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CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES

Client Name: City of Lincolnton
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Project: C-5606I Highway 27 Sidewalk Connector

Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this contract for engineering and surveying services for the above referenced project.

Project Overview

It is our understanding that the TGS will update all previous documents for this project to current standards. All of the final documents were approved by NCDOT back in 2019 so there should not be any design changes. But if NCDOT does require design revisions, there would be additional engineering cost.

Also, it is our understanding that TGS will not be responsible for the construction contract, letting the project, contract administration or construction inspection.

Scope of Work

See Exhibit A in attached contract.

Sincerely,

B. Chad Houser

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TGS Engineers
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Suite 200,
Shelby NC 28150
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER
AND
(ENGINEERING FIRM)
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made as of this _____ day of _____, 2025, between the City of Lincolnton ("OWNER"), with principal offices at 14 West Sycamore Street, Post Office Box 617, Lincolnton, NC 28093 and TGS Engineers, ("ENGINEER"), with principal offices at 201 W. Marion St Street, Suite 200, Shelby, NC, 28150 for services in connection with the project known as C-5606I ("Project")

WHEREAS, OWNER desires to engage ENGINEER to provide professional engineering, consulting and related services ("Services") in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, ENGINEER desires to render these Services as described in SECTION I, Scope of Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, OWNER and ENGINEER in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, agree as follows:

SECTION I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

ENGINEER will provide Services for the Project, which consist of the Scope of Services as outlined on the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

The "Terms and Conditions," which are attached hereto in Exhibit B, are incorporated into this Agreement by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNER

The OWNER shall provide the information set forth in paragraph 6 of the attached Terms and Conditions for Professional Services.

SECTION IV. COMPENSATION

Compensation for ENGINEER'S services under this Agreement shall be on the basis of lump sum. The amount of the lump sum is Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000.00). (See Exhibit A for cost breakdown)

The amount of any sales tax, excise tax, value added tax (VAT), or gross receipts tax that may be imposed on this Agreement shall be added to the ENGINEER'S compensation as Reimbursable Expenses.

Compensation terms are defined as follows:

Lump Sum shall mean a fixed amount which shall be the total compensation agreed upon in advance for Scope of Services.

SECTION V. PERIOD OF SERVICE

Upon receipt of written authorization to proceed, ENGINEER shall perform the services within the time period(s) described in Exhibit A.

Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement, the rates of compensation for ENGINEER'S services have been agreed to in anticipation of the orderly and continuous progress of the project through completion. If any specified dates for the completion of ENGINEER'S services are exceeded through no fault of the ENGINEER, such as Acts of God, Delay attributed solely to Owner or unforeseeable delay related to Regulatory Agency, the time for performance of those services shall be automatically extended for a period which may be reasonably required for their completion and all rates, measures and amounts of ENGINEER'S compensation may be equitably adjusted, as agreed to in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

City of Lincolnton "OWNER

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

DATE: _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: 114 West Sycamore Street
Post Office Box 617
Lincolnton, NC 28093

(ENGINEERING FIRM)
"ENGINEER"

BY:

B. Chad Houser

NAME: B. Chad Houser

DATE: 2/03/2025

TITLE: Project Manager

ADDRESS: 201 W. Marion St. Suite 200
Shelby, NC 28150

EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF SERVICES

- Update CE Document
- Update Natural Resources Report
- Update Structures Special Provisions
- Update Roadway Special Provisions
- Update Construction Estimate
- Update Roadway Plans
- Update Structures Plans
- Update Traffic Control Plans
- Update Pavement Marking Plans

SCHEDULE

Work shall begin upon notice to proceed and shall be completed within 60 days of the notice to proceed.

FEE SCHEDULE

TOTAL LUMP SUM FEE = $12,000.00

EXHIBIT B

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Terms and Conditions for Professional Services

1. **STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE**
The standard of care for all professional engineering, consulting and related services performed or furnished by ENGINEER and its employees under this Agreement will be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of ENGINEER's profession. ENGINEER makes no warranties, express or implied, under this Agreement or otherwise, in connection with ENGINEER's services.

2. **INSURANCE/INDEMNITY**
ENGINEER agrees to procure and maintain, at its expense, Workers' Compensation insurance as required by statute; Employer's Liability of $250,000; Automobile Liability insurance of $1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage covering all vehicles, including hired vehicles, owned and non-owned vehicles; Commercial General Liability insurance of $1,000,000 combined single limit for personal injury and property damage; and Professional Liability insurance of $2,000,000 per claim for protection against claims arising out of the performance of services under this Agreement caused by negligent acts, errors, or omissions for which ENGINEER is legally liable. OWNER shall be made an additional insured on Commercial General and Automobile Liability insurance policies and certificates of insurance will be furnished to the OWNER. ENGINEER agrees to indemnify OWNER for claims to the extent caused by ENGINEER's negligent acts, errors or omissions. However, neither Party to this Agreement shall be liable to the other Party for any special, incidental, indirect, or consequential damages arising out of, resulting from, or in any way related to the Project or the Agreement from any cause or causes, including but not limited to any such damages caused by the negligence, errors or omissions, strict liability or breach of contract.

3. **OPINIONS OF PROBABLE COST (COST ESTIMATES)**
Any opinions of probable project cost or probable construction cost provided by ENGINEER are made on the basis of information available to ENGINEER and on the basis of ENGINEER's experience and qualifications, and represents its judgment as an experienced and qualified professional engineer. However, since ENGINEER has no control over the cost of labor, materials, equipment or services furnished by others, or over the contractor(s') methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, ENGINEER does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual project or construction cost will not vary from opinions of probable cost ENGINEER prepares.

4. **CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES**
ENGINEER's observation or monitoring portions of the work performed under construction contracts shall not relieve the contractor from its responsibility for performing work in accordance with applicable contract documents. ENGINEER shall not control or have charge of, and shall not be responsible for, construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures of construction, health or safety programs or precautions connected with the work and shall not manage, supervise, control or have charge of construction. ENGINEER shall not be responsible for the acts or omissions of the contractor or other parties on the project. ENGINEER shall be entitled to review all construction contract documents and to require that no provisions extend the duties or liabilities of ENGINEER beyond those set forth in this Agreement.

5. **CONTROLLING LAW**
This Agreement is to be governed by the state of NC. Jurisdiction and Venue shall lie with the courts of County, NC.

6. **SERVICES AND INFORMATION**
OWNER will provide all criteria and information pertaining to OWNER's requirements for the project, including design objectives and constraints, space, capacity and performance requirements, flexibility and expandability, and any budgetary limitations. OWNER will also provide copies of any OWNER-furnished Standard Details, Standard Specifications, or Standard Bidding Documents which are to be incorporated into the project.

In performing professional engineering and related services hereunder, it is understood by OWNER that ENGINEER is not engaged in rendering any type of legal, insurance or accounting services, opinions or advice. Further, it is the OWNER's sole responsibility to obtain the advice of an attorney, insurance counselor or accountant to protect the OWNER's legal and financial interests. To that end, the OWNER agrees that OWNER or the OWNER's representative will examine all studies, reports, sketches, drawings, specifications, proposals and other documents, opinions or advice prepared or provided by ENGINEER, and will obtain the advice of an attorney, insurance counselor or other consultant as the OWNER deems necessary to protect the OWNER's interests before OWNER takes action or forebears to take action based upon or relying upon the services provided by ENGINEER.

7. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**
OWNER and ENGINEER, respectively, bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to the covenants of this Agreement. Neither OWNER nor ENGINEER will assign, sublet, or transfer any interest in this Agreement or claims arising therefrom without the written consent of the other.

8. **RE-USE OF DOCUMENTS**
Upon payment of all amounts rightfully owed by Owner to the Engineer for services rendered with respect to the Services provided under this Agreement, all plans, drawings, specifications, elements of design, models, reports, submissions, mock-ups and other documents and materials that are produced by the Engineer as part of its performance of such Services hereunder (hereinafter the "Design Documents"), with the exception of those documents that constitute standard details, specifications, and/or other data and/or materials that are regularly used by the Engineer and/or the professional design industry in the normal course of business, shall be deemed to be the property of Owner. Any reuse or

modification of such documents for purposes other than those intended by the Engineer shall be at the Owner's sole risk and without liability to the Engineer.

9. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

OWNER or ENGINEER may terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, by giving ten (10) days written notice to the other party. Where the method of payment is "lump sum," or cost reimbursement, the final invoice will include all services and expenses associated with the project up to the effective date of termination. An equitable adjustment shall also be made to provide for termination settlement costs ENGINEER incurs as a result of commitments that had become firm before termination.

10. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and binding upon the parties. One or more waivers by either party of any provision, term or condition shall not be construed by the other party as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same provision, term or condition.

11. INVOICES

ENGINEER will submit monthly invoices for services rendered and OWNER will make payments within 30 days in response to ENGINEER's invoices.

ENGINEER will retain receipts for reimbursable expenses in general accordance with Internal Revenue Service rules pertaining to the support of expenditures for income tax purposes. Receipts will be available for inspection by OWNER's auditors upon request.

If OWNER disputes any items in ENGINEER's invoice for any reason, including the lack of supporting documentation, OWNER may temporarily delete the disputed item and pay the remaining amount of the invoice. OWNER will promptly notify ENGINEER of the dispute and request clarification and/or correction. After any dispute has been settled, ENGINEER will include the disputed item on a subsequent, regularly scheduled invoice, or on a special invoice for the disputed item only.

OWNER recognizes that late payment of invoices results in extra expenses for ENGINEER. ENGINEER retains the right to assess OWNER interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, but not to exceed the maximum rate allowed by law, on invoices which are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt by OWNER. In the event undisputed portions of ENGINEER's invoices are not paid when due, ENGINEER also reserves the right, after ten (10) days prior written notice, to suspend the performance of its services under this Agreement until all past due amounts have been paid in full.

12. CHANGES

The parties agree that no change or modification to this Agreement, or any attachments hereto, shall have any force or effect unless the change is reduced to writing, dated, and made part of this Agreement. The execution of the change shall be authorized and signed in the same manner as this Agreement. Adjustments in the period of services and in compensation shall be in accordance with applicable paragraphs and sections of this Agreement. Any proposed fees by ENGINEER are estimates to perform the services required to complete the project as ENGINEER understands it to be defined. For those projects involving conceptual or process development services, activities often are not fully definable in the initial planning. In any event, as the project progresses, the facts developed may dictate a change in the services to be performed, which may alter the scope. ENGINEER will inform OWNER of such situations so that changes in scope and adjustments to the time of performance and compensation can be made as required. If such change, additional services, or suspension of services results in an increase or decrease in the cost of or time required for performance of the services, an equitable adjustment may be made, and the Agreement modified accordingly.

13. CONTROLLING AGREEMENT

These Terms and Conditions shall take precedence over any inconsistent or contradictory provisions contained in any proposal, contract, purchase order, requisition, notice-to-proceed, or like document.

14. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT AND NONDISCRIMINATION

In connection with the services under this Agreement, ENGINEER agrees to comply with the applicable provisions of federal and state Equal Employment Opportunity for individuals based on color, religion, sex, or national origin, or disabled veteran, recently separated veteran, other protected veteran and armed forces service medal veteran status, disabilities under provisions of executive order 11246, and other employment, statutes and regulations, as stated in Title 41 Part 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations § 60-1.4 (a-f), § 60-300.5 (a-e), § 60-741 (a-e).

ENGINEER shall comply with NC's e-verify program.

15. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

OWNER represents to ENGINEER that, to the best of its knowledge, no hazardous materials are present at the project site. However, in the event hazardous materials are known to be present, OWNER represents that to the best of its knowledge it has disclosed to ENGINEER the existence of all such hazardous materials, including but not limited to asbestos, PCB's, petroleum, hazardous waste, or radioactive material located at or near the project site, including type, quantity and location of such hazardous materials. It is acknowledged by both parties that ENGINEER's scope of services do not include services related in any way to hazardous materials. In the event ENGINEER or any other party encounters undisclosed hazardous materials, ENGINEER shall have the obligation to notify OWNER and, to the extent required by law or regulation, the appropriate governmental officials, and ENGINEER may, at its option and without liability for delay, consequential or any other damages to OWNER, suspend performance of services on that portion of the project affected by hazardous materials until OWNER: (i) retains appropriate specialist consultant(s) or contractor(s) to identify and, as appropriate, abate, remediate, or remove the hazardous materials; and (ii) warrants that the project site is in full compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. OWNER acknowledges that ENGINEER is performing professional services for OWNER and that ENGINEER is not and shall not be required to become an "arranger," "operator," "generator," or "transporter" of hazardous materials, as defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1990 (CERCLA), which are or may be encountered at or near the project site in connection with ENGINEER's services under this Agreement. If ENGINEER's services hereunder cannot be performed because of the existence of hazardous materials, ENGINEER shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement for cause on 30 days written notice. To the fullest extent permitted by law, OWNER shall indemnify and hold harmless ENGINEER, its officers, directors, partners, employees, and subconsultants from and against all costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals, and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) caused by,

arising out of or resulting from hazardous materials, provided that (i) any such cost, loss, or damage is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than completed Work), including the loss of use resulting therefrom, and (ii) nothing in this paragraph shall obligate OWNER to indemnify any individual or entity from and against the consequences of that individual's or entity's sole negligence or willful misconduct.

16. EXECUTION

This Agreement, including the exhibits and schedules made part hereof, constitute the entire Agreement between ENGINEER and OWNER, supersedes and controls over all prior written or oral understandings. This Agreement may be amended, supplemented or modified only by a written instrument duly executed by the parties.

17. ALLOCATION OF RISK

OWNER and ENGINEER have evaluated the risks and rewards associated with this project, including ENGINEER'S fee relative to the risks assumed, and agree to allocate certain of the risks, so, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the total aggregate liability of Engineer (and its related corporations, sub consultants, and employees) to OWNER and third parties granted reliance is limited to the greater of $(_____) or its fee, for any and all injuries, damages, claims, losses, or expenses (including attorney and expert fees) arising out of ENGINEER's services or this Agreement regardless of cause(s) or the theory of liability, including negligence, indemnity, or other recovery. This limitation shall not apply to the extent the damage is paid under Engineer's commercial general liability insurance policy.

18. LITIGATION SUPPORT

In the event ENGINEER is required to respond to a subpoena, government inquiry or other legal process related to the services in connection with a legal or dispute resolution proceeding to which ENGINEER is not a party or negligent in the performance of services rendered, OWNER shall reimburse ENGINEER for reasonable costs in responding and compensate ENGINEER at its then standard rates for reasonable time incurred in gathering information and documents and attending depositions, hearings, and trial.

19. UTILITY LOCATION

If underground sampling/testing is to be performed, a local utility locating service shall be contacted to make arrangements for all utilities to determine the location of underground utilities. In addition, OWNER shall notify ENGINEER of the presence and location of any underground utilities located on the OWNER's property which are not the responsibility of private/public utilities. ENGINEER shall take reasonable precautions to avoid damaging underground utilities that are properly marked.

20. PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

All work shall be sealed by a properly licensed design professional in North Carolina doing business in the state of North Carolina. These shall include but not be limited to: Engineer, Landscape Architect, Surveyor, Architect, Geologist, etc.

21. IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT

By executing this Agreement/Contract, Contractor hereby certifies that Contractor is not listed on the Iran Final Divestment List ("List") created by the State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S. 147-86.58, Iran Divestment Act ("Act"). In compliance with the Act's requirement and N.C.G.S. § 147-86.59, Contractor shall not utilize in the performance of this agreement/contract any subcontractor that is identified on the List. The List can be found on the State Treasurer's website at the address www.nctreasurer.com/Iran and should be updated at least every 180 days.