



July 18, 2023

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street  
Oakland, CA 94612

**SUBJECT:** APPROVE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH GROUND ZONE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC AND ALACO ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE DRILLING AND WELL INSPECTION SERVICES TO THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA.

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Approve and execute Contract No. 25882 between the County of Alameda (“County”) and Ground Zone Environmental Services, LLC, (Manager: Sam Brathwaite; Location: Hayward) to provide drilling and well inspection services to the County of Alameda, for the term 8/1/2023 through 7/31/2028, in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; and
- B. Approve and execute Contract No. 25884 between the County of Alameda (“County”) and Alaco Engineering, (Principal: Larry Johmann; Location: Hayward) to provide drilling and well inspection services to the County of Alameda, for the term 8/1/2023 through 7/31/2028, in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

**SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

The Alameda County Public Works Agency’s (ACPWA) drilling and well inspection jurisdiction covers the Cities of Hayward, San Leandro, Emeryville, Oakland, Alameda, Piedmont and Albany, and unincorporated areas of Alameda County (County). The purpose of the drilling and well inspections is to verify compliance with permit conditions. ACPWA enforces the County Well Ordinance No. O-2015-20, which is Chapter 6.88 of the Alameda County General Ordinance Code.

These as-needed contracts will be utilized when the County has high demand for drilling and well inspection services where our staff does not have capacity to meet required response timelines.

**SELECTION AND CRITERIA:**

*A qualifications-based selection method was followed in accordance with Government Code Sections 4525-4529.5 for selecting professional consulting firms. In addition, firms were also required to either*

*meet the definition of a small, local, or emerging business (SLEB) or subcontract a minimum 20 percent of the estimated contract amount with a SLEB or SLEBs.*

*A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued on 3/24/2023, and notices were emailed to consultants providing drilling and well Inspection services identified in the County SLEB and the Public Works Agency databases. The RFQ was also posted on the ACPWA's website for 30 days. A Pre-Submittal Conference was held on 4/6/2023. Two (2) certified SLEB consulting firms attended. Both consulting firms submitted Statements of Qualifications (SOQs). Evaluation criteria included relevant experience, qualifications, written proposal, level of SLEB participation, and overall approach to services delivery. Upon evaluation of the submittals, both firms met and/or exceeds the minimum requirements and were selected to enter into a contract with the County:*

- *Ground Zone Environmental Services, LLC (Certification No. 10-00177, expiration date 5/31/24).*
- *Alaco Engineering (Certification No. 09-00099, expiration date 5/31/24)*

#### **FINANCING:**

First year funding for these two contracts are included in the Alameda County Public Works Agency Funds Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Approved Budget, with future years funding included in the District's annual budget requests. There will be no impact to the General Fund, and no increase in net County cost as a result of this action.

#### **VISION 2026 GOAL:**

These contracts to provide drilling and well inspection services advance the 10x goals of **Accessible Infrastructure** by ensuring safe and effective environmental protections which will ultimately help us achieve our shared visions of a **Healthy Environment** and **Safe and Livable Communities**.

Yours truly,



Daniel Woldesenbet, Ph.D., P.E.  
Director of Public Works

#### Attachment

c: Susan Muranishi, County Administrator  
Clerk of the Board  
Auditor - Controller  
Kathy Lee, Deputy County Counsel  
Isaac Hao Li, County Administrator's Office

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### QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DETERMINING THE WITHHOLDING STATUS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This questionnaire is to be completed by the County department for services contracts and must be included as part of the contract package. Be sure to answer all of the questions in Sections I and II and to complete the certifications on page 2. Sections III and IV contain supplemental questions to be answered for contractors in certain service categories.

CONTRACTOR NAME: Ground Zone Environmental Services, LLC. DEPT #: 270301

TITLE/SERVICE: On-call Drilling and Well Inspection Services

DEPT. CONTACT: Eneyew Amberber PHONE: 510-670-5759

**I. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTRACTOR** YES      NO

1. Is the contractor a corporation or partnership?
2. Does the contractor have the right per the contract to hire others to do the work agreed to in the contract?
3. If the answer to BOTH questions is YES, provide the employer ID number here: 26-3077634  
No other questions need to be answered. Withholding is not required.
4. If the answer to question 1 is NO and 2 is YES, provide the individual social security number here: \_\_\_\_\_  
No other questions need to be answered. Withholding is not required.
5. If the answer to question 2 is NO, continue to Section II.

**II. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES** YES      NO

1. Does the County have the right to control the way in which the work will be done, i.e., will the County be able to specify the sequence of steps or the processes to be followed if it chooses to do so?
2. Is the contractor restricted from performing similar services for other businesses while he is working for the County?
3. Will the contractor be working for more than 50% of the time for the County (50% = 20 hrs/wk; 80 hrs/mo)?
4. Is the relationship between the County and the contractor intended to be ongoing?

<b>III. FOR CONSULTANTS, PROJECT MANAGERS, PROJECT COORDINATORS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
1. Is the contractor being hired for a period of time rather than for a specific project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will payment be based on a wage or salary (as opposed to a commission or lump sum)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

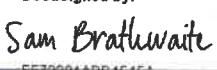
  

<b>IV. FOR PHYSICIANS, PSYCHIATRISTS, DENTISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
1. Will the agreement be with an individual who does not have an outside practice?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the contractor work more than an average of ten hours per week? IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 2 IS YES, ANSWER QUESTION 3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the County provide more than 20% of the contractor's income?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. If the answer to either question 2, or if required, question 3 is NO, the entire answer is NO.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A "YES" answer to any of the questions in Section II, or, if applicable, Sections III or IV constitutes justification for paying the contractor through the payroll system as an "employee for withholding purposes." All contracts that require withholding must be emailed to the Auditor-Controller Board Approved Contracts Unit ([rachelle.webber@acgov.org](mailto:rachelle.webber@acgov.org)), for processing and payment through the payroll System

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

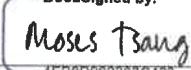
I hereby certify that the answers to the above questions accurately reflect the anticipated working relationship for this contract.

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 Contractor Signature

Sam Brathwaite  
 Printed Name

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Date

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 Agency/Department Head/Designee Signature

Moses Tsang  
 Printed Name

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Date

## STANDARD SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2023, is by and between the County of Alameda, hereinafter referred to as the "County," and Ground Zone Environmental Services, LLC, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor."

### WITNESSETH

Whereas, County desires to obtain inspection services for the Alameda County Water Wells Ordinance, which are more fully described in Exhibit A hereto ("Definition of Services"); and

Whereas, Contractor is professionally qualified to provide such services and is willing to provide same to County; and

Now, therefore it is agreed that County does hereby retain Contractor to provide permit management and well inspection services, and Contractor accepts such engagement, on the General Terms and Conditions hereinafter specified in this Agreement, and the following described exhibits, all of which are incorporated into this Agreement by this reference:

Exhibit A	Definition of Services
Exhibit B	Payment Terms
Exhibit C	Insurance Requirements
Exhibit D	Debarment and Suspension Certification
Exhibit E	Contracting Compliance Reporting Requirements
Exhibit F	The Iran Contracting Act (ICA) of 2010

The term of this Agreement shall be from August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2028.

The compensation payable to Contractor hereunder shall not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the term of this Agreement. The County neither warrants nor guarantees any minimum compensation to the Contractor under this Agreement. Payment to Contractor shall be based on actual services performed on behalf of the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Signature

Name: Nate Miley

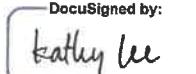
Title: President of the Board of Supervisors

Date: 8.21.23

Approved as to Form:

Donna R. Ziegler, County Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_

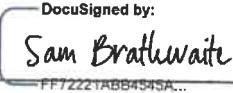


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Kathy Lee, Deputy County Counsel

Ground Zone Environmental Services, LLC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

Name: Sam Brathwaite

Title: Manager

Date: 7/19/2023 | 11:38 AM PDT

By signing above, the signatory warrants and represents that he/she executed this Agreement in his/her authorized capacity and that by his/her signature on this Agreement, he/she or the entity upon behalf of which he/she acted, executed this Agreement

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** No relationship of employer and employee is created by this Agreement; it being understood and agreed that Contractor is an independent contractor. Contractor is not the agent or employee of the County in any capacity whatsoever, and County shall not be liable for any acts or omissions by Contractor nor for any obligations or liabilities incurred by Contractor.

Contractor shall have no claim under this Agreement or otherwise, for seniority, vacation time, vacation pay, sick leave, personal time off, overtime, health insurance medical care, hospital care, retirement benefits, social security, disability, Workers' Compensation, or unemployment insurance benefits, civil service protection, or employee benefits of any kind.

Contractor shall be solely liable for and obligated to pay directly all applicable payroll taxes (including federal and state income taxes) or contributions for unemployment insurance or old age pensions or annuities which are imposed by any governmental entity in connection with the labor used or which are measured by wages, salaries or other remuneration paid to its officers, agents or employees and agrees to indemnify and hold County harmless from any and all liability which County may incur because of Contractor's failure to pay such amounts.

In carrying out the work contemplated herein, Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal and state workers' compensation and liability laws and regulations with respect to the officers, agents and/or employees conducting and participating in the work; and agrees that such officers, agents, and/or employees will be considered as independent contractors and shall not be treated or considered in any way as officers, agents and/or employees of County.

Contractor does, by this Agreement, agree to perform his/her said work and functions at all times in strict accordance with currently approved methods and practices in his/her field and that the sole interest of County is to insure that said service shall be performed and rendered in a competent, efficient, timely and satisfactory manner and in accordance with the standards required by the County agency concerned.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the County determines that pursuant to state and federal law Contractor is an employee for purposes of income tax withholding, County may upon two weeks' notice to Contractor, withhold from payments to Contractor hereunder federal and state income taxes and pay said sums to the federal and state governments.

2. **INDEMNIFICATION:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the County of Alameda, its Board of Supervisors, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting

from the performance of services under this Agreement, including any such claim, loss, damage, liability or expense attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, death or to injury to or destruction of property, including the loss therefrom, or to any violation of federal, state or municipal law or regulation, which arises out of or is any way connected with the performance of this agreement (collectively "Liabilities") except where such Liabilities are caused solely by the negligence or willful misconduct of any indemnitee. The County may participate in the defense of any such claim without relieving Contractor of any obligation hereunder. The obligations of this indemnity shall be for the full amount of all damage to County, including defense costs, and shall not be limited by any insurance limits.

In the event that Contractor or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor providing services under this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association (ACERA) or California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) to be eligible for enrollment in ACERA and PERS as an employee of County, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for ACERA and PERS benefits on behalf of Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of County.

3. **INSURANCE AND BOND:** Contractor shall at all times during the term of the Agreement with the County maintain in force, at minimum, those insurance policies and bonds as designated in the attached Exhibit C, and will comply with all those requirements as stated therein. The County and all parties as set forth on Exhibit C shall be considered an additional insured or loss payee if applicable. All of Contractor's available insurance coverage and proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits shall be available to satisfy any and all claims of the County, including defense costs and damages. Any insurance limitations are independent of and shall not limit the indemnification terms of this Agreement. Contractor's insurance policies, including excess and umbrella insurance policies, shall include an endorsement and be primary and non-contributory and will not seek contribution from any other insurance (or self-insurance) available to County. Contractor's excess and umbrella insurance shall also apply on a primary and non-contributory basis for the benefit of the County before County's own insurance policy or self-insurance shall be called upon to protect it as a named insured.
4. **PREVAILING WAGES:** Pursuant to Labor Code Sections 1770 et seq., Contractor shall pay to persons performing labor in and about Work provided for in Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality in which the Work is performed, and not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for legal holiday and overtime work in said locality, which per diem wages shall not be less than the stipulated rates contained in a schedule thereof which has been ascertained and determined by the Director of the State Department of Industrial Relations to be the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for each craft or type of

workman or mechanic needed to execute this contract. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, Contractor shall be currently registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and qualified to perform public work.

5. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION:** Contractor shall provide Workers' Compensation insurance, as applicable, at Contractor's own cost and expense and further, neither the Contractor nor its carrier shall be entitled to recover from County any costs, settlements, or expenses of Workers' Compensation claims arising out of this Agreement.
6. **CONFORMITY WITH LAW AND SAFETY:**
  - a. In performing services under this Agreement, Contractor shall observe and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, codes and regulations of governmental agencies, including federal, state, municipal, and local governing bodies, having jurisdiction over the scope of services, including all applicable provisions of the California Occupational Safety and Health Act. Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless from any and all liability, fines, penalties and consequences from any of Contractor's failures to comply with such laws, ordinances, codes and regulations.
  - b. Accidents: If a death, serious personal injury, or substantial property damage occurs in connection with Contractor's performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall immediately notify the Alameda County Risk Manager's Office by telephone. Contractor shall promptly submit to County a written report, in such form as may be required by County of all accidents which occur in connection with this Agreement. This report must include the following information: (1) name and address of the injured or deceased person(s); (2) name and address of Contractor's sub-Contractor, if any; (3) name and address of Contractor's liability insurance carrier; and (4) a detailed description of the accident and whether any of County's equipment, tools, material, or staff were involved.
  - c. Contractor further agrees to take all reasonable steps to preserve all physical evidence and information which may be relevant to the circumstances surrounding a potential claim, while maintaining public safety, and to grant to the County the opportunity to review and inspect such evidence, including the scene of the accident.
7. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION:** (Applicable to all agreements funded in part or whole with federal funds and contracts over \$25,000).
  - a. By signing this agreement and Exhibit D, Debarment and Suspension Certification, Contractor/Grantee agrees to comply with applicable federal suspension and debarment regulations, including but not limited to 7 Code of

Federal Regulations (CFR) 3016.35, 28 CFR 66.35, 29 CFR 97.35, 34 CFR 80.35, 45 CFR 92.35 and Executive Order 12549.

- b. By signing this agreement, Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
  - (1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any federal department or agency;
  - (2) Shall not knowingly enter into any covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under federal regulations, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in such transaction.
8. **PAYMENT:** For services performed in accordance with this Agreement, payment shall be made to Contractor as provided in Exhibit B hereto.
9. **TRAVEL EXPENSES:** Contractor shall not be allowed or paid travel expenses unless set forth in this Agreement.
10. **TAXES:** Payment of all applicable federal, state, and local taxes shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.
11. **OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS:** Contractor hereby assigns to the County and its assignees all copyright and other use rights in any and all proposals, plans, specification, designs, drawings, sketches, renderings, models, reports and related documents (including computerized or electronic copies) respecting in any way the subject matter of this Agreement, whether prepared by the County, the Contractor, the Contractor's sub-Contractors or third parties at the request of the Contractor (collectively, "Documents and Materials"). This explicitly includes the electronic copies of all above stated documentation.

Contractor also hereby assigns to the County and its assignees all copyright and other use rights in any Documents and Materials including electronic copies stored in Contractor's Information System, respecting in any way the subject matter of this Agreement.

Contractor shall be permitted to retain copies, including reproducible copies and computerized copies, of said Documents and Materials. Contractor agrees to take such further steps as may be reasonably requested by County to implement the aforesaid assignment. If for any reason said assignment is not effective, Contractor hereby grants the County and any assignee of the County an express royalty-free license to retain and use said Documents and Materials. The County's rights under this paragraph shall apply regardless of the degree of completion of the Documents and Materials and whether or

not Contractor's services as set forth in Exhibit "A" of this Agreement have been fully performed or paid for.

In Contractor's contracts with other Contractors, Contractor shall expressly obligate its Sub-Contractors to grant the County the aforesaid assignment and license rights as to that Contractor's Documents and Materials. Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold the County harmless from any damage caused by a failure of the Contractor to obtain such rights from its Contractors and/or Sub-Contractors.

Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees which may be due for any patented or copyrighted materials, methods or systems selected by the Contractor and incorporated into the work as set forth in Exhibit "A", and shall defend, indemnify and hold the County harmless from any claims for infringement of patent or copyright arising out of such selection. The County's rights under this Paragraph 11 shall not extend to any computer software used to create such Documents and Materials.

12. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST; CONFIDENTIALITY:** The Contractor covenants that it presently has no interest, and shall not have any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required under this Agreement. Without limitation, Contractor represents to and agrees with the County that Contractor has no present, and will have no future, conflict of interest between providing the County services hereunder and any other person or entity (including but not limited to any federal or state wildlife, environmental or regulatory agency) which has any interest adverse or potentially adverse to the County, as determined in the reasonable judgment of the Board of Supervisors of the County.

The Contractor agrees that any information, whether proprietary or not, made known to or discovered by it during the performance of or in connection with this Agreement for the County will be kept confidential and not be disclosed to any other person. The Contractor agrees to immediately notify the County by notices provided in accordance with Paragraph 13 of this Agreement, if it is requested to disclose any information made known to or discovered by it during the performance of or in connection with this Agreement. These conflict of interest and future service provisions and limitations shall remain fully effective five (5) years after termination of services to the County hereunder.

13. **NOTICES:** All notices, requests, demands, or other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing. Notices shall be given for all purposes as follows:

Personal delivery: When personally delivered to the recipient, notices are effective on delivery.

First Class Mail: When mailed first class to the last address of the recipient known to the party giving notice, notice is effective three (3) mail delivery days after deposit in a United States Postal Service office or mailbox. Certified Mail: When mailed certified

mail, return receipt requested, notice is effective on receipt, if delivery is confirmed by a return receipt.

**Overnight Delivery:** When delivered by overnight delivery (Federal Express/Airborne/United Parcel Service/DHL WorldWide Express) with charges prepaid or charged to the sender's account, notice is effective on delivery, if delivery is confirmed by the delivery service. **Telex or facsimile transmission:** When sent by telex or facsimile to the last telex or facsimile number of the recipient known to the party giving notice, notice is effective on receipt, provided that (a) a duplicate copy of the notice is promptly given by first-class or certified mail or by overnight delivery, or (b) the receiving party delivers a written confirmation of receipt. Any notice given by telex or facsimile shall be deemed received on the next business day if it is received after 5:00 p.m. (recipient's time) or on a non-business day.

Addresses for purpose of giving notice are as follows:

**To Public Works Agency:** Alameda County Public Works Agency  
399 Elmhurst Street  
Hayward, CA 94544  
Attn: Moses Tsang, P.E., Principal Civil Engineer

**To Contractor:** Ground Zone Environmental Services, LLC.  
1361 B Street  
Hayward, CA 94541  
Attn: Sam Brathwaite, PG, CEG, CHg, QSD/P, QISP,  
Manager

Any correctly addressed notice that is refused, unclaimed, or undeliverable because of an act or omission of the party to be notified shall be deemed effective as of the first date that said notice was refused, unclaimed, or deemed undeliverable by the postal authorities, messenger, or overnight delivery service.

Any party may change its address or telex or facsimile number by giving the other party notice of the change in any manner permitted by this Agreement.

14. **USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY:** Contractor shall not use County property (including equipment, instruments and supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of his/her obligations under this Agreement.
15. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PRACTICES PROVISIONS:** Contractor assures that he/she/it will comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, disability, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, religion, Vietnam era Veteran's status, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Agreement.

- a. Contractor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for applicants for employment placed as a result of this Agreement, state that it is an "Equal Opportunity Employer" or that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to their race, creed, color, disability, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, religion, Vietnam era Veteran's status, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor.
- b. Contractor shall, if requested to do so by the County, certify that it has not, in the performance of this Agreement, discriminated against applicants or employees because of their race, creed, color, disability, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, religion, Vietnam era Veteran's status, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor.
- c. If requested to do so by the County, Contractor shall provide the County with access to copies of all of its records pertaining or relating to its employment practices, except to the extent such records or portions of such records are confidential or privileged under state or federal law.
- d. Contractor shall recruit vigorously and encourage minority - and women-owned businesses to bid its subcontracts.
- e. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed in any manner so as to require or permit any act, which is prohibited by law.
- f. The Contractor shall include the provisions set forth in paragraphs A through E (above) in each of its subcontracts.

16. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** Contractor and Contractor's employees shall comply with the County's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace. Neither Contractor nor Contractor's employees shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or use controlled substances, as defined in 21 U.S. Code § 812, including, but not limited to, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, and amphetamines, at any County facility or work site. If Contractor or any employee of Contractor is convicted or pleads nolo contendere to a criminal drug statute violation occurring at a County facility or work site, the Contractor within five days thereafter shall notify the head of the County department/agency for which the contract services are performed. Violation of this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.
17. **AUDITS; ACCESS TO RECORDS:** The Contractor shall make available to the County, its authorized agents, officers, or employees, for examination any and all ledgers, books of accounts, invoices, vouchers, cancelled checks, and other records or documents evidencing or relating to the expenditures and disbursements charged to the County, and shall furnish to the County, its authorized agents, officers or employees such other evidence or information as the County may require with regard to any such expenditure or disbursement charged by the Contractor.

The Contractor shall maintain full and adequate records in accordance with County requirements to show the actual costs incurred by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement. If such books and records are not kept and maintained by Contractor within the County of Alameda, California, Contractor shall, upon request of the County, make such books and records available to the County for inspection at a location within County or Contractor shall pay to the County the reasonable, and necessary costs incurred by the County in inspecting Contractor's books and records, including, but not limited to, travel, lodging and subsistence costs. Contractor shall provide such assistance as may be reasonably required in the course of such inspection. The County further reserves the right to examine and reexamine said books, records and data during the three (3) year period following termination of this Agreement or completion of all work hereunder, as evidenced in writing by the County, and the Contractor shall in no event dispose of, destroy, alter, or mutilate said books, records, accounts, and data in any manner whatsoever for three (3) years after the County makes the final or last payment or within three (3) years after any pending issues between the County and Contractor with respect to this Agreement are closed, whichever is later.

18. **DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS:** Contractor shall maintain and make available to County for its inspection and use during the term of this Agreement, all Documents and Materials, as defined in Paragraph 11 of this Agreement. Contractor's obligations under the preceding sentence shall continue for three (3) years following termination or expiration of this Agreement or the completion of all work hereunder (as evidenced in writing by County), and Contractor shall in no event dispose of, destroy, alter or mutilate said Documents and Materials, for three (3) years following the County's last payment to Contractor under this Agreement.
19. **TIME OF ESSENCE:** Time is of the essence in respect to all provisions of this Agreement that specify a time for performance; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be construed to limit or deprive a party of the benefits of any grace or use period allowed in this Agreement.
20. **TERMINATION:** The County has and reserves the right to suspend, terminate, or abandon the execution of any work by the Contractor without cause at any time upon giving to the Contractor prior written notice. In the event that the County should abandon, terminate, or suspend the Contractor's work, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for services provided hereunder prior to the effective date of said suspension, termination, or abandonment. Said payment shall be computed in accordance with Exhibit B hereto, provided that the maximum amount payable to Contractor for its permit management and well inspection services shall not exceed \$ 1,000,000 payment for services provided hereunder prior to the effective date of said suspension, termination or abandonment.
21. **SMALL LOCAL AND EMERGING BUSINESS (SLEB) PARTICIPATION:** Contractor has been certified by the County as a small or emerging local business. As a result, there is no

requirement to subcontract with another business in order to satisfy the County's Small and Emerging Locally owned Business provision. If during the term of this contract, Contractor's certification status changes, Contractor shall notify the County within three business days.

**Should Contractor's status as a certified small or emerging local business change at any time during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall negotiate with County to be in compliance with the County's Small and Emerging Local Business provision, including but not limited to:**

- a. Contractor must subcontract a minimum 20% of the remaining contract value with a certified small or emerging local business(es).
- b. SLEB subcontractor(s) is independently owned and operated (i.e., is not owned or operated in any way by Prime), nor do any employees of either entity work for the other.
- c. As is applicable, Contractor shall ensure that their certification status is maintained in compliance with the SLEB Program for the term of this contract.
- d. For any subcontractors retained to comply with this provision, Contractor shall not substitute any such small and/or emerging local business(s) subcontractor without prior written approval from the County. Said requests to substitute shall be submitted in writing to the County department contract representative identified under Item #13 above. Contractor will not be able to substitute the subcontractor without prior written approval from the Alameda County Auditor Controller Agency, Office of Contract Compliance & Reporting (OCCR). Further approval from the Board of Supervisors may also be required.
- e. If subcontractors are added to the contract, all SLEB participation, except for prime contractor, must be tracked and monitored utilizing the Elation compliance System (see Exhibit E). SLEB prime contractor with SLEB subcontractors must enter payments made to subcontractors in the Elation System and ensure that SLEB subcontractors confirm payments received.

Contractor shall meet the requirements above within 15 business days of the County notifying Contractor that it is no longer in compliance with the program. County will be under no obligation to pay contractor for the percent committed to a SLEB subcontractor if the work is not performed by the listed small and/or emerging local business.

For further information regarding the Small Local Emerging Business participation requirements and utilization of the Alameda County Contract Compliance System contact the County Auditor- Controller's Office of Contract Compliance & Reporting (OCCR) via e-mail at [ACSLEBcompliance@acgov.org](mailto:ACSLEBcompliance@acgov.org).

22. **FIRST SOURCE PROGRAM:** For contracts over \$100,000, Contractor shall provide County ten (10) working days to refer to Contractor, potential candidates to be considered by Contractor to fill any new or vacant positions that are necessary to fulfill their contractual obligations to the County that Contractor has available during the contract term before advertising to the general public.
23. **CHOICE OF LAW:** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.
24. **WAIVER:** No waiver of a breach, failure of any condition, or any right or remedy contained in or granted by the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the party waiving the breach, failure, right, or remedy. No waiver of any breach, failure, right or remedy shall be deemed a waiver of any other breach, failure, right or remedy, whether or not similar, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver unless the writing so specifies.
25. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This Agreement, including all attachments, exhibits, and any other documents specifically incorporated into this Agreement, shall constitute the entire agreement between County and Contractor relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. As used herein, Agreement refers to and includes any documents incorporated herein by reference and any exhibits or attachments. This Agreement supersedes and merges all previous understandings, and all other agreements, written or oral, between the parties and sets forth the entire understanding of the parties regarding the subject matter thereof. The Agreement may not be modified except by a written document signed by both parties.
26. HEADINGS herein are for convenience of reference only and shall in no way affect interpretation of the Agreement.
27. **ADVERTISING OR PUBLICITY:** Contractor shall not use the name of County, its officers, directors, employees or agents, in advertising or publicity releases or otherwise without securing the prior written consent of County in each instance.
28. **MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT:** This Agreement may be supplemented, amended, or modified only by the mutual agreement of the parties. No supplement, amendment, or modification of this Agreement shall be binding unless it is in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.
29. **ASSURANCE OF PERFORMANCE:** If at any time County believes Contractor may not be adequately performing its obligations under this Agreement or that Contractor may fail to complete the Services as required by this Agreement, County may request from Contractor prompt written assurances of performance and a written plan acceptable to County, to correct the observed deficiencies in Contractor's performance. Contractor shall provide such written assurances and written plan within ten (10) calendar days of its receipt of County's request and shall thereafter diligently commence and fully

perform such written plan. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any failure to provide such written assurances and written plan within the required time is a material breach under this Agreement.

30. **SUBCONTRACTING/ASSIGNMENT:** Contractor shall not subcontract, assign, or delegate any portion of this Agreement or any duties or obligations hereunder without the County's prior written approval.
  - a. Neither party shall, on the basis of this Agreement, contract on behalf of or in the name of the other party. Any agreement that violates this Paragraph shall confer no rights on any party and shall be null and void.
  - b. Contractor shall use the subcontractors identified in Exhibit A and shall not substitute subcontractors without County's prior written approval.
  - c. Contractor shall require all subcontractors to comply with all indemnification and insurance requirements of this agreement, including, without limitation, Exhibit C. Contractor shall verify subcontractor's compliance.
  - d. Contractor shall remain fully responsible for compliance by its subcontractors with all the terms of this Agreement, regardless of the terms of any agreement between Contractor and its subcontractors.
31. **SURVIVAL:** The obligations of this Agreement, which by their nature would continue beyond the termination or expiration of the Agreement, including without limitation, the obligations regarding Indemnification (Paragraph 2), Ownership of Documents (Paragraph 11), and Conflict of Interest (Paragraph 12), shall survive termination or expiration.
32. **SEVERABILITY:** If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Agreement to be illegal, unenforceable, or invalid in whole or in part for any reason, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions, or portions of them, will not be affected, unless an essential purpose of this Agreement would be defeated by the loss of the illegal, unenforceable, or invalid provision.
33. **PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INDEMNITY:** Contractor represents that it knows of no allegations, claims, or threatened claims that the materials, services, hardware or software ("Contractor Products") provided to County under this Agreement infringe any patent, copyright or other proprietary right. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless County of, from and against all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs expenses and amounts (collectively, "Losses") arising out of or in connection with an assertion that any Contractor Products or the use thereof, infringe any patent, copyright or other proprietary right of any third party. County will: (1) notify Contractor promptly of such claim, suit, or assertion; (2) permit Contractor to defend, compromise, or settle the claim; and, (3) provide, on a reasonable basis, information to enable Contractor to

do so. Contractor shall not agree without County's prior written consent, to any settlement, which would require County to pay money or perform some affirmative act in order to continue using the Contractor Products.

- a. If Contractor is obligated to defend County pursuant to this Paragraph 33 and fails to do so after reasonable notice from County, County may defend itself and/or settle such proceeding, and Contractor shall pay to County any and all losses, damages and expenses (including attorney's fees and costs) incurred in relationship with County's defense and/or settlement of such proceeding.
- b. In the case of any such claim of infringement, Contractor shall either, at its option, (1) procure for County the right to continue using the Contractor Products; or (2) replace or modify the Contractor Products so that they become non-infringing, but equivalent in functionality and performance.
- c. Notwithstanding this Paragraph 33, County retains the right and ability to defend itself, at its own expense, against any claims that Contractor Products infringe any patent, copyright, or other intellectual property right.

34. **OTHER AGENCIES:** Other tax supported agencies within the State of California who have not contracted for their own requirements may desire to participate in this contract. The Contractor is requested to service these agencies and will be given the opportunity to accept or reject the additional requirements. If the Contractor elects to supply other agencies, orders will be placed directly by the agency and payments made directly by the agency.

35. **SIGNATORY:** By signing this agreement, signatory warrants and represents that he/she executed this Agreement in his/her authorized capacity and that by his/her signature on this Agreement, he/she or the entity upon behalf of which he/she acted, executed this Agreement. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[END OF GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS]

## EXHIBIT A

### DEFINITION OF SERVICES

1. Contractor shall provide as-needed well ordinance inspection services as set forth in this exhibit which include but are not limited to:
  - Site inspections and documentation of compliance with Chapter 6.88 of the Alameda County Ordinance Code;
  - Site inspections and documentation of wells, exploratory borings, environmental investigations, and compliance with Chapter 6.88 of the Alameda County Ordinance Code;
  - Inspections of new water supply wells, water well destruction, and minimum seal depth for water supply well construction;
  - Well ordinance permit verification and verification of completion of work in accordance with permit requirements;
  - Completion of construction and destruction drilling permit daily logs;
  - Completion of inspection checklists, documentation of site conditions, including through site photographs, and additional documentation as requested.
  - Verifying permit applicant provided information, such as actual scope of work (construction/demolition type [wells/borings], quantity, location(s), stated depth(s), USA markings, etc.)
  - Documenting site conditions and permitted work by means of photo imagery.
  - Issuing notice to applicants/contractors of Agency determinations and enforcement actions.
  - Coordination between applicant and Agency staff.

Contractor shall ensure that such services are performed in compliance with the water wells ordinance, Chapter 6.88 of the Alameda County Ordinance Code.

Contractor understands and acknowledges that the services it will provide under this contract create unique potential conflicts as concerns the County's regulatory program. Contractor agrees to ensure it conducts adequate conflicts checks and takes appropriate steps in its contracting with other clients to avoid any potential conflict within the geographic area subject to the County's water wells ordinance.

2. This Exhibit A has been drafted to include the requirements contained in the Request for Proposal (RFP) No. FL0202301105, the proposal response of Contractor (Response), and additional services that the County obtained through negotiations, if any. In the event of any conflict (direct or indirect) among any of the exhibits, the RFP, and the Response, the more stringent requirements providing the County with the broader scope of services shall have precedence, such as this Exhibit A including all attachments, the scope of work described in the RFP and the scope of the work described in the Contractor's Task Order shall be performed to the greatest extent feasible.

3. Contractor project team will consist of the following Key Personnel, as applicable during the contract term:

Name	Title	Telephone	Email Address
Sam Brathwaite	Principal-in-charge	925-570-7609	sam@grzones.com
Mher Avanesyan	Senior Project Geologist	510-207-8797	mher@grzones.com
Tony Xiong	Project Scientist	510-213-9906	tonyx@grzones.com
Jose Ambriz	Senior Technician	510-679-9361	jose@grzones.com
Jesus Morales	Senior Technician	530-383-5880	jesus@grzones.com
Andy Flores-Martinez	Staff Scientist	510-857-3189	andy@grzones.com

Contractor agrees that it shall not transfer or reassign the individuals identified above as Key Personnel or substitute subcontractors without the express written agreement of County, which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld. Should such individual or individuals in the employ of Contractor no longer be employed by Contractor during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall make a good faith effort to present to County an individual with greater or equal qualifications as a replacement subject to County's approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

4. The approval of County to a requested change shall not release Contractor from its obligations under this Agreement.

End Of Exhibit A

**EXHIBIT B**

**PAYMENT TERMS**

1. The County will pay for services completed and itemed on invoices prepared by the Contractor according to the rate schedule attached as Exhibit B-1.
2. Invoices will be reviewed for approval by the County, when submitted and itemized according to the defined tasks which the County has authorized for Contractor services as outlined in Exhibit A. The County will use its reasonable efforts to make payment to Contractor upon successful completion and acceptance of the following services listed within thirty (30) days upon receipt and approval of invoice.
3. Total payment under the terms of this Agreement will not exceed the total amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). This cost includes all taxes and all other charges.
4. The Billing Rates used as a basis for payment apply to all of Consultant's and Subconsultants' principals, professional personnel and others engaged directly on this Contract, and are set forth in the Appendix B-1. The 2023 Fee Schedule Rates (Exhibit B-1) shall remain constant through July 31, 2024, and shall not be adjusted for inflation, salary adjustments, cost changes, or any other reason. After July 31, 2024, the Contractor may propose fee adjustments during subsequent year(s) of the Agreement period due to normal salary increases but shall not exceed three percent (3%). Upon review of the request of fee adjustments and acceptance by the County, it shall become a part of this Agreement and remain in full force and effect.

**End Of Exhibit B**

## Exhibit B - 1



### 2023 General Fee Schedule RFQ NO. FLO202301105

#### Professional Labor Rates

##### **Project Manager/Principal in Charge**

Principal in Charge \$150

##### **Senior Level**

Senior Project Geologists \$115

##### **Project Level**

Project Scientist \$100

##### **Permit Technician**

Staff Scientist I \$80

Senior Permit Technician \$80

#### **Outside Services**

Other charges for special outside services, equipment and facilities not furnished directly by COMPANY will be billed at cost plus 10%. Such charges may include, but shall not be limited to:

- Production Copying
- Rental Equipment (Will be furnished, as needed)
- Supplies & Materials
- Subcontractors

#### Other

Mileage (see attached) Federal Rate \$0.655

#### ***Definition of Labor Category***

##### **Permit Technician**

A Ground Zone Permit Technician may provide some of the services shown in Exhibit A without critical appraisal. A technician will not evaluate, test, or pass judgement on the character, quality, or condition of construction work, but may convey information to ACPWA staff in real time for that purpose.

**Prevailing wages shall be paid for all other services performed under the Classifications published by the Director of Industrial Relations. See Section 4 "Prevailing Wages" in the General Terms and Conditions of the Standard Services Agreement.**

Basis for Travel Costs	
Travel	Fee
Round Trip from office in Hayward to Oakland, Alameda, Albany, Emeryville	\$40
Round Trip from office in Hayward to San Leandro	\$20
Round Trip from office within Hayward, Castro Valley and San Lorenzo	\$10
Miles based on travel study pertaining to inspections. Mileage based on the Federal rate. Ground Zone office is located at 1361 B Street, Hayward, CA.	

## EXHIBIT C

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Without limiting any other obligation or liability under this Agreement, the Contractor, at its sole cost and expense, shall secure and keep in force during the entire term of the Agreement or longer, as may be specified below, the following minimum insurance coverage, limits and endorsements. The County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances. If the contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown below, the County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the County.

TYPE OF INSURANCE COVERAGES		MINIMUM LIMITS
<b>A</b>	<b>Commercial General Liability</b> Premises Liability; Products and Completed Operations; Contractual Liability; Personal Injury and Advertising Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence (CSL) Bodily Injury and Property Damage
<b>B</b>	<b>Commercial or Business Automobile Liability</b> All owned vehicles, hired or leased vehicles, non-owned, borrowed and permissive uses. Personal Automobile Liability when extended to cover your business is acceptable for individual contractors with no transportation or hauling related activities	\$1,000,000 per occurrence (CSL) Any Auto or Hired and Non-Owned Autos Bodily Injury and Property Damage
<b>C</b>	<b>Workers' Compensation (WC) and Employers Liability (EL)</b> As required by State of California	WC: Statutory Limits EL: No less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease
<b>D</b>	<b>Professional Liability/Errors &amp; Omissions</b> Includes endorsements of contractual liability and defense and indemnification of the County	\$1,000,000 per occurrence \$2,000,000 project aggregate

E	<p><b><u>Endorsements and Conditions:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>ADDITIONAL INSURED:</b> County of Alameda, its Board of Supervisors, the individual members thereof, and all County officers, agents, employees, volunteers, and representatives are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used). Auto policy shall contain or be endorsed to contain additional insured coverage for the County.</li> <li>2. <b>DURATION OF COVERAGE:</b> All required insurance shall be maintained during the entire term of the Agreement. In addition, Insurance policies and coverage(s) written on a claims-made basis shall be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided during the entire term of the Agreement and for at least five (5) years following the later of termination of the Agreement and acceptance of all work provided under the Agreement, with the retroactive date of said insurance (as may be applicable) concurrent with the commencement of activities pursuant to this Agreement. If coverage is cancelled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of work.</li> <li>3. <b>REDUCTION OR LIMIT OF OBLIGATION:</b> All insurance policies, including excess and umbrella insurance policies, shall be primary and non-contributory coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 10 04 13 as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it. Pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement insurance effected or procured by the Contractor shall not reduce or limit Contractor's contractual obligation to indemnify and defend the Indemnified Parties.</li> <li>4. <b>INSURER FINANCIAL RATING:</b> Insurance shall be maintained through an insurer with an A.M. Best Rating of no less than A: VII or equivalent, shall be admitted to the State of California unless otherwise acceptable by Risk Management, and with deductible amounts acceptable to the County. Acceptance of Contractor's insurance by County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of Contractor hereunder. Self-insured retentions must be declared and approved. Any deductible or self-insured retention amount or other similar obligation under the policies shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. The policy language shall provide or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or County.</li> <li>5. <b>SUBCONTRACTORS:</b> Contractor shall include all subcontractors as an insured (covered party) under its policies or shall verify that the subcontractor, under its own policies and endorsements, has complied with the insurance requirements in this Agreement, including this Exhibit.</li> <li>6. <b>JOINT VENTURES:</b> If Contractor is an association, partnership or other joint business venture, required insurance shall be provided by one of the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Separate insurance policies issued for each individual entity, with each entity included as a "Named Insured" (covered party), or at minimum named as an "Additional Insured" on the other's policies. Coverage shall be at least as broad as in the ISO Forms named above.</li> <li>– Joint insurance program with the association, partnership or other joint business venture included as a "Named Insured".</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. <b>CANCELLATION OF INSURANCE:</b> Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be cancelled, except with notice of cancellation provided to the County in accordance with policy terms and conditions.</li> <li>8. <b>CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE:</b> Before commencing operations under this Agreement, Contractor shall provide Certificate(s) of insurance and applicable insurance endorsements as set forth in the provisions of this Agreement and this Exhibit C, in forms satisfactory to County, evidencing that all required insurance coverage is in effect. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The County reserves the right to require the Contractor to provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.</li> </ol>
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**EXHIBIT D**

**COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION**

**The contractor, under penalty of perjury, certifies that, except as noted below, contractor, its principals, and any named and unnamed subcontractor:**

- **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 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 years.**

**If there are any exceptions to this certification, insert the exceptions in the following space. For any exception noted, indicate to whom it applies, initiating agency, and dates of action. Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining Contractor responsibility.**

**Notes: Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.**

**The above certification is part of the Standard Services Agreement. Signing this Standard Services Agreement on the signature portion thereof shall also constitute signature of this Certification.**

**CONTRACTOR:** Ground Zone Environmental Services, LLC

**PRINCIPAL:** Sam Brathwaite

**TITLE:** Manager

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Sam Brathwaite

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**EXHIBIT E**

**COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

The County of Alameda utilizes Elation Systems, a third-party compliance system to monitor subcontractor utilization requirements.

County project managers will provide a special access code to contractors and subcontractors participating in this contract to allow them to register to use Elation Systems (at <https://www.elationsys.com/APP/>) free of charge.

Upon receipt of signed contract documents, the prime contractor shall immediately enter subcontractors (contributing towards utilization requirements) in the System, confirm payments received from the County within five business days in the System, immediately enter payments made to subcontractors, and ensure that subcontractors confirm they received payments within five business days in the System. Subcontractors shall confirm their payments received from the prime contractor within five business days in the System.

Elation Systems support, resources, and assistance are available online to registered contractors awarded a contract as a result of this bid process for this project and participating registered subcontractors.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that they and their subcontractors are registered and able to utilize Elation Systems as required.

**EXHIBIT F**

**COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**  
**THE IRAN CONTRACTING ACT (ICA) OF 2010**  
For Procurements of \$1,000,000 or more

The California Legislature adopted the Iran Contracting Act (ICA) to respond to policies of Iran in a uniform fashion (PCC § 2201(q)). The ICA prohibits persons engaged in investment activities in Iran from bidding on, submitting proposals for, or entering into or renewing contracts with public entities for goods and services of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more (PCC § 2203(a)). A person who “engages in investment activities in Iran” is defined in either of two ways:

1. The person provides goods or services of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) or more in the energy sector of Iran, including a person that provides oil or liquefied natural gas tankers, or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas, for the energy sector of Iran; or
2. The person is a financial institution (as that term is defined in 50 U.S.C. § 1701) that extends twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) or more in credit to another person, for 45 days or more, if that person will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran and is identified on a list created by the California Department of General Services (DGS) pursuant to PCC § 2201(b) as a person engaging in the investment activities described in paragraph 1 above.

By signing below, I hereby certify that as of the time of bidding or proposing for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract, neither I nor the company I own or work for are identified on the DGS list of ineligible persons and neither I nor the company I own or work for are engaged in investment activities in Iran in violation of the Iran Contracting Act of 2010.

If either I or the company I own or work for are ineligible to bid or submit a proposal or to renew a contract, but I believe I or it qualifies for an exception listed in PCC § 2202(c), I have described in detail the nature of the exception: \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTRACTOR: Ground Zone Environmental Services, LLC

PRINCIPAL: Sam Brathwaite

TITLE: Manager

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Sam Brathwaite  
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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DETERMINING THE WITHHOLDING STATUS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This questionnaire is to be completed by the County department for services contracts and must be included as part of the contract package. Be sure to answer all of the questions in Sections I and II and to complete the certifications on page 2. Sections III and IV contain supplemental questions to be answered for contractors in certain service categories.

CONTRACTOR NAME: Alaco Engineering DEPT #: 270301

TITLE/SERVICE: On-call Drilling and Well Inspection Services

DEPT. CONTACT: Eneyew Amberber PHONE: 510-670-5759

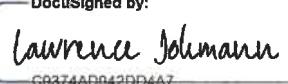
I. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTRACTOR	YES	NO
1. Is the contractor a corporation or partnership?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the contractor have the right per the contract to hire others to do the work agreed to in the contract?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. If the answer to BOTH questions is YES, provide the employer ID number here: <u>32-0605817</u>		
No other questions need to be answered. Withholding is not required.		
4. If the answer to question 1 is NO and 2 is YES, provide the individual social security number here: <u>144-68-5542</u>		
No other questions need to be answered. Withholding is not required.		
5. If the answer to question 2 is NO, continue to Section II.		
II. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES	YES	NO
1. Does the County have the right to control the way in which the work will be done, i.e., will the County be able to specify the sequence of steps or the processes to be followed if it chooses to do so?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Is the contractor restricted from performing similar services for other businesses while he is working for the County?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the contractor be working for more than 50% of the time for the County (50% = 20 hrs/wk; 80 hrs/mo)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Is the relationship between the County and the contractor intended to be ongoing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

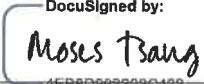
<b>III. FOR CONSULTANTS, PROJECT MANAGERS, PROJECT COORDINATORS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
1. Is the contractor being hired for a period of time rather than for a specific project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will payment be based on a wage or salary (as opposed to a commission or lump sum)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IV. FOR PHYSICIANS, PSYCHIATRISTS, DENTISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
1. Will the agreement be with an individual who does not have an outside practice?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the contractor work more than an average of ten hours per week? IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 2 IS YES, ANSWER QUESTION 3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the County provide more than 20% of the contractor's income?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. If the answer to either question 2, or if required, question 3 is NO, the entire answer is NO.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A "YES" answer to any of the questions in Section II, or, if applicable, Sections III or IV constitutes justification for paying the contractor through the payroll system as an "employee for withholding purposes." All contracts that require withholding must be emailed to the Auditor-Controller Board Approved Contracts Unit ([rachelle.webber@acgov.org](mailto:rachelle.webber@acgov.org)), for processing and payment through the payroll System

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

I hereby certify that the answers to the above questions accurately reflect the anticipated working relationship for this contract.

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 Larry Johmann  
 Contractor Signature  
 Printed Name  
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 Date

DocuSigned by:  
  
 Moses Tsang  
 Agency/Department Head/Designee Signature  
 Printed Name  
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## STANDARD SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2023, is by and between the County of Alameda, hereinafter referred to as the "County", and Alaco Engineering, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor".

### WITNESSETH

Whereas, County desires to obtain inspection services for the Alameda County Water Wells Ordinance, which are more fully described in Exhibit A hereto ("Definition of Services"); and

Whereas, Contractor is professionally qualified to provide such services and is willing to provide same to County; and

Now, therefore it is agreed that County does hereby retain Contractor to provide permit management and well inspection services, and Contractor accepts such engagement, on the General Terms and Conditions hereinafter specified in this Agreement, and the following described exhibits, all of which are incorporated into this Agreement by this reference:

Exhibit A	Definition of Services
Exhibit B	Payment Terms
Exhibit C	Insurance Requirements
Exhibit D	Debarment and Suspension Certification
Exhibit E	Contracting Compliance Reporting Requirements
Exhibit F	The Iran Contracting Act (ICA) of 2010

The term of this Agreement shall be from August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2028.

The compensation payable to Contractor hereunder shall not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the term of this Agreement. The County neither warrants nor guarantees any minimum compensation to the Contractor under this Agreement. Payment to Contractor shall be based on actual services performed on behalf of the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Signature

Name: Nate Miley

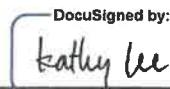
Title: President of the Board of Supervisors

Date: 8.21.23

Approved as to Form:

Donna R. Ziegler, County Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_

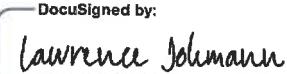


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Kathy Lee, Deputy County Counsel

Alaco Engineering

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Signature

Name: Larry Johmann

Title: Principal

Date: 7/19/2023 | 11:05 AM PDT

By signing above, the signatory warrants and represents that he/she executed this Agreement in his/her authorized capacity and that by his/her signature on this Agreement, he/she or the entity upon behalf of which he/she acted, executed this Agreement

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** No relationship of employer and employee is created by this Agreement; it being understood and agreed that Contractor is an independent contractor. Contractor is not the agent or employee of the County in any capacity whatsoever, and County shall not be liable for any acts or omissions by Contractor nor for any obligations or liabilities incurred by Contractor.

Contractor shall have no claim under this Agreement or otherwise, for seniority, vacation time, vacation pay, sick leave, personal time off, overtime, health insurance medical care, hospital care, retirement benefits, social security, disability, Workers' Compensation, or unemployment insurance benefits, civil service protection, or employee benefits of any kind.

Contractor shall be solely liable for and obligated to pay directly all applicable payroll taxes (including federal and state income taxes) or contributions for unemployment insurance or old age pensions or annuities which are imposed by any governmental entity in connection with the labor used or which are measured by wages, salaries or other remuneration paid to its officers, agents or employees and agrees to indemnify and hold County harmless from any and all liability which County may incur because of Contractor's failure to pay such amounts.

In carrying out the work contemplated herein, Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal and state workers' compensation and liability laws and regulations with respect to the officers, agents and/or employees conducting and participating in the work; and agrees that such officers, agents, and/or employees will be considered as independent contractors and shall not be treated or considered in any way as officers, agents and/or employees of County.

Contractor does, by this Agreement, agree to perform his/her said work and functions at all times in strict accordance with currently approved methods and practices in his/her field and that the sole interest of County is to insure that said service shall be performed and rendered in a competent, efficient, timely and satisfactory manner and in accordance with the standards required by the County agency concerned.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the County determines that pursuant to state and federal law Contractor is an employee for purposes of income tax withholding, County may upon two weeks' notice to Contractor, withhold from payments to Contractor hereunder federal and state income taxes and pay said sums to the federal and state governments.

2. **INDEMNIFICATION:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the County of Alameda, its Board of Supervisors, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the performance of services under this Agreement, including any such claim, loss,

damage, liability or expense attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, death or to injury to or destruction of property, including the loss therefrom, or to any violation of federal, state or municipal law or regulation, which arises out of or is any way connected with the performance of this agreement (collectively "Liabilities") except where such Liabilities are caused solely by the negligence or willful misconduct of any indemnitee. The County may participate in the defense of any such claim without relieving Contractor of any obligation hereunder. The obligations of this indemnity shall be for the full amount of all damage to County, including defense costs, and shall not be limited by any insurance limits.

In the event that Contractor or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor providing services under this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association (ACERA) or California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) to be eligible for enrollment in ACERA and PERS as an employee of County, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for ACERA and PERS benefits on behalf of Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of County.

3. **INSURANCE AND BOND:** Contractor shall at all times during the term of the Agreement with the County maintain in force, at minimum, those insurance policies and bonds as designated in the attached Exhibit C, and will comply with all those requirements as stated therein. The County and all parties as set forth on Exhibit C shall be considered an additional insured or loss payee if applicable. All of Contractor's available insurance coverage and proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits shall be available to satisfy any and all claims of the County, including defense costs and damages. Any insurance limitations are independent of and shall not limit the indemnification terms of this Agreement. Contractor's insurance policies, including excess and umbrella insurance policies, shall include an endorsement and be primary and non-contributory and will not seek contribution from any other insurance (or self-insurance) available to County. Contractor's excess and umbrella insurance shall also apply on a primary and non-contributory basis for the benefit of the County before County's own insurance policy or self-insurance shall be called upon to protect it as a named insured.
4. **PREVAILING WAGES:** Pursuant to Labor Code Sections 1770 et seq., Contractor shall pay to persons performing labor in and about Work provided for in Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality in which the Work is performed, and not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for legal holiday and overtime work in said locality, which per diem wages shall not be less than the stipulated rates contained in a schedule thereof which has been ascertained and determined by the Director of the State Department of Industrial Relations to be the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute this contract. Pursuant to Labor Code Section

1725.5, Contractor shall be currently registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and qualified to perform public work.

5. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION:** Contractor shall provide Workers' Compensation insurance, as applicable, at Contractor's own cost and expense and further, neither the Contractor nor its carrier shall be entitled to recover from County any costs, settlements, or expenses of Workers' Compensation claims arising out of this Agreement.
6. **CONFORMITY WITH LAW AND SAFETY:**
  - a. In performing services under this Agreement, Contractor shall observe and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, codes and regulations of governmental agencies, including federal, state, municipal, and local governing bodies, having jurisdiction over the scope of services, including all applicable provisions of the California Occupational Safety and Health Act. Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless from any and all liability, fines, penalties and consequences from any of Contractor's failures to comply with such laws, ordinances, codes and regulations.
  - b. Accidents: If a death, serious personal injury, or substantial property damage occurs in connection with Contractor's performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall immediately notify the Alameda County Risk Manager's Office by telephone. Contractor shall promptly submit to County a written report, in such form as may be required by County of all accidents which occur in connection with this Agreement. This report must include the following information: (1) name and address of the injured or deceased person(s); (2) name and address of Contractor's sub-Contractor, if any; (3) name and address of Contractor's liability insurance carrier; and (4) a detailed description of the accident and whether any of County's equipment, tools, material, or staff were involved.
  - c. Contractor further agrees to take all reasonable steps to preserve all physical evidence and information which may be relevant to the circumstances surrounding a potential claim, while maintaining public safety, and to grant to the County the opportunity to review and inspect such evidence, including the scene of the accident.
7. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION:** (Applicable to all agreements funded in part or whole with federal funds and contracts over \$25,000).
  - a. By signing this agreement and Exhibit D, Debarment and Suspension Certification, Contractor/Grantee agrees to comply with applicable federal suspension and debarment regulations, including but not limited to 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3016.35, 28 CFR 66.35, 29 CFR 97.35, 34 CFR 80.35, 45 CFR 92.35 and Executive Order 12549.

b. By signing this agreement, Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

- (1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any federal department or agency;
- (2) Shall not knowingly enter into any covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under federal regulations, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in such transaction.

8. **PAYMENT:** For services performed in accordance with this Agreement, payment shall be made to Contractor as provided in Exhibit B hereto.

9. **TRAVEL EXPENSES:** Contractor shall not be allowed or paid travel expenses unless set forth in this Agreement.

10. **TAXES:** Payment of all applicable federal, state, and local taxes shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

11. **OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS:** Contractor hereby assigns to the County and its assignees all copyright and other use rights in any and all proposals, plans, specification, designs, drawings, sketches, renderings, models, reports and related documents (including computerized or electronic copies) respecting in any way the subject matter of this Agreement, whether prepared by the County, the Contractor, the Contractor's sub-Contractors or third parties at the request of the Contractor (collectively, "Documents and Materials"). This explicitly includes the electronic copies of all above stated documentation.

Contractor also hereby assigns to the County and its assignees all copyright and other use rights in any Documents and Materials including electronic copies stored in Contractor's Information System, respecting in any way the subject matter of this Agreement.

Contractor shall be permitted to retain copies, including reproducible copies and computerized copies, of said Documents and Materials. Contractor agrees to take such further steps as may be reasonably requested by County to implement the aforesaid assignment. If for any reason said assignment is not effective, Contractor hereby grants the County and any assignee of the County an express royalty-free license to retain and use said Documents and Materials. The County's rights under this paragraph shall apply regardless of the degree of completion of the Documents and Materials and whether or not Contractor's services as set forth in Exhibit "A" of this Agreement have been fully performed or paid for.

In Contractor's contracts with other Contractors, Contractor shall expressly obligate its Sub-Contractors to grant the County the aforesaid assignment and license rights as to that Contractor's Documents and Materials. Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold the County harmless from any damage caused by a failure of the Contractor to obtain such rights from its Contractors and/or Sub-Contractors.

Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees which may be due for any patented or copyrighted materials, methods or systems selected by the Contractor and incorporated into the work as set forth in Exhibit "A", and shall defend, indemnify and hold the County harmless from any claims for infringement of patent or copyright arising out of such selection. The County's rights under this Paragraph 11 shall not extend to any computer software used to create such Documents and Materials.

12. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST; CONFIDENTIALITY:** The Contractor covenants that it presently has no interest, and shall not have any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required under this Agreement. Without limitation, Contractor represents to and agrees with the County that Contractor has no present, and will have no future, conflict of interest between providing the County services hereunder and any other person or entity (including but not limited to any federal or state wildlife, environmental or regulatory agency) which has any interest adverse or potentially adverse to the County, as determined in the reasonable judgment of the Board of Supervisors of the County.

The Contractor agrees that any information, whether proprietary or not, made known to or discovered by it during the performance of or in connection with this Agreement for the County will be kept confidential and not be disclosed to any other person. The Contractor agrees to immediately notify the County by notices provided in accordance with Paragraph 13 of this Agreement, if it is requested to disclose any information made known to or discovered by it during the performance of or in connection with this Agreement. These conflict of interest and future service provisions and limitations shall remain fully effective five (5) years after termination of services to the County hereunder.

13. **NOTICES:** All notices, requests, demands, or other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing. Notices shall be given for all purposes as follows:

**Personal delivery:** When personally delivered to the recipient, notices are effective on delivery.

**First Class Mail:** When mailed first class to the last address of the recipient known to the party giving notice, notice is effective three (3) mail delivery days after deposit in a United States Postal Service office or mailbox. **Certified Mail:** When mailed certified mail, return receipt requested, notice is effective on receipt, if delivery is confirmed by a return receipt.

**Overnight Delivery:** When delivered by overnight delivery (Federal Express/Airborne/United Parcel Service/DHL WorldWide Express) with charges prepaid or charged to the sender's account, notice is effective on delivery, if delivery is confirmed by the delivery service. **Telex or facsimile transmission:** When sent by telex or facsimile to the last telex or facsimile number of the recipient known to the party giving notice, notice is effective on receipt, provided that (a) a duplicate copy of the notice is promptly given by first-class or certified mail or by overnight delivery, or (b) the receiving party delivers a written confirmation of receipt. Any notice given by telex or facsimile shall be deemed received on the next business day if it is received after 5:00 p.m. (recipient's time) or on a non-business day.

Addresses for purpose of giving notice are as follows:

**To Public Works Agency:** Alameda County Public Works Agency  
399 Elmhurst Street  
Hayward, CA 94544  
Attn: Moses Tsang, P.E., Principal Civil Engineer

**To Contractor:** Alaco Engineering  
612 B Street  
Hayward, CA 94541  
Attn: Larry Johmann, Principal

Any correctly addressed notice that is refused, unclaimed, or undeliverable because of an act or omission of the party to be notified shall be deemed effective as of the first date that said notice was refused, unclaimed, or deemed undeliverable by the postal authorities, messenger, or overnight delivery service.

Any party may change its address or telex or facsimile number by giving the other party notice of the change in any manner permitted by this Agreement.

14. **USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY:** Contractor shall not use County property (including equipment, instruments and supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of his/her obligations under this Agreement.
15. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PRACTICES PROVISIONS:** Contractor assures that he/she/it will comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, disability, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, religion, Vietnam era Veteran's status, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Agreement.
  - a. Contractor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for applicants for employment placed as a result of this Agreement, state that it is an "Equal Opportunity Employer" or that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to their race, creed, color, disability, sex, sexual

orientation, national origin, age, religion, Vietnam era Veteran's status, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor.

- b. Contractor shall, if requested to do so by the County, certify that it has not, in the performance of this Agreement, discriminated against applicants or employees because of their race, creed, color, disability, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, religion, Vietnam era Veteran's status, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor.
- c. If requested to do so by the County, Contractor shall provide the County with access to copies of all of its records pertaining or relating to its employment practices, except to the extent such records or portions of such records are confidential or privileged under state or federal law.
- d. Contractor shall recruit vigorously and encourage minority - and women-owned businesses to bid its subcontracts.
- e. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed in any manner so as to require or permit any act, which is prohibited by law.
- f. The Contractor shall include the provisions set forth in paragraphs A through E (above) in each of its subcontracts.

16. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** Contractor and Contractor's employees shall comply with the County's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace. Neither Contractor nor Contractor's employees shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or use controlled substances, as defined in 21 U.S. Code § 812, including, but not limited to, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, and amphetamines, at any County facility or work site. If Contractor or any employee of Contractor is convicted or pleads nolo contendere to a criminal drug statute violation occurring at a County facility or work site, the Contractor within five days thereafter shall notify the head of the County department/agency for which the contract services are performed. Violation of this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

17. **AUDITS; ACCESS TO RECORDS:** The Contractor shall make available to the County, its authorized agents, officers, or employees, for examination any and all ledgers, books of accounts, invoices, vouchers, cancelled checks, and other records or documents evidencing or relating to the expenditures and disbursements charged to the County, and shall furnish to the County, its authorized agents, officers or employees such other evidence or information as the County may require with regard to any such expenditure or disbursement charged by the Contractor.

The Contractor shall maintain full and adequate records in accordance with County requirements to show the actual costs incurred by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement. If such books and records are not kept and maintained by Contractor within the County of Alameda, California, Contractor shall, upon request of the County,

make such books and records available to the County for inspection at a location within County or Contractor shall pay to the County the reasonable, and necessary costs incurred by the County in inspecting Contractor's books and records, including, but not limited to, travel, lodging and subsistence costs. Contractor shall provide such assistance as may be reasonably required in the course of such inspection. The County further reserves the right to examine and reexamine said books, records and data during the three (3) year period following termination of this Agreement or completion of all work hereunder, as evidenced in writing by the County, and the Contractor shall in no event dispose of, destroy, alter, or mutilate said books, records, accounts, and data in any manner whatsoever for three (3) years after the County makes the final or last payment or within three (3) years after any pending issues between the County and Contractor with respect to this Agreement are closed, whichever is later.

18. **DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS:** Contractor shall maintain and make available to County for its inspection and use during the term of this Agreement, all Documents and Materials, as defined in Paragraph 11 of this Agreement. Contractor's obligations under the preceding sentence shall continue for three (3) years following termination or expiration of this Agreement or the completion of all work hereunder (as evidenced in writing by County), and Contractor shall in no event dispose of, destroy, alter or mutilate said Documents and Materials, for three (3) years following the County's last payment to Contractor under this Agreement.
19. **TIME OF ESSENCE:** Time is of the essence in respect to all provisions of this Agreement that specify a time for performance; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be construed to limit or deprive a party of the benefits of any grace or use period allowed in this Agreement.
20. **TERMINATION:** The County has and reserves the right to suspend, terminate, or abandon the execution of any work by the Contractor without cause at any time upon giving to the Contractor prior written notice. In the event that the County should abandon, terminate, or suspend the Contractor's work, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for services provided hereunder prior to the effective date of said suspension, termination, or abandonment. Said payment shall be computed in accordance with Exhibit B hereto, provided that the maximum amount payable to Contractor for its permit management and well inspection services shall not exceed \$ 1,000,000 payment for services provided hereunder prior to the effective date of said suspension, termination or abandonment.
21. **SMALL LOCAL AND EMERGING BUSINESS (SLEB) PARTICIPATION:** Contractor has been certified by the County as a small or emerging local business. As a result, there is no requirement to subcontract with another business in order to satisfy the County's Small and Emerging Locally owned Business provision. If during the term of this contract, Contractor's certification status changes, Contractor shall notify the County within three business days.

**Should Contractor's status as a certified small or emerging local business change at any time during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall negotiate with County to be in compliance with the County's Small and Emerging Local Business provision, including but not limited to:**

- a. Contractor must subcontract a minimum 20% of the remaining contract value with a certified small or emerging local business(es).
- b. SLEB subcontractor(s) is independently owned and operated (i.e., is not owned or operated in any way by Prime), nor do any employees of either entity work for the other.
- c. As is applicable, Contractor shall ensure that their certification status is maintained in compliance with the SLEB Program for the term of this contract.
- d. For any subcontractors retained to comply with this provision, Contractor shall not substitute any such small and/or emerging local business(s) subcontractor without prior written approval from the County. Said requests to substitute shall be submitted in writing to the County department contract representative identified under Item #13 above. Contractor will not be able to substitute the subcontractor without prior written approval from the Alameda County Auditor Controller Agency, Office of Contract Compliance & Reporting (OCCR). Further approval from the Board of Supervisors may also be required.
- e. If subcontractors are added to the contract, all SLEB participation, except for prime contractor, must be tracked and monitored utilizing the Elation compliance System (see Exhibit E). SLEB prime contractor with SLEB subcontractors must enter payments made to subcontractors in the Elation System and ensure that SLEB subcontractors confirm payments received.

Contractor shall meet the requirements above within 15 business days of the County notifying Contractor that it is no longer in compliance with the program. County will be under no obligation to pay contractor for the percent committed to a SLEB subcontractor if the work is not performed by the listed small and/or emerging local business.

For further information regarding the Small Local Emerging Business participation requirements and utilization of the Alameda County Contract Compliance System contact the County Auditor- Controller's Office of Contract Compliance & Reporting (OCCR) via e-mail at [ACSLEBcompliance@acgov.org](mailto:ACSLEBcompliance@acgov.org).

22. **FIRST SOURCE PROGRAM:** For contracts over \$100,000, Contractor shall provide County ten (10) working days to refer to Contractor, potential candidates to be considered by Contractor to fill any new or vacant positions that are necessary to fulfill their contractual obligations to the County that Contractor has available during the contract term before advertising to the general public.

23. **CHOICE OF LAW:** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.
24. **WAIVER:** No waiver of a breach, failure of any condition, or any right or remedy contained in or granted by the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the party waiving the breach, failure, right, or remedy. No waiver of any breach, failure, right or remedy shall be deemed a waiver of any other breach, failure, right or remedy, whether or not similar, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver unless the writing so specifies.
25. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This Agreement, including all attachments, exhibits, and any other documents specifically incorporated into this Agreement, shall constitute the entire agreement between County and Contractor relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. As used herein, Agreement refers to and includes any documents incorporated herein by reference and any exhibits or attachments. This Agreement supersedes and merges all previous understandings, and all other agreements, written or oral, between the parties and sets forth the entire understanding of the parties regarding the subject matter thereof. The Agreement may not be modified except by a written document signed by both parties.
26. **HEADINGS** herein are for convenience of reference only and shall in no way affect interpretation of the Agreement.
27. **ADVERTISING OR PUBLICITY:** Contractor shall not use the name of County, its officers, directors, employees or agents, in advertising or publicity releases or otherwise without securing the prior written consent of County in each instance.
28. **MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT:** This Agreement may be supplemented, amended, or modified only by the mutual agreement of the parties. No supplement, amendment, or modification of this Agreement shall be binding unless it is in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.
29. **ASSURANCE OF PERFORMANCE:** If at any time County believes Contractor may not be adequately performing its obligations under this Agreement or that Contractor may fail to complete the Services as required by this Agreement, County may request from Contractor prompt written assurances of performance and a written plan acceptable to County, to correct the observed deficiencies in Contractor's performance. Contractor shall provide such written assurances and written plan within ten (10) calendar days of its receipt of County's request and shall thereafter diligently commence and fully perform such written plan. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any failure to provide such written assurances and written plan within the required time is a material breach under this Agreement.
30. **SUBCONTRACTING/ASSIGNMENT:** Contractor shall not subcontract, assign, or delegate any portion of this Agreement or any duties or obligations hereunder without the County's prior written approval.

- a. Neither party shall, on the basis of this Agreement, contract on behalf of or in the name of the other party. Any agreement that violates this Paragraph shall confer no rights on any party and shall be null and void.
- b. Contractor shall use the subcontractors identified in Exhibit A and shall not substitute subcontractors without County's prior written approval.
- c. Contractor shall require all subcontractors to comply with all indemnification and insurance requirements of this agreement, including, without limitation, Exhibit C. Contractor shall verify subcontractor's compliance.
- d. Contractor shall remain fully responsible for compliance by its subcontractors with all the terms of this Agreement, regardless of the terms of any agreement between Contractor and its subcontractors.

31. **SURVIVAL:** The obligations of this Agreement, which by their nature would continue beyond the termination or expiration of the Agreement, including without limitation, the obligations regarding Indemnification (Paragraph 2), Ownership of Documents (Paragraph 11), and Conflict of Interest (Paragraph 12), shall survive termination or expiration.

32. **SEVERABILITY:** If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Agreement to be illegal, unenforceable, or invalid in whole or in part for any reason, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions, or portions of them, will not be affected, unless an essential purpose of this Agreement would be defeated by the loss of the illegal, unenforceable, or invalid provision.

33. **PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INDEMNITY:** Contractor represents that it knows of no allegations, claims, or threatened claims that the materials, services, hardware or software ("Contractor Products") provided to County under this Agreement infringe any patent, copyright or other proprietary right. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless County of, from and against all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs expenses and amounts (collectively, "Losses") arising out of or in connection with an assertion that any Contractor Products or the use thereof, infringe any patent, copyright or other proprietary right of any third party. County will: (1) notify Contractor promptly of such claim, suit, or assertion; (2) permit Contractor to defend, compromise, or settle the claim; and, (3) provide, on a reasonable basis, information to enable Contractor to do so. Contractor shall not agree without County's prior written consent, to any settlement, which would require County to pay money or perform some affirmative act in order to continue using the Contractor Products.

- a. If Contractor is obligated to defend County pursuant to this Paragraph 33 and fails to do so after reasonable notice from County, County may defend itself and/or settle such proceeding, and Contractor shall pay to County any and all losses, damages and expenses (including attorney's fees and costs) incurred in relationship with County's defense and/or settlement of such proceeding.

- b. In the case of any such claim of infringement, Contractor shall either, at its option, (1) procure for County the right to continue using the Contractor Products; or (2) replace or modify the Contractor Products so that they become non-infringing, but equivalent in functionality and performance.
- c. Notwithstanding this Paragraph 33, County retains the right and ability to defend itself, at its own expense, against any claims that Contractor Products infringe any patent, copyright, or other intellectual property right.

34. **OTHER AGENCIES:** Other tax supported agencies within the State of California who have not contracted for their own requirements may desire to participate in this contract. The Contractor is requested to service these agencies and will be given the opportunity to accept or reject the additional requirements. If the Contractor elects to supply other agencies, orders will be placed directly by the agency and payments made directly by the agency.

35. **SIGNATORY:** By signing this agreement, signatory warrants and represents that he/she executed this Agreement in his/her authorized capacity and that by his/her signature on this Agreement, he/she or the entity upon behalf of which he/she acted, executed this Agreement. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[END OF GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS]

**EXHIBIT A****DEFINITION OF SERVICES**

1. Contractor shall provide as-needed well ordinance inspection services as set forth in this exhibit which include but are not limited to:
  - o Site inspections and documentation of compliance with Chapter 6.88 of the Alameda County Ordinance Code;
  - o Site inspections and documentation of wells, exploratory borings, environmental investigations, and compliance with Chapter 6.88 of the Alameda County Ordinance Code;
  - o Inspections of new water supply wells, water well destruction, and minimum seal depth for water supply well construction;
  - o Well ordinance permit verification and verification of completion of work in accordance with permit requirements;
  - o Completion of construction and destruction drilling permit daily logs;
  - o Completion of inspection checklists, documentation of site conditions, including through site photographs, and additional documentation as requested.
  - o Verifying permit applicant provided information, such as actual scope of work (construction/demolition type [wells/borings], quantity, location(s), stated depth(s), USA markings, etc.)
  - o Documenting site conditions and permitted work by means of photo imagery.
  - o Issuing notice to applicants/contractors of Agency determinations and enforcement actions.
  - o Coordination between applicant and Agency staff.

Contractor shall ensure that such services are performed in compliance with the water wells ordinance, Chapter 6.88 of the Alameda County Ordinance Code.

Contractor understands and acknowledges that the services it will provide under this contract create unique potential conflicts as concerns the County's regulatory program. Contractor agrees to ensure it conducts adequate conflicts checks and takes appropriate steps in its contracting with other clients to avoid any potential conflict within the geographic area subject to the County's water wells ordinance.

2. This Exhibit A has been drafted to include the requirements contained in the Request for Proposal (RFP) No. FL0202301105, the proposal response of Contractor (Response), and additional services that the County obtained through negotiations, if any. In the event of any conflict (direct or indirect) among any of the exhibits, the RFP, and the Response, the more stringent requirements providing the County with the broader scope of services shall have precedence, such as this Exhibit A including all attachments, the scope of work described in the RFP and the scope of the work described in the Contractor's Task Order shall be performed to the greatest extent feasible.

3. Contractor project team will consist of the following Key Personnel, as applicable during the contract term:

Name	Title	Telephone	Email Address
Lawrence Johmann	Principal	510-200-8414	larry@alaco.us

Contractor agrees that it shall not transfer or reassign the individuals identified above as Key Personnel or substitute subcontractors without the express written agreement of County, which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld. Should such individual or individuals in the employ of Contractor no longer be employed by Contractor during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall make a good faith effort to present to County an individual with greater or equal qualifications as a replacement subject to County's approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

4. The approval of County to a requested change shall not release Contractor from its obligations under this Agreement.

End Of Exhibit A

**EXHIBIT B**

**PAYMENT TERMS**

1. The County will pay for services completed and itemed on invoices prepared by the Contractor according to the rate schedule attached as Exhibit B-1.
2. Invoices will be reviewed for approval by the County, when submitted and itemized according to the defined tasks which the County has authorized for Contractor services as outlined in Exhibit A. The County will use its reasonable efforts to make payment to Contractor upon successful completion and acceptance of the following services listed within thirty (30) days upon receipt and approval of invoice.
3. Total payment under the terms of this Agreement will not exceed the total amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). This cost includes all taxes and all other charges.
4. The Billing Rates used as a basis for payment apply to all of Consultant's and Subconsultants' principals, professional personnel and others engaged directly on this Contract, and are set forth in the Appendix B-1. The 2023 Fee Schedule Rates (Appendix B-1) shall remain constant through July 31, 2024, and shall not be adjusted for inflation, salary adjustments, cost changes, or any other reason. After July 31, 2024, the consultant may propose fee adjustments during subsequent year(s) of the Agreement period due to normal salary increases but shall not exceed three percent (3%). Upon review of the request of fee adjustments and acceptance by the District, it shall become a part of this Agreement and remain in full force and effect.

End Of Exhibit B

**Alameda County Water Wells Ordinance Support Services**



**Staff Classification: Permit Technician**

An Alaco Permit Technician may provide some of the services shown in Exhibit A without critical appraisal. A technician will not evaluate, test, or pass judgement on the character, quality, or condition of construction work, but may convey information to ACPWA staff in real time for that purpose.

**Fees: Permit Technician hourly rate through June 30, 2024: \$80/hour**

Travel to and from project sites: *effective IRS standard mileage rate*

**Prevailing wages shall be paid for all other services performed under the Classifications published by the Director of Industrial Relations. See Section 4 "Prevailing Wages" in the General Terms and Conditions of the Standard Services Agreement.**

## EXHIBIT C

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Without limiting any other obligation or liability under this Agreement, the Contractor, at its sole cost and expense, shall secure and keep in force during the entire term of the Agreement or longer, as may be specified below, the following minimum insurance coverage, limits and endorsements. The County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances. If the contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown below, the County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the County.

TYPE OF INSURANCE COVERAGES		MINIMUM LIMITS
<b>A</b>	<b>Commercial General Liability</b> Premises Liability; Products and Completed Operations; Contractual Liability; Personal Injury and Advertising Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence (CSL) Bodily Injury and Property Damage
<b>B</b>	<b>Commercial or Business Automobile Liability</b> All owned vehicles, hired or leased vehicles, non-owned, borrowed and permissive uses. Personal Automobile Liability when extended to cover your business is acceptable for individual contractors with no transportation or hauling related activities	\$1,000,000 per occurrence (CSL) Any Auto or Hired and Non-Owned Autos Bodily Injury and Property Damage
<b>C</b>	<b>Workers' Compensation (WC) and Employers Liability (EL)</b> As required by State of California	WC: Statutory Limits EL: No less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease
<b>D</b>	<b>Professional Liability/Errors &amp; Omissions</b> Includes endorsements of contractual liability and defense and indemnification of the County	\$1,000,000 per occurrence \$2,000,000 project aggregate

E	<p><b><u>Endorsements and Conditions:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>ADDITIONAL INSURED:</b> County of Alameda, its Board of Supervisors, the individual members thereof, and all County officers, agents, employees, volunteers, and representatives are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used). Auto policy shall contain or be endorsed to contain additional insured coverage for the County.</li> <li>2. <b>DURATION OF COVERAGE:</b> All required insurance shall be maintained during the entire term of the Agreement. In addition, Insurance policies and coverage(s) written on a claims-made basis shall be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided during the entire term of the Agreement and for at least five (5) years following the later of termination of the Agreement and acceptance of all work provided under the Agreement, with the retroactive date of said insurance (as may be applicable) concurrent with the commencement of activities pursuant to this Agreement. If coverage is cancelled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of work.</li> <li>3. <b>REDUCTION OR LIMIT OF OBLIGATION:</b> All insurance policies, including excess and umbrella insurance policies, shall be primary and non-contributory coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 10 04 13 as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it. Pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement insurance effected or procured by the Contractor shall not reduce or limit Contractor's contractual obligation to indemnify and defend the Indemnified Parties.</li> <li>4. <b>INSURER FINANCIAL RATING:</b> Insurance shall be maintained through an insurer with an A.M. Best Rating of no less than A: VII or equivalent, shall be admitted to the State of California unless otherwise acceptable by Risk Management, and with deductible amounts acceptable to the County. Acceptance of Contractor's insurance by County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of Contractor hereunder. Self-insured retentions must be declared and approved. Any deductible or self-insured retention amount or other similar obligation under the policies shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. The policy language shall provide or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or County.</li> <li>5. <b>SUBCONTRACTORS:</b> Contractor shall include all subcontractors as an insured (covered party) under its policies or shall verify that the subcontractor, under its own policies and endorsements, has complied with the insurance requirements in this Agreement, including this Exhibit.</li> <li>6. <b>JOINT VENTURES:</b> If Contractor is an association, partnership or other joint business venture, required insurance shall be provided by one of the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Separate insurance policies issued for each individual entity, with each entity included as a "Named Insured" (covered party), or at minimum named as an "Additional Insured" on the other's policies. Coverage shall be at least as broad as in the ISO Forms named above.</li> <li>— Joint insurance program with the association, partnership or other joint business venture included as a "Named Insured".</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. <b>CANCELLATION OF INSURANCE:</b> Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be cancelled, except with notice of cancellation provided to the County in accordance with policy terms and conditions.</li> <li>8. <b>CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE:</b> Before commencing operations under this Agreement, Contractor shall provide Certificate(s) of insurance and applicable insurance endorsements as set forth in the provisions of this Agreement and this Exhibit C, in forms satisfactory to County, evidencing that all required insurance coverage is in effect. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The County reserves the right to require the Contractor to provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.</li> </ol>
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**EXHIBIT D**

**COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION**

**The contractor, under penalty of perjury, certifies that, except as noted below, contractor, its principals, and any named and unnamed subcontractor:**

- **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 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 years.**

**If there are any exceptions to this certification, insert the exceptions in the following space. For any exception noted, indicate to whom it applies, initiating agency, and dates of action. Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining Contractor responsibility.**

**Notes: Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions. The above certification is part of the Standard Services Agreement. Signing this Standard Services Agreement on the signature portion thereof shall also constitute signature of this Certification.**

**CONTRACTOR:** Alaco Engineering

**PRINCIPAL:** Larry Johmann

**TITLE:** Principal

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 Lawrence Johmann

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXHIBIT E**

**COUNTY OF ALAMEDA  
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

The County of Alameda utilizes Elation Systems, a third-party compliance system to monitor subcontractor utilization requirements.

County project managers will provide a special access code to contractors and subcontractors participating in this contract to allow them to register to use Elation Systems (at <https://www.elationsys.com/APP/>) free of charge.

Upon receipt of signed contract documents, the prime contractor shall immediately enter subcontractors (contributing towards utilization requirements) in the System, confirm payments received from the County within five business days in the System, immediately enter payments made to subcontractors, and ensure that subcontractors confirm they received payments within five business days in the System. Subcontractors shall confirm their payments received from the prime contractor within five business days in the System.

Elation Systems support, resources, and assistance are available online to registered contractors awarded a contract as a result of this bid process for this project and participating registered subcontractors.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that they and their subcontractors are registered and able to utilize Elation Systems as required.

## EXHIBIT F

**COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**  
**THE IRAN CONTRACTING ACT (ICA) OF 2010**  
For Procurements of \$1,000,000 or more

The California Legislature adopted the Iran Contracting Act (ICA) to respond to policies of Iran in a uniform fashion (PCC § 2201(q)). The ICA prohibits persons engaged in investment activities in Iran from bidding on, submitting proposals for, or entering into or renewing contracts with public entities for goods and services of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more (PCC § 2203(a)). A person who "engages in investment activities in Iran" is defined in either of two ways:

1. The person provides goods or services of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) or more in the energy sector of Iran, including a person that provides oil or liquefied natural gas tankers, or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas, for the energy sector of Iran; or
2. The person is a financial institution (as that term is defined in 50 U.S.C. § 1701) that extends twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) or more in credit to another person, for 45 days or more, if that person will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran and is identified on a list created by the California Department of General Services (DGS) pursuant to PCC § 2201(b) as a person engaging in the investment activities described in paragraph 1 above.

By signing below, I hereby certify that as of the time of bidding or proposing for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract, neither I nor the company I own or work for are identified on the DGS list of ineligible persons and neither I nor the company I own or work for are engaged in investment activities in Iran in violation of the Iran Contracting Act of 2010.

If either I or the company I own or work for are ineligible to bid or submit a proposal or to renew a contract, but I believe I or it qualifies for an exception listed in PCC § 2202(c), I have described in detail the nature of the exception: \_\_\_\_\_

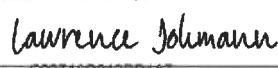
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CONTRACTOR: Alaco Engineering

PRINCIPAL: Larry Johmann

TITLE: Principal

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