

**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
C-07-128B-10-29**

THIS AGREEMENT is made as of the 29th day of October, 2007 by and between HIDALGO COUNTY , TEXAS, acting herein by and through the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, hereinafter called the "Owner" and professional engineers , Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc., of, McAllen, Texas, hereinafter called the "Engineer".

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the engineer desires to provide Geotechnical Engineering Study to Hidalgo County to determine subsurface conditions at the subject site and to develop information to guide design and construction of foundation and pavement systems for the proposed Hidalgo County New Governmental Facility as described in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Project").

NOW, THEREFORE, Owner and Engineer and in the mutual consideration expressed hereinafter, County and Engineer agree as follows:

1. Owner agrees to employ Engineer and Engineer agrees to perform professional engineering services in connection with the project as stated in Exhibit "A" and in the sections to follow, and for having rendered such services, Owner agrees to pay Engineer compensation as stated in the sections to follow.

2. Engineer shall render the following professional services as may be necessary for the development of the Project and as more particularly described in Exhibit "A".

2.1 The Engineer shall perform the engineering services as more fully described in Exhibit "A" and which can be amended as desired by the Owner and agreed in writing by the Engineer.

3. As consideration for services of Engineer described herein, County agrees to pay Engineer the fees as outlined in the Exhibit "B" fee schedule, which is attached to and made a part of this contract and not to exceed in the amount of \$2,450.00 as described in Exhibit "A" as the Project Value.

4. Invoices received by County from Engineer are payable upon receipt at PO Box 971037, Dallas, Texas 75397-1037.

5. County and Engineer agree that either party may terminate this Contract upon thirty (30) days written notice at any time for any reason or no reason at all. In the event this Contract is terminated without cause by County, but not otherwise, any unpaid fees or compensation owing to Engineer at the time of termination under this contract shall be due and payable to Engineer within thirty (30) days following the time of contract termination.

6. Engineer may not assign the obligations or rights under this Contract to any person without the prior written consent of County.

7. The term of this Contract shall commence upon execution of contract and terminate upon completion of project as specified in Exhibit "A".

8. Engineer shall comply with the insurance obligations set forth in Exhibit "C" entitled "Insurance Requirements", attached hereto and incorporated in the Agreement.

Engineer currently maintains a general and professional liability insurance policy to cover the liability of Engineer connected with the performance of the Services or any service by this Agreement in an amount equal to or exceeding \$1,000,000.00 and Engineer covenants and agrees to use its best efforts to obtain renewals of such policy. Engineer agrees to furnish Owner certificate of the insurance showing the said policy to be in full force and effect at all times during the period of this Agreement is in effect.

9. Notice. Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Contract, all

notices,

demands, requests or communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be either be (i) personally delivered against a written receipt, or (ii) sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may have been theretofore specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

If to County: County Of Hidalgo, Texas
Attention: County Judge
100 E. Cano St.-2nd Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Engineer: Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc.
Martin Vila, P.E., Vice President
800 E. Hackberry
McAllen, Texas 78501

Each notice, demand, request of communication which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it is personally delivered to the addressee or, if mailed, at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

10. **Conflict with Applicable Law.** Nothing in this Contract shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Contract and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment hereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the latter shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of this Contract shall be modified only to the extend necessary to bring them within the legal requirements and only during the time such conflict exists.

11. **No Waiver.** No waiver by County of any breach of any provision of this Contract shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding branch of the same or any other provision hereof.

12. **Entire Agreement.** This Contract contains the entire Contract between the parties

hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representations or agreements in connection with this Contract not specifically set forth herein. This Contract may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by County and Contractor and not otherwise.

13. **Texas Law to Apply.** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

14. **Additional Documents.** The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Contract.

15. **Successors.** This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Contract.

16. **Assignment.** This Agreement shall be not assignable except as elsewhere provided herein; provided, however that Engineer may assign its right to receive payments hereunder for the purpose of obtaining financing so long as Engineer is not excused from and/or does not delegate its duties hereunder.

17. **Headings.** The heading and captions contained in this Contract are solely for convenient reference and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision or paragraph hereof.

18. **Gender and Number.** All pronouns used in this Contract shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate.

19. **Ethical Provision.** It is understood that the employees of County or individuals acting as acting as agents for County are not authorized to receive any type of personal payment, reimbursement, compensation, commission, gift or gratuity for services provided under this Contract. Engineer warrants that no employee or agent of the County has been retained to solicit or secure this Contract and that Engineer has not paid or agreed to pay any employee of Engineer any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or any other consideration contingent upon the making of this Contract, or as an inducement for entering into this Contract. The unauthorized offering of receipt of such payments may result in the immediate termination of this Contract.

20. **Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of County under this Agreement, County may terminate this Agreement upon ten (10) days written notice to Engineer. County agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of County pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. § 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1995).

21. **Indemnity and Hold Harmless.** Engineer agrees to indemnify and hold County harmless from any loss, costs, liabilities or damages which are incurred by County which are primarily attributable to the acts or omissions of Engineer or the acts or omissions of Engineer's employees, agents, or other representatives, including the violation of any law or regulation related to Contractor's duties under this Agreement.

22. **Authority to Execute.** The execution and performance of this Contract by County and Engineer have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Contract constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of County and Engineer in accordance with its terms.

EXECUTED and effective as of the day and year first written above.

Commissioners Court approval 29th day of October, 2007.

Approved as to form:

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS

Atlas & Hall, L.L.P

By: _____

By: _____

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Date: _____

Juan D. Salinas III, County Judge
Date: _____

ATTEST:

RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC.

Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

Date: _____

Martin Vila, P.E., Vice President
Date: _____

EXHIBIT "A"

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Proposal No. PMA07-198-00
September 19, 2007



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AUTHORIZATION FORM

ON THE BASIS OF THE DOCUMENTS RECEIVED BY OUR OFFICE VIA ELECTRONIC-MAIL ATTACHMENT ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007, BY MR. EDUARDO ALCÓCER, A.I.A., PARTNER, WITH ALCÓCER GARCÍA ASSOCIATES, CLIENT, WE THANK YOU FOR SELECTING RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC. (R-K) TO BE PART OF THE DESIGN TEAM TO PERFORM GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT.

I, CLIENT, HEREBY AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AUTHORIZATION FORM, INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS, AND AUTHORIZE R-K TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING SERVICE(S):

Perform a geotechnical engineering study for the proposed single-story, about 14,500 ft², County government center building to be located at 2802 South U.S. Business 281 in Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas. On the basis of geologic evidence and our past experience with subsurface conditions in the vicinity of this site, we propose to drill two structural exploratory borings within the proposed building footprint area to a maximum depth of 25 ft each below the existing ground surface elevation. We will perform laboratory testing including moisture content tests, Atterberg Limits, and -200 tests. We will provide a written engineering report to include foundation design and construction recommendations for the proposed official building. It is understood that access to the site and underground utility clearance will be provided by the CLIENT.

LOCATION WHERE SERVICES ARE TO BE PERFORMED: Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas

NAME OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY (CLIENT) THAT APPROVES PAYMENT OF ABOVE SERVICES:
Eduardo Alcócer, A.I.A., Partner, with Alcócer García Associates

PROJECT VALUE: \$2,450.00 (Assumes boring locations are accessible to truck-mounted drill rigs)

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE: Report issued within 25 working days of receiving written authorization to proceed. We will provide verbal information as the data becomes available.

Historically, the cost of our field services is about 45 percent of our total cost. These services are predominantly provided by subcontractors. In order to promptly pay our subcontractors and continue to be able to respond to your needs, we will send you an interim invoice for 45% of the total cost as soon as the field exploration phase of our study is complete.


Our invoices are due and payable upon receipt at P.O. Box 971037, Dallas, Texas 75397-1037. All parties hereby agree that this contract upon acceptance will be performable in Bexar County, Texas. Our services will be performed in accordance with this letter agreement and the enclosed attachments. Please return a signed original of this document to provide our firm with written authorization to proceed.

It should be noted that our study scope (and project cost) does not include plan review or earthwork and foundation excavation observations during the construction of the project. However, plan review and construction observation costs should be included in the project budget.

It should also be mentioned that our study scope (and project cost) does not include professional time or travel expenses for participation in design team meetings. If these services are required, they will be billed at our standard billing rates for professional time plus expenses.

SIGNATURE:	X	DATE:	
PRINTED NAME:	Mr. Eduardo Alcócer, A.I.A., Partner		
COMPANY NAME:	Alcócer García Associates		
COMPANY ADDRESS:	10125 North 10 th Street, Suite "A" Sevilla Tower		
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	McAllen, Texas 78504		
PHONE NUMBER:	(956) 380-6600	FAX NUMBER:	(956) 380-6602
E-MAIL:	edo@agadc.com		

RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC.



Manuel E. Zea, E.I.T.
Graduate Engineer



Katrin Miovski, P.E.
Project Engineer

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Attachments I & II

ATTACHMENT I

RABA-KISTNER COMPANIES

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. RABA-KISTNER (Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc.; Raba-Kistner Consultants (SW), Inc.; Raba-Kistner-Brytest, Inc.; Raba-Kistner Infrastructure, Inc.) is being engaged by the CLIENT to render professional services involving various aspects of design, construction observation, or the condition of various building, site, and/or environmental materials, which may contain or be contaminated by hazardous materials and asbestos containing materials (ACM).

Raba-Kistner (hereafter referred to as R-K) provides a wide variety of services. Services provided by different R-K companies or different departments therein, to the same Client, occasionally overlap. CLIENT acknowledges that R-K has no obligation to research prior work by R-K for CLIENT or others, or work performed by R-K or others at the proposed project site, regardless of the specific R-K companies, departments or office locations that will be involved in the proposed work.

2. R-K will perform its services in accordance with the standard of care and diligence normally practiced by recognized professional firms in performing services of a similar nature, in the same locality, under similar circumstances. CLIENT expressly acknowledges that R-K makes no other warranties or guarantees, expressed or implied, regarding the services set forth herein. CLIENT expressly acknowledges that all of the services provided to it by R-K pursuant to this Agreement are professional services involving only R-K's advice, judgment and opinion. R-K will apply professional judgment in determining the extent to which R-K will comply with any given standard identified in R-K's instruments of professional services. Unless otherwise stated in writing, such compliance, referred to as "general compliance", specifically excludes consideration of any standard listed as a reference in the text of those standards cited by R-K.
3. CLIENT will provide right-of-entry to the buildings and sites which are the subjects of R-K's services. CLIENT represents that it possesses authority for such right-of-entry and that the building/site operator(s) possess the necessary permits and licenses for current activities at the site.
4. The CLIENT will be responsible for providing the location of all underground utilities and other structures in the vicinity of our borings. R-K cannot accept responsibility and will not be liable for penetrating any underground utility, underground storage tank, or other subsurface condition not previously identified and located, or improperly located, by the CLIENT or a utility agency.
5. If materials are encountered in the field which are judged to be potentially hazardous or a danger to our personnel, all field work will cease and the CLIENT will be notified. Subsequent work on the project will then be conducted only with specific additional authorization from the CLIENT and will be charged at appropriate revised unit rates. The scope of work and cost estimate does not include the cost of containerizing any waste or cuttings or their removal from the site. Such materials will be containerized and left at the site.

The results of sample analyses or other information will be used to render a professional opinion regarding the nature of materials left on site. If this information indicates the materials are hazardous or potentially hazardous, and if CLIENT does not wish the waste or drill cuttings to be left on site, R-K will have such materials transported to a licensed facility for final disposal using a manifest signed by the CLIENT as generator. CLIENT agrees to pay all costs associated with management, analyses, storage,

transportation, and disposal of materials. CLIENT recognizes and agrees that R-K at no time assumes ownership to said materials.

6. The scope of work and cost estimate does not include costs incurred to provide access to sites which are inaccessible to our truck-mounted drill rigs and support vehicles. They also do not include costs incurred due to delays caused by inclement weather.
7. All samples obtained at the site will be managed by R-K. R-K will retain preservable samples and the residues from testing of all samples that, in R-K's professional opinion, do not contain materials that are hazardous or potentially hazardous, for 30 days after submission of its report. The samples and residues will be disposed of at the end of the 30 day period.

In the event that in R-K's professional opinion, the samples contain potential constituents of concern, R-K will return such samples and residues to CLIENT, or, using a manifest signed by CLIENT as generator, R-K will have such samples transported to a licensed facility for final disposal. CLIENT agrees to pay all costs associated with management, analyses, storage, transportation, and disposal of materials. CLIENT recognizes and agrees that R-K at no time assumes ownership of said samples.

8. R-K will be compensated largely on the basis of the time required in rendering these professional services -- not on the basis of potential legal liabilities created by any risks associated from the hazardous materials and ACM.

During its prime, asbestos was used in over 3,000 different products and can still be found in some products today. Consequently, attempts to locate and identify "all" asbestos in a survey would be both impractical and cost prohibitive. If retained to conduct an asbestos survey, R-K will direct its efforts at locating accessible, friable asbestos and non-friable asbestos which, in R-K's professional opinion, might become friable as a result of remodeling activities.

Likewise, several thousand chemicals, wastes, and other materials have been designated as hazardous or toxic by various laws and regulations. If retained to conduct a site assessment with respect to such materials, R-K will direct its efforts at locating the most significant sources, or potential sources, of such materials which, in R-K's professional opinion, have the potential for causing the most significant impact.

9. R-K may provide CLIENT with a written report in connection with the services performed. The report will present such findings and conclusions as R-K may reasonably make with the information gathered while performing its services. In preparing the report, R-K may review and interpret certain information provided to it by the CLIENT or by third parties. R-K will not conduct an independent evaluation of the accuracy or completeness of such information and shall not be responsible for any errors or omissions contained in such information. The report and other instruments of service are prepared for, and made available for the sole use of the CLIENT, and the contents thereof may not be used or relied upon by any other person without the express written authorization of R-K. Any unauthorized use or distribution shall be at the CLIENT's sole risk and without liability to R-K.

R-K's reports, drawings, plans, specifications, and other project related documents and deliverables are instruments of professional service ("instruments") developed by R-K in

Important Information about This Geotechnical Engineering Proposal

Subsurface problems are a principal cause of construction delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes.

While you cannot eliminate all such risks, you can manage them. The following information is provided to help.

Participate in Development of the Subsurface Exploration Plan

Geotechnical engineering begins with the creation of an effective subsurface exploration plan. This proposal starts the process by presenting an initial plan. While that plan may consider the unique physical attributes of the site and the improvements you have in mind, it probably does not consider your unique goals, objectives, and risk management preferences. Subsurface exploration plans that are finalized without considering such factors presuppose that clients' needs are unimportant, or that all clients have the same needs. *Avoid the problems that can stem from such assumptions* by finalizing the plan and other scope elements directly with the geotechnical engineer you feel is best qualified for the project, along with the other project professionals whose plans are affected by the geotechnical engineer's findings and recommendations. If you have been told that this step is unnecessary; that client preferences do not influence the scope of geotechnical engineering service or that someone else can articulate your needs as well as you, you have been told wrong. No one else can discuss your geotechnical options better than an experienced geotechnical engineer, and no one else can provide the input you can. Thus, while you certainly are at liberty to accept a proposed scope "as is," recognize that it could be a unilateral scope developed without direct client/engineer discussion; that authorizing a unilateral scope will force the geotechnical engineer to accept all assumptions it contains; that assumptions create risk. *Manage your risk. Get involved.*

Expect the Unexpected

The nature of geotechnical engineering is such that planning needs to *anticipate the unexpected*. During the design phase of a project, more or deeper borings may be required, additional tests may become necessary, or someone associated with your organization may request a service that was not included in the final scope. During the construction phase, additional services may be needed to respond quickly to unanticipated conditions. In the past, geotechnical engineers commonly did

whatever was required to oblige their clients' representatives and safeguard their clients' interests, taking it on faith that their clients wanted them to do so. But some, evidently, did not, and refused to pay for legitimate extras on the ground that the engineer proceeded without proper authorization, or failed to submit notice in a timely manner, or failed to provide proper documentation. *What are your preferences? Who is permitted to authorize additional geotechnical services on your project? What type of documentation do you require? To whom should it be sent? When? How?* By addressing these and similar issues sooner rather than later, you and your geotechnical engineer will be prepared for the unexpected, to help prevent molehills from growing into mountains.

Have Realistic Expectations; Apply Appropriate Preventives

The recommendations included in a geotechnical engineering report are *not final*, because they are based on opinions that can be verified only during construction. For that reason, most geotechnical engineering proposals offer the construction observation services that permit the geotechnical engineer of record to confirm that subsurface conditions are what they were expected to be, or to modify recommendations when actual conditions were not anticipated. *An offer to provide construction observation is an offer to better manage your risk.* Clients who do not take advantage of such an offer; clients who retain a second firm to observe construction, can create a high-risk "Catch-22" situation for themselves. *The geotechnical engineer of record cannot assume responsibility or liability for a report's recommendations when another firm performs the services needed to evaluate the recommendations' adequacy.* The second firm is also likely to disavow liability for the recommendations, because of the substantial and possibly uninsurable risk of assuming responsibility for services it did not perform. Recognize, too, that no firm other than the geotechnical engineer of record can possibly have as intimate an understanding of your project's geotechnical issues. As such, reliance on a second firm to perform construction observation can elevate risk still more, because its personnel may not

have the wherewithal to recognize subtle, but sometimes critically important unanticipated conditions, or to respond to them in a manner consistent with your goals, objectives, and risk management preferences.

Realize That Geoenvironmental Issues Have Not Been Covered

The equipment, techniques, and personnel used to perform a geoenvironmental study differ significantly from those used to perform a geotechnical study. *Geoenvironmental services are not being offered in this proposal. The report that results will not relate any geoenvironmental findings, conclusions, or recommendations.* Unanticipated environmental problems have led to numerous project failures. If you have not yet obtained your own geoenvironmental information, ask your geotechnical consultant for risk management guidance. *Do not rely on an environmental report prepared for someone else.*

Obtain Professional Assistance To Deal with Mold

Diverse strategies can be applied during building design, construction, operation, and maintenance to prevent significant amounts of mold from growing on indoor surfaces. To be effective, all such strategies should be devised for the express purpose of mold prevention, integrated into a comprehensive plan, and executed with diligent oversight by a professional mold prevention consultant. Because just a small amount of water or moisture can lead to the development of severe mold infestations, a number of mold prevention strategies focus on keeping building surfaces dry. While groundwater, water infiltration, and similar issues may be addressed as part of the geotechnical engineering study described in this proposal, the geotechnical engineer who would lead this project **is not** a mold prevention consultant; **none of the services being offered have been designed or proposed for the purpose of mold prevention.**

Have the Geotechnical Engineer Work with Other Design Professionals and Constructors

Other design team members' misinterpretation of a geotechnical engineering report has resulted in costly problems. Manage that risk by hav-

ing your geotechnical engineer confer with appropriate members of the design team before finalizing the scope of geotechnical service (as suggested above), and, again, after submitting the report. *Also retain your geotechnical engineer to review pertinent elements of the design team members' plans and specifications.*

Reduce the risk of unanticipated conditions claims that can occur when constructors misinterpret or misunderstand the purposes of a geotechnical engineering report. Use appropriate language in your contract documents. Retain your geotechnical engineer to participate in prebid and preconstruction conferences, and to perform construction observation.

Read Responsibility Provisions Closely

Clients, design professionals, and constructors who do not recognize that geotechnical engineering is far less exact than other engineering disciplines can develop unrealistic expectations. Unrealistic expectations can lead to disappointments, claims, and disputes. To help reduce the risk of such outcomes, geotechnical engineers commonly include a variety of explanatory provisions in their proposals. Sometimes labeled "limitations," many of these provisions indicate where geotechnical engineers' responsibilities begin and end, to help others recognize their own responsibilities and risks, thus to encourage more effective scopes of service. *Read this proposal's provisions closely.* Ask questions. Your geotechnical engineer should respond fully and frankly.

Rely on Your ASFE-Member Geotechnical Engineer for Additional Assistance

Membership in ASFE/The Best People on Earth exposes geotechnical engineers to a wide array of risk management techniques that can be of genuine benefit to everyone involved with a construction project. Confer with an ASFE member geotechnical engineer for more information. Confirm a firm's membership in ASFE by contacting ASFE directly or at its website.



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EXHIBIT "B"
FEE SCHEDULE

Proposal No. PMA07-198-00
September 19, 2007

ATTACHMENT II

RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC.

SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

<u>PERSONNEL:</u> Principal.....	\$135 to \$205/hour
Professional	\$65 to \$190/hour
Auto Cad Operator.....	\$70 to \$95/hour
Technical/Clerical/Administrative	\$38 to \$70/hour

The specific hourly rate within each classification listed above depends on the experience, special training, and qualifications of the personnel needed for the project. For projects requiring work at any hazardous waste site, there will be a \$10 per hour surcharge added to the normal billing rate for all personnel. Consultants to Raba-Kistner (R-K) will be charged according to their professional classification.

EXPENSES: Use of company automobiles will be charged at \$0.50 per mile. Automobiles and light trucks assigned to field sites will be charged at \$50.00 per day, plus \$0.50 per mile over 50 miles per day. Copies will be charged at \$0.25 per page.

Other project specific charges for use of R-K equipment or for R-K testing will be in accordance with established fee schedules. All other project specific, third-party costs will be charged at cost plus 15 percent.

Invoices will be submitted monthly for work in progress in our standard format. They are due and payable upon receipt and become past due 30 days after the billing date. Past due invoices may be subject to late charges at the rate of 1-1/2 percent per month (18 percent per annum). In the event that the State of Texas legislates a sales tax on Professional Services, the amount of the tax will be PAYMENT added to the appropriate service rate charged. Our invoices are due and payable upon receipt at P.O. Box 971037, Dallas, Texas 75397-1037.

Preparation of non-standard invoice will be charged on a time and materials basis in accordance with the rates in this fee schedule.

CONDITIONS: Services will be performed in accordance with our Standard Terms and Conditions.

The proposal to which this schedule is an attachment is valid for 90 days from the date of the proposal.

contemplation of a wide array of project-specific variables, including how the documents will be used and by whom. R-K shall be the owner and custodian of the instruments, and shall take appropriate measures to help prevent unauthorized use of them. Accordingly, during development of the scope of service, CLIENT and R-K shall together identify those who, in addition to CLIENT, may use the various instruments and for what purposes, and R-K shall copyright the instruments to make illegal any unauthorized duplication, other reproduction or copying, quotation, or exception of them.

Parties other than those identified by CLIENT and R-K may apply to use an instrument, using a form prepared by R-K for that purpose. Others' use of an instrument shall be permitted only when CLIENT and R-K both so agree; either shall have the right to forbid use by others. In addition, R-K shall make its permission contingent upon the satisfaction of certain conditions when, in R-K's professional judgment, such a contingency is necessary.

10. CLIENT will indemnify R-K against any claims or costs which exceed the limitation on R-K's liability provided for in this document, or result from acts or omissions of CLIENT. If litigation or threat of litigation ensues not involving R-K, CLIENT agrees to bear the full cost for R-K to comply with applicable State law and any court orders to provide access to R-K's files, personnel, facilities and equipment.
11. The person or entity responsible for performing the Work under the contract for Construction shall be defined as the Contractor. R-K's site safety responsibilities are solely limited to the activities of R-K and R-K's employees on the site. These responsibilities shall not be inferred by any party to mean that R-K has responsibility for site safety for any reason. Safety in, on or about the site is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Contractor alone. The Contractor's methods of work performance, supervision of the Contractor's employees, and sequencing of construction are also the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Contractor alone. CLIENT warrants that these responsibilities will be made clear in CLIENT'S agreement with the Contractor; CLIENT'S agreement with the Contractor shall require the Contractor, to the extent of Contractor's negligence, to indemnify, defend and hold CLIENT and R-K harmless from any fine, penalty, claim, or liability for injury or loss arising from CLIENT'S and R-K's alleged failure to exercise site safety responsibility; and CLIENT'S agreement with Contractor and all Subcontractors shall require the Contractor and Subcontractors to make CLIENT and R-K additional insureds under the Contractor's and all Subcontractor's general liability insurance policy, which insurance protection shall be primary protection for CLIENT and R-K, and shall hold CLIENT and R-K harmless from claims, losses, and defense arising from the negligence of Contractor or Subcontractor on any tier.
12. For any damage on account of any error, omission, or other professional negligence, R-K's liability to CLIENT, or to any third party, will be limited to a sum not to exceed \$50,000 or R-K's project fee for that portion of R-K's work found to be defective, whichever is greater. R-K's liability to CLIENT, or to any third party, for injury or damage to persons or property arising out of work performed for CLIENT and for which legal liability may be found to rest upon R-K, other than for professional errors and omissions, will be limited to R-K's available general liability insurance coverage of \$1,000,000.
13. Cancellation of the Agreement to which these terms and conditions apply may be made by either party for just cause after 30 days' written notification of intent of cancellation is provided to the other party. In the event the CLIENT elects to terminate the Agreement, R-K will be compensated in full for all services, materials, supplies, and expenses incurred prior to the actual cancellation date of the Agreement. The CLIENT shall in any event pay all amounts invoiced that the CLIENT does not dispute as provided herein.
14. If the Client fails to make payments when due or otherwise is in breach of this Agreement, R-K may suspend performance of services upon 7 calendar days' notice to the Client. R-K shall have no liability whatsoever to the Client for any costs or damages as a result of such suspension caused by any breach of this Agreement by the Client. Upon payment in full by the Client, R-K shall resume services under this Agreement, and the time schedule and compensation shall be equitably adjusted to compensate for the period of suspension plus any other reasonable time and expense necessary for R-K to resume performance. If the Client fails to make payment to R-K in accordance with the payment terms herein, this shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and shall be cause for termination of this Agreement by R-K. Payment of invoices shall not be subject to any discounts or set-offs by the Client unless agreed to in writing by R-K. Payment to R-K for services rendered and expenses incurred shall be due and payable regardless of any subsequent suspension or termination of this Agreement by either party.
15. All claims, disputes, and other controversy between R-K and CLIENT arising out of or in any way related to the services provided by R-K will be submitted to "alternative dispute resolution" (ADR) such as mediation, before and as a condition precedent to other remedies provided by law. If a dispute at law arises related to these services and that dispute requires litigation as provided above, then; CLIENT assents to personal jurisdiction in the State of R-K's principal place of business; The claim will be brought and tried in judicial jurisdiction of the court of the county where R-K's principal place of business is located, and CLIENT waives the right to remove action to any other county or jurisdiction; and the prevailing party will be entitled to recovery of all reasonable costs incurred, including staff time, court costs, attorneys' and expert witness fees, and other claim-related expenses.
16. Neither party shall be liable in damages or have the right to terminate this Agreement for any delay or default in performing hereunder if such delay or default is caused by conditions beyond its control ("Force Majeure") including, but not limited to Acts of God, Government restrictions (including the denial or cancellation of any export or other necessary license), wars, insurrections and/or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected. Force Majeure may not be claimed as a cause for delay in payment of money due and payable hereunder.
17. Each provision of this Agreement is intended to be several. If any terms or provisions of this agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable of any reason whatsoever, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. Moreover, to the maximum extent allowed by law, the Parties hereto stipulate that any offending provisions will be modified or altered, as necessary, so as to give such provision the maximum permissible effect and application intended.
18. This Agreement, and all of its attachments, constitutes the entire, integrated Agreement between the Parties to it, and this Agreement supersedes all other Agreements, oral or written between the Parties, concerning the subject set forth in this Agreement. This Agreement may not be amended except in writing, with that amendment being signed by both Parties.

**EXHIBIT "C"
INSURANCE
REQUIREMENTS**

ACORD™ CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
9/28/2007

PRODUCER
Catto & Catto
217 East Houston Street Suite 100
San Antonio TX 78205-2694

INSURED
Raba-Kistner Consultants Inc.
P.O. Box 690287
San Antonio TX 78269-0287

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURER A: American Guarantee & Liabilit	
INSURER B:	
INSURER C:	
INSURER D:	
INSURER E:	

COVERAGES

THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR ADD'L LTR INSRD	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS
A X	GENERAL LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC	CPO3994747	10/1/2007	10/1/2008	EACH OCCURRENCE \$1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$100,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMPI/OP AGG \$2,000,000
A X	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS	CPO3994747	10/1/2007	10/1/2008	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	GARAGE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				AUTO ONLY - EA ACCIDENT \$ OTHER THAN AUTO ONLY: EA ACC \$ AGG \$
	EXCESS/UMBRELLA LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE <input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$				EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$ \$ \$
A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? If yes, describe under SPECIAL PROVISIONS below OTHER	WC3994748	10/1/2007	10/1/2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WC STATU-TORY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Hidalgo County
100 East Cano
Edinburg TX 78539

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Billy Ray Jinks

IMPORTANT

If the certificate holder is an **ADDITIONAL INSURED**, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

If **SUBROGATION IS WAIVED**, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

DISCLAIMER

The Certificate of Insurance on the reverse side of this form does not constitute a contract between the issuing insurer(s), authorized representative or producer, and the certificate holder, nor does it affirmatively or negatively amend, extend or alter the coverage afforded by the policies listed thereon.