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October 27, 2025

Mr. Erik Young, Superintendent
Ridgeview CUSD#19
300 S. Harrison St.
Colfax, Illinois 61728
eyoung@ridgeview19.org

Re: Proposal for Geotechnical Services
Proposed Additions and Renovations
Ridgeview School
300 S. Harrison St.
Colfax, Illinois 61728
MET Proposal No. B25198

Dear Mr. Young:

As requested in the ARCON Associates, Inc. RFP dated October 21, 2025, Midwest Engineering and Testing, Inc. (MET) is pleased to submit this proposal to provide geotechnical services for the above-referenced project. A brief description of the planned project and a discussion of the scope of services to be provided are included in the following paragraphs.

We understand that additions and renovations to Ridgeview School are planned in Colfax, Illinois. The proposed addition will be a single-story addition with classrooms, a multipurpose room and a fitness room. The new floor elevations are expected to match the existing adjacent floor elevations and no basement or below grade spaces are anticipated. The building square footage of approximately 50,000 square feet.

The proposed building structure is expected to be exterior and interior load bearing masonry walls supporting open web steel roof joists and metal deck. There may also be isolated areas supported by interior and exterior columns or pilasters.

New foundations are expected to be conventional shallow spread footings and continuous wall footings. Wall loads are expected to be 6 kips per foot at the continuous exterior/interior wall footings. Column loads are anticipated to be a maximum of 75 kips, but exact locations and quantities are yet to be determined. Finish floor elevation has yet to be determined in relation to the existing grades, but it is assumed to match the existing adjacent building.

As requested, we propose drilling a total of twelve (12) borings. Seven (7) borings will be drilled in the footprint of the new building. Six (6) of the building borings will be drilled to a depth of 20 feet below the existing ground surface and one (1) of the building borings will be drilled to a depth of 40 feet. Five (5) additional borings will be drilled in parking areas. Four (4) of the parking area borings will be drilled to a depth of 10 feet and one (1) of the parking area borings will be drilled to a depth of 15 feet below the ground surface. The borings will be advanced utilizing MET owned and operated hollow-stem auger drill rig with soil samples obtained by split-barrel sampling techniques in accordance with ASTM D-1586. The depth to groundwater will be noted during the drilling operations and measured in the open boreholes upon completion. A sampling interval of 2.5-ft. through a depth of 15 ft. and 5 ft. thereafter will be utilized. The boreholes will be backfilled upon completion.

Utility clearance for the borings will be obtained by MET beforehand by contacting JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators). MET will also hire a locator for locating any privately owned utilities prior to our arrival.

Appropriate laboratory testing will be performed on the samples collected. At a minimum, moisture content tests will be performed on all samples. Unconfined compression tests (Rimac Test) and dry density tests will also be performed on all intact cohesive samples.

CCDD testing will be performed in accordance with typical CCDD testing practices. Our proposal includes sample collection, testing of four samples, and a letter report summarizing the findings, along with IEPA Form LPC-663 completion.

The results of the subsurface exploration and laboratory testing will be presented in a written report prepared by a professional engineer that will include the following in accordance with the scope of services presented in the RFP:

- A general characterization of the geology of the area and the subsurface conditions encountered at the site, including Site Class and Seismic Design Category and considerations.
- A summary of the sampling and laboratory testing techniques used.
- The borings logs and laboratory test data.
- General foundation recommendations including bearing capacities and other appropriate design parameters.
- General construction considerations regarding site preparation, earthwork recommendations, pavement recommendations, and groundwater control.

MET proposes to perform the soil borings and provide the geotechnical report as outlined in this proposal on a unit price basis in accordance with the attached Estimate Worksheet. In addition, our general conditions for geotechnical services have been included as part of this proposal.

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We understand the site boring activities are to be completed by December 5, 2025. In order to meet this deadline, we would require notice-to-proceed by November 10, 2025. If no on-site drilling will be allowed by the District while school is in session, we anticipate weekend work would be required since it would not be practical to complete the work after school hours at this time of the year. As requested, we have included a line item for weekend work.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact us at your convenience. MET will proceed with the work based upon written or verbal authorization. However, please confirm by signing the acceptance block found at the end of this proposal and return it for our files. We are looking forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Midwest Engineering and Testing, Inc.

Patrick A. Hahn, P.E.
Geotechnical Department Manager

Michael C. Heaton
Environmental Department Manager

Kelsey R. Mueller

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Kelsey R. Mueller, P.E.
Bloomington Division Manager

Enclosures: Geotechnical Estimate Worksheet
CCDD Testing Estimate Worksheet
ARCON RFP
Geotechnical General Conditions
Environmental General Conditions

Accepted:

Name:

Signature:

Title:

Date:

Erik Young
[Signature]
Superintendent
11/5/25

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		<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
Field Exploration Services				
Mobilization of drilling equipment and personnel	1	Lump Sum	\$800.00	\$800.00
Drilling support vehicle	2	Day	\$150.00	\$300.00
Soil drilling with split-spoon sampling from depths of:				
- 0 to 25 feet	200	Feet	\$20.00	\$4,000.00
- 25 to 50 feet	15	Feet	\$23.00	\$345.00
Private Utility Locate	1	Each	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Pavement patching and/or spoils clean up	12	Each	\$50.00	\$600.00
Background Checks for Drill Crew	1	Lump Sum	\$200.00	\$200.00
Drilling Outside of Business Hours (Weekend)	0	Lump Sum	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Subtotal for Field Services:				<u>\$8,745.00</u>
Laboratory Soil Testing Services				
Dry Density tests	45	Tests	\$5.00	\$225.00
Unconfined compressive strength tests	45	Tests	\$10.00	\$450.00
Moisture content tests	86	Tests	\$5.00	\$430.00
Subtotal for Lab Services:				<u>\$1,105.00</u>
Engineering Services				
Project Engineer - Coordination and Report Prep.	15	Hours	\$150.00	\$2,250.00
Principal Engineer - Report Review	2	Hours	\$200.00	\$400.00
Subtotal for Engineering Services:				<u>\$2,650.00</u>
ESTIMATED GEOTECHNICAL FEE:				\$12,500.00
ESTIMATED CCDD FEE (next page):				\$8,285.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED FEE:				<u>\$20,785.00</u>

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Form LPC-663 Completion)**

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CCDD Testing - Field Services

Analytical Screening by Staff Geologist
Photionization Detector
Environmental Support Vehicle
Analytical Sampling Equipment

	Quantity	Unit Fee	Total
10 Hours		\$150.00	\$1,500.00
1 Day		\$125.00	\$125.00
1 Day		\$100.00	\$100.00
1 Day		\$25.00	\$25.00
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			\$1,750.00

Subtotal for Field Services:**CCDD Testing - Analytical Services**

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
Preserved vials for VOCs sampling
Semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs)
Total RCRA metals
Pesticides & polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
pH testing
Sample shipment to laboratory

4 Tests		\$230.00	\$920.00
4 Kits		\$25.00	\$100.00
4 Tests		\$390.00	\$1,560.00
4 Tests		\$210.00	\$840.00
4 Tests		\$230.00	\$920.00
4 Tests		\$30.00	\$120.00
1 Cooler		\$75.00	\$75.00
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			\$4,535.00

Subtotal for Analytical Services:**CCDD Testing - Report Services**

Report Preparation by Staff Geologist
Administration, Report Review and IEPA LPC-663
Completion by Licensed Professional Engineer

8 Hours		\$150.00	\$1,200.00
4 Hours		\$200.00	\$800.00
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			\$2,000.00

Subtotal for Report Services:**ESTIMATED CCDD FEES:****\$8,285.00****ESTIMATED GEOTECHNICAL FEES (previous page):****\$12,500.00****TOTAL ESTIMATED FEE:****\$20,785.00**



October 21, 2025

To: Prospective Geotechnical Engineers

RE: RIDGEVIEW CUSD #19
ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS AT:
RIDGEVIEW SCHOOL
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES
PROJECT NO. 25083

Dear prospective Geotechnical Engineer:

On behalf of the Owner (Ridgeview CUSD #19), ARCON (District Architect) and Core Construction Services of Illinois, Inc. (Construction Manager) are soliciting proposals for geotechnical services for the above listed project. Request for Geotechnical Services Proposal Information is as follows:

Schedule

1. Site Boring activities to be completed by December 5, 2025.
2. Draft soil boring report due by December 19, 2025.
3. Final soil boring report due by January 5, 2026.
4. **Above dates pending proposal approval from the District**
5. The successful proposing Engineer shall coordinate all on-site activities with the District (Owner) and provide a minimum of (72) hours advanced notice. All on-site personnel from the successful proposing Engineering company will need to complete District required background checks. Costs for background checks shall be included in their proposal.

Notes and Further Requirements

1. Proposal shall be addressed to the District:
 - a. Mr. Erik Young, Superintendent, Ridgeview CUSD#19, 300 S. Harrison, Colfax, Illinois 61728, eyoung@ridgeview19.org.
2. Project site location:
 - a. Ridgeview School
 - i. 300 S. Harrison, Colfax, Illinois 61728.
3. Geotechnical Engineer shall be responsible for contacting JULIE prior to any drilling activities, in accordance with Illinois State Law.
4. Geotechnical Engineer shall include a line item cost for engaging the services of a private utility locate company.
5. Available archival building and site information shall be provided to the successful proposing Engineer.
6. Refer to attached boring location plan sketches (Structural and Civil), structural engineer cover letter and schematic design narrative for further information and requirements.
 - a. Provide pavement core analytical testing information, in addition to soil boring information, at all existing pavement locations called for on the attached sketches.

- b. At all boring locations called for in grass areas, including athletic fields, restore area to original condition immediately following completion of boring.
 - c. At all boring locations called for in existing HMA/asphalt paved areas, provide asphalt patch immediately following completion of boring. Restore area to original condition.
 - d. Boring locations shall be provided per the attached sketches. If any boring is located in an area that cannot be disturbed or conflicts with existing structures, trees, plantings, concrete sidewalks, underground utilities, etcetera, the locations can be adjusted by 3'-0" in any direction to facilitate boring activities. Any boring locations adjusted in-field shall be indicated on the final soil boring report.
7. Provide separate line item costs for additional boring depths required to hit suitable foundation bearing conditions at areas of proposed building additions, according to the following schedule:
 - a. Additional 5'
 - b. Additional 10'
 - c. Additional 20'
 - d. Additional 25'
 - e. Line item costs shall be all inclusive and include any additional testing and report costs.
8. Provide hourly billing rates to be utilized for any additional services requested.
9. It is anticipated that the soil boring site work will be completed during the dates listed on the previous sheet. List in your proposal the notice to proceed date required to meet the above referenced schedule. As a separate line item, provide additional costs associated with completing the site work outside of normal business hours, if no on-site drilling will be allowed by the District while school is in session:
 - a. After 3:30 PM Monday thru Friday
 - b. Saturdays.

Additional Environmental Testing and Report Requirements

1. Soil analytical testing and report to meet the requirements of Illinois EPA rules and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 1100.
2. Completion of Illinois EPA CCDD form LPC-663.

Any deviations from this Request for Proposal shall be specifically called out and listed in the Proposal response. Proposals are due to ARCON and CORE by end of business November 3, 2025.

Sincerely,
ARCON Associates, Inc.



Nicholas T. Graal, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C
Senior Associate

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October 20, 2025

Mr. Nick Graal
ARCON Associates, Inc
2050 South Finley Rd, suite 40
Lombard, Illinois 60148

Re: Proposed Soil Borings
SD19 Ridgeview Elementary, Jr/Sr High School – Additions & Renovations
300 S Harrison
Colfax, IL 61728

Dear Nick:

Attached is the boring layout for the proposed Ridgeview School Addition. Please pass the boring layout and the following request for information to the soil engineer with your RFP.

Scope of Project:

Building Code is the IBC 2024 (International Building Code)

1. The proposed building will be a single-story addition with classrooms, a multi-purpose room and a fitness room. The new floor elevations are expected to match the existing adjacent floor elevations and no basement or below grade spaces are anticipated, building square footage of approximately 50,000 square feet.
2. The proposed building structure is expected to be exterior and interior load bearing masonry walls supporting open web steel roof joists and metal deck. There may also be isolated areas supported by interior and exterior columns or pilasters.
3. New foundations are expected to be conventional shallow spread footings and continuous wall footings. Wall loads are expected to be 6 kips per foot at the continuous exterior/interior wall footings. Column loads are anticipated to be a

maximum of 75 kips, but exact locations and quantities are yet to be determined.

4. Finish floor elevation has yet to be determined in relation to the existing grades, but is assumed to match the existing adjacent building.

Requested Services:

The following geotechnical services should be solicited as part of the RFP:

1. Boring Program –
 - a. Take 7 building borings (B-1 thru B-6) to a minimum depth of 20 feet below existing grade and one building boring (B-7) to a minimum depth of 40 feet below existing grade for the proposed building structure. Boring locations shall be based on the attached boring location plan.
 - b. Take 5 site borings (B-8 thru B-12) to a minimum depth of 10 feet and 15 feet below existing grade as noted on plan. Boring locations shall be based on the attached boring location plan.
 - c. Coordinate locations of possible underground site utilities prior to taking borings. Perform a private utility locating survey prior to drilling.
 - d. This RFP does not include any determination for soil contamination, however, if the testing agency observes any order/smell of hydrocarbons or contamination at the boring locations, a courtesy alert would be appreciated.
2. Geotechnical report and recommendations –
 - a. Establish a hard benchmark elevation of the existing finished floor using an existing door sill or other accessible means. Provide relative elevations at all boring locations so that they can be related back to the existing and proposed grade elevations along with the bearing elevations of the foundation system.
 - b. General earthwork and construction considerations.
 - c. Remedial work and/or treatment of unstable or unsuitable soil types.
 - d. Recommendations for fill type, placement, and compaction for foundation structures, slabs on grade, and pavements.
 - e. Protective measures required for frost action.
 - f. Recommendations for shallow spread footings including minimum dimensions, net allowable bearing pressures, and suitable bearing elevations.
 - g. Approximation of the modulus of subgrade reaction that can be used for the design of the slab-on-grade.
 - h. Anticipated settlements and differential settlements.
 - i. Indication of soil site class for seismic design.

- j. Lateral earth pressures (active, passive, and at-rest) and friction coefficients for sliding for possible retaining wall design.
- k. Determination of any ground water or water table as well as any recommendations for perimeter and/or under slab drainage tile system at possible basement or retaining walls. Provide elevation of Seasonal High Groundwater Table.
- l. Provide Pavement section Recommendations for Standard Duty Asphalt, Heavy Duty Asphalt, and Concrete

Sincerely,

ML Structural, PLLC

Jeremy Peltonen

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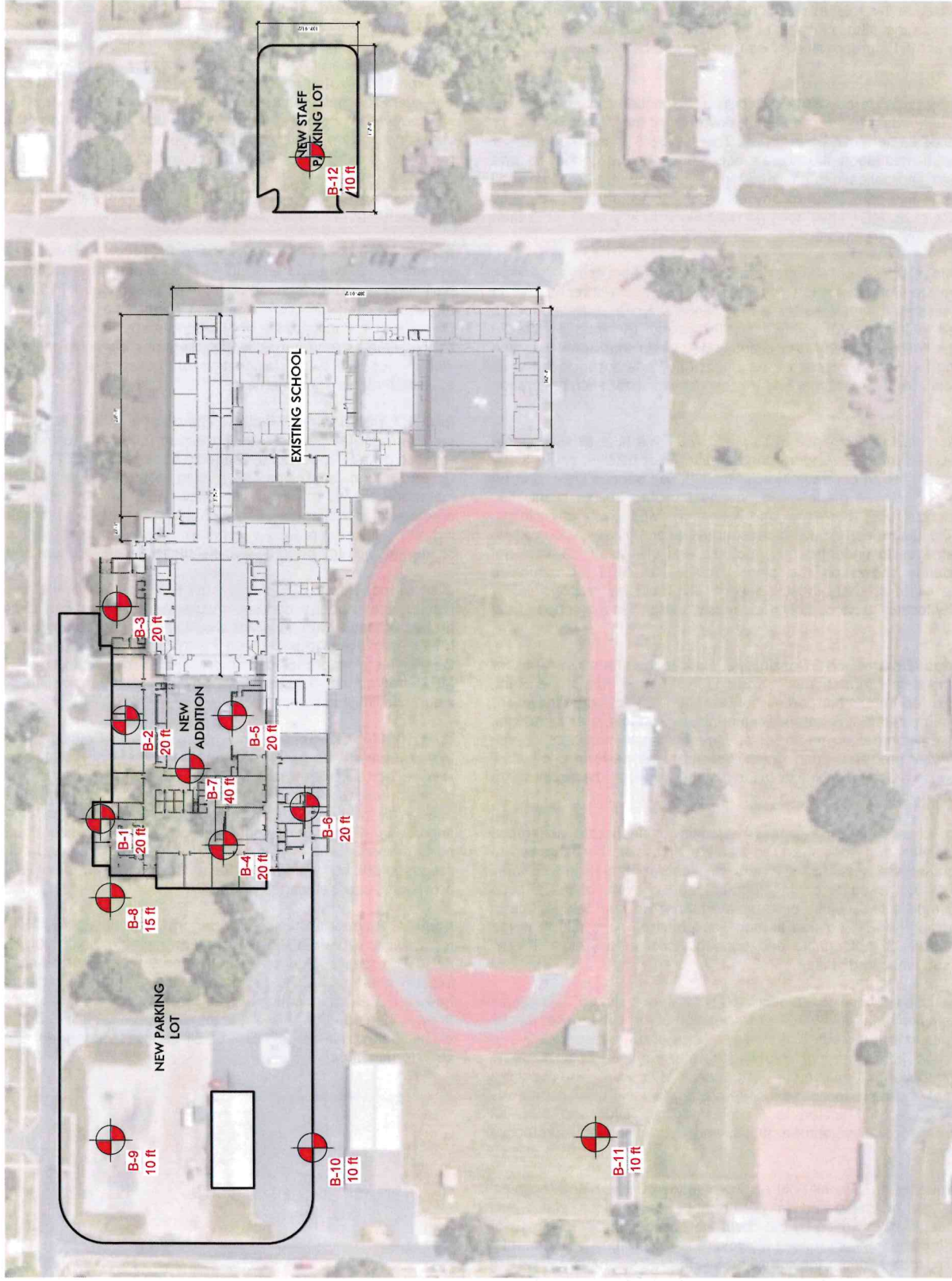
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**Proposed Soil Boring Layout -
10/20/2025**

GENERAL CONDITIONS
Midwest Engineering and Testing, Inc. (MET)
Geotechnical Services

Item 1. Scope of Work. Midwest Engineering and Testing, Inc. (MET) shall perform services in accordance with an "agreement" made with the "client." The agreement consists of MET's proposal, Standard Fee Schedule, and these General Conditions. The "client" is defined as the person or entity requesting and/or authorizing the work, and in doing so, client represents and warrants that he is duly authorized in this role, even if performed on behalf of another party or entity, in which case the other party or entity is also considered as the client. The acceptance of MET's proposal signifies the acceptance of the terms of this agreement.

The fees for services rendered will be billed in accordance with the Standard Fee Schedule; unit rates for services not covered in the fee schedule or elsewhere in the agreement can be provided. The standard prices proposed for the work are predicated upon the client's acceptance of the conditions and allocations of risks and obligations described in the agreement. The client shall impart the terms of this agreement to any third party to whom client releases any part of MET's work. MET shall have no obligations to any party other than those expressed in this agreement.

Item 2. Site Access. The client will provide for the right-of-access to the work site. In the event the work site is not owned by the client, client represents to MET that all necessary permissions for MET to enter the site and conduct the work have been obtained. While MET shall exercise reasonable care to minimize damage to the property, the client understands that some damage may occur during the normal course of work, that MET has not included in its fee the cost of restoration of damage, and that client will pay for such restoration costs.

Item 3. Utilities. In the performance of its work, MET will take all reasonable precautions to avoid damage to underground structures or utilities, and will rely on utility locator services to correctly identify their buried service lines, and on plans, drawings or sketches made available and provided by the client. The client agrees to hold MET harmless and indemnify MET from any claims, expenses, or other liabilities, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by MET for any damages to underground structures and utilities which were not correctly and clearly shown on the plans provided to MET or otherwise disclosed by the client or utility locator service. MET will be responsible for ordering the utility locator services only if expressly set forth in the scope of the proposal.

Item 4. Hazardous Materials and Conditions. Prior to the start of services, or at the earliest time such information is learned, it shall be the duty of the client, or other involved or contacted parties, to advise MET of any known or suspected undocumented fills, hazardous materials, byproducts, or constituents, and any known environmental, geologic, and geotechnical conditions, which exist on or near any premises upon which work is to be performed by MET employees or subcontractors or which in any other way may be pertinent to MET's proposed services.

The discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials, or suspected hazardous materials, may require that special and immediate measures be exercised to protect the health and safety of MET site personnel and/or the public. MET may at its option and on the basis of its judgment and opinion, exercise such precautions to complete the project, or terminate further work on the project. In either case, the client will be notified as soon as practically possible, and the client agrees to bear all reasonable and equitable cost adjustments, if any, associated with such measures taken.

MET's work shall include visual observation and laboratory testing of subsurface water and soil samples obtained by intrusive sampling of the subsurface, for the purpose of evaluating the geotechnical characteristics of the subsoil relative to the project. As such, MET does not create, generate, transport or at any time own or store hazardous materials in the performance of its work. The client will take possession of and be responsible for the proper disposal of all hazardous materials including, but not limited to samples, drilling fluids and cuttings, decontamination and well development fluids, and used disposable protective gear and equipment.

Item 5. Confidentiality. MET shall hold confidential the business and technical information obtained or generated in performance of services under this agreement and identified in writing by the client as "confidential." MET shall not disclose such information except if such disclosure is required by governmental statute, ordinance, or regulation; for compliance with professional standards of conduct for public safety, health, and welfare concerns; or for protection of MET against claims or liabilities arising from performance of its services.

The technical and pricing information contained in any report or proposal submitted by MET is to be considered confidential and proprietary, and shall not be released or otherwise made available to any third party without the express written consent of MET.

Item 6. Standard of Care. MET will perform the services under this agreement in accordance with generally accepted practice, in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of this profession under similar circumstances. No other warranties implied or expressed, in fact or by law, are made or intended in this agreement. The client recognizes that subsurface soil and groundwater conditions can vary between sampling points and with time, and that the interpretation of data, and opinions and recommendations made by MET are based solely on obtained data. Such limitations can result in a redirection of conclusions and interpretations where new or changed information is obtained. MET will not be responsible for the interpretation by others, of data obtained by MET for the geotechnical study.

Item 7. Technical Methodology and Protocol. MET will select generally accepted methods and procedures it considers appropriate to accomplish the intended and understood purpose of its services within the scope of this agreement, and the client signifies concurrence with these methods and procedures by acceptance of this agreement. In the event other methods or procedures are preferred by the client or considered more appropriate, a written description or designation of these must be provided prior to execution of this agreement.

Item 8. Limitations of Liability. The client agrees to limit MET's liability to the client and all parties claiming through the client or otherwise claiming reliance on MET's services, allegedly arising from MET's professional acts or errors and omissions, to a sum not to exceed MET's applicable insurance limits. In no event shall MET or any other party to this agreement, including parties which may have or claim to have a direct or indirect reliance on MET's services, be liable to the other parties for incidental, indirect, or consequential damages arising from any cause.

Item 9. Insurance. MET represents that the company maintains general liability and property damage insurance coverage considered adequate and comparable with coverage maintained by other similar firms, and that MET's employees are covered by Workman's Compensation Insurance. Certificates of insurance can be provided to the client upon written request. MET shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or liability beyond the insurance limits and conditions.

Item 10. Modifications. This agreement and all attachments pursuant to this agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties, and neither the client nor MET may amend or modify any aspect of this contract unless such alterations are reduced to writing and properly executed by the parties hereto. These terms and conditions shall supersede all prior or contemporaneous communications, representations, or agreements, and any provisions expressed or implied in the request for proposal, purchase order, authorization to proceed, or other contradictory provisions, whether written or oral.

Item 11. Payment. Invoices for performed work will be submitted monthly for services rendered the prior month, payable within 30 days of invoice date. The fees quoted are based upon an expected timely payment. An interest charge of 1.5% per month will be added to delinquent charges; however, MET at its option may terminate its services due to clients failure to pay when due. In the event of termination of services prior to completion, client shall compensate MET for all services performed prior to and for such termination.

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Item 5. Unanticipated Hazardous Materials. The discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials, or suspected hazardous materials, may require that special and immediate measures be exercised to protect the health and safety of MET site personnel and/or the public. MET may at its option and on the basis of its judgment and opinion, exercise such precautions to complete the project, or terminate further work on the project. In either case, the client will be notified as soon as practically possible, and the client agrees to bear all reasonable and equitable cost adjustments, if any, associated with such measures taken.

Item 6. Standard of Care. MET will perform the services under this agreement in accordance with generally accepted practice, in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of this profession under similar circumstances. No other warranties implied or expressed, in fact or by law, are made or intended in this agreement. The client recognizes that subsurface soil and groundwater conditions can vary between sampling points and with time, and that the interpretation of data, and opinions and recommendations made by MET are based solely on obtained data. Such limitations can result in a redirection of conclusions and interpretations where new or changed information is obtained. In this regard, MET makes no representations or guarantees that the points selected for sampling are in any way representative of the entire site.

Item 7. Technical Methodology and Protocol. The field of environmental engineering, and associated technologies, guidelines, regulations, and practices are in a constant mode of change and development. Variations and inconsistencies exist amongst the guidelines, regulations, and standards of various governmental agencies and other recognized authorities; this necessitates that judgment be applied in the selection of methods and procedures implemented in the performance of work in this field. MET will select generally accepted methods and procedures it considers appropriate to accomplish the intended and understood purpose of its services within the scope of this agreement, and the client signifies concurrence with these methods and procedures by acceptance of this agreement. In the event other methods or procedures are preferred by the client or considered more appropriate, a written description or designation of these must be provided prior to execution of this agreement. MET will utilize the services of a subcontracted analytical laboratory for related testing, and possibly other types of subcontractor services, as necessary to complete the project. MET will strive to select a subcontractor which is generally accepted and recognized in their respective industry, but shall assume no responsibility for claims or losses arising from the negligence or errors and omissions of the selected entity. The client may specify a laboratory or other subcontractor of client's choice for the required services by providing such written instructions to MET at any time prior to performance of work, subject to acceptance of any increased costs which may result from such selection.

Item 8. Limitations of Liability. The client agrees to limit MET's liability to the client and all parties claiming through the client or otherwise claiming reliance on MET's services, allegedly arising from MET's professional acts or errors and omissions, to a sum not to exceed MET's applicable insurance limits. In no event shall MET or any other party to this agreement, including parties which may have or claim to have a direct or indirect reliance on MET's services, be liable to the other parties for incidental, indirect, or consequential damages arising from any cause.

Item 9. Insurance. MET represents that the company maintains general liability and property damage insurance coverage considered adequate and comparable with coverage maintained by other similar firms, and that MET's employees are covered by Workman's Compensation Insurance. Certificates of Insurance can be provided to the client upon written request. MET shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or liability beyond the insurance limits and conditions.

Item 10. Modifications. This agreement and all attachments pursuant to this agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties, and neither the client nor MET may amend or modify any aspect of this contract unless such alterations are reduced to writing and properly executed by the parties hereto. These terms and conditions shall supersede all prior or contemporaneous communications, representations, or agreements, and any provisions expressed or implied in the request for proposal, purchase order, authorization to proceed, or other contradictory provisions, whether written or oral.

Item 11. Payment. Invoices for performed work will be submitted monthly for services rendered the prior month, payable within 30 days of invoice date. The fees quoted are based upon an expected timely payment. An interest charge of 1.5% per month will be added to delinquent charges; however, MET at its option may terminate its services due to clients failure to pay when due. In the event of termination of services prior to completion, client shall compensate MET for all services performed prior to and for such termination. The client shall also pay any required collection cost including attorney fees.

