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AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #486-S0811

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered by and between the County of El Dorado, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "County") and Charles Abbott Associates, Inc., a California Corporation, duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 27401 Los Altos, Suite 220, Mission Viejo, CA 92691, (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor");

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County has determined that it is necessary to obtain a Contractor to provide plan review services for properties affected by the Angora Fire in South Lake Tahoe, California on an "as requested" basis for the Development Services Department; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has represented to County that it is specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform the special services required hereunder and County has determined to rely upon such representations; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto that such services be in conformity with all applicable federal, state and local laws; and

WHEREAS, County has determined that the provision of these services provided by Contractor is in the public's best interest, and that these services are more economically and feasibly performed by outside independent Contractors as well as authorized by El Dorado County Charter, Section 210 (b) (6) and/or Government Code 31000;

NOW, THEREFORE, County and Contractor mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Scope of Services: Contractor agrees to furnish the personnel and equipment necessary to provide plan review services for properties affected by the Angora Fire in South Lake Tahoe, California on an "as requested" basis for the Development Services Department. Services shall be in accordance with Exhibit "A", marked "El Dorado County Building Department Request for Cost Proposal for Plan Review", incorporated herein and made part by reference hereof.

ARTICLE II

Term: This Agreement shall become effective upon final execution by both parties hereto and shall expire two (2) years from the date thereof.

ARTICLE III

Compensation for Services: For services provided herein, County agrees to pay Contractor monthly in arrears and within thirty (30) days following the County's receipt and approval of itemized invoice(s) identifying services rendered. For the purposes of this Agreement, the billing rate shall be in accordance with Exhibit "B", marked "Schedule of Fees and Charges", incorporated herein and made part by reference hereof. The total amount of this Agreement shall not exceed \$80,000.00.

ARTICLE IV

Professional Standards: Consultant shall provide professional services that reflect the currently prevailing standards of professional care for the services described herein. Consultant shall provide all services rendered under this Agreement in conformance with Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations and conform to all applicable requirements imposed by governmental authorities having jurisdiction over said services and standards.

ARTICLE V

Confidentiality: Consultant shall maintain the confidentiality and privileged nature of all records together with any knowledge therein acquired, in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations, as they may now exist or may hereafter be amended or changed. Consultant, and all Consultant's employees and representatives, shall not use or disclose, directly or indirectly at any time, any said confidential information, other than to the County Development Services Department for the purpose of, and in the performance of the Agreement. This confidentiality agreement shall survive after the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

Ownership of Data: Upon completion or earlier termination of all services under this Agreement, ownership and title to all reports, documents, plans, maps, specifications, and estimates, etc., produced as part of this Agreement will automatically be vested in the County and no further agreement will be necessary to transfer ownership to the County. The Consultant shall furnish the County all necessary copies of data needed to complete the review and approval process of the project.

ARTICLE VII

Changes to Agreement: This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the parties hereto. Said amendments shall become effective only when in writing and fully executed by duly authorized officers of the parties hereto.

ARTICLE VIII

Contractor to County: It is understood that the services provided under this Agreement shall be prepared in and with cooperation from County and its staff. It is further agreed that in all matters pertaining to this Agreement, Contractor shall act as Contractor only to County and shall not act as Contractor to any other individual or entity affected by this Agreement nor provide information in any manner to any party outside of this Agreement that would conflict with Contractor's responsibilities to County during term hereof.

ARTICLE IX

Assignment and Delegation: Contractor is engaged by County for its unique qualifications and skills as well as those of its personnel. Contractor shall not subcontract, delegate or assign services to be provided, in whole or in part, to any other person or entity without prior written consent of County.

ARTICLE X

Independent Contractor/Liability: Contractor is, and shall be at all times, deemed independent and shall be wholly responsible for the manner in which it performs services required by terms of this Agreement. Contractor exclusively assumes responsibility for acts of its employees, associates, and subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to services to be provided under this Agreement during the course and scope of their employment.

Contractor shall be responsible for performing the work under this Agreement in a safe, professional, skillful and workmanlike manner and shall be liable for its own negligence and negligent acts of its employees. County shall have no right of control over the manner in which work is to be done and shall, therefore, not be charged with responsibility of preventing risk to Contractor or its employees.

ARTICLE XI

Fiscal Considerations: The parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge that County is a political subdivision of the State of California. As such, El Dorado County is subject to the provisions of Article XVI, Section 18 of the California Constitution and other similar fiscal and procurement laws and regulations and may not expend funds for products, equipment or services not budgeted in a given fiscal year. It is further understood that in the normal course of County business, County will adopt a proposed budget prior to a given fiscal year, but that the final adoption of a budget does not occur until after the beginning of the fiscal year.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, County shall give notice of cancellation of this Agreement in the event of adoption of a proposed budget that does not provide for funds for the services, products or equipment subject herein. Such notice shall become effective upon the adoption of a final budget which does not provide funding for this Agreement. Upon the effective date of such notice, this Agreement shall be automatically terminated and County released from any further liability hereunder.

In addition to the above, should the Board of Supervisors during the course of a given year for financial reasons reduce, or order a reduction, in the budget for any County department for which services were contracted to be performed, pursuant to this paragraph in the sole discretion of the County, this Agreement may be deemed to be canceled in its entirety subject to payment for services performed prior to cancellation.

ARTICLE XII

Default, Termination, and Cancellation:

- A. **Default:** Upon the occurrence of any default of the provisions of this Agreement, a party shall give written notice of said default to the party in default (notice). If the party in default does not cure the default within ten (10) days of the date of notice (time to cure), then such party shall be in default. The time to cure may be extended at the discretion of the party giving notice. Any extension of time to cure must be in writing, prepared by the party in default for signature by the party giving notice and must specify the reason(s) for the extension and the date on which the extension of time to cure expires.

Notice given under this section shall specify the alleged default and the applicable Agreement provision and shall demand that the party in default perform the provisions of this Agreement within the applicable period of time. No such notice shall be deemed a termination of this Agreement unless the party giving notice so elects in this notice, or the party giving notice so elects in a subsequent written notice after the time to cure has expired. In the event of termination for default, County reserves the right to take over and complete the work by contract or by any other means.

- B. **Bankruptcy:** This Agreement, at the option of the County, shall be terminable in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of Contractor.
- C. **Ceasing Performance:** County may terminate this Agreement in the event Contractor ceases to operate as a business, or otherwise becomes unable to substantially perform any term or condition of this Agreement.

D. Termination or Cancellation without Cause: County may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon seven (7) calendar days written notice by County without cause. If such prior termination is effected, County will pay for satisfactory services rendered prior to the effective dates as set forth in the Notice of Termination provided to Contractor, and for such other services, which County may agree to in writing as necessary for contract resolution. In no event, however, shall County be obligated to pay more than the total amount of the contract. Upon receipt of a Notice of Termination, Contractor shall promptly discontinue all services affected, as of the effective date of termination set forth in such Notice of Termination, unless the notice directs otherwise.

ARTICLE XIII

Notice to Parties: All notices to be given by the parties hereto shall be in writing and served by depositing same in the United States Post Office, postage prepaid and return receipt requested.

Notices to County shall be addressed as follows:

COUNTY OF EL DORADO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
2850 FAIR LANE COURT
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667
ATTN: LARRY LOMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR – BUILDING OFFICIAL

or to such other location as the County directs.

Notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICES, INC.
4354 TOWN CENTER BOULEVARD
SUITE 114-53
EL DORADO HILLS, CA 95762
ATTN: MARK KAHLER, PRESIDENT

or to such other location as the Contractor directs.

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ARTICLE XIV

Indemnity: The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold the County harmless against and from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages and liability for damages of every name, kind and description, including attorneys fees and costs incurred, brought for, or on account of, injuries to or death of any person, including but not limited to workers, County employees, and the public, or damage to property, or any economic or consequential losses, which are claimed to or in any way arise out of or are connected with the Contractor's services, operations, or performance hereunder, regardless of the existence or degree of fault or negligence on the part of the County, the Contractor, subcontractor(s) and employee(s) of any of these, except for the sole, or active negligence of the County, its officers and employees, or as expressly prescribed by statute. This duty of Contractor to indemnify and save County harmless includes the duties to defend set forth in California Civil Code Section 2778.

ARTICLE XV

Insurance: Contractor shall provide proof of a policy of insurance satisfactory to the El Dorado County Risk Manager and documentation evidencing that Contractor maintains insurance that meets the following requirements:

- A. Full Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance covering all employees of Contractor as required by law in the State of California.
- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
- C. Automobile Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000.00 is required in the event motor vehicles are used by the Contractor in the performance of the Agreement.
- D. In the event Contractor is a licensed professional, and is performing professional services under this Agreement, professional liability (for example, malpractice insurance) is required with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.
- E. Contractor shall furnish a certificate of insurance satisfactory to the El Dorado County Risk Manager as evidence that the insurance required above is being maintained.
- F. The insurance will be issued by an insurance company acceptable to Risk Management, or be provided through partial or total self-insurance likewise acceptable to Risk Management.

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- G. Contractor agrees that the insurance required above shall be in effect at all times during the term of this Agreement. In the event said insurance coverage expires at any time or times during the term of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to provide at least thirty (30) days prior to said expiration date, a new certificate of insurance evidencing insurance coverage as provided for herein for not less than the remainder of the term of the Agreement, or for a period of not less than one (1) year. New certificates of insurance are subject to the approval of Risk Management and Contractor agrees that no work or services shall be performed prior to the giving of such approval. In the event the Contractor fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as herein provided, County may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of such event.
- H. The certificate of insurance must include the following provisions stating that:
1. The insurer will not cancel the insured's coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice to County, and;
 2. The County of El Dorado, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are included as additional insured, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. This provision shall apply to the general liability policy.
- I. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- J. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers; or the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.
- K. Any failure to comply with the reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.
- L. The insurance companies shall have no recourse against the County of El Dorado, its officers and employees or any of them for payment of any premiums or assessments under any policy issued by any insurance company.
- M. Contractor's obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive expiration of this Agreement.
- N. In the event Contractor cannot provide an occurrence policy, Contractor shall provide insurance covering claims made as a result of performance of this Agreement for not less than three (3) years following completion of performance of this Agreement.

- O. Certificate of insurance shall meet such additional standards as may be determined by the contracting County Department either independently or in consultation with Risk Management, as essential for the protection of the County.

ARTICLE XVI

Interest of Public Official: No official or employee of County who exercises any functions or responsibilities in review or approval of services to be provided by Contractor under this Agreement shall participate in or attempt to influence any decision relating to this Agreement which affects personal interest or interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he/she is directly or indirectly interested; nor shall any such official or employee of County have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

ARTICLE XVII

Interest of Contractor: Contractor covenants that Contractor presently has no personal interest or financial interest, and shall not acquire same in any manner or degree in either: 1) any other contract connected with or directly affected by the services to be performed by this Agreement; or, 2) any other entities connected with or directly affected by the services to be performed by this Agreement. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement no person having any such interest shall be employed by Contractor.

ARTICLE XVIII

California Residency (Form 590): All independent Contractors providing services to the County must file a State of California Form 590, certifying their California residency or, in the case of a corporation, certifying that they have a permanent place of business in California. The Contractor will be required to submit a Form 590 prior to execution of an Agreement or County shall withhold seven (7) percent of each payment made to the Contractor during term of the Agreement. This requirement applies to any agreement/contract exceeding \$1,500.00.

ARTICLE XIX

Taxpayer Identification Number (Form W-9): All independent Contractors or corporations providing services to the County must file a Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9, certifying their Taxpayer Identification Number.

ARTICLE XX

County Business License: It is unlawful for any person to furnish supplies or services, or transact any kind of business in the unincorporated territory of El Dorado County without possessing a County business license unless exempt under County Code Section 5.08.070.

ARTICLE XXI

Administrator: The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Larry Loman, Deputy Director – Building Official, Development Services Department, or successor.

ARTICLE XXII

Authorized Signatures: The parties to this Agreement represent that the undersigned individuals executing this Agreement on their respective behalf are fully authorized to do so by law or other appropriate instrument and to bind upon said parties to the obligations set forth herein.

ARTICLE XXIII

Partial Invalidity: If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

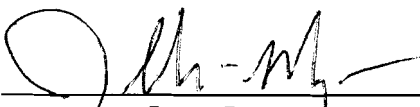
ARTICLE XXIV

Venue: Any dispute resolution action arising out of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, litigation, mediation, or arbitration, shall be brought in El Dorado County, California, and shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of California.


ARTICLE XXV

Entire Agreement: This document and the documents referred to herein or exhibits hereto are the entire Agreement between the parties and they incorporate or supersede all prior written or oral Agreements or understandings.

REQUESTING CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR CONCURRENCE:

By:  Dated: 19 Nov 07
Larry Loman
Deputy Director – Building Official
Development Services Department

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCURRENCE:

By:  Dated: 11-16-07
Gregory L. Fuz
Director
Development Services Department

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated below, the latest of which shall be deemed to be the effective date of this Agreement.

-- COUNTY OF EL DORADO --

Dated: _____

By: _____

Chairman
Board of Supervisors
"County"

ATTEST:
Cindy Keck, Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

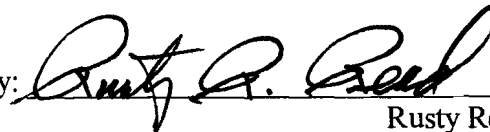
By: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Clerk

-- CONTRACTOR --

Dated: _____

CHARLES ABBOTT ASSOCIATES, INC.,
A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

By: 

Rusty Reed
President and Chief Executive Officer
"Contractor"

By: 
Corporate Secretary

Dated: _____

EXHIBIT A
El Dorado County Building Department
REQUEST FOR COST PROPOSAL FOR PLAN REVIEW

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Plan Review: The contractor will perform plan reviews to check plans for compliance with the California Building Laws as generally found in Title 24 Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 12 including structural, fire/life safety, disabled access, and energy conservation requirements – as amended by County.

Comment Lists and Pick-up/Delivery: Plan reviews result in typed lists of comments that refer to specific details and drawings, and reference applicable code sections. The contractor will transport plans and comments to County in person, via FAX, via Internet and/or reliable overland carrier. Overnight delivery is to be available at no extra cost. Depending on the County's preference, contractor will provide plan review comments and perform rechecks directly with the (1) County, or (2) the applicant/designer, returning approved documents to the County after the plan review process is completed.

Technical Support: When mutually agreed between the County and Contractor as vital to project success, contractor will attend pre-construction or pre-design meetings and make field visits/provide support for field inspection personnel on an as-needed basis.

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

All fees and charges will remain in effect for the duration of the contract term. Any changes must be made by amendment to the contract approved by Contractor and County. All fees are for standard plan review services. Fees for complex plan reviews (as mutually agreed to by contractor and County) will be at the agreed upon hourly rates.

Basic Fees: The County of El Dorado bases its building permit fees on the valuation table as published in the August issue of the ICC Building Safety Journal; I've included our fee table for your reference. Our fee is \$.01 per \$1.00 valuation of the work proposed. Of this total permit fee, 50% is considered the plan review portion but 30% of this plan review portion is dedicated to administration, planning, site review and other processes performed by the department.

Plan review project fee proposals should be based on a percentage of the plan review portion of the fee collected by the County.

Personnel Charges:

- Fee for complete plan review
 - Residential and Commercial
- Fee for structural-only plan review
 - Residential and Commercial
- Personnel Charges – Hourly Billing Rates
 - Plan Review Engineer
 - Plan Reviewer
 - Support Services
 - Overtime Services
- Miscellaneous Charges or Other Fees

EXHIBIT "B"

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

All fees and charges will remain in effect for the duration of the contract term. Any changes must be made by amendment to the contract and approved by CAA and the County. All fees are for standard plan review services. Fees for complex reviews (as mutually agreed to by CAA and the County) will be at the agreed upon hourly rates.

Basic Fees:

CAA will provide standard plan review services for 68% of the plan review portion of the fee collected by the County.

Personnel Charges:

Fee for complete plan review

Residential and Commercial

68% of the plan review portion of the fee collected by the County

Fee for structural-only plan review

Residential and Commercial

45% of the plan review portion of the fee collected by the County

Hourly Billing Rates

Plan Check Engineer

\$ 125/hour

Plan Reviewer

\$ 80/hour

Support Services

\$ 55/hour to \$125/hour depending on type

Overtime Services

1½ times hourly billing rate

Miscellaneous Charges or Other Fees

More than 2 re-checks

Hourly rate in addition to % of plan review portion of the fee collected by the County

Accelerated Review

1½ times hourly rate in addition to % of plan review portion of the fee collected by the County