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SUBJECT: Thompson Rd @ Hwy 119 Improvements & Signals Sain Project #250102 CE&I, #230332 Design

## Dear Mr. Hawkins:

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal for performing construction engineering and inspections on this upcoming project. Following is a description of our understanding of your project and the scope of services that we propose to undertake.

## General Project Understanding

The roadway improvements project will reconfigure the roadway for the new recreational facility and library to be constructed. The project consists of reconfigured turn lanes, drainage facilities, pedestrian elements, signal upgrades, paving & striping. The project bid in November 2024 and was awarded to Massey Paving for \$2,351,641. The project has a procurement period up front to be followed by 105 working days for construction. Notice to proceed with construction is expected to be given on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Scope of Services

Sain proposes to perform the following work:

**Construction Inspections** - Sain expects to staff this project with one level II or senior inspector on a part time basis for approximately 20 hours per week. Daily reports will be written to summarize the day's work. Photos will also be taken to document progress and problems. Concrete field testing will be performed by our inspectors and cylinders will be cured and tested by our lab partner. Sain's inspectors are QCI certified and will perform the erosion control inspections if required by the ADEM permit. Sain is planning on the inspector averaging 20 hours per week, but understands this could likely range in 10-30 hours per week.

**Construction Engineering & Project Management** – Our construction engineer will make field visits approximately once per week. For any plan changes that will have a significant cost impact, once a proposed solution is agreed upon with the contractor, those would be brought back to the City of Alabaster for approval as a change order. The engineer of record would be responsible if any change requires significant design. Construction engineering will also include reviewing of any mix designs or submittals, handling of monthly pay estimates, material certifications, correspondence, and any minor coordination with property owners, utilities, etc.

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Meetings - Sain will lead the preconstruction meeting and hold progress meetings as needed.

**ALDOT Coordination** – We expect there to be minimal ALDOT coordination. This project is an ALDOT permit project and is 100% funded by the city.

**Final Inspections & Closeout** – Once work has been completed, Sain will invite Alabaster out for a walk through to review the project, develop a punch list, and approve final acceptance. Final deliverables to Alabaster will include red-lined as-built plans, testing reports, all daily work reports, and supplier/materials certifications.

# **Exclusions**

The following services are excluded from this proposal but can be provided if deemed necessary and requested by you:

- o Surveying
- Construction or ROW staking
- Major utility coordination

# <u>Fees</u>

This contract would be billed at our standard hourly rates. This is not a lump sum contract. Reimbursable expenses such as field supplies, mileage, travel costs, lab testing, etc plus a 10% markup are all included in the above fee estimate.

# Procedures for Changes in Scope of Work

The scope of work documented herein is based upon information known as of the date of this proposal. Should future changes (e.g. site plan, regulatory, project phasing, additional meetings, etc.) necessitate changes in the scope of work, we will contact you to discuss the scope of the additional work and its impact to our contracted fees and project schedule. No additional work will be undertaken by Sain or our subconsultants without your authorization.

# Terms and Conditions

This contract is subject to the enclosed Terms and Conditions. All subsequent services required by you outside the scope of service specified will be performed on a time and materials basis according to the schedule of rates enclosed. Any modification to this contract document must be approved in writing by both parties with approval indicated by each signatory's initials and the date of approval.

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# Proposal Limitations

We reserve the right to withdraw or modify this proposal if not contracted within 60 days.

Sain Associates has provided this proposal with the understanding that you have selected our firm to perform professional services based upon our staff's qualifications, experience and reputation and not solely upon the cost of the services proposed. We trust the fees outlined herein are acceptable and within your project budgetary plans. We look forward to commencement of the work and will be glad to address any questions or concerns you have regarding the technical scope and/or schedule of fees for this proposal. If you should request additional prices for the scope of work included herein from other consulting engineers and/or land surveyors, please consider our proposal withdrawn in order to comply with Alabama Administrative Code Chapter 330-X-14-.05(f).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this proposal. If you have any questions or need clarification on any item, please call me. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

SAIN ASSOCIATES, INC.

Matt Stoops, PE Construction Engineer

OFFERED: SAIN ASSOCIATES, INC.

BY: Alicia Bailey, PE – Sr. Principal

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ April 22, 2025

ACCEPTED: CITY OF ALABASTER

Enclosures: Sain Terms & Conditions (sch. 2025)

BY:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Print Name & Title

Date: \_

# SAIN ASSOCIATES, INC. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### Rates:

Rules.	
Principal	
Engineer/Planner	\$110.00 - \$168.00 per Hour
Senior Engineer	
GIS Analyst	\$115.00 - \$136.00 per Hour
GIS Professional	\$148.00 - \$168.00 per Hour
Designer	
Surveyor	\$115.00 - \$175.00 per Hour
Survey Crew (1-Person)	\$115.00 per Hour
Survey Crew (1-Person + Robot)	\$175.00 per Hour
Survey Crew (3-Person)	\$252.00 per Hour
Survey Per Diem	
Administrative Support	

#### **Reimbursable Expenses**

Printing, contract carrier service, and travel expenses are not included within Consultant's basic fee and will be passed along to Client at cost plus 10%.

#### Payment

Payment for services by Consultant is to be made monthly based upon the percentage of work completed and invoiced to Client. Client's obligation to pay for services rendered hereunder is in no way dependent upon its ability to obtain financing, to obtain payment from a third party, or to obtain approval of any governmental or regulatory agencies, or upon Client's successful completion of the project. Payment for services and expenses hereunder is due in full within thirty (30) days after receipt of invoice. For past due accounts exceeding 120 days Consultant will issue a past due statement with interest of 1½% per month from said thirtieth (30th) day. Consultant may elect to seek assistance in collection of accounts exceeding 120 days in which case Client will be billed for attorney's fees for collection in the amount of 1/3 of the outstanding balance or such greater amount as the court finds reasonable. Consultant reserves the right to suspend services under this agreement until receipt of payment in full for all amounts due for services rendered and expenses incurred.

#### Standard of Care

The standard of care for all professional services performed or furnished by Consultant under this Agreement will be consistent with, and limited to, the skill and care ordinarily provided by members of Consultant's profession practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional licenses at the same time and in the same locality, as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a reasonably prudent member of Consultant's profession. Consultant makes no warranties, express or implied, under this Agreement or otherwise, in connection with Consultant's services.

#### **Responsibility of the Client**

Client shall provide all criteria and full information as to Client's requirements for the Project, including budgetary limitations.

#### **Reliance on Information Provided by Others**

Consultant shall be entitled to rely, without liability, on the accuracy and completeness of any and all information provided by Client, Client's Consultants and Contractors, and information from public records, without the need for independent verification.

#### Schedules, Budgets and Estimates or Opinions of Cost

Any schedules or completion dates, budgets, or estimates of cost prepared by Consultant represent Consultant's professional judgment based on its experience and available information. Since neither Consultant nor Client has control over: the cost of labor, materials, or equipment, or contractor's methods of determining prices; competitive bidding or market conditions; utility conflicts or right-of-way acquisition; agency approval times or actions of a Consultant Program Manager not employed by Sain, the Consultant cannot and does not warrant or represent that actual schedules, budgets or completion dates or actual costs will not vary from schedules or completion dates, budgets or estimates of cost prepared by Consultant or proposed, established, or approved by Client.

#### Approvals

Client agrees and acknowledges that the approval process necessary to maintain a project timeline is both unpredictable and outside of the Consultant's control. Consequently, the Consultant makes no representations as to its ability to timely achieve or to obtain said permits or approvals from any governing authority or outside agency.

#### Site Visits/Jobsite Safety/Construction Phase Services

Consultant and Client acknowledge and agree that the Consultant shall not have responsibility and will not be liable for jobsite safety or construction means and methods, regardless of whether Consultant's scope of services documented herein include site visits during the construction phase. The Consultant is not responsible for, and shall by no means be liable for, the acts or omissions of any owner, contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier.

#### **Right of Entry**

Client, at its sole cost and expense, shall furnish the Consultant, its agents, employees, and subcontractors a right-of-entry and any other authorizations or licenses needed for Consultant to enter the Project location to perform the services contemplated by this Agreement. Client agrees and acknowledges that the services provided by the Consultant may require certain activities that may disrupt the use of the Project's property location and may disturb, alter, or damage the terrain and vegetation thereabout and that Consultant will not restore the property to its original state.

#### Certifications

Consultant shall not be required to sign any documents, no matter by whom requested, that would result in Consultant's having to certify, guaranty, or warrant the existence of conditions that Consultant cannot ascertain or verify. Further, Consultant and Client acknowledge and agree that Consultant shall not be expected to provide any certifications unless expressly agreed upon by Consultant, as evidenced in writing within the scope of Consultant's work invoiced to Client.

#### **Unforeseen Conditions and Occurrences**

If, during the course of performance of services pursuant to this Agreement, any unforeseen hazardous substance, material, object, element, or other unforeseen conditions or occurrences are encountered which, in the Consultant's judgment, materially affects or may affect the services to be provided hereunder, the risk involved in providing the services, or the scope of the services, Consultant will notify Client. Subsequent to that notification, Consultant may: (a) if practicable, in Consultant's judgment and with Client's approval, complete the original scope of services in accordance with this Agreement; (b) agree with Client to modify the

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scope of services and the estimate of costs to include the previously unforeseen conditions or occurrences, such revision to be in writing and signed by the Parties and incorporated herein; or (c) terminate the services effective on the date of notification for convenience.

#### Use of Electronic Media

Copies of documents that may be relied upon by the Client are limited to the printed copies (also known as hard copies) that are signed or sealed by Consultant. Files in electronic media format or text, data, graphic or other types that are furnished by Consultant to Client are only for convenience of the Client and are not intended as an end-product. Any use, conclusion or information obtained or derived from such electronic files will be at the user's sole risk. When transferring documents in electronic media format, Consultant makes no representations as to long-term compatibility, usability, or readability of documents resulting from the use of software application, operating systems or computer hardware differing from those in use by Consultant at the beginning of this assignment.

#### Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the total liability, in the aggregate, of Consultant and Consultant's officers, directors, employees, agents, and consultants to Client and anyone claiming by, through or under Client, for any and all injuries, claims, losses, expenses, or damages whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to Consultant's services, the Project or this Agreement, from any cause or causes whatsoever, including but not limited to, negligence, strict liability, breach of contract or breach of warranty shall not exceed the insurance coverages referenced on the Consultant's Certificate of Insurance-

#### Consultant's Choice of Arbitration or Litigation

Client and Consultant agree that if a dispute arises out of or relates to this Agreement, the parties will attempt to settle the dispute through good faith negotiations. If direct negotiations do not resolve the dispute, the parties agree to endeavor to settle the dispute by mediation prior to the initiation of any legal action unless delay in initiating legal action would irrevocably prejudice one of the parties. Mediation shall take place in Jefferson County, Alabama, and if a mediator cannot be agreed upon by parties, then it is agreed that AAA (American Arbitration Association) will appoint a mediator. If mediation is unsuccessful, any such dispute shall be subject to and resolved at the election of Consultant, by either arbitration in accordance with the Rules of the AAA or by litigation in either the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Alabama, or the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

#### Indemnification

Client and Consultant each agree to indemnify and hold the other harmless, and their respective officers, employees, and directors, from and against liability for losses, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, but only to the extent such losses, damages, or expenses are caused by the indemnifying party's negligent acts, errors or omissions. In the event claims, losses, damages, or expenses are caused by the joint or concurrent negligence of Client and Consultant, they shall be borne by each party in proportion to its negligence. In no event shall the indemnification obligation extend beyond the date when the institution of legal or equitable proceedings for professional negligence would be barred by any applicable statute of repose or statute of limitations.

#### Force Majeure

The Consultant shall not be responsible for delays caused by factors beyond the Consultant's reasonable control, including but not limited to delays because of strikes, lockouts, work slowdowns or stoppages, government ordered industry shutdowns, power or server outages, acts of nature, widespread infectious disease outbreaks (including, but not limited to epidemics and pandemics), failure of any governmental or other regulatory authority to act in a timely manner, failure of the Client to furnish timely information or approve or disapprove of the Consultant's reasonable control occur, the Client agrees that the Consultant shall not be responsible for damages, nor shall the Consultant be deemed in default of this Agreement.

#### **Termination of Contract**

Client may terminate this Agreement with seven days prior written notice to Consultant for convenience or cause. Consultant may terminate this Agreement for cause with seven days prior written notice to Client. Failure of Client to make payments when due shall be cause for suspension of services or, ultimately, termination, unless and until Consultant has been paid in full all amounts due for services, expenses and other related charges.

#### **Ownership of Documents**

All documents prepared or furnished by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement are instruments of Consultant's professional service, and Consultant shall retain an ownership and property interest therein. Consultant grants Client a license to use instruments of Consultant's professional service for the purpose of constructing, occupying, and maintaining the Project. Reuse or modification of any such documents by Client, without Consultant's written permission, shall be at Client's sole risk, and Client agrees to defend (at Consultant's option), indemnify, and hold Consultant harmless from all claims, damages, and expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising out of such reuse by Client or Client's disclosure of any such documents to any third party.

#### **Third Parties**

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with, or a cause of action in favor of, a third party against either the Client or Consultant. Consultant's services hereunder are being performed solely for the benefit of the Client, and no other entity shall have any claim against Consultant because of this Agreement or Consultant's performance of services hereunder.

#### **Consequential Damages Waiver**

Neither the Client nor the Consultant shall be liable to the other or shall make any claim for any incidental, indirect or consequential damages arising out of, or connected in any way to the Project or this Agreement. This mutual waiver includes, but is not limited to, damages related to loss of use, loss of profits, loss of income, loss of reputation, unrealized savings or diminution of property value and shall apply to any cause of action including negligence, strict liability, breach of contract and breach of warranty.

#### Conflicting or Inconsistent Terms/Severability

In the event that any term, condition, provision, requirement or specification set forth in this body of the agreement conflicts with or is inconsistent with any term, condition, provision, requirement or specification in any exhibit and/or attachment to this agreement, the provisions of this body of the agreement shall prevail. Any provision of this Agreement which is held to be void or unenforceable shall be ineffective to the extent of such unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions.

Schedule 2025