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COUNTY OF HIDALGO {

Part I - Professional Services Agreement

This Agreement, entered into this 1st day of April, 2008 by and between Hidalgo County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, joined by the City of San Juan, (hereinafter called the "Party") and Halff Associates, Inc. duly authorized Engineer, herein acting by Carlos Gonzalez, P.E., C.F.M. (hereinafter called the "Engineer").

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County has received CDBG funds from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to be used by Urban County Participants. It is understood and agreed that the Party's obligation under this Agreement is contingent upon the actual receipt of adequate federal funds to meet the liabilities under this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Party is interested in obtaining Engineering Services; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer, duly licensed and registered to practice engineering in the State of Texas, has the professional abilities to undertake the study, evaluation, analysis and engineering recommendations in a manner which shall provide the necessary public service while preserving and enhancing to the greatest degree possible the natural and proposed environment in the PROJECT area; and

WHEREAS, the Party desires to engage the Engineer to render certain services in connection therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, the participants do mutually agree as follows:

**SECTION I
EMPLOYMENT OF THE ENGINEER**

The Party agrees to employ the Engineer to furnish and provide the engineering services as stated in the following sections and upon receipt of such satisfactory services, the Party agrees to pay the Engineer as stated in the sections to follow.

**SECTION II
BASIC SERVICES OF THE ENGINEER**

The Engineer shall perform the following Basic Services in connection with the proposed Water/Sewer Improvements Project Account(s) # 5006-75-0310-5000-7500 . (See Exhibit A)

2.1 Preliminary Phase

- a. Attend preliminary conferences with the Party and, if requested, with the funding agency and other government agencies or interested parties regarding the project.
- b. As may be required, comply and receive the Party and the funding agencies approval on all work.
- c. Prepare preliminary engineering plans on the Project in sufficient detail to indicate clearly the problems involved and solutions recommended with the cost estimates.
- d. Obtain the Party's approval of the work of this Preliminary Phase before proceeding with the next phase.

2.2 Design Phase

- a. Attend the respective Party's meetings as requested for the purpose of explaining completed design work activities.
- b. Advise the Party of any soil investigations or tests which, in the opinion of the Engineer, may be required for the proper execution of the Project.
- c. Provide all field information and surveys required for the design of the Project.
- d. Plot field data and other survey information for the design of the Project.
- e. Prepare detailed plans specification and contract documents and drawings (reproducible tracings) for construction authorized by the Party.
- f. Furnish, if requested, the engineering data necessary for the Party to obtain permits required by local, state, and federal authorities.
- g. Prepare cost estimates of authorized construction, based on prices for work. If such estimated costs exceed the monies available, the Party shall be consulted so that revisions can be made to reduce the cost as required.
- h. Prepare all documents required for the advertisement and bidding of the Project in cooperation with the Party's staff.
- i. Preparation of property or easement descriptions.

2.3 Construction Phase

The Construction Phase will commence with the execution of the prime construction contract(s). The Party will issue a ten (10) day commence work notice which will signal the commencement of work under any construction contracts and will terminate upon the Party's approval of the Engineer's written approval of final payment to the Contractor(s). During the Construction Phase, the Engineer will:

- a. Assist the Party in opening and tabulating bids for the construction of the Project, and advise the Party in establishing the procedure for entering into construction phase.
- b. Prepare the formal Contract Documents for the Contractor.
- c. Make periodic visits to the site as required pursuant to the standards of Professional Engineers on projects of this nature, provide project construction supervision, to observe the progress and quality of the executed work and to determine if the work is proceeding in accordance with the contract documents.
- d. Consult and advise with the Party and issue all instructions and Change Orders to the Contractor requested by the Party.
- e. During the progress of actual construction, Engineer will keep the Owner informed with brief and concise information. A monthly progress report will be prepared which will give the Party a quick glance at the Project insofar as monies spent, construction time elapsed, percent of Project completed, a brief narrative of what problems have been encountered and the anticipated completion date.
- f. Review shop and working drawings furnished by Contractors for general compliance with design concept and with information given in contract documents.
- g. Review and provide a recommendation concerning samples, catalog data, schedules, shop drawings, laboratory, shape and mill tests of material and equipment and other data which the Contractor is required to submit, in compliance with the Contract Documents.
- h. Prepare monthly and final estimates for payments to Contractors.
- i. Upon receipt of notification by the Party that the work has been completed, the Engineer shall accompany the Party on the Final Inspection to assure that the total work has been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- j. Prior to the Party's dispersal of any retainage of funds, render a written opinion to the Party that the construction has been completed according to the Contract Documents and provide the Party with a certificate of completion and release of liens documents from subcontractors.
- k. Provide the Party with sepia copies of as-built drawings of the constructed improvements, when requested.

- l. The Engineer will be responsible for interim and final inspection.
- m. Furnish to the Party of City of San Juan six (6) sets of plans and six (6) sets of specifications and contract documents.

**SECTION III
ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF THE ENGINEER**

If authorized in writing by the Party, the Engineer will furnish or obtain from others Additional Services of the following types which are not considered normal or customary basic services; these will be paid for by the Party as indicated in Section VI.

- 3.1 Services of a Resident Project Representative, and other field personnel as required, for on-the-site observations of construction, other than periodic visits covered in Section 2.3a herein.
- 3.2 Detailed mill, shop and/or laboratory inspection of materials or equipment.
- 3.3 Major revision of Contract drawings as distinguished from modifications due to change orders, modifications to reduce the cost of the project or modifications requested to meet federal, state, or local regulations.

**SECTION IV
REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES**

- 4.1 Travel and subsistence required for the Engineer and authorized by the Party to points other than within the County and Project site.
- 4.2 Additional copies of reports and specifications over six (6) copies and additional prints of drawings over six (6) copies.
- 4.3 Reimbursable expenses as provided in Section IV herein shall be paid to the Engineer on the basis of 1.1 times the Engineers actual cost.

**SECTION V
THE PARTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Party will:

- 5.1 Provide full information as to requirements for the Project.
- 5.2 Assist the Engineer by providing all available information pertinent to the Project including reports and other data relative to design and construction of the Project.

- 5.3 Furnish the Engineer services or data as required such as appropriate professional interpretations of all of the foregoing; property, boundary, easement, right-of-way, zoning, and deed restrictions; all of which the Engineer may rely upon in performing his services under this agreement.
- 5.4 Guarantee access to and make all provisions for the Engineer to enter upon public and private property as required for the Engineer to perform his services under this Agreement.
- 5.5 Examine all studies, reports, sketches, estimates, specifications, drawings, proposals, and other documents presented by the Engineer.
- 5.6 Pay for all costs incident to advertising and obtaining bids or proposals from Contractors.
- 5.7 Provide such legal and accounting services required to discharge the Party's responsibility under the terms of this Agreement and any Agreement with any governmental agency as may be required for the project, and such auditing services as the Party may require to ascertain how or for what the purpose any Contractor has used the monies paid to him under the construction contract.
- 5.8 Give prompt written notice to the Engineer whenever the Party observes or otherwise becomes aware of any defect in the Project.

SECTION VI PAYMENTS TO THE ENGINEER

The Party agrees to pay the Engineer for completed services as identified by the Party:

- 6.1 The Engineer shall be paid a total fixed amount of **\$32,000.00** for services rendered under this contract. Payment shall be based on request for reimbursements with documentation requested by the Party. The Engineer's fee shall be due and payable as outlined in Sections 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4 as follows.
- 6.2 At Engineer's completion and Party's approval of the Engineer's services under the Preliminary Phase, Section II of this Agreement, Party shall pay a maximum of 15% of the sum set forth in Section 6.1 above.
- 6.3 At Engineer's completion and Party's approval of the Engineer's services under the Design Phase, Section II of this Agreement, Party shall pay a maximum of 60% of the sum set forth in Section 6.1 above.
- 6.4 At Engineer's completion and Party's approval of the Engineer's services under the Construction Phase, Section II of this Agreement, Party shall pay a maximum of 25% of the sum set forth in Section 6.1 above. Such sum to be paid periodically proportionately to the percentage of construction completed by the Contractor as determined by Engineer's reports.
- 6.5 For Additional Services as provided in Section III herein the Engineer shall be paid a sum of 1.1 times the Engineer's actual cost for such services.

**SECTION VII
OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

Original documents, plans, designs and survey notes developed in connection with services performed hereunder belong to, and remain the property of the Party, in consideration of which it is mutually agreed that the Party will use them solely in connection with the Project and as base material for possible future projects.

**SECTION VIII
TERMINATION**

The Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by a 30-day notice in writing to the Engineer. Upon receipt of such notice, the Engineer shall, unless the notice directs otherwise immediately discontinue all services in connection with the performance of this Agreement and shall proceed to cancel promptly all existing orders and contracts insofar as such orders or contracts are chargeable to this Agreement. As soon as practical after receipt of notice of termination, the Engineer shall submit a statement showing in detail the actual services that were performed under this Agreement to date of termination, the date such services were performed and the length of time spent by each person or party engaged in performing such services on each day,

The Party shall pay the Engineer a sum of money equal to the reasonable value of the service rendered by the Engineer to the Party in connection with the services performed under this Contract, less payments previously made by the Party to Engineer on work performed and expenses incurred by Engineer under the provisions of this Contract. Copies of all completed or partially completed designs, plans and specifications prepared under this Agreement shall be delivered to the Party when and if this Agreement is terminated, but subject to the restrictions as to their use, as set forth above.

Notwithstanding the above, the Engineer shall not be relieved of liability to the Party for damages sustained by the Party arising from Engineer's negligent acts, errors or omissions related to Engineer's obligations created under this Agreement.

**SECTION IX
COUNTY AND CITY OFFICIALS**

Engineer agrees that no County or City official or Party employee shall be personally liable for any of the obligation created under this Agreement, or for any matter which may arise out of the Project, or any activities related thereto and hereby holds the Party, its political bodies and its employees harmless from and indemnifies them from any liability from any matter arising from Engineer's negligent acts, errors or omissions related to Engineer's obligations created under this Agreement.

**SECTION X
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

Party and Engineer each binds themselves, their partners, successors, executors, administrators, and assigns to the other party of Agreement in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Neither the Party nor Engineer shall assign, sublet, or transfer interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other.

**SECTION XI
TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

The Engineer contracts and agrees to commence work within ten (10) days from the date of written authorization to proceed and will complete the preparation of the preliminary phase and estimates by 90 days and will proceed upon authorization with final drawings, specifications, and contracts documents and complete same within the earliest practical time from such notice to proceed.

**SECTION XII
VENUE**

Venue and jurisdiction of any suit, right or cause of action arising under or in connection with this Contract shall lie exclusively in Hidalgo County, Texas.

**SECTION XIII
CHANGES**

The Party may, from time to time, request changes in the Scope of Services of the Engineer as may be mutually agreed to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Engineer's compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the Party and the Engineer shall be incorporated in written amendments to the Contract.

**SECTION XIV
COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL LAWS**

The Engineer shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the State and local governments, and the Engineer shall save the Party harmless with respect to any damages arising from any Engineer negligence done in performing any of the work embraced by this Contract.

**SECTION XV
ASSIGNABILITY**

The Engineer shall not assign any interest in this Contract, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation) without the prior written consent of the Party thereof; provided however, that claims for money due or to become due to the Engineer from the Party under this Contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the Party.

**SECTION XVI
GENERAL**

16.1 Audit. The Party and/or any of its duly authorized representatives shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Engineer which are directly pertinent to this project for the purpose of making the audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.

16.2 The Engineer agrees to compliance with the following Executive orders, Titles and Program Regulations, including any additional requirements that may be set forth by the Party.

- a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act - requires that no one may be denied access to benefits from projects which receive federal assistance.
- b. Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 - Nondiscrimination related to benefits from projects funded specifically under Title I of the Act.
- c. Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 - requires that maximum effort be made to provide employment, training, and business opportunities to low income families and/or residents of the project area.
- d. The Engineer shall give the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Inspector General, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Auditor of the State of Texas, access to and the right to examine all books, accounts, records, reports, files, and other papers, things, or property belonging to or in use by Engineer pertaining to this Agreement. Such rights to access shall continue as long as the records are retained by Engineer. Engineer agrees to maintain such records in an accessible location for a period of three (3) years.
- e. Executive Order 11246 (paragraph a-c for contracts under \$10,000; paragraphs a-g for contracts over \$10,000) - Equal Employment Opportunity.

Executive Order 11246. Executive Order 11246 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR Part 130) which provides that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in all phases of employment during the performance of federal or federally assisted contracts. Such consultants or subcontractors shall take affirmative action to ensure fair treatment in employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training and apprenticeship.

Equal Employment Opportunity for Activities and Contracts not Subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended. In carrying out the program, the Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The Engineer shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants for employment are employed and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Such action shall include, but not limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Engineer shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Government setting forth the provisions of this paragraph in all of its contracts for program work and will require all of its consultants for such work to incorporate such requirements in all subcontracts for program.

16.3 Interest of Certain Federal Officials: No member of or Delegate to the Congress of the United States and no Resident Commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit to

arise from the same.

- 16.4 Interest of Members, Officers, or Employees of Public Body, Member of Local Governing Body, or other Public Officials: No member, officer, or employee of the County or City, or its designees or agents, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the program is situated, and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the program during his tenure for one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, to be performed in connection with the program assisted under the Agreement. The Engineer shall incorporate or cause to be incorporated in all such interest pursuant to the purpose of this Section.

SECTION XVII INSURANCE

The Engineer shall obtain and keep in force during the term of its engagement on the Project, the insurance as follows:

- 17.1 A comprehensive automobile liability policy covering liability exposure to bodily injury and property damages. The Engineer shall furnish Party Certificates of Insurance showing the comprehensive automobile liability insurance policies to be in effect, commencing when Engineers commence operations under this Agreement, in the sum of \$300,000 for bodily injury and \$100,000 for property damages.
- 17.2 All insurance policies must be written by an insurance company or companies acceptable to the Party.

SECTION XVIII WARRANTY

- 18.1 Engineer represents and warrants to Owner all services rendered to Owner under this Agreement shall, at a minimum, comply with the Texas Engineering Practices Act (Tex. Civ. St. Ann., Article 3271) and rules of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

**EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF SERVICES**

SEE ATTACHED.



March 14, 2008

Via email: gseguin@cityofsanjuantexas.com

Mr. Guillermo Seguin
City Manager of San Juan
709 South Nebraska
San Juan, TX 78589

Subject: Revised Engineering Proposal to Prepare Construction Documents to Connect Laterals and Decommission the Septic Systems for Designated Colonia's

Dear Mr. Seguin:

The following **revised** proposal is submitted per your request. An Engineering Services Agreement is included as an attachment to this letter proposal.

BACKGROUND

The City of San Juan is in the process of commencing construction on wastewater improvements for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSFR) Phase I and II. This project consisted of the installation of a Gravity Sewer Collection System to serve the following areas within your community:

- Mesquite Acres
- Red Barn Subdivision
- Sunset Estates # 1
- Sunset Estates # 2
- Short Road Subdivision
- Citriana Subdivision

The construction contract to install the wastewater collection system, including the service laterals up to each of the individual property lines, is ongoing. Once this project is completed, the next step will be to extend the lateral from the property line to each residence and to decommission each septic tank. *There is an estimated 182 homes that are ready to be tied in to the new system.*

Halff Associates appreciates the opportunity to assist the City in this next process. This phase of the project includes extending the laterals from the property lines to the household wastewater line that is currently routed to the individual on site wastewater system (Septic Tank & Drain Field) and appropriately decommissioning the on site systems. Halff has worked with Urban County Program on similar projects in the area.

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APPROACH

It is imperative that these connections be made and the existing on site treatment systems be decommissioned as efficiently as possible. This project will include preparing a set of specifications that will clearly define the standards of construction and plans that will present the typical construction details that will cover the variety of potential construction scenarios that will be encountered. Design and construction details will be included in the construction documents to cover but not be limited to the following items:

- the construction of the individual laterals with appurtenances
- connection to the existing collection system
- disconnection of the existing on-site treatment systems and connection to the new laterals
- decommissioning of the existing on-site treatment systems
- reconditioning of the existing private property to pre construction condition
- reconditioning of the existing street and right of way to pre construction condition

In order to minimize the cost of the project, the construction documents will be prepared using existing resources whenever available. Detailed surveys will not be developed to show precise locations of existing facilities. The City of San Juan will provide Halff an electronic set of Record Drawings in either AutoCAD or Microstation format of the newly installed gravity sewer main drawings. These electronic drawings will be used to develop half sized (11x17) sheet drawings that will generally describe sewer main and lateral stub out locations. As the contractor completes the installations, he will be required to complete detailed "Record" notes and drawings on each installation. Following the completion of construction, Halff will prepare Record Drawings, based on contractor provided information, for the City so there will be a permanent record of the improvements made under the contract.

DELIVERABLES

Halff will provide City of San Juan two (2) sets of construction documents that will be developed in a bound report format. Bid Document Administration will be outsourced to a local reproduction company. Bid documents will be sold to prospective bidders for a non-refundable yet to be determined price. Once a contractor has been awarded the project, Halff will provide the contractor four (4) copies of the contract documents. Upon completion of construction, Halff will provide the City of San Juan a hard copy and electronic copy of "Record" drawings.

TASKS AND FEES

The following tasks and fees are required to complete the Laterals Connection project.

Task Description

Task I	Project Management and Coordination with Hidalgo County – Urban County Program, TCEQ and the neighborhood residents
Task II	Develop Construction Documents
Task III	Provide Bidding Assistance
Task IV	Provide Construction Administration Assistance; Includes site observation visits which will be performed for every 15-20 home sites
Task V	Prepare Record Drawings from Contractors As Built Notes and Drawings

Task Fees

Task I	\$ 1,500.00
Task II	\$ 20,000.00
Task III:	\$ 2,500.00
Task IV	\$ 4,000.00
Task V:	\$ 2,500.00
Reimbursable Expenses:	\$ 1,500.00
Total Estimated Fees:	\$ 32,000.00

This fee assumes that all wastewater collection lines, pumps and appurtenances are already in place and operational to support these connections. The design of any additional collection system improvements that are found to be required will be done at the approval of the City as an addendum to this contract.

COMPENSATION

This project will be billed on a Lump sum basis as designated in the attached Engineering Services Agreement. The lump sum fees identified will not be exceeded without your prior approval. Our services will be invoiced monthly based on a percent of completion of the total of lump sum fees.

Additional services authorized will be invoiced on an hourly basis of 2.3 times the salary cost of personnel involved on the project. Direct costs including printing and reproduction, postage, messenger service, long distance telephone calls and travel will be considered reimbursable expenses. Reimbursable expenses will be billed separately at 1.10 times the direct cost incurred.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with the City of San Juan. If you are in agreement with the terms and conditions of the proposal please execute below in the space allocated and return to our office.

We recognize the importance of this project to the City and we look forward to working with you and the City Staff to make it a success. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Carlos Gonzalez, P.E., C.F.M.
Project Manager

Approved By:

Date:

STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLIENT AND ENGINEER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS IS AN AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE THE LATEST DATE OF EXECUTION AS PROVIDED BELOW BETWEEN
City of San Juan (CLIENT), AND HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC. (ENGINEER).

I. SCOPE

Halff Associates, Inc. (hereinafter "Engineer") agrees to perform the services described in the attached Scope of Services, Exhibit A, which incorporates these terms and conditions. Unless modified in writing by the parties hereto, the duties of Halff shall not be construed to exceed those services specifically set forth in the Scope of Services. The Scope of Services and these General Terms and Conditions, when executed by City of San Juan (hereinafter "Client"), shall constitute a binding Agreement on both parties.

II. COMPENSATION

Client agrees to pay monthly invoices or their undisputed portions within 30 days of receipt. Payment later than 30 days shall include interest at 1-1/2 percent per month or lesser maximum enforceable interest rate, from the date the Client received the invoice until the date Engineer receives payment. Such interest is due and payable when the overdue payment is made.

It is understood and agreed by the parties that receipt of payment(s) by Engineer from Client is in no way contingent upon Client's receipt of payment, funding, reimbursement or any other remuneration from others.

Time-related charges will be billed as specified in this Agreement. Unless stated otherwise in this Agreement, direct expenses will be billed at actual cost and subcontracted services and costs will be billed at actual cost plus a service charge of 10 percent. Mileage incurred will be billed at current IRS rates.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

Engineer is employed to render a professional service only, and any payments made by Client are compensation solely for such services rendered and recommendations made in carrying out the work. Engineer shall follow the standard practices of the engineering profession to make findings, provide opinions, make factual presentations, and provide professional advice and recommendations. Engineer shall not be required to provide any certification, assignment or warranty of its work but, upon request and for a separate fee, Engineer may provide written statements regarding its services under this Agreement. Such statements shall be in a form acceptable to Engineer and shall be requested with sufficient advance notice to allow Engineer to review the documents and prepare a suitable statement.

Engineer's review or supervision of work prepared or performed by other individuals or firms employed by Client shall not relieve those individuals or firms of complete responsibility for the adequacy of their work.

It is understood that any resident engineering or inspection provided by Engineer is for the purpose of determining compliance with the technical provisions of the project specifications and does not constitute any form of guarantee or insurance with respect to the performance of a contractor. Engineer does not assume responsibility for methods or appliances used by a contractor, for safety of construction work, or for compliance by contractors with laws and regulations.

IV. SCOPE OF CLIENT SERVICES

Client agrees to provide site access, and to provide those services described in the attached Scope of Services.

V. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

Upon Engineer's completion of services and receipt of payment

in full, Engineer grants to Client an exclusive license to all drawings, instruments and data produced in connection with Engineer's performance of the work under this Agreement. Said drawings, instruments and data may be copied, duplicated, reproduced, used and disclosed by Client for any purposes Client deems appropriate in connection with the work under this Agreement. Client agrees that such documents are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by Client or others for purposes outside the Scope of Services of this Agreement. Any reuse by Client, or by those who obtain said information from Client, without written verification or adaptation by Engineer will be at Client's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Engineer, Engineer's subconsultants or independent associates. Client shall indemnify Engineer, Engineer's subconsultants and independent associates for all damage, liability or cost arising therefrom. Engineer may reuse all drawings, reports, data and other information developed in performing the services described by this Agreement in Engineer's other activities.

VI. INDEMNIFICATION

Engineer agrees to indemnify and hold Client harmless from any actual damage, liability or costs, including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses, to the extent caused directly by a negligent act or omission or willful misconduct of Engineer, Engineer's subconsultants or those for whom Engineer is legally liable, in the performance of the professional services which are the subject of this Agreement.

In the event that Client is found to be concurrently negligent, Engineer shall not indemnify for the proportionate negligence of Client, but shall indemnify for the portion of negligence solely attributable to Engineer, its agents, servants, employees, and subcontractors of any tier, their agents, servants and employees.

Neither party shall be liable to the other for incidental or consequential damages, whether or not the possibility of such damages has been disclosed or could have been reasonably foreseen.

The parties shall indemnify one another against damages of third parties recoverable from the indemnitee to the extent caused by the comparative negligence of the indemnitor. Such negligence shall be measured by standards in effect at the time services are rendered, not by later standards. All legal actions by either party against the other arising out of or in any way connected with the services to be performed hereunder shall be barred and under no circumstances shall any such claim be initiated by either party after three (3) years have passed from the date of issuance of the Certificate of Completion, unless the Engineer's services shall be terminated earlier, in which case the date of termination of this Agreement shall be used.

Client acknowledges Engineer may perform work at facilities that may contain hazardous materials or conditions, and that Engineer had no prior role in the generation, treatment, storage, or disposition of such materials. In consideration of the associated risks that may give rise to claims by third parties or employees of Client, Client agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold Engineer harmless (including attorneys' fees) from any and all losses, damages, claims, or actions brought by any third party or employee of Client against Engineer or Engineer's employees, agents, officers or directors, in any way arising out of the presence of hazardous materials at the facilities, except

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General Terms and Conditions (continued)

for claims shown by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction to arise out of the sole negligence of Engineer.

VII. INSURANCE

Engineer shall maintain during the life of the Agreement the following minimum insurance:

- A. Commercial general liability insurance, including personal injury liability, blanket contractual liability, and broad form property damage liability. The limit shall be not less than \$1,000,000.
- B. Automobile bodily injury and property damage liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000.
- C. Statutory workers' compensation and employers' liability insurance as required by state law.
- D. Professional liability insurance.

VIII. SUBCONTRACTS

Engineer shall be entitled, to the extent determined appropriate by Engineer, to subcontract any portion of the work described in the Scope of Services.

IX. ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement is binding on the heirs, successors, and assigns of the parties hereto. Neither this Agreement, nor any claims, rights, obligations or duties associated hereto, shall be assigned or assignable by either Client or Engineer without the prior written consent of the other party.

X. INTEGRATION

These terms and conditions and the letter agreement (Scope of Services) to which they are attached represent the entire understanding of Client and Engineer as to those matters contained herein. No prior oral or written understanding shall be of any force or effect with respect to those matters covered herein. The Agreement may not be modified or altered except in writing signed by both parties.

XI. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This Agreement shall be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State in which the Engineer's office performing the majority of the work described in the Scope of Services is located. Jurisdiction of litigation arising from the Agreement shall be in that State. If any part of the Agreement is found to be in conflict with applicable laws, such part shall be inoperative, null and void insofar as it is in conflict with said laws, but the remainder of the Agreement shall be in full force and effect. Exclusive venue shall lie in the county in which the Engineer's office performing the majority of the work described in the Scope of Services is located.

XII. SUSPENSION OF SERVICES

- A. If work under this Agreement is suspended for more than thirty (30) calendar days in the aggregate, the Engineer shall be compensated for services performed and charges incurred prior to receipt of notice to suspend and, upon resumption, an equitable adjustment in fees to accommodate the resulting demobilization and mobilization costs. In addition, there shall be an equitable adjustment in the work schedule based on the delay caused by the suspension. If work under this Agreement is suspended for more than ninety (90) calendar days in the aggregate, the Engineer may, at its option, terminate this Agreement upon giving notice in writing to the Client. Engineer may request that the work be suspended by notifying Client, in writing, of circumstances that are interfering with normal progress of the work.
- B. If the Client fails to make payments when due or otherwise is in breach of this Agreement, the Engineer may suspend

performance of services upon five (5) calendar days notice to the Client. The Engineer 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.

XIII. TERMINATION OF WORK

Either the Client or the Engineer may terminate this Agreement at any time with or without cause upon giving the other party ten (10) calendar days prior written notice. Client agrees that termination of Engineer for Client's convenience shall only be utilized in good faith, and shall not be utilized if the purpose or result is performance of all or part of Engineer's services under this Agreement by Client or by another service provider. The Client shall within ten (10) calendar days of termination pay the Engineer for all services rendered and all costs incurred up to the date of termination, in accordance with the compensation provisions of this contract.

XIV. TAXES

The fees and costs stated in this Agreement, unless stated otherwise, exclude all sales, consumer, use and other taxes which are promulgated following execution of this Agreement. Client agrees to reimburse Engineer and its subconsultants for the taxes paid by Engineer and its subconsultants in accordance with the laws and regulations of the applicable taxing authorities.

XV. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any conflicts that arise during the work described by this Agreement or following the completion thereof shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation unless the parties agree otherwise. The parties further agree to require all independent contractors and consultants retained in connection with this Agreement to include a similar mediation provision in all Agreements with subcontractors, subconsultants, suppliers or fabricators.

XVI. SEVERABILITY

In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be void, invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such voiding, invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof and this Agreement shall be considered as if the entirety of such void, invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in this Agreement.

XVII. TIMELINESS OF PERFORMANCE

The Engineer will perform its services with due and reasonable diligence consistent with sound professional practices.


XVIII. WAIVER

Any failure by Engineer to require strict compliance with any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of such provision, and Engineer may subsequently require strict compliance at any time, notwithstanding any prior failure to do so.

HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC.
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APPROVED:

Engineer: HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC.

Signature:  _____

Typed or Printed Name: Carlos Gonzalez, P.E., C.F.M.

Title: Project Manager

Date: March 14, 2008

APPROVED:

Client: City of San Juan

Signature: _____

Typed or Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____