



AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES

PROJECT: **Brushy Creek Trail Retaining Wall Improvements** ("Project")

**ARCHITECT/
ENGINEER:** **Eckermann Engineering, Inc.** ("A/E")
John J. Teague III, PE, Operations Manager
921 Main Street
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

**COUNTY'S DESIGNATED
REPRESENTATIVE:** **Williamson County Parks Department**
Director of Parks
219 Perry Mayfield
Leander, Texas 78641

THIS AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES ("Agreement") is made and entered into effective as of the latest date of the signatories indicated at the conclusion of this document (the "Effective Date"), by and between **Williamson County**, a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas ("County") and A/E.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, V.T.C.A., Government Code §2254.002(2)(A)(vii) under Subchapter A entitled "Professional Services Procurement Act" provides for the procurement by counties of services of professional architects and engineers; and

WHEREAS, County intends to **evaluate existing soil and slope conditions at the site;** and

WHEREAS, County desires that A/E perform certain professional services in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, A/E represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such services;

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

ARTICLE 1 SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

A/E agrees to perform professional services in connection with the Project as stated herein, and for having rendered such services, County agrees to pay to A/E compensation as stated in the articles to follow.

ARTICLE 2 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND APPLICABLE PROJECT DOCUMENTS

2.1 Contract Documents.

Contract Documents consist of this Agreement, any exhibits attached hereto (which exhibits are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement), and all fully executed Supplemental Agreements which are subsequently issued. These form the entire Agreement, and all are as fully a part of this Agreement as if attached to this Agreement or repeated herein.

2.2 Existing Information.

County shall provide A/E with all existing plans, maps, studies, reports, field notes, statistics, computations, and other data in its possession relative to existing facilities and to this particular Project at no cost to A/E; however, any and all such information shall remain the property of County and shall be returned, if County so instructs A/E.

2.3 Project Documents.

In addition to any other pertinent and necessary Project documents, the following documents shall be used in the development of the Project:

2.3.1

2012 Edition of the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) regarding the Elimination of Architectural Barriers Program, including latest revisions (see 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 68.100; see *also* Tex. Gov't Code, Ch. 469).

2.3.2

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

2.3.3

Williamson County Facilities Building Code Adoption List, 2020 edition as updated

2.3.4

Williamson County Consultant Design Deliverable Guidelines, 2020 edition as updated

ARTICLE 3 NON-COLLUSION; DEBARMENT; AND FINANCIAL INTEREST PROHIBITED

3.1 Non-collusion.

A/E warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or persons, other than a bona fide employee working solely for A/E, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or subconsultant any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this

Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, County reserves and shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, in its discretion and at its sole election, to deduct from the Agreement price or compensation, or to otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

3.2 Debarment Certification.

A/E must sign the Debarment Certification enclosed herewith as **Exhibit E**.

3.3 Financial Interest Prohibited.

A/E covenants and represents that A/E, its officers, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors will have no financial interest, direct or indirect, in the purchase or sale of any product, materials, or equipment that will be recommended or required for the construction of the Project.

ARTICLE 4 CHARACTER AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

4.1

In consideration of the compensation herein provided, A/E shall perform professional architectural and engineering services for the Project, which are acceptable to County, based on standard architectural and engineering practices and the scope of work described on the Exhibits attached to this Agreement. A/E shall also serve as County's professional architect and engineer in those phases of the Project to which this Agreement applies and will consult with and give advice to County during the performance of A/E's services.

4.2

A/E shall perform the following Basic Scope of Services (sometimes referred to herein as the "Basic Scope of Services", "Basic Services" or the "Scope of Services"):

4.2.1

The Basic Scope of Services shall generally consist of all elements of work, meetings, materials, and equipment required for the development of the Project in accordance with the requirements, policies, and general practices of Williamson County.

4.2.2

As part of the Basic Services, A/E shall submit its work products to County for review as requested by County.

4.2.3

The detailed Basic Services for the Project is set forth herein as **Exhibit A** to this Agreement, which is expressly incorporated and made a part hereof.

ARTICLE 5 TIME FOR PERFORMANCE

5.1 Commencement.

A/E shall not commence work until A/E has been thoroughly briefed on the scope of the Project and has been notified in writing to proceed, as evidenced by a Notice to Proceed.

5.2 Duration.

A/E agrees to complete the Basic Services within the time period set forth in **Exhibit C**. The time limits set out therein may, for good cause, be extended, in writing, by County as the Project proceeds. Unless otherwise stated in Exhibit C, the termination of this Agreement will be upon Final Certificate of Payment and achievement of all requirements for achieving Final Completion of the Project.

ARTICLE 6 COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

6.1 Basic Fee.

For and in consideration of the Basic Services rendered by A/E, County shall pay to A/E up to **Thirty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$39,250)** hereinafter called the "Basic Fee".

The Basic Fee is based upon all estimated labor costs required in the performance of all items and phases of the Basic Services set forth in **Exhibit A**. Compensation for Basic Services will be paid by County by monthly invoices of percentage completion of fees by phase of the Basic Fee as set forth in **Exhibit B**. County will only be obligated to pay A/E for the performance of items and phases of the Basic Services actually rendered and incurred, which may be less than the above stated Basic Fee.

6.2 Expenses.

A/E shall be reimbursed for actual non-labor and subcontract expenses incurred in the performance of the services under this Agreement in accordance with the Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy set forth under **Exhibit D**. Invoices requesting reimbursement for costs and expenditures related to the Project (reimbursables) must be accompanied by copies of the provider's invoice and **must strictly comply with the Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy**. The copies of the provider's invoice must evidence the actual costs billed to A/E without markup. Reimbursable Expenses are in addition to compensation for Basic and Additional Services and must not exceed **Three Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$ 392)**.

ARTICLE 7 ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND CHARGES

For the performance of services not specifically described as Basic Services under **Article 4** above (sometimes referred to herein as "Additional Services"), County shall pay and A/E shall receive, under a negotiated, written Supplemental Agreement, Additional Services compensation based upon invoices of percentage completion.

A/E shall not, however, be compensated for work made necessary by A/E's negligent errors or omissions. In the event of any dispute over the classification of A/E's services as Basic or Additional Services under this Agreement, the decision of County shall be final and binding on A/E.

It is expressly understood and agreed that A/E shall not furnish any Additional Services without the prior written authorization of County by a negotiated Supplemental Agreement. County shall

have no obligation to pay for such Additional Services which have been rendered without prior written authorization of County as hereinabove required.

ARTICLE 8 TIME OF PAYMENT; PAYMENT AND INTEREST; AND RIGHT TO AUDIT

8.1 Time of Payment.

During the performance of the services provided for in this Agreement, monthly payments shall be made based upon that portion of the services which has been completed.

On or about the last day of each calendar month during the performance of the Basic Services to be provided under this Agreement, A/E shall submit to County working documents in any stage of completion to demonstrate incremental progress of Basic Services and the compensation which is due for percentage completion of Basic Services.

On or about the last day of each calendar month during the performance of the Additional Services to be provided under **Article 7**, A/E shall submit to County working documents in any stage of completion to demonstrate incremental progress of Additional Services under an applicable Supplemental Agreement related thereto, and the compensation which is due for percentage completion of particular Additional Services.

County shall review the documentation and shall pay each correct statement as set forth in this **Article 8**, however, the approval or payment of any statement shall not be considered evidence of performance by A/E to the point indicated by such statement or of receipt or acceptance by County of the services covered by such statement. Final payment does not relieve A/E of the responsibility of correcting any errors or omissions resulting from A/E's negligence.

Upon submittal of the initial invoice, A/E shall provide the County Auditor with an Internal Revenue Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification that is complete in compliance with the Internal Revenue Code, its rules and regulations.

8.2 Prompt Payment Policy.

In accordance with **Chapter 2251, V.T.C.A., Texas Government Code**, payment to A/E will be made within **thirty (30) days** of the day on which the performance of services was complete, or within **thirty (30) days** of the day on which the County Auditor receives a correct invoice for services, whichever is later. A/E may charge a late fee (fee shall not be greater than that which is permitted by Texas law) for payments not made in accordance with this prompt payment policy; however, this policy does not apply in the event:

8.2.1

There is a bona fide dispute between County and A/E concerning the supplies, materials, or equipment delivered or the services performed that causes the payment to be late; or

8.2.2

There is a bona fide dispute between A/E and a subcontractor/ subconsultant or between a subcontractor/ subconsultant and its supplier concerning supplies, materials, or equipment delivered or the Basic Services performed which causes the payment to be late; or

8.2.3

The invoice is not submitted to Williamson County in strict accordance with instructions, if any, on the purchase order, or this Agreement or other such contractual agreement.

The County Auditor shall document to A/E the issues related to disputed invoices within **ten (10) calendar days** of receipt of such invoice. Any non-disputed invoices shall be considered correct and payable per the terms of **Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251, V.T.C.A.**

ARTICLE 9 PROJECT TEAM

County's Designated Representative for purposes of this Agreement is as follows:

**Williamson County Parks Department
Attn: Director of Parks
219 Perry Mayfield
Leander, Texas 78641**

County shall have the right, from time to time, to change the County's Designated Representative by giving A/E written notice thereof. With respect to any action, decision, or determination which is to be taken or made by County under this Agreement, the County's Designated Representative may take such action or make such decision or determination or shall notify A/E in writing of an individual responsible for, and capable of, taking such action, decision, or determination, and shall forward any communications and documentation to such individual for response or action. Actions, decisions or determinations by County's Designated Representative on behalf of County shall be done in his or her reasonable business judgment unless express standards or parameters therefor are included in this Agreement, in which case, actions taken by County's Designated Representative shall be in accordance with such express standards or parameters. Any consent, approval, decision, or determination hereunder by County's Designated Representative shall be binding on County; *provided, however*, County's Designated Representative shall not have any right to modify, amend, or terminate this Agreement or executed Supplemental Agreement. County's Designated Representative shall not have any authority to execute a Supplemental Agreement unless otherwise granted such authority by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

A/E's Designated Representative for purposes of this Agreement is as follows:

**Eckermann Engineering, Inc.
John J. Teague III, PE, Operations Manager
921 Main Street
Liberty Hill, TX 78642**

A/E shall have the right, from time to time, to change A/E's Designated Representative by giving County written notice thereof. With respect to any action, decision, or determination which is to be taken or made by A/E under this Agreement, A/E's Designated Representative may take such action or make such decision or determination, or shall notify County in writing of an individual responsible for and capable of taking such action, decision, or determination and shall forward any communications and documentation to such individual for response or action. Actions, decisions, or determinations by A/E's Designated Representative on behalf of A/E shall be done

in his or her reasonable business judgment unless express standards or parameters therefor are included in this Agreement, in which case, actions taken by A/E's Designated Representative shall be in accordance with such express standards or parameters. Any consent, approval, decision, or determination hereunder by A/E's Designated Representative shall be binding on A/E. A/E's Designated Representative shall have the right to modify, amend, and execute Supplemental Agreements on behalf of A/E.

ARTICLE 10 NOTICE

Any notice required to be given under the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be duly served when it shall have been deposited, enclosed in a wrapper with the proper postage prepaid thereon, and duly registered or certified, return receipt requested, in a United States Post Office, addressed to County or A/E at the following addresses. If mailed, any notice or communication shall be deemed to be received **three (3) days** after the date of deposit in the United States Mail. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, all notices shall be delivered to the following addresses:

County: Williamson County Judge
710 Main Street, Suite 101
Georgetown, Texas 78626

With copy to: Williamson County Parks Department
Attn: Director of Parks
219 Perry Mayfield
Leander, Texas 78641

and to: Office of General Counsel
Williamson County Commissioners Court
401 W. 6th Street
Georgetown, Texas 78626

A/E: Eckermann Engineering, Inc.
921 Main Street
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Attention: John J. Teague III, PE
Operations Manager

Either party may designate a different address by giving the other party ten (10) days written notice.

ARTICLE 11 PROGRESS EVALUATION

Prior to the commencement of the Basic Services, A/E shall confer with County on the development of a proposed initial Project Schedule and once such initial Project Schedule is

completed, submit same to the County. Thereafter, A/E shall, from time to time during the progress of the Basic Services and, when applicable, progress of Additional Services, confer with County at County's election. A/E shall prepare and present such information as may be pertinent and necessary, or as may be reasonably requested by County, in order for County to evaluate features of the Basic Services and any applicable Additional Services. At the request of County or A/E, conferences shall be provided at A/E's office, the offices of County, or at other locations designated by County. When requested by County, such conferences shall also include evaluation of the Basic Services and any applicable Additional Services. County may, from time to time, require A/E to appear and provide information to the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

Should County determine that the progress in Basic Services or any applicable Additional Services does not satisfy the terms of this Agreement, then County shall review same with A/E to determine corrective action required.

A/E shall promptly advise County in writing of events which have or may have a significant impact upon the progress of the Basic Services and any applicable Additional Services, including but not limited to the following:

11.1

Problems, delays, adverse conditions which may materially affect the ability to meet the objectives of this Agreement or preclude the attainment of Project Basic Services and any applicable Additional Services by established time periods; and such disclosure shall be accompanied by statement of actions taken or contemplated, and County assistance needed to resolve the situation, if any; and

11.2

Favorable developments or events which enable meeting goals sooner than anticipated in relation to this Agreement or any applicable Supplemental Agreement.

ARTICLE 12 CHANGES IN COMPLETED BASIC SERVICES

If County deems it necessary to request changes to previously satisfactorily completed Basic Services or parts thereof which involve changes to the original Basic Services or character of Basic Services under this Agreement, then A/E shall make such revisions as requested and as directed by County. Such revisions shall be considered as Additional Services and paid for as specified under **Article 7** and **Article 8**. A/E shall make revisions to Basic Services authorized hereunder as are necessary to correct errors appearing therein, when required to do so by County. No additional compensation shall be due for such Basic Services.

ARTICLE 13 REVIEW PROCESS AND REVISIONS TO A/E WORK PRODUCT

13.1 Review Process.

A/E's Work Product will be reviewed by County under its applicable technical requirements and procedures, as follows:

13.1.1 Deliverables.

Reports, plans, surveys, field notes, original drawings, computer tapes, graphic files, tracings, calculations, analyses, reports, specifications, data, sketches and/or schematics prepared by A/E and supporting documents (collectively referred to hereinabove and hereinafter as the "A/E Work Product(s)"), shall be submitted by A/E on or before the dates specified for completion, as set out in the Production Schedule set forth in **Exhibit C**.

13.1.2 Completion.

Reports, plans, specifications, and supporting documents shall be submitted by A/E on or before the dates specified in **Exhibit C**. Upon receipt of same, the submission shall be checked for completion. "Completion" or "Complete" shall be defined as all of the required items, as set out in **Exhibit A**, have been included in compliance with the requirements of this Agreement. The completeness of any Basic Services submitted to County shall be determined by County within thirty (30) days of such deliverable and County shall notify A/E in writing within such thirty (30) day period if such Basic Services have been found to be incomplete. If the submission is Complete, County will notify A/E and County's technical review process will begin.

If the submission is not Complete, County will notify A/E, who shall perform such professional services as are required to complete the Basic Services and resubmit it to County. This process shall be repeated until a submission is Complete.

13.1.3 Acceptance.

County will review the completed Basic Services in each design phase for compliance with this Agreement and general conformance with the Design Deliverable Guidelines. "Acceptance" or "Accepted" shall mean that in County's reasonable opinion, substantial compliance with the requirements of this Agreement has been achieved.

If a lack of coordination between subconsultant documents is discovered in the A/E work product, which is not specifically called-out by A/E as a pending coordination item, the work product will be returned to A/E along with written email notification which may describe preliminary deficiencies discovered and may reference the terms of **Paragraph 13.1.3** of this Agreement. A/E shall perform any required corrections to Basic Services and resubmit to County.

Should this process need to be repeated for the same or subsequent deficiencies related to the initial deficiencies, County will issue a marked-up work product to A/E indicating specific deficiencies for correction. County will also issue a notice for A/E to deduct **One Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,000)** from the A/E 's Basic Fee on the next invoice for each occurrence until the Basic Services are Accepted.

13.1.4 Final Approval.

After Acceptance, A/E shall perform any required modifications, changes, alterations, corrections, redesigns, and additional work necessary to receive Final Approval by County. "Final Approval" in this sense shall mean formal recognition that the Basic Services have been fully carried out.

13.2 Revision to A/E Work Product.

A/E shall make, without expense to County, such revisions to A/E Work Product as may be required to correct negligent errors or omissions so A/E Work Product meets the needs of County, but after the approval of A/E Work Product any revisions, additions, or other modifications made

at County's request which involve extra services and expenses to A/E shall entitle A/E to additional compensation for such extra services and expenses; provided, however, A/E hereby agrees to perform any necessary corrections to A/E Work Products which are found to be in negligent error or omission as a result of A/E's development of A/E Work Product, at any time, without additional compensation. If it is necessary, due to such error or omission by A/E, to revise any A/E Work Product in order to make the Project constructible, A/E shall do so without additional compensation. In the event of any dispute over the classification of A/E's Work Products as Complete, Accepted, or Approved under this Agreement, the decision of County shall be final and binding on A/E, subject to any civil remedy or determination otherwise available to the parties and deemed appropriate by the parties.

13.3 Days.

All references to a "day" in this Agreement shall mean a calendar day unless otherwise specified.

13.4 County's Reliance on A/E.

A/E's duties as set forth herein shall at no time be in any way diminished by reason of any review, evaluation, or approval by County nor shall A/E be released from any liability by reason of such review, evaluation or approval by County, it being understood that County, at all times, is ultimately relying upon A/E's skill, ability, and knowledge in performing the Basic Services required hereunder in conformance with the standard of care for each discipline.

ARTICLE 14 SUSPENSION

Should County desire to suspend the Basic Services, but not to terminate this Agreement, then such suspension may be effected by County giving A/E **thirty (30) calendar days'** verbal notification followed by written confirmation to that effect. Such **thirty (30)-day** notice may be waived in writing by agreement and signature of both parties. The Basic Services may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect within **sixty (60) days** of receipt of written notice from County to resume the Basic Services. Such **sixty (60)-day** notice may be waived in writing by agreement and signature of both parties. If this Agreement is suspended for more than **thirty (30) days**, A/E shall have the option of terminating this Agreement and, in the event, A/E shall be compensated for all Basic Services performed and reimbursable expenses incurred, provided such Basic Services and reimbursable expenses have been previously authorized and approved by County, to the effective date of suspension.

County assumes no liability for Basic Services performed or costs incurred prior to the date authorized by County for A/E to begin Basic Services, and/or during periods when Basic Services are suspended, and/or subsequent to the completion date.

ARTICLE 15 VIOLATION OF CONTRACT TERMS/ BREACH OF CONTRACT

Violation of contract terms or breach of contract by A/E shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement, and any increased costs arising from A/E's default, breach of contract, or violation of contract terms shall be paid by A/E.

ARTICLE 16 TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated as set forth below.

16.1

By mutual agreement and consent, in writing, of both parties.

16.2

By County, by notice in writing to A/E, as a consequence of failure by A/E to perform the Basic Services set forth herein in a satisfactory manner.

16.3

By either party, upon the failure of the other party to fulfill its obligations as set forth herein.

16.4

By County, for reasons of its own and not subject to the mutual consent of A/E, upon not less than **thirty (30) days** written notice to A/E.

16.5

By satisfactory completion of all Basic Services and obligations described herein.

Should County terminate this Agreement as herein provided, no fees other than fees due and payable at the time of termination plus reimbursable expenses incurred shall thereafter be paid to A/E. In determining the value of the Basic Services performed by A/E prior to termination, County shall be the sole judge. Compensation for Basic Services at termination will be based on a percentage of the Basic Services completed at that time. Should County terminate this Agreement under **Section 16.4** above, then the amount charged during the **thirty (30)-day** notice period shall not exceed the amount charged during the preceding **thirty (30) days**.

If A/E defaults in the performance of this Agreement or if County terminates this Agreement for fault on the part of A/E, then County shall give consideration to the actual costs incurred by A/E in performing the Basic Services to the date of default, the amount of Basic Services required which was satisfactorily completed to date of default, the value of the Basic Services which are usable to County, the cost to County of employing another firm to complete the Basic Services required and the time required to do so, and other factors which affect the value to County of the Basic Services performed at the time of default.

The termination of this Agreement and payment of an amount in settlement as prescribed above shall extinguish all rights, duties, and obligations of County under this Agreement. If the termination of this Agreement is due to the failure of A/E to fulfill its contractual obligations, then County may take over the Project and prosecute the Basic Services to completion. In such case, A/E shall be liable to County for any additional and reasonable costs incurred by County.

A/E shall be responsible for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of any procurements made by A/E in support of the Basic Services under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 17 USE OF DOCUMENTS

All documents, including but not limited to drawings, specifications, and data or programs stored electronically, (hereinafter referred to as "A/E Work Products") prepared by A/E and its subcontractors/ subconsultants are related exclusively to the services described in this Agreement and are intended to be used with respect to this Project. However, it is expressly understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that all of A/E's designs under this Agreement (including but not limited to tracings, drawings, estimates, specifications, investigations, studies and other documents, completed or partially completed), shall be the property of County to be thereafter used in any lawful manner as County elects. Any such subsequent use made of documents by County shall be at County's sole risk and without liability to A/E.

By execution of this Agreement and in confirmation of the fee for services to be paid under this Agreement, A/E hereby conveys, transfers, and assigns to County all rights under the Federal Copyright Act of 1976 (or any successor copyright statute), as amended, all common law copyrights and all other intellectual property rights acknowledged by law in the Project Designs and Work Product developed under this Agreement. Copies may be retained by A/E. A/E shall be liable to County for any loss or damage to any such documents while they are in the possession of or while being worked upon by A/E or anyone connected with A/E, including agents, employees, Engineers or subcontractors/ subconsultants. All documents so lost or damaged shall be replaced or restored by A/E without cost to County.

Upon execution of this Agreement, A/E grants to County permission to reproduce A/E's work and documents for purposes of constructing, using, and maintaining the Project, provided that County will comply with its obligations, including prompt payment of all sums when due, under this Agreement. A/E shall obtain similar permission from A/E's subcontractors/ subconsultants consistent with this Agreement. If and upon the date A/E is adjudged in default of this Agreement, County is permitted to authorize other similarly credentialed design professionals to reproduce and, where permitted by law, to make changes, corrections, or additions to the work and documents for the purposes of completing, using, and maintaining the Project.

County shall not assign, delegate, sublicense, pledge, or otherwise transfer any permission granted herein to another party without the prior written consent of A/E. However, County shall be permitted to authorize the contractor, subcontractors, and material or equipment suppliers to reproduce applicable portions of A/E Work Products appropriate to and for use in the execution of the Work. Submission or distribution of A/E Work Products to meet official regulatory requirements or for similar purposes in connection with the Project is permitted. Any unauthorized use of A/E Work Products shall be at County's sole risk and without liability to A/E and its subconsultants.

Prior to A/E providing to County any A/E Work Products in electronic form or County providing to A/E any electronic data for incorporation into A/E Work Products, County and A/E shall, by separate written agreement, set forth the specific conditions governing the format of such A/E Work Products or electronic data, including any special limitations not otherwise provided in this Agreement. Any electronic files are provided by A/E for the convenience of County and use of them is at County's sole risk. In the case of any defects in electronic files or any discrepancies between them and any hardcopy of the same documents prepared by A/E, the hardcopy shall prevail. Only printed copies of documents conveyed by A/E shall be relied upon.

A/E shall have no liability for changes made to the drawings by other consultants subsequent to the completion of the Project. Any such change shall be sealed by A/E making that change and shall be appropriately marked to reflect what was changed or modified.

ARTICLE 18 PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIAL

A/E shall furnish and maintain, at its own expense, quarters for the performance of all Basic Services, and adequate and sufficient personnel and equipment to perform the Basic Services as required. All employees of A/E shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee of A/E who, in the reasonable opinion of County, is incompetent or whose conduct becomes detrimental to the Basic Services shall immediately be removed from association with the Project when so instructed by County. A/E certifies that it presently has adequate qualified personnel in its employment for performance of the Basic Services required under this Agreement, or will obtain such personnel from sources other than County. A/E may not change the Project Manager without prior written consent of County.

ARTICLE 19 SUBCONTRACTING

A/E shall not assign, subcontract, or transfer any portion of the Basic Services under this Agreement without prior written approval from County. All subcontracts shall include the provisions required in this Agreement. No subcontract shall relieve A/E of any responsibilities under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 20 MODIFICATIONS

This instrument contains the entire Agreement between the parties relating to the right herein granted and obligations herein assumed. Any oral or written representations or modifications concerning this instrument shall be of no force and effect excepting a subsequent written modification signed by both parties hereto.

ARTICLE 21 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

21.1 Compliance.

A/E shall render the services hereunder in accordance with generally accepted standards applicable thereto and shall use that degree of care and skill commensurate with the architecture and engineering professions, and in recognition of such standards, A/E shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any court, or administrative bodies or tribunals in any manner affecting the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, minimum/ maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and licensing laws and regulations. A/E shall furnish County with satisfactory proof of its compliance.

A/E shall further obtain all permits and licenses required in the performance of the Basic Services contracted for herein.

21.2 Taxes.

A/E shall pay all taxes, if any, required by law arising by virtue of the Basic Services performed hereunder. County is qualified for exemption pursuant to the provisions of **Section 151.309 of the Texas Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Act.**

ARTICLE 22 INDEMNIFICATION

A/E AGREES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD COUNTY HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, LOSSES, PENALTIES, JUDGMENTS, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM A NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION, NEGLIGENCE, OR INTENTIONAL TORT COMMITTED BY A/E, A/E'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY UNDER CONTRACT WITH A/E INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, A/E'S SUBCONSULTANTS, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH A/E EXERCISES CONTROL.

A/E FURTHER AGREES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, LOSSES, PENALTIES, JUDGMENTS, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM A/E'S FAILURE TO PAY A/E'S EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF THE WORK PERFORMED OR TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT BY A/E.

A/E FURTHER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, LOSSES, PENALTIES, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM THE INFRINGEMENT OF ANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ARISING OUT OF THE USE OF ANY PLANS, DESIGN, DRAWINGS, OR SPECIFICATIONS FURNISHED BY A/E IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT.

THE LIMITS OF INSURANCE REQUIRED IN THIS AGREEMENT AND/OR THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL NOT LIMIT A/E'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS **ARTICLE 22**. THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THIS **ARTICLE 22** SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT AND/OR CONTRACT DOCUMENTS OR THE SUSPENSION OF THE WORK HEREUNDER. TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY LIABILITIES, PENALTIES, DEMANDS, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES ARE CAUSED IN PART BY THE ACTS OF COUNTY OR THIRD PARTIES FOR WHOM A/E IS NOT LEGALLY LIABLE, A/E'S OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE IN PROPORTION TO A/E'S FAULT. THE OBLIGATIONS HEREIN SHALL ALSO EXTEND TO ANY ACTIONS BY COUNTY TO ENFORCE THIS INDEMNITY OBLIGATION.

IN THE EVENT THAT CONTRACTORS INITIATE LITIGATION AGAINST COUNTY IN WHICH CONTRACTOR ALLEGES DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF ANY ACTS, ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OF A/E OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY A/E, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEFECTS, ERRORS, OR OMISSIONS IN THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS OR IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY A/E OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY A/E, AND/OR INADEQUATE SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE-ADMINISTRATION OF THE

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AS DEFINED AND REQUIRED BY THIS AGREEMENT, AGREEMENT EXHIBITS AND THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, THEN COUNTY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO JOIN A/E AT COUNTY'S COST. A/E SHALL ALSO HOLD COUNTY HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY COUNTY TO THE EXTENT THAT A/E, ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR OTHER ENTITIES OVER WHICH A/E EXERCISES CONTROL, CAUSED SUCH DAMAGES TO CONTRACTOR, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL COSTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES INCURRED BY COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFENSE OF ANY CLAIMS WHERE A/E, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR OTHER ENTITIES OVER WHICH A/E EXERCISES CONTROL, ARE ADJUDICATED AT FAULT.

ARTICLE 23 PROFESSIONAL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

A/E shall be responsible for the accuracy of its Professional Services and shall promptly make necessary revisions or corrections to its Work Product resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts, and same shall be done without compensation. County shall determine A/E's responsibilities for all questions arising from design errors and/or omissions, subject to the dispute resolution provisions of **Article 31**. A/E shall not be relieved of responsibility for subsequent correction of any such errors or omissions in its work product, or for clarification of any ambiguities until after the construction phase of the Project has been completed.

ARTICLE 24 PROFESSIONAL'S SEAL

The responsible architect and engineer shall sign, seal, and date all appropriate submissions to County in accordance with Texas laws and the rules of the State Boards of Registration for Professionals.

ARTICLE 25 INSURANCE

A/E must comply with the following insurance requirements at all times during this Agreement:

- 25.1 Coverage Limits.** A/E, at A/E's sole cost, shall purchase and maintain during the entire term while this Agreement is in effect the following insurance:
- 25.1.1** Worker's Compensation in accordance with statutory requirements.
 - 25.1.2** Commercial General Liability Insurance with a combined minimum Bodily Injury and Property Damage limits of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 in the aggregate.
 - 25.1.3** Business Automobile Liability Insurance for all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles with combined minimum limits for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of \$1,000,000.00 each accident.
 - 25.1.4** Professional Liability Insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 per claim and annual aggregate.

25.2 Certification of Coverage. Prior to the performance of any architectural and engineering services under this Agreement, A/E shall furnish County with a Certificate of Insurance issued by the insurer evidencing the required coverages and terms under this article. The initial Certificate of Insurance is evidenced as **Exhibit F** herein entitled “Certificates of Insurance.” As further set out below, A/E shall not allow any subcontractor/subconsultant(s) to commence work to be performed in connection with this Agreement until all required insurance has been obtained and approved and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Approval of the insurance by County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of A/E hereunder.

25.3 Additional Insureds; Waiver of Subrogation. **“Williamson County, Texas, its directors, officers and employees” shall be added as additional insureds under policies listed under (2) and (3) above,** and on those policies where “Williamson County, Texas, its directors, officers and employees” are additional insureds, such insurance shall be primary and any insurance maintained by County shall be excess and not contribute with it. Such policies shall also include waivers of subrogation in favor of County.

25.4 Certificate Holder. The name of the Certificate Holder in the Certificate of Insurance issued by the insurer shall be as follows:

Williamson County, Texas
C/O: Williamson County Risk Management
301 SE Inner Loop
Georgetown, TX. 78626
Email: coi.submission@wilco.org

25.5 Insurance Policy Endorsements. Each insurance policy shall include the following conditions by endorsement to the policy:

1. County shall be notified ten (10) days prior to the expiration, cancellation, non-renewal or any material change in coverage, and such notice thereof shall be given to County by certified mail, and by email to:

Williamson County, Texas
C/O: Williamson County Risk Management
301 SE Inner Loop
Georgetown, TX. 78626
Email: coi.submission@wilco.org

2. The policy clause “Other Insurance” shall not apply to any insurance coverage currently held by County, to any such future coverage, or to County’s Self-Insured Retentions of whatever nature.

25.6 Notices by A/E. A/E shall not cause any insurance to be canceled nor permit any insurance to lapse. **In addition to any other notification requirements set forth hereunder, A/E shall also notify County, within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of any notices of expiration, cancellation, non-renewal, or material change in coverage it receives from its insurer.**

25.7 Premiums and Deductible. A/E shall be responsible for payment of premiums for all of the insurance coverages required under this section. A/E further agrees that for each claim, suit or action made against insurance provided hereunder, with respect to all matters for which the

A/E is responsible hereunder, A/E shall be solely responsible for all deductibles and self-insured retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions over **\$50,000** in the A/E's insurance must be declared and approved in writing by County in advance.

25.8 Insurance Company Rating. The required insurance must be written by a company approved to do business in the State or Texas with a financial standing of at least an A- rating, as reflected in Best's insurance ratings or by a similar rating system recognized within the insurance industry at the time the policy is issued.

25.9 No Arbitration. It is the intention of the County and agreed to and hereby acknowledged by the A/E, that no provision of this Agreement shall be construed to require the County to submit to mandatory arbitration in the settlement of any claim, cause of action or dispute, except as specifically required in direct connection with an insurance claim or threat of claim under an insurance policy required hereunder or as may be required by law or a court of law with jurisdiction over the provisions of this Agreement.

25.10 Subcontractor/Subconsultant's Insurance. Without limiting any of the other obligations or liabilities of A/E, A/E shall require each subcontractor/subconsultant performing work under this Agreement (to the extent a subcontractor/subconsultant is allowed by County) to maintain during the term of this Agreement, at the subcontractor/subconsultant's own expense, the same stipulated minimum insurance required in this Article, including the required provisions and additional policy conditions as shown below in this Article. Any requests for consent to reduce any insurance coverage limits requirements for A/E's subcontractors/subconsultants must be provided to County in writing and must set forth reasoning and justifications for decreasing such coverage limits. County may, at its sole discretion, consent to a reduction in the insurance coverage limits requirements for A/E's subcontractors/subconsultants; provided, however, consent by County must be in writing and such consent shall not relieve or decrease the liability of A/E hereunder.

A/E shall obtain and monitor the Certificates of Insurance from each subcontractor/subconsultant in order to assure compliance with the insurance requirements. A/E must retain the Certificates of Insurance for the duration of this Agreement and shall have the responsibility of enforcing these insurance requirements among its subcontractor/subconsultants. County shall be entitled, upon request and without expense, to receive copies of these Certificates of Insurance.

25.11 Cost of Insurance. The cost of all insurance required herein to be secured and maintained by A/E shall be borne solely by A/E.

ARTICLE 26 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their successors, lawful assigns, and legal representatives. A/E may not assign, sublet, or transfer any interest in this Agreement, in whole or in part, by operation of law or otherwise, without obtaining the prior written consent of County.

ARTICLE 27 SEVERABILITY

In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, then such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

ARTICLE 28 PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED

This Agreement constitutes the sole agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the subject matter defined herein. This Agreement may only be amended or supplemented by mutual agreement of the parties hereto in writing.

ARTICLE 29 A/E'S ACCOUNTING RECORDS

A/E agrees to maintain, for a period of **three (3) years** after final payment under this Agreement, detailed records, books, documents, and papers which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed under this Agreement and records of reimbursable costs and expenses of other providers and provide such other details as may be requested by the County Auditor for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. A/E agrees that County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of **three (3) years** after final payment under this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all detailed records, books, documents, and papers which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed under this Agreement and records of reimbursable costs and expenses of other providers for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. A/E further agrees that County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary A/E facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate workspace in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this **Article 29**. County shall give A/E reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

ARTICLE 30 GENERAL PROVISIONS

30.1 Time is of the Essence.

A/E understands and agrees that time is of the essence and that any failure of A/E to complete the Basic Services within the agreed Production Schedule set out in **Exhibit C** may constitute a material breach of this Agreement. A/E shall be fully responsible for its delays or for failures to use its reasonable efforts in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and A/E's standard of performance as defined herein. Where damage is caused to County due to A/E's negligent failure to perform, County may accordingly withhold, to the extent of such damage, A/E's payments hereunder without waiver of any of County's additional legal rights or remedies.

30.2 Force Majeure.

Neither County nor A/E shall be deemed in violation of this Agreement if prevented from performing any of their obligations hereunder by reasons for which they are not responsible or circumstances beyond their control. However, notice of such impediment or delay in performance must be timely given, and all reasonable efforts undertaken to mitigate its effects.

30.3 Enforcement and Venue.

This Agreement shall be enforceable in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, and if legal action is necessary by either party with respect to the enforcement of any or all of the terms or conditions herein, exclusive venue for same shall lie in Williamson County, Texas. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and court decisions of the State of Texas excluding, however, its choice of law rules.

30.4 Standard of Performance.

The standard of care for all professional architecture, engineering, consulting and related services performed or furnished by A/E and its employees under this Agreement will be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of A/E's profession, practicing under the same or similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality.

30.5 Opinion of Probable Cost.

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

30.6 Opinions and Determinations.

Where the terms of this Agreement provide for action to be based upon opinion, judgment, approval, review, or determination of either party hereto, such terms are not intended to be and shall never be construed as permitting such opinion, judgment, approval, review, or determination to be arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable.

30.7 Reports of Accidents.

Within **twenty-four (24) hours** after A/E becomes aware of the occurrence of any accident or other event which results in, or might result in, injury to the person or property of any third person (other than an employee of A/E), whether or not it results from, or involves, any action or failure to act by A/E or any employee or agent of A/E and which arises in any manner from the performance of this Agreement, A/E shall send a written report of such accident or other event to County, setting forth a full and concise statement of the facts pertaining thereto. A/E shall also immediately send to County a copy of any summons, subpoena, notice, or other documents served upon A/E, its agents, employees, or representatives, or received by it or them, in connection with any matter before any court arising in any manner from A/E's performance of work under this Agreement.

30.8 Gender, Number, and Headings.

Words of any gender used in this Agreement shall be held and construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular number shall be held to include the plural, unless the context

otherwise requires. The headings and section numbers are for convenience only and shall not be considered in interpreting or construing this Agreement.

30.9 Construction.

Each party hereto acknowledges that it and its counsel have reviewed this Agreement and that the normal rules of construction are not applicable and there will be no presumption that any ambiguities will be resolved against the drafting party in the interpretation of this Agreement.

30.10 Independent Contractor Relationship.

Both parties hereto, in the performance of this Agreement, shall act in an individual capacity and not as agents, employees, partners, joint ventures or associates of one another. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purposes whatsoever.

30.11 No Waiver of Immunities.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to waive, modify, or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to County, its past or present officers, employees, or agents, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. County does not waive, modify, or alter, to any extent whatsoever, the availability of the defense of governmental immunity under the laws of the State of Texas and of the United States.

30.12 Texas Public Information Act.

To the extent, if any, that any provision in this Agreement is in conflict with **Texas Government Code 552.001** et seq., as amended (the "Public Information Act"), the same shall be of no force or effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood and agreed that County, its officers and employees may request advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas in regard to the application of the Public Information Act to any items or data furnished to County as to whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further understood that County's officers and employees shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that County, its officers and employees shall have no liability or obligation to any party hereto for the disclosure to the public, or to any person or persons, of any items or data furnished to County by a party hereto, in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

30.13 Governing Terms and Conditions.

If there is an irreconcilable conflict between the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement or any Supplemental Agreement and the terms and conditions set forth in any Exhibit, Appendix to this Agreement, the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement or any Supplemental Agreement shall control over the terms and conditions set forth in any Exhibit, Appendix to this Agreement.

30.14 Appropriation of Funds by County.

County believes it has sufficient funds currently available and authorized for expenditure to finance the costs of this Agreement. A/E understands and agrees that County's payment of amounts under this Agreement is contingent on the County receiving appropriations or other expenditure authority sufficient to allow the County, in the exercise of reasonable administrative discretion, to continue to make payments under this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed by A/E that County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at the end of any County fiscal year if the governing body of County does not appropriate sufficient funds as

determined by County's budget for the fiscal year in question. County may affect such termination by giving written notice of termination to A/E.

ARTICLE 31 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Except as otherwise specifically set forth herein, County and A/E shall work together in good faith to resolve any controversy, dispute, or claim between them which arises out of or relates to this Agreement, whether stated in tort, contract, statute, claim for benefits, bad faith, professional liability or otherwise ("Claim"). If the parties are unable to resolve the Claim within **thirty (30) days** following the date in which one party sent written notice of the Claim to the other party, and if a party wishes to pursue the Claim, such Claim shall be addressed through non-binding mediation. A single mediator engaged in the practice of law, who is knowledgeable about subject matter of this Agreement, shall be selected by agreement of the parties and serve as the mediator. Any mediation under this Agreement shall be conducted in Williamson County, Texas. The mediator's fees shall be borne equally between the parties. Such non-binding mediation is a condition precedent to seeking redress in a court of competent jurisdiction, but this provision shall not preclude either party from filing a lawsuit in a court of competent jurisdiction prior to completing a mediation, if necessary to preserve the statute of limitations, in which case such lawsuit shall be stayed pending completion of the mediation process contemplated herein. This provision shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 32 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN EMPLOYMENT

The parties to this Agreement agree that during the performance of the services under this Agreement they will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The parties to this Agreement will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants 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 be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

ARTICLE 33 MERGER

The Parties agree that this Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions of the understanding of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. All prior negotiations, discussions, correspondence and preliminary understandings between the parties and others relating hereto are superseded by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 34 PUBLIC CONTACT

Contact with the news media, citizens of Williamson County or governmental agencies shall be the responsibility of County. Under no circumstances shall A/E release any material or information developed in the performance of its services hereunder without the express written permission of County.

ARTICLE 35 A/E's REPRESENTATIONS

A/E represents that it is financially solvent, able to pay its debts as they become due, and possesses sufficient working capital to complete the services and perform its obligation under this Agreement and under the Contract Documents. A/E further represents and acknowledges that: (a) it is a sophisticated business entity that possesses the required level of experience and expertise in business administration, construction, and contract administration of projects of similar or like size, complexity, and nature as the Project and (b) the fee stated in this Agreement is adequate compensation for the timely completion of the Basic Services.


ARTICLE 36 CONFIDENTIALITY OF SECURED FACILITIES

To the extent the services hereunder relate to a secured facility or a critical infrastructure type facility of the County ("Secured Facility"), A/E must ensure that information relating all areas of the Secured Facility must not be disclosed to third parties. A/E expressly agrees that its employees, agents, or any other person or entity under contract with A/E including, without limitation, A/E's subconsultants, or any other entity over which A/E exercises control will not use any information relating to the Secured Facility that may be obtained while providing services hereunder for any purpose other than for what is necessary to perform the required services. A/E agrees to use the same degree of care as it uses to protect the confidentiality of its own confidential information, but no less than reasonable precautions to maintain confidentiality with respect to the Secured Facility, and to prevent disclosure thereof to persons other than its employees, agents, any other person or entity under contract with A/E including, without limitation, A/E's subconsultants, or any other entity over which A/E exercises control who need access to information regarding the Secured Facility to carry out their obligations under this Agreement. A/E agrees that A/E and its employees, agents, any other person or entity under contract with A/E including, without limitation, A/E's subconsultants, or any other entity over which A/E exercises control will not enter any unauthorized areas of the Secured Facility and will not disclose any information to unauthorized third parties and will take care to guard the security of the information at all times. A/E agrees that all of its employees, agents, any other person or entity under contract with A/E including, without limitation, A/E's subconsultants, or any other entity over which A/E exercises control shall be subject to background checks and that the County will perform checks. County shall retain the right to deny right of entry to the Secured Facility to anyone.

ARTICLE 37 SIGNATORY WARRANTY

The undersigned signatory for A/E hereby represents and warrants that the signatory is an officer of the organization for which he/she has executed this Agreement and that he/she has full and complete authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the firm. The above-stated representations and warranties are made for the purpose of inducing County to enter into this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County has caused this Agreement to be signed in its name by its duly authorized County Judge, or presiding officer of the Williamson County Commissioners Court in the absence of the County Judge, thereby binding the parties hereto, their successors, assigns and representatives for the faithful and full performance of the terms and provisions hereof. NO OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY HAS ANY AUTHORITY, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, TO AMEND, TERMINATE OR MODIFY THIS AGREEMENT, EXCEPT PURSUANT TO SUCH EXPRESS AUTHORITY AS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

A/E:
Eckermann Engineering, Inc.
By: 
Signature
Derrek Eckermann
Printed Name
President
Title

COUNTY:
Williamson County, Texas
By: _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date Signed: 11/24/2025

Date Signed: _____

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF BASIC SERVICES

THE FOLLOWING SCOPE OF SERVICES IS INTENDED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE AGREEMENT. TO THE EXTENT THIS SCOPE OF SERVICES IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE AGREEMENT, THE AGREEMENT WILL SUPERSEDE THE SCOPE OF SERVICES AND WILL BE CONTROLLING.

In consideration of the compensation for Basic Services provided in the Agreement, A/E shall perform the following Basic Services, based on standard architectural and engineering practices:

These services may include, but are not limited to as-built drawings, programming, architectural, structural, civil, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, hazardous materials, IT and security, landscape and irrigation, cost estimates and construction administration, master planning, facility condition assessment, forensic investigations, real estate evaluations, and specialized studies and analyses as agreed to by County and A/E.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Design Criteria. A/E shall prepare all work in accordance with the latest version of applicable County's procedures, specifications, manuals, guidelines, standard drawings, and standard specifications. A/E shall prepare each Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) package in a form suitable for letting through County's construction contract bidding and awarding process.

Right-of-Entry and Coordination. A/E shall notify County and secure permission to enter private property to perform any surveying, environmental, engineering or geotechnical activities needed off County property. In pursuance of County's policy with the general public, A/E shall not commit acts which would result in damages to private property, and A/E shall make every effort to comply with the wishes and address the concerns of affected private property owners. A/E shall contact each property owner prior to any entry onto the owner's property and shall request concurrence from County prior to each entry.

A/E shall notify County and coordinate with adjacent A/Es on all controls at project interfaces.

A/E shall prepare each exhibit necessary for approval by each utility, and other governmental or regulatory agency in compliance with the applicable format and guidelines required by each entity and as approved by County. A/E shall notify County in writing prior to beginning any services on any outside agency's exhibit.

Progress Reporting. A/E shall submit monthly (at a minimum) a progress status e-mail to County's Project Manager (PM) regardless of whether A/E is invoicing for that month.

A/E shall prepare and maintain a design and estimated construction schedule in a format reasonably acceptable to County during project phases prior to the Construction Administration Phase. A/E shall schedule milestone submittals per **Attachment C – Production Schedule**. Contractor shall prepare and maintain a construction schedule in Gantt chart format during the

project Construction Administration Phase through the Close-out Phase.

Within **thirty (30) days** of completion of construction of the project, A/E shall deliver all electronic files in formats reasonably acceptable to County.

Final payment is contingent upon County's receipt and confirmation by County's PM that the electronic files function and are formatted in accordance with the Agreement and all review comments are addressed.

A/E shall prepare a letter of transmittal to accompany each document submittal to County. At a minimum, the letter of transmittal must include County's project name, facility name and address.

Coordination. A/E shall coordinate issues through County's PM. County will communicate, in writing, resolution of issues and provide A/E direction through County's PM.

Level of Effort. A/E shall base the level of effort at each phase on the prior work developed in earlier phases without unnecessary repetition or re-study.

Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC). A/E shall provide peer review at all levels. For each deliverable, A/E shall maintain evidence of A/E's internal review and mark-up of that deliverable as preparation for submittal. When internal mark-ups are requested by County in advance, County, at its sole discretion, may reject the deliverable should A/E fail to provide the evidence of internal mark-ups. A/E shall clearly label each document submitted for quality assurance as an internal mark-up document.

A/E shall perform QA and QC on all consultant products (when applicable to the project) prior to delivery to County. If, during the course of reviewing a submittal, it becomes apparent to County that the submittal contains unreasonable errors, omissions, or inconsistencies, County may cease its review and immediately return the submittal for appropriate action by A/E.

A submittal returned to A/E for this reason is not a submittal for purposes of the submission schedule. Rejected submittals shall neither impact the overall deadline of the Project nor the review period allotted to County officials. A/E shall provide an updated schedule showing interim submission date changes to make-up for any lost time. A/E shall not submit an invoice until County accepts the submittal as reasonably complete.

Organization of Plan Sheets. The PS&E package shall be complete and organized in a manner that is suitable for the bidding and awarding of a construction contract.

Naming of Electronic Project Files and Organization of Design Project Folders. A/E shall use succinct and understandable file names including project name, document content, and date created (i.e. "Project_DOCUMENT_yyyy.mm.dd"). A/E shall maintain files in an organized folder structure that is readily understandable to outside users to facilitate communication and minimize complications in project close-out.

Referenced Documents. County standardized design and procedure documents are provided for public reference at the following web address:

<https://www.wilcotx.gov/376/Facilities-Management>

SCOPE OF WORK:

Brushy Creek Regional Trail Retaining Wall Improvements
219 Perry Mayfield Blvd.
Leander, TX 78641
Parks Department
26.PARKS.BCRT.002

A/E will provide the following services:

Coordinate with the County and design team throughout the project to identify project goals, schedules and projected milestones for Phases I through VII below. The following items will be provided with these Phases:

- Provide overall project management services including but not limited to budget control, preparation and processing of invoicing and project coordination.
- Perform Quality Control/Quality Assurance reviews and ensure timely delivery of all deliverables.
- File necessary documents or reports with the required jurisdictional or regulatory agencies.
- Attend submittal and design review meetings and coordinate annotated comment responses and approvals with design team.

Data Collection, Investigative Analysis and Schematic Design

1. Topographic Survey

A/E sub-consultant will provide one (1) topographic survey for design to support the improvements for the existing retaining wall. The project limits for the topographic survey task will include an approximate 50-foot wide by 180-foot-long area for the improvements. The vertical datum will be based upon immediately adjacent City, County, or USGS monuments. If a datum cannot be established, then the datum will be assumed. A/E will have provided:

- a. A topographic map (50-ft Grid) that depicts contours at one-foot intervals and identifies all grade-breaks within the surveyed area.
- b. One (1) on-site temporary benchmark.

2. Regulatory and Jurisdictional Review

A/E will contact the City of Austin to research requirements for permitting and confirm approvals needed to construct improvements for the project. Additionally, A/E will provide recommendations for proposed improvements based on the results of our research as well as the results of the geotechnical analysis performed in Item 3 below.

3. Geotechnical Engineering Study

A/E's geotechnical subconsultant will evaluate existing soil and slope conditions at the site contributing to the observed erosion and develop geotechnical recommendations and considerations to address the erosion observed at the base of the retaining wall.

4. Schematic Design

A/E will collaborate with the County to create a schematic site plan for the proposed improvements aimed at mitigating the erosion observed at the base of the wall. This plan will be based on the surveyed base map supplied by sub consultant, the recommendations from Geotech firm geotechnical study detailed in section I.3 above, and the conceptual site information provided by the County, which has been further developed by the design

team. The schematic site plan will outline the location and type of erosion controls and grading enhancements needed to address the erosion alongside the wall. Additionally, A/E will prepare a project narrative outlining the project objectives and addressing permitting and regulatory requirements needed to complete the project.

Final Construction Documents

Upon the County review and approval of the schematic site plan, A/E will prepare final construction documents for the project for use in permitting, bidding and construction of the improvements. Based upon the schematic plan, A/E will prepare one (1) set of construction plans for submittal to the City of Austin for the improvements. The plans will be prepared in general accordance with the published requirements of the applicable jurisdictional entities.

This scope of work assumes only minor grading modifications and erosion control measures will be required within the project area. A/E will provide the following services to support this Phase of the work:

1. Preparation of plans for the following items:
 - a. Project site plan and dimensional layout (utilizing plan developed in Phase 1 above)
 - b. On-site grading plan
 - c. Erosion and sedimentation control plan and details
 - d. Existing conditions and demolition plan
 - e. General notes and special provisions
 - f. Construction details
2. A/E will prepare the Engineer's summary letter addressing the requirements of the City of Austin with respect to the site design.
3. This scope of work does not provide for structural design of retaining walls or foundations, review of walls or designed by others, nor inclusion of structural details of any kind.
4. Construction specifications will generally be included on the construction drawings. A/E intends to use City of Austin Standard Construction Specifications. If applicable specifications are not available through these entities, Engineering firm intends to utilize other City Standard Construction Specifications which are acceptable to the jurisdictional authorities. Separate individual specifications can be prepared for the Project as an Additional Service.
5. Site plan revisions received after commencement of this Phase may require an additional service.

Regulatory Review and Permitting

Note: The County shall be responsible for all registration and plan review fees associated with the review, permitting and approvals for this project.

1. City of Austin Site Plan Exemption

A/E understands that the proposed improvements will include impervious cover of less than 1,000 square feet in area. Therefore, it is assumed that only a site plan exemption will be required by the City of Austin prior to the start of construction activities. A/E will prepare and submit site civil construction plans as well as the application for the site plan exemption to the City of Austin Development Services Department who will review the plans for compliance. We will coordinate our services with others as required to support the application, monitor the status of the application, respond to "normal" comments, as defined by the A/E and agreed to by the A/E, provided by the Development Services staff, and make "normal" revisions to complete the application in accordance with staff

comments in an effort to obtain approval of the application. A/E assumes that two (2) rounds of comments will be required to be processed.

2. It is assumed that a City of Austin Site Plan Exemption will be granted for the project. If production and processing of additional approvals are required, this work will be provided as an additional service for an additional fee.

Bid Phase Services

A/E will provide assistance to the County in the bidding process by attending one (1) pre-bid conference, responding to questions from bidders for the project and providing clarifications as reasonably needed. A/E will prepare contract addenda as necessary to incorporate into the construction document package. A/E will review final bids and provide feedback to the County if requested.

Construction Administration

A/E will provide the County with the construction phase services listed below, which are related solely to the civil site improvements under this contract. The County will administer all construction contracts. A/E will:

1. Make periodic visits to the project site, as requested by the County, in order to observe the progress and quality of the civil aspects of the work of the construction contractor. Based on A/E's site visits, A/E will inform the County as to the progress of the work and advise the County of any substantial defects and deficiencies in the work of the contractor which are discovered by A/E or are otherwise brought to A/E's attention. For the purposes of this scope, a maximum of two (2) site visits is included with this task.
2. Attend construction meetings, as requested by the County, with the County, Contractor, or other members of the project team. For the purposes of this scope, a maximum of two (2) meetings is included with this task.
3. Consult with and advise the County and issue instructions to the contractor on civil engineering items requested by the County.
4. Upon substantial completion of construction, conduct, in company with the County, an observation of the civil facilities of the project for conformance with the design concept of the project and in general compliance with the Contract.
5. Provide Engineer's concurrence letter, if required, to the jurisdictional authorities indicating that the civil-related portions of the project were constructed in general conformance with the construction plans and specifications.

A/E shall not be responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction selected by the Contractor or the safety precautions and programs incidental to the work of the Contractor. A/E shall not guarantee the performance of the Contractor nor be responsible for the acts, errors, omissions, or the failure of the Contractor to perform the construction work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Project Close-out

Upon County's acceptance of the construction, A/E will perform the following tasks:

1. Conduct, in company with the County, a final observation of the civil facilities of the project to confirm construction has been completed in general accordance with the Contract Documents.
2. Prepare changes to the original ACAD/Civil 3D files of the project to reflect changes made and noted by the Contractor
3. Prepare record documents that incorporate the as-built construction information as provided by the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide the following information to

A/E: Documented changes to the plans regarding paving, utilities, drainage and equipment installed. The changes shall include the material, type, size, location, and nature of all facility improvements including above ground and underground facilities.

Design services shall be conducted in phases as outlined herein. Phases may be combined to expedite design process when defined in **Attachment C – Production Schedule**. Individual phases or groups of phases shall be authorized herein or by fully-executed Supplemental Agreement.

Phase I - SCHEMATIC DESIGN - 30% Program, Plans, Outline Specifications and Estimate

Upon receipt of written Notice to Proceed, A/E shall accomplish the following:

- A. Investigate site/facility and verify known existing or available utility locations.
- B. Review International Building Code (IBC), ASHRAE 90.1, ASHRAE 62.1, International Mechanical Code (IMC), National Electric Code (NEC), International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), and any other applicable codes and ordinances.
- C. Advise County of any changes, additions, or corrections to the preliminary program, plans, specifications, and budget.
- D. Provide deliverables in accordance with County's Design Submittal Guidelines.

Phase II - DESIGN DEVELOPMENT – 60% Plans, Specifications and Estimate (Not Provided)

Upon County acceptance of previous phase, A/E shall proceed with the following:

- ~~A. Consult freely with County concerning the principal phases of the work and immediately advise County of any unusual requirements or features not apparent during execution of the Schematic Design Phase.~~
- ~~B. Develop plans and specifications, which indicate materials, construction methods and buildings systems. These building systems may include (but are not limited to) structural, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical.~~
- ~~C. Provide preliminary materials selection board to County for review with internal departments.~~
- ~~D. Prepare a Design Development level cost estimate in a form acceptable to County.~~
- ~~E. Submit Plans, Specifications, and all other required documentation for Site Development Permit application for the project with the local jurisdiction having review authority. Notify County's PM of any required submittal fees to be paid by County.~~
- ~~F. Provide deliverables in accordance with County's Design Submittal Guidelines.~~

Phase III - CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS – 100% Plans, Specifications, and Estimate

Upon County acceptance of previous phase, A/E shall proceed with the following:

- A. Prepare complete plans, specifications and engineering calculations (without professional seals) setting forth in detail the work required for the architectural, structural, civil, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, landscaping and irrigation, and site work.
- B. Consult freely with County concerning the principal phases of the work immediately advise County of any unusual requirements or features not apparent during execution of the Schematic Design and Design Development Phases.
- C. Prepare a detailed cost estimate of the project on a form acceptable to County.
- D. Prepare a construction schedule with a Gantt chart or other County approved format which lists the anticipated major activities required to complete the project.
- E. Complete the PS&E for the entire Project and its component parts. The Project detailed cost estimate shall not exceed the project construction budget as approved in writing by County.
- F. Update preliminary materials selection board or provide new for County project records.
- G. Provide deliverables in accordance with County's Design Submittal Guidelines.

Phase IV – REGULATORY REVIEW AND PERMITS - Plans, Specifications, and Permits:

Upon County acceptance of previous phase, A/E shall proceed with the following:

- A. When applicable, register the project with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) and obtain an EABPRJ number for inclusion on the project coversheet prior to Permit application submittal to the local jurisdiction having review authority. Register as the Owner's Designated Agent for further correspondence with TDLR and Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS).
- B. Participate in any Pre-submittal Meetings required by local jurisdiction prior to Permit application submittal.
- C. Submit Plans, Specifications, and all other required documentation for construction Permit application for the project with the local jurisdiction having review authority. Notify County's PM of any required submittal fees to be paid by County.
- D. Submit Construction Documents and Specifications to the Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) approved by County for Architectural Barriers plan review.
- E. Receive and respond to permitting comments by the local jurisdiction having review authority.
- F. Revise plans and specifications as necessary to conform to permitting, accessibility, and budget requirements without additional charge to County.

- G. Provide deliverables in accordance with County's Design Submittal Guidelines.

Phase V – CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BIDDING, AWARD, AND EXECUTION

Upon County acceptance of previous phase, A/E shall proceed with the following:

- A. Participate in a Pre-bid Meeting, answer RFI's from Contractors and suppliers, and prepare addenda items as required.
- B. Provide deliverables in accordance with County's Design Submittal Guidelines.

Phase VI - CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION - Project Observation

Upon County acceptance of previous phase, A/E shall perform the following services:

- A. Provide general administration and be County's representative during the construction of the project. Advise, consult, and issue County's instructions to Contractor in writing with copies furnished to all parties. Prepare change orders and supplementary drawings.
- B. Provide conformed construction drawing and specification sets for each issuance of Architect's Supplemental Instructions.
- C. Conduct and oversee pre-construction meeting.
- D. Process/ respond to Requests for Information, Change Proposals, Change Orders, Change Directives.
- E. Review/ approve shop drawings, submittals, samples and mock-ups. Submit copies of each shop drawing and submittal of materials and equipment to County.
- F. Conduct and oversee bi-weekly progress meetings.
- G. Conduct site visits with personnel technically qualified by education and experience to competently observe relevant aspects of construction. Make necessary observations to determine if workmanship and quality of materials generally conform to the plans and specifications, and that provisions of the contract are complied with.
- H. Reject work performed by Contractor which does not meet the requirements of the Construction Documents; and, order removal and replacement of such work.
- I. Review progress estimates of work performed and invoiced by Contractor. Within **three (3) business days** of receipt, submit written reviews to County.
- J. Coordinate Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) Inspection to be concurrent with Substantial Completion Inspection.
- K. Accompany County on Substantial Completion Inspection with appropriate staff and affiliates. Prepare a punch list of items needing correction. After Contractor has performed the required corrections, notify County in writing that the contract

has been performed in general conformance with the plans and specifications and is ready for Final Inspection.

- L. Provide deliverables in accordance with County's Design Submittal Guidelines.

Phase VII – PROJECT CLOSE-OUT – Final Inspection and Document Review:

Upon County acceptance of previous phase, A/E shall perform the following services:

- A. Accompany County on Final Inspection to determine if construction has been completed in general accordance with the Contract Documents.
- B. Review warranties, guarantees, bonds, equipment operating instructions, and similar deliverables to verify receipt, and general conformance to requirements of the Contract.
- C. After determining that the general requirements of the Plans and Specifications have been met, certify and approve Contractor's Final Application for Payment.
- D. Upon completion of construction and prior to the request for final payment, make changes in the original REVIT or model CAD files of the Project to show changes made and noted by Contractor of the work and final location of the mechanical service lines and outlets including outside utilities. Develop project Record Construction Drawings and Specifications.
- E. Provide deliverables in accordance with County's Design Submittal Guidelines.

EXHIBIT B

FEE SCHEDULE

This schedule indicates fees by Phase of the Basic Fee:

		\$ 39,250	100%
87%	Eckermann Engineering, Inc.	\$ 34,250	
3%	Cuplin & Associates Surveyors & Planners, Inc.	\$ 1,200	
10%	Raba Kistner, Inc.	\$ 3,800	
Phase I - SCHEMATIC DESIGN		\$ 14,000	36%
	Eckermann Engineering, Inc.	\$ 9,000	
	Cuplin & Associates Surveyors & Planners, Inc.	\$ 1,200	
	Raba Kistner, Inc.	\$ 3,800	
Phase II - DESIGN DEVELOPMENT NOT INCLUDED		\$ -	0%
	Eckermann Engineering, Inc.	\$ -	
	Cuplin & Associates Surveyors & Planners, Inc.	\$ -	
Phase III - CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS		\$ 9,500	24%
	Eckermann Engineering, Inc.	\$ 9,500	
	Cuplin & Associates Surveyors & Planners, Inc.	\$ -	
Phase IV - REGULATORY REVIEW AND PERMITS		\$ 4,750	12%
	Eckermann Engineering, Inc.	\$ 4,750	
	Cuplin & Associates Surveyors & Planners, Inc.	\$ -	
Phase V - BIDDING, AWARD, AND EXECUTION		\$ 3,200	8%
	Eckermann Engineering, Inc.	\$ 3,200	
	Cuplin & Associates Surveyors & Planners, Inc.	\$ -	
Phase VI - CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION		\$ 4,800	12%
	Eckermann Engineering, Inc.	\$ 4,800	

Cuplin & Associates Surveyors & Planners, Inc.	\$	-	
Phase VII - PROJECT CLOSE-OUT	\$	3,000	8%
Eckermann Engineering, Inc.	\$	3,000	
Cuplin & Associates Surveyors & Planners, Inc.	\$	-	

EXHIBIT C

PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

A/E agrees to complete the Scope of Services described in **Exhibit A** of the Agreement in accordance with the time and/or dates set out herein.

The above time limits may, for good cause, be extended, in writing, by County as the Project proceeds.

The schedule below indicates various project milestones and target dates. Standard end-of-phase review periods for County shall be (21) calendar days.

Agreement Execution Date **12/09/25**

Phase I - SCHEMATIC DESIGN

Preliminary Scope and Budget analysis deliverables	01/08/26
30% Plans, Specifications and Estimate deliverables	02/06/26
County written authorization to proceed to next phase	02/27/26

Phase II - DESIGN DEVELOPMENT (NOT INCLUDED)

~~60% Plans, Specifications and Estimate deliverables~~
~~County written authorization to proceed to next phase~~

Phase III - CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

Site Development Plans application submittal to City	
Complete 100% Plans, Specifications and Estimate deliverables	03/30/26
County written authorization to proceed to next phase	04/20/26

Phase IV - REGULATORY REVIEW AND PERMITS

Sealed Plans and Specifications and Estimate deliverables to County	04/27/26
Plans submittal/Site Permit Exemption application submittal to City	05/04/26
Construction Permits received from City	06/03/26

Phase V - BIDDING, AWARD, AND EXECUTION

Permitted Plans and Specifications and Estimate deliverables to County	06/10/26
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County advertises project for Bid	07/01/26
Contract Award	07/31/26

Phase VI - CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION

Contractor Notice to Proceed	08/07/26
Construction Substantial Completion	10/06/26

Phase VII - PROJECT CLOSE-OUT

Record Documents deliverables - within sixty (60) days of a Final Certificate of payment and achievement of all requirements for achieving Final Completion of the Project.

EXHIBIT D

Williamson County

Vendor Reimbursement Policy

The purpose of this Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy (“Policy”) is to provide clear guidelines to vendors on Williamson County’s expectations and requirements regarding allowable reimbursable expenditures and required backup. The Policy will also minimize conflicts related to invoice payments and define non-reimbursable items. This Policy is considered a guideline and is not a contract.

This Policy may be altered, deleted or amended, at any time and without prior notice to vendors, by action of the Williamson County Commissioners Court. Unenforceable provisions of this Policy, as imposed by applicable law, regulations, or judicial decisions, shall be deemed to be deleted. Any revisions to this Policy will be distributed to all current vendors doing business with the County.

1. Invoices and Affidavits

- 1.1 Invoices must adequately describe the goods or services provided to County and include all required backup (i.e. reimbursable expenses, mileage log, timesheets, receipts detailing expenses incurred etc.) that is in a form acceptable to the Williamson County Auditor. Invoices that do not adequately describe the goods or services provided to County or contain backup that is satisfactory to the Williamson County Auditor will be returned to vendor for revisions and the provision above relating to invoice errors resolved in favor of the County shall control as to the required actions of vendor and when such invoice must be paid by the County.
- 1.2 In the event an invoice includes charges based upon hourly billing rates for services or any other rates based upon the amount of time worked by an individual or individuals in performing services, whether the charges are being billed directly to the County or whether they are the basis of invoices from subcontractors for which the vendor seeks reimbursement from the County, the charges shall be accompanied by an affidavit signed by an officer or principal of the vendor certifying that the work was performed, it was authorized by the County and that all information contained in the invoice that is being submitted is true and correct.
- 1.3 Upon County’s request, vendor must submit all bills paid affidavits wherein vendor must swear and affirm that vendor has paid each of its subcontractors, laborers, suppliers and material in full for all labor and materials provided to vendor for or in connection with services and work performed for County and, further, vendor must swear and affirm that vendor is not aware of any unpaid bills, claims, demands, or causes of action by any of its subcontractors, laborers, suppliers, or material for or in connection with the furnishing of labor or materials, or both, for services and work performed for County.

2. Travel Reimbursement

- 2.1 The County will only cover costs associated with travel for vendors outside a 45-mile radius from the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626.
- 2.2 The County will only cover costs associated with travel as documented work for County. If a vendor is also doing business for another client, the travel costs must be split in proportion to the amount of work actually performed for the County and the other client. The only allowable travel expense will be for the specific days worked for Williamson County.
- 2.3 No advance payments will be made to vendor for travel expenditures. The travel expenditure may only be reimbursed after the expenditure/trip has already occurred and vendor has provided the Williamson County Auditor with all necessary and required backup.

- 2.4 Vendors must submit all travel reimbursement requests on each employee in full. Specifically, a travel reimbursement request must include all related travel reimbursement expenses relating to a particular trip for which vendor seeks reimbursement. Partial travel reimbursement requests will not be accepted (i.e. vendor should not submit hotel and mileage one month then the next month submit rental car and airfare). If the travel reimbursement appears incomplete, the invoice will be sent back to the vendor to be submitted when all information is ready to submit in full.
- 2.5 Reimbursement for transportation costs will be at the most reasonable means of transportation (i.e.: airline costs will be reimbursed for coach rate, rental car costs will only be reimbursed if rental car travel was most reasonable means of travel as compared to travel by air).
- 2.6 The County will not be responsible for, nor will the County reimburse additional charges due to personal preference or personal convenience of individual traveling.
- 2.7 The County will not reimburse airfare costs if airfare costs were higher than costs of mileage reimbursement.
- 2.8 Additional expenses associated with travel that is extended to save costs (i.e. Saturday night stay) may be reimbursed if costs of airfare would be less than the cost of additional expenses (lodging, meals, car rental, mileage) if the trip had not been extended. Documentation satisfactory to the Williamson County Auditor will be required to justify expenditure.
- 2.9 County will only reimburse travel expense to necessary personnel of the vendor (i.e. no spouse, friends or family members).
- 2.10 Except as otherwise set forth herein, a vendor must provide a paid receipt for all expenses. If a receipt cannot be obtained, a written sworn statement of the expense from the vendor may be substituted for the receipt.
- 2.11 Sales tax for meals and hotel stays are the only sales taxes that will be reimbursed. Sales tax on goods purchased will not be reimbursed. A sales tax exemption form is available from the Williamson County Auditor's Office upon request.
- 2.12 The County will not pay for any late charges on reimbursable items. It is the responsibility of the vendor to pay the invoice first and seek reimbursement from the County.

3. Meals

- 3.1 Meal reimbursements are limited to a maximum of \$59.00 per day on overnight travel. On day travel (travel that does not require an overnight stay), meal reimbursements are limited to a maximum of \$25.00 per day. The travel must be outside the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626 by a 45-mile radius.
- 3.2 Receipts are required on meal reimbursement amounts up to the maximum per day amount stated for overnight or day travel. If receipts are not presented, the vendor can request per diem (per diem limits refer to 3.2). However, a vendor cannot combine per diem and meal receipts. Only one method shall be allowed.
- 3.3 Meals are reimbursable only to vendors who do not have necessary personnel located within a 45-mile radius of the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626, who are capable of carrying the vendor's obligations to the County. Meals will not be reimbursed to vendors who are located within a 45-mile radius of the Williamson County Courthouse.
- 3.4 County will not reimburse for alcoholic beverages.
- 3.5 Tips are reimbursable but must be reasonable to limitation of meal allowance
- 3.6 No meals purchased for entertainment purposes will be allowed.
- 3.7 Meal reimbursement must be substantiated with a hotel receipt.

4. Lodging

- 4.1 Hotel accommodations require an itemized hotel folio as a receipt. The lodging receipt should include name of the motel/hotel, number of occupant(s), goods or services for each individual charge (room rental, food, tax, etc.) and the name of the occupant(s). Credit card receipts or any other form of receipt are not acceptable.
- 4.2 Vendors will be reimbursed for a single room rate charge plus any applicable tax. If a single room is not available, the vendor must provide documentation to prove that a single room was not available in order to justify the expense over and above the single room rate. A vendor may also be required to provide additional documentation if a particular room rate appears to be excessive.
- 4.3 Personal telephone charges, whether local or long distance, will not be reimbursed.

5. Airfare

- 5.1 The County will only reimburse up to a coach price fare for air travel.
- 5.2 The County will exclude any additional charges due to personal preference or personal convenience of the individual traveling (i.e. seat preference charges, airline upgrades, etc. will not be an allowable reimbursement)
- 5.3 Air travel expenses must be supported with receipt copy of an airline ticket or an itinerary with actual ticket price paid. If tickets are purchased through a website, vendor must submit a copy of the webpage showing the ticket price if no paper ticket was issued.
- 5.4 Cancellation and/or change flight fees may be reimbursed by the County but vendor must provide the Williamson County Auditor with documentation in writing from a County department head providing authorization for the change.
- 5.5 The County will not reimburse vendor for tickets purchased with frequent flyer miles.

6. Car Rental

- 6.1 Vendors that must travel may rent a car at their destination when it is less expensive than other transportation such as taxis, airport shuttles or public transportation such as buses or subways.
- 6.2 Cars rented must be economy or mid-size. Luxury vehicle rentals will not be reimbursed. Any rental costs over and above the cost of a mid-size rental will be adjusted.
- 6.3 Vendors will be reimbursed for rental cars if the rental car cost would have been less than the mileage reimbursement cost (based on the distance from vendor's point of origin to Williamson County, Texas) had the vendor driven vendor's car.
- 6.4 Vendors must return a car rental with appropriate fuel levels as required by rental agreement to avoid the car rental company from adding fuel charges.
- 6.5 Rental agreement and credit card receipt must be provided to County as back up for the request for reimbursement.
- 6.6 Insurance purchased when renting vehicle may also be reimbursed.
- 6.7 Car Rental optional extras such as GPS, roadside assistance, and administrative fees on Tolls will not be reimbursed.

7. Personal Car Usage

- 7.1 Personal vehicle usage will be reimbursed in an amount equal to the standard mileage rate allowed by the IRS.
- 7.2 Per code of Federal Regulations, Title 26, Subtitle A, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Part IX, Section 274(d), all expense reimbursement requests must include the following:
 - 7.2.1.1 Date
 - 7.2.1.2 Destination
 - 7.2.1.3 Purpose

- 7.2.1.4 Name of traveler(s)
- 7.2.1.5 Correspondence that verifies business purpose of the expense
- 7.3 The mileage for a personal vehicle must document the date, location of travel to/from, number of miles traveled and purpose of trip.
- 7.4 Mileage will be reimbursed on the basis of the most commonly used route.
- 7.5 Reimbursement for mileage shall not exceed the cost of a round trip coach airfare.
- 7.6 Reimbursement for mileage shall be prohibited between place of residence and usual place of work.
- 7.7 Mileage should be calculated from employee's regular place of work or their residence, whichever is the shorter distance when traveling to a meeting or traveling to Williamson County, Texas for vendors who are located outside of the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626 by at least a 45-mile radius.
- 7.8 When more than one person travels in same vehicle, only one person may claim mileage reimbursement.
- 7.9 Tolls, if reasonable, are reimbursable. Receipts are required for reimbursement. If a receipt is not obtainable, then written documentation of expense must be submitted for reimbursement (administrative fees on Tolls will not be reimbursed).
- 7.10 Parking fees, if reasonable are reimbursable for meetings and hotel stays. For vendors who contract with a third party for visitor parking at vendor's place of business, Williamson County will not reimburse a vendor based on a percentage of its contracted visitor parking fees. Rather, Williamson County will reimburse Vendor for visitor parking on an individual basis for each time a visitor uses Vendor's visitor parking. Receipts are required for reimbursement. If a receipt is not obtainable, then written documentation of expense must be submitted for reimbursement.
- 7.11 Operating and maintenance expenses as well as other personal expenses, such as parking tickets, traffic violations, and car repairs and collision damage are not reimbursable.

8. Other Expenses

- 8.1 Taxi fare, bus tickets, conference registrations, parking, etc. must have a proper original receipt.

9. Repayment of Non-reimbursable Expense.

Vendors must, upon demand, immediately repay County for all inappropriately reimbursed expenses whenever an audit or subsequent review of any expense reimbursement documentation finds that such expense was reimbursed contrary to these guidelines and this Policy. Williamson County reserves the right to retain any amounts that are due or that become due to a vendor in order to collect any inappropriately reimbursed expenses that a vendor was paid.

10. Non-Reimbursable Expenses

In addition to the non-reimbursable items set forth above in this Policy, the following is a non-exhaustive list of expenses that will not be reimbursed by Williamson County:

- 10.1 Alcoholic beverages/tobacco products
- 10.2 Personal phone calls
- 10.3 Laundry service
- 10.4 Valet service (excludes hotel valet)
- 10.5 Movie rentals
- 10.6 Damage to personal items
- 10.7 Flowers/plants

- 10.8 Greeting cards
- 10.9 Fines and/or penalties
- 10.10 Entertainment, personal clothing, personal sundries and services
- 10.11 Transportation/mileage to places of entertainment or similar personal activities
- 10.12 Upgrades to airfare, hotel and/or car rental
- 10.13 Airport parking above the most affordable rate available
- 10.14 Excessive weight baggage fees or cost associated with more than two airline bags
- 10.15 Auto repairs
- 10.16 Babysitter fees, kennel costs, pet or house-sitting fees
- 10.17 Saunas, massages or exercise facilities
- 10.18 Credit card delinquency fees or service fees
- 10.19 Doctor bills, prescription and other medical services
- 10.20 Hand tools
- 10.21 Safety Equipment (hard hats, safety vests, etc.)
- 10.22 Office Supplies
- 10.23 Lifetime memberships to any association
- 10.24 Donations to other entities
- 10.25 Any items that could be construed as campaigning
- 10.26 Technology Fees
- 10.27 Sales tax on goods purchased
- 10.28 Any other expenses which Williamson County deems, in its sole discretion, to be inappropriate or unnecessary expenditures.

**EXHIBIT E
DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

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1. I, the undersigned, being duly sworn or under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of Texas, certifies that A/E and its principals:
 - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
 - b. Have not, within a three-year period preceding this proposal, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public* transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity* with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in **Paragraph 1(b)** of this certification;
 - d. Have not, within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal, had one or more public transactions* terminated for cause or default; and
 - e. Have not been disciplined or issued a formal reprimand by any State agency for professional accreditation within the past three years.

Eckermann Engineering, Inc.



Signature of Certifying Official

Derrek Eckermann

Printed Name of Certifying Official

President

Title of Certifying Official

11/24/2025

Date

2. Where the PROVIDER is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such PROVIDER shall attach an explanation to this certification.

* federal, state, or local

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me, the undersigned authority, by _____
the _____ of _____, on behalf of said firm.
Signatory Name
Signatory Title Entity Name

Notary Public in and for the
State of Texas

My commission expires: _____

EXHIBIT F
CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

A/E and Subconsultant Certificates of Insurance attached: