



## **Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 25MCO648 Golf Course Architectural/Design Services Firm**

**Date Required: Friday May 9, 2025**

**Time Required: 10:00am Local Time**

### **1. INTRODUCTION:**

Midland County (hereinafter referred to as the "County") is seeking to enter into a contract with a Golf Course Architectural/Design Services firm to design an 18 or possibly 27-hole golf course at a proposed site that is a part of an overall 234-acre parcel in Midland County. This RFQ will result in the selection of a firm to produce an overall design for the proposed County golf course and related structures and amenities. Additional copies of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) may be obtained at the Purchasing Agent's Office, Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Suite 1101, Midland, Texas 79701, or call 432-688-4872.

### **2. PROJECT BACKGROUND**

In the wake of recent upheavals in the Midland County area golf market, including several golf course closures, the County is seeking to expand the County's golf and recreational offerings for its' citizens and visitors. In pursuit of this vision, the County earlier this year commissioned and completed a golf course feasibility study which came back with very favorable findings regarding the potential for additional new golf facilities in the County. Considering this, the County has purchased the 234-acre parcel to locate and build the needed civic uses (County jail and water treatment plant), as well as a potential new golf course facility. In addition to the golf course, the County hopes to create an overall recreational and community gathering place that could include a driving range, clubhouse with a high-quality banquet center and food and beverage operation, and possible ancillary features such as a patio/lawn area and tournament pavilion. This recreational opportunity is intended to create a vibrant and profitable community development and asset that provides an array of entertainment and dining options for residents of all ages.

The 234-acre location for the proposed golf course, that also includes the proposed new county jail as well as a possible water treatment plant, is at the northwest corner of County Roads 1140 and 110 in the eastern part of the Midland-Odessa MSA, approximately five miles from the heart of the City of Midland and less than two miles southeast of Interstate 20. The site is generally rectangular in shape and very flat. The southeastern portion of the site is earmarked for a new 40-acre county jail and a new 20-acre water treatment plant, leaving an approximately 175-acre, L-shaped parcel for the proposed golf course.

The County is looking for a golf course architect who can see beyond a traditional 18-hole golf experience and create a golf course and overall facility that can also be attractive to those in the community who do not play golf, and for a golf course architect who will engage with the community and County staff and provide innovative strategies indicative of forward-thinking municipal projects. The design process should encourage innovation and invention, particularly relative to successful municipal golf course design. The vision for the project should be realized in a relatively short timeframe and demonstrate consistency with input from the public and especially where that input can be elevated to new degrees of potential for the project.

### **3. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Services would include, but may not be limited to:

1. Prepare conceptual designs, construction drawings, irrigation design, engineering, clubhouse design with construction drawings, maintenance facility design with construction drawings, and construction costs estimates with furniture, fixtures, and equipment cost estimates, timeline, and phasing plan
2. Make periodic presentations to the Commissioner's Court
3. Participate in Public Hearings
4. Assist County in procurement of construction
5. Oversee construction

### **4. REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

County is seeking formal submittals and statements of qualifications from firms interested in being considered and evaluated for the project. The response to the RFQ should include a detailed summary regarding the firm's approach to designing a municipal golf facility with ancillary amenities and spaces. The response should also specify not only the firm's experience, but should identify the proposed project staff, and their experience on similar projects.

The response to the RFQ shall include the following information, and should be organized as follows:

1. Letter of Introduction
2. Firm/Team Information
  - a. Individual Firm Information
  - b. Information Regarding Team's Experience Working Together
3. Staff of Firm/Team for this Project
  - a. Overall Architectural and Engineering Design and Support Staff
  - b. Staff to be assigned to the Project with Role/Responsibility
4. Experience Listing of Most Recent Similar Municipal Golf Course Design Projects
  - a. Provide Brief Description of the Projects and Responsibilities
  - b. Provide Owner Contact Persons/References
5. Firm's current and known future projects for the next 12 months
6. Project Office and Project Principal Location

Information in your Statement of Qualifications shall be limited to information requested in the list above.

**No fees are to be identified, submitted or offered as part of this Statement of Qualifications**

## **5. REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS SCHEDULE**

The County will pursue the following schedule related to this RFQ and the engagement of a consultant team:

- Release of Request for Qualifications: April 1, 2025
- Questions or requests for clarifications due: April 23, 2025
- Answers to Questions released: April 28, 2025
- Qualification Responses due: 10:00 am: May 9, 2025
- Commissioners Court permission to conduct interviews respondents and evaluate: May 20, 2025
- Conduct virtual interviews with the most qualified and selected respondents and evaluate: May 27, 2025 – May 30, 2025
- Commissioners Court permission to negotiate with 1<sup>st</sup> selection: June 17, 2025

Updates to the schedule will occur only via an addendum to this RFQ. All addenda will be posted on the County website.

**6. SUBMISSION OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

Submissions should be made in a sealed package clearly marked on the outside: **RFQ 25MCO648 Golf Course Architectural Design Services for the proposed Midland County Golf Facility**

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**Company Name**

Please submit one (1) original, three (3) copies, and an electronic copy on USB drive of the proposal. **An executed copy of the Proposal Affidavit SIGNED AND NOTARIZED (Pages 6-7) must be included in each submission.** It will be the responsibility of the submitting firm to deliver their qualifications to:

Midland County Purchasing Agent  
500 N. Loraine, Suite 1101  
Midland, Texas 79701

**The deadline for submitting your qualifications package is 10:00AM on FRIDAY May 9, 2025.** Submittals will be time-stamped and logged upon receipt. Qualifications received after this date and time will not be considered and will be returned un-opened. All timely and properly submitted qualifications will be submitted for evaluation.

**7. SELECTION:**

The Selection Committee will analyze the information and evaluate the firms taking into account qualifications, including, but not limited to, approach to the Project, ability of professional personnel, past record and experience, location, workload of the firms, timeliness of performance and ability to maintain budget considerations. The following criteria will be used to rank the shortlisted firms:

**Criteria**

Professional Qualifications, Experience	40%
Past Relevant Project Experience	25%
Capability of Staff	15%
Location of Primary Firm	10%
Recent, Current & Projected Workloads	10%

The Selection Committee may select the Golf Course Architect based on this evaluation of the Qualifications packages, or, at their discretion, produce a shortlist of the most qualified firms and require presentations/ interviews. On the basis of evaluations, presentations and interviews, the Commissioner's Court will then contact the most preferred firm and proceed to negotiate a contract at fair and reasonable compensation.

**8. RIGHTS OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY:**

Midland County reserves the right to withdraw this RFQ at any time and for any reason. Receipt of the RFQ materials by Midland County or submission of a RFQ to Midland County confers no rights upon the bidder nor obligates Midland County in any manner. All documents shall be subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act after the contract is awarded.

All costs associated with the preparation or submittal of RFQs shall be born by the bidder, and no cost shall be sustained by Midland County.

**9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

No public official shall have interest in this contract, in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes annotated Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171.

**10. QUESTIONS:**

If further information is required, please contact the Midland County Purchasing Department. All requests for information must be submitted in writing, and only to the Purchasing Department. Responses to all questions received will be sent to each Contractor/Vendor known to have copies of the RFQ. Requests for information may be emailed to [pur103@co.midland.tx.us](mailto:pur103@co.midland.tx.us) or can be mailed to Midland County Purchasing Department 500 N. Loraine, Suite 1101, Midland, Texas 79701. All questions are due by **5:00PM** on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025**. Questions received after that date cannot be responded to.

**11. CONTRACT SAMPLE:**

A copy of the contract to be issued, as well as supporting documents required, can be found on pages 8-53 of this RFQ. These are noted as draft documents.

**BID REQUIRED FORM  
COMPANY AFFIDAVIT**

The affiant, \_\_\_\_\_ states with respect to this submission to County:

I hereby certify that if the contract is awarded to our firm that no member or members of the governing body, elected official or officials, employee or employees of said County, or any person representing or purporting to represent the County, or any family member including spouse, parents, or children of said group, has received or has been promised, directly or indirectly, any financial benefit, by way of fee, commission, finder's fee or any other financial benefit on account of the act of awarding and/or executing a contract.

I hereby certify that I have full authority to bind the company and that I have personally reviewed the information contained in this submission and all attachments and appendices, and do hereby attest to the accuracy of all information contained in this submission, including all attachments and exhibits.

I acknowledge that any misrepresentation will result in immediate disqualification from any consideration in the submission process.

I further recognize that County reserves the right to make its award for any reason considered advantageous to the County. The company selected may be without respect to price or other factors.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

County, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_





Design Contract # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**Standard Form Agreement Between Owner and Architect**

This Agreement is made as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, between the Architect's client identified as the Owner: Midland County Purchasing Department, Midland County Courthouse, Attention: Kristy Engeldahl, Purchasing Agent, 500 N. Loraine Street, Suite 1101, Midland, Texas 79701 and the Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ for the following Project: \_\_\_\_\_ . The Owner and Architect agree as follows.

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## ARTICLE 1 INITIAL INFORMATION

§ 1.1 This Agreement is based on the Initial Information set forth in this Section 1.1.

(For each item in this section, insert the information or a statement such as “not applicable” or “unknown at time of execution.”)

§ 1.1.1 The Owner’s program for the Project:

(Insert the Owner’s program, identify documentation that establishes the Owner’s program, or state the manner in which the program will be developed.)

§ 1.1.2 The Project’s physical characteristics:

(Identify or describe pertinent information about the Project’s physical characteristics, such as size; location; dimensions; geotechnical reports; site boundaries; topographic surveys; traffic and utility studies; availability of public and private utilities and services; legal description of the site, etc.)

§ 1.1.3 The Owner’s budget for the Cost of the Work, as defined in Section 6.1:

(Provide total and, if known, a line item breakdown.)

§ 1.1.4 The Owner’s anticipated design and construction milestone dates:

- .1 Design phase milestone dates, if any:
- .2 Construction commencement date:
- .3 Substantial Completion date or dates:
- .4 Other milestone dates:

§ 1.1.5 The Owner intends the following procurement and delivery method for the Project:

(Identify method such as competitive bid or negotiated contract, as well as any requirements for accelerated or fast-track design and construction, multiple bid packages, or phased construction.)

§ 1.1.6 The Owner identifies the following representative in accordance with Section 5.3: Andrew W. Avis, Director of Public Works, Midland County, 500 North Loraine, 11th Floor, Midland, Texas 79701, Phone Number 432-742-7370

§ 1.1.8 The persons or entities, in addition to the Owner’s representative, who are required to review the Architect’s submittals to the Owner are as follows:

(List name, address, and other contact information.)

§ 1.1.9 The Owner shall retain the following consultants and contractors:

- .1 Geotechnical Engineer:
- .2 Civil Engineer:
- .3 Other, if any:

§ 1.1.10 The Architect identifies the following representative in accordance with Section 2.3:

(List name, address, and other contact information.)

§ 1.1.11 The Architect shall retain the consultants identified in Sections 1.1.11.1 and 1.1.11.2:

(List name, legal status, address, and other contact information.)

§ 1.1.11.1 Consultants retained under Basic Services:

- .1 Structural Engineer:
- .2 Mechanical Engineer:
- .3 Electrical Engineer:

§ 1.1.11.2 Consultants retained under Supplemental Services:

§ 1.1.12 Other Initial Information on which the Agreement is based:

§ 1.2 The Owner and Architect may rely on the Initial Information. Both parties, however, recognize that the Initial Information may materially change and, in that event, the Owner and the Architect shall appropriately adjust the Architect's services, schedule for the Architect's services, and the Architect's compensation. The Owner shall adjust the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work and the Owner's anticipated design and construction milestones, as necessary, to accommodate material changes in the Initial Information.

§ 1.3 The parties shall agree upon written protocols governing the transmission and use of, and reliance on, Instruments of Service or any other information or documentation in digital form.

§ 1.3.1 Any use of, or reliance on, all or a portion of a building information model without agreement to written protocols governing the use of, and reliance on, the information contained in the model shall be at the using or relying party's sole risk and without liability to the other party and its contractors or consultants, the authors of, or contributors to, the building information model, and each of their agents and employees.

## **ARTICLE 2 ARCHITECT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

§ 2.1 The Architect shall provide professional services as set forth in this Agreement. The Architect represents that it is properly licensed in the jurisdiction where the Project is located to provide the services required by this Agreement, or shall cause such services to be performed by appropriately licensed design professionals.

§ 2.2 The Architect shall perform its services consistent with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by architects practicing in the same or similar locality under the same or similar circumstances. The Architect shall perform its services as expeditiously as is consistent with such professional skill and care and the orderly progress of the Project.

§ 2.3 The Architect shall identify a representative authorized to act on behalf of the Architect with respect to the Project.

§ 2.4 Except with the Owner's knowledge and consent, the Architect shall not engage in any activity, or accept any employment, interest or contribution that would reasonably appear to compromise the Architect's professional judgment with respect to this Project.

§ 2.5 The Architect shall maintain the following insurance until termination of this Agreement. If any of the requirements set forth below are in addition to the types and limits the Architect normally maintains, the Owner shall pay the Architect as set forth in Section 11.9.

§ 2.5.1 Commercial General Liability with policy limits of not less than « » (\$ « ») for each occurrence and « » (\$ « ») in the aggregate for bodily injury and property damage.

§ 2.5.2 Automobile Liability covering vehicles owned, and non-owned vehicles used, by the Architect with policy limits of not less than « » (\$ « ») per accident for bodily injury, death of any person, and property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance

and use of those motor vehicles, along with any other statutorily required automobile coverage.

§ 2.5.3 The Architect may achieve the required limits and coverage for Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability through a combination of primary and excess or umbrella liability insurance, provided such primary and excess or umbrella liability insurance policies result in the same or greater coverage as the coverages required under Sections 2.5.1 and 2.5.2, and in no event shall any excess or umbrella liability insurance provide narrower coverage than the primary policy. The excess policy shall not require the exhaustion of the underlying limits only through the actual payment by the underlying insurers.

§ 2.5.4 Workers' Compensation at statutory limits.

§ 2.5.5 Employers' Liability with policy limits not less than « » (\$ « ») each accident, « » (\$ « ») each employee, and « » (\$ « ») policy limit.

§ 2.5.6 Professional Liability covering negligent acts, errors and omissions in the performance of professional services with policy limits of not less than « » (\$ « ») per claim and « » (\$ « ») in the aggregate.

§ 2.5.7 Additional Insured Obligations. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Architect shall cause the primary and excess or umbrella policies for Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability to include the Owner as an additional insured for claims caused in whole or in part by the Architect's negligent acts or omissions. The additional insured coverage shall be primary and non-contributory to any of the Owner's insurance policies and shall apply to both ongoing and completed operations.

§ 2.5.8 The Architect shall provide certificates of insurance to the Owner that evidence compliance with the requirements in this Section 2.5.

### **ARTICLE 3 SCOPE OF ARCHITECT'S BASIC SERVICES**

§ 3.1 The Architect's Basic Services consist of those described in this Article 3 and include usual and customary structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering services. Services not set forth in this Article 3 are Supplemental or Additional Services.

§ 3.1.1 The Architect shall manage the Architect's services, research applicable design criteria, attend Project meetings, communicate with members of the Project team, and report progress to the Owner.

§ 3.1.2 The Architect shall coordinate its services with those services provided by the Owner and the Owner's consultants. The Architect shall be entitled to rely on, and shall not be responsible for, the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of, services and information furnished by the Owner and the Owner's consultants. The Architect shall provide prompt written notice to the Owner if the Architect becomes aware of any error, omission, or inconsistency in such services or information.

§ 3.1.3 As soon as practicable after the date of this Agreement, the Architect shall submit for the Owner's approval a schedule for the performance of the Architect's services. The schedule initially shall include anticipated dates for the commencement of construction and for Substantial Completion of the Work as set forth in the Initial Information. The schedule shall include allowances for periods of time required for the Owner's review, for the performance of the Owner's consultants, and for approval of submissions by authorities having jurisdiction over the Project. Once approved by the Owner, time limits established by the schedule shall not, except for reasonable cause, be exceeded by the Architect or Owner. With the Owner's approval, the Architect shall adjust the schedule, if necessary, as the Project proceeds until the commencement of construction.

§ 3.1.4 The Architect shall not be responsible for an Owner's directive or substitution, or for the Owner's acceptance of non-conforming Work, made or given without the Architect's written approval.

§ 3.1.5 The Architect shall contact governmental authorities required to approve the Construction Documents and entities providing utility services to the Project. The Architect shall respond to applicable design requirements imposed by those authorities and entities.

§ 3.1.6 The Architect shall assist the Owner in connection with the Owner's responsibility for filing documents required for the approval of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project.

### § 3.2 Schematic Design Phase Services

§ 3.2.1 The Architect shall review the program and other information furnished by the Owner, and shall review laws, codes, and regulations applicable to the Architect's services.

§ 3.2.2 The Architect shall prepare a preliminary evaluation of the Owner's program, schedule, budget for the Cost of the Work, Project site, the proposed procurement and delivery method, and other Initial Information, each in terms of the other, to ascertain the requirements of the Project. The Architect shall notify the Owner of (1) any inconsistencies discovered in the information, and (2) other information or consulting services that may be reasonably needed for the Project.

§ 3.2.3 The Architect shall present its preliminary evaluation to the Owner and shall discuss with the Owner alternative approaches to design and construction of the Project. The Architect shall reach an understanding with the Owner regarding the requirements of the Project.

§ 3.2.4 Based on the Project requirements agreed upon with the Owner, the Architect shall prepare and present, for the Owner's approval, a preliminary design illustrating the scale and relationship of the Project components.

§ 3.2.5 Based on the Owner's approval of the preliminary design, the Architect shall prepare Schematic Design Documents for the Owner's approval. The Schematic Design Documents shall consist of drawings and other documents including a site plan, if appropriate, and preliminary building plans, sections and elevations; and may include some combination of study models, perspective sketches, or digital representations. Preliminary selections of major building systems and construction materials shall be noted on the drawings or described in writing.

§ 3.2.5.1 The Architect may consider sustainable design alternatives, such as material choices and building orientation, together with other considerations based on program and aesthetics, in developing a design that is consistent with the Owner's program, schedule and budget for the Cost of the Work.

§ 3.2.5.2 The Architect shall consider the value of alternative materials, building systems and equipment, together with other considerations based on program and aesthetics, in developing a design for the Project that is consistent with the Owner's program, schedule, and budget for the Cost of the Work.

§ 3.2.6 The Architect shall submit to the Owner an estimate of the Cost of the Work prepared in accordance with Section 6.3.

§ 3.2.7 The Architect shall submit the Schematic Design Documents to the Owner, and request the Owner's approval.

### § 3.3 Design Development Phase Services

§ 3.3.1 Based on the Owner's approval of the Schematic Design Documents, and on the Owner's authorization of any adjustments in the Project requirements and the budget for the Cost of the Work, the Architect shall prepare Design Development Documents for the Owner's approval. The Design Development Documents shall illustrate and describe the development of the approved Schematic Design Documents and shall consist of drawings and other documents including plans, sections, elevations, typical construction details, and diagrammatic layouts of building systems to fix and describe the size and character of the Project as to architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical systems, and other appropriate elements. The Design Development Documents shall also include outline specifications that identify major materials and systems and establish, in general, their quality levels.

§ 3.3.2 The Architect shall update the estimate of the Cost of the Work prepared in accordance with Section 6.3.

§ 3.3.3 The Architect shall submit the Design Development Documents to the Owner, advise the Owner of any adjustments to the estimate of the Cost of the Work, and request the Owner's approval.

### § 3.4 Construction Documents Phase Services

§ 3.4.1 Based on the Owner's approval of the Design Development Documents, and on the Owner's authorization of any adjustments in the Project requirements and the budget for the Cost of the Work, the Architect shall prepare Construction Documents for the Owner's approval. The Construction Documents shall illustrate and describe the further development of the approved Design Development Documents and shall consist of Drawings and Specifications setting forth in detail the quality levels and performance criteria of materials and systems and other requirements for the construction of the Work. The Owner and Architect acknowledge that, in order to perform the Work, the Contractor will provide additional information, including Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and other similar submittals, which the Architect shall review in accordance with Section 3.6.4.

§ 3.4.2 The Architect shall incorporate the design requirements of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project into the Construction Documents.

§ 3.4.3 During the development of the Construction Documents, the Architect shall assist the Owner in the development and preparation of (1) procurement information that describes the time, place, and conditions of bidding, including bidding or proposal forms; (2) the form of agreement between the Owner and Contractor; and (3) the Conditions of the Contract for Construction (General, Supplementary and other Conditions). The Architect shall also compile a project manual that includes the Conditions of the Contract for Construction and Specifications, and may include bidding requirements and sample forms.

§ 3.4.4 The Architect shall update the estimate for the Cost of the Work prepared in accordance with Section 6.3.

§ 3.4.5 The Architect shall submit the Construction Documents to the Owner, advise the Owner of any adjustments to the estimate of the Cost of the Work, take any action required under Section 6.5, and request the Owner's approval.

### § 3.5 Procurement Phase Services

#### § 3.5.1 General

The Architect shall assist the Owner in establishing a list of prospective contractors. Following the Owner's approval of the Construction Documents, the Architect shall assist the Owner in (1) obtaining either competitive bids or negotiated proposals; (2) confirming responsiveness of bids or proposals; (3) determining the successful bid or proposal, if any; and, (4) awarding and preparing contracts for construction.

#### § 3.5.2 Competitive Bidding

§ 3.5.2.1 Bidding Documents shall consist of bidding requirements and proposed Contract Documents.

§ 3.5.2.2 The Architect shall assist the Owner in bidding the Project by:

- .1 facilitating the distribution of Bidding Documents to prospective bidders;
- .2 organizing and conducting a pre-bid conference for prospective bidders;
- .3 preparing responses to questions from prospective bidders and providing clarifications and interpretations of the Bidding Documents to the prospective bidders in the form of addenda; and,

.4 organizing and conducting the opening of the bids, and subsequently documenting and distributing the bidding results, as directed by the Owner.

§ 3.5.2.3 If the Bidding Documents permit substitutions, upon the Owner's written authorization, the Architect shall, as an Additional Service, consider requests for substitutions and prepare and distribute addenda identifying approved substitutions to all prospective bidders.

### § 3.5.3 Negotiated Proposals

§ 3.5.3.1 Proposal Documents shall consist of proposal requirements and proposed Contract Documents.

§ 3.5.3.2 The Architect shall assist the Owner in obtaining proposals by:

- .1 facilitating the distribution of Proposal Documents for distribution to prospective contractors and requesting their return upon completion of the negotiation process;
- .2 organizing and participating in selection interviews with prospective contractors;
- .3 preparing responses to questions from prospective contractors and providing clarifications and interpretations of the Proposal Documents to the prospective contractors in the form of addenda; and,
- .4 participating in negotiations with prospective contractors, and subsequently preparing a summary report of the negotiation results, as directed by the Owner.

§ 3.5.3.3 If the Proposal Documents permit substitutions, upon the Owner's written authorization, the Architect shall, as an Additional Service, consider requests for substitutions and prepare and distribute addenda identifying approved substitutions to all prospective contractors.

### § 3.6 Construction Phase Services

#### § 3.6.1 General

§ 3.6.1.1 The Architect shall provide administration of the Contract between the Owner and the Contractor as set forth below.

§ 3.6.1.2 The Architect shall advise and consult with the Owner during the Construction Phase Services. The Architect shall have authority to act on behalf of the Owner only to the extent provided in this Agreement. The Architect shall not have control over, charge of, or responsibility for the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, nor shall the Architect be responsible for the Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Architect shall be responsible for the Architect's negligent acts or omissions, but shall not have control over or charge of, and shall not be responsible for, acts or omissions of the Contractor or of any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

§ 3.6.1.3 Subject to Section 4.2 and except as provided in Section 3.6.6.5, the Architect's responsibility to provide Construction Phase Services commences with the award of the Contract for Construction and terminates on the date the Architect issues the final Certificate for Payment.

#### § 3.6.2 Evaluations of the Work

§ 3.6.2.1 The Architect shall visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction, or as otherwise required in Section 4.2.3, to become generally familiar with the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and to determine, in general, if the Work observed is being performed in a manner indicating that the Work, when fully completed, will be in accordance with the Contract Documents. However, the Architect shall not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work. On the basis of the site visits, the Architect shall keep the Owner reasonably informed about the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and promptly report to the Owner (1) known deviations from the Contract Documents, (2) known deviations from the most recent construction schedule submitted by the Contractor, and (3) defects and deficiencies observed in the Work.

§ 3.6.2.2 The Architect has the authority to reject Work that does not conform to the Contract Documents. Whenever the Architect considers it necessary or advisable, the Architect shall have the authority to require inspection or testing of the Work in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents, whether or not the Work is fabricated, installed or completed. However, neither this authority of the Architect nor a decision made in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise such authority shall give rise to a duty or responsibility of the Architect to the Contractor, Subcontractors,

suppliers, their agents or employees, or other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

§ 3.6.2.3 The Architect shall interpret and decide matters concerning performance under, and requirements of, the Contract Documents on written request of either the Owner or Contractor. The Architect's response to such requests shall be made in writing within any time limits agreed upon or otherwise with reasonable promptness.

§ 3.6.2.4 Interpretations and decisions of the Architect shall be consistent with the intent of, and reasonably inferable from, the Contract Documents and shall be in writing or in the form of drawings. When making such interpretations and decisions, the Architect shall endeavor to secure faithful performance by both Owner and Contractor, shall not show partiality to either, and shall not be liable for results of interpretations or decisions rendered in good faith. The Architect's decisions on matters relating to aesthetic effect shall be final if consistent with the intent expressed in the Contract Documents.

§ 3.6.2.5 Unless the Owner and Contractor designate another person to serve as an Initial Decision Maker, the Architect shall render initial decisions on Claims between the Owner and Contractor as provided in the Contract Documents.

### § 3.6.3 Certificates for Payment to Contractor

§ 3.6.3.1 The Architect shall review and certify the amounts due the Contractor and shall issue certificates in such amounts. The Architect's certification for payment shall constitute a representation to the Owner, based on the Architect's evaluation of the Work as provided in Section 3.6.2 and on the data comprising the Contractor's Application for Payment, that, to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information and belief, the Work has progressed to the point indicated, the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, and that the Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount certified. The foregoing representations are subject to (1) an evaluation of the Work for conformance with the Contract Documents upon Substantial Completion, (2) results of subsequent tests and inspections, (3) correction of minor deviations from the Contract Documents prior to completion, and (4) specific qualifications expressed by the Architect.

§ 3.6.3.2 The issuance of a Certificate for Payment shall not be a representation that the Architect has (1) made exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work, (2) reviewed construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, (3) reviewed copies of requisitions received from Subcontractors and suppliers and other data requested by the Owner to substantiate

the Contractor's right to payment, or (4) ascertained how or for what purpose the Contractor has used money previously paid on account of the Contract Sum.

§ 3.6.3.3 The Architect shall maintain a record of the Applications and Certificates for Payment.

#### § 3.6.4 Submittals

§ 3.6.4.1 The Architect shall review the Contractor's submittal schedule and shall not unreasonably delay or withhold approval of the schedule. The Architect's action in reviewing submittals shall be taken in accordance with the approved submittal schedule or, in the absence of an approved submittal schedule, with reasonable promptness while allowing sufficient time, in the Architect's professional judgment, to permit adequate review.

§ 3.6.4.2 The Architect shall review and approve, or take other appropriate action upon, the Contractor's submittals such as Shop Drawings, Product Data and Samples, but only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. Review of such submittals is not for the purpose of determining the accuracy and completeness of other information such as dimensions, quantities, and installation or performance of equipment or systems, which are the Contractor's responsibility. The Architect's review shall not constitute approval of safety precautions or construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures. The Architect's approval of a specific item shall not indicate approval of an assembly of which the item is a component.

§ 3.6.4.3 If the Contract Documents specifically require the Contractor to provide professional design services or certifications by a design professional related to systems, materials, or equipment, the Architect shall specify the appropriate performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy. The Architect shall review and take appropriate action on Shop Drawings and other submittals related to the Work designed or certified by the Contractor's design professional, provided the submittals bear such professional's seal and signature when submitted to the Architect. The Architect's review shall be for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. The Architect shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not be responsible for, the adequacy and accuracy of the services, certifications, and approvals performed or provided by such design professionals.

§ 3.6.4.4 Subject to Section 4.2, the Architect shall review and respond to requests for information about the Contract Documents. The Architect shall set forth, in the Contract Documents, the requirements for requests for information. Requests for information shall include, at a minimum, a detailed written statement that indicates the specific Drawings or Specifications in need of clarification and the nature of the clarification requested. The Architect's response to such requests shall be made in writing within any time limits agreed upon, or otherwise with reasonable promptness. If appropriate, the Architect shall prepare and issue supplemental Drawings and Specifications in response to the requests for information.

§ 3.6.4.5 The Architect shall maintain a record of submittals and copies of submittals supplied by the Contractor in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

### § 3.6.5 Changes in the Work

§ 3.6.5.1 The Architect may order minor changes in the Work that are consistent with the intent of the Contract Documents and do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Sum or an extension of the Contract Time. Subject to Section 4.2, the Architect shall prepare Change Orders and Construction Change Directives for the Owner's approval and execution in accordance with the Contract Documents.

§ 3.6.5.2 The Architect shall maintain records relative to changes in the Work.

### § 3.6.6 Project Completion

§ 3.6.6.1 The Architect shall:

- .1 conduct inspections to determine the date or dates of Substantial Completion and the date of final completion;
- .2 issue Certificates of Substantial Completion;
- .3 forward to the Owner, for the Owner's review and records, written warranties and related documents required by the Contract Documents and received from the Contractor; and,
- .4 issue a final Certificate for Payment based upon a final inspection indicating that, to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information, and belief, the Work complies with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

§ 3.6.6.2 The Architect's inspections shall be conducted with the Owner to check conformance of the Work with the requirements of the Contract Documents and to verify the accuracy and completeness of the list submitted by the Contractor of Work to be completed or corrected.

§ 3.6.6.3 When Substantial Completion has been achieved, the Architect shall inform the Owner about the balance of the Contract Sum remaining to be paid the Contractor, including the amount to be retained from the Contract Sum, if any, for final completion or correction of the Work.

§ 3.6.6.4 The Architect shall forward to the Owner the following information received from the Contractor: (1) consent of surety or sureties, if any, to reduction in or partial release of retainage or the making of final payment; (2) affidavits, receipts, releases and waivers of liens, or bonds indemnifying the Owner against liens; and (3) any other documentation required of the Contractor under the Contract Documents.

§ 3.6.6.5 Upon request of the Owner, and prior to the expiration of one year from the date of Substantial Completion, the Architect shall, without additional compensation, conduct a meeting with the Owner to review the facility operations and performance.

#### **ARTICLE 4 SUPPLEMENTAL AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

##### **§ 4.1 Supplemental Services**

§ 4.1.1 The services listed below are not included in Basic Services but may be required for the Project. The Architect shall provide the listed Supplemental Services only if specifically designated in the table below as the Architect's responsibility, and the Owner shall compensate the Architect as provided in Section 11.2. Unless otherwise specifically addressed in this Agreement, if neither the Owner nor the Architect is designated, the parties agree that the listed Supplemental Service is not being provided for the Project.

(Designate the Architect's Supplemental Services and the Owner's Supplemental Services required for the Project by indicating whether the Architect or Owner shall be responsible for providing the identified Supplemental Service. Insert a description of the Supplemental Services in Section 4.1.2 below or attach the description of services as an exhibit to this Agreement.)

## Supplemental Services      Responsibility

(Architect, Owner, or not provided)

- § 4.1.1.1      Programming
- § 4.1.1.2      Multiple preliminary designs
- § 4.1.1.3      Measured drawings
- § 4.1.1.4      Existing facilities surveys
- § 4.1.1.5      Site evaluation and planning
- § 4.1.1.6      Building Information Model management      responsibilities
- § 4.1.1.7      Development of Building Information Models for      post construction  
use
- § 4.1.1.8      Civil engineering
- § 4.1.1.9      Landscape design
- § 4.1.1.10      Architectural interior design
- § 4.1.1.11      Value analysis
- § 4.1.1.12      Detailed cost estimating beyond that      required in Section 6.3
- § 4.1.1.13      On-site project representation
- § 4.1.1.14      Conformed documents for construction
- § 4.1.1.15      As-designed record drawings
- § 4.1.1.16      As-constructed record drawings
- § 4.1.1.17      Post-occupancy evaluation
- § 4.1.1.18      Facility support services
- § 4.1.1.19      Tenant-related services
- § 4.1.1.20      Architect's coordination of the Owner's consultants
- § 4.1.1.21      Telecommunications/data design
- § 4.1.1.22      Security evaluation and planning
- § 4.1.1.23      Commissioning

- § 4.1.1.24 *Intentionally Omitted.*
- § 4.1.1.25 Fast-track design services
- § 4.1.1.26 Multiple bid packages
- § 4.1.1.27 Historic preservation
- § 4.1.1.28 Furniture, furnishings, and equipment design
- § 4.1.1.29 Other services provided by specialty Consultants
- § 4.1.1.30 Other Supplemental Services

#### § 4.1.2 Description of Supplemental Services

§ 4.1.2.1 A description of each Supplemental Service identified in Section 4.1.1 as the Architect's responsibility is provided below.

§ 4.1.2.2 A description of each Supplemental Service identified in Section 4.1.1 as the Owner's responsibility is provided below.

#### § 4.2 Architect's Additional Services

The Architect may provide Additional Services after execution of this Agreement without invalidating the Agreement. Except for services required due to the fault of the Architect, any Additional Services provided in accordance with this Section 4.2 shall entitle the Architect to compensation pursuant to Section 11.3 and an appropriate adjustment in the Architect's schedule.

§ 4.2.1 Upon recognizing the need to perform the following Additional Services, the Architect shall notify the Owner with reasonable promptness and explain the facts and circumstances giving rise to the need. The Architect shall not proceed to provide the following Additional Services until the Architect receives the Owner's written authorization:

- .1 Services necessitated by a change in the Initial Information, previous instructions or approvals given by the Owner, or a material change in the Project including size, quality, complexity, the Owner's schedule or budget for Cost of the Work, or procurement or delivery method;

.2 Services necessitated by the enactment or revision of codes, laws, or regulations, including changing or editing previously prepared Instruments of Service;

.3 Changing or editing previously prepared Instruments of Service necessitated by official interpretations of applicable codes, laws or regulations that are either (a) contrary to specific interpretations by the applicable authorities having jurisdiction made prior to the issuance of the building permit, or (b) contrary to requirements of the Instruments of Service when those Instruments of Service were prepared in accordance with the applicable standard of care;

.4 Services necessitated by decisions of the Owner not rendered in a timely manner or any other failure of performance on the part of the Owner or the Owner's consultants or contractors;

.5 Preparing digital models or other design documentation for transmission to the Owner's consultants and contractors, or to other Owner-authorized recipients;

.6 Preparation of design and documentation for alternate bid or proposal requests proposed by the Owner;

.7 Preparation for, and attendance at, a public presentation, meeting or hearing;

.8 Preparation for, and attendance at, a dispute resolution proceeding or legal proceeding, except where the Architect is party thereto;

.9 Evaluation of the qualifications of entities providing bids or proposals;

.10 Consultation concerning replacement of Work resulting from fire or other cause during construction; or,

.11 Assistance to the Initial Decision Maker, if other than the Architect.

§ 4.2.2 To avoid delay in the Construction Phase, the Architect shall provide the following Additional Services, notify the Owner with reasonable promptness, and explain the facts and circumstances giving rise to the need. If, upon receipt of the Architect's notice, the Owner determines that all or parts of the services are not required, the Owner shall give prompt written notice to the Architect of the Owner's determination. The Owner shall

compensate the Architect for the services provided prior to the Architect's receipt of the Owner's notice.

- .1 Reviewing a Contractor's submittal out of sequence from the submittal schedule approved by the Architect;
- .2 Responding to the Contractor's requests for information that are not prepared in accordance with the Contract Documents or where such information is available to the Contractor from a careful study and comparison of the Contract Documents, field conditions, other Owner-provided information, Contractor-prepared coordination drawings, or prior Project correspondence or documentation;
- .3 Preparing Change Orders and Construction Change Directives that require evaluation of Contractor's proposals and supporting data, or the preparation or revision of Instruments of Service;
- .4 Evaluating an extensive number of Claims as the Initial Decision Maker; or,
- .5 Evaluating substitutions proposed by the Owner or Contractor and making subsequent revisions to Instruments of Service resulting therefrom.

§ 4.2.3 The Architect shall provide Construction Phase Services exceeding the limits set forth below as Additional Services. When the limits below are reached, the Architect shall notify the Owner:

- .1 « » ( « » ) reviews of each Shop Drawing, Product Data item, sample and similar submittals of the Contractor
- .2 « » ( « » ) visits to the site by the Architect during construction
- .3 « » ( « » ) inspections for any portion of the Work to determine whether such portion of the Work is substantially complete in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents
- .4 « » ( « » ) inspections for any portion of the Work to determine final completion.

§ 4.2.4 Except for services required under Section 3.6.6.5 and those services that do not exceed the limits set forth in Section 4.2.3, Construction Phase Services provided more than 60 days after (1) the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or (2) the initial date of Substantial Completion identified in the agreement between the Owner and

Contractor, whichever is earlier, shall be compensated as Additional Services to the extent the Architect incurs additional cost in providing those Construction Phase Services.

§ 4.2.5 If the services covered by this Agreement have not been completed within « » ( « » ) months of the date of this Agreement, through no fault of the Architect, extension of the Architect's services beyond that time shall be compensated as Additional Services.

## **ARTICLE 5 OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

§ 5.1 Unless otherwise provided for under this Agreement, the Owner shall provide information in a timely manner regarding requirements for and limitations on the Project, including a written program, which shall set forth the Owner's objectives; schedule; constraints and criteria, including space requirements and relationships; flexibility; expandability; special equipment; systems; and site requirements.

§ 5.2 The Owner shall establish the Owner's budget for the Project, including (1) the budget for the Cost of the Work as defined in Section 6.1; (2) the Owner's other costs; and, (3) reasonable contingencies related to all of these costs. The Owner shall update the Owner's budget for the Project as necessary throughout the duration of the Project until final completion. If the Owner significantly increases or decreases the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work, the Owner shall notify the Architect. The Owner and the Architect shall thereafter agree to a corresponding change in the Project's scope and quality.

§ 5.3 The Owner shall identify a representative authorized to act on the Owner's behalf with respect to the Project. The Owner shall render decisions and approve the Architect's submittals in a timely manner in order to avoid unreasonable delay in the orderly and sequential progress of the Architect's services.

§ 5.4 The Owner shall furnish surveys to describe physical characteristics, legal limitations and utility locations for the site of the Project, and a written legal description of the site. The surveys and legal information shall include, as applicable, grades and lines of streets, alleys, pavements and adjoining property and structures; designated wetlands; adjacent drainage; rights-of-way, restrictions, easements, encroachments, zoning, deed restrictions, boundaries and contours of the site; locations, dimensions, and other necessary data with respect to existing buildings, other improvements and trees; and information concerning available utility services and lines, both public and

private, above and below grade, including inverts and depths. All the information on the survey shall be referenced to a Project benchmark.

§ 5.5 The Owner shall furnish services of geotechnical engineers, which may include test borings, test pits, determinations of soil bearing values, percolation tests, evaluations of hazardous materials, seismic evaluation, ground corrosion tests and resistivity tests, including necessary operations for anticipating subsoil conditions, with written reports and appropriate recommendations.

§ 5.6 The Owner shall provide the Supplemental Services designated as the Owner's responsibility in Section 4.1.1.

§ 5.7 *Intentionally Omitted.*

§ 5.8 The Owner shall coordinate the services of its own consultants with those services provided by the Architect. Upon the Architect's request, the Owner shall furnish copies of the scope of services in the contracts between the Owner and the Owner's consultants. The Owner shall furnish the services of consultants other than those designated as the responsibility of the Architect in this Agreement, or authorize the Architect to furnish them as an Additional Service, when the Architect requests such services and demonstrates that they are reasonably required by the scope of the Project. The Owner shall require that its consultants and contractors maintain insurance, including professional liability insurance, as appropriate to the services or work provided.

§ 5.9 The Owner shall furnish tests, inspections and reports required by law or the Contract Documents, such as structural, mechanical, and chemical tests, tests for air and water pollution, and tests for hazardous materials.

§ 5.10 The Owner shall furnish all legal, insurance and accounting services, including auditing services, that may be reasonably necessary at any time for the Project to meet the Owner's needs and interests.

§ 5.11 The Owner shall provide prompt written notice to the Architect if the Owner becomes aware of any fault or defect in the Project, including errors, omissions or inconsistencies in the Architect's Instruments of Service.

§ 5.12 The Owner shall include the Architect in all communications with the Contractor that relate to or affect the Architect's services or professional responsibilities. The Owner shall promptly notify the Architect of the substance of any direct communications between the Owner and the Contractor otherwise relating to the

Project. Communications by and with the Architect's consultants shall be through the Architect.

§ 5.13 Before executing the Contract for Construction, the Owner shall coordinate the Architect's duties and responsibilities set forth in the Contract for Construction with the Architect's services set forth in this Agreement. The Owner shall provide the Architect a copy of the executed agreement between the Owner and Contractor, including the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction.

§ 5.14 The Owner shall provide the Architect access to the Project site prior to commencement of the Work and shall obligate the Contractor to provide the Architect access to the Work wherever it is in preparation or progress.

§ 5.15 Within 15 days after receipt of a written request from the Architect, the Owner shall furnish the requested information as necessary and relevant for the Architect to evaluate, give notice of, or enforce lien rights.

#### **ARTICLE 6 COST OF THE WORK**

§ 6.1 For purposes of this Agreement, the Cost of the Work shall be the total cost to the Owner to construct all elements of the Project designed or specified by the Architect and shall include contractors' general conditions costs, overhead and profit. The Cost of the Work also includes the reasonable value of labor, materials, and equipment, donated to, or otherwise furnished by, the Owner. The Cost of the Work does not include the compensation of the Architect; the costs of the land, rights-of-way, financing, or contingencies for changes in the Work; or other costs that are the responsibility of the Owner.

§ 6.2 The Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work is provided in Initial Information, and shall be adjusted throughout the Project as required under Sections 5.2, 6.4 and 6.5. Evaluations of the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work, and the preliminary estimate of the Cost of the Work and updated estimates of the Cost of the Work, prepared by the Architect, represent the Architect's judgment as a design professional. It is recognized, however, that neither the Architect nor the Owner has 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, the Architect cannot and does not warrant or represent that bids or negotiated prices will not vary from the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work, or from any estimate of the Cost of the Work, or evaluation, prepared or agreed to by the Architect.

§ 6.3 In preparing estimates of the Cost of Work, the Architect shall be permitted to include contingencies for design, bidding, and price escalation; to determine what materials, equipment, component systems, and types of construction are to be included in the Contract Documents; to recommend reasonable adjustments in the program and scope of the Project; and to include design alternates as may be necessary to adjust the estimated Cost of the Work to meet the Owner's budget. The Architect's estimate of the Cost of the Work shall be based on current area, volume or similar conceptual estimating techniques. If the Owner requires a detailed estimate of the Cost of the Work, the Architect shall provide such an estimate, if identified as the Architect's responsibility in Section 4.1.1, as a Supplemental Service.

§ 6.4 If, through no fault of the Architect, the Procurement Phase has not commenced within 90 days after the Architect submits the Construction Documents to the Owner, the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work shall be adjusted to reflect changes in the general level of prices in the applicable construction market.

§ 6.5 If at any time the Architect's estimate of the Cost of the Work exceeds the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work, the Architect shall make appropriate recommendations to the Owner to adjust the Project's size, quality, or budget for the Cost of the Work, and the Owner shall cooperate with the Architect in making such adjustments.

§ 6.6 If the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work at the conclusion of the Construction Documents Phase Services is exceeded by the lowest bona fide bid or negotiated proposal, the Owner shall

- .1 give written approval of an increase in the budget for the Cost of the Work;
- .2 authorize rebidding or renegotiating of the Project within a reasonable time;
- .3 terminate in accordance with Section 9.5;
- .4 in consultation with the Architect, revise the Project program, scope, or quality as required to reduce the Cost of the Work; or,
- .5 implement any other mutually acceptable alternative.

§ 6.7 If the Owner chooses to proceed under Section 6.6.4, the Architect shall modify the Construction Documents as necessary to comply with the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work at the conclusion of the Construction Documents Phase Services, or the

budget as adjusted under Section 6.6.1. If the Owner requires the Architect to modify the Construction Documents because the lowest bona fide bid or negotiated proposal exceeds the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work due to market conditions the Architect could not reasonably anticipate, the Owner shall compensate the Architect for the modifications as an Additional Service pursuant to Section 11.3; otherwise the Architect's services for modifying the Construction Documents shall be without additional compensation. In any event, the Architect's modification of the Construction Documents shall be the limit of the Architect's responsibility under this Article 6.

#### **ARTICLE 7 COPYRIGHTS AND LICENSES**

§ 7.1 The Architect and the Owner warrant that in transmitting Instruments of Service, or any other information, the transmitting party is the copyright owner of such information or has permission from the copyright owner to transmit such information for its use on the Project.

§ 7.2 The Architect and the Architect's consultants shall be deemed the authors and owners of their respective Instruments of Service, including the Drawings and Specifications, and shall retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including copyrights. Submission or distribution of Instruments of Service to meet official regulatory requirements or for similar purposes in connection with the Project is not to be construed as publication in derogation of the reserved rights of the Architect and the Architect's consultants.

§ 7.3 The Architect grants to the Owner a nonexclusive license to use the Architect's Instruments of Service solely and exclusively for purposes of constructing, using, maintaining, altering and adding to the Project, provided that the Owner substantially performs its obligations under this Agreement, including prompt payment of all sums due pursuant to Article 9 and Article 11. The Architect shall obtain similar nonexclusive licenses from the Architect's consultants consistent with this Agreement. The license granted under this section permits the Owner to authorize the Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and suppliers, as well as the Owner's consultants and separate contractors, to reproduce applicable portions of the Instruments of Service, subject to any protocols established pursuant to Section 1.3, solely and exclusively for use in performing services or construction for the Project. If the Architect rightfully terminates this Agreement for cause as provided in Section 9.4, the license granted in this Section 7.3 shall terminate.

§ 7.3.1 In the event the Owner uses the Instruments of Service without retaining the authors of the Instruments of Service, the Owner releases the Architect and Architect's consultant(s) from all claims and causes of action arising from such uses. The Owner, to the extent permitted by law, further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Architect and its consultants from all costs and expenses, including the cost of defense, related to claims and causes of action asserted by any third person or entity to the extent such costs and expenses arise from the Owner's use of the Instruments of Service under this Section 7.3.1. The terms of this Section 7.3.1 shall not apply if the Owner rightfully terminates this Agreement for cause under Section 9.4.

§ 7.4 Except for the licenses granted in this Article 7, no other license or right shall be deemed granted or implied under this Agreement. The Owner shall not assign, delegate, sublicense, pledge or otherwise transfer any license granted herein to another party without the prior written agreement of the Architect. Any unauthorized use of the Instruments of Service shall be at the Owner's sole risk and without liability to the Architect and the Architect's consultants.

§ 7.5 Except as otherwise stated in Section 7.3, the provisions of this Article 7 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 8 CLAIMS AND DISPUTES**

### **§ 8.1 General**

§ 8.1.1 The Owner and Architect shall commence all claims and causes of action against the other and arising out of or related to this Agreement, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, in accordance with the requirements of the binding dispute resolution method selected in this Agreement and within the period specified by applicable law, but in any case not more than 10 years after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work. The Owner and Architect waive all claims and causes of action not commenced in accordance with this Section 8.1.1.

§ 8.1.2 To the extent damages are covered by property insurance, the Owner and Architect waive all rights against each other and against the contractors, consultants, agents, and employees of the other for damages, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance. The Owner or the Architect, as appropriate, shall require of the contractors, consultants, agents, and employees of any of them, similar waivers in favor of the other parties enumerated herein.

§ 8.1.3 The Architect and Owner waive consequential damages for claims, disputes, or other matters in question, arising out of or relating to this Agreement. This mutual waiver is applicable, without limitation, to all consequential damages due to either party's termination of this Agreement, except as specifically provided in Section 9.7.

## § 8.2 Mediation

§ 8.2.1 Any claim, dispute or other matter in question arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be subject to mediation as a condition precedent to binding dispute resolution. If such matter relates to or is the subject of a lien arising out of the Architect's services, the Architect may proceed in accordance with applicable law to comply with the lien notice or filing deadlines prior to resolution of the matter by mediation or by binding dispute resolution.

§ 8.2.2 The Owner and Architect shall endeavor to resolve claims, disputes and other matters in question between them by mediation. A request for mediation shall be made in writing, delivered to the other party to this Agreement, and filed with the person or entity administering the mediation. The request may be made concurrently with the filing of a complaint or other appropriate demand for binding dispute resolution but, in such event, mediation shall proceed in advance of binding dispute resolution proceedings, which shall be stayed pending mediation for a period of 60 days from the date of filing, unless stayed for a longer period by agreement of the parties or court order.

§ 8.2.3 The parties shall share the mediator's fee and any filing fees equally. The mediation shall be held in the place where the Project is located, unless another location is mutually agreed upon. Agreements reached in mediation shall be enforceable as settlement agreements in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

§ 8.2.4 If the parties do not resolve a dispute through mediation pursuant to this Section 8.2, the method of binding dispute resolution shall be by litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction.

§ 8.2.5 The provisions of this Article 8 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 9 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION**

§ 9.1 If the Owner fails to make payments to the Architect in accordance with this Agreement, such failure shall be considered substantial nonperformance and cause for termination or, at the Architect's option, cause for suspension of performance of

services under this Agreement. If the Architect elects to suspend services, the Architect shall give seven days' written notice to the Owner before suspending services. In the event of a suspension of services, the Architect shall have no liability to the Owner for delay or damage caused the Owner because of such suspension of services. Before resuming services, the Owner shall pay the Architect all sums due prior to suspension and any expenses incurred in the interruption and resumption of the Architect's services. The Architect's fees for the remaining services and the time schedules shall be equitably adjusted.

§ 9.2 If the Owner suspends the Project, the Architect shall be compensated for services performed prior to notice of such suspension. When the Project is resumed, the Architect shall be compensated for expenses incurred in the interruption and resumption of the Architect's services. The Architect's fees for the remaining services and the time schedules shall be equitably adjusted.

§ 9.3 If the Owner suspends the Project for more than 90 cumulative days for reasons other than the fault of the Architect, the Architect may terminate this Agreement by giving not less than seven days' written notice.

§ 9.4 Either party may terminate this Agreement upon not less than seven days' written notice should the other party fail substantially to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement through no fault of the party initiating the termination.

§ 9.5 The Owner may terminate this Agreement upon not less than seven days' written notice to the Architect for the Owner's convenience and without cause.

§ 9.6 If the Owner terminates this Agreement for its convenience pursuant to Section 9.5, or the Architect terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.3, the Owner shall compensate the Architect for services performed prior to termination, Reimbursable Expenses incurred, and costs attributable to termination, including the costs attributable to the Architect's termination of consultant agreements.

§ 9.7 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Agreement shall terminate one year from the date of Substantial Completion.

§ 9.8 The Owner's rights to use the Architect's Instruments of Service in the event of a termination of this Agreement are set forth in Article 7 and Section 9.7.

## **ARTICLE 10 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

§ 10.1 This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the place where the Project is located, excluding that jurisdiction's choice of law rules.

§ 10.2 The Owner and Architect, respectively, bind themselves, their agents, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to this Agreement. Neither the Owner nor the Architect shall assign this Agreement without the written consent of the other, except that the Owner may assign this Agreement to a lender providing financing for the Project if the lender agrees to assume the Owner's rights and obligations under this Agreement, including any payments due to the Architect by the Owner prior to the assignment.

§ 10.3 If the Owner requests the Architect to execute certificates, the proposed language of such certificates shall be submitted to the Architect for review at least 14 days prior to the requested dates of execution. If the Owner requests the Architect to execute consents reasonably required to facilitate assignment to a lender, the Architect shall execute all such consents that are consistent with this Agreement, provided the proposed consent is submitted to the Architect for review at least 14 days prior to execution. The Architect shall not be required to execute certificates or consents that would require knowledge, services, or responsibilities beyond the scope of this Agreement.

§ 10.4 Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with, or a cause of action in favor of, a third party against either the Owner or Architect.

§ 10.5 Unless otherwise required in this Agreement, the Architect shall have no responsibility for the discovery, presence, handling, removal or disposal of, or exposure of persons to, hazardous materials or toxic substances in any form at the Project site.

§ 10.6 The Architect shall have the right to include photographic or artistic representations of the design of the Project among the Architect's promotional and professional materials. The Architect shall be given reasonable access to the completed Project to make such representations. However, the Architect's materials shall not include the Owner's confidential or proprietary information if the Owner has previously advised the Architect in writing of the specific information considered by the Owner to be confidential or proprietary. The Owner shall provide professional credit for the Architect in the Owner's promotional materials for the Project. This Section 10.7 shall survive the termination of this Agreement unless the Owner terminates this Agreement for cause pursuant to Section 9.4.

§ 10.7 If the Architect or Owner receives information specifically designated as “confidential” or “business proprietary,” the receiving party shall keep such information strictly confidential and shall not disclose it to any other person except as set forth in Section 10.8.1. This Section 10.8 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

§ 10.7.1 The receiving party may disclose “confidential” or “business proprietary” information after 7 days’ notice to the other party, when required by law, arbitrator’s order, or court order, including a subpoena or other form of compulsory legal process issued by a court or governmental entity, or to the extent such information is reasonably necessary for the receiving party to defend itself in any dispute. The receiving party may also disclose such information to its employees, consultants, or contractors in order to perform services or work solely and exclusively for the Project, provided those employees, consultants and contractors are subject to the restrictions on the disclosure and use of such information as set forth in this Section 10.7.

§ 10.9 The invalidity of any provision of the Agreement shall not invalidate the Agreement or its remaining provisions. If it is determined that any provision of the Agreement violates any law, or is otherwise invalid or unenforceable, then that provision shall be revised to the extent necessary to make that provision legal and enforceable. In such case the Agreement shall be construed, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to give effect to the parties’ intentions and purposes in executing the Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 11 COMPENSATION**

§ 11.1 For the Architect’s Basic Services described under Article 3, the Owner shall compensate the Architect as follows:

- .1 Stipulated Sum: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- .2 Percentage Basis: \_\_\_\_\_ % of the Owner’s budget for the Cost of the Work, as calculated in accordance with Section 11.6.

§ 11.2 For Additional Services that may arise during the course of the Project, including those under Section 4.2, the Owner shall compensate the Architect as follows:

(Insert amount of, or basis for, compensation.)

§ 11.3 Compensation for Supplemental and Additional Services of the Architect’s consultants when not included in Section 11.1 or 11.2, shall be the amount invoiced to the Architect plus « » percent ( « »%), or as follows:

(Insert amount of, or basis for computing, Architect's consultants' compensation for Supplemental or Additional Services.)

§ 11.4 When compensation for Basic Services is based on a stipulated sum or a percentage basis, the proportion of compensation for each phase of services shall be as follows:

Schematic Design Phase	_____ percent (____%)
Design Development Phase	_____ percent (____%)
Construction Documents Phase	_____ percent (____%)
Procurement Phase	_____ percent (____%)
Construction Phase	_____ percent (____%)
Total Basic Compensation	one hundred percent (100 %)

§ 11.6 When compensation identified in Section 11.1 is on a percentage basis, progress payments for each phase of Basic Services shall be calculated by multiplying the percentages identified in this Article by the Owner's most recent budget for the Cost of the Work. Compensation paid in previous progress payments shall not be adjusted based on subsequent updates to the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work.

§ 11.6.1 When compensation is on a percentage basis and any portions of the Project are deleted or otherwise not constructed, compensation for those portions of the Project shall be payable to the extent services are performed on those portions. The Architect shall be entitled to compensation in accordance with this Agreement for all services performed whether or not the Construction Phase is commenced.

§ 11.7 The hourly billing rates for services of the Architect and the Architect's consultants are set forth below. The rates shall be adjusted in accordance with the Architect's and Architect's consultants' normal review practices.

(If applicable, attach an exhibit of hourly billing rates or insert them below.)

§ 11.8 Compensation for Reimbursable Expenses

§ 11.8.1 Reimbursable Expenses are in addition to compensation for Basic, Supplemental, and Additional Services and include expenses incurred by the Architect and the Architect's consultants directly related to the Project, as follows:

- .1 Transportation and authorized out-of-town travel and subsistence;

- .2 Long distance services, dedicated data and communication services, teleconferences, Project web sites, and extranets;
- .3 Permitting and other fees required by authorities having jurisdiction over the Project;
- .4 Printing, reproductions, plots, and standard form documents;
- .5 Postage, handling, and delivery;
- .6 Expense of overtime work requiring higher than regular rates, if authorized in advance by the Owner;
- .7 Renderings, physical models, mock-ups, professional photography, and presentation materials requested by the Owner or required for the Project.

§ 11.8.2 For Reimbursable Expenses the compensation shall be the expenses incurred by the Architect and the Architect's consultants without any markup.

#### § 11.9 Payments to the Architect

##### § 11.9.1 Initial Payments

§ 11.9.1.1 An initial payment of « » (\$ « ») shall be made upon execution of this Agreement and is the minimum payment under this Agreement. It shall be credited to the Owner's account in the final invoice.

##### § 11.10.2 Progress Payments

§ 11.10.2.1 Unless otherwise agreed, payments for services shall be made monthly in proportion to services performed. Payments are due and payable upon presentation of the Architect's invoice. Amounts unpaid sixty (60) days after the invoice date shall bear interest at the rate entered below, or in the absence thereof at the legal rate prevailing from time to time at the principal place of business of the Architect.

§ 11.10.2.2 The Owner may withhold amounts from the Architect's compensation to

- .1 to offset sums requested by or paid to contractors for the cost of changes in the Work, and
- .2 to offset sums requested by or paid to contractors for the cost of overpayments made due to errors in Architect's Work.

§ 11.10.2.3 Records of Reimbursable Expenses, expenses pertaining to Supplemental and Additional Services, and services performed on the basis of hourly rates shall be available to the Owner at mutually convenient times.

**ARTICLE 12 SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT**

§ 12.1 This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Owner and the Architect and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the Owner and Architect.

§ 12.2 Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Special Provisions Related To Midland County Contracting

Exhibit B: Company Affidavit

Exhibit C: Conflict of Interest Reporting Requirements and Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE the day and year first above mentioned.

THE COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS

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

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

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

COMPANY:

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

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

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_, an officer of Midland County, known to me to be the person and official whose name is subscribed to the forgoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as the act and deed of said corporation, for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Texas

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Notary Public, State of Texas

## Exhibit A

### Special Provisions Related To Midland County Contracting

**Design services provided to Midland County, come with certain specific contractual obligations and terms (e.g. government immunity and public disclosure requirements), which must be adhered to by the Architect. To the extent that there are any conflicting terms between this exhibit and the base contract terms, the terms within this exhibit shall govern.**

Unbudgeted Funds: In the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted or are otherwise unavailable in any fiscal period for contract payments due under the contract, then this contract shall terminate on the last day of the fiscal period for which full appropriations were made, without penalty or expense to County of any kind whatsoever.

County Involvement: The County's representative may make periodic visits to the site to observe the progress and quality of the executed work and to determine, in general, if the work is proceeding in accordance with the contract documents. The County's representative will not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the work, nor will such representative be responsible for the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or the safety precautions incident thereto. The County's representative will not be responsible for Company's failure to perform the work in accordance with the contract.

Events of Default: Company shall be in default if Company at any time: (1) fails to supply sufficient, properly skilled and conforming labor, materials or equipment in the proper sequence or of the proper quality or quantity; (2) fails to pay any subcontract, supplier, laborer or materialmen or otherwise discharge any obligations arising out of the work; (3) falls behind in its work or delays, hinders or interferes with the work of the County or other subcontractors; (4) offers any form of gratuity, bribe, commission, percentage, brokerage fee or the like in violation of Midland County's Purchasing Code of Ethics; (5) breaches, defaults or otherwise fails to perform any obligation under this Contract, a change order, a scope of work, or similar document; or (6) files a proceeding under any bankruptcy law, makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; files for a proceeding for dissolution or liquidation, appointments a receiver, trustee, or custodian for any material part of Company's assets; becomes insolvent (unless any of the above items in subparagraph (6) are dismissed within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of filing.

NO STANDBY TIME: COMPANY SHALL RECEIVE NO FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR DELAY OR HINDRANCE TO THE WORK. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE COUNTY BE LIABLE TO COMPANY OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR OR SUPPLIER, ANY OTHER PERSON OR ANY SURETY FOR OR ANY EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF ANY OF

THEM, FOR ANY DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR ASSOCIATED WITH ANY DELAY OR HINDRANCE TO THE WORK, REGARDLESS OF THE SOURCE OF THE DELAY OR HINDRANCE, INCLUDING EVENTS OF FORCE MAJEURE, AND EVEN IF SUCH DELAY OR HINDRANCE RESULTS FROM, ARISES OUT OF OR IS DUE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE COUNTY. COMPANY'S SOLE REMEDY IN ANY SUCH CASE SHALL BE AN EXTENSION OF TIME.

INDEMNITY: COMPANY SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND COUNTY AND ALL OF COUNTY'S OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES FROM ALL SUITS, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DAMAGES, PERSONAL INJURIES, ACCIDENTAL DEATH, LOSSES, PROPERTY DAMAGE AND EXPENSES OF ANY CHARACTER WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES, BROUGHT FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGES RECEIVED OR SUSTAINED BY ANY PERSON OR PERSONS OR PROPERTY, ON ACCOUNT OF ANY NEGLIGENT ACT OF COMPANY, THEIR AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR, IN THE EXECUTION, SUPERVISION AND OPERATIONS GROWING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT, AND COMPANY WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY ANY JUDGMENT WITH COSTS WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED AGAINST COUNTY OR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES. COMPANY SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND COUNTY AND ALL OF COUNTY'S OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES FROM ALL SUITS, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DAMAGES, PERSONAL INJURIES, ACCIDENTAL DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE, LOSSES, AND EXPENSES OF ANY CHARACTER WHATSOEVER INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES, BROUGHT FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGES RECEIVED OR SUSTAINED BY ANY PERSON OR PERSONS OR PROPERTY, ON ACCOUNT OF ANY NEGLIGENT ACT OF COUNTY, COUNTY'S OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENT ACT WAS THE SOLE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF THE INJURY OR DAMAGE OR A PROXIMATE CAUSE JOINTLY AND CONCURRENTLY WITH COMPANY OR COMPANY'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR SUBCONTRACTORS NEGLIGENCE IN THE EXECUTION, SUPERVISION AND OPERATIONS GROWING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT, AND COMPANY WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY ANY JUDGMENT WITH COSTS WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED AGAINST COUNTY OR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES. COMPANY AGREES THAT IT WILL INDEMNIFY AND SAVE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ALL CLAIMS GROWING OUT OF ANY DEMANDS OF SUBCONTRACTORS, LABORERS, WORKMEN, MECHANICS, MATERIALMEN, AND FURNISHERS OF MACHINERY AND PARTS THEREOF, EQUIPMENT, POWER TOOLS AND ALL SUPPLIES, INCURRED IN THE FURTHERANCE OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT. WHEN COUNTY SO DESIRES, COMPANY SHALL FURNISH SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE THAT ALL OBLIGATIONS OF THE NATURE HEREINABOVE DESIGNATED HAVE BEEN PAID, DISCHARGED OR WAIVED.

COMPANY, ITS SURETIES AND INSURANCE CARRIERS SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS COUNTY AND ALL OF ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES FROM ALL SUITS, ACTIONS, OR CLAIMS OF ANY CHARACTER WHATSOEVER, BROUGHT FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGES RECEIVED OR SUSTAINED BY ANY PERSON OR PERSONS OR PROPERTY, ARISING FROM ANY ACT OF COMPANY OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR, THEIR AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, IN THE EXECUTION AND SUPERVISION OF THIS CONTRACT, AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY ANY JUDGMENT WITH COSTS WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED AGAINST COUNTY OR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES.

Wage Scale: Company agrees to pay all workers in Company's employ no less than the generally prevailing wage rate for employees of similar category in the Permian Basin Area. If Company's work is in the furtherance of a federal-funded project, then the Davis-Bacon Act, 29 CFR 5.5, and any related acts or regulations are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract, and all terms and requirements under said laws, by such incorporation, are made terms and requirements of this Contract, to which the parties to this Contract have agreed to be bound.

Compliance: Company agrees that it shall comply with Texas Government Code Section 2252.908, et seq., as amended (disclosure of interested parties). Company agrees that it shall comply with Texas Local Government Code Section 176.006, et seq., as amended (conflict of interest questionnaire). To the extent that Tex. Gov't Code section 2270.002 applies to this Contract, Company hereby verifies that Company does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract. If Tex. Gov't Code section 2270.002 does not apply to this Contract, such verification is not required, and Company shall be deemed to have not made such verification.

Records Retention and Production of Information: To the extent that the work contemplated hereunder is funded by a federal or state grant program, Company shall preserve all records related to the work as prescribed by the funding grant and promptly provide them upon request. To the extent that this Contract is a contract described by Section 552.371 of the Texas Government Code, Company shall (1) preserve all contracting information related to the Contract as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to the County for the duration of the contract, (2) promptly provide to the County any contracting information related to the Contract that is in the custody or possession of Company on request of the County, and (3) on completion of the Contract, either (i) provide at no cost to the County all contracting information related to the Contract that is in the custody or possession of Company, or (ii) preserve the contracting information related to the Contract as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to County.

Public Information: To the extent that this Contract is a contract described by Section 552.371 of the Texas Government Code, Company agrees as follows in accordance

with Section 552.372(b) of the Texas Government Code: The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this contract, and the contractor or vendor agrees that the contract can be terminated if the contractor or vendor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

Prompt Pay Act: County and Company agree that Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251, Payment for Goods and Services (the "Prompt Pay Act") does not waive governmental immunity.

No Third Party Beneficiary: The County's approval of this Contract does not create a third party beneficiary. There is no third party beneficiary to this contract. No person or entity who is not a party to this contract shall have any third party beneficiary or other rights hereunder.

Assignment: Company shall not, either directly or indirectly, assign all or any part of this Contract or any interest, right or privilege herein (including to subcontractors and suppliers), without the prior written consent of the County. The issue on whether or not to grant consent to an assignment is in the sole discretion of the County.

Governmental Immunity: By executing this contract the County is not waiving its right of governmental immunity. The County is retaining its immunity from suit. THERE IS NO WAIVER OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY.

RELEASE: NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS, COMPANY HEREBY RELEASES, ACQUITS, RELINQUISHES AND FOREVER DISCHARGES COUNTY, COUNTY'S EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS, FROM ANY AND ALL DEMANDS, CLAIMS, DAMAGES, OR CAUSES OF ACTION OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER WHICH COMPANY HAS OR MIGHT HAVE IN THE FUTURE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BREACH OF CONTRACT, QUANTUM MERUIT, CLAIMS UNDER THE DUE PROCESS AND TAKINGS CLAUSES OF THE TEXAS AND UNITED STATES CONSTITUTIONS, TORT CLAIMS, OR COUNTY'S NEGLIGENCE.

Notice of Alleged Breach; Statutory Prerequisites: As a condition precedent to filing suit for alleged damages incurred by an alleged breach of an express or implied provision of this Contract, Company or its legal representative, shall give the County Engineer, or any other reasonable official of the County, notice in writing (consisting of one original and seven copies of notice attached to a copy of this Contract) of such damages, duly verified, within one-hundred fifty (150) days after the same has been sustained. The discovery rule does not apply to the giving of this notice. The notice shall include when, where and how the damages occurred, the apparent extent thereof, the amount of damages sustained, the amount for which Company will settle, the physical and mailing addresses of Company at the time and date the claim was presented and the physical and mailing addresses of Company for the six months immediately preceding the occurrence of such damages, and the names and addresses of the witnesses upon whom Company relies to establish its claim; and a failure to so notify

the County Engineer within the time and manner provided herein shall exonerate, excuse and except County from any liability whatsoever. The County is under no obligation to provide notice to Company that Company's notice is insufficient. The County reserves the right to request reasonable additional information regarding the claim. Said additional information shall be supplied within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice. The statutory prerequisites outlined herein constitute jurisdictional requirements pursuant to Section 271.154 of the Texas Local Government Code and Section 311.034 of the Texas Government Code. Notwithstanding any other provision, Company's failure to comply with the requirements herein shall perpetually bar Company's claim for damages under Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code, and Section 311.034 of the Texas Government Code, regardless if County has actual or constructive notice or knowledge of said claim or alleged damages. Company agrees that the requirements of this entire Contract are reasonable.

Termination at Will: The County may terminate this Contract at will for no or any reason upon giving at least thirty (30) days written notice to Company. The parties to this Contract understand and agree that it is in County's sole discretion to cancel the Contract during the term of the Contract without penalty to County. Company has no expectation and has received no guarantees that this Contract will not be terminated before the end of the Contract term. The parties have bargained for the flexibility of terminating this Contract upon tender of the requisite notice at any time during the term of the Contract. All work and services under the Contract shall be suspended upon termination of the Contract becoming effective.

Governing Law and Venue: This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. All performance and payment made pursuant to this Contract shall be deemed to have occurred in Midland County, Texas. Exclusive venue for any claims, suits or any other action arising from or connected in any way to this Contract or the performance of this Contract shall be in Midland County, Texas. The obligations and undertakings of each of the parties to this Contract shall be deemed to have occurred in Midland County, Texas. This Contract shall be governed by, interpreted, enforced and construed under the law of the State of Texas. The laws of the State of Texas shall govern, construe and enforce all the rights and duties of the parties, including but not limited to tort claims and any and all contractual claims or disputes, arising from or relating in any way to the subject matter of this Contract, without regard to conflict on laws and rules that would direct application of the laws of another jurisdiction.

Survival: Notwithstanding termination or cancellation of this Agreement, all express representations, indemnifications or limitations of liability, warranty, insurance, records retentions policies and other provisions which by their nature would reasonably survive the terms herein, shall survive completion or termination of this Agreement.

ATTORNEY FEES: BY EXECUTING THIS CONTRACT, COMPANY AGREES TO WAIVE AND DOES HEREBY KNOWINGLY, CONCLUSIVELY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE ANY CLAIM IT HAS OR MAY HAVE IN THE FUTURE AGAINST COUNTY, REGARDING THE AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES, WHICH ARE IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THE CONTRACT, OR THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION OR BREACH OF THE CONTRACT. COMPANY SPECIFICALLY AGREES THAT IF COMPANY BRINGS OR COMMENCES ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATED TO THIS CONTRACT, THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, VALIDITY OR BREACH OF THIS CONTRACT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY ACTION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS UNIFORM DECLARATORY JUDGMENTS ACT (TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE SECTION 37.001, ET SEQ., AS AMENDED), OR CHAPTER 271 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, COMPANY AGREES TO ABANDON, WAIVE AND RELINQUISH ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO THE RECOVERY OF ATTORNEY'S FEES TO WHICH COMPANY MIGHT OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED.

COMPANY AGREES THAT THIS IS THE VOLUNTARY AND INTENTIONAL RELINQUISHMENT AND ABANDONMENT OF A PRESENTLY EXISTING KNOWN RIGHT. COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT UNDERSTANDS ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT. COMPANY FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THERE WAS AND IS NO DISPARITY OF BARGAINING POWER BETWEEN COUNTY AND COMPANY. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED OR INTERPRETED AS A WAIVER OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY.

COMPANY AND COUNTY ARE RELYING ON THEIR OWN JUDGMENT. EACH PARTY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS CONTRACT WITH COMPETENT LEGAL COUNSEL PRIOR TO ITS EXECUTION.

Exhibit B

REQUIRED COMPANY AFFIDAVIT

The affiant, \_\_\_\_\_ states with respect to this contract to Midland County:

I hereby certify that no member or members of the governing body, elected official or officials, employee or employees of said County, or any person representing or purporting to represent the County, or any family member including spouse, parents, or children of said group, has received or has been promised, directly or indirectly, any financial benefit, by way of fee, commission, finder's fee or any other financial benefit on account of the act of awarding and/or executing a contract.

I hereby certify that I have full authority to bind the company and that I have personally reviewed the information contained in this submission and all attachments and appendices, and do hereby attest to the accuracy of all information contained in this submission, including all attachments and exhibits.

I acknowledge that any misrepresentation will result in immediate disqualification from any consideration in the submission process.

I further recognize that County reserves the right to make its award for any reason considered advantageous to the County. The company selected may be chosen without respect to price or other factors.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

County, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ §  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_, an officer of \_\_\_\_\_, known to me to be the person

and official whose name is subscribed to the forgoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as the act and deed of said corporation, for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Notary Public, State of Texas

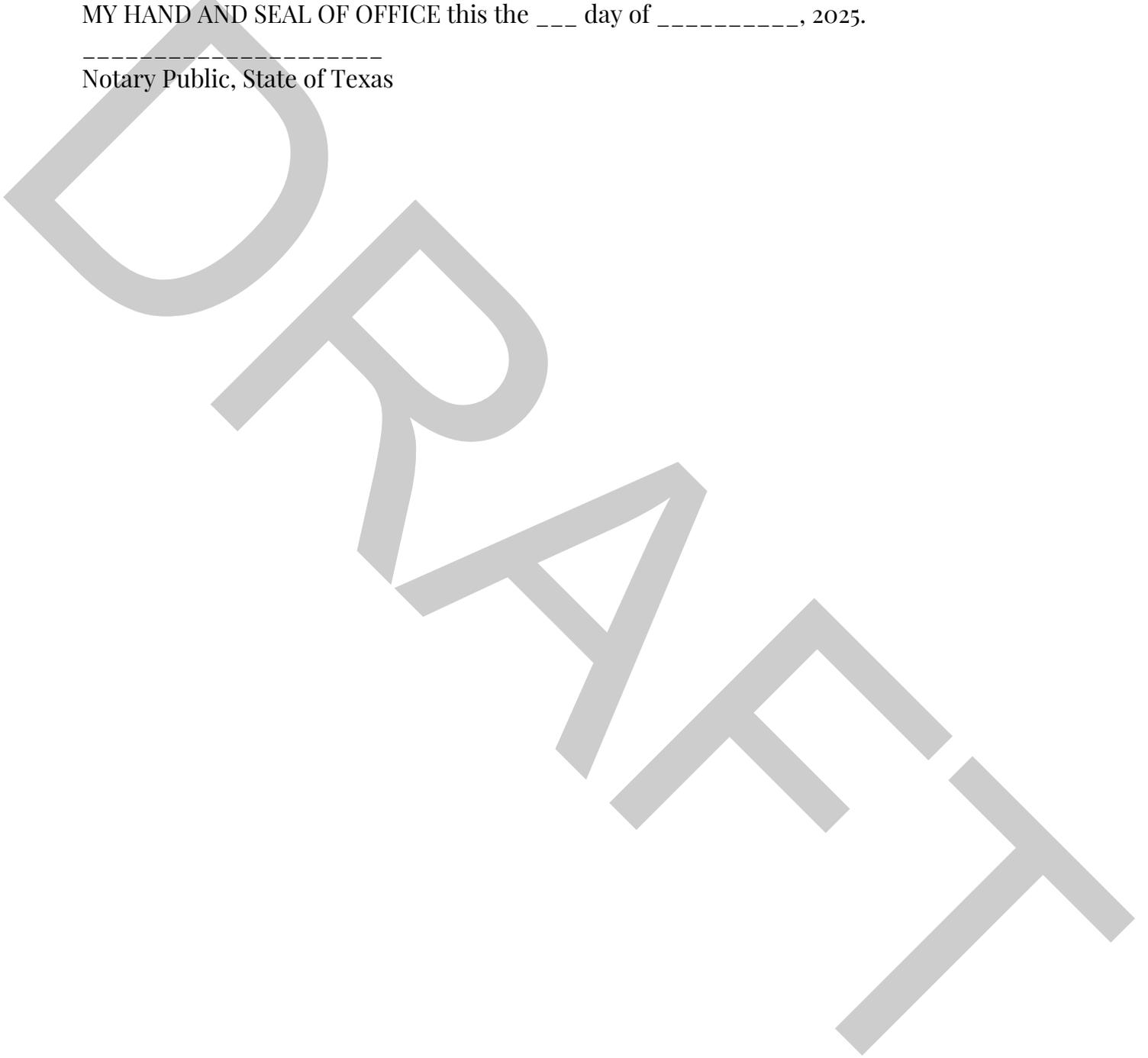


Exhibit C

Conflict of Interest Reporting Requirements and  
Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

Compliance with LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE TITLE 5. MATTERS AFFECTING PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES SUBTITLE C. MATTERS AFFECTING PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHAPTER 176. DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS; PROVIDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO CERTAIN INFORMATION.

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session. This questionnaire shall be filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a). By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code. A vendor commits a misdemeanor if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

Contracts or Purchase Orders awarded to a vendor that has violated this law is subject to termination at such time that the violation is discovered with no recourse to the County of Midland. The bidder will be subsequently removed from the bidders list for a minimum of one year.

When there is no known conflict of interest as defined by the statute, it is not necessary to file/submit the Form CIQ. The form must be submitted if a conflict is subsequently discovered. By submitting a response to this request, vendor represents that it complies with the requirements of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code.

For a current list of the local government officers go to:

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Upon completion of the form, sign and submit with bid or mail to:

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**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

**Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a):** "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

**Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):**

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

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(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

**Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)**

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

**FORM CIQ**

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

**1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.**

**2**  **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.** (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

**3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Officer

**4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.**

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes  No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes  No

**5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.**

**6**  Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

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 Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

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 Date