



Mr. James Grant
Galveston ISD
P.O. Box 660
Galveston, TX 77553

October 30, 2024

Re: UES Proposal No. 108143
Construction Materials Testing
Ball High School South Building (Preliminary)
Galveston, TX 77550

Dear Mr. Grant:

UES Professional Solutions 44, LLC (UES), is pleased to submit this proposal for providing Construction Materials Testing (CMT) and related quality control services for the referenced project.

UES has integrated the resources of Alpha Testing, Riner Engineering, Rock Engineering and Testing and In-Control Technologies to form the largest geotechnical engineering, materials testing, special inspection and environmental services firm in the Texas Gulf Coast region. Our personnel and equipment resources are unmatched and we have the experienced staff to perform the necessary CMT services in accordance with the project requirements. In the Houston area, UES is accredited by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) and meets the requirements of ASTM E329. We also participate in Cement and Concrete Reference Laboratory (CCRL) and AASHTO re:source proficiency sampling programs.

For the purpose of this proposal, we have estimated quantities and tests per our experience, with the information provided. The actual costs for CMT services can decrease or increase with changes in the scope of work and are heavily dependent on the contractor's work methods, production, and sequencing. This is only an estimate for budgetary purposes and UES's total fee will be based on the actual amount of time and laboratory testing required for the project. These services will be performed on a unit price basis in accordance with the attached Schedule of Services and Fees. UES is willing to re-evaluate our budget once a formal construction schedule is finalized.

UES utilizes a proprietary electronic laboratory data management and report generation system. CMT reports prepared in Adobe PDF format are emailed to the Client and their designees. Report turnaround time is typically one day. UES also provides an extranet where CMT reports can be accessed by the Client at any time. CMT reports are automatically posted to our extranet when they are emailed. Our system is designed to provide high quality, real-time information.

By execution of this proposal, the undersigned Client acknowledges and agrees that the document entitled "Terms and Conditions" has been provided or made available to Client and Client agrees that such Terms and Conditions shall be applied to the present Proposal and shall be fully binding upon Client. The Terms and Conditions are fully incorporated into this Proposal by reference as if set forth at length.

FIRM PROFILE

UES is a registered Texas engineering firm (#813) and a Texas geoscience firm (#50341), meets the requirements of ASTM E-329, is AASHTO R-18 accredited, and has engineers licensed in multiple states. UES currently employs over 275 people.

UES recognizes that our client base faces challenges at every turn, either meeting a deadline, meeting a budget, or overcoming a field or design challenge. It is our internal challenge to make your challenges ours. Tell us what you need, we will take ownership, ask the needed questions, then be responsive in execution.

BUSINESS LOCATIONS

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Fort Worth, TX 76119
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Houston, Texas, 77068
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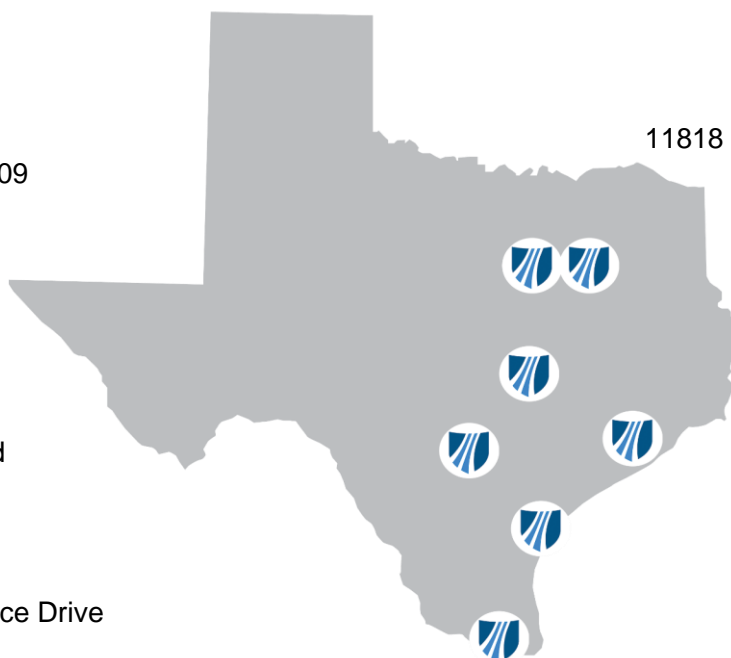
7 Roundville Lane
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San Antonio, TX 78217
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San Antonio – West

10856 Vandale Street
San Antonio, TX, 78216
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Quality Control

All testing equipment in UES's laboratories is calibrated on an annual basis using traceable standards (NIST or NISTL). Calibrations are confirmed by CCRL and AASHTO on a bi-annual basis during third-party inspections. Along with calibration of equipment, UES also maintains an internal QA/QC program to assure consistent and reliable test results. This program pertains to methodologies for performing tests that have been developed and expanded through years of experience.

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We appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal for CMT services and look forward to working with you during the construction phase of this project. If there are any questions concerning this proposal or if we can be of further assistance, please contact us at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

UES



Maricruz Hernandez
CMT Project Estimator

CLIENT APPROVAL

ESTIMATED BUDGET: \$179,134.00

ESTIMATED BUDGET WITH ADDITIVE OPTION: \$195,384.00

Consultant offers the CLIENT the Proposal as described above. CLIENT may accept Consultant's offer by signing in the space provided below and returning a signed copy to Consultant. Such notification may be given by fax or by returning the original proposal. In the event the CLIENT authorizes work without returning a signed copy, the CLIENT agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions as stated herein. The proposal described above has been read, understood, and accepted by CLIENT effective as of the date that the executed proposal is returned to Consultant.

EXECUTED BY CLIENT'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: _____
(signature)

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Date Accepted: _____

CLIENT Business Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INFORMATION

A/P Contact Name: _____ A/P Contact Telephone: _____

*A/P Contact Email: _____
**A/P Contact Email must be provided before UES can proceed with its proposed services*

REPORT DISTRUBUTION

Name: _____ Email: _____

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Name: _____ Email: _____

UES
Construction Materials Engineering and Testing
Basic Services and Cost Estimate
Project Name: Ball High School South Building (Preliminary); Galveston, TX 77550

DESCRIPTION	Estimated Quantity	Unit Rate	Estimated Total
<u>EARTHWORK</u>			
Moisture Density Relationship, ASTM D-698 (each)	4	\$250.00	\$1,000.00
Atterberg Limits (each)	68	\$85.00	\$5,780.00
Minus No. 200 Sieve (each)	4	\$85.00	\$340.00
Engineering Technician (hourly)	260	\$58.00	\$15,080.00
Engineering Technician, Overtime (hourly)	64	\$87.00	\$5,568.00
Nuclear Density Equipment Charge (per trip)	32	\$100.00	\$3,200.00
Transportation Charge (per trip)	33	\$100.00	\$3,300.00
Project Management and Report Review (hourly)	20	\$150.00	\$3,000.00
<u>MECHANICAL LIME STABILIZATION</u>			
Moisture Density Relationship, ASTM D-698 (each)	2	\$250.00	\$500.00
Atterberg Limits (each)	6	\$85.00	\$510.00
Minus No. 200 Sieve (each)	2	\$85.00	\$170.00
Engineering Technician (hourly)	72	\$58.00	\$4,176.00
Engineering Technician, Overtime (hourly)	18	\$87.00	\$1,566.00
Nuclear Density Equipment Charge (per trip)	9	\$100.00	\$900.00
Transportation Charge (per trip)	9	\$100.00	\$900.00
Project Management and Report Review (hourly)	5	\$150.00	\$750.00
<u>UTILITIES</u>			
Moisture Density Relationship, ASTM D-698 (each)	3	\$250.00	\$750.00
Compressive Strength, Molded Soil Cement Mix. ASTM D-1633 (each)	2	\$240.00	\$480.00
Atterberg Limits (each)	3	\$85.00	\$255.00
Minus No. 200 Sieve (each)	3	\$85.00	\$255.00
Engineering Technician (hourly)	120	\$58.00	\$6,960.00
Engineering Technician, Overtime (hourly)	30	\$87.00	\$2,610.00
Nuclear Density Equipment Charge (per trip)	15	\$100.00	\$1,500.00
Transportation Charge (per trip)	15	\$100.00	\$1,500.00
Project Management and Report Review (hourly)	15	\$150.00	\$2,250.00
<u>AUGER CAST PILE MONITORING (INCLUDES GROUT)</u>			
Pile Monitoring (hourly)	216	\$75.00	\$16,200.00
Pile Monitoring, Overtime (hourly)	88	\$112.50	\$9,900.00
Test Pile Monitoring (hourly)	16	\$150.00	\$2,400.00
Grout 3x3x6 (each)	176	\$22.00	\$3,872.00
Transportation Charge (per trip)	32	\$100.00	\$3,200.00
Project Management and Report Review (hourly)	30	\$150.00	\$4,500.00
<u>CONCRETE</u>			
Concrete and Reinforcing Steel Observation (hourly)	400	\$58.00	\$23,200.00
Concrete and Reinforcing Steel Observation, Overtime (hourly)	100	\$87.00	\$8,700.00
Concrete Test Cylinders (each)	260	\$22.00	\$5,720.00
Floor Flatness (per trip)	5	\$550.00	\$2,750.00
Transportation Charge (per trip)	55	\$100.00	\$5,500.00
Project Management and Report Review (hourly)	40	\$150.00	\$6,000.00
<u>STRUCTURAL STEEL</u>			
Structural Steel Observation (hourly)	80	\$95.00	\$7,600.00
Ultrasonic Testing (hourly)	40	\$135.00	\$5,400.00
Equipment Fee (per trip)	10	\$150.00	\$1,500.00
Transportation Charge (per trip)	30	\$100.00	\$3,000.00
Project Management and Report Review (hourly)	15	\$150.00	\$2,250.00

SPRAYED-ON FIREPROOFING

Fireproofing (hourly)	24	\$75.00	\$1,800.00
Material Pickup (hourly)	4	\$58.00	\$232.00
Lab Density Testing (each)	6	\$55.00	\$330.00
Adhesion/Cohesion Testing (each)	6	\$55.00	\$330.00
Transportation Charge (per trip)	7	\$100.00	\$700.00
Project Management and Report Review (hourly)	5	\$150.00	\$750.00

ESTIMATED BUDGET **\$179,134.00**

ADDITIVE OPTION

MORTAR & GROUT

Masonry Observation (hourly)	80	\$75.00	\$6,000.00
Mortar Cubes (each)	90	\$45.00	\$4,050.00
Grout 3x3x6 (each)	60	\$50.00	\$3,000.00
Transportation Charge (per trip)	20	\$100.00	\$2,000.00
Project Management and Report Review (hourly)	8	\$150.00	\$1,200.00

ESTIMATED BUDGET WITH ADDITIVE OPTION **\$195,384.00**

Proposal No.	108143
Project Name	Ball High School South Building (Preliminary); Galveston, TX 77550
PROPOSAL ASSUMPTIONS AND BASIS FOR ESTIMATE	
Project Information	It is our understanding that a steel framed building with an approximate gross footprint of 56,000 square feet and associated concrete paving with a gross footprint of 142,000 square feet is to be constructed at the proposed development in Galveston, TX. We understand that waterlines, sanitary sewers, and storm drains will be installed at the proposed development.
Construction Documents	1. Enclosed budget is based on Geotechnical report dated 10/24/2024 (UES preliminary-draft), civil plans dated: 10/9/2024 and structural plans dated: 10/9/2024.
Earthwork	1. Enclosed budget allows up to 32 inspection days to perform field density testing on the sub-grade and fill materials being placed. UES has assumed monitoring to be performed on an average, 10 hours per day basis, during these tasks. This duration could vary, up or down, depending on the schedule and production of the earthwork contractor. 2. Building Structures: 1 density test for every 2,500 square feet and 6 inch lift 3. Paving: 1 density test for every 5,000 square feet and 6 inch lift 4. Atterberg Limit Test: 1 sample to be obtained for each site visit
Mechanical Lime Stabilization	1. Enclosed budget allows up to 9 inspection days to monitor 142,000 SF of subgrade that will be mechanically lime stabilized. UES has assumed that an engineering technician could be required on-site for an average of 10 hours per day basis during these tasks. In addition, the technician could obtain approximately 2 soil samples for laboratory proctor analysis. This duration could vary, up or down, depending on the schedule and production of the contractor. 2. Lime Treated Subgrade: 1 density test for every 5,000 square feet 3. Atterberg Limit Test: 1 sample to be obtained for each site visit
Utilities	1. Enclosed budget allows up to 15 inspection days to monitor onsite earthwork relating to utility trench backfill. UES has assumed that an engineering technician could be required on-site for an average of 10 hours per day basis during these tasks. In addition, the technician could obtain approximately 3 soil samples for laboratory proctor analysis. This duration could vary, up or down, depending on the schedule and production of the contractor. 2. Utilities: 1 density test per 6-inch lift per 100 LF 3. Trench backfill for utilities should be properly placed and compacted in accordance with requirements of local City standards
Concrete	1. Enclosed budget allows up to 25 inspection days to monitor concrete placement and testing. UES has assumed that an engineering technician could be required on-site for an average of 12 hours per day basis during these tasks. In addition, the technician would be on-site to mold approximately 260 test cylinders. This duration could vary, up or down, depending on the schedule and production of the contractor. 2. Concrete cylinders will be cast at a minimum rate of 4 cylinders per mix per day or one set of four cylinders per mix per 100 CY, whichever is greater, on all pours. 3. Paving: 1 set of 4 test cylinders every 100 cubic yards 4. Stand-alone cylinder pickups are assumed to be required on all concrete pours.
Structural Steel	1. Enclosed budget allows up to 20 inspection days to complete all visual inspections within the building. UES has assumed monitoring to be performed on an average, 4 hours per day basis, during this task. 2. Structural steel inspections will consist of visual inspection of welds and bolted connections. 3. Structural Steel: 1 trip every 5,000 square feet
Masonry	1. Enclosed budget assumes collection and testing of 15 sets of 6 mortar cubes and 15 sets of 4 grout prisms for CMU walls within the building and dumpster enclosures. 2. Stand-alone cube/prism pickups are assumed to be required on all masonry pours.
General	1. Field testing services will be provided on an "as requested" basis when scheduled by your representative. A minimum of 24 hours' notice is required to properly schedule our services. To schedule our services please contact our dispatcher at 713-360-0462 during our office hours from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. UES shall not be held responsible for tests not performed as a result of a failure to schedule our services or any subsequent damage caused as a result of a lack of testing. 2. UES requests that Client arranges for a coordination/scheduling meeting at the onset of each major work task (e.g., Earthwork - Buildings, Foundations, Concrete - Buildings) to verify testing and inspection scope, schedule, and assumptions. 3. During the time of this cost estimate no construction schedule was available for estimating purposes. The construction schedule is a critical item in determining a precise cost estimate for construction materials testing. In lieu of a defined construction schedule UES will estimate the project based on comparable project production rates and typical industry standards. UES is willing to re-evaluate our budget once a formal construction schedule is finalized. 4. All time is for a minimum of four hours or as noted and is charged Portal to Portal from UES's Houston offices. 5. Estimate is valid for 90 days from the proposal date shown above. 6. The contractor shall be responsible for providing a protected storage container for concrete cylinders at a point on the job site mutually agreeable with UES for the purpose of storing concrete cylinders until they are transported to the Laboratory. The container shall be constructed and equipped to maintain the environment specified for initial curing in ASTM C31 (section 10.1.2). 7. Measurement uncertainty is not taken into account by UES when issuing statements of conformity as to whether tested items pass or fail specified values (ISO 17025-17, 7.1.3). 8. Project Engineering services on materials engineering and testing, for consultation, analysis, report preparation and review, and supervision and scheduling of field and laboratory personnel will be charged on a "per report" basis. 9. UES utilizes a proprietary electronic laboratory data management and report generation system. CMT reports prepared in Adobe PDF format are emailed to the Client and their designees. UES also provides an extranet where CMT reports can be accessed by the Client at any time. CMT reports are automatically posted to our extranet when they are emailed.

UES Professional Solutions 44, LLC
GENERAL CONDITIONS – TEXAS

SECTION 1: SCOPE OF SERVICES

1.1 UES Professional Solutions 44, LLC (“UES”) will provide to Client the professional services described under the Scope of Services (“Services”) in the Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) between UES and Client to which these General Conditions form a part.

1.2 UES shall provide revised or additional services, including changes to the Services necessary due to changed or unforeseen conditions, only in accordance with a written Addendum or Change Order (collectively, “Addendum”) to the Agreement agreed to by UES and Client, and only to the extent set forth in that Addendum. Either UES or Client may communicate in writing any requested changes in the nature and scope of the Project; in either case, the changes shall only be executed upon written approval of the Addendum by UES and Client.

1.3 Unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement, the Services will be provided on a standard work schedule of Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (excluding holidays), and samples will be analyzed on a standard five (5) to seven (7) business day laboratory turnaround time.

1.4 UES shall not be responsible for any delays, fees or costs associated with adverse or unusual weather conditions that prevent the Services from being safely conducted.

1.5 UES shall provide the personnel, equipment, Level D personal protective equipment (as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”), and other materials necessary to provide the Services. UES, at its sole discretion, may retain subcontractors or other third-parties to assist it in the provision of the Services.

1.6 Client will provide UES with written authorization to proceed with the Services and any associated fee (e.g., retainer) prior to UES initiating work on the Services.

1.7 The terms “Project” and “Site” are used interchangeably in these General Conditions refer to the land and/or construction project on which or to which UES is to provide Services under this Agreement.

1.8 UES shall perform all Services hereunder as an independent contractor, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture, or relationship of principal and agent or master and servant, or employer and employee between the parties hereto or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, or to provide either party with the right, power or authority, whether express or implied, to create any such duty or obligation on behalf of the other party. UES also agrees not to be treated, or seek to be treated, as an employee of Client for any purpose, including for the purposes of fringe benefits provided by Client, or for disability income, social security taxes and benefits, Federal unemployment compensation taxes, State unemployment insurance benefits and Federal income tax withholding at sources. UES hereby represents that UES has and at all times will maintain timely payments of all taxes due to the Internal Revenue Service and all other government agencies, including withholding and all other taxes.

SECTION 2: PROFESSIONAL STANDARD OF CARE

2.1 UES will provide its services under this Agreement in a manner consistent with the level of professional care and skill ordinarily exercised by similar professionals practicing contemporaneously under similar conditions in the locality of the Project. NO OTHER WARRANTY CONCERNING THE SERVICES UES PROVIDES UNDER THE AGREEMENT OR ANY ADDENDUM, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, IS MADE, AND ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, INCLUDING THE WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW.

2.2 Client understands that subsurface investigations may involve drilling, boring, excavating or sampling through varied subsurface soil and water strata which, consistent with the prevailing standard of professional care, may result in the unavoidable or inadvertent cross-mingling of soil and water and any Hazardous Substances or constituents contained in them, and that this risk cannot be eliminated despite the exercise of professional care. IF SUCH SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATIONS ARE PART OF THE SERVICES, CLIENT WAIVES ANY CLAIM AGAINST UES, AND SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD UES HARMLESS FROM ANY CLAIM OR LIABILITY FOR INJURY OR LOSS ARISING FROM CROSS-CONTAMINATION RELATED TO SUCH SUBSURFACE EXPLORATIONS INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY CLAIM OR LIABILITY ARISING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM THE ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF UES.

2.3 UES will take reasonable precautions to minimize damage to the Site, but it is understood by Client that, in the normal course of the provision of the Services, including sampling or drilling, some damage to or alteration of the Site is possible. The repair of such damage shall not be part of the Services unless explicitly specified in writing in the Agreement.

2.4 The Services provided by UES are not intended to be and shall not be construed as providing legal advice, and UES shall not be responsible for Client’s compliance with any applicable laws.

2.5 Client and Client’s personnel and contractors shall promptly inform UES of any actual or suspected defects in UES’s services, to help UES take those prompt and effective measures that in UES’s opinion will help minimize the consequences of any such defect. Client’s payment in full of the amount owed for services rendered shall be taken to mean that Client is satisfied with and has accepted UES’s services.

SECTION 3: SITE ACCESS, SITE CONDITIONS AND CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Client will grant or obtain at its expense lawful and safe access to the Site as needed for UES to perform the Services and will notify all affected persons and entities in writing of UES’s presence. The access shall be adequate to allow UES to conduct the Services, including bringing and storing equipment and tools on the Site and any necessary access to exterior and interior areas. UES shall not be responsible for any delays, fees or costs caused by delayed or restricted access that prevents or slows the delivery of the Services by UES.

3.2 If the Site is not owned or operated by Client or the Client does not otherwise have the authority to grant UES lawful access, Client shall be responsible for obtaining, at its own expense, an access agreement for the Site and shall provide UES a copy of such access agreement at least three business days in advance of the date contemplated for the first Site access related to the Project. UES reserves the right to delay, without penalty, any Site visit and the provision of Services under the Agreement if a site access agreement, in UES’ reasonable judgment and discretion, would impose conditions, liabilities or risks on UES in excess of those set forth in these General Conditions or the Agreement. IF THE SITE IS NOT OWNED BY CLIENT, CLIENT AGREES TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, RELEASE, AND HOLD UES, INCLUDING ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AFFILIATES AND SUCCESSORS (“UES INDEMNITEES”) HARMLESS FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES OR LIABILITIES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY’S FEES) ALLEGED BY THE SITE OWNER OR THE SITE OWNER’S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, CONTRACTORS OR OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES ARISING FROM UES’S PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES UNDER THE AGREEMENT AT SUCH SITE INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY CLAIM, LOSS, DAMAGE OR LIABILITY ARISING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM THE ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF UES.

3.3 Unless otherwise expressly provided for in the Agreement, Client will be responsible for communicating and coordinating with the Site owner(s) with respect to access necessary to the provision of the Services, including security procedures, opening gates, providing access to buildings, avoiding conflicts between provision of the Services and any commercial or manufacturing activities on the Site, and moving vehicles or other equipment that may interfere with the agreed upon Site activities and the Site access necessary to conduct such activities, including opening gates to allow equipment to gain access to proposed work areas, areas to store necessary equipment, as well as access to the interiors of any onsite buildings.

3.4 Client shall be responsible for the safety of the Site where the Project is conducted and for providing a safe environment for UES to provide the Services. UES shall be responsible for the safe and compliant conduct of its personnel at the Site and shall also comply with the reasonable and lawful work rules for the Site. As required by applicable laws, UES will prepare a site-specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP) applicable to its personnel for the Services provided at the Site. UES shall not be responsible for the safety of other personnel at the Site, nor shall it be responsible for ensuring that the Site complies with environmental, health and safety laws, or reporting any unsafe conduct or non-compliance that it may observe. If UES encounters conditions at the Site that are unsafe for its personnel, it reserves the right at its sole discretion to suspend or halt work until such conditions are cured. UES shall not be responsible for any fees, costs or damages associated with any safety-related delays. Unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement, UES shall not work in conditions that require personal protective equipment beyond that classified as Level D by OSHA.

3.5 Client shall inform UES of any reporting or other requirements imposed by any third parties, such as federal, state, or local entities with respect to environmental matters relevant to the Services, Client shall assume responsibility to provide any required notice to any third party, and it shall secure the necessary permits or permissions from any third parties (including governmental authorities) required for UES's provision of the Services. If included in the Agreement, Client may authorize UES to obtain certain permits on Client's behalf, in which case Client shall be responsible for any fees or expenses incurred by UES with respect to obtaining such permits.

3.6 Client shall provide UES with all necessary information to perform its services, including, but not limited to, maps, site plans, reports, surveys, plans and specifications, environmental and hydrogeological investigations and studies, other designs, documents, and any other existing environmental information about the Site. Client assumes all liability for information not provided to UES that could affect the quality or sufficiency of the Services UES provides. If UES encounters undisclosed or unforeseen conditions that may cause material delays or an increase in fees or costs, UES shall inform Client and any changes in schedule, fees or costs shall be addressed in an Addendum. UES shall not be responsible for any delays, fees or costs caused by undisclosed or unforeseen conditions.

3.7 Client is responsible for accurately identifying to UES in writing the existence and location of all subterranean structures and utilities on or affecting the Site (including the type and location of utility lines) and the services to be provided by UES. UES will take reasonable precautions to avoid affecting subterranean structures and utilities disclosed to it in writing by Client. If included in the Agreement, Client may authorize UES to conduct applicable public utility identification and clearance requirements on behalf of Client. CLIENT AGREES TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, RELEASE, AND HOLD UES INDEMNITEES HARMLESS FOR ANY CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES) OR LIABILITIES ARISING FROM DAMAGE DONE TO ANY SUBTERRANEAN STRUCTURES OR UTILITIES, OR FOR THE RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES FROM ANY SUCH STRUCTURES OR UTILITIES, THAT ARE NOT ACCURATELY IDENTIFIED AND LOCATED IN WRITING AND DISCLOSED TO UES BY CLIENT BEFORE UES COMMENCES ITS WORK INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY CLAIM, LOSS, DAMAGE OR LIABILITY ARISING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM THE ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF UES.

3.8 Unless otherwise stated in the Agreement, any soil or groundwater monitoring activities that are included in the Services are based on the assumption that soil borings and monitoring wells can be installed using standard truck-mounted drilling equipment, the locations are accessible to such equipment, and that surface conditions at each location consists of non-reinforced asphalt or concrete not exceeding six (6) inches in thickness and no concrete or asphalt cutting will be required. If UES encounters materially different conditions at the Site, UES shall inform Client and an Addendum shall be agreed to that addresses any changes in schedule, fees or costs associated with the changed conditions.

SECTION 4: HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

4.1 Client represents it has informed UES of all known or suspected Hazardous Substances on, under or near the Site of which it is aware, and that it has provided UES with all studies, reports, investigations, or similar documents in its possession about the environmental conditions at the Site, including any documents and correspondence involving Federal, State or local environmental, health or safety regulatory notifications.

4.2 For purposes of the Agreement and these General Conditions, the term "Hazardous Substances" includes materials defined or regulated as hazardous substances, hazardous materials, hazardous wastes, hazardous constituents, solid wastes, pollutants, or toxic substances under any Federal, State or local environmental, health, safety or natural resources law, statute, regulation or ordinance, including but not limited to petroleum products, polychlorinated biphenyls, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, asbestos, and any other material or substance listed or identified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or any similar State or local agency as presenting a potential danger to health, safety or the environment.

4.3 Except to the extent required by law, UES shall not be responsible for making any disclosures to governmental agencies or the Site owner regarding the presence or release of Hazardous Substances on, under, from or around a Site.

4.4 [FOR INVESTIGATION / REMEDIATION PROJECTS] The discovery of Hazardous Substances or other environmental conditions on, under or near the Site not contemplated within the Services may constitute a changed condition, necessitating an Addendum or Change Order. In the event of the discovery of Hazardous Substances or other environmental conditions not contemplated within the Services, Client agrees to compensate UES for all expenses incurred or caused by the discovery, including but not limited to those related to worker protection and exposure, emergency response actions and equipment decontamination.

[FOR GEOTECH PROJECTS ONLY] Client agrees that the discovery of Hazardous Substances or other environmental conditions on, under or near the Site not contemplated within the Services may constitute a changed condition, necessitating an Addendum or Change Order. Although unlikely, Client acknowledges that such a discovery may make it necessary for UES to take immediate measures to protect the health and safety of its employees and other persons, or to arrange for others to do so, including and up to delaying or terminating work. Client agrees to compensate UES for all expenses incurred or caused by the discovery of unanticipated Hazardous Substances or environmental conditions encountered at the Site, including but not limited to those related to worker protection and exposure, emergency response actions and equipment decontamination.

4.5 [FOR INVESTIGATION / REMEDIATION PROJECTS] All substances on, in, or under Client's site, or obtained from Client's site as samples or as byproducts of the sampling process, shall be Client's property. UES shall not be required to sign or certify a waste manifest, disposal ticket, or similar document relating to the transportation or disposal of wastes or Hazardous Substances. UES may serve as Agent for Client if requested under a separate agreement and authorization. Client shall be considered the "generator" of any hazardous or other wastes, as that term is defined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 *et seq.* and agrees that it shall assume all duties as "generator" of any waste material associated with the Services. Further, Client agrees that UES is not a generator, storer, treater, transporter, arranger, or disposer of wastes or Hazardous Substances and shall not be so identified on any document.

[FOR GEOTECH PROJECTS] All substances on, in, or under Client's site, or obtained from Client's site as samples or as byproducts of the sampling process, shall be Client's property. Unless otherwise expressly specified in the Agreement or the Services, the characterization, management and disposition of substances, including Hazardous Substances, generated during the Services (including, but not limited to, wastes, samples, produced soils or fluids, cuttings, or protective gear or equipment, etc.) is the sole responsibility of Client. Client shall be considered the "generator" of any hazardous or other wastes, as that term is defined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 *et seq.* and agrees that it shall assume all duties as "generator" of any waste material associated with the Services. Further, Client agrees that UES is not and shall not be identified as a generator, storer, treater, transporter, arranger, or disposer of wastes or Hazardous Substances on any document. Unless specifically provided for in the Agreement, UES shall not have any responsibilities

with respect to the storage or preservation of samples, and Client agrees that UES is not responsible or liable to Client for any loss of samples that are shipped to a testing facility or retained in storage.

4.6 UES shall not have custody of any monitoring wells or permanent sampling locations installed as part of the Project, and shall not be responsible for proper maintenance, repair, or closure of such wells, unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement.

4.7 CLIENT AGREES TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, RELEASE, AND HOLD UES INDEMNITEES HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES OR LIABILITIES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND CONSULTANTS' FEES, COSTS OF DELAY OF THE SERVICES, AND ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH POSSIBLE REDUCTION TO THE VALUE OF THE PROJECT OR THE SITE IN WHICH IT IS SITUATED) ARISING FROM (I) UES' DISCOVERY OF OR ITS EMPLOYEES' OR SUBCONTRACTORS' EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES OR SUSPECTED SUBSTANCES RELATED TO THE SERVICES, TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY CLIENT'S NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT; (II) ANY DISCLOSURES UES IS REQUIRED TO MAKE BY LAW REGARDING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES OR ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AT A SITE; (III) ANY CLAIMS MADE ALLEGING THAT (A) UES IS AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE SITE AT WHICH THE SERVICES ARE RENDERED; (B) UES IS THE GENERATOR, STORER OR TREATER OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AT SUCH SITE; OR (C) THAT UES ARRANGED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES FROM THE SITE; (IV) ANY VIOLATION BY CLIENT OF ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW, REGULATION, ORDER, DECREE OR ORDINANCE RELATED TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES; OR (V) ANY CLAIMS MADE BY THIRD-PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO ALLEGED EXPOSURES TO OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AT OR FROM THE SITE OR DURING OR RELATED TO ANY PROJECT OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY CLIENT'S NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT.

SECTION 5: BILLING AND PAYMENT

5.1 UES will submit invoices to Client in accordance with the Agreement for the specific Project. If the Agreement includes a retainer, the retainer must be received by UES before it will initiate work on the Project.

5.2 Payment will be due 30 days after presentation of invoice. Client will pay a finance charge of one and one-half percent (1 1/2 %) per month, or the maximum rate allowed by law, on all past due invoices. If UES incurs any expenses to collect overdue invoices, Client will also be liable for all sums incurred for reasonable attorneys' fees, expert witness fees, time of UES's employees, expenses and court costs, and interest.

5.3 Client agrees that UES may refuse to release to Client any reports, findings, data and other work product until it has been paid in full for services rendered. UES reserves, and does not waive, any lien rights it may have for unpaid professional services. Client agrees that all reports and other work furnished to Client or its agents that Client has not timely paid for will be returned upon demand and will not be used by the Client for any purpose.

5.4 UES shall have no obligation under this Agreement or any Addendum to provide expert consultant or expert witness services in litigation, arbitration, or any other dispute resolution proceeding, to produce its work product in discovery, to undertake any further investigation or analysis or prepare a report in connection with any such proceeding, or to make available for testimony its current or former employees or consultants. The Parties will execute a new agreement for any such services. In the absence of a new executed agreement for such services, Client will pay UES 150% of its prevailing rates and expenses for the time spent by UES employees and costs incurred on any such additional tasks.

5.5 Services provided at the Client's request outside normal business hours will be performed for an additional fee to be negotiated and reflected in the Agreement or an executed Addendum, or, if no such fee is negotiated, at 150% of UES standard rates.

5.6 Reimbursable expenses, those outside of the scope of the proposed services, are charged to the Client at cost plus fifteen (15) percent and include the following items:

(i) Out of scope reproduction of plans, specifications and other documents, including plans and documents necessary for submission to regulatory agencies, but excluding documents reproduced for use by UES and any of its consultants.

(ii) Out of scope permit application and filing fees advanced by UES. Such fees will be invoiced to Client at cost.

(iii) The cost of equipment rental including, where applicable, equipment operators and subcontracted services, such as authorized photogrammetry, testing services, laboratory services, archeological services, and other specialized services, excluding those services which are explicitly included in the UES proposal. If the services covered by this Agreement are subject to local or state taxes or fees, such additional costs will be charged to the project and are subject to reimbursement as provided herein.

5.7 Fees and schedule commitments are subject to renegotiations for unreasonable delay caused by Client's failure to provide specified facilities or information, or for delays caused by unpredictable occurrences, or force majeure events such as fires, floods, strikes, riots, unavailability of labor or materials or services, acts of God or of public enemy, or acts or regulations of any governmental agency. Temporary work stoppage caused by any of the above may result in additional costs (reflecting a change in scope) beyond that outlined in the proposed Agreement. UES shall have the right to increase its compensation payable by the Client to UES in the event that UES must modify services, facilities or equipment to comply with laws or regulations that become effective after execution of this Agreement, provided UES gives the Client fifteen (15) days prior notice as to the cause for escalation and the additional amounts involved.

5.8 The fees and charges reflected in UES's proposal for services are exclusive of any sales, use, personal property, value added and goods/services taxes. Where applicable, such taxes shall appear as a separate item on UES's invoice and Client shall be liable for the payment of such taxes to UES. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Client shall not be responsible for any foreign, federal, state or local taxes based on UES's net income or receipts, or such other taxes based on UES doing business in any particular jurisdiction.

SECTION 6: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

6.1 All reports, boring logs, field data, field notes, laboratory test data, calculations, estimates, and other documents prepared by UES during the provision of the Services, are instruments of service, and shall remain the property of UES. Neither Client nor any other entity shall change or modify UES's instruments of service. UES shall retain sole and exclusive ownership of all ideas, concepts, theories, improvements, designs, original works of authorship, formulas, processes, models, software, algorithms, inventions, know-how, techniques, compositions of matter and any other information owned by UES prior to the date of this Agreement or created or modified by UES during the provision of the Services.

6.2 UES will retain final reports generated as part of the Services for a period of at least five years following submission of such reports or completion of the Services, whichever is later. UES will make those records available to the Client in a reasonable time and manner, subject to payment of a reasonable fee for the time of UES employees to assemble and transmit those documents.

6.3 The Services and all deliverables provided as part of the Services (including but not limited to reports, boring logs, field data, field notes, laboratory test data, calculations, estimates, and other documents prepared by UES), are prepared for the sole and exclusive use of Client, and Client is the only entity to which UES owes any duty, in contract or tort, pursuant to any law or under this Agreement. Any information or deliverables generated by UES during the provision of the Services may not be given or disclosed to any other entity, or used or relied upon by any other entity, without the express written consent of UES. Such written consent may take the form of a "reliance letter" which must be agreed to by such other person or entity to whom the Services and Deliverables may be disclosed, and for which a separate fee will be charged. UES shall be entitled to injunctive relief preventing/prohibiting any disclosure, reliance or attribution prohibited hereunder, and Client shall release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless UES from any losses (including attorney's fees) arising from or related to such unauthorized disclosure, attribution or reliance.

6.4 Each party may disclose to the other party certain information that it considers to be confidential ("Confidential Information") provided such information is disclosed in writing and clearly marked or, if orally disclosed, promptly thereafter reduced to writing and clearly marked "Confidential." In no event shall Confidential Information include information that: (a) is or becomes publicly available other than through a breach of the Agreement; (b) is known to the party receiving such information prior to disclosure or is independently developed by such party subsequent to such disclosure without reference to Confidential Information provided hereunder; or (c) is subsequently lawfully obtained by the party receiving such information from a third party without obligations of confidentiality. Each party agrees that it (a) will not disclose or divulge the other party's Confidential Information to any person, (b) will not use the other party's Confidential Information for its own benefit or the benefit of others, (c) will employ at least the same degree of care in protecting Confidential Information as it employs in protecting its own confidential information, and (d) will, upon termination of the Agreement, or at any time at the request of the other party, return to the other party or destroy all copies of the other party's Confidential Information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each party may disclose the other party's Confidential Information to its employees, subcontractors and authorized agents who have a need to know such confidential information to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement. In the event a party receives a subpoena or other validly issued administrative or judicial process requesting the disclosure of the other party's Confidential Information, such party will promptly notify the other party and tender to it the defense of such demand and will cooperate (at the other party's expense) with the defense of such demand. Unless the demand shall have been timely quashed or extended, the party receiving the demand shall thereafter be entitled to comply with such demand when and to the extent required by law.

SECTION 7: RISK ALLOCATION

7.1 CLIENT AGREES WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY ADDENDUM THAT THE AGGREGATE LIABILITY OF UES FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES OF ANY KIND OR NATURE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES AND EXPERT WITNESS FEES AND EXPENSES, SHALL NOT EXCEED THE GREATER OF \$50,000.00 OR THE FEE ACTUALLY PAID BY CLIENT TO UES FOR THE SERVICES. IN CONSIDERATION FOR PAYMENT BY THE CLIENT OF AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$1,000, UES AGREES THAT ITS AGGREGATE LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES OF ANY KIND OR NATURE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES AND EXPERT WITNESS FEES AND EXPENSES, ARISING FROM SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY ADDENDUM THERETO SHALL BE THE GREATER OF \$50,000 OR UP TO \$1,000,000 IN COVERAGE BY ITS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY POLICY (INCLUDING ANY DEDUCTIBLE OR SELF INSURED RETENTION). The terms "claim" or "claims" mean any claim in contract, tort, or statute alleging errors, omissions, strict liability, statutory liability, breach of contract, breach of warranty, negligence, negligent misrepresentation, and any other basis giving rise to liability in law or equity.

7.2 NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT OR ANY ADDENDUM, UES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO CLIENT FOR ANY INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO REDUCTION IN VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY, PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH NON-COMPLIANCE WITH LAW, LOST PROFITS, LOSS OF USE, FINANCING COSTS AND LOST SAVINGS) INCURRED BY CLIENT. ITS EMPLOYEES, CONSULTANTS, AGENTS, CONTRACTORS OR SUBCONTRACTORS.

7.3 Client agrees that it will not seek damages in excess of this contractually agreed-upon limitation against any other person or entity who may in turn join UES as a third-party defendant for such damages, or where such person or entity may seek recovery from UES in a separate proceeding. CLIENT SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD UES INDEMNITEES HARMLESS FOR ANY SUCH DAMAGES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES) AWARDED TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY AS A RESULT OF ANY LITIGATION, ARBITRATION OR OTHER DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEEDING COMMENCED BY CLIENT AGAINST ANY SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY FOR DAMAGES FOR WHICH UES MAY BE IN WHOLE OR PART BE HELD LIABLE INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY DAMAGES ARISING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM THE ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF UES.

SECTION 8: INSURANCE

8.1 UES represents it has Worker's Compensation insurance in force, that is has commercial general liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and has professional liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

8.2 Client shall maintain such insurance as is necessary to fully underwrite Client's defense and indemnity obligations set forth herein, and shall, upon request by UES, provide proof to UES to verify such insurance.

SECTION 9: INDEMNITY

9.1 IN ADDITION TO AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION IN THESE GENERAL CONDITIONS, CLIENT AGREES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PROVIDED BY LAW, TO RELEASE, DEFEND (WITH COUNSEL REASONABLY ACCEPTABLE TO UES), INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD UES, INCLUDING ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AFFILIATES AND SUCCESSORS ("UES INDEMNITEES") HARMLESS FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES) OR LIABILITIES FROM OR BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY ARISING FROM (1) ACTS OR OMISSIONS BY CLIENT, CLIENT'S AGENTS, STAFF, AND OTHERS EMPLOYED BY OR CONTRACTED TO CLIENT, INCLUDING ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND CONSULTANTS, WHETHER OR NOT UES IS RESPONSIBLE IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR THE ACTS OR OMISSIONS FOR WHICH CLIENT IS INDEMNIFYING UES AND (2) THE PROVISION OF THE SERVICES BY UES EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY UES' GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, SUCH EXCEPTION SUBJECT TO THE LIMITS SET FORTH IN SECTION 7. FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, CLIENT'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION 9.1 INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, INDEMNIFICATION FOR ANY CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES OR LIABILITIES ARISING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM THE ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF UES.

9.2 UES AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD CLIENT HARMLESS FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES OR LIABILITIES ARISING TO THE EXTENT SOLELY FROM THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT BY UES IN THE PROVISION OF THE SERVICES, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITS SET FORTH IN SECTION 7.

9.3 To the extent either party's damages are covered by available insurance, Client and UES waive all rights of subrogation against each other and against the contractors, subcontractors, consultants, agents, and employees of the other, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance.

SECTION 10: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

10.1 All claims, disputes, and other matters in controversy between UES and Client arising out of or in any way related to this Agreement or any Addendum shall be decided by binding arbitration in accordance with the Construction Industry Rules of the American Arbitration Association then obtaining, and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, UES shall not be required to arbitrate any legal and/or equitable claims (including statutory and equitable liens) for collection of monies due. The successful party in any such action will be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees, expert witness fees, and other claim-related expenses and court costs incurred, and also the time value at prevailing rates of its employees reasonably incurred in prosecuting or defending the claims, with any claims against UES subject to the limitations in Section 7.

10.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, all claims, including for negligence or any other cause whatsoever that the Client has or claims to have against UES, shall be deemed waived unless (i) Client notifies UES of the claim or claims within thirty (30) days of discovery thereof, and (ii) if the Client

contends that a claim exists against UES for negligence or another violation of a standard of care owed by UES, Client has first provided UES with a written certification executed by an independent design professional currently practicing in the same discipline as UES. The certification shall: a) identify the name of the professional; b) specify each and every act or omission that the certifier contends is a violation of the standard of care identified in the Proposal Agreement; and c) state in complete detail the basis for the certifier's opinion that each such act or omission constitutes such a violation. This certificate shall be provided to UES not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the institution of any arbitration or judicial proceeding.

10.3 NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, UES SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR ANY CLAIM DISCOVERED BY CLIENT MORE THAN ONE YEAR AFTER DELIVERY OF THE LAST ISSUED REPORT BY UES FOR THE SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THE PROPOSAL AGREEMENT.

SECTION 11: TERMINATION

11.1 This Agreement may be terminated by either party for cause upon seven (7) days written notice and opportunity to cure in the event of a material breach by the other party, or in the case of a force majeure event such as terrorism, act of war, riot, insurrection, strike, declared public health emergency, flood, unusual weather condition, or act of God that continues or affects the Site for more than seven (7) calendar days. Such termination shall not be effective if such material breach or force majeure event has been remedied before expiration of the period specified in the written notice. In the event of any termination, UES shall be paid for Services (including any related costs and expenses) performed up to the termination notice date plus reasonable termination expenses.

11.2 UES and Client may terminate this Agreement at any time by mutual written consent.

11.3 In the event of termination or a suspension for more than three months of the Project for which these Services are to be provided, UES may in its sole discretion complete such analyses and records as are necessary to complete its files and may also complete a report on the services performed to the date of notice of termination or suspension. The expenses of termination or suspension shall include all direct costs incurred by UES in completing such analyses, records, and reports.

SECTION 12: REVIEWS, INSPECTIONS, TESTING, AND OBSERVATIONS

12.1 If the Services include oversight, monitoring or observation of work being conducted by third parties (other than UES subcontractors), such services shall be conducted solely to determine that the work being overseen, monitored, or observed is in general conformity to the contractual requirements between Client and such third parties. Client shall have sole responsibility and authority to reject, suspend or stop the work of such third parties, or modify or terminate any agreement between Client and such third parties.

12.2 UES shall not have the responsibility or authority to stop, suspend, or modify the work of such third parties, and does not guarantee that work it inspects conforms in all respects to the design, or to applicable laws, statutes, regulations, rules or codes, and it shall have no liability for design or construction defects, or the failure of Client's designers or contractors to comply with their contractual obligations.

12.3 Neither the activities of UES pursuant to this Agreement, nor the presence of UES or its employees, representatives, or subcontractors on the Project Site, shall be construed to impose upon UES any responsibility for means or methods of work performance, superintendence, sequencing of construction, or safety or environmental conditions or compliance at the Project Site. Client acknowledges that Client or its contractor is solely responsible for Project jobsite safety and compliance with environmental, health and safety laws.

12.4 Client is responsible for scheduling all inspections and construction materials testing ("CMT") activities of UES. UES will not be responsible for tests and inspections that it does not perform due to Client's failure to timely schedule work.

12.5 Client shall at the time of execution of the Agreement provide UES with a proposed schedule for tests and inspections UES shall perform. Client will give reasonable notice of all changes to that schedule. UES shall not be required to conduct any tests or inspections on less than 72 hours written notice, nor after normal business hours or on weekends or holidays.

SECTION 13: SOLICITATION OF EMPLOYEES

Client agrees that during the term of the Agreement, and for a period of one (1) year after the last date on which UES has provided services hereunder, Client shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit or attempt to solicit for employment, or contract directly or indirectly with, any employee of UES except as authorized in writing by UES. Client agrees that its breach of this Section shall cause UES irreparable harm, and that UES may, in addition to recovering any provable damages, enforce this obligation by injunction.

SECTION 14: NO ASSIGNMENT

Neither Client nor UES may delegate, assign or transfer its rights or obligations under the Agreement for any reason without the written consent of the other party. For avoidance of doubt, this provision does not affect UES' right, at its sole discretion, to use contractors or subcontractors in the performance and delivery of the Services.

SECTION 15: GOVERNING LAW

15.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without giving effect to the conflict of laws provisions of the State of Texas to the extent such principles or rules would require or permit the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction.

15.2 If any of the provisions of this Agreement are held illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, the enforceability of the remaining provisions will not be impaired and will survive. Limitations of liability and indemnities provided for will survive termination of this Agreement for the period of all applicable statutes of limitations to which they relate.

15.3 **WITH RESPECT TO CLIENT'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER, THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT, KNOWN AS THE EXPRESS NEGLIGENCE RULE, TO EXPRESSLY STATE IN A CONSPICUOUS MANNER TO AFFORD FAIR AND ADEQUATE NOTICE THAT THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAIN PROVISIONS REQUIRING ONE PARTY TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY, OR OTHER FAULT OF ANOTHER PARTY.**

SECTION 16: INTEGRATED AGREEMENT

16.1 This Agreement, and any Addendum represent and contain the entire and only agreement and understanding among the parties with respect to the subject matter of their subject matter, and they supersede all prior or contemporaneous oral and written agreements, understandings, representations, inducements, promises, communications, and conditions between the parties. No agreement, understanding, representation, inducement, promise, or condition with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement shall be relied upon by the parties unless expressly incorporated herein.

16.2 In the event any provision of the Agreement or these General Conditions shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such a provision shall be considered separate and severable from the remaining provisions of this Agreement, and the validity, legality or enforceability of any of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected or impaired by such provision in any way.

SECTION 17: NO AMENDMENT

17.1 The Agreement, including these General Conditions, may not be amended, or modified except by a writing signed by both parties.

17.2 Failure by either party at any time to enforce any obligation by the other party, to claim a breach of any term of the Agreement or to exercise any power agreed to hereunder will not be construed as a waiver of any right, power or obligation under the Agreement, will not affect any subsequent breach, and will not prejudice either party as regards any subsequent action.

SECTION 18: WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL

Both Client and UES waive trial by jury in any action arising out of or related to the Agreement, and any Addendum to the Agreement.

SECTION 19: CONTRACTUAL STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

To the extent that a statute of limitations for any cause of action against UES arising from this Agreement or any Addendum can be modified contractually in accordance with law, and the relevant statute of limitations for any claim arising of or relating to any this Agreement or any Addendum, or the services provided by UES thereunder, is greater than two (2) years, the relevant statute of limitations shall be two (2) years from the date UES last provided services thereunder. The parties agree that this provision is material to the decision of UES to enter into this agreement, that it is a reasonable measure to allocate and insure against risk, and that it does not violate public policy. This section shall not be construed as an agreement to increase the statute of limitations for any causes of action that are otherwise barred by law.

SECTION 20: HEADINGS

The headings in these General Conditions are for reference only and are not intended to form part of the contract between the Parties.

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