

Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.

As-Needed Solid Waste, Landfill, and Wastewater Treatment Plant General Engineering and Construction Quality Assurance Services

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #9246

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into by and between the County of El Dorado, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "County"), and Geosyntec Consultants, Inc., a Florida corporation duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 777 Yamato Road, Suite 600, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, and whose mailing and local address is 3043 Gold Canal Drive, Suite 100, Rancho Cordova, California 95670 (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor");

R E C I T A L S

WHEREAS, County has determined that it is necessary to obtain a Contractor to assist its Environmental Management Department in providing as-needed solid waste, landfill, and wastewater treatment plant general engineering and construction quality assurance plan services;

WHEREAS, Contractor has represented to County that it is specially trained, experienced, expert, and competent to perform the special services described in ARTICLE I Scope of Work; that it is an independent and bona fide business operation, advertises and holds itself as such, is in possession of a valid business license, and is customarily engaged in an independently established business that provides similar services to others; and County relies upon those representations;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto that such services be in conformity with all applicable state and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work, including compliance with prevailing wage rates and their payment in accordance with Labor Code section 1775;

WHEREAS, County has determined that the provision of such services provided by Contractor are in the public's best interest, and that there are specialty skills, qualifications, and equipment not expressly identified in County classifications involved in the performance of the work in accordance with El Dorado County Ordinance Code, Section 3.13.030(b), El Dorado County Charter, Section 210(b)(6) and/or Government Code section 31000;

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2024, Contractor was formally awarded competitive Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 24-0034 for the provision of As-Needed Solid Waste, Landfill, and Wastewater Treatment Plant General Engineering and Construction Quality Assurance Services;

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

ARTICLE I

Scope of Services: Contractor is engaged in the business of doing the services and tasks required under this Agreement, and those services and tasks that are reasonably necessary for the completion of the work identified in the Scope of Work. Services shall include, at a minimum:

- Provide County with a full work task proposal, schedule, and not-to-exceed estimate to complete the entire work task which will result in a written Work Order;
- Discuss and/or meet with County to determine the specific services for each assignment, to discuss the needs, applicable required deliverables, specific Contractor staff, subcontractors, any task related travel or mileage budget, and to define the roles and responsibilities of both County and Contractor and what interaction Contractor shall have with County;
- Assign personnel to the subject project and ensure that they report, as assigned, with all of the necessary equipment to complete the work in a timely fashion;
- Meet with County either in person or by telephone, weekly at a minimum or more often as determined by County for each assignment;
- Provide field inspectors to observe project work on-site and perform the duties necessary in accordance with the plans, specifications, and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances;
- Obtaining all permits and approvals, as necessary, to complete the work including Dust Mitigation Plans, Asbestos Dust Mitigation Plans, building permits, grading permits, and Fish and Game permits; and
- Track and assist County in resolving community complaints on matters such as dust, naturally occurring asbestos, mud, erosion control, traffic, clearing, grading, and any other sensitive issues as they occur.

Contractor shall furnish, at Contractor's own cost and expense, all personnel, services, tools, vehicles, and equipment or any other materials, necessary to perform the services and tasks required under this Agreement, including those services and tasks that are identified in the Scope of Work, and those services and tasks that are reasonably necessary for the completion of the work identified in the Scope of Work.

For each as-needed work assignment, the specific services for each assignment shall be determined at a meeting, by email, or telephone conference between County's Contract Administrator and Contractor. For each work assignment, Contractor shall provide a written quote to County's Contract Administrator. Upon receipt and approval of each quote, County's Contract Administrator will issue a separate written Work Order to Contractor for each as-needed work assignment identifying the specific site where the work will be performed, a description of the work or other services to be performed, a

specific date by which the work shall be completed, and a not-to-exceed cost to complete the work. Contractor shall not commence work until receiving the written Work Order. With the exception of urgent and immediate Work Orders, no payment will be made for any work performed prior to the issuance of the written Work Order. No payment will be made for any work performed prior to approval and full execution of the Work Order or beyond the earlier of the expiration date of the Work Order or expiration of the underlying Agreement, and no payment will be made for amounts in excess of the not-to-exceed amount of the Work Order.

For services performed as the result of an urgent or immediate need, as determined by County's Contract Administrator, authorization to perform the required services necessary to ensure that County property is protected may occur through verbal or email communication to Contractor. Any verbal or email authorization to perform urgent or immediate services under this Agreement will be confirmed to Contractor by a written Work Order, as applicable, issued by County's Contract Administrator. Contractor shall respond to all requests for urgent or immediate services with Contractor's personnel on-site within four (4) hours from the time County's Contract Administrator transmitted the verbal or email service request.

With the exception of Work Orders for services performed as the result of an urgent or immediate need, no payment will be made for any work performed prior to approval and full execution of the Work Order or beyond the earlier of the expiration date of the Work Order or expiration of the underlying Agreement, and no payment will be made for amounts in excess of the not-to-exceed amount of the Work Order.

Contractor shall provide County's Contract Administrator with the names and titles of Contractor's representatives that are authorized to bind Contractor by signing Work Orders and Work Order Amendments on Contractor's behalf. Contractor's notification of individuals authorized to execute Work Orders and Work Order Amendments on Contractor's behalf shall be communicated to County in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE XXVI, Notice to Parties, of this Agreement.

The period of performance for Work Orders shall be in accordance with dates specified in each Work Order. No payment will be made for any work performed before or after the period of performance in the Work Order, unless County's Contract Administrator and Contractor amend the Work Order. No Work Order will be written which exceeds the cumulative total of the not-to-exceed dollar amount of this Agreement. No Work Order will be written which extends beyond the expiration date of this Agreement.

County will review Contractor's progress at key points as specified in each Work Order. Milestone reviews shall be performed for the specific products and deliverables listed in each Work Order. Milestones may only be changed by written agreement between County's Contract Administrator and Contractor's Project Manager.

If a submittal or deliverable is required to be an electronic file, Contractor shall produce the file using Microsoft Office 365 applications (specifically, MS Word, MS Project, and MS Excel). Signed reports shall be submitted in Adobe portable document format (PDF). All digital photographs shall be submitted on CD-ROMs in jpeg format with a minimum resolution of 2816 X 2112. All deliverables shall be submitted in language, format, and design that are compatible with and completely transferable to County's computer and engineering applications and that are acceptable to County's Contract Administrator. Newer versions of software may be used, and other types of software used for analytical purposes may be authorized if approved in advance of the submittal by County's Contract Administrator. Contractor shall submit all deliverables to County's Contract Administrator in accordance with completion time schedules identified in the individual Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement. Failure to submit the required deliverable in the format required shall be grounds for termination of the Agreement, as provided in ARTICLE XXV, Default, Termination, and Cancellation.

Contractor shall submit all deliverables to County's Contract Administrator in accordance with completion time schedules identified in each Work Order. County's review of deliverables will ensure that Contractor's work meets a level of acceptability as determined by County's Contract Administrator, and Contractor shall be required to modify its work as necessary to meet that level of acceptability as defined by County's Contract Administrator.

Contractor shall perform the services and tasks required under this Agreement in a safe, professional, skillful, and workmanlike manner. Contractor is responsible for ensuring that its employees, as well as any subcontractor if applicable, perform the services and tasks required under this Agreement accordingly.

All of the services identified in the Scope of Work, or in the individual Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement, are the responsibility of Contractor unless specifically described as a task or item of work to be provided by County. Contractor shall be responsible for the supervision, administration, and work performed by any subcontractor for services rendered under this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

Term: This Agreement shall become effective when fully executed by both parties hereto and shall expire three (3) years thereafter.

ARTICLE III

Compensation for Services: For services provided herein, including any deliverables described in individual Work Order's issued pursuant to this Agreement, County agrees to pay Contractor upon the satisfactory completion and County's acceptance of work, in arrears. Payment will be made within forty-five (45) days following County's receipt and approval of itemized invoices detailing the services rendered.

For the purposes hereof, the billing rates shall be in accordance with Exhibit A, marked "Rate Schedule", incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.

The rates listed in Exhibit A may be adjusted annually based on the percent change of the California Consumer Price Index Table - All Areas for "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers" as reported and published on the State of California Department of Industrial Relations website (<https://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/capriceindex.htm>). The base value to be used for calculating rates of service price adjustments shall be the index published for the month of the formal Agreement award date, or the date of the previous price adjustment, whichever is later. Adjustments shall be calculated according to the percentage change, up or down, as reflected in the above-stated index. The new rates must be submitted at least ten (10) business days prior to the annual anniversary dates of this Agreement upon written request from Contractor and subject to prior written approval from County's Department Head or designee. Any fee increases authorized by County shall not increase the total not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement. This price adjustment process described herein shall not change for the life of the Agreement unless otherwise specified in a written amendment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, payments to Contractor and subcontractors for travel, lodging, per diem, and mileage expenses, if applicable, for Contractor's or subcontractor's claims for reimbursement shall not exceed the rates to be paid to County employees under the current Board of Supervisor's Travel Policy in effect at the time the expenses are incurred, without markup. Any individual travel expense exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) and any work requiring overnight stay must be approved in advance by County's Contract Administrator or designee. Contractor and subcontractor are responsible for canceling hotel rooms before the cancellation period ends and should record the cancellation number in case of disputes. Contractor and subcontractor shall not be reimbursed for "no-show" hotel charges unless there are unavoidable reasons for not cancelling the room and County's Contract Administrator or designee has determined that the reasons are valid. Any reimbursements for such expenses, if any, will only be made if such expenses are included in the fully executed Work Order issued pursuant to this Agreement.

The total amount of this Agreement shall not exceed \$255,000, inclusive of all Work Orders, and amended Work Orders, all work of subcontractors, and all costs, taxes, and expenses. It is understood and agreed that there is no guarantee, either expressed or implied, that this dollar amount will be authorized under this agreement through Work Orders.

Itemized invoices shall follow the format specified by County and shall reference this Agreement number and any Work Order number on their faces. A copy of each Work Order as back up documentation shall be attached to any invoice(s) submitted for payment and shall reflect Contractor's charges for the specific services billed on those invoices. Invoices shall be mailed to County at the following address:

County of El Dorado
Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Court
Placerville, California 95667

Attn.: Jeffrey Warren
Director

or to such other location as County directs.

In the event that Contractor fails to deliver, in the format specified, the deliverables required by this Agreement, County at its sole option may delay the payment for the period of time of the delay, cease all payments until such time as the required deliverables are received, or proceed as set forth below in ARTICLE XXV, Default, Termination, and Cancellation, herein.

ARTICLE IV

Taxes: Contractor certifies that as of today's date, it is not in default on any unsecured property taxes or other taxes or fees owed by Contractor to County. Contractor agrees that it shall not default on any obligations to County during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V

Prevailing Wage: County requires Contractor's services on public works project(s) involving local and/or state to which prevailing wage requirements may apply. As a consequence, Contractor shall comply with all applicable state and federal prevailing wage rates, statutes, rules, and regulations then in effect. In the event of conflict between applicable federal and state provisions, the higher prevailing wage rate shall apply. Contractor shall use the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of Industrial Relations for the county in which the work is to be done, which are available at the principal office of County's Environmental Management Department. Changes, if any, to the general prevailing wage rates will be available at the same location.

Future effective general prevailing wage rates which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.

Contractor shall comply with all applicable wage requirements, as set forth in Labor Code sections 1770, et seq., 1773.2, 1775, 1776, 1810, and 1813. In accordance with the provisions of Labor Code section 1810, eight (8) hours of labor shall constitute a legal day's work upon all work done hereunder, and Contractor and any subcontractor authorized under this Agreement shall also conform to and be bound by the provisions of Labor Code sections 1810 through 1815.

ARTICLE VI

Apprentices: Attention is directed to Labor Code sections 1777.5, 1777.6, and 1777.7 and 8 California Code of Regulations section 200, et seq. To ensure compliance and complete understanding of the law regarding apprentices, and specifically the required ratio thereunder, each Contractor or subcontractor should, where some question exists, contact the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102, or one of its branch offices prior to commencement of work on this Agreement. Responsibility for compliance with this Article lies with Contractor.

It is County policy to encourage the employment and training of apprentices on public works contracts as may be permitted under local apprenticeship standards.

ARTICLE VII

Certified Payroll: As required under the provisions of Labor Code section 1776, Contractor and any subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, shall keep accurate payroll records as follows:

- A. The payroll records shall show the name, address, social security number, work classification, straight time and overtime hours worked each day and week, and the actual per diem wages paid to each journeyman, apprentice, worker, or other employee employed by Contractor or subcontractors in connection with the services provided under this Agreement.
- B. A certified copy of all payroll records enumerated above shall be available for inspection at all reasonable hours at the principal office of Contractor as follows:
 - 1. Make available or furnish to the employee or his or her authorized representative on request.
 - 2. Make available for inspection or furnished upon request to a representative of County, the State Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards of the State Department of Industrial Relations.
 - 3. Make available upon request by the public for inspection or copies thereof made; provided, however, that a request by the public shall be made through either County, the State Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, or the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards. The requesting party shall, prior to being provided the records, reimburse the costs of preparation by Contractor, subcontractor, and the entity through which the request was made. The public shall not be given access to the records at the principal office of Contractor.
 - 4. All Contractors and subcontractors must furnish electronic certified payroll records directly to the Department of Industrial Relations.

ARTICLE VIII

Protection of Facilities:

- A. Contractor shall exercise care to prevent damage to the existing building, grounds, and property while performing the Work. Any damage caused as a result of Contractor's operations shall be repaired back to its original condition by Contractor at no additional cost to County.
- B. Contractor shall provide for continuous County occupancy and operation of the facility for the duration of the project.

- C. Contractor shall provide for public use and shall limit access to the facility as directed by County's Contract Administrator.
- D. Contractor shall provide for work by other contractors and County.
- E. Contractor shall coordinate the use of the premises, including the storage of materials, tools, and equipment with County's Contract Administrator.

ARTICLE IX

Safety: Contractor shall maintain safe conditions at the jobsite for the duration of the Work for the public, County staff, and all persons performing the Work. Contractor shall comply fully with all laws, orders, citations, rules, regulations, standards, and statutes with respect to occupational health and safety, the handling and storage of hazardous materials, accident prevention, safety equipment, and practices. Contractor shall be solely responsible for providing a safe place to work for its employees and for employees of its subcontractors and suppliers or material and equipment, for adequacy of and required use of all safety equipment, and for full compliance with aforesaid laws, orders, citations, rules, regulations, standards, and statutes.

Other safety measures shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- A. Providing safe accessibility to all building entrances, keeping all sidewalks, active doors, corridors or other walkways, driveways, or any emergency vehicle access clear for the duration of the project.
- B. Keeping flammable rags, if applicable, in a sealed container and removing them from the site at the end of each workday.

ARTICLE X

Registration of Contractors: No Contractor or subcontractor may bid on any public work project, be listed in a bid proposal for any public works project or engage in the performance of any contract for public work unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1. Public work projects are subject to compliance, monitoring, and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

Contractor shall post job site notices as prescribed by 8 California Code of Regulations section 16451.

ARTICLE XI

Records Examination and Audit Requirements: Contractor and its subcontractors, if any are authorized hereunder, shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of the Agreement, including at a minimum, the costs of administering the various aspects of the Agreement. In accordance with Government Code section 8546.7, all of the above-referenced parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times

during the Agreement period and for three (3) years from the date that final payment by County and all other pending matters are closed. Representatives of County, the California State Auditor, and any duly authorized representative of other government agencies shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records that are pertinent to the Agreement for audit, examination, excerpts, and transactions and copies thereof shall be furnished upon request.

ARTICLE XII

Payment of all Federal, State or Local Taxes: Any federal, state, or local tax payable on the articles furnished by Contractor under this Agreement shall be included in rates quoted herein and shall be paid by Contractor.

ARTICLE XIII

Compliance with all Applicable Laws: Contractor shall conform to and abide by all applicable federal, state, and local building, labor, environmental and safety laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. All work and materials shall be in full accordance with the latest rules and regulations of the State Fire Marshal, safety orders of the Division of Industrial Safety, California Electrical Code, California Building Code, California Plumbing Code, and any and all other applicable laws and regulations. Nothing in this Agreement, including at a minimum, any directions, plans, or specifications provided to Contractor, is to be construed to permit work not conforming to these codes.

ARTICLE XIV

Reporting Accidents: Contractor shall prepare and submit to County (within twenty-four [24] hours of such incidents) reports of accidents at the site and anywhere else work under this Agreement is in progress in which bodily injury is sustained or property loss in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) occurs.

ARTICLE XV

Standards for Work: Contractor and any subcontractors authorized herein, shall perform all services in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other members of Contractor's profession currently practicing in the same locality and under similar conditions.

All of Contractor's and subcontractor's services and deliverables must adhere to and be in full compliance with ARTICLE I, Scope of Work, and shall be made available to County for review and approval at the appropriate stages specified in the Agreement or upon request by County's Contract Administrator.

Contractor and any subcontractors authorized herein, have full responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the deliverables, reports, and such other documents that may be required for the tasks or items of work assigned. Assistance, cooperation, and oversight by County or other regulatory agencies will not relieve Contractor or subcontractor of their professional responsibility.

ARTICLE XVI

Ownership of Data: Upon completion or earlier termination of all services under this Agreement, or upon the completion or earlier termination of services provided in accordance with the individual Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement, ownership and title to all reports, documents, plans, maps, specifications, estimates, compilations, photographs, videos, and any and all other materials or data produced or obtained as part of this Agreement will automatically be vested in County without restriction or limitation on their use, and no further agreement will be necessary to transfer ownership to County. Copies may be made for Contractor's records but shall not be furnished to others without prior written authorization from County's Contract Administrator. Such deliverables shall be deemed works made for hire and all rights in copyright therein shall be retained by County. Contractor shall furnish County all necessary copies of data, including data stored in electronic format, needed to complete the review and approval process of the services and deliverables provided under this Agreement.

ARTICLE XVII

Contractor's Project Manager: Contractor designates Mike van den Enden, Principal Geologist, as its Project Manager for this Agreement. Contractor's Project Manager, or County approved designee, shall be accessible to County's Contract Administrator, or designee, during normal County working hours and shall respond within twenty-four (24) hours to County inquiries or requests. Contractor's Project Manager shall be responsible for all matters related to Contractor's personnel, operations, and any subcontractors authorized under this Agreement, if any, including, at a minimum (1) assigning qualified personnel to perform the required work and to prepare the deliverables required by the individual Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement; (2) reviewing, monitoring, training, and directing Contractor's personnel and any authorized subcontractors authorized herein; and (3) providing qualified and appropriate traffic control services for field work.

ARTICLE XVIII

Workers' Compensation: Contractor shall comply with Labor Code section 3700, et seq., requiring it to obtain Workers' Compensation Insurance, and sign a certificate of knowledge thereof.

CERTIFICATE OF KNOWLEDGE - LABOR CODE SECTION 3700

I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement.

Signed: 
Michael Minch (Mar 28, 2025 09:40 PDT)

Dated: 03/28/2025

ARTICLE XIX

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 XX

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 understood that this Agreement does not create an exclusive relationship between County and Contractor, and Contractor may perform similar work or services for others. However, Contractor shall not enter into any agreement with any other party or provide any information in any manner to any other party, that would conflict with Contractor's responsibilities or hinder Contractor's performance of services hereunder, unless County's Contract Administrator, in writing, authorizes that agreement or sharing of information.

ARTICLE XXI

Confidentiality: Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality and privileged nature of all records, including billing 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. Contractor, and all Contractor's staff, employees, and representatives, shall not use or disclose, directly, or indirectly at any time, any said confidential information, other than to County's Environmental Management Department or to such other person with County's consent for the purpose of, and in the performance of, this Agreement. This confidentiality provision shall survive after the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXII

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 XXIII

Independent Contractor: The parties intend that an independent contractor relationship will be created by this contract. 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 the terms of this Agreement. Contractor exclusively assumes responsibility for acts of its employees, agents, affiliates, and subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to the services or work to be performed under this Agreement during the course and scope of their employment by Contractor. Those persons will be entirely and exclusively under the direction, supervision, and control of Contractor.

County may designate the tasks to be performed and the results to be accomplished under this Agreement, provide information concerning the work or services, approve or disapprove the final work product and/or services provided, and set deadlines for the

completion of the work or services, but County will not control or direct the manner, means, methods, or sequence in which Contractor performs the work or services for accomplishing the results. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor lacks the authority to bind County or incur any obligations on behalf of County.

Contractor, including any subcontractor or employees of Contractor, shall not receive, nor be eligible for, any benefits County provides for its employees, including, at a minimum, vacation pay, paid holidays, life insurance, health insurance, social security, disability insurance, pension, or 457 plans. Contractor shall not receive, nor be eligible for, workers' compensation, including medical and indemnity payments. County is not responsible for withholding, and shall not withhold, Federal Income Contribution Act amounts or taxes of any kind from any payments which it owes Contractor. Contractor shall not be subject to the work schedules or vacation periods that apply to County employees.

Contractor shall be solely responsible for paying its employees, and for withholding Federal Income Contribution Act amounts and other taxes, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, medical insurance, life insurance, or any other benefit that Contractor provides for its employees.

Contractor acknowledges that it has no authority to bind the County or incur any obligations on behalf of the County with regard to any matter and shall not make any agreements or representations on the County's behalf.

ARTICLE XXIV

Fiscal Considerations: The parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge that County is a political subdivision of the State of California. As such, 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 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 County, this Agreement may be deemed to be canceled in its entirety subject to payment for services performed prior to cancellation.

ARTICLE XXV

Default, Termination, and Cancellation:

A. 1. Termination by Default: If either party becomes aware of an event of default, that party shall give written notice of said default to the party in default (notice) that shall state the following:

- a. The alleged default and the applicable Agreement provision, and
- b. That the party in default has ten (10) days upon receiving the notice to cure the default (Time to Cure).

If the party in default does not cure the default within ten (10) days of the Time to Cure, then such party shall be in default and the party giving notice may terminate the Agreement by issuing a Notice of Termination. The party giving notice may extend the Time to Cure at their discretion. 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 in which the extension of Time to Cure expires.

2. If County terminates this Agreement, in whole or in part, for default:

- a. County reserves the right to procure the goods or services, or both, similar to those terminated, from other sources and Contractor shall be liable to County for any excess costs for those goods or services. County may deduct from any payment due, or that may thereafter become due to Contractor, the excess costs to procure from an alternate source.
- b. County shall pay Contractor the sum due to Contractor under this Agreement prior to termination, unless the cost of completion to County exceeds the funds remaining in the Agreement. In which case the overage shall be deducted from any sum due Contractor under this Agreement and the balance, if any, shall be paid to Contractor upon demand.
- c. County may require Contractor to transfer title and deliver to County any completed work under the Agreement.

3. The following shall be events of default under this Agreement:

- a. Failure by either party to perform in a timely and satisfactory manner any or all of its obligations under this Agreement.
- b. A representation or warranty made by Contractor in this Agreement proves to have been false or misleading in any respect.
- c. Contractor fails to observe and perform any covenant, condition, or agreement on its part to be observed or performed under this Agreement, unless County agrees, in writing, to an extension of the time to perform before that time period expires.
- d. A violation of ARTICLE XXXVI, Conflict of Interest.

B. Bankruptcy: County may terminate this Agreement immediately in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of Contractor.

- C. **Ceasing Performance:** County may terminate this Agreement immediately 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, for convenience upon thirty (30) calendar days' written Notice of Termination. If such termination is effected, County will pay for satisfactory services rendered before the effective date of termination, as set forth in the Notice of Termination provided to Contractor, and for any other services that County agrees, in writing, to be necessary for contract resolution. In no event, however, shall County be obligated to pay more than the total amount of the Agreement. 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. In the event of termination, County reserves the right to take over and complete the work by contract or by any other means.

ARTICLE XXVI

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 in duplicate and addressed as follows:

To County:

County of El Dorado
Environmental Management Department
2850 Fairlane Court
Placerville, California 95667

Attn.: Jeffrey Warren
Director

With a copy to:

County of El Dorado
Chief Administrative Office
Procurement and Contracts Division
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, California 95667

Attn.: Michele Weimer
Procurement & Contracts Manager

or to such other location as County directs.

Notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.
3043 Gold Canal Drive, Suite 100,
Rancho Cordova, California 95670

Attn.: Michael van den Enden, Principal Geologist

or to such other location as Contractor directs.

ARTICLE XXVII

Change of Address: In the event of a change in address for Contractor's principal place of business, Contractor's Agent for Service of Process, or Notices to Contractor, Contractor

shall notify County in writing as provided in ARTICLE XXVI, Notice to Parties. Said notice shall become part of this Agreement upon acknowledgment in writing by County's Contract Administrator, and no further amendment of the Agreement shall be necessary provided that such change of address does not conflict with any other provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXVIII

Indemnity: To the fullest extent allowed by law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officers, agents, employees, and representatives from and against any and all claims, actions, losses, injuries, damages, or expenses of every name, kind, and description, including litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred, brought for or on account of, injury to or death of any person, including but not limited to workers, County employees, officers, or agents, and the public, or damage to property, which arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, contractors, and subcontractors. This duty of Contractor includes the duty of defense, inclusive of that set forth in Civil Code section 2778 and is subject to any limit provided for in Civil Code section 2782.8(a) of the cost to defend charged to Contractor. Each party shall notify the other party immediately in writing of any claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement, provided that County's failure to immediately or timely notify Contractor does not limit or waive Contractor's defense and indemnity obligations in this Article. The parties shall cooperate with each other in the investigation and disposition of any claim arising out of the activities under this Agreement.

The insurance obligations of Contractor are separate, independent obligations under the Agreement, and the provisions of this defense and indemnity are not intended to modify nor should they be construed as modifying or in any way limiting the insurance obligations set forth in the Agreement.

Nothing herein shall be construed to seek indemnity in excess of that permitted by Civil Code section 2782, et seq. In the event any portion of this Article is found invalid, the Parties agree that this Article shall survive and be interpreted consistent with the provisions of Civil Code section 2782, et seq. Neither party shall be entitled to recover consequential damages, including, without limitation, loss of use or loss of profits from the other party.

ARTICLE XXIX

Insurance: Contractor shall provide proof of a policy of insurance satisfactory to County's Risk Management Division 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 (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CG 00 01) of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, including, at a minimum,

endorsements for the following coverage: premises, personal injury, operations, products and completed operations, blanket contractual, and independent Contractors' liability and a \$2,000,000 aggregate limit. County, including, without limitation, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers shall be named as an additional insured on ISO form CG 2010 1185, or its equivalent.

- C. Automobile Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 is required in the event motor vehicles are used by Contractor in performance of the Agreement.
- D. In the event Contractor is a licensed professional and is performing professional services under this Agreement, Professional Liability Insurance is required with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000.
- E. Contractor shall furnish a certificate of insurance satisfactory to County's Risk Management Division as evidence that the insurance required above is being maintained.
- F. The insurance will be issued by an insurance company acceptable to County's Risk Management Division or be provided through partial or total self-insurance likewise acceptable to the Risk Management Division.
- G. Contractor agrees that the insurance required herein shall be in effect at all times during the term of this Agreement, inclusive of the guarantee/warranty period specified hereinbelow. In the event said insurance coverage expires at any time or times during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall immediately provide a new certificate of insurance as evidence of the required insurance coverage. In the event 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. New certificates of insurance are subject to the approval of County's Risk Management Division, and Contractor agrees that no work or services shall be performed prior to the giving of such approval.
- 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, on an additional insured endorsement, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. This provision shall apply to the general liability policy.
- I. Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance in respect to County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be in excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

- J. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to, and approved, by County. At the option of County, either: The insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions in respect to County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers; or 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 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 the 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. The certificate of insurance shall meet such additional standards as may be determined by the contracting County department, either independently or in consultation with County's Risk Management Division as essential for protection of County.

ARTICLE XXX

Licenses: Contractor hereby represents and warrants that Contractor and any of its subcontractors employed under this Agreement has all the applicable licenses, permits, and certifications that are legally required for Contractor and its subcontractors to practice its profession or provide the services or work contemplated under this Agreement in the State of California. Contractor and its subcontractors shall obtain or maintain said applicable licenses, permits, or certificates in good standing throughout the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXXI

Business License: County's Business License Ordinance provides that 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 Ordinance Code section 5.08.070. Contractor warrants and represents that it shall comply with all of the requirements of County's Business License Ordinance, where applicable, prior to beginning work under this Agreement and at all times during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXXII

Environmental and Toxic Warranty: Contractor warrants that its operations concerning the services and materials provided under this Agreement are not and will not be in violation of any applicable environmental federal, state, or local statute, law, or regulation dealing with hazardous materials substances or toxic substances.

ARTICLE XXXIII

Guarantees:

- A. Contractor shall guarantee all materials, parts and equipment furnished and work performed for a period of one (1) year. Contractor warrants and guarantees for a period of one (1) year from the date of invoice that the work is free from all defects due to faulty materials or workmanship and Contractor shall promptly make such corrections as may be necessary, including repairs of any damage to other parts of the work resulting from such defects at no cost to County. County will give notice of observed defects with reasonable promptness. In the event that Contractor should fail to make such repairs, adjustments or other work that may be made necessary by such defects, County may do so and charge Contractor the cost thereby incurred.
- B. If a guaranty exceeding one (1) year is provided by the supplier or manufacturer of any parts or equipment used in the performance of services under this Agreement, then the guarantee for such materials shall be extended for such term. Contractor expressly agrees to act as co-guarantor of such parts, equipment and materials, and Contractor shall supply County with all warranty and guaranty documents relative to parts, equipment and materials incorporated in the services provided and guaranteed by its suppliers or manufacturers.
- C. Contractor warrants to County that materials, parts, and equipment furnished under this Agreement will be of good quality and new, unless otherwise required or permitted by the Agreement, that the work performed will be free from defects or flaws and is of the highest quality of workmanship and that the services provided will conform with the requirements of the Agreement. Work not conforming to these requirements, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized, shall be considered defective.

ARTICLE XXXIV

Force Majeure: Neither party will be liable for any delay, failure to perform, or omission under this Agreement that is due to any cause that it is beyond its control, not due to its own negligence, and cannot be overcome by the exercise of due diligence. In that event, the affected party will:

1. Promptly give written notice to the other of the fact that it is unable to so perform and the cause(s) that is beyond its control.
2. Once the cause(s) has ceased, provide written notice to the other party and immediately resume its performance under this Agreement.

For purposes of this Article, "cause that is beyond its control" includes labor disturbances, riots, fires, earthquakes, floods, storms, lightning, epidemics, war, disorders, hostilities, expropriation or confiscation of properties, failure of and delays by carriers, interference by civil or military authorities, whether legal or de facto, and whether purporting to act under some constitution, decree, or law, or otherwise, or acts of God.

ARTICLE XXXV

Waiver: No failure on the part of the parties to exercise any rights under this Agreement, and no course of dealing with respect to any right hereunder, shall operate as a waiver of that right, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right preclude the exercise of any other right. The remedies herein provided are cumulative and are not exclusive of any other remedies provided by law.

ARTICLE XXXVI

Conflict of Interest: The parties to this Agreement have read and are aware of the provisions of Government Code section 1090, et seq. and the Political Reform Act of 1974 (section 87100, et seq.), relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees. Individuals who are working for Contractor and performing work for County and who are considered to be Contractor within the meaning of 2 California Code of Regulations section 18700.3, as it now reads or may thereafter be amended, are required to file a statement of economic interest in accordance with County's Conflict of Interest Code. County's Contract Administrator shall at the time this Agreement is executed make an initial determination whether or not the individuals who will provide services or perform work pursuant to this Agreement are Contractors within the meaning of the Political Reform Act and County's Conflict of Interest Code. Statements of economic interests are public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

Contractor covenants that during the term of this Agreement neither it, or any officer or employee of Contractor, has or shall acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, in any of the following:

1. Any other contract connected with, or directly affected by, the services to be performed by this Agreement.
2. Any other entities connected with, or directly affected by, the services to be performed by this Agreement.
3. Any officer or employee of County that are involved in this Agreement.

If Contractor becomes aware of a conflict of interest related to this Agreement, Contractor shall promptly notify County of the existence of that conflict, and County may, in its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination specified in ARTICLE XXV, Default, Termination, or Cancellation.

Pursuant to Government Code section 84308 (SB 1439, the Levine Act), Contractor shall complete and sign the attached Exhibit B, marked "California Levine Act Statement," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof, regarding campaign contributions by Contractor, if any, to any officer of County.

ARTICLE XXXVII

Nondiscrimination:

- A. County may require Contractor's services on projects involving funding from various state and/or federal agencies, and as a consequence, Contractor shall comply with all applicable nondiscrimination statutes and regulations during the performance of this Agreement including at a minimum the following: Contractor and its employees and representatives shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, military and veteran status of any person, marital status, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. Contractor shall, unless exempt, comply with the applicable provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12900, et seq.) and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (2 California Code of Regulations section 11000, et seq.); the applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code section 12990, set forth in Subchapter 5 of Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full; and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. Contractor and its employees and representatives shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause as required by law.
- B. Where applicable, Contractor shall include these nondiscrimination and compliance provisions in any of its agreements that affect or are related to the services performed herein.
- C. Contractor's signature shall provide any certifications necessary under the federal laws, the laws of the State of California, including at a minimum Government Code section 12990 and 2 California Code of Regulations section 8103.

ARTICLE XXXVIII

California Residency (Form 590): All independent Contractors providing services to County must file a State of California Form 590, certifying their California residency or, in the case of a limited liability company or corporation, certifying that they have a permanent place of business in California. Contractor will be required to submit a Form 590 prior to execution of this Agreement, or County shall withhold seven (7) percent of each payment made to Contractor during the term of this Agreement. This requirement applies to any agreement/contract exceeding \$1,500.

ARTICLE XXXIX

County Payee Data Record Form: All independent Contractors or corporations providing services to County who do not have a Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (Form W-9) on file with County must file a County Payee Data Record Form with County.

ARTICLE XL

Resolution of Claims: Contractor's attention is invited to Public Contract Code section 20104, et seq., for resolution of construction claims, and specifically section 20104.2. Claims pertaining to this Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of those sections.

Your attention is directed to Public Contract Code section 9204, which describes procedures for the resolution of claims on public works projects. Among other things, section 9204 requires the claimant to furnish reasonable documentation to support a claim, requires the public entity to respond to the claim within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the claim, and allows for the claimant to demand an informal meet and confer conference for settlement of the issues in dispute. For any portion of a claim that remains in dispute, section 9204 requires submission of the claim to nonbinding mediation. Additionally, section 9204 requires the public entity to make any payment due on an undisputed portion of the claim within sixty (60) days of the public entity's written response and to pay interest at the rate of seven percent (7%) per annum on any amounts not paid in a timely manner. The claims procedures described herein and in any other contract documents are in addition to the procedures required by Section 9204 and, in the event of a conflict between those various procedures, the more stringent procedures will control.

ARTICLE XLI

California Forum and Law: Any dispute resolution action arising out of this Agreement, including, at a minimum, 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 XLII

Contract Administrator: The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Jeffrey Warren, Director, Environmental Management Department, or successor.

ARTICLE XLIII

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 the obligations set forth herein.

ARTICLE XLIV

Electronic Signatures: Each party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this Agreement, are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Electronic Signature means any electronic visual symbol or signature attached to or logically associated with a record and executed and adopted by a party with the intent to sign such record, including facsimile or email electronic signatures, pursuant to the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Civil Code sections 1633.1 to 1633.17) as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE XLV

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

ARTICLE XLVI

No Third-Party Beneficiaries: Nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor will be deemed, to confer rights or remedies upon any person or legal entity not a party to this Agreement.

ARTICLE XLVII

Counterparts: This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

ARTICLE XLVIII

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated below.

-- COUNTY OF EL DORADO --

By: _____

Dated: _____

Board of Supervisors
"County"

Attest:
Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors


By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Dated: _____

-- GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS, INC. --

By: 
[Michael Minch \(Mar 28, 2025 09:40 PDT\)](#)
Michael Minch
Vice President
"Contractor"

Dated: 03/28/2025

By: 
[Scott Forbess \(Mar 28, 2025 09:26 PDT\)](#)
Scott Forbess
Vice President

Dated: 03/28/2025

Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.

Exhibit A

Rate Schedule

Classification	Hourly Rate
Staff Professional	\$155
Senior Staff Professional	\$180
Professional	\$205
Project Professional	\$230
Senior Professional	\$255
Principal	\$275
Senior Principal	\$295
Technician I	\$82
Technician II	\$89
Senior Technician I	\$100
Senior Technician II	\$107
Site Manager I	\$120
Site Manager II	\$132
Construction Manager I	\$142
Construction Manager II	\$152
Senior Designer	\$190
Designer	\$160
Senior Drafter/Senior CADD Operator	\$145
Drafter/CADD Operator/Artist	\$130
Project Administrator	\$85
Clerical	\$70

Subcontract Services	Cost plus 12%
Internal Technology and Communications Service Fee	3% of Professional Fees
Specialized Computer Applications	\$12 per hour
Personal Automobile (per mile)	According to Article III, Compensation for Services
Photocopies (per page)	\$0.08

Rates will be adjusted annually based on a minimum of the Producer Price Index for Engineering Services. Rates for field equipment, health and safety equipment, and graphical supplies presented upon request. Construction management fee presented upon request. Mileage and travel shall be reimbursed according to ARTICLE III, Compensation for Services.

Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.

Exhibit B

California Levine Act Statement

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California Government Code section 84308, commonly referred to as the "Levine Act," prohibits any officer of El Dorado County from participating in any action related to a contract if he or she accepts, solicits, or directs any political contributions totaling more than five hundred dollars (\$500) within the previous twelve (12) months, and for twelve (12) months following the date a final decision concerning the contract has been made, from the person or company awarded the contract. The Levine Act also requires disclosure of such contribution by a party to be awarded a specific contract. An officer of El Dorado County includes the Board of Supervisors, any elected official, and the chief administrative officer (collectively "Officer"). It is the Contractor's responsibility to confirm the appropriate "Officer" and name the individual(s) in their disclosure.

Have you or your company made any political contribution(s), or been solicited to make a contribution by an Officer or had an Officer direct you to make a contribution of more than \$500 to an Officer of the County of El Dorado in the twelve months preceding the date of the submission of your proposals or the anticipated date of any Officer action related to this contract?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please identify the person(s) by name:

Do you or your company anticipate or plan to make any political contribution(s) of more than \$500 to an Officer of the County of El Dorado in the twelve months following any Officer action related to this contract?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please identify the person(s) by name:

Answering YES to either of the two questions above does not preclude the County of El Dorado from awarding a contract to your firm or any taking any subsequent action related to the contract. It does, however, preclude the identified Officer(s) from participating in any actions related to this contract.

03/28/2025

Date

Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.

Type or write name of company



Michael Minch (Mar 28, 2025 09:40 PDT)

Signature of authorized individual

Michael Minch

Type or write name of authorized individual