REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Meeting Date:

AGENDA SECTION: General Business	**ORIGINATING DEPT:** Administration
ITEM DESCRIPTION: 2027 CIP Project	**PREPARED BY:** D.Koch & B.Schimmel

At the October 27th, 2026 City Council meeting, Council approved the SEH design contract for 2nd Avenue SW and 4th Street SW. As part of the design contract, it was stated that Engineering Tech Koch would facilitate the scheduling of soil borings.

Staff has identified 2 companies that could complete this work in a timely matter in order for design to be completed and bid accordingly in early 2027.

1. Chosen Valley Testing – initiate services within 3-4 weeks, report 3-4 weeks following borings.
    i. $2,590.00
2. Braun Intertec – initiate services within 6-8 weeks, report 2-3 weeks following borings.
    i. $10,300.00

Staff recommends the soil borings contract be awarded to Chosen Valley Testing based on the estimated timeframe to complete the work and the total project cost.

In addition, the Maple Brook Townhome Association has approached the City about being a part of the 2027 CIP Project as an alternate bid for new watermain installation, within their subdivision property.

With the Feasibility Report being put together by staff, that report would also contain the information needed regarding watermain installation and the related below ground design and reconstruction work. The city would still incur it's normal portion of costs, and the Association has agreed to cover the actual milling/reclaiming and repaving work costs.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approval authorizing City Administrator Schimmel to sign the Geotechnical Evaluation agreement with Chosen Valley Testing.

2. Approval for Engineering Tech Koch to provide additional Feasibility Report information and City Engineer Obernolte to provide Design Contract Amendment for the watermain replacement.


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Mr. Dylan Koch
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October 30, 2026

Re: Proposal for Geotechnical Evaluation
Proposed 2027 CIP Project
2nd Avenue SW & 4th Street SW
Stewartville, Minnesota
CVT Proposal #: 29126.26.MNR

Dear Mr. Koch,
As requested, we have prepared this proposal for geotechnical evaluation for the proposed 2027 CIP Project in Stewartville, Minnesota. This proposal summarizes our understanding of the tasks and provides costs for completing the services. CVT is interested in providing services for this project and is experienced with the soils and rock in the area.

Scope

Depths and Locations: It is understood that a total of 4 borings are requested to depths of 6, 11, 12, and 13 feet. CVT intends to drill the borings to their requested depths or auger refusal, whichever is achieved first. The borings will be drilled and sampled in accordance with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Method of Test D1586 and D1587 procedures. Pavement thicknesses would be recorded and samples would be taken at 2½-foot intervals. The borings will be backfilled with soil auger cuttings and patched with cold-patch asphalt.

Laboratory Testing: Based on the anticipated soils on site, extensive laboratory tests are not expected to be necessary for classification purposes. Moisture content and pocket penetrometer tests have been included to help estimate soil parameters on site. CVT would contact the client for additional authorization if conditions are suspected which might justify further laboratory testing to facilitate analysis, such as organic or expansive soils.

Logging and Reports: A geotechnical engineering report will be prepared for the project. The report will include the geological background of the work site, description of the boring soil stratification, penetration test results, groundwater levels (if observed), and laboratory test results, along with geotechnical recommendations for utility construction and pavement preparation/design. An electronic copy of the report will be provided.

General

Access and Schedule: Based on aerial imagery and the provided site maps, the borings are assumed to be accessible with standard truck-mounted drilling equipment. This is included in our cost.

Prior to drilling, Gopher State One Call would be contacted to schedule a utility locate meet to have public utilities located on site. Any private utilities will be the Owner's responsibility for locating prior to our arrival. However, private utilities are not expected to exist with the streets.

Our current schedule will allow us to initiate services within about 3 to 4 weeks of authorization, while also being dependent upon utility locating, weather conditions, holidays, and any other unforeseen conditions which may cause delay. The drilling is expected to be completed in 1 day. Preliminary information can usually be made available upon request within a week after drilling. The report typically require an additional 3 to 4 weeks to prepare after drilling. CVT should be contacted if a specific schedule or deadline is desired to be met so that we may try to accommodate.

Insurance: Our firm carries the normal types of insurances expected to conduct business in our field, at or above the minimums required by law. Certificates of insurance are available on request and can be provided to the client prior to commencement of services.

Costs

CVT will perform the requested work scope on a unit cost basis in accordance with the following tabulation. The total cost would not be exceeded without a change of work scope. Any additional services would be applied according to the provided unit costs. Standby time for our drill crew is $250 per hour but would not accrue until after the client is notified of conditions causing delay.

Drilling Scope: 1x6', 1x11', 1x12', 1x13' or refusal

Unit	QTY.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	AMOUNT
		Utility Meet Services		
trip	1	Vehicle Trip Charge, per trip	$45.00	$45.00
hour	3	One call, coordination, and site meet, per hour	$80.00	$240.00
		Drilling Services		
mob	1	Drill Rig and Support Vehicle, mobilization	$600.00	$600.00
boring	1	Drilling, sampling, and sealing, per 6' or refusal	$80.00	$80.00
boring	1	Drilling, sampling, and sealing, per 11' or refusal	$175.00	$175.00
boring	1	Drilling, sampling, and sealing, per 12' or refusal	$192.00	$192.00
boring	1	Drilling, sampling, and sealing, per 13' or refusal	$208.00	$208.00
parcel	0	MDH bore hole sealing record, boring 15' or greater	$300.00	$0.00
hour	0	Drill crew standby time, per hour	$250.00	$0.00
		Laboratory Services		
lump sum	1	Moisture Content and Pocket Penetrometer, lump sum	$50.00	$50.00
test	0	Gradation Particle Size Analysis, per test	$80.00	$0.00
test	0	Organic Content, per test	$40.00	$0.00
		Geotechnical Engineering Services		
lump sum	1	Logging, Analysis, and Report, lump sum	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
			Total	$2,590.00

An invoice will be sent to the client after the report is completed. Payment for services is then expected within 30 days of the invoice date. Interest will be added to invoices over 30 days.

Remarks

CVT appreciates the opportunity to propose geotechnical services for this project. If you have any questions about our proposal or the arrangements described, please call us at (507) 281-0968.

Sincerely,
Chosen Valley Testing, Inc.

Devin M. Ehler, PE
Geotechnical Engineer

Authorization to Proceed

Chosen Valley Testing

Proposal for Geotechnical Evaluation

Project: Proposed 2027 CIP Project
2nd Avenue SW & 4th Street SW
Stewartville, Minnesota

Prepared by: Chosen Valley Testing, Inc.

CVT Number: 29126.26.MNR

Commencement of the above Project or Work Package, as outlined in the attached proposal document from Chosen Valley Testing, Inc., is hereby authorized. By signing this proposal, the client also agrees to the attached Chosen Valley Testing Inc. General Conditions, a copy of which is attached to this contract.

Paying Client:

_____
Signature

_____ _____
Printed Name and Title Date

Bill To:

Company: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

GENERAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1 – PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK

Chosen Valley Testing, Inc. ("CVT") shall perform the services under this Agreement in accordance with the care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of CVT's profession practicing under similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality. Sampling procedures employed by CVT during the Work can indicate actual conditions only at the precise locations from which, and only at the time, samples are taken. CVT may make inferences based upon the results of sampling or related testing to form a professional opinion of conditions in areas beyond those from which samples were taken. However, because a sampling program cannot prove the non-existence or non-presence of conditions or materials, CVT makes no warranties, express or implied, under this Agreement or otherwise, in connection with its services.

ARTICLE 2 – ADDITIONAL SERVICES

If the Client requests that the CVT perform any services which are beyond the scope as set forth in the Proposal, or if changed or unforeseen conditions require the CVT to perform services outside of the original scope, then, CVT shall promptly notify the Client of cause and nature of the additional services required. Upon notification, CVT shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in both compensation and time to perform.

ARTICLE 3 – SCHEDULE

Unless specific periods of time or dates for providing services are specified in a separate Exhibit, CVT's obligation to render services hereunder will be for a period which may reasonably be required for the completion of said services. The Client agrees that CVT is not responsible for damages arising directly or indirectly from any delays for causes beyond CVT's control. For purposes of this Agreement, such causes include, but are not limited to, strikes or other labor disputes; severe weather disruptions, or other natural disasters or acts of God; fires, riots, war or other emergencies; any action or failure to act in a timely manner by any government agency; actions or failure to act by the Client or the Client's contractor or CVTs; or discovery of any hazardous substance or differing site conditions. If the delays outside of CVT's control increase the cost or the time required by CVT to perform its services in accordance with professional skill and care, then CVT shall be entitled to a reasonable adjustment in schedule and compensation.

ARTICLE 4 – CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

CVT neither guarantees the performance of any Contractor retained by Client nor assumes responsibility for any Contractor's failure to furnish and perform the work in accordance with the construction documents. Client acknowledges CVT will not direct, supervise or control the work of contractors or their subcontractors, nor shall CVT have authority over or responsibility for the contractors means, methods, or procedures of construction. CVT's services do not include review or evaluation of the Client's, contractor's or subcontractor's safety measures, or job site safety. Job Site Safety shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor who is performing the work.

ARTICLE 5 – CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Client is responsible to provide CVT with access to the site. Client shall also provide CVT with any other previous geotechnical or other reports, investigations, specifications, plans and other information about the site to which Client has access. Changes in plans and information about the site conditions that becomes known after our report may affect CVT's opinions.

Drilling, sampling, and other subsurface work will cause disruption to the site and in particular to any paving or other structures in place over the selected sampling locations. CVT will use reasonable care to minimize damage to the site, but CVT has not included the cost of restoring normal damage in the estimated charges contained within its proposal. Client agrees to equitable adjust the contract amount in the event that Client seeks repair of the site in a manner more than is customary in the industry.

ARTICLE 6 – REUSE AND DISPOSITION OF INSTRUMENTS OF SERVICE

All documents, including reports, drawings, calculations, specifications, CADD materials, computers software or hardware or other work product prepared by CVT pursuant to this Agreement are CVT's Instruments of Service and CVT retains all ownership interests in Instruments of Service, including copyrights. The Instruments of Service are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by the Client or others on extensions of the Project or on any other project. Copies of documents that may be relied upon by Client are limited to the printed copies (also known as hard copies) that are signed or sealed by CVT. Files in electronic format furnished to Client are only for convenience of Client. Any conclusion or information obtained or derived from such electronic files will be at the user's sole risk. CVT makes no representations as to long term compatibility, usability or readability of electronic files.

If requested, at the time of completion or termination of the work, the CVT may make available to the Client the Instruments of Service upon (i) payment of amounts due and owing for work performed and expenses incurred to the date and time of termination, and (ii) fulfillment of the Client's obligations under this Agreement. Any use or re-use of such Instruments of Service by the Client or others without written consent, verification or adaptation by the CVT except for the specific purpose intended will be at the Client's risk and full legal responsibility and Client expressly releases all claims against CVT arising from re-use of the Instruments of Service without CVT's written consent, verification or adaptation.

The Client will, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify and hold the CVT harmless from any claim, liability or cost (including reasonable attorneys' fees, and defense costs) arising or allegedly arising out of any unauthorized reuse or modification of these Instruments of Service by the Client or any person or entity that acquires or obtains the reports, plans and specifications from or through the Client without the written authorization of the CVT. Under no circumstances shall transfer of Instruments of Service be deemed a sale by CVT, and CVT makes no warranties, either expressed or implied, of merchantability and fitness for any particular purpose. CVT shall be entitled to compensation for any consent, verification or adaption of the Instruments of Service for extensions of the Project or any other project.

ARTICLE 7 – PAYMENTS

Payment to CVT shall be on a lump sum or hourly basis as set out in the Agreement. CVT is entitled to payment of amounts due plus reimbursable expenses. Client will pay the balance stated on the invoice unless Client notifies CVT in writing of any disputed items within 15 days from the date of invoice. In the event of any dispute, Client will pay all undisputed amounts in the ordinary course, and the Parties will endeavor to resolve all disputed items. All accounts unpaid after 30 days from the date of original invoice shall be subject to a service charge of 1-1/2% per month, or the maximum amount authorized by law, whichever is less. CVT reserves the right to retain products of service until all invoices are paid in full. CVT will not be liable for any claims of loss, delay, or damage by Client for reason of withholding services or products of service until all invoices are paid in full. CVT shall be entitled to recover all reasonable costs and disbursements, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred in connection with collecting amounts owed by Client. In addition, CVT may, after giving seven days' written notice to Client, suspend services under this Agreement until it receives full payment for all amounts then due for services, expenses and charges. Payment methods, expenses and rates may be more fully described in Exhibit C and Exhibit E.

ARTICLE 8 – HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Notwithstanding the Scope of Services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement, it is understood and agreed that CVT is not a user, handler, generator, operator, treater, arranger, storer, transporter or disposer of hazardous or toxic substances, pollutants or contaminants as any of the foregoing items are defined by Federal, State and/or local law, rules or regulations, now existing or hereafter amended, and which may be found or identified on any Project which is undertaken by CVT.

The Client agrees to indemnify CVT and its officers, subCVT(s), employees and agents from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, liability and costs, including but not limited to costs of defense, arising out of or in any way connected with, the presence, discharge, release, or escape of hazardous or toxic substances, pollutants or

contaminants of any kind, except that this clause shall not apply to such liability as may arise out of CVT's sole negligence in the performance of services under this Agreement arising from or relating to hazardous or toxic substances, pollutants, or contaminants specifically identified by the Client and included within CVT's services to be provided under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9 - INSURANCE
CVT has procured general and professional liability insurance. On request, CVT will furnish client with a certificate of insurance detailing the precise nature and type of insurance, along with applicable policy limits.

ARTICLE 10 – TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION
If CVT's services are delayed or suspended in whole or in part by Client, or if CVT's services are delayed by actions or inactions of others for more than 60 days through no fault of CVT, CVT shall be entitled to either terminate its agreement upon 7 days written notice or, at its option, accept an equitable adjustment of rates and amounts of compensation provided for elsewhere in this Agreement to reflect reasonable costs incurred by CVT in connection with, among other things, such delay or suspension and reactivation and the fact that the time for performance under this Agreement has been revised.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon seven days written notice should the other party fail substantially to perform in accordance with its terms through no fault of the party initiating the termination. In the event of termination CVT shall be compensated for services performed prior to termination date, including charges for expenses and equipment costs then due and all termination expenses. CVT is entitled to payment even if the project does not go forward or is not constructed.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty days' written notice without cause. CVT shall upon termination only be entitled to payment for the work performed up to the Date of termination. In the event of termination, copies of plans, reports, specifications, electronic drawing/data files (CADD), field data, notes, and other documents whether written, printed or recorded on any medium whatsoever, finished or unfinished, prepared by the CVT pursuant to this Agreement and pertaining to the work or to the Project, (hereinafter "Instruments of Service"), shall be made available to the Client upon payment of all amounts due as of the date of termination. All provisions of this Agreement allocating responsibility or liability between the Client and CVT shall survive the completion of the services hereunder and/or the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 11 - INDEMNIFICATION
The CVT agrees to indemnify and hold the Client harmless from any damage, liability or cost to the extent caused by the CVT's negligence or willful misconduct.

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ARTICLE 12- WAIVER OF CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES

The CVT and Client waive claims against each other for consequential damages arising out of or relating to this contract. This mutual waiver includes damages incurred by the Client for rental expenses, for loss of use, loss of income, lost profit, project delays, financing, business and reputation and for loss of management or employee productivity or of the services of such persons; and (2) Damages incurred by the CVT for principal office expenses including the compensation for personnel stationed there, for losses of financing, business and reputation and for loss of profit except anticipated profit arising directly from the Work. The CVT and Client further agree to obtain a similar waiver from each of their contractors, subcontractors or suppliers.

ARTICLE 13 - ASSIGNMENT
Neither Party to this Agreement shall assign its interest in this agreement, any proceeds due under the Agreement nor any claims that may arise from services or payments due under the Agreement without the written consent of the other Party. Any assignment in violation of this provision shall be null and void. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of a third party against either the CVT or Client. This Agreement is for the exclusive benefit of CVT and Client and there are no other intended beneficiaries of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 14 - CONFLICT RESOLUTION
In an effort to resolve any conflicts that arise during the design or construction of the project or following the completion of the project, the Client and CVT agree that all disputes between them arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation as a precondition to any formal legal proceedings.

ARTICLE 15 - CONFIDENTIALITY
The CVT agrees to keep confidential and not to disclose to any person or entity, other than the CVT's employees, and the general contractor and subcontractors, if appropriate, any data and information furnished to the CVT and marked CONFIDENTIAL by the Client. These provisions shall not apply to information in whatever form that comes into the public domain, nor shall it restrict the CVT from giving notices required by law or complying with an order to provide information or data when such order is issued by a court, administrative agency or other authority with proper jurisdiction, or if it is reasonably necessary for the CVT to complete services under the Agreement or defend itself from any suit or claim.

ARTICLE 16 – LIMITATION OF LIABILITY
To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Client agrees to limit the CVT's liability for any claims by or through the Client to the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000). This limitation shall apply regardless of the cause of action or legal theory pled or asserted. In addition, Client and CVT each agree that neither will be responsible for any incidental, indirect, or consequential damages (including loss of use or loss of profits) sustained by the other, its successors or assigns. This mutual waiver shall apply even if the damages were foreseeable and regardless of the theory of recovery plead or asserted.

ARTICLE 17 - CONTROLLING LAW
This Agreement is to be governed by the laws of the State of the location of the Project. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, including but not limited to claims for negligence or breach of warranty, that is not settled by nonbinding mediation shall be settled by the law of the state of the location of the Project.

ARTICLE 18 - LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Client shall provide CVT all information that Client has about buried objects at the site. Where requested by Client, CVT will perform customary research to assist Client in locating and identifying subterranean structures or utilities. However, CVT may reasonably rely on information from the Client and information provided by local utilities related to structures or utilities and will not be liable for damages incurred where CVT has complied with the standard of care and acted in reliance on that information. The Client agrees to waive all claims and causes of action against the CVT for claims by Client or its contractors relating to the identification, removal, relocation, or restoration of utilities, or damages to underground improvements resulting from subsurface penetration locations established by the CVT.

November 4, 2026 Proposal 10020966_001

Dylan Koch
The City of Stewartville
105 1st Street East
Stewartville, MN 55976-1247

Re: Proposal for a Geotechnical Evaluation
2027 Stewartville Streets
Along 2nd Avenue SW and 4th Street SW
Stewartville, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Koch:

Braun Intertec Corporation (Braun Intertec) submits this proposal to complete a geotechnical evaluation for 2027 Stewartville Streets.

Project Information

Based on email correspondence with yourself, dated October 22, 2026, we understand the proposed project will include the reconstruction of 2nd Avenue SW from 1st Street W to 4th Street SW and 4th Street SW from the Municipal Swimming Pool to Main Street S. The proposed project will include removing and replacing the existing streets and associated utilities.

Purpose

The purpose of our geotechnical evaluation will be to characterize subsurface geologic conditions at selected exploration locations, evaluate their impact on the project, and provide geotechnical recommendations for the design and construction of new city streets and utilities.

Scope of Services

We propose the following tasks to help achieve the stated purpose. If we encounter unfavorable or unforeseen conditions during the completion of our tasks that lead us to recommend an expanded scope of services, we will contact you to discuss the conditions before resuming our services.

Site Access

Based on publicly available aerial photographs, the site is accessible to a floatation tire-mounted drill rig. We assume there will be no cause for delays in accessing the exploration locations. We are not including snow plowing.

Depending on access requirements, ground conditions, or potential utility conflicts, our field crew may alter the exploration locations from those proposed to facilitate accessibility.

Staking

We will stake prospective subsurface exploration locations and obtain surface elevations at those locations using GPS (Global Positioning System) technology. To link the GPS data to an appropriate reference, we request that you provide CAD files indicating location/elevation references appropriate for this project or give us contact information for the consultant that might have such information.

Utility Clearance

Prior to drilling or excavating, we will contact Gopher State One Call and arrange for notification of the appropriate utility vendors to mark and clear the exploration locations of public underground utilities. You, or your authorized representative, are responsible for notifying us before we begin our work of the presence and location of any underground objects or private utilities that are not the responsibility of public agencies.

Permits

We will obtain a right-of-way permit from the City of Stewartville prior to beginning our fieldwork. We assume the City will waive permit fees as we will be completing the work for the City of Stewartville.

Prior to commencing with field work, we assume others will obtain permits or written permission from property owners for proposed explorations located outside of the public right-of-way.

We assume the City permit will include a work hour restriction within public right-of-way of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during weekdays and our scope and fees account for this restriction.

Traffic Control

Based on aerial images from Google Earth we anticipate performing the borings within the existing drive lanes along 2nd Avenue SW and 4th Street SW. Based on the reported traffic volumes, protection of our drilling crews requires warning signs and flaggers that will alert motorists to our work within the roadway. We are including fees for a subcontractor to provide 1 day of flagging in our scope of services. If the City of Stewartville is able to provide traffic control for us during our field work, we would waive this associated subcontractor fee.

Penetration Test Borings

As requested, we propose to drill 5 standard penetration test (SPT) borings for the project. We will drill four borings to depths of 15 feet, and one boring to a depth of 10 feet. We will perform standard penetration tests at 2 1/2-foot vertical intervals to a depth of about 15 feet, and at 5-foot intervals at greater depths. We will terminate borings at a nominal depth of 14.5 feet to eliminate costs related to sealing records.

The figure (Figure 1) below shows an illustration of our proposed boring locations.

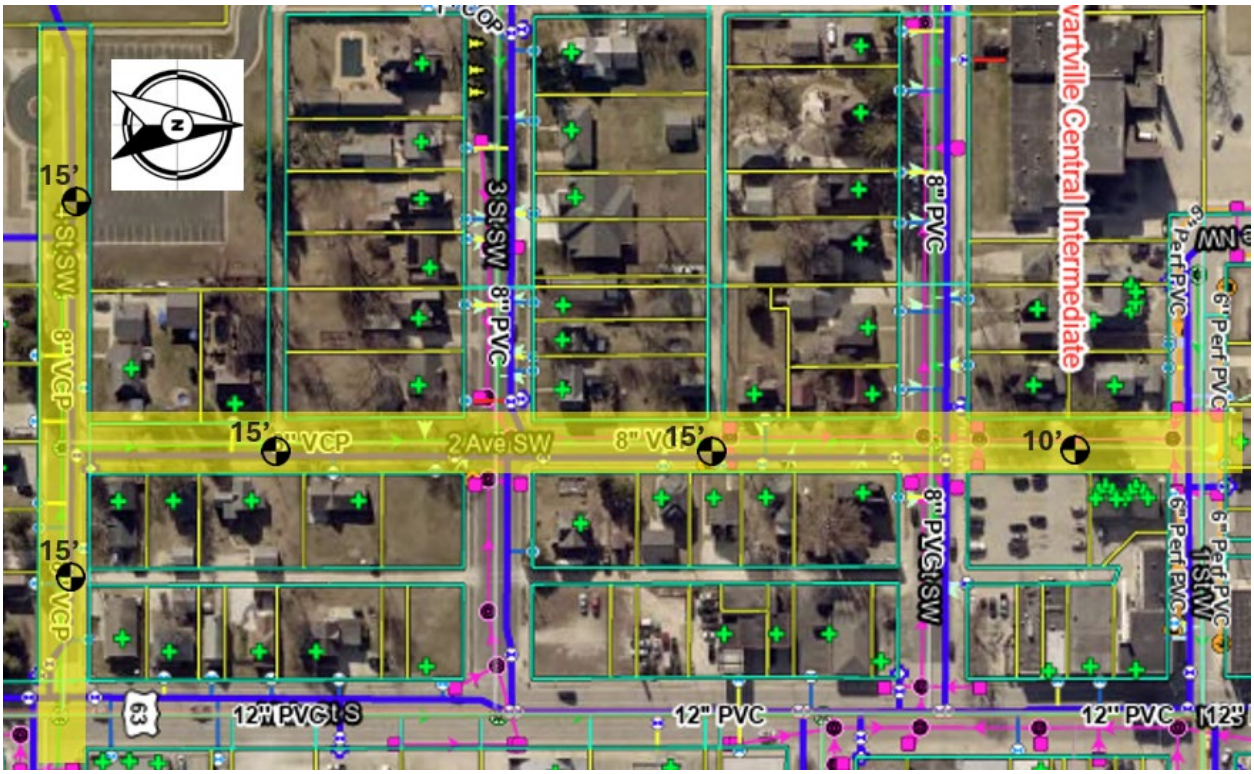


Figure 1. Proposed Boring Locations
Figure provided by the City of Stewartville dated October 22, 2026. Approximate extent of the project is highlighted in yellow.

If the intended boring depths do not extend through unsuitable material, we will extend the borings at least 5 feet into suitable material at greater depths. The additional information will help evaluate such issues as excavation depth and consolidation settlement. If we identify a need for deeper (or additional) borings, we will contact you prior to increasing our total estimated drilled footage and submit a Change Order summarizing the anticipated additional effort and the associated cost, for your review and authorization.

Groundwater Measurements

If the borings encounter groundwater during or immediately after drilling of each boring, we will record the observed depth on the boring logs.

MDH Notification and Sealing Record

Since our planned exploration will be less than 15 feet in depth, the Minnesota Statutes will not require that we complete any notifications or sealing records. If we extend any of the borings to a depth of 15 feet or greater, the Statutes requires that we seal the boreholes and complete a Sealing Record. If 25 feet or greater, the Statutes also require us to complete a Sealing Notification Form. If the Record or Form are required, we will contact you to discuss the additional fees and sealing requirements.

Borehole Abandonment

We will backfill our exploration locations immediately after completing the drilling at each location. Minnesota Statutes require sealing temporary borings that are 15 feet deep or deeper. Based on our proposed subsurface characterization depths, we currently do not anticipate having to seal any of the borings.

Upon backfilling or sealing exploration locations, we will fill holes in pavements with a temporary patch.

Over time, subsidence of borehole backfill may occur, requiring releveling of surface grades or replacing bituminous or concrete patches. We are not assuming responsibility for releveling or repatching after we complete our fieldwork.

Sample Review and Laboratory Testing

We will return recovered samples to our laboratory, where a geotechnical engineer will visually classify and log them. To help classify the materials encountered and estimate the engineering properties necessary to our analyses, we anticipate performing moisture content tests, mechanical analyses (through a #200 sieve only), organic content tests, and Atterberg limits tests. We will adjust the actual number and type of tests based on the results of our borings.

We will determine the actual laboratory testing for the project depending on the encountered subsurface conditions. If we identify a laboratory testing program that exceeds the budget included in this proposal but provides additional value to the project, we will request authorization for the additional fees through a Change Order.

Engineering Analyses

We will use data obtained from the subsurface exploration and laboratory tests to evaluate the subsurface profile and groundwater conditions, and to perform engineering analyses related to utility support and pavement design and performance.

Report

We will prepare a report including:

- A CAD sketch showing the exploration locations.
- Logs of the borings describing the materials encountered and presenting the results of our groundwater measurements and laboratory tests.
- A summary of the subsurface profile and groundwater conditions.
- Discussion identifying the subsurface conditions that will impact design and construction.
- Discussion regarding the reuse of on-site materials during construction.

- Recommendations for preparing utility support and pavement subgrades, and the selection, placement, and compaction of fill.
- Recommended bituminous pavement design section thicknesses, based on assumed subgrade strength parameters, and reported traffic loading.

We will only submit an electronic copy of our report to you unless you request otherwise. At your request, we can also send the report to additional project team members.

Schedule

We anticipate performing our work according to the following schedule.

- Drill rig mobilization – within about 6 to 8 weeks following receipt of written authorization.
- Field exploration – 1 day on site to complete the work.
- Classification and laboratory testing – within 1 to 2 weeks after completion of field exploration.
- Final report submittal – within 2 to 3 weeks after completion of field exploration.

If we cannot complete our proposed scope of services according to this schedule due to circumstances beyond our control, we may need to revise this proposal prior to completing the remaining tasks.

Fees

We will furnish the services described in this proposal for a lump sum fee of **$10,300**, which includes up to 1 hour of post deliverable consulting time. Additional requests for meetings, consulting, or modifications to the report will be billed at a rate of $224 per hour. Please note that our drilling/field services were budgeted for occurring within our normal work hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If conditions occur that require us to work outside of these hours, we will request additional fees to cover our additional overtime costs.

Our work may extend over several invoicing periods. As such, we will submit partial progress invoices for work we perform during each invoicing period.

Additional Services

Our fees do not include potential costs due to the need for snow plowing, towing, stand-by time, or work that is not included in the above scope of services. We will charge costs for snow plowing or towing (if necessary) at a rate of 1.15 times the actual cost. For stand-by time (defined as time spent by our field crew due to circumstances that are beyond the control of our field crew or its equipment, or beyond the scope of services indicated above), we will charge a rate of **$420** per hour.

General Remarks

We based the proposed fee on the scope of services described and the assumption that you will authorize our services within 30 days and that others will not delay us beyond our proposed schedule.

We include the Braun Intertec General Conditions, which provide additional terms and are a part of our agreement. To accept this proposal and authorize us to proceed, please sign and return it to us in its entirety.

We appreciate the opportunity to present this proposal to you. We will be happy to meet with you to discuss our proposed scope of services further and clarify the various scope components.

To have questions answered or schedule a time to meet and discuss our approach to this project further, please contact Kyle Johnson at 507.923.3626 (kjohnson@braunintertec.com) or Alex Huddleston at 605.291.9049 (ahuddleston@braunintertec.com).

Sincerely,

Braun Intertec Corporation

Alex E. Huddleston, EIT
Staff Engineer

Kyle C. Johnson, PE
Project Engineer

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Attachments:
General Conditions (11/04/2024)

The proposal is accepted, and Braun Intertec is authorized to proceed.

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Authorizer's Firm

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Authorizer's Signature

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Authorizer's Name (please print or type)

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Authorizer's Title

_____
Date

BRAUN INTERTEC GENERAL CONDITIONS

SECTION 1: AGREEMENT

1.1 Agreement. This agreement consists of these General Conditions and the accompanying written proposal or authorization ("Agreement"). This Agreement is the entire agreement between Consultant and Client and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral.

1.2 Parties to the Agreement. The parties to this Agreement are the Braun Intertec entity ("Consultant") and the client ("Client") as described in the accompanying written proposal or authorization. Consultant and Client may be individually referred to as a Party or collectively as the Parties.

SECTION 2: SCOPE OF SERVICES

2.1 Services. Consultant will provide services ("Services") in connection with the project ("Project") which are specifically described in this Agreement. Client understands and agrees that Consultant's Services are limited to those which are expressly set forth in this Agreement.

2.2 Additional Services. Any Services not specifically set forth in the Agreement constitute "Additional Services." Additional Services must be agreed upon in writing by the Parties prior to performance of the Additional Services and may entitle Consultant to additional compensation and schedule adjustments. Additional compensation will be based upon Consultant's then current rates and fees.

SECTION 3: PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES

3.1 Standard of Care. Consultant will perform its professional Services consistent with the degree of care and skill exercised by members of Consultant's profession performing under similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality in which the professional Services are performed. CONSULTANT DISCLAIMS ALL STATUTORY, ORAL, WRITTEN, EXPRESS, AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES IN A GOOD AND WORKMANLIKE MANNER.

3.2 Written Reports and Findings. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Consultant's findings, opinions, and recommendations will be provided to Client in writing and may be delivered via electronic format. Client agrees not to rely on oral findings, opinions, or recommendations.

3.3 Observation or Sampling Locations. Locations of field observations or sampling described in Consultant's report or shown on Consultant's sketches reference Project plans or information provided by others or estimates made by Consultant's personnel. Consultant will not survey, set, or check the accuracy of those points unless Consultant accepts that duty in writing. Client agrees that such dimensions, depths, or elevations are approximations unless specifically stated otherwise in the report. Client accepts the inherent risk that samples or observations may not be representative of items not sampled or seen and further that site conditions may vary over distance or change over time.

3.4 Project Site Information. Client will provide Consultant with prior environmental, geotechnical and other reports, specifications, plans, and information to which Client has access about the Project site and which are necessary for Consultant to carry out Consultant's Services. Client agrees to provide Consultant with all plans, changes in plans, and new information as to Project site conditions until Consultant has completed its Services.

3.5 Subsurface Objects. To the extent required to carry out Consultant's Services, Client agrees to provide Consultant, in a timely manner, with information that Client has regarding buried objects at the Project site. Consultant will not be responsible for locating buried objects or utilities at the Project site unless expressly set forth in this Agreement, or expressly required by applicable law. Client agrees to hold Consultant harmless, defend, and indemnify Consultant from claims, damages, losses, penalties and expenses (including attorney fees) involving buried objects or utilities that were not properly marked or identified or of which Client had or should have had knowledge but did not timely notify Consultant or correctly identify on the plans Client or others furnished to Consultant. Consultant, from time to time, may hire a third party to locate underground objects or utilities and, unless otherwise expressly stated in this Agreement, such action shall be for the sole benefit of Consultant and in no way will alleviate Client of its responsibilities hereunder.

3.6 Hazardous Materials. Client will notify Consultant of any knowledge or suspicion of the presence of hazardous or dangerous materials present on any Project site or in any sample or material provided to Consultant. Client agrees to provide Consultant with information in Client's possession or control relating to such samples or materials. If Consultant observes or suspects the presence of contaminants not anticipated in this Agreement, Consultant may terminate Services without liability to Client or to others, and Client will compensate Consultant for fees earned and expenses incurred up to the time of termination.

3.7 Supervision of Others. Consultant shall have no obligation to supervise or direct Client's representatives, contractors, or other third parties retained by Client. Consultant has no authority over or responsibility for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction selected or used by Client, Client's representatives, contractors, or other third parties retained by Client.

3.8 Safety. Consultant will provide a health and safety program for its employees as well as reasonable personal protective equipment ("PPE") typical for the performance of the Services provided by this Agreement and as required by law. Consultant shall be entitled to compensation for all extraordinary PPE required by Client. Client will provide, at no cost to Consultant, appropriate Project site safety measures which are necessary for Consultant to perform its Services at the Project location or work areas in connection with the Project. Consultant's employees are expressly authorized by Client to refuse to work under conditions that may, in an employee's sole discretion, be unsafe. Consultant shall have no authority over or be responsible for the safety precautions and programs, or for security, at the Project site (except with respect to Consultant's own Services and those of its subconsultants).

3.9 Project Site Access and Damage. Client will provide or ensure access to the site. In the performance of Services some Project site damage is normal even when due care is exercised. Consultant will use reasonable care to minimize damage to the Project site. Unless otherwise expressly stated in this Agreement, the cost of restoration for such damage has not been included in the estimated fees and will be the responsibility of the Client.

3.10 Monitoring Wells. To the extent applicable to the Services, monitoring wells are Client's property, and Client is responsible for monitoring well permitting, maintenance, and abandonment unless otherwise expressly set forth in this Agreement.

3.11 Contaminant Disclosures Required by Law. Client agrees to make all disclosures related to the discovery or release of contaminants that are required by law. In the event Client does not own the Project site, Client acknowledges that it is Client's duty to inform the owner of the Project site of the discovery or release of contaminants at the site. Client agrees to hold Consultant harmless, defend, and indemnify Consultant from claims, damages, penalties, or losses and expenses, including attorney fees, related to Client's failure to make any disclosure required by law or for failing to make the necessary disclosure to the owner of the Project site.

SECTION 4: SCHEDULE

4.1 Schedule. Consultant shall complete its obligations within a reasonable time and shall make decisions and carry out its responsibilities in a manner consistent with the Standard of Care. Specific periods of time for rendering Services or specific dates by which Services are to be completed are provided in this Agreement. If Consultant is delayed in the performance of the Services by actions, inactions, or neglect of Client or others for whom Client is responsible, by changes ordered in the Services, or by other causes beyond the control of Consultant, including force majeure events, then the time for Consultant's performance of Services shall be extended and Consultant shall receive payment for all expenses attributable to the delay in accordance with Consultant's then current rates and fees.

4.2 Scheduling On-Site Observations or Services. To the extent Consultant's Services require observations, inspections, or testing be performed at the Project site, Client understands and agrees that Client, directly or indirectly through its authorized representative, has the sole right and responsibility to determine and communicate to Consultant the scheduling of observations, inspections, and testing performed by Consultant. Accordingly, Client also acknowledges that Consultant bears no responsibility for damages that may result because Consultant did not perform such observations, inspections, or testing that Client failed to request and schedule. Client understands that the scheduling of observations, inspections, or testing will dictate the time Consultant's field personnel spend on the job site and agrees to pay for all services provided by Consultant due to Client's scheduling demands in accordance with Consultant's then current rates and fees.

SECTION 5: COST AND PAYMENT OF SERVICES

5.1 Cost Estimates. Consultant's price or fees provided for in this Agreement are an estimate and are not a fixed amount unless otherwise expressly stated in this Agreement. Consultant's estimated fees are based upon Consultant's experience, knowledge, and professional judgment as well as information available to Consultant at the time of this Agreement. Actual costs may vary and are not guaranteed or warrantied.

5.2 Payment. Consultant will invoice Client on a monthly basis for Services performed. Client will pay for Services as stated in this Agreement together with costs for Additional Services or costs otherwise agreed to in writing within thirty (30) days of the invoice date. Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement or agreed to in writing, Consultant's costs for all services performed will be based upon Consultant's then current rates, fees, and charges. No retainage shall be withheld by Client. All unpaid invoices will incur an interest charge of 1.5% per month or the maximum allowed by law.

5.3 Other Payment Conditions. Consultant will require Client credit approval and Consultant may require payment of a retainer fee. Client agrees to pay all applicable taxes. Client's obligation to pay for Services under this Agreement is not contingent on Client's ability to obtain financing, governmental or regulatory agency approval, permits, final adjudication of any lawsuit, Client's successful completion of any project, receipt of payment from a third party, or any other event.

5.4 Third Party Payment. Provided Consultant has agreed in writing, Client may request Consultant to invoice and receive payment from a third party for Consultant's Services. Consultant, in its sole discretion, may also require the third party to provide written acceptance of all terms of this Agreement. Neither payment to Consultant by a third party nor a third party's written acceptance of all terms of this Agreement will alter Client's rights and responsibilities under this Agreement. Client expressly agrees that

the Agreement contains sufficient consideration notwithstanding Consultant being paid by a third party.

5.5 Non-Payment. If Client does not pay for Services in full as agreed, Consultant may retain work not yet delivered to Client and Client agrees to return all Project Data (as defined in this Agreement) that may be in Client's possession or under Client's control. If Client fails to pay Consultant in accordance with this Agreement, such nonpayment shall be considered a default and breach of this Agreement for which Consultant may terminate for cause consistent with the terms of this Agreement and without liability to Client or to others. Client will compensate Consultant for fees earned and expenses incurred up to the time of termination. Client agrees to be liable to Consultant for all costs and expenses Consultant incurs in the collection of amounts invoiced but not paid, including but not limited to attorney fees and costs.

SECTION 6: OWNERSHIP AND USE OF DATA

6.1 Ownership. All reports, notes, calculations, documents, and all other data prepared by Consultant in the performance of the Services ("Project Data") are instruments of Consultant's Services and are the property of Consultant. Consultant shall retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including the copyright thereto, of Project Data.

6.2 Use of Project Data. The Project Data of this Agreement is for the exclusive purpose disclosed by Client and, unless agreed to in writing, for the exclusive use of Client. Client may not use Project Data for a purpose for which the Project Data was not prepared without the express written consent of Consultant. Consultant will not be responsible for any claims, damages, or costs arising from the unauthorized use of any Project Data provided by Consultant under this Agreement. Client agrees to hold harmless, defend and indemnify Consultant from any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorney fees, arising out of such unauthorized use.

6.3 Samples, Field Data, and Contaminated Equipment. Samples and field data remaining after tests are conducted, as well as field and laboratory equipment that cannot be adequately cleansed of contaminants, are and continue to be the property of Client. Samples may be discarded or returned to Client, at Consultant's discretion, unless within fifteen (15) days of the report date Client gives Consultant written direction to store or transfer the samples and materials. Samples and materials will be stored at Client's expense.

6.4 Data Provided by Client. Electronic data, reports, photographs, samples, and other materials provided by Client or others may be discarded or returned to Client, at Consultant's discretion, unless within 15 days of the report date Client gives Consultant written direction to store or transfer the materials at Client's expense.

SECTION 7: INSURANCE

7.1 Insurance. Consultant shall keep and maintain the following insurance coverages:

a. Workers' Compensation: Statutory
b. Employer's Liability: $1,000,000 bodily injury, each accident | $1,000,000 bodily injury by disease, each employee | $1,000,000 bodily injury/disease, aggregate
c. General Liability: $1,000,000 per occurrence | $2,000,000 aggregate
d. Automobile Liability: $1,000,000 combined single limit (bodily injury and property damage)
e. Excess Umbrella Liability: $5,000,000 per occurrence | $5,000,000 aggregate
f. Professional Liability: $2,000,000 per claim | $2,000,000 aggregate

7.2 Waiver of Subrogation. Client and Consultant waive all claims and rights of subrogation for losses arising out of causes of loss covered by the respective insurance policies.

7.3 Certificate of Insurance. Consultant shall furnish Client with a certificate of insurance upon request.

SECTION 8: INDEMNIFICATION, CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, LIABILITY LIMITS

8.1 Indemnification. Consultant's only indemnification obligation shall be to indemnify and hold harmless the Client, its officers, directors, and employees from and against those damages and costs incurred by Client or that Client is legally obligated to pay as a result of third party tort claims, including for the death or bodily injury to any person or for the destruction or damage to any property, but only to the extent proven to be directly caused by the negligent act, error, or omission of the Consultant or anyone for whom the Consultant is legally responsible. This indemnification provision is subject to the Limitation of Liability set forth in this Section 8.

8.2 Intellectual Property. Client agrees to indemnify Consultant against losses and costs arising out of claims of patent or copyright infringement as to any process or system that is specified or selected by Client or others on behalf of Client.

8.3 Mutual Waiver of Consequential Damages. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY HEREUNDER, NEITHER CONSULTANT NOR CLIENT SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR SPECIAL DAMAGES, OR LOSS OF USE OR RENTAL, LOSS OF PROFIT, LOSS OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY, LOSS OF PROFIT OR REVENUE OR COST OF FINANCING, OR OTHER SUCH SIMILAR AND RELATED DAMAGE ASSERTED IN THIRD PARTY CLAIMS, OR CLAIMS BY EITHER PARTY AGAINST THE OTHER.

8.4 Limitation of Liability. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE TOTAL LIABILITY IN THE AGGREGATE OF CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT'S OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, PARTNERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND SUBCONSULTANTS, TO CLIENT AND ANYONE CLAIMING BY, THROUGH OR UNDER CLIENT FOR ANY CLAIMS, LOSSES, COSTS, OR DAMAGES WHATSOEVER ARISING OUT OF, RESULTING FROM OR IN ANY WAY RELATED CONSULTANT'S PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES OR THIS AGREEMENT, FROM ANY CAUSE OR CAUSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO NEGLIGENCE, PROFESSIONAL ERRORS AND OMISSIONS, STRICT LIABILITY, BREACH OF CONTRACT, INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS OR BREACH OF WARRANTY, SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL COMPENSATION RECEIVED BY CONSULTANT OR $50,000, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

SECTION 9: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9.1 Services Prior to Agreement. Directing Consultant to commence Services prior to execution of this Agreement constitutes Client's acceptance of this unaltered Agreement in its entirety.

9.2 Confidentiality. To the extent Consultant receives Client information identified as confidential, Consultant will not disclose that information to third parties without Client consent. Additionally, any Project Data prepared in performance of the Services will remain confidential and Consultant will not release the reports to any third parties not involved in the Project. Neither of the aforesaid confidentiality obligations shall apply to any information in the public domain, information lawfully acquired from others on a nonconfidential basis, or information that Consultant is required by law to disclose.

9.3 Relationship of the Parties. Consultant will perform Services under this Agreement as an independent contractor, and its employees will at all times be under its sole discretion and control. No provision in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to create a joint venture, partnership, agency or other such association between the Parties.

9.4 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. To the extent applicable to the Services, neither this Agreement nor the providing of Services will operate to make Consultant an owner, operator, generator, transporter, treater, storer, or a disposal facility within the meaning of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, or within the meaning of any other law governing the handling, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous substances. Client agrees to hold Consultant harmless, defend, and indemnify Consultant from any claims, damages, penalties or losses resulting from the storage, removal, hauling or disposal of such substances.

9.5 Services in Connection with Legal Proceedings. Client agrees to compensate Consultant in accordance with its then current fees, rates, or charges if Consultant is asked or required to respond to legal process arising out of a proceeding related to the Project and as to which Consultant is not a party.

9.6 Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by Consultant or Client without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

9.7 Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended, or will be construed, to confer upon or give any person or entity other than Consultant and Client, and their respective permitted successors and assigns, any rights, remedies, or obligations under or by reason of this Agreement.

9.8 Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party for cause upon seven (7) days written notice to the other Party. Should the other Party fail to cure and perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement within such seven-day period, the Agreement may terminate at the sole discretion of the Party that provided the written notice. The Client may terminate this Agreement for its convenience. If Client terminates for its convenience, then Consultant shall be compensated in accordance with the terms hereof for Services performed, reimbursable costs and expenses incurred prior to the termination, and reasonable costs incurred as a result of the termination.

9.9 Force Majeure. Neither Party shall be liable for damages or deemed in default of this Agreement to the extent that any delay or failure in the performance of its obligations (other than the payment of money) results, without its fault or negligence, from any cause beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, acts of civil or military authority, embargoes, pandemics, epidemics, war, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, adverse weather conditions, strikes or lock-outs, declared states of emergency, and changes in laws, statutes, regulations, or ordinances.

9.10 Disputes, Choice of Law, Venue. In the event of a dispute and prior to exercising rights at law or under this Agreement, Consultant and Client agree to negotiate all disputes in good faith for a period of 30 days from the date of notice of such dispute. This Agreement will be governed by the laws and regulations of the state in which the Project is located and all disputes and claims shall be heard in the state or federal courts for that state. Client and Consultant each waive trial by jury.

9.11 Individual Liability. No officer or employee of Consultant, acting within the scope of employment, shall have individual liability for any acts or omissions, and Client agrees not to make a claim against any individual officers or employees of Consultant.

9.12 Severability. Should a court of law determine that any clause or section of this Agreement is invalid, all other clauses or sections shall remain in effect.

9.13 Waiver. The failure of either Party hereto to exercise or enforce any right under this Agreement shall not constitute a release or waiver of the subsequent exercise or enforcement of such right.

9.14 Entire Agreement. The terms and conditions set forth herein constitute the entire understanding of the Parties relating to the provision of Services by Consultant to Client. This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument signed by both Parties. In the event Client issues a purchase order or other documentation to authorize Consultant's Services, any conflicting or additional terms of such documentation are expressly excluded from this Agreement.