

**CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
AND**

FOR _____

ARTICLE I INTRODUCTION

- A. This contract is between the following named CONSULTANT and the Solano Transportation Authority (STA).

The name of the "CONSULTANT" is as follows:

Incorporated in the State of NAME OF STATE

The Project Manager for the "CONSULTANT" will be NAME

- B. The work to be performed under this contract is described in Article II entitled Statement of Work and the approved CONSULTANT's Cost Proposal dated DATE. The approved CONSULTANT's Cost Proposal is attached as Attachment I and incorporated by reference. If there is any conflict between the approved Cost Proposal and this contract, this contract shall take precedence.
- C. CONSULTANT agrees to indemnify and hold harmless STA, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, costs, or liability arising from or connected with the services provided hereunder due to negligent acts, errors, or omissions of CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT will reimburse STA for any expenditure, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by STA in defending against claims ultimately determined to be due to negligent acts, errors, or omissions of CONSULTANT.
- D. CONSULTANT and the agents and employees of CONSULTANT, in the performance of this contract, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of STA.
- E. Without the prior written consent of STA, this contract is not assignable by CONSULTANT either in whole or in part.
- F. No alteration or variation of the terms of this contract shall be valid, unless made in writing and signed by the parties; and no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated in, shall be binding on any of the parties.
- G. The consideration to be paid to CONSULTANT under this contract shall be in compensation for all of CONSULTANT's expenses incurred in the performance of this contract, including travel and per diem, unless otherwise expressly so provided.

ARTICLE II STATEMENT OF WORK

- A. Contractor shall perform those services specified here. Contractor's services are described in various attachments and exhibits, each of which is incorporated into this Contract by this reference which define and describe the Project to be undertaken by Contractor. STA has materially relied upon the representations of Contractor as may have been made in STA's selection of Contractor for this Project. Contractor agrees to perform or secure the performance of all specified services in their entirety within the maximum payment specified. Said Scope of Services comprises, and includes, the following documents:

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- a. STA staff report to the STA Board dated [REDACTED] and approved by the STA Board on [REDACTED];
- b. STA'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL/QUALIFICATIONS (STA Project No. [REDACTED]);
- c. Contractor's written response to the Request for Proposal/Qualifications for the Project dated [REDACTED];
- d. Contractor's Cost Proposal; and, further all statements and representations of Contractor made during their presentation to STA's selection board and to the officers and employees of STA who have participated in the determination to contract with Contractor for this Project. Those documents, presentations and discussions are material representations upon which STA has relied in selecting and contracting with Contractor and shall be utilized in any matter in which interpretation of this Contract is required.

ARTICLE III CONSULTANT'S REPORTS OR MEETINGS

- A. CONSULTANT shall submit progress reports at least once a month. The report should be sufficiently detailed for the Contract Administrator to determine, if CONSULTANT is performing to expectations, or is on schedule; to provide communication of interim findings, and to sufficiently address any difficulties or special problems encountered, so remedies can be developed.
- B. CONSULTANT's Project Manager shall meet with STA's Contract Administrator, as needed, to discuss progress on the contract.

ARTICLE IV PERFORMANCE PERIOD

- A. This contract shall go into effect on (DATE), contingent upon approval by STA, and CONSULTANT shall commence work after notification to proceed by STA'S Contract Administrator. The contract shall end on (DATE), unless extended by contract amendment.
- B. CONSULTANT is advised that any recommendation for contract award is not binding on STA until the contract is fully executed and approved by STA.

ARTICLE V ALLOWABLE COSTS AND PAYMENTS (Verbatim)

- A. The method of payment for this contract will be based on actual cost plus a fixed fee. STA will reimburse CONSULTANT for actual costs (including labor costs, employee benefits, travel, equipment rental costs, overhead and other direct costs) incurred by CONSULTANT in performance of the work. CONSULTANT will not be reimbursed for actual costs that exceed the estimated wage rates, employee benefits, travel, equipment rental, overhead, and other estimated costs set forth in the approved CONSULTANT'S Cost Proposal, unless additional reimbursement is provided for by contract amendment. In no event, will CONSULTANT be reimbursed for overhead costs at a rate that exceeds STA's approved overhead rate set forth in the Cost Proposal. In the event, that STA determines that a change to the work from that specified in the Cost Proposal and contract is required, the contract time or actual costs reimbursable by STA shall be adjusted by contract amendment to accommodate the changed work. The maximum total cost as specified in Paragraph "H" shall not be exceeded, unless authorized by contract amendment.
- B. In addition to the allowable incurred costs, STA will pay CONSULTANT a fixed fee of \$(AMOUNT). The fixed fee is nonadjustable for the term of the contract, except in the event of a significant change in the scope of work and such adjustment is made by contract amendment.

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the overage shall be deducted from any sum due CONSULTANT under this contract and the balance, if any, shall be paid to CONSULTANT upon demand.

- C. The maximum amount for which the Government shall be liable if this contract is terminated is dollars.

ARTICLE VII COST PRINCIPLES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. CONSULTANT agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the cost allowability of individual items.
- B. CONSULTANT also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.
- C. Any costs for which payment has been made to CONSULTANT that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 49 CFR, Part 18 and 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by CONSULTANT to STA.
- D. All subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain the above provisions.

ARTICLE VIII RETENTION OF RECORDS/AUDIT

For the purpose of determining compliance with Public Contract Code section 10115, et seq. and Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 21, Section 2500 et seq., when applicable and other matters connected with the performance of the contract pursuant to Government Code section 8546.7; CONSULTANT, subconsultants, and STA shall maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of the contract, including but not limited to, the costs of administering the contract. All parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the contract period and for three years from the date of final payment under the contract. The state, State Auditor, STA, FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal Government shall have access to any books, records, and documents of CONSULTANT and its certified public accountants (CPA) work papers that are pertinent to the contract and indirect cost rates (ICR) for audit, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and copies shall be furnished if requested. Subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain this provision.

ARTICLE IX AUDIT REVIEW PROCEDURES

- A. Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under an interim or post audit of this contract that is not disposed of by agreement, shall be reviewed by STA'S Executive Director.
- B. Not later than 30 days after issuance of the final audit report, CONSULTANT may request a review by STA'S Executive Director of unresolved audit issues. The request for review will be submitted in writing.
- C. Neither the pendency of a dispute nor its consideration by STA will excuse CONSULTANT from full and timely performance, in accordance with the terms of this contract.
- D. CONSULTANT and subconsultant contracts, including cost proposals and ICR, are subject to audits or reviews such as, but not limited to, a contract audit, an incurred cost audit, an ICR Audit, or a CPA ICR audit work paper review. If selected for audit or review, the contract, cost proposal and ICR and related work papers, if applicable, will be reviewed to verify compliance with 48 CFR, Part 31 and other related laws and regulations. In the instances of a CPA ICR audit work paper review it is CONSULTANT'S responsibility to ensure federal, state, or local government officials are allowed full access to the CPA'S work papers including making copies as necessary. The contract, cost proposal, and ICR shall be adjusted by CONSULTANT and

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approved by STA contract manager to conform to the audit or review recommendations. CONSULTANT agrees that individual terms of costs identified in the audit report shall be incorporated into the contract by this reference if directed by STA at its sole discretion. Refusal by CONSULTANT to incorporate audit or review recommendations, or to ensure that the federal, state or local governments have access to CPA work papers, will be considered a breach of contract terms and cause for termination of the contract and disallowance of prior reimbursed costs.

- E. CONSULTANT Cost Proposal is subject to a CPA ICR Audit Work Paper Review by Caltrans' Audit and Investigation (Caltrans). Caltrans, at its sole discretion, may review and/or audit and approve the CPA ICR documentation. The Cost Proposal shall be adjusted by the CONSULTANT and approved by the STA Contract Administrator to conform to the Work Paper Review recommendations included in the management letter or audit recommendations included in the audit report. Refusal by the CONSULTANT to incorporate the Work Paper Review recommendations included in the management letter or audit recommendations included in the audit report will be considered a breach of the contract terms and cause for termination of the contract and disallowance of prior reimbursed costs.
1. During a Caltrans' review of the ICR audit work papers created by the CONSULTANT's independent CPA, Caltrans will work with the CPA and/or CONSULTANT toward a resolution of issues that arise during the review. Each party agrees to use its best efforts to resolve any audit disputes in a timely manner. If Caltrans identifies significant issues during the review and is unable to issue a cognizant approval letter, STA will reimburse the CONSULTANT at a provisional ICR until a FAR compliant ICR {e.g. 48 CFR, part 31; GAGAS (Generally Accepted Auditing Standards); CAS (Cost Accounting Standards), if applicable; in accordance with procedures and guidelines of the American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials Audit Guide; and other applicable procedures and guidelines} is received and approved by A&I. Provisional rates will be as follows:
 - a. If the proposed rate is less than 150% - the provisional rate reimbursed will be 90% of the proposed rate.
 - b. If the proposed rate is between 150% and 200% - the provisional rate will be 85% of the proposed rate.
 - c. If the proposed rate is greater than 200% - the provisional rate will be 75% of the proposed rate.
 2. If Caltrans is unable to issue a cognizant letter per paragraph E.1. above, Caltrans may require CONSULTANT to submit a revised independent CPA-audited ICR and audit report within three (3) months of the effective date of the management letter. Caltrans will then have up to six (60 months to review the CONSULTANT's and/or the independent CPA's revisions.
 3. If the CONSULTANT fails to comply with the provisions of this Section E, or if Caltrans is still unable to issue a cognizant approval letter after the revised independent CPA-audited ICR is submitted, overhead cost reimbursement will be limited to the provisional ICR that was established upon initial rejection of the ICR and set forth in paragraph E.1. above for all rendered services. In this event, this provisional ICR will become the actual and final ICR for reimbursement purposes under this contract.
 4. CONSULTANT may submit to STA final invoice only when all of the following items have occurred: (1) Caltrans approves or rejects the original or revised independent CPA-audited ICR; (2) all work under this contract has been completed to the satisfaction of LOCAL GAENCY; and, (3) Caltrans has issued its final ICR review letter. The CONSULTANT MUST SUBMIT ITS FINAL INVOICETO local agency no later than 60 days after occurrence of the last of these items.

The provisional ICR will apply to this contract and all other contracts executed between STA and the CONSULTANT, either as a prime or subconsultant, with the same fiscal period ICR.

ARTICLE X SUBCONTRACTING

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- A. Nothing contained in this contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between STA and any subconsultant(s), and no subcontract shall relieve CONSULTANT of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. CONSULTANT agrees to be as fully responsible to STA for the acts and omissions of its subconsultant(s) and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT's obligation to pay its subconsultant(s) is an independent obligation from STA'S obligation to make payments to the CONSULTANT.
- B. CONSULTANT shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work pertinent to this contract shall be subcontracted without written authorization by STA's Contract Administrator, except that, which is expressly identified in the approved Cost Proposal.
- C. CONSULTANT shall pay its subconsultants within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of each payment made to CONSULTANT by STA.
- D. Any subcontract in excess of \$25,000 entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all the provisions stipulated in this contract to be applicable to subconsultants.
- E. Any substitution of subconsultant(s) must be approved in writing by STA's Contract Administrator prior to the start of work by the subconsultant(s).

ARTICLE XI EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

- A. Prior authorization in writing, by STA's Contract Administrator shall be required before CONSULTANT enters into any unbudgeted purchase order, or subcontract exceeding \$5,000 for supplies, equipment, or CONSULTANT services. CONSULTANT shall provide an evaluation of the necessity or desirability of incurring such costs.
- B. For purchase of any item, service or consulting work not covered in CONSULTANT's Cost Proposal and exceeding \$5,000 prior authorization by STA's Contract Administrator; three competitive quotations must be submitted with the request, or the absence of bidding must be adequately justified.
- C. Any equipment purchased as a result of this contract is subject to the following: "CONSULTANT shall maintain an inventory of all nonexpendable property. Nonexpendable property is defined as having a useful life of at least two years and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more. If the purchased equipment needs replacement and is sold or traded in, STA shall receive a proper refund or credit at the conclusion of the contract, or if the contract is terminated, CONSULTANT may either keep the equipment and credit STA in an amount equal to its fair market value, or sell such equipment at the best price obtainable at a public or private sale, in accordance with established STA procedures; and credit STA in an amount equal to the sales price. If CONSULTANT elects to keep the equipment, fair market value shall be determined at CONSULTANT's expense, on the basis of a competent independent appraisal of such equipment. Appraisals shall be obtained from an appraiser mutually agreeable to by STA and CONSULTANT, if it is determined to sell the equipment, the terms and conditions of such sale must be approved in advance by STA." 49 CFR, Part 18 requires a credit to Federal funds when participating equipment with a fair market value greater than \$5,000 is credited to the project.
- D. All subcontracts in excess \$25,000 shall contain the above provisions.

ARTICLE XII STATE PREVAILING WAGE RATES

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- A. CONSULTANT shall comply with the State of California's General Prevailing Wage Rate requirements in accordance with California Labor Code, Section 1770, and all Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work.
- B. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract, if for more than \$25,000 for public works construction or more than \$15,000 for the alteration, demolition, repair, or maintenance of public works, shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.
- C. When prevailing wages apply to the services described in the scope of work, transportation and subsistence costs shall be reimbursed at the minimum rates set by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) as outlined in the applicable Prevailing Wage Determination. See <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

ARTICLE XIII CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A. CONSULTANT shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with STA that may have an impact upon the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing STA construction project. CONSULTANT shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing STA construction project, which will follow.
- B. CONSULTANT certifies that it does not now have, nor shall it acquire any financial or business interest that would conflict with the performance of services under this contract.
- C. Any subcontract in excess of \$25,000 entered into as a result of this contract, shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.

(Choose either Option 1 or Option 2 if appropriate)

(Option 1 - Use paragraphs D & E below with paragraphs A, B and C above for PS&E contracts only)

- D. CONSULTANT certifies that neither CONSULTANT, nor any firm affiliated with CONSULTANT will bid on any construction contract, or on any contract to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this contract. An affiliated firm is one, which is subject to the control of the same persons through joint-ownership, or otherwise.
- E. Except for subconsultants whose services are limited to providing surveying or materials testing information, no subconsultant who has provided design services in connection with this contract shall be eligible to bid on any construction contract, or on any contract to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this contract.

ARTICLE XIV REBATES, KICKBACKS OR OTHER UNLAWFUL CONSIDERATION

CONSULTANT warrants that this contract was not obtained or secured through rebates kickbacks or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any STA employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, STA shall have the right in its discretion; to terminate the contract without liability; to pay only for the value of the work actually performed; or to deduct from the contract price; or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback or other unlawful consideration.

ARTICLE XV PROHIBITION OF EXPENDING STA STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

- A. CONSULTANT certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:
 - 1. No state, federal or local agency appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid by-or-on behalf of CONSULTANT to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of

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any state or federal agency; a Member of the State Legislature or United States Congress; an officer or employee of the Legislature or Congress; or any employee of a Member of the Legislature or Congress, in connection with the awarding of any state or federal contract; the making of any state or federal grant; the making of any state or federal loan; the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any state or federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

2. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency; a Member of Congress; an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress; in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; CONSULTANT shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
- B. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
- C. CONSULTANT also agrees by signing this document that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower-tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

ARTICLE XVI STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- A. CONSULTANT's signature affixed below shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that CONSULTANT has, unless exempt, complied with, the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Administrative Code, Section 8103.
- B. During the performance of this Contract, Consultant and its subconsultants shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of family care leave. Consultant and subconsultants shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. Consultant and subconsultants shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Contract by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. Consultant and its subconsultants shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other Agreement.
- C. The Consultant shall comply with regulations relative to Title VI (nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation – Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21 - Effectuation of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act). Title VI provides that the recipients of federal assistance will implement and maintain a policy of nondiscrimination in which no person in the state of California shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of or subject to discrimination under any program or activity by the recipients of federal assistance or their assignees and successors in interest.

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- D. The Consultant, with regard to the work performed by it during the Agreement shall act in accordance with Title VI. Specifically, the Consultant shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability in the selection and retention of Subconsultants, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The Consultant shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the U.S. DOT's Regulations, including employment practices when the Agreement covers a program whose goal is employment.

ARTICLE XVII DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

- A. CONSULTANT's signature affixed below shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that CONSULTANT has complied with Title 2 CFR, Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (nonprocurement)", which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to STA.
- B. Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be considered in determining CONSULTANT responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to whom exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of action.
- C. Exceptions to the Federal Government Excluded Parties List System maintained by the General Services Administration are to be determined by the Federal Highway Administration.

ARTICLE XVIII FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

- A. It is mutually understood between the parties that this contract may have been written before ascertaining the availability of funds or appropriation of funds, for the mutual benefit of both parties, in order to avoid program and fiscal delays that would occur if the contract were executed after that determination was made.
- B. This contract is valid and enforceable only, if sufficient funds are made available to STA for the purpose of this contract. In addition, this contract is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, conditions, or any statute enacted by the Congress, State Legislature, or STA governing board that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this contract in any manner.
- C. It is mutually agreed that if sufficient funds are not appropriated, this contract may be amended to reflect any reduction in funds.
- D. STA has the option to void the contract under the 30-day termination clause pursuant to Article VI, or by mutual agreement to amend the contract to reflect any reduction of funds.

ARTICLE XIX CHANGE IN TERMS

- A. This contract may be amended or modified only by mutual written agreement of the parties.
- B. CONSULTANT shall only commence work covered by an amendment after the amendment is executed and notification to proceed has been provided by STA's Contract Administrator.

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- C. There shall be no change in CONSULTANT's Project Manager or members of the project team, as listed in the approved Cost Proposal, which is a part of this contract without prior written approval by STA's Contract Administrator.

ARTICLE XX DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE) PARTICIPATION

- A. This contract is subject to 49 CFR, Part 26 entitled "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs". Consultants who obtain DBE participation on this contract will assist Caltrans in meeting its federally mandated statewide overall DBE goal.
- B. The goal for DBE participation for this contract is 2%. Participation by DBE consultant or subconsultants shall be in accordance with information contained in the Consultant Proposal DBE Commitment (Exhibit 10-O1), or in the Consultant Contract DBE Information (Exhibit 10-O2) attached to and incorporated as part of this contract. If a DBE subconsultant is unable to perform, CONSULTANT must make a good faith effort to replace him/her with another DBE subconsultant, if the goal is not otherwise met.
- C. DBEs and other small businesses, as defined in 49 CFR, Part 26 are encouraged to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with federal funds. CONSULTANT or subconsultant shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. CONSULTANT shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR, Part 26 in the award and administration of US DOT-assisted agreements. Failure by CONSULTANT to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as STA deems appropriate.
- D. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all of the provisions of this section.
- E. A DBE firm may be terminated only with prior written approval from STA and only for the reasons specified in 49 CFR 26.53(f). Prior to requesting STA consent for the termination, CONSULTANT must meet the procedural requirements specified in 49 CFR 26.53(f).
- F. A DBE performs a Commercially Useful Function (CUF) when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a CUF, the DBE must also be responsible with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether a DBE is performing a CUF, evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices, whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing, and other relevant factors.
- G. A DBE does not perform a CUF if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of DBE participation. In determining whether a DBE is such an extra participant, examine similar transactions, particularly those in which DBEs do not participate.
- H. If a DBE does not perform or exercise responsibility for at least thirty percent (30%) of the total cost of its contract with its own work force, or the DBE subcontracts a greater portion of the work of the contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practice for the type of work involved, it will be presumed that it is not performing a CUF.
- I. CONSULTANT shall maintain records of materials purchased or supplied from all subcontracts entered into with certified DBEs. The records shall show the name and business address of each DBE or vendor and the total dollar amount actually paid each DBE or vendor, regardless of tier. The records shall show the date of payment and the total dollar figure paid to all firms. DBE prime consultants shall also show the date of work performed by their own forces along with the corresponding dollar value of the work.

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- J. Upon completion of the contract, a summary of these records shall be prepared and submitted on the form entitled, "Final Report-Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), First-Tier Subconsultants" CEM-2402F [Exhibit 17-F, of the LAPM], certified correct by CONSULTANT or CONSULTANT's authorized representative and shall be furnished to the Contract Administrator with the final invoice. Failure to provide the summary of DBE payments with the final invoice will result in twenty-five percent (25%) of the dollar value of the invoice being withheld from payment until the form is submitted. The amount will be returned to CONSULTANT when a satisfactory "Final Report-Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), First-Tier Subconsultants" is submitted to the Contract Administrator.
- K. If a DBE subconsultant is decertified during the life of the contract, the decertified subconsultant shall notify CONSULTANT in writing with the date of decertification. If a subconsultant becomes a certified DBE during the life of the Contract, the subconsultant shall notify CONSULTANT in writing with the date of certification. Any changes should be reported to STA's Contract Administrator within 30 days.

ARTICLE XXI CONTINGENT FEE

CONSULTANT warrants, by execution of this contract that no person or selling agency has been employed, or retained, to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding, for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees, or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by CONSULTANT for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, STA has the right to annul this contract without liability; pay only for the value of the work actually performed, or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

ARTICLE XXII DISPUTES

- A. Any dispute, other than audit, concerning a question of fact arising under this contract that is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by a committee consisting of STA's Contract Administrator and (Janet Adams), who may consider written or verbal information submitted by CONSULTANT.
- B. Not later than 30 days after completion of all deliverables necessary to complete the plans, specifications and estimate, CONSULTANT may request review by STA Executive Director of unresolved claims or disputes, other than audit. The request for review will be submitted in writing.
- C. Neither the pendency of a dispute, nor its consideration by the committee will excuse CONSULTANT from full and timely performance in accordance with the terms of this contract.

ARTICLE XXIII INSPECTION OF WORK

CONSULTANT and any subconsultant shall permit STA, the state, and the FHWA if federal participating funds are used in this contract; to review and inspect the project activities and files at all reasonable times during the performance period of this contract including review and inspection on a daily basis.

ARTICLE XXIV SAFETY

- A. CONSULTANT shall comply with OSHA regulations applicable to CONSULTANT regarding necessary safety equipment or procedures. CONSULTANT shall comply with safety instructions issued by STA Safety Officer and other STA representatives. CONSULTANT personnel shall wear hard hats and safety vests at all times while working on the construction project site.

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- B. Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 591 of the Vehicle Code, STA has determined that such areas are within the limits of the project and are open to public traffic. CONSULTANT shall comply with all of the requirements set forth in Divisions 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the Vehicle Code. CONSULTANT shall take all reasonably necessary precautions for safe operation of its vehicles and the protection of the traveling public from injury and damage from such vehicles.
- C. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract, shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.
- D. CONSULTANT must have a Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CAL-OSHA) permit(s), as outlined in California Labor Code Sections 6500 and 6705, prior to the initiation of any practices, work, method, operation, or process related to the construction or excavation of trenches which are five feet or deeper.

ARTICLE XXV INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

- A. CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Contract the following insurance:

Minimum Scope of Insurance:

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage ("occurrence" form CG 0001).
2. Insurance Services Office form number CA 0001 (Ed. 1/87) covering Automobile Liability, code 1 (any auto). If CONSULTANT owns no vehicles, this requirement may be satisfied by a non-owned auto endorsement to the general liability policy described above. If CONSULTANT or CONSULTANT's employees will use personal autos on this project, CONSULTANT shall obtain evidence of personal auto liability coverage for each person.
3. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability insurance.
4. Errors and Omissions liability insurance appropriate to the CONSULTANT's profession. Architect's and engineers' coverage is endorsed to include contractual liability.

Minimum Limits of Insurance:

CONTRACTOR shall maintain limits no less than:

1. General Liability: \$2,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. Automobile Liability: \$2,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage, combined single limit.
3. Employer's Liability: \$2,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease, and in the aggregate.
4. Errors and Omissions Liability: \$1,000,000 on a claims made basis.

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Deductibles and Self-Insurance Retentions:

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding \$50,000 must be declared to and approved by the STA. At the option of STA, either: the CONSULTANT shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions regarding the STA, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers; or CONSULTANT shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to the STA guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

Other Insurance Provisions:

The general liability and automobile liability policies must contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. The STA, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers be covered as insureds regarding the liability arising out of automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by or for the CONSULTANT, and regarding liability arising out of work or operations by or for the CONSULTANT including materials, parts or equipment furnished with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be in an endorsement to the CONSULTANT's insurance or as a separate owner's policy.
2. For any claims related to this project, the CONSULTANT's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the STA, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the STA, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers shall be excess of the CONSULTANT's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. Should the above described policies be cancelled prior to the policies' expiration date, CONSULTANT agrees that notice of cancellation will be delivered under the policy provisions.

Acceptability of Insurers:

Insurance is placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to STA.

Verification of Coverage:

CONSULTANT shall furnish STA with original certificate and amendatory endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements must be received and approved by the STA before work commences. STA reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements effecting coverage required by these specifications.

All insurance documents are to be sent to:

Solano Transportation Authority
Attn: STA Legal Counsel
One Harbor Center, Suite 130
Suisun City, CA 94585

Sub-Contractors:

CONSULTANT shall include all sub-contractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each sub-contractor. All coverages for sub-contractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated above unless specifically waived by STA in writing.

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B. CONSULTANT shall indemnify and hold harmless the STA, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers against all actions, causes of actions, damages, costs, liabilities, claims, losses, judgments, penalties and expenses of every type and description, including without limitation any fees and/or costs reasonably incurred by STA's staff attorneys or contract attorneys and any and all costs, fees and expenses incurred in enforcing this provision (collectively referred to as "liabilities"), arising out of or for any negligent act or omission, misconduct or other legal fault of CONSULTANT, its officers, employees, sub-contractors, subcontractors or agents in connection with the performance or nonperformance of this Contract, whether or not STA accepted or approved any service or work product performed or provided by CONSULTANT, and whether or not such liabilities are litigated, settled or reduced to judgment. If a final decision or judgment allocates liability by determining any portion of damages awarded is attributable to STA's negligence or willful misconduct, STA shall pay the portion of damages allocated to STA's negligence or willful misconduct, provided that STA shall not be liable for any passive negligence of STA, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers in reviewing, accepting or approving any service or work product performed or provided by CONSULTANT.

CONSULTANT shall, upon STA's request, defend with counsel approved by STA (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld), at CONSULTANT's sole cost and expense, any action, claim, suit, cause of action or portion which asserts or alleges liabilities resulting from any allegedly negligent act, omission, misconduct or other legal fault of CONSULTANT, its officers, employees, sub-contractors, subcontractors or agents in connection with the performance or nonperformance of this Contract, whether or not such action, claim, suit, cause of action or portion is well founded or lacking in merit.

Acceptance of required insurance certificates or endorsements does not relieve CONSULTANT from liability under this contract and shall apply to all damages and claims of every kind suffered, or alleged to have been suffered, by CONSULTANT's negligence, misconduct, or other legal fault whether such insurance policies shall have been determined to apply to such damages or claims for damages. This Article shall survive any termination of this contract.

ARTICLE XXVI OWNERSHIP OF DATA

- A. Upon completion of all work under this contract, ownership and title to all reports, documents, plans, specifications, and estimates produce as part of this contract will automatically be vested in STA; and no further agreement will be necessary to transfer ownership to STA. CONSULTANT shall furnish STA all necessary copies of data needed to complete the review and approval process.
- B. It is understood and agreed that all calculations, drawings and specifications, whether in hard copy or machine-readable form, are intended for one-time use in the construction of the project for which this contract has been entered into.
- C. CONSULTANT is not liable for claims, liabilities, or losses arising out of, or connected with the modification, or misuse by STA of the machine-readable information and data provided by CONSULTANT under this contract; further, CONSULTANT is not liable for claims, liabilities, or losses arising out of, or connected with any use by STA of the project documentation on other projects for additions to this project, or for the completion of this project by others, except only such use as many be authorized in writing by CONSULTANT.
- D. Applicable patent rights provisions regarding rights to inventions shall be included in the contracts as appropriate (48 CFR 27, Subpart 27.3 - Patent Rights under Government Contracts for federal-aid contracts).
- E. STA may permit copyrighting reports or other agreement products. If copyrights are permitted; the agreement shall provide that the FHWA shall have the royalty-free nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use; and to authorize others to use, the work for government purposes.

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- F. Any subcontract in excess of \$25,000 entered into as a result of this contract, shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE XXVII CLAIMS FILED BY STA'S CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR

- A. If claims are filed by STA's construction contractor relating to work performed by CONSULTANT's personnel, and additional information or assistance from CONSULTANT's personnel is required in order to evaluate or defend against such claims; CONSULTANT agrees to make its personnel available for consultation with STA'S construction contract administration and legal staff and for testimony, if necessary, at depositions and at trial or arbitration proceedings.
- B. CONSULTANT's personnel that STA considers essential to assist in defending against construction contractor claims will be made available on reasonable notice from STA. Consultation or testimony will be reimbursed at the same rates, including travel costs that are being paid for CONSULTANT's personnel services under this contract.
- C. Services of CONSULTANT's personnel in connection with STA's construction contractor claims will be performed pursuant to a written contract amendment, if necessary, extending the termination date of this contract in order to resolve the construction claims.
- D. Any subcontract in excess of \$25,000 entered into as a result of this contract, shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE XXVIII CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA

- A. All financial, statistical, personal, technical, or other data and information relative to STA's operations, which are designated confidential by STA and made available to CONSULTANT in order to carry out this contract, shall be protected by CONSULTANT from unauthorized use and disclosure.
- B. Permission to disclose information on one occasion, or public hearing held by STA relating to the contract, shall not authorize CONSULTANT to further disclose such information, or disseminate the same on any other occasion.
- C. CONSULTANT shall not comment publicly to the press or any other media regarding the contract or STA's actions on the same, except to STA's staff, CONSULTANT's own personnel involved in the performance of this contract, at public hearings or as required by law.
- D. CONSULTANT shall not issue any news release or public relations item of any nature, whatsoever, regarding work performed or to be performed under this contract without prior review of the contents of it by STA, and receipt of STA'S written permission.
- E. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.
- F. All information related to the construction estimate is confidential, and shall not be disclosed by CONSULTANT to any entity other than STA.

ARTICLE XXIX NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD CERTIFICATION

In accordance with Public Contract Code section 10296, CONSULTANT states under penalty of perjury that no more than one final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against CONSULTANT within the immediately preceding two-year period, because of CONSULTANT's failure to comply with an order of a federal court that orders CONSULTANT to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

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ARTICLE XXX EVALUATION OF CONSULTANT

CONSULTANT's performance will be evaluated by STA. A copy of the evaluation will be sent to CONSULTANT for comments. The evaluation together with the comments shall be retained as part of the contract record.

ARTICLE XXXI RETENTION OF FUNDS

- A. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this Contract shall contain all of the provisions of this section.
- B. No retainage will be held by the STA from progress payments due the prime consultant. Any retainage held by the prime consultant or subconsultants from progress payments due subconsultants shall be promptly paid in full to subconsultants within 30 days after the subconsultant's work is satisfactorily completed. Federal law (49 CFR 26.29) requires that any delay or postponement of payment over the 30 days may take place only for good cause and with the STA's prior written approval. Any violation of this provision shall subject the violating prime consultant or subconsultant to the penalties, sanctions and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the Business and Professions Code. These requirements shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the prime consultant or subconsultant in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the prime consultant, deficient subconsultant performance, or noncompliance by a subconsultant. This provision applies to both DBE and non-DBE prime consultant and subconsultants.

ARTICLE XXXII NOTIFICATION

All notices and communications regarding interpretation of the terms of this contract and changes to it, shall be effected by the mailing of a notice by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

CONSULTANT:

(CONSULTANT)
(NAME), Project Manager
(ADDRESS)

STA:

Daryl K. Halls, Executive Director
Solano Transportation Authority
One Harbor Center, Suite 130
Suisun City, CA 94585
Attn:
Telephone: (707) 424-6075
Fax: (707) 424-6074

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ARTICLE XXXIII CONTRACT

The two parties to this contract agree that this contract constitutes the entire agreement between them. This contract may be executed in duplicate originals, each of which is deemed an original, but when taken together shall constitute one instrument. Facsimile copies or copies delivered via e-mail as a portable document format (pdf) file shall be deemed original copies. Both of these parties, for and in consideration of the payments to be made, conditions mentioned, and work to be performed; each agree to diligently perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract as evidenced by the signatures and effective date below.

ARTICLE XXXIV SIGNATURES

(Name of CONSULTANT)

(Name of STA)

(Signature)
(Name of Signer)

(Signature)
(Name of Signer)

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

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