

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
FOR
CONSULTANT SERVICES
RELATED TO
PROJECT NO. 0000-10039
CITY OF TOMBALL
GROUNDWATER MONITORING CITY OF TOMBALL CLOSED LANDFILL**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF HARRIS §**

THIS AGREEMENT is made, entered into, and executed by and between the CITY OF TOMBALL, TEXAS (the "City"), a municipal corporation of the State of Texas, and Raba Kistner ("Engineer").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Consultant represents that it is capable of providing and qualified to provide professional services to the City and desires to perform the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City and Consultant in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, do mutually agree as follows:

**SECTION I.
SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

Consultant agrees to perform certain professional services as outlined and defined in the Proposal attached hereto as Exhibit A, and made a part hereof for all purposes, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Scope of Work," and for having rendered such services, the City agrees to pay Consultant compensation as stated in the sections to follow.

**SECTION II.
CHARACTER AND EXTENT OF SERVICES**

Consultant shall do all things necessary to render the services and perform the Scope of Work in a manner consistent with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent consultants practicing in the same or similar locality and under the same or similar circumstances and professional license. It is expressly understood and agreed that Consultant is an Independent Contractor in the performance of the services agreed to herein. It is further understood and agreed that Consultant shall not have the authority to obligate or bind the City, or make representations or commitments on behalf of the City or its officers or employees without the express prior approval of the City. The City shall be under no obligation to pay for services rendered not identified in Exhibit "A" without prior written authorization from the City.

**SECTION III.
OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT**

Consultant agrees that the City shall have the right to use all exhibits, maps, reports, analyses and other documents prepared or compiled by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement. The City shall be the absolute and unqualified owner of all studies, exhibits, maps, reports, analyses, determinations, recommendations, computer files, and other documents prepared or acquired pursuant to this Agreement with the same force and effect as if the City had prepared or acquired the same. It is further understood and agreed that ownership and usage rights associated with the above referenced documents and analyses, hereinafter referred to as instruments, are contingent upon Consultant's completion of the services which will result in the production of such instruments and Consultant's receipt of payment, in full, for said services. Additionally, City understands and agrees that the rights described and provided hereunder shall not preclude or prevent Consultant from continuing to use those processes, analyses and data.

**SECTION IV.
TIME FOR PERFORMANCE**

The time for performance is as estimated in Exhibit A attached hereto. Upon written request of Consultant, the City may grant time extensions to the extent of any delays caused by the City or other agencies with which the work must be coordinated and over which Consultant has no control.

**SECTION V.
COMPLIANCE AND STANDARDS**

Consultant agrees to perform the work hereunder in accordance with generally accepted standards applicable thereto and shall use that degree of care and skill commensurate with the applicable profession to comply with all applicable state, federal, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations relating to the work to be performed hereunder and Consultant's performance.

**SECTION VI.
INDEMNIFICATION**

To the fullest extent permitted by Texas Local Government Code Section 271.904, Engineer shall and does hereby agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City, its officers, agents, and employees against liability for damage caused by or resulting from an act of negligence, intentional tort, intellectual property infringement, or failure to pay a subcontractor or supplier committed by the Engineer, the Engineer's agent, consultant under contract, or another entity over which the Engineer exercises control.

**SECTION VII.
ENGINEER'S COMPENSATION**

For and in consideration of the services rendered by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement, the City shall pay Consultant only for the actual work performed under the Scope of Work, on the basis set forth in Exhibit "A," up to an amount not to exceed \$40,895, including reimbursable expenses.

**SECTION VIII.
INSURANCE**

Consultant shall procure and maintain insurance for protection from workers' compensation claims, claims for damages because of bodily injury, including personal injury, sickness, disease, or death, claims or damages because of injury to or destruction of property, including loss of use resulting therefrom, and claims of errors and omissions.

**SECTION IX.
TERMINATION**

The City may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving seven (7) days prior written notice to Consultant. Upon receipt of such notice, Consultant shall discontinue all services in connection with the performance of this Agreement and shall proceed to promptly cancel all existing orders and contracts insofar as such orders or contracts are chargeable to the Agreement. As soon as practicable after receipt of notice of termination, Consultant shall submit a statement, showing in detail the services performed under this Agreement to the date of termination. The City shall then pay Consultant that proportion of the prescribed charges which the services actually performed under this Agreement bear to the total services called for under this Agreement, less such payments on account of the charges as have been previously made. Copies of all completed or partially completed maps, studies, reports, documents and other work product prepared under this Agreement shall be delivered to the City when and if this Agreement is terminated.

**SECTION X.
ADDRESSES, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

All notices and communications under this Agreement shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Consultant at the following address:

Raba Kistner
Attn: Richard V. Klar, P.G.
12821 W. Golden Lane
San Antonio, TX & 78249

All notices and communications under this Agreement shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the City at the following address:

City of Tomball
Attn: Project Manager
501 James Street
Tomball, Texas 77375

**SECTION XI.
LIMIT OF APPROPRIATION**

Prior to the execution of this Agreement, Consultant has been advised by the City and Consultant clearly understands and agrees, such understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence to this Agreement, that the City shall have available only those sums as expressly provided for under this Agreement to discharge any and all liabilities which may be incurred by the City and that the total compensation that Consultant may become entitled to hereunder and the total sum that the City shall become liable to pay to Consultant hereunder shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations hereof exceed the amounts as provided for in this Agreement.

**SECTION XII.
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

The City and Consultant bind themselves and their successors, executors, administrators, and assigns to the other party of this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Neither the City nor Consultant shall assign, sublet, or transfer its interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of any public body which may be a party hereto.

**SECTION XIII.
DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

Consultant shall under no circumstances release any material or information developed in the performance of its services hereunder without the express written permission of the City.

**SECTION XIV.
MODIFICATIONS**

This instrument, including Exhibit A, contains the entire Agreement between the parties relating to the rights herein granted and the obligations herein assumed. Any oral or written representations or modifications concerning this instrument shall be of no force and effect excepting a subsequent modification in writing signed by both parties hereto.

**SECTION XV.
ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF ENGINEER**

If authorized in writing by the City, Consultant shall furnish, or obtain from others, Additional Services that may be required because of significant changes in the scope, extent or character of the Scope of Work, as defined in Exhibit "A." These Additional Services, plus reimbursable expenses, will be paid for by the Owner on the basis set forth in Exhibit "A," up to the amount authorized in writing by the City.

**SECTION XVI.
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code, Consultant shall fully complete and file with the City Secretary a Conflict of Interest Questionnaire.

**SECTION XVII.
PAYMENT TO ENGINEER FOR SERVICES AND
REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES**

Invoices for Basic and Additional Services and reimbursable expenses will be prepared in accordance with Engineer's standard invoicing practices and will be submitted to the City by Engineer at least monthly. Invoices are due and payable thirty (30) days after receipt by the City.

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**SECTION XIX.
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

A. Venue for any legal actions arising out of this Agreement shall lie exclusively in the federal and state courts of Harris County, Texas.

B. This Agreement is for sole benefit of the City and Consultant, and no provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted to grant or convey to any other person any benefits or rights.

C. Consultant further covenants and agrees that it does not and will not knowingly employ an undocumented worker. An "undocumented worker" shall mean an individual who, at the time of employment, is not (a) lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States, or (b) authorized by law to be employed in that manner in the United States.

D. In accordance with Chapter 2270, Texas Government Code, a government entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the Engineer covenants and agrees that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. Furthermore, the Engineer is prohibited from engaging in business with Iran, Sudan or Foreign Terrorist Organizations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Tomball, Texas, has lawfully caused this Agreement to be executed by its Mayor; and Consultant, acting by its duly authorized officer/representative does now sign, execute and deliver this instrument.

EXECUTED on this ___ day of _____, 2025.

Raba Kistner:



Name: Richard V. Klar
Title: Vice President

CITY OF TOMBALL, TEXAS

David Esquivel, City Manager

ATTEST:

Tracylynn Garcia, City Secretary

Proposal No. PSF25-007-00
January 28, 2025



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**RE: Proposal for 2025 Groundwater Monitoring
Closed City of Tomball Landfill
Tomball, Harris County, Texas
MSW Permit No. 1140A
RN102120755/CN600667190**

WWW.RKCI.COM

Dear Mr. Huffman:

Raba Kistner, Inc. (RKI) is pleased to submit this proposal to the City of Tomball (CLIENT) to conduct semiannual post-closure groundwater monitoring at the City of Tomball Landfill, Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Permit No. 1140A, located east of Rudolph Road and north of East Hufsmith Road within the City of Tomball, Harris County, Texas (hereinafter referred to as FACILITY). As described herein, following from recommendations developed in conjunction with the 2024 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Program, it is proposed that monitoring efforts be continued at 10 existing (permitted) monitoring wells (i.e., MW-2A, MW-3, MW-4, MW-5, MW-6, and MW-12 through MW-16) and four existing (assessment) wells (i.e., MW-7, MW-9, MW-10, and MW-11) in accordance with established post-closure monitoring requirements.

This proposal defines the scope of services, total project cost, and terms and conditions pertaining to the performance of continued semiannual groundwater monitoring and annual report preparation pursuant to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements for the 2025 post-closure monitoring program.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The closed City of Tomball (CoT) landfill is currently subject to TCEQ MSW Permits Section requirements for post-closure monitoring of the uppermost groundwater-bearing unit (GBU) beneath the FACILITY. Groundwater monitoring at the FACILITY is typically performed at a total of 14 monitoring wells on a semiannual basis, with findings reported to the TCEQ on behalf of CLIENT on an annual basis.

In a manner similar to the recently-completed 2024 program, **RKI** proposes to conduct semiannual groundwater monitoring and sampling activities at the FACILITY and coordinate the requisite analytical testing and results reporting as necessary to prepare an annual report of findings. Additionally, we will conduct and report on an annual inspection of the FACILITY in March or April 2025 by a Professional Engineer (P.E.) licensed in the State of Texas, as required by the TCEQ MSW Permits Section. The scope of work described herein was developed based upon our understanding of current FACILITY post-closure

groundwater monitoring requirements, our past performance on this project, and applicable regulatory requirements administered by the TCEQ Municipal Solid Waste Division (i.e., *Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code [30 TAC], Chapter 330*).

TASK 1 – Groundwater Sampling Activities

RKI will conduct two semiannual groundwater monitoring events, which will be tentatively scheduled for June and December 2025. Field activities will include monitoring well inspection and water level gauging, groundwater purging, in addition to the collection of representative groundwater and quality assurance/quality control samples at a total of 14 existing monitoring wells in accordance with the FACILITY's TCEQ-approved *Groundwater Sampling Standard Operating Procedures, dated 1992*.

As approved by the TCEQ on January 25, 2007, **RKI** will submit properly preserved groundwater samples for laboratory analysis of VOCs (including chlorinated solvents and petroleum hydrocarbons), in addition to the following groundwater quality parameters: pH, specific conductance, total dissolved solids, sulfate, nitrate, chloride and total organic carbon. Purged groundwater generated during well sampling will be disposed at the adjacent CoT wastewater treatment plant.

TASK 2 – Annual Groundwater Monitoring Reporting

Following receipt of laboratory-reported semiannual groundwater analytical results, **RKI** will prepare and submit to the TCEQ on behalf of CLIENT an annual report in the required format documenting 2025 groundwater monitoring activities, results, findings and recommendations. The annual groundwater monitoring report will include, at a minimum, the following primary elements:

- Site Plan indicating the existing FACILITY groundwater monitoring well network;
- Summary of historical and 2025 uppermost GBU groundwater elevation (gauging) data;
- Interpretive potentiometric surface maps for both semiannual groundwater monitoring events;
- Summary of historical and 2025 groundwater testing results;
- TCEQ MSW Permits Section Groundwater Sampling Reports for both semiannual events;
- Reports of laboratory analyses/chain-of-custody documentation for both monitoring events; and
- Recommendations for the FACILITY 2026 post-closure groundwater monitoring program.

Unless otherwise directed, **RKI** will prepare and submit one original report hardcopy and one report copy to the TCEQ MSW Permits Section. Additionally, one report hardcopy will be submitted to the TCEQ Region 12 office located in Houston, Texas. Original hardcopies and an electronic (PDF) version of the report will also be prepared and provided to the CoT Director of Public Works.

TASK 3 – Annual Inspection and Reporting

In accordance with MSW Permit No. 1140A requirements set forth in *Section 3.3.11*, a **RKI** P.E. currently licensed with the State of Texas will conduct an annual inspection of the FACILITY utilizing an inspection report form specific to the FACILITY that was previously adapted from applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) templates. The comprehensive inspection, which will be performed on foot and documented with photographs, will address all major categories of potential post-closure concern (i.e.,

cap maintenance, erosion control, condition of FACILITY infrastructure [landfill gas vents and probes, groundwater monitoring well network, etc.], site access, etc.). Primary categories of potential post-closure concern will be recorded on the inspection report form to document inspection findings and provide a basis for associated engineering recommendations to the CoT.

The brief letter report signed and sealed by the P.E., describing inspection methods and findings and offering associated recommendations (and with supporting documentation attached), will be prepared and submitted to the CoT for placement in the FACILITY operating files. The report will include a description of the FACILITY and inspection methods; inspection findings documented on (i) the inspection report form, (ii) a FACILITY map, and (ii) photographs provided as attachments; in addition to associated engineering recommendations.

It is possible that the TCEQ may elect to independently inspect the FACILITY at some point during the 2025 post-closure care period. If requested by the CoT or TCEQ in conjunction with a FACILITY inspection, copies of the 2024 inspection report will also be submitted to the TCEQ Municipal Solid Waste Permits Section and/or Region 12 offices.

COST AND SCHEDULE

RKI will provide the above scope of services for a **LUMP SUM FEE of \$40,895.00**. In the event that additional services are requested by CLIENT and/or necessary to comply with TCEQ directives, **RKI** will provide a cost estimate under separate cover and solicit authorization from CLIENT before proceeding with additional work. Authorized additional costs will be billed in accordance with our standard fees for professional services and at the unit rates for equipment shown on the attached Schedules of Fees for Professional Services.

Pending CLIENT approval, semiannual groundwater monitoring activities described above will be conducted in June and December 2025, with annual report delivery to CLIENT and submittal to the TCEQ during the first quarter of 2026. In a manner similar to the 2024 post-closure care program, the annual landfill inspection will be conducted in March or June 2025.

ASSUMPTIONS

The following assumptions were made regarding the proposed scope of services and associated costs:

- Upon scheduling notification provided by **RKI**, CLIENT will provide access to the FACILITY, its surroundings and the CoT wastewater treatment plant as necessary to perform the groundwater monitoring activities described above. It is assumed that weather conditions and/or other health and safety or FACILITY considerations during the scheduled monitoring events will not preclude or inhibit the effective execution of the proposed scope of services.
- Costs for analytical testing are predicated a standard (10 business day) turnaround time.

- Costs assume that additional directives pertaining to the FACILITY groundwater monitoring program involving additional groundwater sampling, testing or reporting will not be forthcoming as a result of TCEQ MSW Permits Section review of the 2024 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report.

ACCEPTANCE

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal and look forward to working with you on this project. This proposal and the attachments listed below constitute the contract between us. Please sign below as your acceptance of this contract and to authorize **RKI** to proceed with the project scope.

<u>Attachment</u>	<u>Description</u>
I	Standard Terms and Conditions
II	Schedule of Fees for Professional Services

Our invoices are due and payable upon receipt at P.O. Box 971037, Dallas, Texas 75397-1037. All parties hereby agree that this contract, upon its acceptance, will be performable in Harris County, Texas.

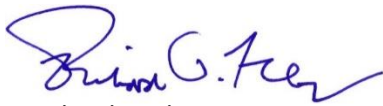
RKI considers the data and information contained in this proposal to be proprietary. This statement of qualifications and any information contained herein shall not be disclosed, and shall not be duplicated or used in whole or in part, for any purpose other than to evaluate this proposal.

Very truly yours,

RABA KISTNER, INC.



Anthony J. Krupa, GIT
Environmental Geologist



Richard V. Klar, P.G.
Vice President
Geosciences Practice Leader

Accepted By _____
(Signature)

(Typed or Printed Name)

(Title)

Date _____

AJK/RVK/law

Attachments:

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- II – Schedule of Fees for Professional Services

Copies Submitted: Above (1 Electronic PDF Copy)
Ms. Meagan Mageo – City of Tomball (1 Electronic PDF Copy)



STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **DEFINITIONS.**

1.1 **RK.** Raba Kistner, Inc., and / or one of its subsidiaries (Project Control of Texas, Inc. or PC Sports, Inc.) that is being engaged to provide the services to CLIENT in connection with the delivery of the proposal to which these Standard Terms and Conditions relate.

1.2 **CLIENT.** Person, entity or organization for which RK is rendering services regarding the Project.

1.3 **PROJECT.** The activity, venture, plan, building, site or investigation for which CLIENT has engaged RK to provide professional services.

1.4 **CONTRACTOR.** Person, entity or organization providing construction services, including labor and material for the Project.

1.5 **SERVICES.** The professional services to be performed by RK as set forth in the proposal or Agreement to which the Standard Terms and Conditions are attached.

1.6 **AGREEMENT.** RK's proposal accepted by CLIENT and these Standard Terms and Conditions which are incorporated into and made a part of the Agreement.

2. **SERVICES.** RK is being engaged by the CLIENT to render professional services ("Services") involving only RK's advice, judgment and opinion. RK may subcontract all or a portion of the Services performed hereunder. RK shall apply professional judgment in determining the extent to which RK complies with any given standard identified in RK's instruments of professional services. CLIENT expressly acknowledges that RK makes no warranties or guarantees, expressed or implied, regarding the Services.

3. **INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CLIENT.** CLIENT may provide or direct RK to utilize or rely upon certain information ("CLIENT Information") in the performance of RK's services. RK shall be entitled to rely upon such CLIENT Information. RK will not conduct an independent evaluation of the accuracy or completeness of such CLIENT Information and shall not be responsible for any errors or omissions in such information. RK's report, as well as any recommendations, findings, and conclusions made by RK, are dependent on information received from CLIENT. Changes or modifications to the information provided by CLIENT can affect RK's evaluation, recommendations, findings and conclusions, and CLIENT agrees—as a material term of this Agreement—to notify RK immediately, in writing, if CLIENT becomes aware of any such changes or modifications, including changes to the size, scope, location, or other material characteristics of CLIENT's project. The CLIENT shall be responsible for providing

the location of all underground utilities and other structures in the vicinity of RK borings or excavations. RK will not accept responsibility and will not be liable for affecting or damaging any underground utility, underground storage tank, or other subsurface condition not previously identified and located, or improperly located, by the CLIENT, a utility, or a utility locating agency.

4. **SITE ACCESS AND SITE SAFETY.** CLIENT shall provide right-of-entry to the buildings and sites which are the subjects of RK's services. CLIENT represents that it possesses authority for such right-of-entry and that the building/site operator(s) possess the necessary permits and licenses for current activities at the site. RK shall be responsible for supervision and site safety measures of its own employees and subconsultants, but shall not be responsible for the supervision or health and safety precautions of any other parties, including CLIENT, CLIENT's contractors, subcontractors, or other parties present at the site.

5. **SUBSURFACE EXPLORATIONS.** Subsurface conditions throughout the site may vary from those depicted on logs of discrete borings, test pits, or other exploratory services. CLIENT understands RK's layout of boring and test locations is approximate and that RK may deviate a reasonable distance from those locations. RK will take reasonable precautions to reduce damage to the site when performing services; however, CLIENT accepts that invasive services such as drilling, or sampling may damage or alter the site. Site restoration is not provided unless specifically included in the scope of services.

6. **CHANGED CONDITIONS.** If, during the term of this Agreement, circumstances or conditions that were not originally contemplated by or known to RK are uncovered or revealed, to the extent that they affect the scope of services, compensation, schedule, allocation of risks or other material terms of this Agreement, RK may require renegotiation of appropriate portions of this Agreement. RK shall notify the CLIENT of the changed conditions necessitating renegotiation, and RK and the CLIENT shall promptly and in good faith attempt to renegotiate the terms of the agreement affected by the changed conditions. If changes cannot be agreed to with respect to the changed conditions, the parties shall utilize the Dispute Resolution/Litigation procedures in this Agreement.

7. **TESTING AND OBSERVATIONS.** CLIENT understands that testing and observation are discrete sampling procedures, and that such procedures indicate conditions only at the depths, locations, and times the procedures were performed. RK will provide test results and opinions based on tests and field observations only for the work tested. CLIENT understands that testing and observation are not continuous or exhaustive and are conducted to reduce – not eliminate – project risk. CLIENT agrees to the level or amount of testing performed and the associated risk. CLIENT is responsible (even if CLIENT delegates such responsibility to Contractor) for notifying and scheduling RK to perform these services. RK shall not be responsible for the quality and completeness of contractor's work or Contractor's adherence to the project plans, specifications and other related documents. RK's performance of testing and observation services shall not relieve Contractor in any way from responsibility for defects discovered in Contractor's work or create a

warranty or guarantee on the part of RK. CLIENT acknowledges that RK will not supervise or direct the work performed by Contractor or its subcontractors and is not responsible for their means and methods.

8. **ESTIMATE OF FEES FOR SERVICES.** If included as part of RK's proposal, RK will, to the best of its ability, perform the scope of services within the proposed fee estimate provided by RK. RK's proposal fees are based upon an estimate of the services required to meet the specifications for the project and following generally accepted engineering practices. The CLIENT recognizes that unforeseen circumstances along with changes in scope and project/contractor's schedules can influence the successful completion of the scope of services within the estimated proposed fees. Because Contractor has sole control over the project and determines the means and methods used to build/construct the project, RK's service fees are estimates and not lump sum or guaranteed maximum fees. The CLIENT is fully responsible for payment for all services provided, including retests of areas or samples that failed to meet Project specifications. The Estimate of Fees is valid for a period of 60 days after RK's proposal is submitted to CLIENT. If RK's proposal is not accepted by CLIENT within 60 days after it is submitted to CLIENT, RK may modify the Estimate of Fees.
9. **REPORTS.** RK may provide CLIENT with written reports in connection with the Services performed. Such reports will present such findings and conclusions as RK may reasonably make with the information gathered while performing its services and provided by CLIENT. The reports may be copied for inclusion in other documents related to the project provided they are reproduced in their entirety. Reports and other instruments of service are prepared for, and made available for, the sole use of the CLIENT, and the contents thereof may not be used or relied upon by others without the express written authorization of RK. Any unauthorized use or distribution of RK's reports shall be at the CLIENT's sole risk and without liability to RK.
10. **TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** CLIENT shall provide RK with all information within CLIENT's possession or knowledge related to the potential or presence of toxic or hazardous materials or pollutants at the Project site. CLIENT agrees that RK neither created nor contributed to the creation or existence of any toxic or hazardous materials or pollutants. In no event shall RK be required to sign a hazardous waste manifest or take ownership of any toxic or hazardous materials or pollutants. If unanticipated toxic or hazardous materials or pollutants are encountered while RK is performing its services, RK reserves the right to stop field operations and notify CLIENT and CLIENT assumes responsibility to notify appropriate regulatory agencies. RK and CLIENT must mutually agree to remobilize.
11. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** The services and any report(s) prepared under this Agreement are for the sole benefit and sole use of CLIENT and are not for the use of any other party or person. Only CLIENT may rely upon the services and any report or work product. Nothing in this Agreement, or any subsequent amendments or modifications, or in any report issued under this Agreement, shall create a contractual relationship with

or a cause of action in the favor of any third party against either RK or CLIENT. If CLIENT provides a copy of any report prepared by RK to others, it shall advise the recipient that the information contained in the report is provided for information only and is not to be relied upon by third parties.

12. **LEED PROJECTS.** Unless specifically addressed elsewhere in this agreement, RK has no responsibility or liability, including duty to defend or duty to indemnify, any party (including but not limited to CLIENT, owner, owner's agents, architects, engineers, contractors, construction managers, subcontractors) for the LEED certification process including: developing, producing, or retaining any documentation relating to the calculation of LEED points; and attainment of LEED certification points or LEED ratings.
13. **STANDARD OF CARE.** RK shall perform its professional services in accordance with the standard of care and diligence normally practiced by professional firms in performing services of a similar nature, in the same locality, under similar circumstances. CLIENT expressly acknowledges that RK makes no other warranties or guarantees, expressed or implied, regarding its professional services or its work product.
14. **RISK ALLOCATION.** RK will be responsible only for its own work, and that of its sub-consultants, and not for defects in the work designed or built by others.
15. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** CLIENT AND RK HAVE EVALUATED THE RISKS AND REWARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT, INCLUDING RK'S FEE RELATIVE TO THE RISKS ASSUMED, AND AGREE TO ALLOCATE CERTAIN OF THE RISKS SO, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE TOTAL AGGREGATE LIABILITY OF RK (AND ITS RELATED ENTITIES, EMPLOYEES, OWNERS, AGENTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES) TO CLIENT (AND THIRD PARTIES GRANTED RELIANCE ON RK'S WORK PRODUCT, OR OTHERWISE SEEKING RECOVERY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT) IS LIMITED TO THE GREATER OF \$100,000 OR THE FEE PAID RK UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, FOR ANY AND ALL INJURIES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, LOSSES, OR EXPENSES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY AND EXPERT FEES) ARISING OUT OF RK'S SERVICES OR THIS AGREEMENT REGARDLESS OF CAUSE(S) OR THE THEORY OF LIABILITY.
16. **CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.** Neither CLIENT nor RK will be liable to the other for any special, consequential, indirect, incidental or penal losses or damages of any kind, nor will CLIENT or RK be liable to the other for losses, damages, or claims, regardless of how defined, related to: lost profits; unavailability of property or facilities; shutdowns or service interruptions; loss of use, revenue, opportunity, or inventory; use charges, carrying costs, cost of substitute facilities, goods, or services; cost of capital, or claims of any other party and/or its customers.
17. **SUSPENSION OF SERVICES.** If CLIENT fails to make payments when due or otherwise is in breach of this Agreement, RK may suspend performance of services upon seven (7) calendar days' notice to CLIENT. RK shall have no liability whatsoever to CLIENT for any costs or damages as a result of such suspension. Upon payment in full by CLIENT, RK may resume services under this Agreement, and the time schedule and compensation shall be equitably adjusted to compensate for the period of suspension plus any other reasonable time and expense necessary for RK to resume performance. Payment of invoices shall not be subject to any discounts or set-offs by CLIENT unless agreed to in writing by RK. Payment to RK for services rendered and expenses incurred will be due and payable regardless of any subsequent suspension or termination of this Agreement by either party. CLIENT shall not make any changes to RK's banking and deposit information or payment instructions unless CLIENT

communicates the requested changes to RK orally and in writing and obtains written confirmation from an RK officer that the requested changes are legitimate and authorized by RK. If CLIENT makes a payment to a third party instead of to RK based on an unauthorized request to CLIENT for a change to RK's banking and deposit information or payment instructions and without obtaining written confirmation of the change from RK, CLIENT will remain liable to RK for payment of the amount of the unauthorized payment.

18. **WAIVER OF SUBROGATION.** To the extent damages are covered by property insurance, or any other available insurance coverage, CLIENT and RK waive all rights against each other and against the contractors, consultants, agents and employees of the other for damages. CLIENT agrees that CLIENT shall procure or cause to be procured builder's risk insurance or other property insurance for its project. RK and CLIENT waive all rights against each other and any of their consultants, contractors, subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, agents, and employees, for damages caused by fire, flood, or other causes of loss to the extent covered by CLIENT's or CLIENT's Contractor's builder's risk insurance, or other available insurance coverage. The policies shall provide waivers of subrogation by endorsement or otherwise. CLIENT shall require of its contractors, consultants, agents and employees similar waivers in favor of RK and its subconsultants. A waiver of subrogation shall be effective as to a person or entity even though that person or entity would otherwise have a duty of indemnification, contractual or otherwise, did not pay the insurance premium directly or indirectly, and whether or not the person or entity had an insurable interest in the property damaged.

19. **OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS.** RK's reports, drawings, plans, specifications, and other documents and deliverables are instruments of professional service ("Instruments of Service") developed by RK in contemplation of a wide array of project-specific variables, including how the documents will be used and by whom. RK shall be the author, owner and custodian of the Instruments of Service, and shall retain all common law, statutory, and other reserved rights, including copyright. By execution of this Agreement, RK grants to CLIENT a limited, nonexclusive license to use the Instruments of Service for purposes of constructing, using, and maintaining the project for which the services are performed, provided CLIENT substantially performs its obligations, including prompt payment of all sums when due, under this agreement.

Upon completion of the services, and payment in full of all monies due RK, CLIENT may retain copies of all such documents. **THE INSTRUMENTS OF SERVICE ARE NOT INTENDED NOR REPRESENTED TO BE SUITABLE FOR REUSE ON EXTENSIONS, MODIFICATIONS, OR ADAPTATIONS OF THE PROJECT, OR ANY OTHER PROJECT. ANY REUSE OF SUCH DOCUMENTS, WITHOUT WRITTEN VERIFICATION OR ADAPTATION BY RK FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE INTENDED, WILL BE AT CLIENT'S SOLE RISK WITHOUT LIABILITY OR LEGAL EXPOSURE TO RK. CLIENT AGREES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS RK, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND CONSULTANTS AGAINST ALL CLAIMS,**

DAMAGES, LOSSES, AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, DEFENSE COSTS, AND COURT COSTS) ARISING FROM, OR ALLEGEDLY ARISING FROM, OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH, THE UNAUTHORIZED REUSE OR MODIFICATION OF THE DOCUMENTS BY CLIENT OR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT ACQUIRES OR OBTAINS THE DOCUMENTS FROM OR THROUGH CLIENT WITHOUT THE WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF RK REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR ACTIONS ARE FOUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART UPON ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF RK, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, OR CONSULTANTS.

Parties other than CLIENT and RK may apply to use an instrument, using a form prepared by RK for that purpose. Others' use of an instrument shall be permitted only when CLIENT and RK both so agree; either shall have the right to forbid use by others. In addition, RK shall make its permission contingent upon the satisfaction of certain conditions when, in RK's professional judgment, such a contingency is necessary.

20. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION/LITIGATION.** All claims, disputes, and other controversies between RK and CLIENT arising out of, or in any way related to, the services provided by RK shall be submitted to mediation, before and as a condition precedent to, other remedies provided by law. Any litigation related to the Agreement or RK's performance of its professional services shall be commenced in a court in Bexar County, Texas. CLIENT consents to personal jurisdiction in the State of Texas and agrees that venue of any litigation shall be in Bexar County, the county where RK's principal place of business is located. CLIENT waives any objection to personal jurisdiction in Texas or to venue in Bexar County. The prevailing party in such litigation will be entitled to recover all court costs, attorneys' fees, and other legally recoverable claim-related expenses. As a condition precedent to mediation and / or litigation related to any claim arising out of the services provided under this Agreement, CLIENT shall obtain a written affidavit from a registered, independent, and reputable professional engineer describing any error, omission or other act by RK that allegedly failed to comply with the professional standard of care applicable to RK's performance of services and provide such affidavit to RK. The affidavit shall comply with the requirements of Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code Chapter 150.
21. **TERMINATION OF CONTRACT.** CLIENT and RK may terminate RK's services at any time upon ten (10) calendar days' written notice. In the event of termination, CLIENT agrees to fully compensate RK for services performed including reimbursable expenses through the termination date, as well as reasonable demobilization expenses. RK will terminate its services without waiving any claims against or incurring any liability to CLIENT.
22. **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.** Any applicable statute of limitations will commence to run and any cause of action shall be deemed to have accrued not later than the earlier of the following: (1) the date of the report issued by RK giving rise to the cause of action; (2) the date on which RK issues its last report under this Agreement; or (3) if RK is retained to perform construction observation, the date of substantial completion of the project.
23. **FORCE MAJEURE.** Neither party shall be liable in damages or have the right to terminate this Agreement for any delay or default in performing hereunder if such delay or default is caused by conditions beyond its control ("Force Majeure") including, but not limited to Acts of God, Government restrictions (including the denial or cancellation of any export or other necessary license), wars, insurrections and/or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected. Force Majeure may not be claimed as a cause for delay in payment of money due and payable hereunder.

24. **NO ASSIGNMENT.** Neither RK nor CLIENT shall assign or transfer its interest in this Agreement without the express written consent of the other.
25. **SEVERABILITY.** Each provision of this Agreement is intended to be severable. If any terms or provisions of this agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. Moreover, to the maximum extent allowed by law, the Parties hereto stipulate that any offending provisions will be modified or altered, as necessary, so as to give such provisions the maximum permissible effect and application intended.
26. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, and all of its attachments, constitutes the entire, integrated Agreement between the Parties to it, and this Agreement supersedes all other Agreements, oral or written between the Parties, concerning the subject set forth in this Agreement. This Agreement may not be amended except in writing, with that amendment being signed by both Parties.



SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

PERSONNEL:

Principal.....	\$135 to \$250/hour
Professional.....	\$70 to \$200/hour
Auto Cad Operator.....	\$65 to \$110/hour
Technical/Clerical/Administrative	\$40 to \$80/hour

The specific hourly rate within each classification listed above depends on the experience, special training, and qualifications of the personnel needed for the project. For projects requiring work at any hazardous waste site, there will be a \$10 per hour surcharge added to the normal billing rate for all personnel. Consultants to Raba Kistner (RK) will be charged according to their professional classification.

EXPENSES: Use of company automobiles will be charged at \$1.00 per mile. Automobiles and light trucks assigned to field sites will be charged at \$70.00 per day, plus \$1.00 per mile over 50 miles per day. Copies will be charged at \$0.25 per page.

Other project specific charges for use of RK equipment or for RK testing will be in accordance with established fee schedules. All other project specific, third-party costs will be charged at cost plus 15 percent.

Invoices will be submitted monthly for work in progress in our standard format. They are due and payable upon receipt and become past due 30 days after the billing date. Past due invoices may be subject to late charges at the rate of 1-1/2 percent per month (18 percent per annum). In the event that the State of Texas legislates a sales tax on Professional Services, the amount of the tax will be PAYMENT added to the appropriate service rate charged. Our invoices are due and payable upon receipt at P.O. Box 971037, Dallas, Texas 75397-1037.

Preparation of non-standard invoice will be charged on a time and materials basis in accordance with the rates in this fee schedule.

CONDITIONS: Services will be performed in accordance with our Standard Terms and Conditions.

The proposal to which this schedule is an attachment is valid for 90 days from the date of the proposal.