6A-4, Iran Divestment Act Certification.

6.01 *Total Agreement*

- A. This Agreement (including any expressly incorporated attachments), constitutes the entire agreement between Owner and Engineer and supersedes all prior written or oral understandings. This Agreement may only be amended, supplemented, modified, or canceled by a duly executed written instrument.

7.01 *Basis of Payment—Lump Sum*

- A. Using the procedures set forth in Paragraph 2.01, Owner shall pay Engineer in accordance with Exhibit B.
- B. The portion of the compensation amount billed monthly for Engineer's services will be based upon Engineer's estimate of the percentage of the total services actually completed during the billing period.

8.01 *Basis of Payment—Cost Plus Fee*

- A. Using the procedures set forth in Paragraph 2.01, Owner shall pay Engineer in accordance with Exhibit B. Engineer shall bill for services and related expenses up to the approved Upper Limit as set in Exhibit B.
- B. Project funding for Cost Plus Fee pay items shall only be paid to the Engineer for actual services rendered or costs incurred. If any portion of the funding is not utilized for the project it shall be retained by the Owner at the conclusion of the project.
- C. The scope and costs of the work that are compensated as Cost Plus Fee are believed to be subject to variability or these tasks cannot be fully defined at the time the contract was signed. Therefore, it is unknown if the set Upper Limit is sufficient to fund the completion of the work described in these tasks.
- D. The Engineer will not work beyond the Upper Limit of the task and does not guarantee completion of the work described in the task. If additional funding is required, the Engineer will provide the Owner with a proposal for Amendment to complete the work.
- E. For the approved scope of services, the Engineer will be compensated as follows:
 - 1. Labor Costs – Actual salary costs plus burden rate plus profit ((salary + (salary x 1.763)) x 1.10)
 - 2. Direct Expenses – Actual expense (vehicle mileage, mailing, repro graphics, etc.)
 - 3. Subcontracted Services – Actual expenses plus 10% fee (Subconsultants, Laboratory Services, etc.)

9.01 *Additional Services:*

- A. For additional services of Engineer's employees engaged directly on the Project, Owner shall pay Engineer a lump sum amount agreed to by a duly executed written instrument based on the format of Exhibit C to this Agreement.

10.01 *Exhibits Included*

A. Engineer's Services

B. Payment to Engineer for Services

C. Amendment to Owner- Engineer Agreement

