

**Geocon Consultants, Inc.**

**Environmental Services**

**AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #5468**

**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 Geocon Consultants, Inc., a corporation duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 6960 Flanders Drive, San Diego, California 92121 and whose local address and mailing address is 3160 Gold Valley Drive, Suite 800, Rancho Cordova, California 95742 (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant");

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that it is necessary to obtain a consultant to assist its Chief Administrative Office, Facilities Division, with on-call environmental consulting and geotechnical services;

**WHEREAS**, Consultant 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;

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

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that the provision of such services provided by Consultant 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, Chapter 3.13.030(b), El Dorado County Charter, Section 210(b)(6), and/or Government Code Section 31000;

**WHEREAS**, on July 27, 2020, Consultant was formally awarded Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 20-918-031 for Category D, Engineer: Environmental and/or Geotechnical;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, County and Consultant mutually agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**Scope of Services:** Consultant agrees to furnish personnel, subconsultants, materials, equipment, and services necessary to perform various on-call environmental consulting and geotechnical services. Services shall include, but not be limited to, environmental site assessments, investigating, reporting, testing, and any other related services. For purposes of this agreement, a subconsultant refers to a professional hired by the consultant to provide specialized services, including consulting services, design work, engineering, architectural services and land surveys.

For each on-call work assignment, Consultant shall provide a written quote to the Contract Administrator. Upon receipt and approval of each quote, the Contract Administrator will issue a separate written Work Order to Consultant for each on-call work assignment identifying the specific site where the work will be performed, a description of the services to be performed, any required deliverables, including reports or other documents to be supplied in connection with the work assignment, a specific date by which the work shall be completed and a not-to-exceed cost to complete the work. Consultant shall not commence work until receiving the written Work Order. No payment will be made for any on-call work performed prior to the issuance of the written Work Order.

If a submittal or deliverable is required to be an electronic file, Consultant shall produce the file using Microsoft (MS) Office 2010 applications (specifically, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, and MS Excel). Signed reports shall be submitted in Adobe portable document format (PDF). 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. Consultant shall submit all deliverables to County's Contract Administrator. Failure to submit the required deliverables in the format required shall be grounds for termination of the Agreement, as provided in ARTICLE XV, Default, Termination, and Cancellation, herein.

All of the tasks included in the Scope of Work are the responsibility of Consultant, unless specifically described as a task or item of work to be provided by County. Consultant shall be responsible for the supervision, administration, and work performed by any subconsultants for services rendered under this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE II**

**Term:** This Agreement shall become effective upon final execution by both parties hereto and shall expire three (3) years thereafter.

## **ARTICLE III**

**Compensation for Services:** For services provided herein, including any deliverables that may be identified in the individual Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement, County agrees to pay Consultant upon the satisfactory completion and County's acceptance of work, in arrears. Payment shall be made within forty-five (45) days following County's receipt and approval of invoices identifying the services rendered.

For the purposes hereof, the billing rates shall be in accordance with Exhibit A, marked "Fee Schedule," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof. Other direct costs including subconsultants' services and outside services authorized herein shall be invoiced at Consultant's cost, with a fifteen percent (15%) markup, for the services rendered. Any invoices that include subconsultant services and other direct costs shall be accompanied by backup documentation to substantiate Consultant's costs for the services being billed on those invoices.

Any service not specified in Exhibit A shall be quoted separately by Consultant on a per job basis and shall be approved by County's Contract Administrator prior to the commencement of the work.

The total amount of this Agreement shall not exceed \$72,000, inclusive of all Work Orders and amended Work Orders, all work of subconsultants, 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.

Reimbursement for mileage expenses for Consultant and subconsultants, if applicable, shall not exceed the rates to be paid to County employees under the current Board of Supervisors Travel Policy at the time the mileage expenses are incurred. Mileage reimbursement rates apply to Consultant and to any subconsultants authorized under this Agreement. There shall be no markups allowed on mileage rates for Consultant or for any subconsultant. Any reimbursements for mileage expenses, if any, will only be made if such expenses are included in the Cost Proposal of an approved and fully executed Work Order issued pursuant to this Agreement.

Travel costs (i.e., overnight lodging, meals, parking, airfare, bridge tolls, and other per diem expenses) will be reimbursed as a direct cost for any services performed under this Agreement by Consultant with a fifteen percent (15%) markup, for the services rendered. The total amount payable by County for an individual Work Order shall not exceed the amount agreed to in the Work Order, unless County's Contract Administrator and Consultant amend the Work Order in writing and prior to the performance of the work.

Invoices shall follow the format specified by County and shall reference this Agreement number and the County-supplied Work Order number on their faces. Copies of documentation attached to invoices shall reflect Consultant's charges for the specific services billed on those invoices. Consultant shall bill County for only one (1) Work Order per invoice. Invoices shall be mailed to County at the following address:

County of El Dorado  
Chief Administrative Office  
3000 Fairlane Court, Suite One  
Placerville, California 95667  
Attn.: Russ Fackrell  
Facilities Division Manager

or to such other location as County directs.

In the event that Consultant 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 XV, Default, Termination, and Cancellation, herein.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

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

#### **ARTICLE V**

**Prevailing Wage:** County requires Consultant's services on public works project(s) involving local and/or state funds to which prevailing wage requirements may apply. As a consequence, Consultant shall comply with all applicable state and federal prevailing wage rates, statutes, rules, and regulations then in effect. Consultant 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 Chief Administrative Office, Facilities Division. 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.

Consultant 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 Consultant and any subconsultant authorized under this Agreement shall also conform to and be bound by the provisions of Labor Code Sections 1810 through 1815.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

**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 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 Consultant'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. Consultant 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 VII**

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

All of Consultant's services and deliverables must adhere to and be in full compliance with ARTICLE I, Scope of Services, 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.

Consultant has 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 Consultant of this professional responsibility.

All work must be performed and work products prepared in a format and manner customarily anticipated by County and/or other appropriate agencies.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

**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. There shall be no change in subconsultants, which shall be established at the issuance of individual Work Orders, without prior written approval by County's Contract Administrator.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

**Consultant 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, Consultant shall act as Consultant only to County and shall not act as Consultant 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 Consultant's responsibilities to County during the term hereof.

#### **ARTICLE X**

**Confidentiality:** Consultant and any subconsultants authorized under this Agreement 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. Consultant, and all Consultant's staff, employees, and representatives, including any subconsultants authorized herein, shall not use or disclose, directly or indirectly at any time, any said confidential information, other than to County's Chief Administrative Office, Facilities Division 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 XI**

**Assignment and Delegation:** Consultant is engaged by County for its unique qualifications and skills as well as those of its personnel. Consultant 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. County may, at its sole discretion, through its Contract Administrator, authorize Consultant to utilize

subconsultants for services performed in ARTICLE I, Scope of Services, for the particular tasks, work and deliverables identified therein or as identified in the individual Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement. Said authorization and approval shall be sought and obtained by Consultant prior to subconsultants' commencement of any work under this Agreement. Specific subconsultants shall be authorized in individual Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall require each subconsultant, to the extent of the work to be performed by the subconsultant, to be bound to Consultant by the terms of this Agreement and to assume toward Consultant all of the obligations and responsibilities that Consultant, by this Agreement, assumes toward County.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

**Independent Contractor/Liability:** Consultant 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. Consultant 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.

Consultant 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 and subconsultants. 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 Consultant or its employees, agents, associates, representatives, or subconsultants.

#### **ARTICLE XIII**

**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 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 County, this Agreement and any Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement may be deemed to be canceled in its entirety subject to payment for services performed prior to cancellation.

#### **ARTICLE XIV**

**Audit by California State Auditor:** Consultant acknowledges that if total compensation under this Agreement is greater than \$10,000.00, this Agreement is subject to examination and audit by the California State Auditor for a period of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, after final payment under this Agreement, pursuant to California Government Code § 8546.7. In order to facilitate these potential examinations and audits, Consultant shall maintain, for a period of at least three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, after final payment under the Agreement, all books, records, subconsultant records, and documentation necessary to demonstrate performance under the Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XV**

##### **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 in 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, 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 County, shall be terminable in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of Consultant.
- C. **Ceasing Performance:** County may terminate this Agreement immediately in the event Consultant 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 or any Work Order issued pursuant to 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 Consultant, 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 Work Order or the total amount of the Agreement, as applicable. Upon receipt of a Notice of Termination, Consultant 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 XVI**

**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  
Chief Administrative Office  
Facilities Division  
3000 Fairlane Court, Suite One  
Placerville, California 95667

Attn.: Russell Fackrell  
Facilities Division Manager

With a copy to:

County of El Dorado  
Chief Administrative Office  
2850 Fairlane Court  
Placerville, California 95667

Attn.: Michele Weimer  
Procurement and Contracts Manager

or to such other location as County directs.

Notices to Consultant shall be addressed as follows:

Geocon Consultants, Inc.  
is 3160 Gold Valley Drive, Suite 800  
Rancho Cordova, California 95742

Attn.: Joseph Vettel, Chief Executive Officer

or to such other location as Consultant directs.

**ARTICLE XVII**

**Change of Address:** In the event of a change in address for Consultant's principal place of business, Consultant's Agent for Service of Process, or Notices to Consultant, Consultant shall notify County in writing as provided in ARTICLE XVI, 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 XVIII**

**Indemnity:** To the fullest extent allowed by law, Consultant 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 Consultant, its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, contractors, and subcontractors. This duty of Consultant includes the duty of defense, inclusive of that set forth in California 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 Consultant. Each party shall notify the other party immediately in writing of any claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement, provided that the County's failure to immediately or timely notify Consultant does not limit or waive Consultant'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.

## **ARTICLE XIX**

**Insurance:** Consultant shall provide proof of a policy of insurance satisfactory to County's Risk Management Division and documentation evidencing that Consultant maintains insurance that meets the following requirements:

- A. Full Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance covering all employees of Consultant as required by law in the State of California.
- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and a \$2,000,000 aggregate limit.
- C. Automobile Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 is required in the event motor vehicles are used by Consultant in performance of the Agreement.
- D. In the event Consultant is a licensed professional or professional consultant 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. Consultant 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. Consultant agrees that the insurance required herein 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, Consultant 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 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 Consultant agrees that no work or services shall be performed prior to the giving of such approval. In the event Consultant 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 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. Consultant'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 Consultant'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 Consultant 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. Consultant's obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive the expiration of this Agreement.
- N. In the event Consultant cannot provide an occurrence policy, Consultant 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.
- P. Consultant shall ensure that all subconsultants authorized pursuant to this Agreement shall maintain workers' compensation, general liability, automobile liability, and professional liability insurance as specified above and shall provide County with proof of same if requested.

#### **ARTICLE XX**

**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 Consultant 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 XXI**

**Interest of Consultant:** Consultant covenants that Consultant 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. Consultant further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement no person having any such interest shall be employed by Consultant.

#### **ARTICLE XXII**

**Conflict of Interest:** The parties to this Agreement have read and are aware of the provisions of Government Code Section 1090 et seq. and Section 87100 relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees. Consultant attests that it has no current business or financial relationship with any County employee(s) that would constitute a conflict of interest with provision of services under this Agreement and will not enter into any such business or financial relationship with any such employee(s) during the term of this Agreement. County represents that it is unaware of any financial or economic interest of any public officer or employee of Consultant relating to this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed that if such a financial interest does exist at the inception of this Agreement either party may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving written notice as detailed in ARTICLE XV, Default, Termination, and Cancellation, herein.

## **ARTICLE XXIII**

### **Nondiscrimination:**

- A. County may require Consultant's services on projects involving funding from various state and/or federal agencies, and as a consequence, Consultant and its subconsultants, if any, shall comply with all applicable nondiscrimination statutes and regulations during the performance of this Agreement including but not limited to the following: Consultant and its employees, subconsultants, and representatives shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, military or veteran status, marital status, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or sex; Consultant shall, unless exempt, comply with the applicable provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code, Sections 12900 et seq.) and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Sections 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 4.1 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. Consultant and its employees and representatives shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause as required by law.
- B. Where applicable, Consultant shall include these nondiscrimination and compliance provisions in any of its agreements that affect or are related to the services performed herein.
- C. Consultant's signature executing this Agreement shall provide any certifications necessary under the federal laws, the laws of the State of California, including but not limited to Government Code Sections 12990 Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 11102.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

**California Residency (Form 590):** If Consultant is a California resident, Consultant must file a State of California Form 590, certifying its California residency or, in the case of a limited liability company or corporation, certifying that it has a permanent place of business in California. Consultant 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 Consultant during the term of this Agreement. This requirement applies to any agreement/contract exceeding \$1,500.

## **ARTICLE XXV**

**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 XXVI**

**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. Consultant 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 XXVII**

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

#### **ARTICLE XXVIII**

**California Forum and Law:** 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 XXIX**

**Contract Administrator:** The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Russell Fackrell, Facilities Division Manager, Chief Administrative Office, or successor.

#### **ARTICLE XXX**

**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 XXXI**

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

#### **ARTICLE XXXII**

**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 XXXIII**

**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 XXXIV**

**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: *Aaron Magezi*  
Aaron Magezi (Apr 29, 2021 12:54 PDT)

Dated: 04/29/2021

Purchasing Agent  
Chief Administrative Office  
"County"

--GEOCON CONSULTANTS, INC.--

By: *Joseph J Vettel*  
Joseph J Vettel (Apr 23, 2021 16:12 PDT)

Dated: 04/23/2021

Joseph Vettel  
Chief Executive Officer  
"Consultant"

By: *William Lydon*  
William Lydon (Apr 23, 2021 14:21 PDT)

Dated: 04/23/2021

William Lydon  
Chief Financial Officer

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# Geocon Consultants, Inc.

## Exhibit A Fee Schedule

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
Engineering Assistant/Laboratory Technician.....	\$75/hr.
Engineering Field Technician/Special Inspector I .....	80/120(PW)* /hr.
Engineering Field Technician/Special Inspector II .....	90/130(PW)* /hr.
Engineering Field Technician/Special Inspector III/Equipment Operator .....	100/140(PW)* /hr.
Word Processor/Technical Editor/Draftsman .....	80/hr.
Research Assistant/Technical Illustrator/Senior Draftsman.....	90/hr.
Project Coordinator/GIS Specialist/Field Supervisor.....	100/hr.
Staff Engineer/Geologist/Scientist.....	115/hr.
Senior Staff Engineer/Geologist/Scientist .....	125/hr.
Project Engineer/Geologist/Scientist/Construction Supervisor.....	135/hr.
Senior Project Engineer/Geologist/Scientist.....	150/hr.
Senior Engineer/Geologist/Scientist/Certified Industrial Hygienist.....	165/hr.
Associate Engineer/Geologist/Scientist.....	195/hr.
Principal Engineer/Geologist/Scientist/Litigation Support .....	235/hr.
Deposition or Court Appearance .....	400/hr.
Overtime and Saturday Rate .....	1.5 X Regular Hourly Rate
Sunday and Holiday Rate .....	2 X Regular Hourly Rate
Minimum Professional Fee.....	\$500/Project
Minimum Field Services Fee (per day or call-out).....	4 Hours

\*Prevailing Wage (PW) per requirements of California Labor Code §720, et. Seq.

EQUIPMENT & ANALYTICAL TESTS			
Nuclear Gauge .....	Included in Technician Hourly Rate	Level D PPE/Decon Rinse Equipment .....	\$50/day
Pick-up Truck .....	\$125/day	pH/Conductivity/Temperature Meter .....	50/day
Equipment Truck .....	200/day	55-gallon drum .....	65/ea.
Direct-Push Rig/Operator .....	170/210(PW)* /hr	TPHg/BTEX (EPA 8015M/8021B) .....	70/ea.
Direct-Push Sample Liner .....	10/ea.	TPHg/BTEX/MTBE (EPA 8015M/8260B) .....	100/ea.
Equipment Trailer .....	100/day	TPHd/TPHmo (EPA 8015M) .....	75/ea.
Wenner 4-Pin Earth Resistivity Meter .....	150/day	Fuel Oxygenate Compounds (EPA 8260B) .....	110/ea.
Coring Machine (concrete, asphalt, masonry).....	175/day	Volatile Organic Compounds (EPA 8260B) .....	150/ea.
Dynamic Cone Penetrometer .....	200/day	Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (EPA 8270) .....	300/ea.
Dilatometer (DMT) Test Equipment .....	800/day	CAM 17 Metals (EPA 6010B) .....	170/ea.
Generator or Air Compressor.....	100/day	Single Metal (EPA 6010B) .....	20/ea.
GPS Unit .....	160/day	Pesticides (EPA 8081) .....	125/ea.
Drive-Tube Sampler or Hand-Auger .....	40/day	Soil pH (EPA 9045C).....	20/ea.
Soil Sample Tube (Brass or Stainless) .....	10/ea.	WET or TCLP Extraction .....	75/ea.
Water Level Indicator .....	40/day	Sample Compositing .....	20/composite
Battery-Powered Pump .....	75/day	48-hour Turnaround Time .....	60% surcharge
Photo-Ionization Meter .....	125/day	24-hour Turnaround Time .....	100% surcharge

LABORATORY TESTS			
COMPACTION CURVES		SOIL AND AGGREGATE STABILITY	
4-inch mold (D1557/D698).....	\$225/ea.	Resistance Value, R-Value (D2844/CAL301).....	\$300/ea.
6-inch mold (D1557/D698).....	225/ea.	R-Value, Treated (CAL301) .....	325/ea.
California Impact (CAL216).....	225/ea.	California Bearing Ratio (D1883).....	175/pt.
Check Point.....	100/ea.	Stabilization Ability of Lime (C977) .....	180/ea.



**SOIL AND AGGREGATE PROPERTIES**

#200 Wash (D1140/C117) .....	\$75/ea.	Moisture Determination, tube sample (D2216) .....	\$20/ea.
Wet Sieve Analysis to #200 (D422/CAL202).....	115/ea.	Moisture Determination and Unit Weight (D2937) .....	40/ea.
Dry Sieve Analysis, 1.5"+ Aggregate (D6913).....	350/ea.	Atterberg Limits: Plasticity Index (D4318) .....	200/ea.
Hydrometer Analysis (D422).....	165/ea.	Sand Equivalent (D2419/CAL217) .....	100/ea.
Sieve Analysis with Hydrometer (D422) .....	200/ea.	pH and Resistivity (CAL643).....	120/ea.
Specific Gravity, Soil (D854) .....	85/ea.	Sulfate Content (CAL417).....	90/ea.
Specific Gravity Coarse Aggregate (C127).....	60/ea.	Chloride Content (CAL422).....	50/ea.
Specific Gravity Fine Aggregate (C128).....	75/ea.	Organic Content (D2974).....	60/ea.
		Cut/Extract Shelby Tube .....	100/ea.

**SHEAR STRENGTH**

Unconfined Compression (D2166).....	\$100/ea.
Direct Shear (D3080) (3pt) .....	300/ea.
Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Shear (D2850).....	125/pt.
Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Staged (D2850) .....	175/ea.
Consolidated-Undrained Triaxial Shear (D4767) .....	300/pt.
Consolidated-Undrained Triaxial Staged (D4767) .....	375/ea.
Consolidated-Drained Triaxial Shear (EM1110) .....	400/pt.
Consolidated-Drained Triaxial Staged (EM1110).....	500/ea.

**PERMEABILITY, CONSOLIDATION AND EXPANSION**

Permeability, Flexible Wall (D5084) .....	\$300/ea.
Permeability, Rigid Wall (D5856).....	290/ea.
Consolidation (D2435).....	50/pt.
Expansion Index (D4829/UBC 29-2).....	225/ea.
Swell/Collapse (D4546).....	150/pt.

**AGGREGATE QUALITY**

Sieve Analysis to #200 (C136) .....	\$115/ea.
L.A. Rattler Test (500 rev.) (C131).....	200/ea.
Durability Index (D3744/CAL229).....	165/ea.
Fine Aggregate Angularity (CAL 234) .....	125/ea.
Flat and Elongated Particles (D4791/CAL 235) .....	150/ea.
Percent Crushed Particles (CAL205) .....	150/ea.

**CONCRETE / MASONRY / REINFORCING STEEL**

Compressive Strength, Cast Cylinders (C39).....	\$30/ea.
Compressive Strength, Cores (C42).....	60/ea.
Flexural Strength Beam (C78/C293) .....	80/ea.
Splitting Tensile Test (C496).....	80/ea.
Mix Design Review .....	350/ea.
Trial Batch .....	475/ea.
Rebar Tensile / Bend (up to #11/#11 and Larger) .....	200/250/ea.
CMU Compressive Strength (C140) .....	75/ea.
Compressive Strength, Grout (C1019/UBC 21-19).....	30/ea.
Compressive Strength, Mortar (C109/UBC 21-15,16) ..	30/ea.
CMU Unit Wt., Dimen., Absorption (C140) .....	75/ea.
Compressive Strength, Masonry Prism (C1314) .....	250/ea.

**HOT MIX ASPHALT**

Density, Hveem (D2726/CAL308) .....	\$100/pt.
Stabilometer Value (D1560/CAL366).....	200/pt.
Theoretical Max. Specific Gravity (D2041/CAL309) .....	175/ea.
Ignition/Sieve Analysis (C136/CAL202) .....	215/ea.
HMA Core Unit Weight (D1188/CAL308).....	60/ea.
% Asphalt, Ignition Method (D6307/CAL382).....	100/ea.
% Asphalt, Ignition Calibration (D6307/CAL382).....	250/ea.
Rice Density/% Voids (CAL 367).....	275/ea.

**\*2X surcharge on rush turnaround for laboratory testing**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- Listed are typical charges for the services most frequently performed by Geocon. Prices for unlisted services as well as special quotations for programs involving volume work will be provided upon request. Laboratory test prices shown are for laboratory work only, and include reporting of routine results not calling for comments, recommendations or conclusions.
- Sampling and testing is conducted in substantial conformance with the latest applicable or designated specifications of the American Society for Testing and Materials, Caltrans, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, or other pertinent agencies.
- Regular hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. Saturday, night work, and overtime hours are charged at time and one-half; Sundays and holidays at double time. Per diem may apply when location of work dictates.
- Equipment and materials will be billed at cost plus 15%. Outside services including subcontractors and rental of special equipment are billed at cost plus 15%. Hourly services are billed portal to portal from closest office in accordance with the stated hourly rates herein, with a minimum four-hour charge.
- Any materials or equipment shall be listed on the invoice which shall list the amount being charged to County for same.
- Rates may be updated annually with prior written approval from the Contract Administrator.

Reimbursement for mileage expenses for Consultant and subconsultants, if applicable, shall not exceed the rates to be paid to County employees under the current Board of Supervisors Travel Policy at the time the mileage expenses are incurred. Mileage reimbursement rates apply to Consultant and to any subconsultants authorized under this Agreement. There shall be no markups allowed on mileage rates for Consultant or for any subconsultant. Any reimbursements for mileage expenses, if any, will only be made if such expenses are included in the Cost Proposal of an approved and fully executed Work Order issued pursuant to this Agreement.

Travel costs (i.e., overnight lodging, meals, parking, airfare, bridge tolls, and other per diem expenses) will be reimbursed as a direct cost for any services performed under this Agreement by Consultant with a fifteen percent (15%) markup, for the services rendered. The total amount payable by County for an individual Work Order shall not exceed the amount agreed to in the Work Order, unless County's Contract Administrator and Consultant amend the Work Order in writing and prior to the performance of the work.