

VILLAGE OF BRADLEY

RESOLUTION NO. R-08-24-034

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM
ECS MIDWEST, LLC FOR PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL
SITE ASSESSMENT AND SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION
(1756 N State Route 50, Bourbonnais, Illinois)

ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF BRADLEY

THIS 12th DAY OF August, 2024

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bradley, Kankakee County, Illinois this ____
day of 12th August, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. R-08-24-01

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(1756 N. State Route 50, Bourbonnais, Illinois)**

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Bradley, Kankakee County, Illinois, have the authority to adopt resolutions and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, ECS Midwest, LLC (“ECS”) of Buffalo Grove, Illinois has submitted a proposal to provide Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Subsurface Investigation to the Village of Bradley to determine if the property located at 1756 N. State Route 50, Bourbonnais, Illinois 60914 (PIN: 17-09-09-303-037), consisting of 10.78 acres and owned by Thomas Lemna, has been environmentally impacted by historical and/or current site use, all as more particularly set forth in ECS’ Proposal dated July 23, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, Village Staff recommend that the Corporate Authorities approve the Proposal from ECS for this project in the total estimated amount of \$15,700.00; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and its citizens to approve the attached Proposal from ECS, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF THE VILLAGE OF BRADLEY, KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Corporate Authorities hereby find that all of the recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are true, correct, and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. The Corporate Authorities hereby approve the Proposal from ECS Midwest, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, in the total estimated amount of \$15,700.00.

SECTION 3. In the event that any provision or provisions, portion or portions, or clause or clauses of this Resolution shall be declared to be invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall in no way affect or impair the validity or enforceability of any of the remaining provisions, portions, or clauses of this Resolution that may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, portion or portions, or clause or clauses.

SECTION 4. All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or parts thereof, conflicting with any of the provisions of this Resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as provided by law.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees on a roll call vote on the 12th day of August, 2024.

TRUSTEES:

RYAN LEBRAN	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
BRIAN BILLINGSLEY	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
DARREN WESTPHAL	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
BRIAN TIERI	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
GRANT D. VANDENHOUT	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>
GENE JORDAN	Aye - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay - <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent - <input type="checkbox"/>

VILLAGE PRESIDENT:

MICHAEL WATSON Aye - Nay - Absent -

TOTALS: Aye - 6 Nay - 0 Absent - 0

ATTEST:


KELLI BRZA, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED this 12th day of August, 2024.


MICHAEL WATSON, VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


KELLI BRZA, VILLAGE CLERK

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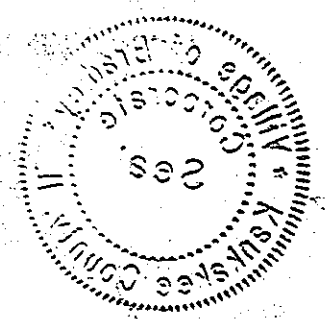
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COUNTY OF KANKAKEE) §§

I, Kelli Brza, Village Clerk of the Village of Bradley, County of Kankakee and State of Illinois, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true, perfect, and complete copy of Resolution number 108-2404, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM ECS MIDWEST, LLC FOR PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT AND SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION (1756 N. State Route 50, Bourbonnais, Illinois)," which was adopted by the Village Corporate Authorities at a meeting held on the 12th day of August, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand in the Village of Bradley, County of Kankakee and State of Illinois, on this 12th day of August, 2024.



KELLI BRZA, VILLAGE CLERK



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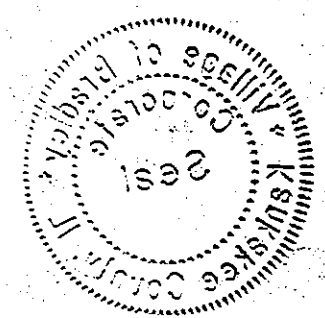
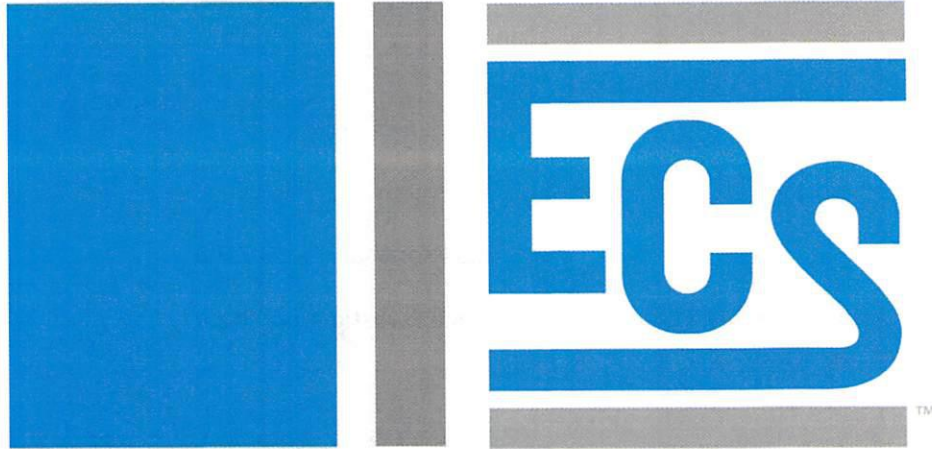


Exhibit A

**July 23, 2024 Proposal
from
ECS Midwest, LLC**



ECS Midwest, LLC

Proposal for Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Subsurface Investigation

State Route 50
1756 N State Rte 50, Bourbonnais, Illinois 60914

For: Leesh Tishman
600 W. Jackson Blvd, Suite 100, Chicago, Illinois 60661

ECS Proposal Number 53:7105

July 23, 2024



July 23, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Pohlenz
Leesh Tishman
600 W. Jackson Blvd
Suite 100
Chicago, Illinois 60661

ECS Proposal No. 53:7105

Reference: Proposal for Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Subsurface Investigation, State Route 50, 1756 N State Rte 50, Bourbonnais, Kankakee County, Illinois 60914

Dear Ms. Pohlenz:

ECS Midwest, LLC (ECS) is pleased to provide Leesh Tishman (Client) with this proposal for performing a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Subsurface Investigation (ESA and SSI) for the State Route 50 property. Our proposal contains a summary of relevant information as we understand it, a project schedule, and the estimated fees for completion of the proposed services.

We understand the property is located at 1756 N State Rte 50 in Bourbonnais, Kankakee County, Illinois 60914. Based on the information available, a property description is noted within the attached proposal along with a description of our scope of services.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you on this project. If you have any questions or comments concerning this proposal, or would like adjustments to our proposed scope of services or schedule, please do not hesitate to contact us.

ECS Midwest, LLC

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PROJECT INFORMATION AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

Project Description

ECS understands the subject property is located at 1756 N State Rte 50 in Bourbonnais, Kankakee County, Illinois 60914. According to the Kankakee County Online Geographic Information Systems (GIS) website, the subject property is identified as Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 17-09-09-303-037, consists of 10.78 acres, and is owned by Thomas Lemna. Based on the available information, the western end of the subject property is currently developed with a warehouse building, while the remainder of the subject property is undeveloped. The subject property is depicted below, outlined in blue.



Scope of Services

ECS proposes the following scope of services, and optional services, that may be selected by the client on the enclosed Proposal Acceptance Form.

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

The Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) will be prepared in general accordance with ASTM Standard E1527-21, Standard Practice for Phase I Environmental Site Assessments. We note that there may be some instances which require an adjustment to the quoted price for this Phase I ESA if supplemental investigation, additional lender requirements or other services, beyond the scope outlined in this proposal, are requested. We would notify you in advance if these additional services would result in increased fees.

To expedite the preparation of the Phase I ESA, please provide ECS with the following:

1. Copies of updated site plans/plots which you may have available;
2. A point of contact for site access;
3. A current chain-of-ownership for the subject property (preferably dating back to 1940 or earlier);

4. The name and telephone number of the current owner so that ECS may conduct an interview; and,
5. A completed User Questionnaire (blank form for your use is attached).

In accordance with the ASTM protocol, it is the obligation of the "User" (i.e., the party relying on the report) to report to the environmental professional (i.e., ECS) any environmental liens encumbering the property or any specialized knowledge or experience of the User that would provide information about previous ownership or uses of the property that may be material to identifying recognized environmental conditions. Based on this, ECS requests any previous environmental information related to the property.

We have attached the User Questionnaire to assist the User and the environmental professional (ECS) in gathering information from the User that may be material to identifying recognized environmental conditions with respect to the site. *As the User of the report, please complete the attached User Questionnaire and return it with the signed proposal. The User Questionnaire should be completed by the User of the Phase I ESA, which is the party to whom the report is addressed. ECS will conduct a separate interview with the property owner (assuming owner contact information is provided).* We request the User Questionnaire be completed and returned to ECS at the same time this proposal is authorized in order to avoid delay to delivering the final report. This User Questionnaire will be included in the Phase I ESA Report and will assist in satisfying the "User's Responsibilities" portion of the ASTM Standard.

ECS will prepare one Phase I ESA Report for the subject property. A copy of the report will be forwarded electronically upon completion of the project.

Optional Services:

Environmental Lien and Activity and Use Limitation Search

In addition, the ASTM standard also requires a search for the existence of environmental liens and activity and use limitations (AULs) in accordance with 40 CFR Part 312. If this information is not readily available, ECS can contract with a third party provider to conduct this search for an additional fee. It should be noted that failure to obtain this information may preclude your ability to qualify for certain liability protections under CERCLA. Please indicate on the attached authorization page if you would prefer ECS to obtain this information on your behalf for an additional fee of \$300 per parcel. (The ASTM E1527-21 standard allows the user to utilize title commitment reports, title insurance, or other equivalent title research in lieu of a specific Lien and AUL search. If such documents are available, please transmit them to ECS prior to the completion of the Phase I ESA report.)

Subsurface Investigation

Pre-field Activities

Utility Clearance. ECS requests that utility plans and related documents be provided prior to the subsurface sampling to avoid damaging underground structures. As required by state and local regulations, ECS's drilling subcontractor will also contact a public utility location service (Illinois JULIE)



to clear public utility lines at the subject property prior to the start of fieldwork. However, please note that in most cases, municipal and utility representatives will not locate utilities that are located on private property. Therefore, ECS will engage a private utility locator to identify potential on-site utilities to reduce the potential of encountering utilities during drilling activities. Please note that the cost for a private utility locate has been included in the costs.

Soil, Groundwater, and Soil/Gas Sampling. To assess current environmental subsurface conditions at the subject property, ECS proposes to install up to eight soil borings. The soil borings will be advanced with a Geoprobe to a depth of approximately 15 feet bgs, or to groundwater or bedrock, whatever is shallower. The Geoprobe borings will be advanced continuously from the ground surface to the bottom of each boring by pushing a 2-inch diameter by 5-foot-long hollow-barreled sampler into/through the soil. Soil samples will be collected in dedicated, disposable plastic liners contained in the sampler. Following sample collection, the probe holes will be backfilled with granular bentonite and hydrated in-place. All drilling equipment, including the sampling rods, will also be decontaminated prior to sampling and in between boring locations.

Soil samples will be screened in the field for chemical odors, evidence of staining or other visible indications of chemical release, and volatile organic emissions using a photoionization detector (PID). Soil samples that exhibit the most severe evidence of chemical release, if encountered, will be submitted for chemical analysis. In the absence of indications of chemical release, one representative sample of the unsaturated soils of each of the borings will be submitted for analysis.

In addition, four temporary 1-inch monitoring wells will be installed within the borings to depths of approximately 15 feet. Analysis of groundwater "grab" samples provide a broad indicator of the presence, absence, and relative severity of chemicals of concern in the subsurface, if any. Please note that if groundwater is not encountered, a deeper soil sample will be collected in lieu of a groundwater sample.

ECS will also install two temporary soil/gas monitoring locations and collect two soil/gas samples directly from on-site shallow soils in order to address the indoor inhalation exposure pathway. The soil/gas samples will be collected from depths between 3 feet bgs and groundwater.

Sample Handling. Following sample collection, the soil and groundwater samples will be placed in clean sampling media supplied by the analytical laboratory. The soil sample jars/vials will be filled as completely as possible to minimize headspace; the jars/vials will then be labeled and placed in a chilled cooler for transport to the analytical laboratory. Standard chain of custody protocols will be maintained throughout the sample handling process.

Lithologic Description. Soil samples will be logged continuously from ground surface to the bottom of each boring for lithologic description. An experienced ECS geologist or engineer will document the subsurface conditions (soil type, PID measurements, the presence of staining, odors and groundwater levels, etc.) in each boring.

Equipment Decontamination. Prior to use at each boring, all downhole sampling equipment will be cleaned using an Alconox® wash and rinsed with potable water.

Soil, Groundwater, and Soil/Gas Analysis. ECS proposes that samples will be analyzed for the following:

Number of Samples	Analytical Parameters
Soil	
8	VOCs, SVOCs, RCRA Metals, pH
Groundwater	
4	VOCs, SVOCs, RCRA Metals
Soil/Gas	
2	VOCs

VOCs –via Method 8260B – TO-15 (air)

RCRA Metals– via Method 6010

SVOCs-via Method 8270

pH via Method 9045

The soil and groundwater analysis will be performed by an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency accredited analytical laboratory; the analyses will be performed on a standard laboratory turnaround basis.

Data Evaluation and Report Preparation. Based on the proposed property usage, ECS will compare the soil data to the remedial objectives for residential properties as cited in 35 Illinois Administrative Code 742 (35 IAC 742): *Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives* (TACO) for the contaminants of concern. These comparisons will be used to gauge the relative severity of chemical impacts, if any.

Upon receipt of the laboratory data, ECS will prepare a report presenting the results of the assessment. The report will include a description of the rationale for all conclusions relative to Illinois regulations and recommendations for additional work, if warranted. The report will also include a site plan showing the location of the borings, the results of the analytical analysis summarized in data tables, copies of the laboratory reports and a description of our field protocols.

Project Management. Project management includes discussions with task managers, scheduling and coordination of field work, subcontractor procurement, interaction with client, budget tracking, laboratory interface, and related activities.

Out of Scope Items

If, during the performance of our scope of services, additional environmental issues are identified that are beyond the Scope of Services outlined within this proposal, ECS may contact Leesh Tishman to discuss the relevance and significance of the finding in order to determine if the finding merits additional assessment, inclusion in our final report, or a modification to our Scope of Services and fee.

Safety

ECS personnel are responsible for their own personal safety. While on site, if ECS personnel deem a condition unsafe and the performance of our scope of services cannot be completed, you will be notified of the unsafe condition. ECS personnel will not proceed further with the scope of services in that area until the unsafe condition is corrected. Access delays associated with safety concerns may result in additional fees.

PROJECT FEES AND SCHEDULE

Project Fees

ECS will provide the proposed scope of services for the lump sum fees indicated on the attached Proposal Acceptance Form and based upon the service level selected by the Client. Our fees are based on the chain of title, third party AUL search and property owner/contact information being provided by you or your agents, unless otherwise indicated.

Meetings and Conference Calls

Meetings and conference calls requested by Leesh Tishman beyond the Scope of Services proposed will be invoiced on a time and materials basis. Meetings after typical office hours (Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm) will be invoiced at 1.5 times the normal rate.

Project Schedule

Phase I ESA: We anticipate that a standard Phase I ESA can be completed within 15 business days from authorization to proceed provided that site access is granted promptly. We will proceed with the accepted services upon receipt of written authorization.

Subsurface Investigation: We anticipate that the fieldwork can be scheduled approximately 2-3 weeks following receipt of written authorization to proceed. We anticipate that the fieldwork for the subsurface investigations can be completed in approximately 1 day. The laboratory analysis will be performed on a standard (7-10 day) turnaround basis. ECS will provide a verbal report of the findings following receipt of the laboratory data; we anticipate that a written report will be provided within approximately 2 weeks of receipt of laboratory data. This schedule is largely dependent on subcontractor participation. This schedule also assumes that ECS will have timely access to the subject property and that the work will not be delayed by inclement weather.

If areas of the property cannot be observed due to inaccessibility or unsafe conditions beyond the control of ECS, ECS will wait until such time either that the area is accessible or the unsafe conditions are corrected. If ECS must make additional visits to the site, a change order will be provided for our additional fees.

If other items are required because of unexpected field conditions encountered in our fieldwork, or because of a request for additional services, they would be invoiced as an agreed-to lump sum fee or in accordance with the ECS Fee Schedule (available upon request) in effect at the time of the service. Before expanding our scope of service that increased our fee, you would be informed of our intentions for both your review and authorization.

ECS notes that the included scope of work was determined prior to completion of the Phase I ESA. As such, the scope of work and pricing may be adjusted accordingly upon completion of the Phase I and in response to the identified findings.

LIMITATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

Conclusions and recommendations pertaining to environmental conditions at the subject site are limited to the conditions observed at the time this study will be undertaken. The assessment is not intended to represent an exhaustive research of every potential hazard or condition that may exist, nor does it claim to represent conditions or events that arise after the assessment.

We have made the following assumptions in developing this proposal:

- Prices presented herein are valid for 120 days from the date of this proposal.
- One color electronic version (PDF format) of the report(s) will be provided upon completion of the project. Bound reports can be provided for an additional fee.
- If client-provided information is submitted to ECS after our ESA report has been issued, additional labor fees may be invoiced to review to data, to edit our report, and to reissue our report. Please provide any available due diligence information at the beginning of the project.
- Please note that ASTM standard indicates that regulatory agency files available for the subject property or adjoining properties should be reviewed and failure to do so may result in data gaps in our report. The lump sum fee offered for the Phase I ESA does not include expanded reviews of regulatory files for the subject site and/or adjacent properties which are not available electronically, or if the file information may not be reasonably ascertainable within the project schedule. If the subject property and/or adjacent properties are identified on federal or state regulatory lists, and if a file review is warranted, ECS will contact you. An additional fee may be necessary depending on the location and volume of information pertaining to these regulatory files.
- If requested, ECS can provide reliance letters for our reports for an additional fee of \$500 per letter/entity. Future reliance offered by ECS would be bound to ECS's standard Terms and Conditions. (Note: Additional fees may apply for client-requested reliance language that needs to be reviewed and approved by ECS legal counsel. Client-supplied reliance language beyond the ECS standard reliance letter may not be approved by ECS's legal counsel.)

PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE

Please complete the Proposal Acceptance page and return one copy to ECS to indicate acceptance of this proposal and to initiate services on the referenced project. The Client's signature indicates that he/she has the authority to bind the Client, that he/she has read or has had the opportunity to read the accompanying Terms and Conditions of Service and agrees to be bound by such Terms and Conditions of Service.

PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE FORM

Phase I Costs	Initial
Phase I ESA Report: (\$3,000)	
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Optional Environmental Lien/AUL Search: (\$300 per parcel)	
Subsurface Investigation Costs	
ECS Field Geologist/Engineer (\$1,500)	
Drilling Subcontractor (\$4,200)	
Equipment/Expenses (\$250)	
Private Utility Locate (\$750)	
Analytical Laboratory Subcontractor (\$6,300)	
Report Preparation (\$1,500)	
Project Management (\$1,200)	
Subsurface Investigation Total: \$15,700*	
<i>*Costs and Scope subject to change based on the findings of the Phase I ESA</i>	

PROPOSAL INFORMATION	
ECS Proposal Number	53:7105
Location	1756 N State Rte 50, Bourbonnais, Illinois 60914
CLIENT INFORMATION	
Signature - Authorized Representative for Entity Responsible for Payment	
Print or Type Name of Client and Company	
Date of Execution	
Proposal Addressee - Name	Jennifer Pohlenz
Proposal Addressee - Company	Leesh Tishman



INVOICE INFORMATION	
Please Print Below if Invoice Addressee is Different or Special Invoicing Instructions	
Invoice Addressee - Name	
Invoice Addressee - Company	
Invoice Addressee - Street Address 1	
Invoice Addressee - Street Address 2	
Invoice Addressee - City, State, Zip Code	
Invoice Addressee - Email	
Invoice Addressee - Phone Number	
Purchase Order Number	
Client Project/Account Number	
Pay Application Required	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Attached to this proposal and an integral part of our proposal, are our "Terms and Conditions of Service". These terms and conditions represent the current recommendations of the Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA), the Consulting Engineers' Council, and the Geotechnical Division of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Our insurance carrier requires that we have a signed contract prior to the release of any information. This letter is the agreement for our services. Your acceptance of this proposal should be indicated by signing and returning the enclosed Proposal Acceptance form to us.

ECS MIDWEST, LLC
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

The professional services (the "Services") to be provided by ECS MIDWEST, LLC ("ECS") pursuant to the Proposal shall be provided in accordance with these Terms and Conditions of Service ("Terms"), including any addenda as may be incorporated or referenced in writing shall form the Agreement between ECS and Client.

1.0 INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT STATUS - ECS shall serve as an independent professional consultant to CLIENT for Service on the Project, identified above, and shall have control over, and responsibility for, the means and methods for providing the Services identified in the Proposal, including the retention of Subcontractors and Subconsultants

2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES - It is understood that the fees, reimbursable expenses and time schedule defined in the Proposal are based on information provided by CLIENT and/or CLIENT'S contractors and consultants. CLIENT acknowledges that if this information is not current, is incomplete or inaccurate, if conditions are discovered that could not be reasonably foreseen, or if CLIENT orders additional services, the scope of services will change, even while the Services are in progress.

3.0 STANDARD OF CARE

3.1 In fulfilling its obligations and responsibilities enumerated in the Proposal, ECS shall be expected to comply with and its performance evaluated in light of the standard of care expected of professionals in the industry performing similar services on projects of like size and complexity at that time in the region (the "Standard of Care"). Nothing contained in the Proposal, the agreed-upon scope of Services, these Terms and Conditions of Service or any ECS report, opinion, plan or other document prepared by ECS shall constitute a warranty or guaranty of any nature whatsoever.

3.2 CLIENT understands and agrees that ECS will rely on the facts learned from data gathered during performance of Services as well as those facts provided by the CLIENT. CLIENT acknowledges that such data collection is limited to specific areas that are sampled, bored, tested, observed and/or evaluated. Consequently, CLIENT waives any and all claims based upon erroneous facts provided by the CLIENT, facts subsequently learned or regarding conditions in areas not specifically sampled, bored, tested, observed or evaluated by ECS.

3.3 If a situation arises that causes ECS to believe compliance with CLIENT'S directives would be contrary to sound engineering practices, would violate applicable laws, regulations or codes, or will expose ECS to legal claims or charges, ECS shall so advise CLIENT. If ECS' professional judgment is rejected, ECS shall have the right to terminate its Services in accordance with the provisions of Section 25.0, below.

3.4 If CLIENT decides to disregard ECS' recommendations with respect to complying with applicable Laws or Regulations, ECS shall determine if applicable law requires ECS to notify the appropriate public officials. CLIENT agrees that such determinations are ECS' sole right to make.

4.0 CLIENT DISCLOSURES

4.1 Where the Scope of Services requires ECS to penetrate a Site surface, CLIENT shall furnish and/or shall direct CLIENT'S consultant(s) or agent(s) to furnish ECS information identifying the type and location of utility lines and other man-made objects known, suspected, or assumed to be located beneath or behind the Site's surface. ECS shall be entitled to rely on such information for completeness and accuracy without further investigation, analysis, or evaluation.

4.2 "Hazardous Materials" shall include but not be limited to any substance that poses or may pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment whether contained in a product, material, by-product, waste, or sample, and whether it exists in a solid, liquid, semi-solid or gaseous form. CLIENT shall notify ECS of any known, assumed, or suspected regulated, contaminated, or other similar Hazardous Materials that may exist at the Site prior to ECS mobilizing to the Site.

4.3 If any Hazardous Materials are discovered, or are reasonably suspected by ECS after its Services begin, ECS shall be entitled to amend the scope of Services and adjust its fees to reflect the additional work or personal protective equipment and/or safety precautions required by the existence of such Hazardous Materials.

5.0 INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OTHERS - CLIENT waives, releases and discharges ECS from and against any claim for damage, injury or loss allegedly arising out of or in connection with errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in documents and other information in any form provided to ECS by CLIENT or CLIENT'S agents, contractors, or consultants, including such information that becomes incorporated into ECS documents.

6.0 CONCEALED RISKS - CLIENT acknowledges that special risks are inherent in sampling, testing and/or evaluating concealed conditions that are hidden from view and/or neither readily apparent nor easily accessible, e.g., subsurface conditions, conditions behind a wall, beneath a floor, or above a ceiling. Such circumstances require that certain assumptions be made regarding existing conditions, which may not be verifiable without expending additional sums of money or destroying otherwise adequate or serviceable portions of a building or component thereof. Accordingly, ECS shall not be responsible for the verification of such conditions unless verification can be made by simple visual observation. Client agrees to bear any and all costs, losses, damages and expenses (including, but not limited to, the cost of ECS' Additional Services) in any way arising from or in connection with the existence or discovery of such concealed or unknown conditions.

7.0 RIGHT OF ENTRY/DAMAGE RESULTING FROM SERVICES

7.1 CLIENT warrants that it possesses the authority to grant ECS right of entry to the Site for the performance of Services. CLIENT hereby grants ECS and its subcontractors and/or agents, the right to enter from time to time onto the property in order for ECS to perform its Services. CLIENT agrees to indemnify and hold ECS harmless from any claims arising from allegations that ECS trespassed or lacked authority to access the Site.

7.2 CLIENT warrants that it possesses all necessary permits, licenses and/or utility clearances for the Services to be provided by ECS except where ECS' Proposal explicitly states that ECS will obtain such permits, licenses, and/or utility clearances.

7.3 ECS will take reasonable precautions to limit damage to the Site and its improvements during the performance of its Services. CLIENT understands that the use of exploration, boring, sampling, or testing equipment may cause minor, but common, damage to the Site. The correction and restoration of such common damage is CLIENT'S responsibility unless specifically included in ECS' Proposal.

7.4 ~~CLIENT agrees that it will not bring any claims for liability or for injury or loss against ECS arising from (i) procedures associated with the exploration, sampling or testing activities at the Site, (ii) discovery of Hazardous Materials or suspected Hazardous Materials, or (iii) ECS' findings, conclusions, opinions, recommendations, plans, and/or specifications related to discovery of contamination.~~

8.0 UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

8.1 ECS shall exercise the Standard of Care in evaluating client-furnished information as well as information readily and customarily available from public utility locating services (the "Underground Utility Information") in its effort to identify underground utilities. The extent of such evaluations shall be at ECS' sole discretion.

8.2 CLIENT recognizes that the Underground Utility Information provided to or obtained by ECS may contain errors or be incomplete. CLIENT understands that ECS may be unable to identify the locations of all subsurface utility lines and man-made features.

8.3 CLIENT waives, releases, and discharges ECS from and against any claim for damage, injury or loss allegedly arising from or related to subterranean structures (pipes, tanks, cables, or other utilities, etc.) which are not called to ECS' attention in writing by CLIENT, not correctly shown on the Underground Utility Information and/or not properly marked or located by the utility owners, governmental or quasi-governmental locators, or private utility locating services as a result of ECS' or ECS' subcontractor's request for utility marking services made in accordance with local industry standards.

9.0 SAMPLES

9.1 Soil, rock, water, building materials and/or other samples and sampling by-products obtained from the Site are and remain the property of CLIENT. Unless other arrangements are requested by CLIENT and mutually agreed upon by ECS in writing, ECS will retain samples not consumed in laboratory testing for up to sixty (60) calendar days after the issuance of any document containing data obtained from such samples. Samples consumed by laboratory testing procedures will not be stored.

9.2 Unless CLIENT directs otherwise, and excluding those issues covered in Section 10.0, CLIENT authorizes ECS to dispose of CLIENT'S non-hazardous samples and sampling or testing process by-products in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

10.0 ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

10.1 When Hazardous Materials are known, assumed, suspected to exist, or discovered at the Site, ECS will endeavor to protect its employees and address public health, safety, and environmental issues in accordance with the Standard of Care. CLIENT agrees to compensate ECS for such efforts.

10.2 When Hazardous Materials are known, assumed, or suspected to exist, or discovered at the Site, ECS and/or ECS' subcontractors will exercise the Standard of Care in containerizing and labeling such Hazardous Materials in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and will leave the containers on Site. CLIENT is responsible for the retrieval, removal, transport and disposal of such contaminated samples, and sampling process byproducts in accordance with applicable law and regulation. **ECS shall notify CLIENT of such containers.**

10.3 Unless explicitly stated in the Scope of Services, ECS will neither subcontract for nor arrange for the transport, disposal, or treatment of Hazardous Materials. At CLIENT'S written request, ECS may assist CLIENT in identifying appropriate alternatives for transport, off-site treatment, storage, or disposal of such substances, but CLIENT shall be solely responsible for the final selection of methods and firms to provide such services. CLIENT shall sign all manifests for the disposal of substances affected by contaminants and shall otherwise exercise prudence in arranging for lawful disposal.

10.4 In those instances where ECS is expressly retained by CLIENT to assist CLIENT in the disposal of Hazardous Materials, samples, or wastes as part of the Proposal, ECS shall do so only as CLIENT'S agent (notwithstanding any other provision of this AGREEMENT to the contrary). ECS will not assume the role of, nor be considered a generator, storer, transporter, or disposer of Hazardous Materials.

10.5 Subsurface sampling may result in unavoidable cross-contamination of certain subsurface areas, as when a probe or excavation/boring device moves through a contaminated zone and links it to an aquifer, underground stream, pervious soil stratum, or other hydrous body not previously contaminated, or connects an uncontaminated zone with a contaminated zone. Because sampling is an essential element of the Services indicated herein, CLIENT agrees this risk cannot be eliminated. Provided such services were performed in accordance with the Standard of Care, CLIENT waives, releases and discharges ECS from and against any claim for damage, injury, or loss allegedly arising from or related to such cross-contamination.

10.6 CLIENT understands that a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) is conducted solely to permit ECS to render a professional opinion about the likelihood of the site having a Recognized Environmental Condition on, in, beneath, or near the Site at the time the Services are conducted. No matter how thorough a Phase I ESA study may be, findings derived from its conduct are highly limited and ECS cannot know or state for an absolute fact that the Site is unaffected or adversely affected by one or more Recognized Environmental Conditions. CLIENT represents and warrants that it understands the limitations associated with Phase I ESAs.

Upon payment of ECS invoices, CLIENT

11.0 OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

- 11.1 ECS shall be deemed the author and owner (or licensee) of all documents, technical reports, letters, photos, boring logs, field data, field notes, laboratory test data, calculations, designs, plans, specifications, reports, or similar documents and estimates of any kind furnished by it [the "Documents of Service"] and shall retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including copyrights. CLIENT shall have a limited, non-exclusive license to use copies of the Documents of Service provided to it in connection with the Project for which the Documents of Service are provided until the completion of the Project.
- 11.2 ECS' Services are performed and Documents of Service are provided for the CLIENT'S sole use. CLIENT understands and agrees that any use of the Documents of Service by anyone other than the CLIENT, it's licensed consultants and its contractors is not permitted. CLIENT further agrees to indemnify and hold ECS harmless for any errors, omissions or damage resulting from its contractors' use of ECS' Documents of Service.
- 11.3 CLIENT agrees to not use ECS' Documents of Service for the Project if the Project is subsequently modified in scope, structure or purpose without ECS' prior written consent. Any reuse without ECS' written consent shall be at CLIENT'S sole risk and without liability to ECS or to ECS' subcontractor(s). CLIENT agrees to indemnify and hold ECS harmless for any errors, omissions or damage resulting from its use of ECS' Documents of Service after any modification in scope, structure or purpose.
- 11.4 CLIENT agrees to not make any modification to the Documents of Service without the prior written authorization of ECS. To the fullest extent permitted by law, CLIENT agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold ECS harmless from any damage, loss, claim, liability or cost (including reasonable attorneys' fees and defense costs) arising out of or in connection with any unauthorized modification of the Documents of Service by CLIENT or any person or entity that acquires or obtains the Documents of Service from or through CLIENT. CLIENT represents and warrants that the Documents of Service shall be used only as submitted by ECS.

12.0 SAFETY

- 12.1 Unless expressly agreed to in writing in its Proposal, CLIENT agrees that ECS shall have no responsibility whatsoever for any aspect of site safety other than for its own employees. Nothing herein shall be construed to relieve CLIENT and/or its contractors, consultants or other parties from their responsibility for site safety. CLIENT also represents and warrants that the General Contractor is solely responsible for Project site safety and that ECS personnel may rely on the safety measures provided by the General Contractor.
- 12.2 In the event ECS assumes in writing limited responsibility for specified safety issues, the acceptance of such responsibilities does not and shall not be deemed an acceptance of responsibility for any other non-specified safety issues, including, but not limited to those relating to excavating, trenching, shoring, drilling, backfilling, blasting, or other construction activities.

13.0 CONSTRUCTION TESTING AND REMEDIATION SERVICES

- 13.1 CLIENT understands that construction testing and observation services are provided in an effort to reduce, but cannot eliminate, the risk of problems arising during or after construction or remediation. CLIENT agrees that the provision of such Services does not create a warranty or guarantee of any type.
- 13.2 Monitoring and/or testing services provided by ECS shall not in any way relieve the CLIENT'S contractor(s) from their responsibilities and obligations for the quality or completeness of construction as well as their obligation to comply with applicable laws, codes, and regulations.
- 13.3 ECS has no responsibility whatsoever for the means, methods, techniques, sequencing or procedures of construction selected, for safety precautions and programs incidental to work or services provided by any contractor or other consultant. ECS does not and shall not have or accept authority to supervise, direct, control, or stop the work of any contractor or consultant or any of their subcontractors or subconsultants.
- 13.4 ECS strongly recommends that CLIENT retain ECS to provide construction monitoring and testing services on a full time basis to lower the risk of defective or incomplete Work being installed by CLIENT'S contractor(s). If CLIENT elects to retain ECS on a part time basis for any aspect of construction monitoring and/or testing, CLIENT accepts the risks that a lower level of construction quality may occur and that defective or incomplete work may result and not be detected by ECS' part time monitoring and testing. Unless the CLIENT can show that the error or omission is contained in ECS' reports, CLIENT waives, releases and discharges ECS from and against any other claims for errors, omissions, damages, injuries, or loss alleged to arise from defective or incomplete work that was monitored or tested by ECS on a part time basis. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, CLIENT agrees to indemnify and hold ECS harmless from all damages, costs, and attorneys' fees, for any claims alleging errors, omissions, damage, injury or loss allegedly resulting from Work that was monitored or tested by ECS on a part time basis.

- 14.0 **CERTIFICATIONS** - CLIENT may request, or governing jurisdictions may require, ECS to provide a "certification" regarding the Services provided by ECS. Any "certification" required of ECS by the CLIENT or jurisdiction(s) having authority over some or all aspects of the Project shall consist of ECS' inferences and professional opinions based on the limited sampling, observations, tests, and/or analyses performed by ECS at discrete locations and times. Such "certifications" shall constitute ECS' professional opinion of a condition's existence, but ECS does not guarantee that such condition exists, nor does it relieve other parties of the responsibilities or obligations such parties have with respect to the possible existence of such a condition. CLIENT agrees it cannot make the resolution of any dispute with ECS or payment of any amount due to ECS contingent upon ECS signing any such "certification."

15.0 BILLINGS AND PAYMENTS

- 15.1 Billings will be based on the unit rates, plus travel costs, and other reimbursable expenses as stated in the Professional Fees section of the Proposal. Any Estimate of Professional Fees stated in these Terms shall not be considered as a not-to-exceed or lump sum amount unless otherwise explicitly stated. CLIENT understands and agrees that even if ECS agrees

to a lump sum or not-to-exceed amount, that amount shall be limited to number of hours, visits, trips, tests, borings, or samples stated in the Proposal.

- 15.2 CLIENT agrees that all Professional Fees and other unit rates shall be adjusted annually to account for inflation based on the most recent 12-month average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for all items as established by www.bls.gov when the CPI-U exceeds an annual rate of 2.0%.
- 15.3 Should ECS identify a Changed Condition(s), ECS shall notify the CLIENT of the Changed Condition(s). ECS and CLIENT shall promptly and in good faith negotiate an amendment to the Scope of Services, Professional Fees, and time schedule.
- 15.4 CLIENT recognizes that time is of the essence with respect to payment of ECS' invoices, and that timely payment is a material consideration for this agreement. All payment shall be in U.S. funds drawn upon U.S. banks and in accordance with the rates and charges set forth in the Professional Fees. Invoices are due and payable upon receipt. thirty (30)
- 15.5 If CLIENT disputes all or part of an invoice, CLIENT shall provide ECS with written notice stating in detail the facts of the dispute within fifteen (15) calendar days of the invoice. CLIENT agrees to pay the undisputed amount of such invoice promptly.
- 15.6 ~~ECS reserves the right to charge CLIENT an additional charge of one and one-half (1.5) percent (or the maximum percentage allowed by Law, whichever is lower) of the invoiced amount per month for any payment received by ECS more than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the invoice, excepting any portion of the invoiced amount in dispute. All payments will be applied to accrued interest first and then to the unpaid principal amount. Payment of invoices shall not be subject to unilateral discounting or set-offs by CLIENT.~~
- 15.7 CLIENT agrees that its obligation to pay for the Services is not contingent upon CLIENT'S ability to obtain financing, zoning, approval of governmental or regulatory agencies, permits, final adjudication of a lawsuit, CLIENT'S successful completion of the Project, settlement of a real estate transaction, receipt of payment from CLIENT'S client, or any other event unrelated to ECS provision of Services. Retainage shall not be withheld from any payment, nor shall any deduction be made from any invoice on account of penalty, liquidated damages, or other sums incurred by CLIENT. It is agreed that all costs and legal fees including actual attorney's fees, and expenses incurred by ECS in obtaining payment under this Agreement, in perfecting or obtaining a lien, recovery under a bond, collecting any delinquent amounts due, or executing judgments, shall be reimbursed by CLIENT.
- 15.8 Unless CLIENT has provided notice to ECS in accordance with Section 16.0 of these Terms, payment of any invoice by the CLIENT shall mean that the CLIENT is satisfied with ECS' Services and is not aware of any defects in those Services.
- 16.0 **DEFECTS IN SERVICE**
- 16.1 CLIENT, its personnel, its consultants, and its contractors shall promptly inform ECS during active work on any project of any actual or suspected defects in the Services so to permit ECS to take such prompt, effective remedial measures that in ECS' opinion will reduce or eliminate the consequences of any such defective Services. The correction of defects attributable to ECS' failure to perform in accordance with the Standard of Care shall be provided at no cost to CLIENT. However, ECS shall not be responsible for the correction of any deficiency attributable to CLIENT-furnished information, the errors, omissions, defective materials, or improper installation of materials by CLIENT'S personnel, consultants or contractors, or work not observed by ECS. CLIENT shall compensate ECS for the costs of correcting such defects: attributable to CLIENT.
- 16.2 Modifications to reports, documents and plans required as a result of jurisdictional reviews or CLIENT requests shall not be considered to be defects. CLIENT shall compensate ECS for the provision of such Services.
- 17.0 **INSURANCE** - ECS represents that it and its subcontractors and subconsultants maintain Workers Compensation insurance, and that ECS is covered by general liability, automobile and professional liability insurance policies in coverage amounts it deems reasonable and adequate. ECS shall furnish certificates of insurance upon request. The CLIENT is responsible for requesting specific inclusions or limits of coverage that are not present in ECS insurance package. The cost of such inclusions or coverage increases, if available, will be at the expense of the CLIENT.
- 18.0 **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**
- 18.1 CLIENT AGREES TO ALLOCATE CERTAIN RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT BY LIMITING ECS' TOTAL LIABILITY TO CLIENT ARISING FROM ECS' PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, I.E. PROFESSIONAL ACTS, ERRORS, OR OMISSIONS AND FOR ANY AND ALL CAUSES INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF WARRANTY, INJURIES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, LOSSES, EXPENSES, OR CLAIM EXPENSES (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES) RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. THE ALLOCATION IS AS FOLLOWS.
- 18.1.1 If the proposed fees are \$10,000 or less, ECS' total aggregate liability to CLIENT shall not exceed \$20,000, or the total fee received for the services rendered, whichever is greater.
- 18.1.2 If the proposed fees are in excess of \$10,000, ECS' total aggregate liability to CLIENT shall not exceed \$50,000, or two (2) times the total fee for the services rendered, whichever is greater.
- 18.2 CLIENT agrees that ECS shall not be responsible for any injury, loss or damage of any nature, including bodily injury and property damage, arising directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from acts or omissions by the CLIENT, its employees, agents, staff, consultants, contractors, or subcontractors to the extent such injury, damage, or loss is caused by acts or omissions of CLIENT, its employees, agents, staff, consultants, contractors, subcontractors or person/entities for whom CLIENT is legally liable.
- 18.3 CLIENT agrees that ECS' liability for all non-professional liability arising out of this agreement or the services provided as a result of the Proposal be limited to \$500,000.
- 19.0 **INDEMNIFICATION**
- 19.1 Subject Section 18.0, ECS agrees to hold harmless and indemnify CLIENT from and against damages arising from ECS' negligent performance of its Services, but only to the extent that such damages are found to be caused by ECS' negligent acts, errors or omissions, (specifically excluding any damages caused by any third party or by the CLIENT.) ECS does

not waive any limitations it may have on its liability under the Illinois Workers Compensation Act, or any other statute.

19.2 ~~To the fullest extent permitted by Law, CLIENT agrees to indemnify, and hold ECS harmless from and against any and all liability, claims, damages, demands, fines, penalties, costs and expenditures (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of litigation defense and/or settlement) ["Damages"] caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts, errors, or omissions of the CLIENT or CLIENT'S employees, agents, staff, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and clients, provided such Damages are attributable to: (a) the bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease and/or death of any person; (b) the injury to or loss of value to tangible personal property; or (c) a breach of these Terms. The foregoing indemnification shall not apply to the extent such Damage is found to be caused by the sole negligence, errors, omissions or willful misconduct of ECS.~~

19.3 It is specifically understood and agreed that in no case shall ECS be required to pay an amount of Damages disproportional to ECS' culpability. ~~IF CLIENT IS A HOMEOWNER, HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, CONDOMINIUM OWNER, CONDOMINIUM OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, OR SIMILAR RESIDENTIAL OWNER, ECS RECOMMENDS THAT CLIENT RETAIN LEGAL COUNSEL BEFORE ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT TO EXPLAIN CLIENT'S RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER, AND THE LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THIS AGREEMENT. CLIENT AGREES THAT FAILURE OF CLIENT TO RETAIN SUCH COUNSEL SHALL BE A KNOWING WAIVER OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED ON GROUNDS OF AVOIDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT.~~

19.4 ~~IF CLIENT IS A RESIDENTIAL BUILDER OR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPER, CLIENT SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS ECS AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR DEMANDS DUE TO INJURY OR LOSS INITIATED BY ONE OR MORE HOMEOWNERS, UNIT OWNERS, OR THEIR HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, COOPERATIVE BOARD, OR SIMILAR GOVERNING ENTITY AGAINST CLIENT WHICH RESULTS IN ECS BEING BROUGHT INTO THE DISPUTE.~~

19.5 ~~IN NO EVENT SHALL THE DUTY TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD ANOTHER PARTY HARMLESS UNDER THIS SECTION 19.0 INCLUDE THE DUTY TO DEFEND.~~

20.0 CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES

20.1 CLIENT shall not be liable to ECS and ECS shall not be liable to CLIENT for any consequential damages incurred by either due to the fault of the other or their employees, consultants, agents, contractors or subcontractors, regardless of the nature of the fault or whether such liability arises in breach of contract or warranty, tort, statute, or any other cause of action. Consequential damages include, but are not limited to, loss of use and loss of profit.

20.2 ECS shall not be liable to CLIENT, or any entity engaged directly or indirectly by CLIENT, for any liquidated damages due to any fault, or failure to act, in part or in total by ECS, its employees, agents, or subcontractors.

21.0 SOURCES OF RECOVERY

21.1 All claims for damages related to the Services provided under this agreement shall be made against the ECS Entity contracting with the CLIENT for the Services, and no other person or entity. CLIENT agrees that it shall not name any affiliated entity including parent, peer, or subsidiary entity or any individual officer, director, or employee of ECS, specifically including its professional engineers and geologists.

21.2 In the event of any dispute or claim between CLIENT and ECS arising out of in connection with the Project and/or the Services, CLIENT and ECS agree that they will look solely to each other for the satisfaction of any such dispute or claim. Moreover, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other provision herein, CLIENT and ECS' agree that their respective shareholders, principals, partners, members, agents, directors, officers, employees, and/or owners shall have no liability whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the Project and/or Services provided hereunder. In the event CLIENT brings a claim against an affiliated entity, parent entity, subsidiary entity, or individual officer, director or employee in contravention of this Section 21, CLIENT agrees to hold ECS harmless from and against all damages, costs, awards, or fees (including attorneys' fees) attributable to such act.

22.0 THIRD PARTY CLAIMS EXCLUSION - CLIENT and ECS agree that the Services are performed solely for the benefit of the CLIENT and are not intended by either CLIENT or ECS to benefit any other person or entity. To the extent that any other person or entity is benefited by the Services, such benefit is purely incidental and such other person or entity shall not be deemed a third party beneficiary to the AGREEMENT. No third-party shall have the right to rely on ECS' opinions rendered in connection with ECS' Services without written consent from both CLIENT and ECS, which shall include, at a minimum, the third-party's agreement to be bound to the same Terms and Conditions contained herein and third-party's agreement that ECS' Scope of Services performed is adequate.

23.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

23.1 In the event any claims, disputes, and other matters in question arising out of or relating to these Terms or breach thereof (collectively referred to as "Disputes"), the parties shall promptly attempt to resolve all such Disputes through executive negotiation between senior representatives of both parties familiar with the Project. The parties shall arrange a mutually convenient time for the senior representative of each party to meet. Such meeting shall occur within fifteen (15) days of either party's written request for executive negotiation or as otherwise mutually agreed. Should this meeting fail to result in a mutually agreeable plan for resolution of the Dispute, CLIENT and ECS agree that either party may bring litigation. and ECS, respectively.

23.2 CLIENT shall make no claim (whether directly or in the form of a third-party claim) against ECS unless CLIENT shall have first provided ECS with a written certification executed by an independent engineer licensed in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located, reasonably specifying each and every act or omission which the certifier contends constitutes a violation of the Standard of Care. Such certificate shall be a precondition to the institution

each other unless the claimant first provides the respondent

of any judicial proceeding and shall be provided to ECS thirty (30) days prior to the institution of such judicial proceedings.

23.3 Litigation shall be instituted in a court of competent jurisdiction in the county or district in which ECS' office contracting with the CLIENT is located. The parties agree that the law applicable to these Terms and the Services provided pursuant to the Proposal shall be the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, but excluding its choice of law rules. Unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing by both parties, CLIENT waives the right to remove any litigation action to any other jurisdiction. Both parties agree to waive any demand for a trial by jury.

24.0 CURING A BREACH

24.1 A party that believes the other has materially breached these Terms shall issue a written cure notice identifying its alleged grounds for termination. Both parties shall promptly and in good faith attempt to identify a cure for the alleged breach or present facts showing the absence of such breach. If a cure can be agreed to or the matter otherwise resolved within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the termination notice, the parties shall commit their understandings to writing and termination shall not occur.

24.2 Either party may waive any right provided by these Terms in curing an actual or alleged breach; however, such waiver shall not affect future application of such provision or any other provision.

25.0 TERMINATION

25.1 CLIENT or ECS may terminate this agreement for breach or these terms, non-payment, or a failure to cooperate. In the event of termination, the effecting party shall so notify the other party in writing and termination shall become effective fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the termination notice.

25.2 Irrespective of which party shall effect termination, or the cause therefore, ECS shall promptly render to CLIENT a final invoice and CLIENT shall immediately compensate ECS for Services rendered and costs incurred including those Services associated with termination itself, including without limitation, demobilizing, modifying schedules, and reassigning personnel.

26.0 TIME BAR TO LEGAL ACTION - Unless prohibited by law, and notwithstanding any Statute that may provide additional protection, CLIENT and ECS agree that a lawsuit by either party alleging a breach of this agreement, violation of the Standard of Care, non-payment of invoices, or arising out of the Services provided hereunder, must be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction no more than two (2) years from the time the party knew, or should have known, of the facts and conditions giving rise to its claim, and shall under no circumstances shall such lawsuit be initiated more than three (3) years from the date of substantial completion of ECS' Services.

27.0 ASSIGNMENT - CLIENT and ECS respectively bind themselves, their successors, assigns, heirs, and legal representatives to the other party and the successors, assigns, heirs and legal representatives of such other party with respect to all covenants of these Terms. Neither CLIENT nor ECS shall assign these Terms, any rights thereunder, or any cause of action arising therefrom, in whole or in part, without the written consent of the other. Any purported assignment or transfer, except as permitted above, shall be deemed null, void and invalid, the purported assignee shall acquire no rights as a result of the purported assignment or transfer and the non-assigning party shall not recognize any such purported assignment or transfer.

28.0 SEVERABILITY - Any provision of these Terms later held to violate any law, statute, or regulation, shall be deemed void, and all remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect. CLIENT and ECS shall endeavor to quickly replace a voided provision with a valid substitute that expresses the intent of the issues covered by the original provision.

29.0 SURVIVAL - All obligations arising prior to the termination of the agreement represented by these Terms and all provisions allocating responsibility or liability between the CLIENT and ECS shall survive the substantial completion of Services and the termination of the agreement.

30.0 TITLES; ENTIRE AGREEMENT

30.1 The titles used herein are for general reference only and are not part of the Terms and Conditions.

30.2 These Terms and Conditions of Service together with the Proposal, including all exhibits, appendixes, and other documents appended to it, constitute the entire agreement between CLIENT and ECS. CLIENT acknowledges that all prior understandings and negotiations are superseded by this agreement.

30.3 CLIENT and ECS agree that subsequent modifications to the agreement represented by these shall not be binding unless made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

30.4 All preprinted terms and conditions on CLIENT'S purchase order, Work Authorization, or other service acknowledgement forms, are inapplicable and superseded by these Terms and Conditions of Service.

30.5 CLIENT'S execution of a Work Authorization, the submission of a start work authorization (oral or written) or issuance of a purchase order constitutes CLIENT'S acceptance of this Proposal and its agreement to be fully bound the foregoing Terms. If CLIENT fails to provide ECS with a signed copy of these Terms or the attached Work Authorization, CLIENT agrees that by authorizing and accepting the services of ECS, it will be fully bound by these Terms as if they had been signed by CLIENT.



Environmental Questionnaire for User

Completion required for conformance with ASTM E1527-21. Failure to provide this information may preclude CERCLA liability protections for the property purchaser. Please return answered form to ECS.

Site Name: _____

Name and Title of Person Completing Questionnaire (Please Print):

Signature of Person Completing Questionnaire:

Date: _____

Name of Your Company and Your Contact Number (Please Print):

ASTM E1527-21 indicates that, "Either the user shall make known to the environmental professional the reason why the user wants to have the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment performed or, if the user does not identify the purpose of the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, the environmental professional shall assume the purpose is to qualify for an LLP to CERCLA liability and state this in the report." As the user of this ESA, what is the reason for conducting the Phase I ESA? If this question is unanswered, ECS will assume that the user's reason for the ESA is to qualify for landowner liability protections to CERCLA liability.

Please state reason for having ESA performed: _____

Will you provide Property Title Records and a Legal Description to ECS?

Please select one: NO YES

Will you provide a 50-year chain of title abstract to ECS?

Please select one: NO YES

Please Send Information Promptly

(1.) Activity and land use limitations that are in place on the site or that have been filed or recorded in a registry (40 CFR 312.26). Are you aware of any activity use limitations (AULs), such as engineering controls, land use restrictions or institutional controls that are in place at the site and/or have been filed or recorded in a registry under federal, tribal, state or local law?

Please select one: **NO** **YES**

If yes, please explain: _____

(2.) Specialized knowledge - As the user of this ESA do you have any specialized knowledge or experience related to the property or nearby properties? For example, are you involved in the same line of business as the current or former occupants of the property or an adjoining property so that you would have specialized knowledge of the chemicals and processes used by this type of business?

Please select one: **NO** **YES**

If yes, please explain: _____

(3.) Commonly known or reasonably ascertainable information about the property (40 CFR 312.30). Are you aware of commonly known or reasonably ascertainable information about the property that would help the environmental professional to identify conditions indicative of releases or threatened releases? For example:

(a.) Do you know the past uses of the property?

Please select one: **NO** **YES**

If yes, please state uses: _____

(b.) Do you know of specific chemicals that are present or once were present at the property?

Please select one: **NO** **YES**

If yes, please explain: _____

(c.) Do you know of spills or other chemical releases that have taken place at the property?

Please select one: **NO** **YES**

If yes, please explain: _____

(d.) Do you know of any environmental cleanups that have taken place at the property?

Please select one: NO YES

If yes, please explain: _____

(4.) Relationship of the purchase price to the fair market value of the property if it were not contaminated (40 CFR 312.29). Does the purchase price being paid for this property reasonably reflect the fair market value of the property?

Please select one: NO YES NA (not a purchase)

If no, please explain: _____

If you are aware that there is a difference, is the lower purchase price because contamination is known or believed to be present at the property?

Please select one: NO YES

If yes, please explain: _____

(5.) Parcel Property Owner(s) & Contact Number(s):

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____

Property Manager and Occupant(s) & Contact Number(s)

Property Manager: _____

Occupant/Tenant: _____

Occupant/Tenant: _____

(6.) The degree of obviousness of the presence or likely presence of contamination at the property, and the ability to detect the contamination by appropriate investigation (40 CFR 312.31). As the user of this ESA, based on your knowledge and experience related to the property, are there any obvious indicators that point to the presence or likely presence of contamination at the property?

Please select one: NO YES

If yes, please explain: _____

ECS MIDWEST, LLC
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

The professional services (the "Services") to be provided by ECS MIDWEST, LLC ["ECS"] pursuant to the Proposal shall be provided in accordance with these Terms and Conditions of Service ("Terms"), including any addenda as may be incorporated or referenced in writing shall form the Agreement between ECS and Client.

1.0 INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT STATUS - ECS shall serve as an independent professional consultant to CLIENT for Service on the Project, identified above, and shall have control over, and responsibility for, the means and methods for providing the Services identified in the Proposal, including the retention of Subcontractors and Subconsultants

2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES - It is understood that the fees, reimbursable expenses and time schedule defined in the Proposal are based on information provided by CLIENT and/or CLIENT'S contractors and consultants. CLIENT acknowledges that if this information is not current, is incomplete or inaccurate, if conditions are discovered that could not be reasonably foreseen, or if CLIENT orders additional services, the scope of services will change, even while the Services are in progress.

3.0 STANDARD OF CARE

3.1 In fulfilling its obligations and responsibilities enumerated in the Proposal, ECS shall be expected to comply with and its performance evaluated in light of the standard of care expected of professionals in the industry performing similar services on projects of like size and complexity at that time in the region (the "Standard of Care"). Nothing contained in the Proposal, the agreed-upon scope of Services, these Terms and Conditions of Service or any ECS report, opinion, plan or other document prepared by ECS shall constitute a warranty or guaranty of any nature whatsoever.

3.2 CLIENT understands and agrees that ECS will rely on the facts learned from data gathered during performance of Services as well as those facts provided by the CLIENT. CLIENT acknowledges that such data collection is limited to specific areas that are sampled, bored, tested, observed and/or evaluated. Consequently, CLIENT waives any and all claims based upon erroneous facts provided by the CLIENT, facts subsequently learned or regarding conditions in areas not specifically sampled, bored, tested, observed or evaluated by ECS.

3.3 If a situation arises that causes ECS to believe compliance with CLIENT'S directives would be contrary to sound engineering practices, would violate applicable laws, regulations or codes, or will expose ECS to legal claims or charges, ECS shall so advise CLIENT. If ECS' professional judgment is rejected, ECS shall have the right to terminate its Services in accordance with the provisions of Section 25.0, below.

3.4 If CLIENT decides to disregard ECS' recommendations with respect to complying with applicable Laws or Regulations, ECS shall determine if applicable law requires ECS to notify the appropriate public officials. CLIENT agrees that such determinations are ECS' sole right to make.

4.0 CLIENT DISCLOSURES

4.1 Where the Scope of Services requires ECS to penetrate a Site surface, CLIENT shall furnish and/or shall direct CLIENT'S consultant(s) or agent(s) to furnish ECS information identifying the type and location of utility lines and other man-made objects known, suspected, or assumed to be located beneath or behind the Site's surface. ECS shall be entitled to rely on such information for completeness and accuracy without further investigation, analysis, or evaluation.

4.2 "Hazardous Materials" shall include but not be limited to any substance that poses or may pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment whether contained in a product, material, by-product, waste, or sample, and whether it exists in a solid, liquid, semi-solid or gaseous form. CLIENT shall notify ECS of any known, assumed, or suspected regulated, contaminated, or other similar Hazardous Materials that may exist at the Site prior to ECS mobilizing to the Site.

4.3 If any Hazardous Materials are discovered, or are reasonably suspected by ECS after its Services begin, ECS shall be entitled to amend the scope of Services and adjust its fees to reflect the additional work or personal protective equipment and/or safety precautions required by the existence of such Hazardous Materials.

5.0 INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OTHERS - CLIENT waives, releases and discharges ECS from and against any claim for damage, injury or loss allegedly arising out of or in connection with errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in documents and other information in any form provided to ECS by CLIENT or CLIENT'S agents, contractors, or consultants, including such information that becomes incorporated into ECS documents.

6.0 CONCEALED RISKS - CLIENT acknowledges that special risks are inherent in sampling, testing and/or evaluating concealed conditions that are hidden from view and/or neither readily apparent nor easily accessible, e.g., subsurface conditions, conditions behind a wall, beneath a floor, or above a ceiling. Such circumstances require that certain assumptions be made regarding existing conditions, which may not be verifiable without expending additional sums of money or destroying otherwise adequate or serviceable portions of a building or component thereof. Accordingly, ECS shall not be responsible for the verification of such conditions unless verification can be made by simple visual observation. Client agrees to bear any and all costs, losses, damages and expenses (including, but not limited to, the cost of ECS' Additional Services) in any way arising from or in connection with the existence or discovery of such concealed or unknown conditions.

7.0 RIGHT OF ENTRY/DAMAGE RESULTING FROM SERVICES

7.1 CLIENT warrants that it possesses the authority to grant ECS right of entry to the Site for the performance of Services. CLIENT hereby grants ECS and its subcontractors and/or agents, the right to enter from time to time onto the property in order for ECS to perform its Services. CLIENT agrees to indemnify and hold ECS harmless from any claims arising from allegations that ECS trespassed or lacked authority to access the Site.

7.2 CLIENT warrants that it possesses all necessary permits, licenses and/or utility clearances for the Services to be provided by ECS except where ECS' Proposal explicitly states that ECS will obtain such permits, licenses, and/or utility clearances.

7.3 ECS will take reasonable precautions to limit damage to the Site and its improvements during the performance of its Services. CLIENT understands that the use of exploration, boring, sampling, or testing equipment may cause minor, but common, damage to the Site. The correction and restoration of such common damage is CLIENT'S responsibility unless specifically included in ECS' Proposal.

7.4 ~~CLIENT agrees that it will not bring any claims for liability or for injury or loss against ECS arising from (i) procedures associated with the exploration, sampling or testing activities at the Site, (ii) discovery of Hazardous Materials or suspected Hazardous Materials, or (iii) ECS' findings, conclusions, opinions, recommendations, plans, and/or specifications related to discovery of contamination.~~

8.0 UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

8.1 ECS shall exercise the Standard of Care in evaluating client-furnished information as well as information readily and customarily available from public utility locating services (the "Underground Utility Information") in its effort to identify underground utilities. The extent of such evaluations shall be at ECS' sole discretion.

8.2 CLIENT recognizes that the Underground Utility Information provided to or obtained by ECS may contain errors or be incomplete. CLIENT understands that ECS may be unable to identify the locations of all subsurface utility lines and man-made features.

8.3 CLIENT waives, releases, and discharges ECS from and against any claim for damage, injury or loss allegedly arising from or related to subterranean structures (pipes, tanks, cables, or other utilities, etc.) which are not called to ECS' attention in writing by CLIENT, not correctly shown on the Underground Utility Information and/or not properly marked or located by the utility owners, governmental or quasi-governmental locators, or private utility locating services as a result of ECS' or ECS' subcontractor's request for utility marking services made in accordance with local industry standards.

9.0 SAMPLES

9.1 Soil, rock, water, building materials and/or other samples and sampling by-products obtained from the Site are and remain the property of CLIENT. Unless other arrangements are requested by CLIENT and mutually agreed upon by ECS in writing, ECS will retain samples not consumed in laboratory testing for up to sixty (60) calendar days after the issuance of any document containing data obtained from such samples. Samples consumed by laboratory testing procedures will not be stored.

9.2 Unless CLIENT directs otherwise, and excluding those issues covered in Section 10.0, CLIENT authorizes ECS to dispose of CLIENT'S non-hazardous samples and sampling or testing process by-products in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

10.0 ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

10.1 When Hazardous Materials are known, assumed, suspected to exist, or discovered at the Site, ECS will endeavor to protect its employees and address public health, safety, and environmental issues in accordance with the Standard of Care. CLIENT agrees to compensate ECS for such efforts.

10.2 When Hazardous Materials are known, assumed, or suspected to exist, or discovered at the Site, ECS and/or ECS' subcontractors will exercise the Standard of Care in containerizing and labeling such Hazardous Materials in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and will leave the containers on Site. CLIENT is responsible for the retrieval, removal, transport and disposal of such contaminated samples, and sampling process byproducts in accordance with applicable law and regulation. **ECS shall notify CLIENT of such containers.**

10.3 Unless explicitly stated in the Scope of Services, ECS will neither subcontract for nor arrange for the transport, disposal, or treatment of Hazardous Materials. At CLIENT'S written request, ECS may assist CLIENT in identifying appropriate alternatives for transport, off-site treatment, storage, or disposal of such substances, but CLIENT shall be solely responsible for the final selection of methods and firms to provide such services. CLIENT shall sign all manifests for the disposal of substances affected by contaminants and shall otherwise exercise prudence in arranging for lawful disposal.

10.4 In those instances where ECS is expressly retained by CLIENT to assist CLIENT in the disposal of Hazardous Materials, samples, or wastes as part of the Proposal, ECS shall do so only as CLIENT'S agent (notwithstanding any other provision of this AGREEMENT to the contrary). ECS will not assume the role of, nor be considered a generator, storer, transporter, or disposer of Hazardous Materials.

10.5 Subsurface sampling may result in unavoidable cross-contamination of certain subsurface areas, as when a probe or excavation/boring device moves through a contaminated zone and links it to an aquifer, underground stream, pervious soil stratum, or other hydrous body not previously contaminated, or connects an uncontaminated zone with a contaminated zone. Because sampling is an essential element of the Services indicated herein, CLIENT agrees this risk cannot be eliminated. Provided such services were performed in accordance with the Standard of Care, CLIENT waives, releases and discharges ECS from and against any claim for damage, injury, or loss allegedly arising from or related to such cross-contamination.

10.6 CLIENT understands that a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) is conducted solely to permit ECS to render a professional opinion about the likelihood of the site having a Recognized Environmental Condition on, in, beneath, or near the Site at the time the Services are conducted. No matter how thorough a Phase I ESA study may be, findings derived from its conduct are highly limited and ECS cannot know or state for an absolute fact that the Site is unaffected or adversely affected by one or more Recognized Environmental Conditions. CLIENT represents and warrants that it understands the limitations associated with Phase I ESAs.

Upon payment of ECS invoices, CLIENT

11.0 OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

11.1 ECS shall be deemed the author and owner (or licensee) of all documents, technical reports, letters, photos, boring logs, field data, field notes, laboratory test data, calculations, designs, plans, specifications, reports, or similar documents and estimates of any kind furnished by it [the "Documents of Service"] and shall retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including copyrights. CLIENT shall have a limited, non-exclusive license to use copies of the Documents of Service provided to it in connection with the Project for which the Documents of Service are provided until the completion of the Project.

11.2 ECS' Services are performed and Documents of Service are provided for the CLIENT'S sole use. CLIENT understands and agrees that any use of the Documents of Service by anyone other than the CLIENT, its licensed consultants and its contractors is not permitted. CLIENT further agrees to indemnify and hold ECS harmless for any errors, omissions or damage resulting from its contractors' use of ECS' Documents of Service.

11.3 CLIENT agrees to not use ECS' Documents of Service for the Project if the Project is subsequently modified in scope, structure or purpose without ECS' prior written consent. Any reuse without ECS' written consent shall be at CLIENT'S sole risk and without liability to ECS or to ECS' subcontractor(s). CLIENT agrees to indemnify and hold ECS harmless for any errors, omissions or damage resulting from its use of ECS' Documents of Service after any modification in scope, structure or purpose.

11.4 CLIENT agrees to not make any modification to the Documents of Service without the prior written authorization of ECS. To the fullest extent permitted by law, CLIENT agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold ECS harmless from any damage, loss, claim, liability or cost (including reasonable attorneys' fees and defense costs) arising out of or in connection with any unauthorized modification of the Documents of Service by CLIENT or any person or entity that acquires or obtains the Documents of Service from or through CLIENT. CLIENT represents and warrants that the Documents of Service shall be used only as submitted by ECS.

12.0 SAFETY

12.1 Unless expressly agreed to in writing in its Proposal, CLIENT agrees that ECS shall have no responsibility whatsoever for any aspect of site safety other than for its own employees. Nothing herein shall be construed to relieve CLIENT and/or its contractors, consultants or other parties from their responsibility for site safety. CLIENT also represents and warrants that the General Contractor is solely responsible for Project site safety and that ECS personnel may rely on the safety measures provided by the General Contractor.

12.2 In the event ECS assumes in writing limited responsibility for specified safety issues, the acceptance of such responsibilities does not and shall not be deemed an acceptance of responsibility for any other non-specified safety issues, including, but not limited to those relating to excavating, trenching, shoring, drilling, backfilling, blasting, or other construction activities.

13.0 CONSTRUCTION TESTING AND REMEDIATION SERVICES

13.1 CLIENT understands that construction testing and observation services are provided in an effort to reduce, but cannot eliminate, the risk of problems arising during or after construction or remediation. CLIENT agrees that the provision of such Services does not create a warranty or guarantee of any type.

13.2 Monitoring and/or testing services provided by ECS shall not in any way relieve the CLIENT'S contractor(s) from their responsibilities and obligations for the quality or completeness of construction as well as their obligation to comply with applicable laws, codes, and regulations.

13.3 ECS has no responsibility whatsoever for the means, methods, techniques, sequencing or procedures of construction selected, for safety precautions and programs incidental to work or services provided by any contractor or other consultant. ECS does not and shall not have or accept authority to supervise, direct, control, or stop the work of any contractor or consultant or any of their subcontractors or subconsultants.

13.4 ECS strongly recommends that CLIENT retain ECS to provide construction monitoring and testing services on a full time basis to lower the risk of defective or incomplete Work being installed by CLIENT'S contractor(s). If CLIENT elects to retain ECS on a part time basis for any aspect of construction monitoring and/or testing, CLIENT accepts the risks that a lower level of construction quality may occur and that defective or incomplete work may result and not be detected by ECS' part time monitoring and testing. Unless the CLIENT can show that the error or omission is contained in ECS' reports, CLIENT waives, releases and discharges ECS from and against any other claims for errors, omissions, damages, injuries, or loss alleged to arise from defective or incomplete work that was monitored or tested by ECS on a part time basis. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, CLIENT agrees to indemnify and hold ECS harmless from all damages, costs, and attorneys' fees, for any claims alleging errors, omissions, damage, injury or loss allegedly resulting from Work that was monitored or tested by ECS on a part time basis.

14.0 **CERTIFICATIONS** - CLIENT may request, or governing jurisdictions may require, ECS to provide a "certification" regarding the Services provided by ECS. Any "certification" required of ECS by the CLIENT or jurisdiction(s) having authority over some or all aspects of the Project shall consist of ECS' inferences and professional opinions based on the limited sampling, observations, tests, and/or analyses performed by ECS at discrete locations and times. Such "certifications" shall constitute ECS' professional opinion of a condition's existence, but ECS does not guarantee that such condition exists, nor does it relieve other parties of the responsibilities or obligations such parties have with respect to the possible existence of such a condition. CLIENT agrees it cannot make the resolution of any dispute with ECS or payment of any amount due to ECS contingent upon ECS signing any such "certification."

15.0 BILLINGS AND PAYMENTS

15.1 Billings will be based on the unit rates, plus travel costs, and other reimbursable expenses as stated in the Professional Fees section of the Proposal. Any Estimate of Professional Fees stated in these Terms shall not be considered as a not-to-exceed or lump sum amount unless otherwise explicitly stated. CLIENT understands and agrees that even if ECS agrees

to a lump sum or not-to-exceed amount, that amount shall be limited to number of hours, visits, trips, tests, borings, or samples stated in the Proposal.

15.2 CLIENT agrees that all Professional Fees and other unit rates shall be adjusted annually to account for inflation based on the most recent 12-month average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for all items as established by www.bls.gov when the CPI-U exceeds an annual rate of 2.0%.

15.3 Should ECS identify a Changed Condition(s), ECS shall notify the CLIENT of the Changed Condition(s). ECS and CLIENT shall promptly and in good faith negotiate an amendment to the Scope of Services, Professional Fees, and time schedule.

15.4 CLIENT recognizes that time is of the essence with respect to payment of ECS' invoices, and that timely payment is a material consideration for this agreement. All payment shall be in U.S. funds drawn upon U.S. banks and in accordance with the rates and charges set forth in the Professional Fees. Invoices are due and payable upon receipt. thirty (30)

15.5 If CLIENT disputes all or part of an invoice, CLIENT shall provide ECS with written notice stating in detail the facts of the dispute within fifteen (15) calendar days of the invoice. CLIENT agrees to pay the undisputed amount of such invoice promptly.

~~15.6 ECS reserves the right to charge CLIENT an additional charge of one and one half (1.5) percent (or the maximum percentage allowed by Law, whichever is lower) of the invoiced amount per month for any payment received by ECS more than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the invoice, excepting any portion of the invoiced amount in dispute. All payments will be applied to accrued interest first and then to the unpaid principal amount. Payment of invoices shall not be subject to unilateral discounting or set-offs by CLIENT.~~

15.7 CLIENT agrees that its obligation to pay for the Services is not contingent upon CLIENT'S ability to obtain financing, zoning, approval of governmental or regulatory agencies, permits, final adjudication of a lawsuit, CLIENT'S successful completion of the Project, settlement of a real estate transaction, receipt of payment from CLIENT'S client, or any other event unrelated to ECS provision of Services. Retainage shall not be withheld from any payment, nor shall any deduction be made from any invoice on account of penalty, liquidated damages, or other sums incurred by CLIENT. It is agreed that all costs and legal fees including actual attorney's fees, and expenses incurred by ECS in obtaining payment under this Agreement, in perfecting or obtaining a lien, recovery under a bond, collecting any delinquent amounts due, or executing judgments, shall be reimbursed by CLIENT.

15.8 Unless CLIENT has provided notice to ECS in accordance with Section 16.0 of these Terms, payment of any invoice by the CLIENT shall mean that the CLIENT is satisfied with ECS' Services and is not aware of any defects in those Services.

16.0 DEFECTS IN SERVICE

16.1 CLIENT, its personnel, its consultants, and its contractors shall promptly inform ECS during active work on any project of any actual or suspected defects in the Services so to permit ECS to take such prompt, effective remedial measures that in ECS' opinion will reduce or eliminate the consequences of any such defective Services. The correction of defects attributable to ECS' failure to perform in accordance with the Standard of Care shall be provided at no cost to CLIENT. However, ECS shall not be responsible for the correction of any deficiency attributable to CLIENT-furnished information, the errors, omissions, defective materials, or improper installation of materials by CLIENT'S personnel, consultants or contractors, or work not observed by ECS. CLIENT shall compensate ECS for the costs of correcting such defects: attributable to CLIENT.

16.2 Modifications to reports, documents and plans required as a result of jurisdictional reviews or CLIENT requests shall not be considered to be defects. CLIENT shall compensate ECS for the provision of such Services.

17.0 INSURANCE

-ECS represents that it and its subcontractors and subconsultants maintain Workers Compensation insurance, and that ECS is covered by general liability, automobile and professional liability insurance policies in coverage amounts it deems reasonable and adequate. ECS shall furnish certificates of insurance upon request. The CLIENT is responsible for requesting specific inclusions or limits of coverage that are not present in ECS insurance package. The cost of such inclusions or coverage increases, if available, will be at the expense of the CLIENT.

18.0 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

18.1 CLIENT AGREES TO ALLOCATE CERTAIN RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT BY LIMITING ECS' TOTAL LIABILITY TO CLIENT ARISING FROM ECS' PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, I.E. PROFESSIONAL ACTS, ERRORS, OR OMISSIONS AND FOR ANY AND ALL CAUSES INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF WARRANTY, INJURIES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, LOSSES, EXPENSES, OR CLAIM EXPENSES (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES) RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. THE ALLOCATION IS AS FOLLOWS.

18.1.1 If the proposed fees are \$10,000 or less, ECS' total aggregate liability to CLIENT shall not exceed \$20,000, or the total fee received for the services rendered, whichever is greater.

18.1.2 If the proposed fees are in excess of \$10,000, ECS' total aggregate liability to CLIENT shall not exceed \$50,000, or two (2) times the total fee for the services rendered, whichever is greater.

18.2 CLIENT agrees that ECS shall not be responsible for any injury, loss or damage of any nature, including bodily injury and property damage, arising directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from acts or omissions by the CLIENT, its employees, agents, staff, consultants, contractors, or subcontractors to the extent such injury, damage, or loss is caused by acts or omissions of CLIENT, its employees, agents, staff, consultants, contractors, subcontractors or person/entities for whom CLIENT is legally liable.

18.3 CLIENT agrees that ECS' liability for all non-professional liability arising out of this agreement or the services provided as a result of the Proposal be limited to \$500,000.

19.0 INDEMNIFICATION

19.1 Subject Section 18.0, ECS agrees to hold harmless and indemnify CLIENT from and against damages arising from ECS' negligent performance of its Services, but only to the extent that such damages are found to be caused by ECS' negligent acts, errors or omissions, (specifically excluding any damages caused by any third party or by the CLIENT.) ECS does

not waive any limitations it may have on its liability under the Illinois Workers Compensation Act, or any other statute.

19.2 ~~To the fullest extent permitted by Law, CLIENT agrees to indemnify, and hold ECS harmless from and against any and all liability, claims, damages, demands, fines, penalties, costs and expenditures (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of litigation defense and/or settlement) ("Damages") caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts, errors, or omissions of the CLIENT or CLIENT'S employees, agents, staff, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and clients, provided such Damages are attributable to: (a) the bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease and/or death of any person; (b) the injury to or loss of value to tangible personal property; or (c) a breach of these Terms. The foregoing indemnification shall not apply to the extent such Damage is found to be caused by the sole negligence, errors, omissions or willful misconduct of ECS.~~

19.3 It is specifically understood and agreed that in no case shall ECS be required to pay an amount of Damages disproportional to ECS' culpability. ~~If CLIENT IS A HOMEOWNER, HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, CONDOMINIUM OWNER, CONDOMINIUM OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, OR SIMILAR RESIDENTIAL OWNER, ECS RECOMMENDS THAT CLIENT RETAIN LEGAL COUNSEL BEFORE ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT TO EXPLAIN CLIENT'S RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER, AND THE LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THIS AGREEMENT. CLIENT AGREES THAT FAILURE OF CLIENT TO RETAIN SUCH COUNSEL SHALL BE A KNOWING WAIVER OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED ON GROUNDS OF AVOIDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT.~~

19.4 ~~If CLIENT IS A RESIDENTIAL BUILDER OR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPER, CLIENT SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS ECS AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR DEMANDS DUE TO INJURY OR LOSS INITIATED BY ONE OR MORE HOMEOWNERS, UNIT OWNERS, OR THEIR HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, COOPERATIVE BOARD, OR SIMILAR GOVERNING ENTITY AGAINST CLIENT WHICH RESULTS IN ECS BEING BROUGHT INTO THE DISPUTE.~~

19.5 IN NO EVENT SHALL THE DUTY TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD ANOTHER PARTY HARMLESS UNDER THIS SECTION 19.0 INCLUDE THE DUTY TO DEFEND.

20.0 CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES

20.1 CLIENT shall not be liable to ECS and ECS shall not be liable to CLIENT for any consequential damages incurred by either due to the fault of the other or their employees, consultants, agents, contractors or subcontractors, regardless of the nature of the fault or whether such liability arises in breach of contract or warranty, tort, statute, or any other cause of action. Consequential damages include, but are not limited to, loss of use and loss of profit.

20.2 ECS shall not be liable to CLIENT, or any entity engaged directly or indirectly by CLIENT, for any liquidated damages due to any fault, or failure to act, in part or in total by ECS, its employees, agents, or subcontractors.

21.0 SOURCES OF RECOVERY

21.1 All claims for damages related to the Services provided under this agreement shall be made against the ECS Entity contracting with the CLIENT for the Services, and no other person or entity. CLIENT agrees that it shall not name any affiliated entity including parent, peer, or subsidiary entity or any individual officer, director, or employee of ECS, specifically including its professional engineers and geologists.

21.2 In the event of any dispute or claim between CLIENT and ECS arising out of in connection with the Project and/or the Services, CLIENT and ECS agree that they will look solely to each other for the satisfaction of any such dispute or claim. Moreover, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other provision herein, CLIENT and ECS' agree that their respective shareholders, principals, partners, members, agents, directors, officers, employees, and/or owners shall have no liability whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the Project and/or Services provided hereunder. In the event CLIENT brings a claim against an affiliated entity, parent entity, subsidiary entity, or individual officer, director or employee in contravention of this Section 21, CLIENT agrees to hold ECS harmless from and against all damages, costs, awards, or fees (including attorneys' fees) attributable to such act.

22.0 **THIRD PARTY CLAIMS EXCLUSION** - CLIENT and ECS agree that the Services are performed solely for the benefit of the CLIENT and are not intended by either CLIENT or ECS to benefit any other person or entity. To the extent that any other person or entity is benefited by the Services, such benefit is purely incidental and such other person or entity shall not be deemed a third party beneficiary to the AGREEMENT. No third-party shall have the right to rely on ECS' opinions rendered in connection with ECS' Services without written consent from both CLIENT and ECS, which shall include, at a minimum, the third-party's agreement to be bound to the same Terms and Conditions contained herein and third-party's agreement that ECS' Scope of Services performed is adequate.

23.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

23.1 In the event any claims, disputes, and other matters in question arising out of or relating to these Terms or breach thereof (collectively referred to as "Disputes"), the parties shall promptly attempt to resolve all such Disputes through executive negotiation between senior representatives of both parties familiar with the Project. The parties shall arrange a mutually convenient time for the senior representative of each party to meet. Such meeting shall occur within fifteen (15) days of either party's written request for executive negotiation or as otherwise mutually agreed. Should this meeting fail to result in a mutually agreeable plan for resolution of the Dispute, CLIENT and ECS agree that either party may bring litigation. and ECS, respectively,

23.2 CLIENT shall make no claim (whether directly or in the form of a third-party claim) against ECS unless CLIENT shall have first provided ECS with a written certification executed by an independent engineer licensed in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located, reasonably specifying each and every act or omission which the certifier contends constitutes a violation of the Standard of Care. Such certificate shall be a precondition to the institution

each other unless the claimant first provides the respondent

of any judicial proceeding and shall be provided to ECS thirty (30) days prior to the institution of such judicial proceedings.

23.3 Litigation shall be instituted in a court of competent jurisdiction in the county or district in which ECS' office contracting with the CLIENT is located. The parties agree that the law applicable to these Terms and the Services provided pursuant to the Proposal shall be the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, but excluding its choice of law rules. Unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing by both parties, CLIENT waives the right to remove any litigation action to any other jurisdiction. Both parties agree to waive any demand for a trial by jury.

24.0 CURING A BREACH

24.1 A party that believes the other has materially breached these Terms shall issue a written cure notice identifying its alleged grounds for termination. Both parties shall promptly and in good faith attempt to identify a cure for the alleged breach or present facts showing the absence of such breach. If a cure can be agreed to or the matter otherwise resolved within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the termination notice, the parties shall commit their understandings to writing and termination shall not occur.

24.2 Either party may waive any right provided by these Terms in curing an actual or alleged breach; however, such waiver shall not affect future application of such provision or any other provision.

25.0 TERMINATION

25.1 CLIENT or ECS may terminate this agreement for breach or these terms, non-payment, or a failure to cooperate. In the event of termination, the effecting party shall so notify the other party in writing and termination shall become effective fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the termination notice.

25.2 Irrespective of which party shall effect termination, or the cause therefore, ECS shall promptly render to CLIENT a final invoice and CLIENT shall immediately compensate ECS for Services rendered and costs incurred including those Services associated with termination itself, including without limitation, demobilizing, modifying schedules, and reassigning personnel.

26.0 **TIME BAR TO LEGAL ACTION** - Unless prohibited by law, and notwithstanding any Statute that may provide additional protection, CLIENT and ECS agree that a lawsuit by either party alleging a breach of this agreement, violation of the Standard of Care, non-payment of invoices, or arising out of the Services provided hereunder, must be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction no more than ~~two (2) years from the time the party knew, or should have known, of the facts and conditions giving rise to its claim, and shall under no circumstances shall such lawsuit be initiated more than~~ three (3) years from the date of substantial completion of ECS' Services.

27.0 **ASSIGNMENT** - CLIENT and ECS respectively bind themselves, their successors, assigns, heirs, and legal representatives to the other party and the successors, assigns, heirs and legal representatives of such other party with respect to all covenants of these Terms. Neither CLIENT nor ECS shall assign these Terms, any rights thereunder, or any cause of action arising therefrom, in whole or in part, without the written consent of the other. Any purported assignment or transfer, except as permitted above, shall be deemed null, void and invalid, the purported assignee shall acquire no rights as a result of the purported assignment or transfer and the non-assigning party shall not recognize any such purported assignment or transfer.

28.0 **SEVERABILITY** - Any provision of these Terms later held to violate any law, statute, or regulation, shall be deemed void, and all remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect. CLIENT and ECS shall endeavor to quickly replace a voided provision with a valid substitute that expresses the intent of the issues covered by the original provision.

29.0 **SURVIVAL** - All obligations arising prior to the termination of the agreement represented by these Terms and all provisions allocating responsibility or liability between the CLIENT and ECS shall survive the substantial completion of Services and the termination of the agreement.

30.0 TITLES; ENTIRE AGREEMENT

30.1 The titles used herein are for general reference only and are not part of the Terms and Conditions.

30.2 These Terms and Conditions of Service together with the Proposal, including all exhibits, appendixes, and other documents appended to it, constitute the entire agreement between CLIENT and ECS. CLIENT acknowledges that all prior understandings and negotiations are superseded by this agreement.

30.3 CLIENT and ECS agree that subsequent modifications to the agreement represented by these shall not be binding unless made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

30.4 All preprinted terms and conditions on CLIENT'S purchase order, Work Authorization, or other service acknowledgement forms, are inapplicable and superseded by these Terms and Conditions of Service.

30.5 CLIENT'S execution of a Work Authorization, the submission of a start work authorization (oral or written) or issuance of a purchase order constitutes CLIENT'S acceptance of this Proposal and its agreement to be fully bound the foregoing Terms. If CLIENT fails to provide ECS with a signed copy of these Terms or the attached Work Authorization, CLIENT agrees that by authorizing and accepting the services of ECS, it will be fully bound by these Terms as if they had been signed by CLIENT.