



October 31, 2023

City of Dripping Springs

c/o City Lights Design Alliance  
P.O. 1166  
Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

Attn: Keenan Smith, A.I.A.

Subject: Proposal for Professional Geotechnical Engineering Services  
**Stephenson Lot**  
Old Fitzhugh Road and Mercer Street  
Dripping Springs, Texas  
ATLAS Proposal No. 23-12418

Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC. appreciates the opportunity to submit this proposal to provide professional geotechnical engineering services for the above referenced project. This proposal includes our project understanding, our scope of services, estimated fee, and terms and conditions.

### Project Understanding

Based on the information provided, we understand the project will consist of the new parking lot to be located off Old Fitzhugh Road in Dripping Springs, Texas. The project will include pavements consisting of a general parking lot and driveways. We understand an asphalt pavement system will be considered.

We understand the infiltration rate of the pavement area will be required at this site. The infiltration rate will be evaluated by performing percolation tests within five (5) test holes at a depth of about 3 ft. *Note: The percolation testing will generally follow the City of Austin "1.6.7.4 - Infiltration Rate Evaluation" guidelines.*

### Scope of Services

ATLAS will provide the following scope of services:

3989 E. Highway 290, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620  
512-858-2993 | [oneatlas.com](http://oneatlas.com)

*Field Subsurface Exploration Services:* As requested, a total of five (5) borings to a depth of about 5 ft (or auger refusal, if shallower) as listed in Table 1:

**Table 1 – Field Subsurface Exploration Services**

| Boring Location(s) | Number of Boring(s) | Anticipated Boring Depths (ft) |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Pavement Area      | 5                   | 5                              |

The boreholes will be backfilled with borehole cuttings upon completion of drilling and sampling. Excess cuttings will be spread evenly across the site. Soil samples will be collected at 2-ft. intervals to a depth of 10-ft. and 5-ft. intervals to the total depth explored at the borehole locations. Soil samples will be obtained in conjunction with Standard Penetration Tests (SPT) in accordance with (ASTM D1586) procedures or other appropriate sampling methods. Upon completion of the field sampling activities, the soil samples will be sealed and transported to our AASHTO accredited soil testing laboratory for further analysis.

*Soil Mechanics Laboratory Testing Services:* The study will also include laboratory tests to evaluate the classification, gradation and certain physical characteristics of the subsurface soils. Our laboratories are fully equipped with modern equipment for soil and rock testing and tests are performed by trained qualified technicians in compliance with the applicable specifications. All laboratory staff are supervised by professional engineers.

*Report:* Results of the field exploration and laboratory tests will be utilized in the engineering analysis and the formulation of our recommendations. Results of our study, including the substantiating data and our recommendations, will be presented in a written report prepared by a Licensed Professional Engineer.

The report will contain:

- Field subsurface data and the laboratory test results;
- Site preparation recommendations;
- Groundwater data (if encountered);
- Fill material and placement;
- Compaction requirements;
- Grading and drainage requirements;
- Pavement section recommendations; and
- Provide infiltration rate based on percolation test results.
- Recommendations for construction testing procedures and frequency of tests.

The report(s) will be submitted to the Client via email.

## Fee and Invoicing

Our fee for performance of the geotechnical study on the site described will be as noted below in Table 2. We guarantee not to exceed this figure without your approval.

**Table 2 – Estimated Fee**

| Service(s)                             | Estimated Fee     |
|--|-------------------|
| Geotechnical Lump Sum Fee <sup>1</sup> | \$3,900.00        |
| Soil Infiltration Rate Testing         | \$5,000.00        |
| <b>Total:</b>                          | <b>\$8,900.00</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Fee does not include cost for site clearing or permitting.

Field operations would commence within about two to three weeks from your notification to proceed. We estimate the field operations will take up to three days to complete. The complete written report will be electronically sent to you within two to three weeks following completion of the field operations. Inclement weather could result in delays to the referenced boring operations schedule.

The client represents that it has full authority from the current landowner to engage ATLAS to perform this study. The pricing provided in Table 2 assumes the bore locations can be accessed using standard, truck-mounted drilling equipment. If difficult site conditions are encountered, alternate pricing may be provided using an All-Terrain Drilling Unit.

## Utility Locate

Prior to start of drilling, ATLAS will contact Texas One-Call utility clearance (Texas811) to mark and clear utilities at the boring locations. The Client shall provide any known site-specific utility information/plans upon acceptance of this proposal. If private utility information/plans are not available, we recommend the client hire a subcontractor directly to locate utilities using GPR equipment. However, if you choose to have ATLAS assist with this process the activities will be charged on a time and expense basis and all subcontractor invoices will be subject to a 30 percent mark-up. Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) service can be performed to aid in locating below-grade utilities. This service is an increased level of due diligence in conjunction with Texas One-Call utility clearance; however, it does not guarantee the absence of below-grade utility conflicts. Client understands ATLAS is not responsible for damage to any below-grade utilities of which we are not made aware.

## Terms and Conditions

Atlas provides complete construction materials testing and observation services. We would appreciate the opportunity to provide a proposal for these services for the construction phase of the project when plans and specifications have been finalized and available for use.

If this proposal is acceptable, please sign, return the attached Client Services Agreement, and return via email to [joe.fiello@oneatlas.com](mailto:joe.fiello@oneatlas.com). ATLAS will execute the agreement and return one copy for your files.

Thank you for the opportunity to propose on this project. If you have any questions or require further information, please email, or call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC.  
TBPE Firm Registration No. F-19813

Joe Fiello, P.E.  
General Manager

  
**CLIENT SERVICES AGREEMENT**

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This AGREEMENT is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_ its employees, officers, directors, affiliates, subsidiaries, and agents (CLIENT) at \_\_\_\_\_ and ATLAS TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS LLC, its employees, officers, directors, affiliates, subsidiaries, and agents (ATLAS) at 1211 Arion Parkway, Suite 100, San Antonio, Texas 78216.

**Whereas**, CLIENT intends to employ ATLAS to provide geotechnical engineering services for the **Stephenson Lot, ATLAS Proposal 23-12418** (hereinafter referred to as “Services”);

**Whereas**, ATLAS desires to contract with CLIENT and perform such Services and CLIENT desires to accept such Services;

**Now, therefore**, in consideration of the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties mutually agree as follows:

**DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES** Except as expressly specified otherwise in writing, the parties designate the following named individuals as their authorized representatives to provide approvals, directives, and permissions, including changes, and to receive notices or other communications under this agreement at the following addresses:

**ATLAS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLIENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSAL NAME/NUMBER/DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED** ATLAS shall perform the Services as described in the Proposal referenced above, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated into this Agreement by reference. The Proposal describes the work to be performed (Services), the location (Site), fees and/or rates to be charged, certain special conditions of performance including equipment, sampling protocols, and necessary reimbursable expenses. ATLAS will be authorized to proceed with the Services, when CLIENT indicates its acceptance by signing this Agreement or, if not practical because of timing or other constraints, by e-mail to ATLAS. The Proposal, this Agreement and any attachments pertaining thereto shall comprise the Contract Document.

**2. ADDITIONAL SERVICES** If any additional or different Services are required to complete an existing Proposal, these additional Services shall be conveyed to CLIENT and approved by the CLIENT in writing.

**3. COMPENSATION** CLIENT will pay ATLAS for Services and expenses in accordance with the Proposal. ATLAS will make reasonable, good faith efforts to perform the Services and accomplish the objectives defined in this Agreement within any written cost estimate provided by ATLAS. CLIENT recognizes that unforeseen circumstances along with changes in scope and schedule can influence the completion of Services within the estimated costs. The use of an estimate of fees or a “not to exceed” limitation is ATLAS’s professional judgment of costs, given the information that was provided but is not a guarantee that the Services will be completed for that amount. ATLAS will submit periodic invoices to CLIENT together with reasonable supporting documentation requested by CLIENT and a final bill upon completion of its services. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, there shall be no retainage. Payment is due within thirty (30) days of the invoice date regardless of whether CLIENT has been reimbursed by any other party. ATLAS reserves the right to assess a finance charge of 1.5% per month, calculated from the invoice due date, on any invoices not paid within thirty (30) days. ATLAS reserves the right to withhold reports until payment is received and may further suspend work and vacate the site if all undisputed payment amounts are not received within sixty (60) days after the invoice date. CLIENT will indemnify ATLAS for all claims concerning the suspension of work for nonpayment regardless of whether the claims

are made by the CLIENT, someone claiming through the CLIENT, or by a third party. CLIENT agrees to pay ATLAS's attorney's fees, and all other costs incurred in collecting past due amounts.

If CLIENT objects in good faith to any portion of an invoice, CLIENT must so notify ATLAS within ten (10) days of the invoice date, identifying the cause of disagreement, and pay when due the portion of the invoice not in dispute. The parties will immediately make every effort to resolve the disputed portion of the invoice. Any dispute over invoiced amounts due which cannot be resolved within fourteen (14) days by direct negotiation between the parties shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution provisions of this Agreement. Payment thereafter will first be applied to accrued interest and then to the unpaid principal amount. Finance charges as stated above shall be paid by the CLIENT on all disputed invoice amounts that are subsequently resolved in ATLAS's favor, calculated on the unpaid balance from the due date of the invoice.

**4. PREVAILING WAGE** It shall be CLIENT's sole responsibility to notify ATLAS in writing of any prevailing wage requirements before any services are performed for the project. In the event notification is not given to ATLAS, CLIENT shall be fully responsible for payment of all fines, penalties, and/or damages imposed upon ATLAS.

**5. EXPENSES** Unless otherwise stated in the Proposal, CLIENT agrees to pay ATLAS for its reimbursable expenses, in addition to its fees. Reimbursable expenses are expenditures made by ATLAS in the interest of the contracted Services. Reimbursable expenses shall be billed, and paid, in accordance with the schedule included with the Proposal. ATLAS will submit a Change Order to CLIENT detailing other reimbursable expenses not outlined in the Proposal.

**6. INSURANCE** ATLAS agrees that it now carries, and will continue to carry during the performance of any Services under this Agreement, Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability, Commercial General Liability (including Contractual Liability), Commercial Automobile Liability, Professional Liability and Contractor's Pollution Liability insurance coverage with limits at or above those described, as follows:

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| a. | Workers' Compensation (statutory)             |             |
|    | Employer's Liability                          |             |
|    | Each accident                                 | \$1,000,000 |
|    | Disease – Each Employee                       | \$1,000,000 |
|    | Disease – Policy Limit                        | \$1,000,000 |
| b. | Commercial General Liability                  |             |
|    | Each Occurrence                               | \$1,000,000 |
|    | Personal and Advertising Injury               | \$1,000,000 |
|    | General Aggregate                             | \$2,000,000 |
|    | Products and Completed Operations Aggregate   | \$2,000,000 |
| c. | Commercial Automobile Liability               |             |
|    | Combined Single Limit                         | \$1,000,000 |
| d. | Errors and Omissions / Professional Liability |             |
|    | Each Claim                                    | \$1,000,000 |
|    | Annual Aggregate                              | \$1,000,000 |
| e. | Contractor's Pollution Liability              |             |
|    | Each Claim                                    | \$1,000,000 |
|    | Annual Aggregate                              | \$1,000,000 |

**7. OBLIGATIONS OF CLIENT** CLIENT warrants that all information provided to ATLAS concerning the required Services is complete and accurate to the best of CLIENT's knowledge. CLIENT agrees to advise ATLAS prior to commencement of the Services, and during the work, of any hazardous conditions on or near the Site known to CLIENT. CLIENT understands that ATLAS is relying upon the completeness and accuracy of information supplied to it by CLIENT and ATLAS will not independently verify such information unless otherwise provided in the Service Order. CLIENT shall be solely responsible for and shall indemnify and hold harmless ATLAS for any costs, expenses or damages incurred by

ATLAS due to CLIENT's failure to follow applicable reporting and governmental requirements. CLIENT will not hold ATLAS liable if ATLAS's recommendations are not followed and expressly waives any claim against ATLAS, and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold ATLAS harmless from any claim or liability for injury or loss that results from failure to properly implement ATLAS's recommendations.

**8. STANDARD OF CARE** ATLAS's Services as defined by the Proposal shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted industry principles and practices, consistent with a level of care and skill ordinarily practiced by members of the same profession currently providing similar services under similar circumstances at the time the Services were provided. No other representation nor a warranty of any kind, express or implied, is made or intended by ATLAS, its employees or agents, in connection with the Services provided under this Agreement. CLIENT agrees to give ATLAS written notice of any breach or default under this Section 8 within one (1) year of the completion of the Services and to provide ATLAS a reasonable opportunity to cure such breach or default, without the payment of additional fees to ATLAS, as a condition precedent to any claim for damages.

**9. LIMITATIONS OF METHOD RELIABILITY** The CLIENT recognizes and agrees that all testing and remediation methods have inherent reliability limitations; no method or number of sampling locations can guarantee that a condition will be discovered within the performance of the Services as authorized by the CLIENT. The CLIENT further acknowledges and agrees that reliability of testing or remediation methods varies according to the sampling frequency and other variables and that these factors, including cost, have been considered in the CLIENT's selection of Services. ATLAS's observations and standardized sampling, inspection and testing procedures employed only represent conditions observed and activities only at the precise location and time where and when Services were performed at the time of the Site visit. CLIENT recognizes that conditions of materials and activities at other locations may vary from those measured or observed, and that conditions at one location and time do not necessarily indicate the conditions of apparently identical material(s) at other locations and times. ATLAS is not responsible for changes that may occur to the Site after ATLAS completes the Services.

**10. CONTROL OF WORK AND JOB-SITE SAFETY** ATLAS shall be responsible for its activities and that of its employees and subcontractors, and CLIENT acknowledges that ATLAS will not direct, supervise or control the work of other consultants and contractors or their subcontractors. Furthermore, ATLAS shall not guarantee or be responsible for health and safety, procedures, construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, nor be responsible for the acts or omissions of contractors or other parties on the Site. ATLAS's testing, observation, or inspection of the work of other parties on a project, even if performed on a continuous basis, shall not relieve such parties of their responsibility to perform their work in accordance with applicable plans, specifications and safety requirements. Continuous monitoring by ATLAS's employees does not mean that ATLAS is observing or verifying all Site work or placement of all materials. CLIENT agrees that ATLAS will only make on-Site observations appropriate to the Services provided by ATLAS and will not relieve others of their responsibilities to perform the work.

**11. TEST AND SAMPLING LOCATIONS** Unless otherwise specified in the Proposal, the Services do not include surveying the Site or precisely identifying sampling, inspection or test locations, depths or elevations, and any sampling, inspection and test locations, depths and elevations will be based on field estimates and information furnished by CLIENT and its representatives. Unless stated otherwise in the report, the accuracy of any test or sampling locations and elevations will be commensurate only with approximate measurements or estimates. CLIENT should retain the services of a professional surveyor if greater accuracy is required. CLIENT will furnish a diagram indicating the accurate location of the Site. Sample locations may also be indicated on the diagram. ATLAS reserves the right to deviate a reasonable distance from the boring and sampling locations unless the CLIENT specifically revokes this right in writing at the time the diagram is supplied.

**12. INTERPRETATION OF DATA** ATLAS is responsible only for those data, interpretations, and recommendations regarding the actual materials and activities observed, sampled, inspected or tested, and shall not be responsible for the use or interpretation of ATLAS data by third parties, or the information developed by third parties from such data. CLIENT acknowledges that subsurface conditions may vary from those encountered at the locations where the borings, surveys, or explorations are made by ATLAS. CLIENT further recognizes that the data interpretations and recommendations of ATLAS's personnel are based solely on the information available to them, and that ATLAS may make certain inferences based upon the information derived from these observations, samples, inspections, or tests to formulate professional opinions regarding conditions in other areas.

**13. THIRD PARTY INFORMATION** ATLAS is dependent on information available from various governmental agencies and private database firms to aid in evaluating the history of the Site. ATLAS shall not be liable for any such agency's or database firm's failure to make relevant files or documents properly available, to properly index files, or otherwise to fail to maintain or produce accurate or complete records.

**14. SITE ACCESS** CLIENT grants or shall obtain for ATLAS a right of entry to all parts of the Site necessary to complete the requested Services and unless otherwise specified in the Proposal, it represents that it has obtained the applicable permits and licenses for the proposed Services. If CLIENT does not own the Site, CLIENT represents that it has or will obtain prior to the commencement of the Services, the authority and permission of the owner and/or the occupant of the Site. CLIENT acknowledges that due to the nature of some Services unavoidable damage may occur. CLIENT waives its right of recovery for such unavoidable damage, and if CLIENT is not the owner of the Site, CLIENT agrees to indemnify and defend ATLAS against any claims by the owner and/or occupant for any such damage.

Unless otherwise specified in the Proposal, ATLAS is not liable for damages caused by exploratory demolition or investigation to identify, quantify, or evaluate building materials, systems, and/or components not readily accessible to ATLAS during ATLAS's performance of the Services. ATLAS is not responsible for unforeseen conditions that exist on the Site within building systems that prohibit or deter ATLAS from gaining access to building materials, systems, and/or components.

**15. ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES** If the Services requested only require geotechnical engineering, subsurface exploration, construction materials testing, and/or engineering, ATLAS assumes that there are no hazardous substances or constituents in the soils or groundwater underlying the Site. ATLAS's duties and responsibilities are limited to performing tests and monitoring of specific construction activities as outlined in the Proposal. Unless otherwise specified in the Proposal, any consulting, testing or monitoring related to environmental conditions, including, but not limited to hazardous waste, soil or groundwater contamination, or air pollutants are not part of ATLAS's engineering and construction Services. If it becomes apparent during the field exploration that hazardous substances or constituents may be present, field operations will be terminated without liability.

**16. OPINIONS OF COSTS** ATLAS may, subject to the terms and limitations set forth in this Agreement, provide estimates relative to costs for remediation or construction as appropriate based on available data, designs, or recommendations. However, these opinions are intended to provide information on the range of costs and are not intended for reliance or use in firm budgeting or negotiation unless specifically agreed to in writing by ATLAS. CLIENT acknowledges that ATLAS's estimate may end up being substantially different than the ultimate cost, and CLIENT agrees it will not hold ATLAS liable for any variances between actual and estimated quantities, and further agrees to defend, indemnify and hold ATLAS harmless from any claim or liability for any such increased costs.

**17. UTILITIES** Unless otherwise specified in the Proposal, it is CLIENT's responsibility to mark or furnish the locations of all underground man-made obstructions at all Sites that the CLIENT owns and/or operates. CLIENT shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless ATLAS from and against any claims, losses or damages incurred or asserted against ATLAS related to the CLIENT's or a third party's failure to mark, protect or advise ATLAS of underground structures or utilities.

**18. ROOF CUTS** Unless otherwise specified in the Proposal, if roof cuts/samples are required by the Services, it is the CLIENT's responsibility to make appropriate repairs. If a roofing contractor or maintenance personnel selected by CLIENT is not on the roof to make repairs at the time samples are obtained, ATLAS may make temporary repairs, which may result in additional charges. ATLAS personnel are not certified in roofing repair, therefore under no circumstances, shall ATLAS be responsible for any water damage to the roofing system, building, or its contents resulting from ATLAS's temporary repairs.

**19. SAMPLES AND EQUIPMENT** Unless otherwise specified in the Proposal or required by law, ATLAS will not retain any samples obtained from the Site. At no time does ATLAS assume title to the samples; all samples shall remain the property of the CLIENT.

All laboratory and field equipment contaminated during ATLAS's Services that cannot readily and adequately cleansed of its hazardous contaminants shall become the property and responsibility of CLIENT. CLIENT shall purchase all such equipment as an expense of the Services, and it shall be turned over to CLIENT for proper disposal unless otherwise specified in the Service Order.



**20. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OR SUBSTANCES** The CLIENT acknowledges that Services that include hazardous or toxic materials and/or investigations of chemicals involve inherent uncertainties, such as limitations on laboratory analytical methods and variations in subsurface conditions. Such uncertainties may adversely affect a Service Order's result, even though the Services are performed with skill and care. CLIENT further acknowledges that ATLAS has neither created nor contributed to the creation or existence of any hazardous, radioactive, toxic, irritant, pollutant, substance or constituent at the Site. All Site generated hazardous and non-hazardous waste, including used disposable protective gear and equipment, are the property of the CLIENT.

CLIENT agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless ATLAS against all claims for injury or loss sustained by any party, including the United States, from exposure, release, or the presence of any such hazardous, radioactive, toxic, irritant, pollutant, substance or constituent at the Site. This indemnity includes but is not limited to, ATLAS acting as CLIENT's agent to sign waste manifests, allegations that ATLAS is a handler, generator, operator, treater or storer, transporter or disposer under any federal, state or local, law, regulation or ordinance, and CLIENT's or third party's violation of federal, state or local, law, regulation or ordinance, related to the handling, storage, or disposal of hazardous substances or constituents at/or introduced to the Site, before or after the completion of the Services.

**21. RIGHT TO STOP WORK** If, during the performance of the Services, any unforeseen hazardous substance, material, element, constituent, condition, or occurrence is encountered which, in ATLAS 's reasonable judgment significantly affects or may affect the Services provided, the risk involved in providing the Services, or the recommended scope of Services, ATLAS may immediately suspend work.

**22. ATLAS AND CLIENT INDEMNIFICATION** To the fullest extent permitted by law, ATLAS shall indemnify and hold harmless CLIENT against claims, demands, and lawsuits to the extent arising out of or caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of ATLAS in connection with activities conducted in the performance of the Services.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the CLIENT shall indemnify and hold harmless ATLAS, its affiliates, shareholders, directors, officers, employees and agents, from and against claims, demands, and lawsuits, to the extent arising out of or caused by CLIENT's breach of this Agreement or the negligence or willful misconduct of the CLIENT or other contractors retained by CLIENT in connection with activities conducted in the performance of the Services. CLIENT agrees that all indemnifications granted to ATLAS shall also be granted to those subcontractors retained by ATLAS for the performance of the Services.

**23. LIMIT OF LIABILITY** ATLAS 's total liability for all claims or causes of action of any kind, including but not limited to negligence, bodily injury or property damage, breach of contract or warranty, shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) or ATLAS's total fee for the Services rendered under this Agreement, whichever is greater.

**24. CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES** In no event shall either party be liable to the other party for any consequential, incidental, punitive, liquidated or indirect damages, including but not limited to loss of income, loss of profits, loss or restriction of use of property, or any other business losses, regardless if such damages are caused by breach of contract, negligent act or omission, other wrongful act, or whether ATLAS shall be advised, shall have other reason to know, or in fact shall know of the possibility of such damages.

**25. WARRANTY** ATLAS is not a manufacturer. If any equipment is used or purchased by ATLAS for a Proposal the manufacturer's warranties if any on the equipment are solely those of the manufacturer. ATLAS makes no other representation, guarantee, or warranty, expressed or implied, in fact or by law, whether of merchantability, fitness for any particular purpose or otherwise, concerning any of the goods or Services which may be furnished by ATLAS to CLIENT.

**26. DOCUMENTS** Project-specific documents and data produced by ATLAS under this Agreement shall become the property of CLIENT upon completion of the Services and payment of amounts owed ATLAS. ATLAS shall have the right, but not the obligation, to retain copies of all such materials.

**27. RELIANCE** Documents and data (including reports) produced by ATLAS pursuant to this Agreement relate solely to the Services for which Atlas has been retained, and are not intended or represented by ATLAS to be suitable for use or reliance beyond the scope or purpose for which they were originally prepared. No third party may rely upon such documents and data without the prior written consent of Atlas. Any such unauthorized use or dissemination will be at the sole risk and expense of the CLIENT or such third party.

**28. THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS** CLIENT agrees to pay ATLAS 's costs (including reasonable attorney's fees) for defending ATLAS against any claims that a third party or a regulatory agency asserts against ATLAS related to the Services that were provided to CLIENT. Claims include legal actions by a third party or regulatory agency that are based upon the discoveries, findings or conclusions disclosed in documents or reports supplied to CLIENT by ATLAS.

**29. SUBPOENAS** The CLIENT is responsible for payment of ATLAS's time and expenses resulting from ATLAS's response to subpoenas issued by any party, involving any legal or administrative proceeding in which ATLAS is not named as a party, in connection with any Services performed under this Agreement. Charges are based on fee schedules in effect at the time the subpoena is served. ATLAS shall not object on CLIENT's behalf to any subpoena, but will make reasonable efforts to cooperate with CLIENT if CLIENT chooses to object.

**30. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT** This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon seven (7) days written notice provided that any incomplete or unfinished Services will remain in effect until completed, unless otherwise agreed to in writing. In the event of termination or suspension, by the CLIENT, ATLAS shall be paid for Services performed prior to the termination date plus reasonable termination and suspension expenses.

**31. ASSIGNMENT** Neither the CLIENT nor ATLAS may assign, or transfer its benefits, rights, duties, or interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other party. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties.

**32. FORCE MAJEURE** Neither CLIENT nor ATLAS shall hold the other responsible for damages or delays in performance caused by uncontrollable events, which could not reasonably have been anticipated or prevented, including but not limited to, acts of God, the public enemy, acts or directives of the Government of the United States or of the several states, or any foreign country, or any of them acting in their sovereign capacity, materially different Site conditions, wars, riots, terrorism, rebellions, sabotage, fires, explosions, accidents, floods, strikes, epidemics, pandemics, viral outbreaks, or other conceded acts of workers, lockouts, or changes in laws, regulations, or ordinances.

**33. NOTICES** All notices given by either party to the other under this Agreement shall be in writing and may be delivered by: (i) regular mail, postage prepaid; (ii) certified (i) or registered mail; (iii) facsimile; (iv) email; or (v) hand-delivery, to the parties at the addresses, facsimile numbers, and email addresses appearing on the first page of this Agreement , unless otherwise designated in writing. Notices sent by mail will be deemed to be received three (3) days after deposit in the mail, properly addressed. Notices sent by certified or registered mail will be deemed to be received upon the date of the acknowledgment. Notices sent by facsimile or email will be deemed to be received upon successful transmission to the proper facsimile number, provided that the sender can produce a facsimile transmission confirmation report, or upon transmission to the proper email address (with confirmation of transmission). Notices delivered by hand-delivery will be deemed to be received upon acceptance by the respective party or its agent.

**34. DISPUTE RESOLUTION** In any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or a breach thereof, the parties shall first make all good faith attempts to resolve any difference by businesslike negotiations. If the conflict is not settled through negotiation, it shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing. This mediation process shall be a condition precedent to either party pursuing arbitration, litigation, or some other dispute resolution procedure, and the parties agree that any such legal action taken without first submitting to dispute resolution in accordance herewith will not be ripe for adjudication. The costs of the mediation shall be equally shared by all involved parties.

**35. GENERAL PROVISIONS** The captions and headings throughout this Agreement are for convenience only and do not define, limit, modify, or add to the meaning of any provision of this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is in conflict with any provision of the Proposal, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail unless the conflict concerns the scope of Services to be provided. If any provision shall to any extent be deemed invalid, it shall be modified if possible to fulfill the intent of the parties as reflected in the original provision and the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected.

This Contract Document represents the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes any and all prior contracts whether written or oral. Nothing contained in this Contract Document shall be construed to be for the benefit of any persons not a party to this Agreement. No third party beneficiary rights are created.



The validity, interpretation, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state in which the Site is located. Any legal action arising out of this Agreement shall be venued in a court of competent jurisdiction within the state and county of the Site.

No waiver by either party of any default by the other party in the performance of any provision of this Agreement shall operate as or be construed as a waiver of any future default, whether like or different in character.

ATLAS is solely responsible for the performance of this Agreement, and no parent, subsidiary or affiliated company, or any of its directors, officers, employees, or agents shall have any legal responsibility whether in contract or tort, including negligence.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

**ATLAS TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS LLC:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINTED NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**CLIENT:**  
(Person authorized to execute contracts)

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINTED NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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