

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEFINITIONS: The term Client shall be herein interpreted as the person, corporation, or public entity to which this contract is made. The term E/A/S is any division of Klingner & Associates, P.C. providing the professional Engineering, Architectural, or Surveying services.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Services are limited to those specifically listed; they do not include others not set forth or not listed which are expressly excluded from the scope of the E/A/S's services unless separately provided in writing. The E/A/S assumes no responsibility to perform or provide any services not specifically listed.

STANDARD OF PRACTICE: Services performed by the E/A/S under this agreement will be conducted in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing in the same locality under similar conditions. No other representation, expressed or implied, and no warranty or guarantee is included or intended in this agreement, or in any report, opinion, document or otherwise.

CHANGED CONDITIONS: This Agreement is based on conditions actually known by or disclosed to the E/A/S. If other conditions not originally known or disclosed become known or disclosed, the E/A/S may require a renegotiation of appropriate portions of this Agreement (e.g., compensation or scope of service).

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OTHERS: The Client shall furnish and grant permission to use, at the Client's expense, all information, requirements, reports, data, surveys and instructions as defined in the Scope of Services of this Agreement. The E/A/S may use such information, requirements, reports, data, surveys and instructions in performing its services and is entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness thereof without independent verifications or investigation.

UNAUTHORIZED CHANGES: In the event the Client, the Client's contractors or subcontractors, or anyone for whom the Client is legally liable makes or permits to be made any changes to any reports, plans, specifications or other construction documents prepared by the E/A/S without obtaining the E/A/S's prior written consent, the Client shall assume full responsibility for the results or consequences of such changes. Therefore the Client waives any claim against the E/A/S and releases the E/A/S from any liability arising directly or indirectly from such unapproved changes whether or not known by the E/A/S.

COMPENSATION METHODS: The "Lump Sum" method includes compensation for the E/A/S's services and services of outside the E/A/S's, if any. Appropriate amounts will be incorporated in the Lump Sum to account for labor, overhead, profit and may or may not include Reimbursable Expenses. The "Standard Hourly Rate" method is an amount equal to the cumulative hours charged per each classification of employee, times a current Standard Hourly Rate (revised annually on July 1st) for each applicable billing classification for all services performed on a Specific Project, plus Reimbursable Expenses and outside the E/A/S charges, if any. The "Payroll Cost Times Multiplier" method is an amount equal to the cumulative hours charged per each classification of employee, times a specified multiplier of the employee's payroll cost. The "Payroll Cost" is defined as the salary and wage of an employee plus the cost of customary and statutory benefits including, but not necessarily limited to, social security contributions, unemployment, health, sick leave, vacation, workers' compensation, incentive and holiday pay applicable thereto. "Reimbursable Expenses" means the actual expenses incurred directly or indirectly in connection with the work including but not limited to the following: transportation and subsistence, telephone and media expenses, reproduction or printing, computer time, and outside the E/A/Ss.

PAYMENT: The E/A/S may bill for its services and expenses monthly, based on the proportion of the actual work completed at the time of billing. Payment of bills is due within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date billed. If not paid within 30 calendar days, the Client agrees to additionally pay interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance, or the maximum rate of interest permitted by law, whichever is less. In addition, the Client agrees to pay attorney fees, cost and collection expenses if incurred by the E/A/S to obtain payment. Any claim for payment will be brought in Adams County, Illinois.

RISK ALLOCATION: The E/A/S's liability to the Client for injury or damage to persons or property arising out of work performed for the Client and for which liability may be found to rest upon the E/A/S, other than for professional errors, omissions or negligence will be limited to the E/A/S's general liability insurance coverage of \$1,000,000.00.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: For any damage on account of professional errors, omissions or negligence will be limited to \$100,000.00 or the fee, whichever is less. In no event shall the E/A/S be liable for incidental or consequential damages. This provision is separable from the remainder of this agreement to the extent inconsistent with law.

CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY: Client recognizes and expects that certain Change Orders may be required to be issued as the result in whole or part of imprecision, incompleteness, errors, omissions, ambiguities, or inconsistencies in the Drawings, Specifications, and other design documentation furnished by the E/A/S or in the other professional services performed or furnished by the E/A/S under this Agreement ("Covered Change Orders"). Accordingly, Client agrees to budget a minimum of five percent (5%) of the total client's construction contractor's bid amount(s) for contingencies.

AGREEMENT NOT TO CLAIM FOR COST OF CERTAIN CHANGE ORDERS: The Client agrees not to sue or to make any claim directly or indirectly against the E/A/S on the basis of professional negligence, breach of contract, or otherwise with respect to the costs of approved Covered Change Orders unless the costs of such approved Covered Change Orders exceed fifteen percent (15%) of Construction Cost, and then only for an amount in excess of such percentage. Any responsibility of the E/A/S for the costs of Covered Change Orders in excess of such percentage will be determined on the basis of applicable contractual obligations and professional liability standards. For purposes of this paragraph, the cost of Covered Change Orders will not include any costs that Client would have incurred if the Covered Change Order work had been included originally without any imprecision, incompleteness, error, omission, ambiguity, or inconsistency in the Contract Documents and without any other error or omission of the E/A/S related thereto. Nothing in this provision creates a presumption that, or changes the professional liability standard for determining if, the E/A/S is liable for the cost of Covered Change Orders in excess of the percentage of Construction Cost stated above or for any other Change Order. Wherever used in this paragraph, the term E/A/S includes the E/A/S's officers, directors, members, partners, agents, employees, and consultants. Client further agrees not to sue or to make any claim directly or indirectly against the E/A/S with respect to any Covered Change Order not in excess of such percentage stated above, and Client agrees to hold the E/A/S harmless from and against any suit or claim made by the Contractor relating to any such Covered Change Order.

DEFECTS IN SERVICE: The Client shall immediately report to the E/A/S any defects or suspected defects in the E/A/S's services of which the Client becomes or should have become aware and allow the E/A/S to take measures to minimize the consequences of such a defect. Failure by the Client to notify the E/A/S shall relieve the E/A/S of the costs of remedying the defects claimed above the sum such remedy would have cost had prompt notification been given when such defects were or should have been first discovered.

ILLINOIS REVISED STATUTES COMPLIANCE: The Consultant and he/she and his/her principals have not been barred from signing this Agreement as a result of a violation of Sections 33E-3 and 33E-4 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (Chapter 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes).

TIME OF COMPLETION: The E/A/S will use its best efforts to complete the work by the date indicated in the schedule, but the E/A/S shall incur no liability due to any delay for any reason and the Client's obligation to pay fees and expenses shall not be affected by any delay. In addition, if any delay increases the cost or time required by the E/A/S to perform its services in an orderly, professional and efficient manner, the E/A/S shall be entitled to a reasonable and equitable adjustment in schedule and/or compensation.

OWNERSHIP OF DRAWINGS AND ELECTRONIC INFORMATION: Drawings, tracings, plats, specifications, CADD files, electronic information, and other products produced by the E/A/S may be used in connection with the Client's presently proposed project, but shall otherwise be the E/A/S's property and their use for any other project is not authorized. The Client agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to hold harmless and indemnify the E/A/S from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, and costs, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or in any way connected with modification, translation, misinterpretation, misuse, or reuse by the Client or others of the machine readable information and data or other electronic data which may be provided by the E/A/S under this Agreement. Contract Documents include both the sealed drawings and the electronic files. If there is a conflict between the two, the sealed drawings will govern.

ACCEPTANCE PERIOD: CADD files shall have an acceptance period of 90 days. During this time, the Client can examine the electronic files and verify their correctness. The E/A/S will remedy any errors discovered in the files during this period. Once the acceptance period ends, the Client has accepted the files and takes responsibility for their ongoing maintenance.

OPINIONS OF PROBABLE COST: In providing opinions of probable cost, the Client understands that the E/A/S has no control over contractor's costs or the price of contractor's labor, equipment or materials, or over the Contractor's method of pricing, and that the opinions of probable cost provided herein are to be made on the basis of the E/A/S's qualifications and experience. The E/A/S makes no warranty, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy of such opinions as compared to bid or actual costs.

HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS: Unless expressly stated in writing, the E/A/S does not provide assessments of the existence or presence of any hazardous or other environmental conditions or environmental contaminants or materials ("Hazardous Environmental Conditions"). Client shall inform the E/A/S of any and all known Hazardous Environmental Conditions before services are provided involving or affecting them. If unknown Hazardous Environmental Conditions are encountered, the E/A/S will notify the Client and, as appropriate, government officials of them. The E/A/S may without liability or reduction or delay of compensation due suspend services on the affected portion of the project until Client takes appropriate action to abate, remediate, or remove the Hazardous Environmental Condition. The E/A/S shall not be considered an "arranger", "operator", "generator", "transporter," "owner," or "responsible party" of or with respect to contaminants, materials, or substances: assumes no liability for correction of any Hazardous Environmental Condition; and shall be entitled to payment or reimbursement of expenses, costs, or damages occasioned by undisclosed Hazardous Environmental Conditions.

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES: Should the Client provide construction observation or review with either the Client's representatives or a third party, the E/A/S's services under this Agreement will be considered to be completed upon completion and submittal of the Final Design or the services outlined in the Scope of Work. It is understood and agreed that if the E/A/S's Services under this Agreement do not include project observation, or review of the Contractor's performance, or other construction services, and that such services will be provided by the Client, then the Client assumes all responsibility for interpretation of the Contract Documents and for construction observation or review and waives any claims against the E/A/S that may be in any way connected thereto.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY: The E/A/S (1) does not guarantee the actual bids the Client will receive or the work of any Contractor or Subcontractor, (2) has no authority to stop work by any Contractor or Subcontractor, (3) has no supervision or control as to the work or persons doing the work, (4) does not have charge of the work, (5) is not responsible for safety in, on, or about the job site, and (6) does not have any control of the safety or adequacy of any equipment, building component, scaffolding, supports, forms or other work aids. The E/A/S neither guarantees the performance of any Contractor nor assumes responsibility for any Contractor's failure to finish and perform its work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

TERMINATION: This agreement may be terminated by either party on written notice. If terminated by either party (with or without cause), the Client agrees to pay for all services and reimburse all expenses performed or incurred to and including the date written notice of termination is received by either party.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION: Any claims or disputes made during design, construction or post-construction between the Client and the E/A/S shall be submitted to non-binding mediation. The Client and the E/A/S agree to include a similar mediation agreement with all Contractors, Subcontractors, Sub consultants, Suppliers and Fabricators, thereby providing for mediation as the primary method for dispute resolution between all parties.

BINDING EFFECT: This is the entire agreement. It may not be amended except in writing. It shall be binding on both the Client and the E/A/S and their legal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

INDEMNIFICATION: The Client agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless the E/A/S, his or her officers, directors, employees, agents and sub consultants from and against said damages, liabilities or costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and defense costs, arising out of or in any way connected with the E/A/S's providing emergency services under this Agreement, excepting only those damages, liabilities or costs arising directly from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the E/A/S.

FAST TRACK/DESIGN-BUILD AND CONSTRUCTION: In consideration of the benefits to the Client of employing the "fast track" process (in which some of the E/A/S's design services overlap the construction work and/or are out of sequence with the traditional project performance or delivery method), and in recognition of the inherent risks of fast tracking to the E/A/S which Client accepts, the Client waives all claims against the E/A/S for design changes and modification of portions of the services already constructed due to the Client's decision to employ the fast track process. The Client further agrees to compensate the E/A/S for all Additional Services required to modify, correct, or adjust the Construction Documents and coordinate them in order to meet the Client's Project requirements because of the Client's knowing decision to construct the Project in a fast track manner.

RIGHT OF ENTRY: Client shall provide for E/A/S's right to enter property owned by Client and/or others in order for E/A/S to fulfill the scope of service for this Project. Client understands that use of exploration equipment may unavoidably cause damage, the correction of which is not the responsibility of E/A/S.

BURIED UTILITIES: Client shall be responsible for designating the location of all utility lines and subterranean structures within the property lines of the Project. Client agrees to waive any claim against the E/A/S and to defend, indemnify and hold harmless for any claim or liability for injury or loss arising from the E/A/S or other persons encountering utilities or other manmade objects that were not called to the E/A/S's attention or which were not properly located on the plans furnished to the E/A/S. Client further agrees to compensate the E/A/S for any time or expenses incurred by the E/A/S in defense of any such claim, in accordance with the E/A/S's standard hourly per diem fee schedule and expense reimbursement policy.