

**C O N T R A C T**

**THIS CONTRACT**, hereinafter referred to as “CONTRACT” for purposes of identification hereby numbered MA-080-16012253, and dated \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_ is

**BY AND BETWEEN**

County of Orange, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY”

**AND**

GHD Inc., a California Corporation, hereinafter referred to as “A/E”,

which are sometimes individually referred to as “PARTY” or collectively referred to as “PARTIES.”

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY requires professional services to accomplish projects and/or services (“PROJECTS/SERVICES”) as described in MA-080-16012253 Scope of Work for **On-Call Architect-Engineer Services for General Services**, hereinafter referred to as “Attachment A,” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, A/E is a firm whose principals are, as required by law, registered by the State of California for the practice of specialized A/E services per the attached Scope of Work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED** by and between the parties hereto as follows:

**1. GENERAL**

**1.1. Retainer**

**1.1.1.** COUNTY does hereby retain A/E to perform the PROJECTS/SERVICES as required by this CONTRACT.

**1.1.2.** ~~A professional, duly registered in the State of California, who shall be assigned to PROJECTS/SERVICES and whose services are offered by A/E and accepted by COUNTY is Ludwig Smeets, PE.~~

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A professional, duly registered in the State of California, who shall be assigned to PROJECTS/SERVICES and whose services are offered by A/E and accepted by COUNTY is **Sarmad Farjo, PE.**

**1.1.3.** A/E may employ special consultants/contractors for the accomplishment of the PROJECTS/SERVICES specified; and, it is agreed that only the following firms or independent consultants/contractors are to be employed to provide these PROJECTS/SERVICES, and that the aggregate money value of their PROJECTS/SERVICES shall not constitute more than forty-nine percent (49%) of the total amount of PROJECTS/SERVICES required under this CONTRACT:

- a. NMG- Geotechnical Engineer
- b. Kobata & Associates- Landscaping Plan Check
- c. PA & Associates- Geotechnical Report Reviews
- d. Hartzog & Crabill Traffic Engineers- Traffic Plans & Report Reviews
- e. CSG Consultants- Alternate Plan Checking

**1.1.4.** Consultants/contractors may be substituted and/or added by mutual CONTRACT of A/E and the Director, County of Orange, OC Public Works or his designee, hereinafter referred to as “DIRECTOR”.

**1.1.5.** A/E's employment of independent consultants/contractors shall not relieve A/E from the performance of its own responsibilities pursuant to this CONTRACT. However, all consultants/contractors independently contracting with COUNTY shall be independently liable to COUNTY for the performance of the work pursuant to their agreements, and A/E shall have no liability for work by contractors independently contracting with COUNTY.

## **1.2. Projects/Services**

### **1.2.1. Description of PROJECTS/SERVICES**

- a. PROJECT/SERVICES to be performed by A/E shall consist of the work as specified herein and as required in Attachment A. If in the event Attachment A shall be in conflict with any provision of this CONTRACT, the wording as set forth in Attachment A shall prevail.
- b. A/E shall be responsible for submitting all PROJECTS/SERVICES to COUNTY in a form which has been thoroughly reviewed and checked for completeness, accuracy and consistency by the registered professional named in Section 1.1.2 herein; and, any PROJECTS/SERVICES not meeting this requirement will be returned to A/E prior to review by COUNTY.

### **1.2.2. Design Criteria and Standards**

All PROJECTS/SERVICES shall be performed in accordance with instructions, criteria and standards set forth by the DIRECTOR.

### **1.2.3. Scheduling**

- a) Concurrently with the work of the CONTRACT, A/E shall prepare a progress work schedule and within five (5) working days from the date of receipt of individual assignments from COUNTY, A/E shall submit to COUNTY two (2) copies of a progress work schedule which shall delineate dates of commencement and completion of the various phases of PROJECTS/SERVICES assignments. A/E schedule shall include required COUNTY review period(s) set forth herein. An approved copy of the progress schedule will be returned to A/E.
- b) A/E shall allow at least five (5) working days for COUNTY review of progress work schedule. In planning work A/E should anticipate and allow ten (10) working days for COUNTY review of each submittal required in Attachment A.
- c) A/E shall meet at least once every two (2) weeks with COUNTY to review progress of work, adherence to progress schedule, coordination of work,

scheduling of seminars, if needed, and to resolve any problems that may develop.

- d) Within five (5) working days of each meeting, A/E shall prepare a brief memorandum summarizing the results of the meeting and shall submit it to COUNTY for concurrence.
- e) A/E shall complete all the work of PROJECTS/SERVICES and obtain all approvals by the COUNTY within the time frame indicated in Attachment A except A/E shall not be responsible for any delay beyond the control of A/E.
- f) In the event A/E fails to complete the work and obtain the approval of DIRECTOR in the time allowed, COUNTY shall have the option of completing the work by its own forces or by contract with another firm. The time allowed for A/E to complete the PROJECTS/SERVICES pursuant to this CONTRACT shall be extended for delay caused by COUNTY in completing its work pursuant to this CONTRACT which delay exceeds the agreed COUNTY review and/or approval time periods.

**1.3. Assistance by COUNTY STAFF**

**1.3.1.** COUNTY shall assign an appropriate staff member to work with A/E in connection with the work of this CONTRACT. Said staff member's duties will consist of the giving of advice and consultations, assisting A/E in negotiations with other public agencies and private parties, miscellaneous items which in the judgment of A/E or COUNTY's staff warrant attention, and all other duties as may be described in Attachment A.

**1.3.2.** All of the above activities, however, shall be the primary responsibility of A/E to schedule, initiate and carry through to completion.

**1.4. Term and Maximum Compensation**

**1.4.1.** ~~The term of this CONTRACT is for three (3) years renewable for two additional years, upon approval by the COUNTY Board of Supervisors with a maximum allowable compensation of ten million five hundred thousand dollars (\$10,500,000), except as permitted in Paragraph 1.5 below.~~

**Amendment No. 1**

The term of this CONTRACT is for a maximum of two (2) years, commencing July 26, 2019, with a maximum allowable compensation of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000), except as permitted in Paragraph 1.5 below.

**1.5. A/E Compensation and Extra Work**

**1.5.1.** For the PROJECTS/SERVICES authorized under this CONTRACT, A/E shall be compensated in accordance with the following:

**1.5.2.** For completion and approval of all PROJECTS/SERVICES where "Extra Work" (defined as changes in approved portions of the PROJECT/SERVICES required by and ordered in writing by DIRECTOR which changes constitute a change in or departure from said approved portions of PROJECTS/SERVICES) is not authorized, compensation including reimbursables shall be described and payable as stipulated in Fee Schedule, herein after referred to as "Attachment B", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**1.5.3.** Where extra work is authorized for PROJECTS/SERVICES:

- a) The amount for Extra Work shall be determined using Attachment B. Extra Work shall be required by and ordered in writing by DIRECTOR. If this CONTRACT is not approved by the Board of Supervisors, any change that increases the cumulative CONTRACT price beyond \$100,000 must be approved by the Board. Increases in the CONTRACT amount for services within the existing scope of work may be granted by the DIRECTOR where the amount does not exceed 25 percent of the existing CONTRACT price or \$100,000, whichever is less.
- b) A/E's billing for the Extra Work shall include but not be limited to names of A/E's staff employed in the Extra Work, classification of employees and number of hours worked.

**1.5.4.** For partial completion of work of PROJECTS/SERVICES followed by default on part of A/E:

- a) For failure to complete and secure approval of the first required submittal, there shall be no compensation.
- b) For failure to complete and secure approval of other authorized phases, A/E shall, upon completion of PROJECTS/SERVICES by others, be entitled to receive compensation based on approved work of PROJECTS/SERVICES not to exceed the amounts specified in Attachment A for that particular submittal, plus the reasonable value as determined by COUNTY of the non-approved work; provided, however, that if the cost to COUNTY to complete the contract exceeds the amount specified herein, A/E shall be liable to COUNTY for such excess costs attributable to A/E's breach of the CONTRACT.

**2. LABOR**

**2.1 Non-Employment of COUNTY Personnel**

**2.1.1** A/E agrees that it will neither negotiate, offer, or give employment to any full-time, regular employee of COUNTY in professional classifications of the same skills required for the performance of this CONTRACT who is involved in this Project in a participatory status during the life of this CONTRACT regardless of the assignments said employee may be given or the days or hours employee may work.

**2.1.2** Nothing in this CONTRACT shall be deemed to make A/E, or any of A/E's employees or agents, agents or employees of the COUNTY. A/E shall be an independent contractor and shall have responsibility for and control over the details and means for performing the work, provided that A/E is in compliance with the terms of this CONTRACT. Anything in the CONTRACT which may appear to give COUNTY the right to direct A/E as to the details of the performance of the work or to exercise a measure of control over A/E shall mean that A/E shall follow the desires of COUNTY, only in the results of the work.

**2.2 Non-Discrimination**

**2.2.1** In the performance of this CONTRACT, A/E agrees that it will comply with the requirements of the California Labor Code and not engage nor permit any subcontractors to engage in discrimination in employment of persons because of the race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition,

marital status, or sex of such persons.

- 2.2.2** A/E acknowledges that a violation of this provision shall subject A/E to all the penalties imposed for a violation of the California Labor Code.

**2.3 Employee Eligibility Verification**

- 2.3.1** A/E warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens, and others and that all its employees performing work under this CONTRACT meet the citizenship or alien status requirement set forth in Federal statutes and regulations. A/E shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal or State statutes and regulations, including but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C. § 1324 et seq., as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. A/E shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by the law.

**2.4 Independent Contractor**

- 2.4.1** As referenced in Section 2.1.2 of this CONTRACT, A/E shall be considered an independent contractor.
- 2.4.2** Neither A/E, its employees nor anyone working under A/E shall qualify for workers' compensation or other fringe benefits of any kind through COUNTY.

**2.5 Conflict of Interest Contractor Personnel**

- 2.5.1** The A/E shall exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent any actions or conditions that could result in a conflict with the best interests of the COUNTY. This obligation shall apply to the A/E; the A/E's employees, agents, and relatives; sub-tier contractors; and third parties associated with accomplishing work and PROJECTS/SERVICES hereunder.
- 2.5.2** A/E's efforts shall include, but not be limited to establishing precautions to prevent its employees or agents from: making, receiving, providing or offering gifts, entertainment, payments, loans or other considerations which could be deemed to appear to influence individuals to act contrary to the best interests of the COUNTY.

**2.6 Labor Code Notice**

- 2.6.1** All A/E and subcontractors must comply with the requirements of California Labor Code 1770 et seq. if the work performed is considered a "public works" under California Labor Code 1720 et seq. A/E is encouraged to contact the California Department of Industrial Relations for clarification if the A/E is unsure if some or any of the work performed under this CONTRACT qualifies as "public works".

**3. INSURANCE**

- 3.1.1** Prior to the provision of services under this CONTRACT, the A/E agrees to purchase all required insurance at A/E's expense, including all endorsements required herein, necessary to satisfy the COUNTY that the insurance provisions of this CONTRACT have been complied with. A/E agrees to keep such insurance coverage, Certificates of Insurance, and endorsements on deposit with the COUNTY during the entire term of this Contract. The COUNTY reserves the right to request the declarations page showing all endorsements and

a certified copy of the policy. In addition, all subcontractors performing work on behalf of A/E pursuant to this CONTRACT shall obtain insurance subject to the same terms and conditions as set forth herein for A/E.

- 3.1.2 A/E shall ensure that all subcontractors performing work on behalf of A/E pursuant to this CONTRACT shall be covered under A/E's insurance as an Additional Insured or maintain insurance subject to the same terms and conditions as set forth herein for A/E. A/E shall not allow subcontractors to work if subcontractors have less than the level of coverage required by COUNTY from A/E under this CONTRACT. It is the obligation of A/E to provide notice of the insurance requirements to every subcontractor and to receive proof of insurance prior to allowing any subcontractor to begin work. Such proof of insurance must be maintained by A/E through the entirety of this CONTRACT for inspection by COUNTY representative(s) at any reasonable time.
- 3.1.3 All self-insured retentions (SIRs) or deductibles shall be clearly stated on the Certificate of Insurance. If no deductibles or SIRs apply, indicate this on the Certificate of Insurance with a zero (0) by the appropriate line of coverage. Any deductible or self-insured retention (SIR) in an amount in excess of \$25,000 (\$5,000 for automobile liability), shall specifically be approved by the County Executive Office (CEO)/Office of Risk Management upon review of A/E's current audited financial report. A/E shall be responsible for reimbursement of any deductible to the insurer.
- 3.1.4 If the A/E fails to maintain insurance acceptable to the COUNTY for the full term of this CONTRACT, the COUNTY may terminate this CONTRACT.

**A. Qualified Insurer**

- 1. The policy or policies of insurance must be issued by an insurer with a minimum rating of A- (Secure A.M. Best's Rating) and VIII (Financial Size Category as determined by the most current edition of the **Best's Key Rating Guide/Property-Casualty/United States or ambest.com**). It is preferred, but not mandatory, that the insurer be licensed to do business in the state of California (California Admitted Carrier). If the insurance carrier does not have an A.M. Best Rating of A-/VIII, the CEO/Office of Risk Management retains the right to approve or reject a carrier after a review of the company's performance and financial ratings.
- 2. The policy or policies of insurance maintained by the A/E shall provide the minimum limits and coverage as set forth below:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Minimum Limits</u>
Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence \$2,000,000 aggregate
Automobile Liability including converge for owned, non-owned and hired vehicles	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Workers' Compensation	Statutory
Employers' Liability Insurance	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Professional Liability	\$1,000,000 per claims made or per occurrence \$2,000,000 aggregate

**B. Required Coverage Forms**

1. The Commercial General Liability coverage shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CG 00 01, or a substitute form providing liability coverage as broad.
2. The Business Auto Liability coverage shall be written on ISO form CA 00 01, CA 00 05, CA 00 12, CA 00 20, or a substitute form providing liability coverage as broad.

**C. Required Endorsements**

1. The Commercial General Liability policy shall contain the following endorsements, which shall accompany the Certificate of Insurance:
  - a. An Additional Insured endorsement using ISO form CG 2010 or CG 2033 or a form at least as broad naming the County of Orange, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees and agents as Additional Insureds.
  - b. A primary non-contributing endorsement evidencing that A/E's insurance is primary and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County of Orange shall be excess and non-contributing.
2. The Workers' Compensation policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement waiving all rights of subrogation against the County of Orange, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees and agents.
3. All insurance policies required by this CONTRACT shall waive all rights of subrogation against the County of Orange, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees and agents when acting within the scope of their appointment or employment.
4. A/E shall notify COUNTY in writing within thirty (30) days of any policy cancellation and ten (10) days for non-payment of premium and provide a copy of the cancellation notice to COUNTY. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation may constitute a material breach of the CONTRACT, upon which the COUNTY may suspend or terminate this CONTRACT.
5. If A/E's Professional Liability policy is a "claims made" policy, A/E shall agree to maintain professional liability coverage for two (2) years following completion of CONTRACT.
6. The Commercial General Liability policy shall contain a severability of interests' clause (standard in the ISO CG 001 policy).
7. Insurance certificates should be forwarded to the agency/department address listed on the solicitation.
8. If the A/E fails to provide the insurance certificates and endorsements within seven (7) days of notification by CEO/Purchasing or the agency/department purchasing division, award may be made to the next qualified vendor.

9. COUNTY expressly retains the right to require A/E to increase or decrease insurance of any of the above insurance types throughout the term of this CONTRACT. Any increase or decrease in insurance will be as deemed by County of Orange Risk Manager as appropriate to adequately protect COUNTY.
10. COUNTY shall notify A/E in writing of changes in the insurance requirements. If A/E does not deposit copies of acceptable Certificates of Insurance and endorsements with COUNTY incorporating such changes within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice, this CONTRACT may be in breach without further notice to A/E, and COUNTY shall be entitled to all legal remedies.
11. The procuring of such required policy or policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit A/E's liability hereunder nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this CONTRACT, nor act in any way to reduce the policy coverage and limits available from the insurer.

**D. Certificate Holder Information**

The County of Orange has contracted with Ebix RCS to monitor insurance certificated and endorsements for compliance with the above requirements. Upon initial award of a Contract, the certificate(s) and endorsement(s) should be forwarded to the agency/department address listed on the solicitation. The County will forward these documents to Ebix RCS on your behalf. Ebix RCS may contact you to advise you of deficiencies and request corrected documents. Please cooperate with their request for information or corrections in order for the County to continue your Contract through the expiration date.

- 3.2.1 If A/E subcontracts portions of the architectural or engineering design PROJECTS/SERVICES to be performed under the terms of this CONTRACT, A/E shall obtain evidence that such subcontractors have purchased Professional Liability Insurance to the same limits as described in Paragraph 4 (unless modified by Attachment A) and containing the same clauses as the insurance required of A/E under the terms of this CONTRACT. Evidence of subcontractor's insurance shall be submitted to COUNTY upon request.

**4. INDEMNITY/COMPLIANCE**

- 4.1 **A/E shall indemnify, defend with counsel approved in writing by COUNTY, and hold harmless, the COUNTY, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against A/E or the COUNTY or both in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work under this CONTRACT.**
- 4.2 All PROJECTS/SERVICES submitted by A/E shall be complete and shall be carefully checked prior to submission. A/E understands that COUNTY's checking is discretionary, and A/E shall not assume that COUNTY will discover errors and/or omissions. If COUNTY discovers any errors or omissions prior to approving A/E's PROJECTS/SERVICES, the PROJECTS/SERVICES will be returned to A/E for correction. Should COUNTY or others discover errors or omissions in the work submitted by A/E after COUNTY's approval thereof, COUNTY's approval of A/E's PROJECTS/SERVICES shall not be used as a defense by A/E.



#### 4.3 Indemnification

4.3.1 A/E agrees to, indemnify, defend with counsel approved in writing by COUNTY, and hold COUNTY, the County of Orange (“COUNTY”), their elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents and those special districts and agencies which COUNTY’S Board of Supervisors acts as the governing Board (“COUNTY INDEMNITEES”) harmless from any claims, demands or liability of any kind or nature, including but not limited to personal injury or property damage, arising out of, pertaining to, or relating to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the A/E. If judgment is entered against A/E and COUNTY by a court of competent jurisdiction because of the concurrent active negligence of A/E and COUNTY or COUNTY INDEMNITEES, A/E and COUNTY agree that liability will be apportioned as determined by the court. Neither party shall request a jury apportionment. Notwithstanding anything stated above, nothing contained herein shall relieve A/E of any insurance requirements or obligations created elsewhere in this CONTRACT.

#### 4.4 Bills and Liens

4.4.1 A/E shall pay promptly all indebtedness for labor, materials and equipment used in performance of the work. A/E shall not permit any lien or charge to attach to the work or the premises, but if any does so attach, A/E shall promptly procure its release and, in accordance with the requirements of the indemnification paragraph above, indemnify, defend, and hold COUNTY harmless and be responsible for payment of all costs, damages, penalties and expenses arising from or related thereto.

#### 4.5 Compliance with Laws

4.5.1 A/E represents and agrees that services to be provided under this CONTRACT shall fully comply, at A/E’s expense, with all standards, laws, statutes, restrictions, ordinances, requirements, and regulations (collectively “laws”), including, but not limited to those issued by COUNTY in its governmental capacity and all other laws applicable to the PROJECTS/SERVICES at the time PROJECTS/SERVICES are provided to and accepted by COUNTY.

4.5.2 A/E acknowledges that COUNTY is relying on A/E for such compliance, and pursuant to the requirements of the indemnification paragraph above, A/E agrees that it shall defend, indemnify and hold COUNTY and COUNTY INDEMNITEES harmless from all liability, damages, costs and expenses arising from or related to a violation of such laws.

### 5. TERMINATION

#### 5.1 Termination of Contract for Cause

5.1.1 If A/E breaches any of the covenants or conditions of this CONTRACT, COUNTY shall have the right to terminate this CONTRACT upon ten (10) days written notice prior to the effective day of termination.

5.1.2 A/E shall have the opportunity to cure the alleged breach prior to termination.

5.1.3 In the event the alleged breach is not cured by A/E prior to termination, all work performed

by A/E pursuant to this CONTRACT, which work has been reduced to plans or other documents, shall be made available to COUNTY.

## **5.2 Termination for Convenience**

**5.2.1** Notwithstanding any other provision of the CONTRACT, COUNTY may at any time, and without cause, terminate this CONTRACT in whole or in part, upon not less than seven (7) calendar days' written notice to the A/E. Such termination shall be effected by delivery to the A/E of a notice of termination specifying the effective date of the termination and the extent of the Work to be terminated.

**5.2.2** A/E shall immediately stop work in accordance with the notice and comply with any other direction as may be specified in the notice or as provided subsequently by COUNTY.

**5.2.3** COUNTY shall pay the A/E for the Work completed prior to the effective date of the termination, and such payment shall be the A/E's sole remedy under this CONTRACT.

**5.2.4** Under no circumstances will A/E be entitled to anticipatory or unearned profits, consequential damages, or other damages of any sort as a result of a termination or partial termination under this Paragraph.

**5.2.5** A/E shall insert in all subcontracts that the subcontractor shall stop work on the date of and to the extent specified in a notice of termination, and shall require subcontractors to insert the same condition in any lower tier subcontracts.

## **5.3 Breach of Contract**

**5.3.1** The failure of the A/E to comply with any of the provisions, covenants or conditions of this CONTRACT shall be a material breach of this CONTRACT. In such event, in addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity, or otherwise specified in this CONTRACT, the COUNTY may:

- a) afford the A/E written notice of the breach and ten (10) calendar days or such shorter time that may be specified in this CONTRACT within which to cure the breach;
- b) discontinue payment to the A/E for and during the period in which the A/E is in breach; and
- c) offset those monies disallowed pursuant to the above, against any monies billed by the A/E but yet unpaid by the COUNTY.

## **5.4 Default**

**5.4.1** In the event any equipment or service furnished by the A/E in the performance of this CONTRACT should fail to conform to the specifications therein within one (1) calendar year from the COUNTY's acceptance of the equipment or service, or any performance period specifically specified within the specifications or CONTRACT, whichever is greater, the COUNTY may reject same, and it shall become the duty of the A/E to reclaim and remove the items without expense to the COUNTY and to immediately replace all such rejected equipment or service with others conforming to such specifications, provided that should the A/E fail, neglect or refuse to do so within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days, the COUNTY shall have the right to purchase on the open market a corresponding quantity of any such equipment or service and to deduct from any monies

due or that may thereafter become due to the A/E the difference between the price specified in this CONTRACT and the actual cost to the COUNTY.

- 5.4.2 In the event the A/E shall fail to make prompt delivery as specified of any equipment or service, the same conditions as to the rights of the COUNTY to purchase on the open market and to reimbursement set forth above shall apply, except as otherwise provided in this CONTRACT.
- 5.4.3 In the event of the cancellation of this CONTRACT, either in whole or in part, by reason of the default or breach by the A/E, any loss or damage sustained by the COUNTY in procuring any equipment or service which the A/E agreed to supply under this CONTRACT shall be borne and paid for by the A/E.
- 5.4.4 Default shall include failure to carry out any of the requirements of this CONTRACT, including, but not limited to not providing enough properly skilled workers or proper materials, persistently disregarding laws and or ordinances, not proceeding with the PROJECTS/SERVICES as agreed to herein, or otherwise substantially violating any provision of this CONTRACT.
- 5.4.5 Upon termination of the CONTRACT with A/E, the COUNTY may begin negotiations with a third-party A/E to provide goods and/or PROJECTS/SERVICES as specified in this CONTRACT.
- 5.4.6 The right of either party to terminate this CONTRACT hereunder shall not be affected in any way by its waiver of or failure to take action with respect to any previous default.

**6. MISCELLANEOUS**

**6.1 Laws to be Observed**

- 6.1.1 A/E is assumed to be familiar with and, at all times, shall observe and comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations in any manner affecting the conduct of the PROJECTS/SERVICES.

**6.2 Award of Construction Contract and Other Future Contracts**

- 6.2.1 A/E is hereby informed that provisions of the Public Contract Code, the Political Reform Act of 1974, other statutes, regulations, and COUNTY policy prohibit, as an impermissible conflict of interest, the award of a contract for the construction of the project(s) on which A/E performed architectural-engineering services under this A/E CONTRACT. A/E is hereby informed that these statutes and regulations could also prohibit the award to A/E of design or other contracts on future phases related to tasks performed by A/E under this CONTRACT. This prohibition applies also to a subcontractor of or parent company of the firm that performed architectural-engineering tasks under this CONTRACT.

**6.3 Amendments**

- 6.3.1 No alteration or variation of the terms of this CONTRACT shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties; no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on either of the parties; and no exceptions, alternatives, substitutes or revisions are valid or binding on COUNTY unless authorized by COUNTY in writing.

**6.4 Successors and Assigns**

**6.4.1** The terms and provisions of this CONTRACT shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their successors and assigns.

**6.5 Entirety**

**6.5.1** This CONTRACT contains the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the matters provided for herein.

**6.6 Severability**

**6.6.1** If any part of this CONTRACT is held, determined, or adjudicated to be illegal, void, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this CONTRACT shall be given effect to the fullest extent reasonably possible.

**6.7 Binding Obligation**

**6.7.1** The PARTIES to this CONTRACT represent and warrant that this CONTRACT has been duly authorized and executed and constitutes the legally binding obligation of their respective organization or entity enforceable in accordance with its terms.

**6.8 Governing Law and Venue**

**6.8.1** This CONTRACT has been negotiated and executed in the State of California and shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California. In the event of any legal action to enforce or interpret this CONTRACT, the sole and exclusive venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction located in Orange County, California, and the PARTIES hereto agree to and do hereby submit to the jurisdiction of such court, notwithstanding Code of Civil Procedure, Section 394.

**6.8.2** The PARTIES specifically agree that by soliciting and entering into and performing PROJECTS/SERVICES under this CONTRACT, the A/E shall be deemed to constitute doing business within Orange County from the time of solicitation of work, through the period when all PROJECTS/SERVICES under this CONTRACT is completed, and continuing until the expiration of any applicable limitations period.

**6.9 Child Support Enforcement Requirements**

**6.9.1** To comply with child support enforcement requirements of the COUNTY, within thirty (30) days of notification of selection for award of PROJECTS/SERVICES, A/E agrees to complete and furnish to DIRECTOR the information required in County of Orange Child Support Enforcement Contract Certification, hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit 1," attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**6.9.2** It is expressly understood that this data will be transmitted by COUNTY to governmental agencies charged with the establishment and enforcement of child support orders and for no other purposes.

**6.10 Ownership of Documents**

**6.10.1** All data, including but not limited to letters, reports, files, plans, drawings, specifications, proposals, sketches, diagrams and calculations, prepared by A/E and/or anyone acting under the supervision of A/E pursuant to this CONTRACT, shall become the property of

COUNTY upon preparation by A/E and may be used by the COUNTY as it may require without additional cost to the COUNTY.

**6.10.2** COUNTY shall not be limited in any way to its use thereof at any time, including the release of this data to third parties. A/E shall be held harmless for release of such data as may be prepared or created under this CONTRACT to any third party. If A/E and/or anyone acting under the supervision of A/E should later desire to use any of the data prepared in connection with this CONTRACT, A/E shall first obtain the written approval of COUNTY.

**6.11 Confidentiality**

**6.11.1** All ideas, memoranda, specifications, plans, procedures, drawings, descriptions, and all written or other information submitted to A/E in connection with the performance of this CONTRACT shall be held confidential by A/E and/or anyone acting under the supervision of A/E and shall not, without the prior written consent of COUNTY, be used for any purposes other than the performance of the PROJECTS/SERVICES described in Attachment A, nor be disclosed to any person, partnership, company, corporation or agency, not connected with the performance of the PROJECTS/SERVICES.

**6.11.2** Nothing furnished to A/E which is generally known among counties in Southern California shall be deemed confidential.

**6.11.3** A/E and/or anyone acting under the supervision of A/E shall not use COUNTY name or insignia, photographs of the work, or any other publicity pertaining to the work in any magazine, trade paper, newspaper, or other medium without the express written consent of COUNTY.

**6.12 Publication**

**6.12.1** No copies of sketches, schedules, written documents, computer based data, photographs, maps or graphs, including graphic art work, resulting from performance or prepared in connection with this CONTRACT, are to be released by A/E and/or anyone acting under the supervision of A/E to any person, partnership, company, corporation, or agency, without prior written approval by the COUNTY, except as necessary for the performance of the services of this CONTRACT. All press contacts, including graphic display information to be published in newspapers, magazines, etc., are to be administered only after COUNTY approval.

**6.12.2** The A/E agrees that it will not issue any news releases or make any contact with the media in connection with either the award of this CONTRACT or any subsequent amendment of, or effort under this CONTRACT. A/E must first obtain review and approval of said media contact from the COUNTY through the COUNTY'S Project Manager. Any requests for interviews or information received by the media should be referred directly to the COUNTY. A/E's are not authorized to serve as media spokespersons for COUNTY projects without first obtaining permission from the COUNTY Project Manager.

**6.13 Records and Audit/Inspections**

**6.13.1** A/E shall keep an accurate record of time expended by A/E and/or consultants employed by A/E in the performance of this CONTRACT.

**6.13.2** Within ten (10) days of COUNTY's written request, A/E shall allow COUNTY or

authorized State or Federal agencies or any duly authorized representative to have the right to access, examine, audit, excerpt, copy or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, time cards or other records relating to this CONTRACT.

**6.13.3** A/E shall keep such material, including all pertinent cost accounting, financial records and proprietary data for a period of three (3) years after termination or completion of the CONTRACT or until resolution of any claim or dispute between the PARTIES, whichever is later.

**6.13.4** Should A/E cease to exist as a legal entity, records pertaining to this CONTRACT shall be forwarded within a reasonable period of time not to exceed sixty (60) days to its successor in interest or surviving entity in a merger or acquisition, or, in the event of liquidation, to COUNTY.

**6.14 Notices**

**6.14.1** Any and all notices, requests, demands and other communications contemplated, called for, permitted, or required to be given hereunder shall be in writing, except through the course of the PARTIES' project managers' routine exchange of information and cooperation during the PROJECTS/SERVICES.

**6.14.2** Any written communications shall be deemed to have been duly given upon actual in-person delivery, if delivery is by direct hand, or upon delivery on the actual day of receipt, or no greater than four (4) calendar days after being mailed by U. S. certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, whichever occurs first. The date of mailing shall count as the first day.

**6.14.3** All communications shall be addressed to the appropriate party at the address stated herein or such other address as the parties hereto may designate by written notice from time to time in the manner aforesaid.

For A/E:

~~GHD Inc.  
175 Technology Dr, Ste 200  
Irvine, CA 92618  
Attn: Ludwig Smeets  
Phone: 949-585-5201  
E-mail: [ludy.smeets@ghd.com](mailto:ludy.smeets@ghd.com)~~

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GHD Inc.  
320 Goddard Way, Ste. 200  
Irvine, CA 92618  
Attn: Sarmad Farjo  
Phone: 949-585-5238  
E-mail: [sarmad.farjo@ghd.com](mailto:sarmad.farjo@ghd.com)

For COUNTY:

County of Orange  
300 N. Flower St., Suite 838  
Santa Ana, CA 92703  
Attn: Laree Alonso

Phone: 714-667-9649  
E-mail: [laree.alonso@ocpw.ocgov.com](mailto:laree.alonso@ocpw.ocgov.com)

cc: OC Public Works Procurement Services  
300 N. Flower St., Suite 838  
Santa Ana, CA 92703  
Attn: Angela Shim, DPA  
Phone: 714-667-9643  
E-mail: [angela.shim@ocpw.ocgov.com](mailto:angela.shim@ocpw.ocgov.com)

## **6.15 Attorney's Fees**

**6.15.1** In any action or proceeding to enforce or interpret any provision of this CONTRACT, or where any provision hereof is validly asserted as a defense, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees, costs and expenses.

## **6.16 Interpretation**

**6.16.1** CONTRACT has been negotiated at arm's length and between persons sophisticated and knowledgeable in the matters dealt with in this CONTRACT.

**6.16.2** In addition, each PARTY has been represented by experienced and knowledgeable independent legal counsel of their own choosing, or has knowingly declined to seek such counsel despite having the opportunity to do so.

**6.16.3** Each PARTY further acknowledges that they have not been influenced to any extent whatsoever in executing this CONTRACT by any other PARTY hereto or by any person representing them, or both.

**6.16.4** Accordingly, any rule of law (including California Civil Code Section 1654) or legal decision that would require interpretation of any ambiguities in this CONTRACT against the PARTY that has drafted it is not applicable and is waived.

**6.16.5** The provisions of this CONTRACT shall be interpreted in a reasonable manner to affect the purpose of the PARTIES and this CONTRACT.

## **6.17 Headings**

**6.17.1** The various headings and numbers herein, the grouping of provisions of this CONTRACT into separate clauses and paragraphs, and the organization hereof are for the purpose of convenience only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.

## **6.18 Acceptance**

**6.18.1** Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by COUNTY acceptance shall not be deemed complete unless in writing and until all the services have actually been received, inspected, and tested to the satisfaction of COUNTY.

## **6.19 Changes**

**6.19.1** A/E shall make no changes in the work or perform any additional work without the COUNTY'S specific written approval.

## **6.20 Assignment**

**6.20.1** The terms, covenants, and conditions contained herein shall apply to and bind the heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of the parties. Furthermore, neither the performance of this CONTRACT nor any portion thereof may be assigned or sub-contracted by A/E, by any means whatsoever including but not limited to acquisition by merger, without the express written consent of COUNTY. Any attempt by A/E to assign or sub-contract the performance or any portion thereof of this CONTRACT without the express written consent of COUNTY shall be invalid and shall constitute a breach of this CONTRACT.

**6.21 Changes in Ownership**

**6.21.1** A/E agrees that if there is a change or transfer in ownership, including but not limited to merger by acquisition, of A/E's business prior to completion of this CONTRACT, the new owners shall be required under terms of sale or other transfer to assume A/E's duties and obligations contained in this CONTRACT and to obtain the written approval of COUNTY of such merger or acquisition, and complete the obligations and duties contained in the CONTRACT to the satisfaction of COUNTY.

**6.22 Force Majeure**

**6.22.1** A/E shall not be assessed with damages or unsatisfactory performance penalties during any delay beyond the time named for the performance of this CONTRACT caused by any act of God, war, civil disorder, employment strike or other cause beyond its reasonable control, provided A/E gives written notice of the cause of the delay to COUNTY within thirty-six (36) hours of the start of the delay and A/E avails himself of any available remedies.

**6.23 Calendar Days**

**6.23.1** Any reference to the word "day" or "days" herein means calendar day or calendar days, respectively, unless otherwise expressly provided.

**6.24 Title to Data**

**6.24.1** All materials, documents, data or information obtained from the COUNTY data files or any COUNTY medium furnished to the A/E in the performance of this CONTRACT, will at all times remain the property of the COUNTY. Such data or information may not be used or copied for direct or indirect use by the A/E after completion or termination of this CONTRACT without the express written consent of the COUNTY.

**6.24.2** All materials, documents, data or information, including copies furnished by COUNTY and loaned to A/E for his temporary use, must be returned to the COUNTY at the end of this CONTRACT unless otherwise specified by the DIRECTOR.

**6.25 Availability of Funds**

**6.25.1** The obligation of COUNTY is subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this purpose, and nothing herein shall be construed as obligating the COUNTY to expend or as involving the COUNTY in any contract or other obligation for future payment of money in excess of appropriations authorized by law.

**6.26 Contingency of Funding**



**6.26.1** A/E acknowledges that funding or portions of funding for this CONTRACT may also be contingent upon receipt of funds from, and/or appropriation of funds by, the State of California or other funding sources to COUNTY. If such funding and/or appropriations are not forthcoming, or otherwise limited, COUNTY may immediately terminate or modify this CONTRACT without penalty.

**6.27 Contract Construction**

**6.27.1** The parties acknowledge that each party and its counsel have reviewed this CONTRACT and that the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this CONTRACT or any amendment or exhibits hereto.

**6.28 Conflicts of Interest**

**6.28.1** A/E or its employees may be subject to the provisions of the California Political Reform Act of 1974 (the "Act"), which (1) requires such persons to disclose any financial interest that may be materially affected by services provided under this Contract, (2) prohibits such persons from making, or participating in making, decisions that could reasonably affect such interest; and (3) may require the filing a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700).

**6.28.2** If subject to the Act, A/E shall conform to all requirements of the Act. Failure to do so shall constitute a material breach and is grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement by County. Pursuant to Section 4.3 "Indemnification", A/E shall indemnify and hold harmless County for any and all claims for damages resulting from Contractor's violation of this Section.

**6.29 Usage**

**6.29.1** No guarantee is given by the COUNTY to A/E regarding usage of this CONTRACT. The A/E agrees to supply services requested, as needed by the County of Orange, at prices listed in the CONTRACT, regardless of quantity requested.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the PARTIES hereto have executed this CONTRACT on the dates opposite their respective signatures:

GHD INC.,  
a California Corporation

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

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name & Title

*(If a corporation, the document must be signed by two corporate officers. The 1<sup>st</sup> must be either Chairman of the Board, President or any Vice President.)*

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

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name & Title

*(If a corporation, the 2nd signature must be either the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, the Chief Financial Officer, or any Assistant Treasurer.)*

COUNTY OF ORANGE,  
a political subdivision of the State of California

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

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name & Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Office of the County Counsel  
Orange County, California

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

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**SCOPE OF WORK**

**I. PURPOSE – GENERAL SERVICES**

The selected Architect-Engineer (A/E) firms shall provide County with Professional General Services on an as needed basis, as specified for a particular work assignment.

A/E shall provide Planning, Building and Engineering Plan Review Services (“PBES”) for review of discretionary and ministerial permit applications including and not limited to planning applications, tract maps, subdivision improvements, grading and building plans and associated development plans for implementation submitted to the County of Orange for approval on an as needed basis. A/E shall provide support quality, expedited and comprehensive planning building and engineering services for COUNTY.

The use of contracted PBES shall be on projects selected by COUNTY wherein COUNTY shall determine that this service is needed due to workload peaks or staffing shortages. This service shall include reviewing, value engineering analysis, providing corrective comments, and recommending for approval of the selected plans/reports.

General Services shall consist of several key business services such as Planning Services, Environmental Services, Building & Safety and Engineering Services, and Inspection Services (hereinafter referred to “Service Category”) and various General Services special projects. Such services shall be in compliance with all applicable laws, including federal, state, county and County of Orange policy.

**II. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**

A/E shall provide General Services professional services for the following Specialty Areas and various General Services special projects, services and/or additional work as determined by the COUNTY.

Services shall include reviewing, providing comments and recommending for approval of the selected projects; shall be checked for compliance with County adopted Standard Plans and the applicable regulations outlined below and using the checklist available on-line or as provided by staff. Services shall include initial and subsequent reviews, full or partial plan review services, interaction with the client and recommendations to COUNTY staff for final approval. To ensure adequate document preparation, A/E shall attend project status meetings with COUNTY Staff and with others as required to discuss status and/or details of the project.

All services shall be conducted in accordance with all accepted A/E and industry professional practices and shall comply with the applicable regulations including but not limited to: the latest approved edition of the California Building Code, California Energy Code, California Green Code, California Code of Regulations Title 24, the Health and Safety Code, Government Code, Education Code, Americans with Disability Act, California Plumbing Code, California Mechanical Code, California Electrical Code, Orange County Codified Ordinances, the Orange County Noise Element, the Orange County Noise Control Ordinance, the Orange County Land Use/Noise Compatibility Manual, OCPW Standard Plans, the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction (Green Book), the Grading and Excavation Code, the Grading Manual, the OC Subdivision Code/Manual, the State Planning and Land Use Laws, Coastal Act and Local Coastal Programs, OC General Plan, the OC Zoning Code, Specific Plans, Planned Community Programs and attendant Area Plans and County approved Alternative Development Standards, previous entitlements, OC Development

Agreements and Guidelines, all applicable County approvals (i.e. development plans) Conditions of Approval, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, the Sand, Gravel, and Mineral Extraction Code, the Surface Mining And Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA), the OC Hydrology Manual, the County Landscape Irrigation Code and Implementation Guidelines, the OC Local Drainage Manual, the OC Highway Design Manual, Caltrans Highway Design Manual, American Public Works Association (APWA) Standard Plans, the Subdivision Map Act, Clean Water Act, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits issued by Santa Ana and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards, Drainage Area Management Plan (DAMP), County of Orange and Orange County Flood Control District Local Implementation Plan (LIP) as well as any other applicable laws and regulations.

**A. Building & Safety and Engineering Services**

1. Roadway Design Review per all applicable COUNTY Standards
2. Street Improvements associated with any given subdivision
3. Drainage and Storm Drain and Flood Control Improvement and Utilities (Wet and Dry) with any given subdivision or grading permit
4. Landscape Improvement Plan Check Service associated with any given planning application, subdivision or grading permit
  - a. Review shall include verification of compliance with COUNTY adopted Ordinance for Water Conservation Landscape Irrigation.
5. Grading Plan Check Service, including onsite drainage and all offsite improvements Geotechnical Report review associated with grading permits and special projects;
  - a. Grading and Geotechnical Engineering.
6. Building Plan Check Review including all related services or any combination thereof
  - a. Architectural and Life Safety
  - b. Structural
  - c. Plumbing
  - d. Mechanical
  - e. Electrical
  - f. Energy Code
  - g. Green Code
  - h. Disabled Access
  - i. Septic Design
  - j. Acoustical
7. NPDES Compliance Review relative to the Santa Ana and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board requirements.
8. Water Quality Management (WQMP) Review
9. Subdivision Improvements
10. Hydrology, Hydraulics and Sedimentation Studies

11. Flood Plain Studies
12. Review of Reclamation Plan, Financial Assurance Cost Estimate (FACE) and other related documents to ensure compliance with Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA).
13. Survey and Mapping
14. Traffic Plans and Reports; Traffic Signals, Signing, Striping, Street Lighting and Traffic Engineering
15. Right of Way Permitting Services
16. Permit processing: intake of permit applications and plans, review of submittal package for completeness, and issuance of permits at the public counter.
17. Administrative Support Services

**Minimum Requirements and Qualifications:** All Building & Safety Services, engineering related Plan Check and Related Services work shall be performed by civil engineers registered with the State of California to practice civil engineering or properly licensed personnel qualified to perform the specific type of plan check as required by the State of California, with a minimum of 5 (five) years of experience in plan checking.

All permit processing work at the public counter shall be performed by individuals with experience and having ICC certification for Permit Tech engineering background who meet the County's minimum requirements for Engineering Technicians.

## **B. Planning Services**

1. Discretionary Permit reviews/processing and project manager services, including but not limited to:
  - a. Feature plans
  - b. Area Plans
  - c. Use Permits
  - d. Site Development Permits
  - e. Variance Permits
  - f. Coastal Development Permits
  - g. Sand and Gravel Site Permit / Reclamation Plan
  - h. Changed Plans and Amendments
2. Environmental Services review including but not limited CEQA review, acoustic reports review, biological reports review, cultural resources reports review, traffic analysis studies and report reviews, parking studies report review, mitigation monitoring reports, and of any other technical reports deemed necessary by County
3. Planning and Zoning Plan Check Review for Building & Safety plan reviews (as identified in Building and Safety Services), including consistency with General Plan, Zoning, discretionary approvals and environmental mitigation, if appropriate
4. Subdivision Planning reviews including but not limited to:

- a. Tentative Tract Maps
  - b. Parcel Maps
  - c. Lot Line Adjustments
  - d. Certificates of Compliance
5. Attendance at community meetings, public hearings, as required, and present reports to various approving bodies.
  6. Public Information (including but not limited to public counter support)
  7. Planning/Zoning Support Services for Code Enforcement
  8. General Plan Maintenance
  9. Zoning Code Maintenance (including but not limited to Zoning Code Amendments, Specific Plan Amendments, and various Planned Community Plan/Program Text amendments)
  10. Conditions of Approval Library Maintenance and Conditions of Approval Tracking Matrix (project level)
  11. Development Agreements, Cooperative Agreements, Specific Plans, Planned Community Programs, Alternative Development Standards
  12. Current and Advance Planning services
  13. Review of Reclamation Plan, Financial Assurance Cost Estimate (FACE) and other related documents to ensure compliance with Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA).
  14. Permit processing: intake of permit applications and plans, review of submittal package for completeness, and close out of permits.
  15. Administrative Support Services

**Minimum Requirements and Qualifications:**

- A/E must have the ability to do business in Orange County, California.
- A/E must have provided recent planning services in Southern California within the past five (5) years.
- A/E must have a full-time service office in Southern California, preferably in Orange County, for the entire duration of the contract.
- A/E Project Manager / Planners and professionals must have a minimum of five (5) or more years of experience
- A/E must have three (3) or more excellent references for work performed in the past five (5) years.
- A/E must have the ability to interpret and provide information regarding Land Use Ordinances, Zoning Code regulations, Subdivision Code regulations, Local Park Code regulations and other County laws applicable to the use of land and establishment of use of buildings and other structures.

- A/E must have the ability to provide recommendations clearly, concisely, logically, and persuasively both in writing and orally
- A/E must have the ability to proficiently communicate with contractors, architects, engineers and building owners providing clear and concise direction.

**C. Environmental Services**

1. Preparation of Environmental Documentation (CEQA/NEPA) including but not limited to the following:

- a. Initial Study
- b. Categorical Exemption (CE)
- c. Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- d. Negative Declaration (ND)
- e. Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
- f. Notice of Preparation (NOP)
- g. Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
  - i. Initial Document (Screen Check/Administrative Draft)
  - ii. Addendum
  - iii. Supplemental
  - iv. Subsequent
  - v. Programmatic
- h. Notice of Completion (NOC)
- i. Notice of Availability (NOA)
- j. Notice of Determination (NOD)
- k. Notice of Intent (NOI)
- l. Notices for public meetings and hearings
- m. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
- n. Environmental Assessment (EA)
- o. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- p. Preliminary Environmental Study Form (PES)
- q. Preliminary Environmental Analysis Report (PEAR)
- r. Response to Comments
- s. Mitigation Monitoring Program
- t. Facts and Findings and Statement of Overriding Consideration

2. Technical Support services

- a. Biological Assessment / Biological Reports
- b. Physical Resource/Geotechnical Studies and Evaluations
- c. Traffic/Transportation Analysis (traffic studies)
- d. Noise Assessment / Acoustical Reports
- e. Air/Water Quality
- f. Cultural Resources
- g. Other technical reports and assessments deemed necessary

- h. Permit Procurement with necessary state and /or federal resource protection permits, air, water quality permits, or other environmental regulatory permits
3. Review and evaluate all relevant environmental and historical documentation to assure completeness of preparation of environmental documentation
4. Attendance at community meetings, public hearings, as required, and present reports to various approving bodies.
5. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program report and associated updates
6. Peer review Services for Environmental Services
7. Provide Training to COUNTY staff on environmental topics
8. Administrative support services

**Minimum Requirements and Qualifications:**

- A/E must have the ability to do business in Orange County, California.
- A/E must have provided recent planning services in Southern California within the past five (5) years.
- A/E must have a full-time service office in Southern California, preferably in Orange County, for the entire duration of the contract.
- A/E Project Manager / environmental planners and professionals must have a minimum of five (5) or more years of experience
- A/E must have three (3) or more excellent references for work performed in the past five (5) years.
- A/E must have the ability to interpret and provide information regarding CEQA and/or NEPA documents, such as EIRs, EISs, Initial Studies, and MNDs, or supporting technical studies/analyses of biology, economic/fiscal, noise, air quality, agriculture, water quality, geology, visual or community impacts
- A/E must have the ability to provide recommendations clearly, concisely, logically, and persuasively both in writing and orally
- A/E must have the ability to proficiently communicate with contractors, architects, engineers and building owners providing clear and concise direction.

**D. Inspection Services**

1. Inspection support services for both public and private construction projects, including but not limited to building, grading and infrastructure.
2. Inspection Services related to Building & Safety plan reviews, approved plans and issued permits (as identified in Building and Safety Services)
3. Inspection Services for all phases of vertical and horizontal construction including but not limited to residential, commercial, and industrial.
4. Inspection Services related Reclamation Plan, Financial Assurance Cost Estimate (FACE) and other related documents to ensure compliance with Surface Mining And Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA).
5. Administrative Support Services

**Minimum Requirements and Qualifications:**



Residential and Commercial Building Inspectors

- Possess a valid CBC or International Code Council (ICC) equivalent certificate as combination residential building inspector and/or combination commercial building inspector.
- Must be familiar with the latest California Building Codes and California Title 24 requirements
- Must have completed building inspection services on at least three (3) projects within the past five years located in Southern California
- Have a minimum of five (5) years practical experience in residential building inspection.
- Be capable of field typical residential electrical, plumbing and mechanical installations for compliance with applicable California building codes without benefit of approved plans.
- Be capable of comparing and recognizing deviations between approved plans and actual field installations.
- The ability to write precise descriptive correction and/ or stop work notices.
- The ability to proficiently communicate with contractors, architects, engineers and building owners providing clear and concise direction.
- The ability to follow instruction as given.

**III. A/E RESPONSIBILITY AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Services shall be provided on a task basis. When services are requested by the COUNTY or his designee, a specific task order and budget will be developed by the COUNTY and A/E per the rate schedule in Attachment B, for each task. Such specific scope of work, including the task specific budget will be agreed upon prior to the initiation of the work by both the COUNTY or his designee and A/E.

- A. A/E shall provide all of the management, personnel, and materials requisite to the provision of service.
- B. Prior to start of work A/E shall submit resume of each consultant for approval by the COUNTY manager of the related service and/or Division
  1. All Building & Safety Services, engineering related Plan Check and Related Services work shall be performed by civil engineers registered with the State of California to practice civil engineering or properly licensed personnel qualified to perform the specific type of plan check as required by the State of California, with a minimum of 5 (five) years of experience in plan checking.
  2. All permit processing work at the public counter shall be performed by individuals with experience and having ICC certification for Permit Tech engineering background who meet the County's minimum requirements for Engineering Technicians.
- C. A/E shall bear all costs associated with technical training needed to perform the services included but not limited to the following:
  1. Ongoing professional knowledge requisite to the provision of service
  2. Review of, and familiarization with, all key approvals for any COUNTY needs

3. County permitting and land management system (i.e. the APPS Program or equivalent software) and County file management systems organization (SharePoint, shared drives, share portals)
- D. A/E shall provide project Administrative Services as required by COUNTY to facilitate effective project coordination, project comments, coordination with COUNTY Departments, and reports as required by COUNTY
- E. A/E personnel shall perform Services at the County Offices during office hours or as needed
  1. A/E Inspector shall report at 6:30 AM to Inspection Services offices location
  2. A/E Planning and/or Environmental services may have ability to work offsite remotely at the sole discretion of the COUNTY Services Manager.
- F. A/E personnel shall be available to assist customers and staff at the public counter as needed and demonstrate quality customer service
- G. A/E shall interface directly with the plan check or permit applicant, or with the applicant's agent(s), on each project for which service shall be performed, when contact with the applicant, or with the agent(s) is requisite to the performance of service. Any such contact and the results thereof shall be documented and reported to COUNTY.
- H. A/E personnel shall perform technical report reviews and provide comments in written form to the County.
- I. A/E shall be responsible for providing transportation required to perform the services. The cost of transportation shall be included in the hourly fee rate.
- J. A/E shall adhere to County established review timeframes and period of performance as identified by COUNTY including but not limited to the following:
  1. Standard plan check review timeframes from the date of acceptance of the submittal: Fifteen (15) business days for first review; ten (10) business days for rechecks and revisions; five (5) business days for subsequent reviews
  2. Over the counter reviews - same day plan reviews
  3. An exception shall be that, for projects of major size and/or complexity, the period of performance shall be determined by negotiation between COUNTY Manager and A/E and must be approved by COUNTY Manager
  4. Expedited Plan Review and Services performed as per timeframes associated with developer reimbursement agreements with full cost recovery and expedited consultant services rate schedule as identified in Land Development Expedited Processing Services, and meeting approval of COUNTY.
  5. Standard Inspection Services – performed within 1 (one) business day of requested inspection
- K. A/E shall create and maintain project log and/or plan review status log and submit to County on a weekly basis and this shall be documented in the County permitting and land management system (i.e. Automated Permitting and Planning System (APPS)) or equivalent software). A/E shall delineate dates of commencement and completion of the various phases of project and or service assignments.

- L. A/E shall utilize the County permitting and land management system (LMS) (i.e. Automated Permitting and Planning System (APPS)) or equivalent software LMS) and log in all communications with the applicant and the applicant’s agent(s). Subject to review and approval of COUNTY, compensation for work performed shall be based on the work reported by A/E to County via the County LMS system(s). All work performed shall be entered no later than the week following the service performed.
- M. A/E shall have the ability to electronically accept, distribute, plan check review and approve (e-stamp) all documents provided or delivered to COUNTY. Electronic plan check review and approval is the preferred and recommended process.
  - 1. A/E shall furnish the transport, requisite to the performance of service, of all hard copy documents to be picked up or delivered to COUNTY, and all documents for which transport originates in the office of A/E, and/or, in offices of A/E’s associations. Transport shall be expedited by one of the following methods:
    - 1. Prompt hand-carry of hard copy documents by staff of A/E or A/E’s associates.
    - 2. Express Service of a common carrier.
- N. A/E shall furnish a certification of approval of the drawings and of related documents, for each project and approval stamp, signature and date on each sheet of the drawing for each project for which service shall be performed.
  - 1. The A/E company and signature block stamp (electronic e-stamp and hard copy) with specific text language (indicated below) shall appear on each plan page, each report cover and all exhibits:
  - 2. Signature block and approval stamp text language:

REVIEWED FOR CODE COMPLIANCE

These plans and documents have been reviewed and found to be in compliance with the applicable jurisdiction code requirements. Issuance of a permit is recommended subject to approval by other departments and any noted conditions. This approval does not relieve the engineer of record of their responsibility to prepare the plans, specification, maps and other record documents per current codes and applicable standards of practice.

A/E COMPANY

Signature	Date
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- 3. List of the appropriate regulations as delineated in the “SCOPE” to be identified on plan title sheet.
- 4. Appropriate COUNTY approvals stamps shall appear on each plan page, report cover and all exhibits.
- O. A/E shall bear cost associated with remote access to COUNTY systems and other electronic management systems necessary to perform services listed in scope
- P. A/E shall warrant to perform the service in accordance with the standards of care and diligence normally practiced by recognized planning firms, established engineering firms, inspection firms or professional firms in the performance of service of a similar nature.

1. A/E shall correct error(s) in service, with no expense to County, when County or the applicant shall show that the error(s) is due to failure of A/E to meet the standards warranted in Paragraph 1, preceding.
2. A/E shall not be responsible for error(s) in service, when A/E shall show to County's satisfaction that the error(s) is due to the incompleteness, or the inaccuracy, of the information furnished to A/E by County or applicant.

Q. A/E shall have all necessary professional liability insurance as required by COUNTY.

R. A/E shall meet with COUNTY Managers semi-annually for evaluation and review of performance on services to COUNTY and its clients.

#### **IV. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. COUNTY shall provide A/E personnel workstation at the County Office and/or the ability to work offsite remotely at the sole discretion of the County.
- B. COUNTY shall provide initial training for County permitting and land management system (i.e. the APPS Program or equivalent software) and County file management systems organization (SharePoint, shared drives, share portals) access to applicable regulations, and appropriate forms, checklists, fees/deposits information associated with services. The cost of such training shall be covered by A/E.
- C. COUNTY shall meet with A/E representative semi-annually for evaluation and review of performance on services to the COUNTY and its clients.

**ATTACHMENT B  
A/E'S PRICING (FEE SCHEDULE)**

- I. COMPENSATION:** This is a fixed-fee, usage CONTRACT between COUNTY and A/E for **On-Call Architect-Engineer Services for General Services** as set forth in Attachment A, "Scope of Work".

A/E agrees to accept the specified compensation as set forth in this CONTRACT as full remuneration for performing all services and furnishing all staffing, labor, vehicles, equipment, tools, materials, overhead, travel, etc. required, for any reasonably unforeseen difficulties which may arise or be encountered in the execution of the services until acceptance, for risks connected with the services, and for performance by A/E of all its duties and obligations hereunder. A/E shall only be compensated as set forth herein below for work performed in accordance with the Scope of Work. **COUNTY shall have no obligation to pay any sum in excess of the Total CONTRACT Amount specified herein below unless authorized by amendment in accordance with Paragraphs 6.3 and 6.19 of the COUNTY CONTRACT Terms and Conditions.**

- II. PRICING:** Payment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this CONTRACT. Partial progress payments may be allowed at the discretion of the COUNTY Project Manager. Payment shall be as follows:

**A. Fee Schedule:**

Compensation for services provided by the A/E shall be based on an hourly rate that shall not exceed \$100.00 per hour, with the exceptions of the hourly rates for specialized environmental related services such as biological expertise; cultural resources; and archeological and paleontological services, which shall not exceed \$125 per hour; engineers shall not exceed \$110; and inspection services, which shall not exceed \$110 per hour. Furthermore, compensation shall be based on the actual amount of plan check time billed to the County.

- B. ~~Total AGGREGATE CONTRACT Amount Shall Not Exceed: \$10,500,000~~**

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**Total AGGREGATE CONTRACT Amount Shall Not Exceed: \$7,000,000**

- III. PRICE INCREASES/DECREASES:** No price increases will be permitted during the term of this CONTRACT. All price decreases will automatically be extended to COUNTY.
- IV. FIRM DISCOUNT AND PRICING STRUCTURE:** A/E guarantees that prices quoted are equal to or less than prices quoted to any other local, State or Federal government entity for services of equal or lesser scope. A/E agrees that no price increases shall be passed along to COUNTY during the term of this CONTRACT not otherwise specified and provided for within this CONTRACT.
- V. A/E'S EXPENSE:** A/E will be responsible for all costs related to photo copying, telephone communications and fax communications while on COUNTY sites during the performance of work and services under this CONTRACT.
- VI. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:** Reimbursable items are non-salary items that are not included in the Scope of Work but necessary for completion of the work and must be authorized in advance by the COUNTY Project Manager. A/E may be entitled to reimbursement for the following, upon prior approval by COUNTY:

- 1) The actual costs of special equipment to be rented, leased or purchased by A/E for use exclusively in the performance of the Scope of Services, to the extent such rental, lease, purchase and costs have been approved in writing by the COUNTY Project Manager.
- 2) Printing expenses paid to outside contractors; to the extent such contractors and reproduction rates have been approved by the COUNTY Project Manager.
- 3) Other actual costs and/or payments specifically approved and authorized in writing by the COUNTY Project Manager and actually incurred by A/E in performance of this Contract.
- 4) Travel costs shall only be reimbursed if approved in advance in writing by COUNTY Project Manager and are subject to the following restrictions:
  - a) Reimbursement of mileage for the business use of a personal vehicle during the conduct of business within the Scope of Services of this CONTRACT shall be based on the Internal Revenue Service Standard Mileage Rate in effect at the time. Mileage between the A/E's "Home Based" office location and OC Public Works location, as well as mileage within OC Public Works property will not be reimbursed.
  - b) Cost of "Home Based" Xerox copies, faxes, and other supplies and materials associated with them will not be reimbursed.
  - c) Cost of cellular phones, cell phone usage plans and usage minutes, and other mobile communication devices will not be reimbursed.

All reimbursable expenses must be itemized on A/E invoice(s) and documented with receipts. Receipts for reimbursable expenses must be submitted with all A/E invoices. Invoices for reimbursable expenses without back-up receipts will not be paid. A/E is responsible for submitting reimbursable invoices in a format that is acceptable to the COUNTY. Reimbursable items shall be charged at cost. Any third-party or subcontractor services shall also be charged at cost; no mark-ups will be allowed.

**VII. PAYMENT TERMS:** Invoices are to be submitted in monthly arrears, after services have been completed, to the address specified below. Payment will be net thirty (30) days after receipt of an invoice in a format acceptable to the COUNTY, as applicable. Invoices shall be verified and approved by COUNTY and subject to routine processing requirements. The responsibility for providing an acceptable invoice to COUNTY for payment rests with A/E. Incomplete or incorrect invoices are not acceptable and will be returned to the A/E for correction.

Billing shall cover services and/or goods not previously invoiced. The A/E shall reimburse the COUNTY for any monies paid to the A/E for goods or services not provided or when goods or services do not meet the CONTRACT requirements.

Payments made by COUNTY shall not preclude the right of COUNTY from thereafter disputing any items or services involved or billed under this CONTRACT and shall not be construed as acceptance of any part of the goods or services.

**VIII. INVOICING INSTRUCTIONS:** The A/E will provide an invoice on the A/E's letterhead. Each invoice will have a unique number and will include the following information:

- A. A/E's name and address
- B. A/E's remittance address, if different from (A), above
- C. Name of COUNTY agency/department
- D. Delivery/service address
- E. CONTRACT number
- F. Service Date

- G. Description of Services
- H. Total
- I. Taxpayer ID number

Invoices and support documentation are to be forwarded to:

OC Public Works  
Attn: Accounts Payable  
300 N Flower St  
Santa Ana, CA 92703

A/E has the option of receiving payment directly to their bank account via an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) process in lieu of a check payment. Payment made via EFT will also receive Electronic Remittance Advice with the payment details via email. An email address will need to be provided to the COUNTY via an EFT Authorization Form. To request a form, please contact the DPA.

ATTACHMENT C  
STAFFING PLAN

1. **A/E KEY PERSONNEL**

Name	Classification/ Designation	Years of Experience	Licenses/ Certifications (include license number)
Ludwig Smeets	Resident Engineer / Project	35	Civil/CA/C37221
Nate Oakes	Engineering Plans Examiner	10	C-82248
Craig Lewis	Structural Plan Check	25	SE-4765
Nathan Towler	Water Quality	10	C-81643
Dan Reiter	MEP Plan Check	22	M25091
Sarmad Fario	Grading Plan Check	24	C-80769
Dorothy Leever	Plan Check Examiner	22	C-57988
Mike Fisher	Grading Plan Check	30	
Don Terres	Geologist	24	
Ron Tippits	City Planner	32	RLA2004

A/E understands that the personnel represented as assigned to the CONTRACT must remain working on the CONTRACT throughout the duration of the CONTRACT unless otherwise requested or approved by the COUNTY. Substitution or addition of A/E's key personnel in any given category or classification shall be allowed only with prior written approval of the COUNTY Project Manager. **Note: The written approval of substituted A/E Key Personnel is for departmental use only and shall not be used for auditing purposes outside OC Public Works.**

A/E may reserve the right to involve other A/E personnel, as their services are required. The specific individuals will be assigned based on the need and timing of the service/classification required. Assignment of additional key personnel shall be subject to COUNTY Project Manager written approval. **Note: The written approval of additional A/E Key Personnel is for departmental use only and shall not be used for auditing purposes outside OC Public Works.** COUNTY reserves the right to have any A/E personnel removed from providing services to COUNTY under this CONTRACT. COUNTY is not required to provide any reason for the request for removal of any A/E personnel.

2. **SUBCONTRACTOR(S) (IF APPLICABLE)**

Listed below are subcontractor(s) anticipated by A/E to perform services specified in Attachment A. Substitution or addition of A/E's subcontractors in any given project function shall be allowed only with prior written approval of the COUNTY's Project Manager.

Company Name & Address	Contact Name and Telephone Number	Project Function
NMG	Tom Devine (949) 442-2442	Geotechnical Engineer
Kobata & Associates	Roger Kobata, RLA (562) 860-1021	Landscaping Plan Check
PA & Associates	Parviz Azar (949) 679-7474	Geotechnical Report Reviews
Hartzog & Crabill Traffic Engineers	Trammel Hartzog, (714) 731-9455	Traffic Plans & Report Reviews
CSG Consultants	Rafael Cornejo	Alternate Plan Checking