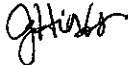


TO: Randy R. Shaver, Ed.D.

FROM: Julie Hinds 

DATE: October 19, 2009

RE: Tupelo High School Maintenance Facility
Contract for design services with Byrd Consultants, LLC

For your review and consideration, I am submitting an agreement with Byrd Consultants, LLC for their professional design services for the Tupelo High School Maintenance Facility project.

**SHORT FORM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN OWNER AND ENGINEER
FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

THIS IS AN AGREEMENT effective as of October 27, 2009 ("Effective Date") between

Tupelo Public School District ("Owner")

and Byrd Consultants, LLC ("Engineer")

Engineer agrees to provide the services described below to Owner for Tupelo High School Maintenance Facility ("Project").

Description of Engineer's Services: Preliminary drawings for review, complete construction documents (drawings and specifications), including Civil, Architectural, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing. Review with owner the contract bids, approval of shop drawings, periodic inspections of construction progress, review of contractor requests, final inspection and certificate of occupancy. All design work to be performed by appropriately licensed Mississippi professionals.

Owner and Engineer further agree as follows:

1.01 Basic Agreement

A. Engineer shall provide, or cause to be provided, the services set forth in this Agreement, and Owner shall pay Engineer for such Services as set forth in Paragraph 9.01.

A. If authorized by Owner, or if required because of changes in the Project, Engineer shall furnish services in addition to those set forth above.

2.01 Payment Procedures

A. *Preparation of Invoices.* Engineer will prepare a monthly invoice in accordance with Engineer's standard invoicing practices and submit the invoice to Owner.

B. *Payment of Invoices.* Invoices are due and payable within 30 days of receipt. If Owner fails to make any payment due Engineer for services and expenses within 30 days after receipt of Engineer's invoice, the amounts due Engineer will be increased at the rate of 1.0% per month (or the maximum rate of interest permitted by law, if less) from said thirtieth day. In addition, Engineer may, without liability, after giving seven days written notice to Owner, suspend services under this Agreement until Engineer has been paid in full all amounts due for services, expenses, and other related charges. Payments will be credited first to interest and then to principal.

4.01 Termination

A. The obligation to provide further services under this Agreement may be terminated:

1. For cause,

a. By either party upon 30 days written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the Agreement's terms through no fault of the terminating party.

b. By Engineer:

1) upon seven days written notice if Engineer believes that Engineer is being requested by Owner to furnish or perform services contrary to Engineer's responsibilities as a licensed professional;

3.01 Additional Services

or

2) upon seven days written notice if the Engineer's services for the Project are delayed or suspended for more than 90 days for reasons beyond Engineer's control.

c. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement will not terminate as a result of a substantial failure under paragraph 4.01.A.1.a if the party receiving such notice begins, within seven days of receipt of such notice, to correct its failure and proceeds diligently to cure such failure within no more than 30 days of receipt of notice; provided, however, that if and to the extent such substantial failure cannot be reasonably cured within such 30 day period, and if such party has diligently attempted to cure the same and thereafter continues diligently to cure the same, then the cure period provided for herein shall extend up to, but in no case more than, 60 days after the date of receipt of the notice.

2. For convenience, by Owner effective upon the receipt of notice by Engineer.

B. The terminating party under paragraphs 4.01.A.1 or 4.01.A.2 may set the effective date of termination at a time up to 30 days later than otherwise provided to allow Engineer to demobilize personnel and equipment from the Project site, to complete tasks whose value would otherwise be lost, to prepare notes as to the status of completed and uncompleted tasks, and to assemble Project materials in orderly files.

5.01 Controlling Law

A. This Agreement is to be governed by the law of the state in which the Project is located.

6.01 Successors, Assigns, and Beneficiaries

A. Owner and Engineer each is hereby bound and the partners, successors, executors, administrators, and legal representatives of Owner and Engineer (and to the extent permitted by paragraph 6.01.B the assigns of Owner and Engineer) are hereby bound to the other party to this Agreement and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators, and legal representatives (and said assigns) of such other party, in respect of all covenants, agreements, and obligations of this Agreement.

B. Neither Owner nor Engineer may assign, sublet, or transfer any rights under or interest (including, but

without limitation, moneys that are due or may become due) in this Agreement without the written consent of the other, except to the extent that any assignment, subletting, or transfer is mandated or restricted by law. Unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under this Agreement.

7.01 General Considerations

A. The standard of care for all professional engineering and related services performed or furnished by Engineer under this Agreement will be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of the subject profession practicing under similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality. Engineer makes no warranties, express or implied, under this Agreement or otherwise, in connection with Engineer's services. Engineer and its consultants may use or rely upon the design services of others, including, but not limited to, contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers.

B. Engineer shall not at any time supervise, direct, or have control over any contractor's work, nor shall Engineer have authority over or responsibility for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction selected or used by any contractor, for safety precautions and programs incident to a contractor's work progress, nor for any failure of any contractor to comply with laws and regulations applicable to contractor's work.

C. Engineer neither guarantees the performance of any contractor nor assumes responsibility for any contractor's failure to furnish and perform its work in accordance with the contract between Owner and such contractor.

D. Engineer shall not be responsible for the acts or omissions of any contractor, subcontractor, or supplier, or of any contractor's agents or employees or any other persons (except Engineer's own employees) at the Project site or otherwise furnishing or performing any of construction work; or for any decision made on interpretations or clarifications of the construction contract given by Owner without consultation and advice of Engineer.

E. The general conditions for any construction contract documents prepared hereunder are to be the "Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract" as prepared by the Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (No. C-700, 2002 Edition).

F. All design documents prepared or furnished by Engineer are instruments of service, and Engineer retains an ownership and property interest (including the copyright and the right of reuse) in such documents, whether or not the Project is completed.

8.01 Total Agreement

G. The parties acknowledge that Engineer's scope of services does not include any services related to a Hazardous Environmental Condition (the presence of asbestos, PCBs, petroleum, hazardous substances or waste, and radioactive materials). If Engineer or any other party encounters a Hazardous Environmental Condition, Engineer may, at its option and without liability for consequential or any other damages, suspend performance of services on the portion of the Project affected thereby until Owner: (i) retains appropriate specialist consultants or contractors to identify and, as appropriate, abate, remediate, or remove the Hazardous Environmental Condition; and (ii) warrants that the Site is in full compliance with applicable Laws and Regulations.

A. This Agreement (consisting of pages 1 to 4 inclusive together with any expressly incorporated appendix), constitutes the entire agreement between Owner and Engineer and supersedes all prior written or oral understandings. This Agreement may only be amended, supplemented, modified, or canceled by a duly executed written instrument.

9.01 Payment (Percentage of Construction Cost)

A. Using the procedures set forth in paragraph 2.01, Owner shall pay Engineer as follows:

1. An amount equal to 6.0 Percent of the cost to construct the work designed or specified by the Engineer ("Construction Cost"). This amount includes compensation for Engineer's Services and services of Engineer's consultants, if any. The percentage of Construction Cost noted herein accounts for labor, overhead, and profit.

2. As a basis for payment to Engineer, Construction Cost will be based on one or more of the following determinations with precedence in the order listed.

a. For work designed or specified by Engineer and incorporated in the completed Project, the actual final cost of the work performed by Contractor.

b. For work designed or specified by Engineer but not constructed, the lowest bona fide bid received from a qualified bidder for such work; or, if the work is not bid, the lowest bona fide negotiated proposal or contractor's estimate for such work.

c. For work designed or specified but not constructed, upon which no bid, proposal, or estimate is received, Engineer's most recent opinion of probable Construction Cost.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, the Effective Date of which is indicated on page 1.

OWNER: Tupelo Public School District

ENGINEER: Byrd Consultants, LLC

By: _____
(Name) Randy Shaver, Ed. D.

By: 
(Name) K. Edward Byrd, P.E.

Title: Superintendent

Title: Principal

Date Signed: October 27, 2009

Date Signed: October 20, 2009

License or Certificate No .and State: MS 2039

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