

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
C-18-221-08-28

THIS AGREEMENT is made effective the 28th, day of August, 2018 by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**, (“County”) and Terracon Consultants, Inc., a Delaware Corporation Company (“Engineer”).

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the County is vested with the responsibility of providing On-Call Geotechnical and Construction Materials Testing Services (the “Services”) for projects within **Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2**;

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the services of a professional engineering company is necessary to carry out the required Services;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2254 (the “Texas Professional Services Procurement Act”), the County requested Statements of Qualifications (SOQ’s) from professional engineers to assist the County by providing the Services;

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo solicited Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the development and establishment of a yearly pool for “Professional Engineering Services-Construction Materials & Geo Technical Testing”, and;

WHEREAS, from which the “Professional Engineer” has been selected from the “Pool” of pre-qualified engineering firms from the responses to such Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and;

WHEREAS, the County has selected the Engineer to provide the Services within Hidalgo County Precinct No.2, in accordance to **Exhibit “A-1”** Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, County and Engineer do mutually agree as follows:

1. Scope of Services. The County will provide to Engineer the services described in **Exhibit “A”** attached hereto and entitled “Services to be performed by County.” Engineer agrees to provide to County with the work described in **Exhibit “B”**, “Services to be Performed by the Engineer.”

2. Non-Exclusive Services of Engineer. Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the Engineer and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

3. Term. This Agreement is for a period of 1 year, effective August 28, 2018 and will terminate August 27, 2019 or unless sooner terminated as provided herein. The Engineer will not begin to work or incur costs until authorized in writing by the County with each “Work Authorization” particularly described in **Exhibit “D.”**

4. Compensation and Work Authorizations. The maximum amount payable under this Agreement shall not exceed the amount for each work authorization, a form of the Work Authorization, is attached hereto as Exhibit D, unless an amendment is executed as provided hereinafter. The Engineer shall submit periodic requests for payment within (30) thirty days after completion of each Work Authorization. The request for payment shall be made using forms acceptable to the County and shall show the total amount earned to the date of submission and the amount due and payable as of the date of the current billing. Upon receipt of said request for payment, County shall submit a requisition for payment for said Services in the customary manner provided for payments utilized by Hidalgo County, Texas. Engineer agrees to separately account for the receipt and/or expenditure of funds received pursuant to this Agreement and to keep accurate books and records of all such receipts and/or expenditures. All payments to Engineer shall be mailed to the address shown in numbered paragraph 24 herein.

5. Inspection of Work. The County has the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed hereunder and the premises in which it is being performed. If any

inspection or evaluation is made on the premises of the Engineer, or of a subcontractor, the Engineer shall provide and require its subcontractor to provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the inspectors in the performance of their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner as will not unduly delay their work.

6. Amendments. If it becomes necessary at any time during this Agreement to change the scope of Services, the Agreement period, the maximum amount payable, the complexity, or the character of this Agreement, an amendment shall be executed by use of a (Supplemental Agreement Form) more particularly described in **Exhibit “E”** within the agreement. The County retains the right to reject any such amendment proposed by the Engineer. Any such amendments shall be made in writing, agreed to by all parties hereto, and duly executed before the end of the Agreement as specified. If the County finds it necessary to require changes in completed work because of errors made by the Engineer, the County shall require the Engineer to correct the work at no cost to the County and without amendment to the Agreement. If the changes are made at the request of the County and are not due to errors of the Engineer, the County will reimburse the Engineer for the additional work at the same rate of pay established in **Exhibit “C,”** "Engineer Contract Rates." If payment for the additional work will cause the maximum amount payable under this Agreement to be exhausted, an amendment shall be proposed in accordance with all State procurement laws.

7. Reporting. The Engineer shall promptly advise the County in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the Agreement, including:

- a. Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to meet time schedules and goals, or preclude the attainment of project work units by established time periods. This disclosure shall be accompanied by a statement of the action taken, or contemplated and any County or, if Federal Funds are involved, Federal assistance needed to resolve the situation.

- b. Favorable developments or events which enable meeting time schedules and goals to be met sooner than anticipated or which are producing more work units than originally projected.

8. Ownership of Documents. Upon completion or termination of this Agreement, all documents prepared by the Engineer or furnished to the Engineer by the County shall be delivered to and become the property of the County. All sketches, photographs, calculations, and other data prepared under this Agreement shall be made available, upon request, to the County without restriction or limitation on their further use. The Engineer may, at its own expense, have copies made of the documents or any other data furnished to the County under this Agreement.

9. Suspension of Work. Should County desire to suspend the work under this Agreement, but not terminate this Agreement, the County shall provide thirty (30) calendar days verbal notification to Engineer, followed by written confirmation from the County to Engineer to that effect. The thirty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the County and Engineer to that effect. The work under this Agreement may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice from the County to the Engineer. The sixty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the County and Engineer. If the County suspends the work, the Termination Date as identified above is not affected and this Agreement will terminate on the date specified.

10. Progress and Coordination. The Engineer shall, from time to time during the progress of the work, confer with the County. The Engineer shall prepare and present such information as may be pertinent and necessary, or as may be requested by the County, in order to evaluate features of the Engineer's services and work.

At the request of the County or the Engineer, conferences shall be provided at the Engineer's office, the offices of the County, or at other locations designated by the County. These conferences shall also include evaluation of the Engineer's services and work when requested by the County.

All applicable study reports shall be submitted in preliminary form for approval by the County before the final report is issued. The County's comments regarding the Engineer's preliminary report will be addressed by the Engineer in the final report.

If funds by other agencies or entities are to be used for the development of the project under this Agreement, the Engineer's Services and work will be subject to periodic review and approval by other agencies or entities, including those of the city, county, state and/or federal agencies.

Should it be determined that the progress in the production of the Engineer's Services and work does not satisfy the requirements of the approved Work Authorization as provided by Exhibit "D", attached hereto, the County shall review the approved Work Authorization with the Engineer to determine the corrective action needed by either the County or the Engineer.

The Engineer shall promptly advise the County in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the progress of the Engineer's Services and work and the approved Work Schedule, including:

- a. problems, delays, adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to attain Agreement objectives, prevent the meeting of time schedules and goals, or preclude the timely completion and submittal of Project deliverables by the Engineer within established time periods; this disclosure will be accompanied by a statement by the Engineer of recommended or immediate action taken, or contemplated, and any Owner or other agency or entity assistance needed to resolve the situation: and
- b. favorable developments or events which enable meeting the Work Schedule goals sooner than anticipated.

11. Independent Contractor. Engineer must comply with all applicable Hidalgo County policies and with any applicable federal, state or local laws, regulations, orders or ordinances applicable to the Services provided by Engineer under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Engineer represents and maintains that it is an Independent Contractor and is not an employee of

Hidalgo County, Texas or any agency thereof, and represents and warrants that it does not desire or request any fringe benefits provided to employees of Hidalgo County, Texas, and/or any agency thereof, including, but not limited to benefits associated with Hidalgo County's civil service program. Engineer agrees to be responsible for any federal income tax, withholding or social security tax liability that might arise from payments received hereunder.

12. Subcontracting and Assignment. The Engineer shall not assign subconsultant or transfer the Engineer's interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the County. The Engineer shall bind every subconsultant by written contract to observe all the terms of this Agreement to the extent that they may be applicable to each subconsultant. No subcontractor relieves the Engineer of any responsibilities under this Agreement.

13. Voluntary Termination. County may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason or no reason at all upon giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Engineer.

14. Insurance. Engineer agrees to provide liability insurance covering its activities in providing the Services for County in an amount not less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act, §100.001, et seq., Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, and shall furnish County a certificate issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect.

15. Payment of Franchise Tax. The Engineer hereby certifies that the Engineer is not delinquent in Texas franchise tax payments, or that the Engineer is exempt from, or not subject to, such tax. A false statement concerning corporation's franchise tax status shall constitute grounds for termination of the Agreement at the sole option of the County.

16. No Assignment. Except as otherwise herein provided, Engineer may not assign the obligations or rights under this Agreement to any person without the prior written consent of County.

17. Conflict. Nothing in this Agreement 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 Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to Agreement, the latter

shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them the legal requirements and only during the time such conflict exists.

18. Termination by County. If Engineer fails to deliver quality Services, fails to achieve the defined goals, outcomes, strategies and outputs required by County, or if Engineer fails to comply with any conditions in this Agreement, then County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon the giving of ten (10) days prior written notice to Engineer.

19. No Waiver. No waiver by County of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.

20. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement 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 Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by County and Engineer, and not otherwise.

21. Venue. 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.

22. Hold Harmless. In the event Engineer should cause, either directly or indirectly, damage, loss, destruction, liability, or claims against the other party as a result of intentional conduct, negligence or otherwise, Engineer shall hold harmless and indemnify County from any and all obligations, liabilities, cause of action, lawsuits, damages, and assessments, including legal fees, etc., that from the Engineer's intentional actions or negligence. This indemnification clause shall survive

25. Executions of 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 Agreement.

26. Binding Agreement. This Agreement 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 Agreement.

27. Gender. All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neutral gender, and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate.

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

29. Professional Seal. All documents and data furnished by the Engineer to the County shall bear Professional seal of a licensed Engineer employed by the Engineer.

30. 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 Buyer under this Agreement, Buyer may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice to Seller. Buyer agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of Buyer pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

31. IMMUNITITES. Nothing in this Agreement intended to and County does not hereby waive, release or relinquish any right to assert any of the defenses County enjoys by virtue of the state or

federal constitution, laws, rules or regulations, and any sovereign, official or qualified immunity available to County as to any claim or action of any person, entity, or individual against County.

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

COUNTY:
COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS

By: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ENGINEER:
TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC.

By: _____

Printed Name _____

Title: _____

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ATLAS, HALL & RODRIGUEZ, LLP

By: _____

ATTACHMENTS:

- EXHIBIT A** -Scope of Services to be provided by the County
- EXHIBIT B** -Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer
- EXHIBIT C** -Engineer's Contract Rates
- EXHIBIT D** -Work Authorization Form
- EXHIBIT E** -Supplemental Agreement Form
- EXHIBIT F** -Certificates of Insurance

EXHIBIT “A-1”

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) PROCUREMENT PACKET

EXHIBIT “A”

SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY

EXHIBIT “A”

Services to be provided by County

The following provides an outline of the services to be provided by the Owner in the development of Projects (as defined and more particularly identified in Exhibit “A” attached to this Agreement).

General:

The Owner will provide to the Engineer the following:

- 1) Provide the authorization to proceed with services through coordination with the project consulting and design Engineer.
- 2) Payment for work performed by the Engineer and accepted by the Owner in accordance with Article 3 of this Agreement.
- 3) Assistance to the Engineer, as necessary, to obtain the required data and information from other local, regional, State and Federal agencies the Engineer cannot easily obtain.
- 4) Provide any available relevant data the Owner may have on file concerning the projects.
- 5) Provide timely review and decisions in response to the Engineer’s request for information and/or required submittals and deliverables, in order for the Engineer to maintain the agreed upon work schedule prepared in accordance with Exhibit “A” attached to this Agreement.
- 6) Attend and participate in progress meetings as required and as coordinated and conducted by Engineer.
- 7) Provide the authorization to proceed with services on project by project basis through consulting design and construction Engineer.

EXHIBIT “B”

SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE ENGINEER

Exhibit “B”

Services to be Provided by Engineer

The services to be provided by the ENGINEER in providing On-Call Geotechnical and Construction Materials Testing Services for Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Projects, are as follows:

A. Preliminary Phase:

- 1) Attend preliminary conferences with the OWNER and, if requested, with the funding agency and other government agencies or interested parties regarding the Project.
- 2) Provide for the necessary geotechnical investigation and testing necessary to develop design.
- 3) Provide environmental studies as may be necessary to complete a project.
- 4) Provide assistance to the OWNER in providing material requirements and specifications for design, construction and maintenance projects.
- 5) Provide assistance to the OWNER in providing pavement design recommendations for the design, construction and maintenance projects.
- 6) Provide assistance to the OWNER in providing pavement rehabilitation recommendations for the design, and maintenance projects.
- 7) Provide assistance to the OWNER in providing pavement condition studies.

B. Design Phase:

- 1) Attend the OWNER’S and respective Party’s meeting as requested for the purpose of explaining geotechnical investigation report recommendations and preliminary testing results and their impact to proposed design activities.
- 2) Perform any additional geotechnical investigations, testing and environmental studies necessary to collect information required in the design of the Project.
- 3) Provide assistance to the OWNER in providing material requirements and specifications for design, construction and maintenance projects.
- 4) Provide assistance to the OWNER in providing pavement design recommendations for the design, construction and maintenance projects.
- 5) Provide assistance to the OWNER in providing pavement rehabilitation recommendation for the design, construction and maintenance projects.
- 6) Provide assistance to the OWNER in providing pavement condition studies.
- 7) Furnish the OWNER all necessary report for preliminary design, design, and construction and maintenance projects.

C. Construction/Maintenance Phase:

- 1) Attend the OWNER’S and respective Party’s pre-construction and construction meetings as requested for the purpose of explaining geotechnical investigation report recommendation and preliminary testing results and their impact to proposed construction activities and establish coordination and lines of communication for proposed construction materials testing during construction activities.
- 2) Consult and advise with the OWNER during construction.
- 3) Provide construction materials testing for construction and maintenance project as required by the project plans and specifications and/or specified by the project design Engineer.

- 4) Review all material designs as requested by the OWNER and/or project design Engineer.
- 5) Furnish the OWNER all necessary reports for construction and maintenance projects.
- 6) Provide construction observation services as requested by the OWNER on construction and maintenance projects.

D. Miscellaneous/Other:

- 1) Act for Owner in professional manner, using that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by and consistent with the standards of the profession.
- 2) Perform all technical services under the general direction of a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas and in substantial accordance with the basic requirements of the appropriate Standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials, where applicable, or other standards designated by County.
- 3) Employ testing machines which have been calibrated within a period not exceeding twelve (12) months from the time of use by devices of accuracy traceable to the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) of the United States Department of Commerce, and, upon request, submit to the OWNER or its authorized representative documentation of such calibration.
- 4) Promptly submit formal construction materials testing reports for all tests, observations and services performed indicating where applicable, compliance with OWNER specifications or other documents. Such reports shall be completed and factual, citing the tests performed, methods employed, values obtained, parts of the structure and location at which tests were made.
- 5) The plans and specifications prepared under this Agreement shall become the property of the OWNER upon completion of the work and payment in full of all monies due to the Engineer.
- 6) Retain all pertinent records relating to the services performed for a period of five (5) years following submission of all reports, during which period the records will be made available to the Owner within a reasonable time.

NOTE: Change in and/or additional services to Scope will require prior approval from Owner prior to undertaking.

EXHIBIT “C”

**ENGINEER’S CONTRACT
RATES**

EXHIBIT “D”

WORK AUTHORIZATION FORM

PART 5. PERIOD OF SERVICE

This Work Authorization shall become effective on the date of final acceptance of the parties hereto, and terminate upon completion of scopes of the work authorization or (DATE).

PART 6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

This Authorization does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under the **Agreement**.

PART 7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIRMATION

Acknowledgement and confirmation by Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 Commissioner Eduardo Cantu, as to content and detail of this Work Authorization No.____.

HIDALGO COUNTY

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT No. __:

BY:_____

PART 8. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL

This Work Authorization is hereby accepted, approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court on _____ (DATE) as indicated below and effective as of _____ day of _____, 2016.

THE ENGINEER:

TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC.

THE OWNER:

HIDALGO COUNTY

By: _____

Print Name

By: Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ATTEST:

By: Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

EXHIBIT “E”

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FORM

EXHIBIT "E"

Supplemental Agreement Form

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. _____

TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of **paragraph 5** of the Agreement made by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, acting herein by and through the **Commissioner’s Court**, hereinafter called the “**Owner**”, and **FIRM’S NAME**, hereinafter called the “**Engineer**”.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** executed the **Agreement** on the _____ day of _____ 20__ concerning Engineering for _____ (hereinafter referred to as the “**Project**”); and,

WHEREAS, Paragraph ___ of the **Agreement**, (paragraph title), establishes _____; and,

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend the Agreement to _____

A. AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** agree that said **Agreement** is amended as follows:

I. Paragraph ___ of the **Agreement**, (paragraph title), is revised to

All other provisions are unchanged and remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Engineer and the Owner have caused this Supplemental Agreement to the Agreement for Professional Services to be executed as of the _____ day of _____, 20__.

THE ENGINEER:

BY: _____

Address for Giving Notices:

**THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY**

BY: _____

Ramon Garcia, County Judge

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(as required)

EXHIBIT “F”

**CERTIFICATES OF
INSURANCE**