

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Public Works

BOARD AGENDA #: *C-1

AGENDA DATE: October 31, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Award a Contract for All-Inclusive Consulting and Engineering Services to Siegfried Engineering, Inc. of Stockton, California, for the Measure-L Sidewalk Projects in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-608

On motion of Supervisor DeMartini, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: 
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

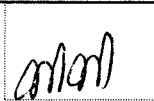
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CEO CONCURRENCE:

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Award a contract for All-Inclusive Consulting and Engineering Services to Siegfried Engineering, Inc. of Stockton, California, for the Measure-L Sidewalk Projects.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a contract with Siegfried Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$761,471 and to sign necessary documents, including any amendments to the agreement not to exceed 10%.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works to take any appropriate action necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of these recommendations.

DISCUSSION:

The Measure-L Sidewalk Projects is a compilation of four unique projects located in four areas of Stanislaus County. The areas include: the Airport Neighborhood area, the Bret Harte Elementary School area, the Robertson Road Elementary School area, and the downtown Denair area.

The purpose of the projects is to design and construct sidewalk improvements to provide a dedicated pedestrian path of travel for school children and other members of the public. The improvements will include: concrete or asphalt pavement sidewalk, roadway pedestrian crossings, roadway safety, and curb ramps. The projects will improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, enhance user experience, and improve functionality of the County road system.

On July 31, 2017, the County solicited proposals from consultants for the Measure-L Sidewalk Projects.

The scope of design services includes:

- Project Development
- Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding procurement assistance
- Project management
- Public outreach
- Geotechnical investigation

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- Topographic and boundary survey
- Environmental services
- Utility coordination
- Plans, Specifications and Estimates
- Right-of-Way services
- Bidding and construction support

It is anticipated that Measure L funds will be leveraged with state and Federal funding.

On September 1, 2017, one proposal was received from Siegfried Engineering, Inc. The proposal was evaluated based on qualifications only. Along with the proposal, consultant fees were submitted in a separate sealed fee envelope, and were not part of the evaluation process.

The proposal was evaluated based on the following evaluation criteria:

- Understanding of the work to be done;
- Experience with similar projects;
- Quality and availability of staff;
- Capability of developing innovative or advanced techniques;
- Familiarity with State and Federal procedures;
- Financial responsibility; and,
- Demonstrated technical ability.

Public Works staff reviewed the proposal and determined that Siegfried is qualified to provide all-inclusive consulting and engineering services for this project.

Public Works staff recommends awarding a contract in the amount of \$761,471 to Siegfried Engineering, Inc. of Stockton, California.

As the project consists of four unique areas, standalone Plans, Specifications, and Estimates will be prepared for each area. Once the design phase is completed the project will be constructed one area at a time as various funding sources become available. Potential funding sources for construction may include Measure L funds, Community Development Block Grant funds, or ATP Grant funds. Should sufficient construction funding become available, construction may occur simultaneously on more than one area.

The construction phase of the project is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2019.

POLICY ISSUE:

Government Code section 23005 and 25502.5 requires Board of Supervisors' approval for all contracts exceeding \$100,000.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Costs associated to assure delivery of the project is in the amount of \$837,618 (contract: \$761,471; and contingencies: \$76,147). The project is fully funded with Measure L funds from the Bike and Pedestrian category. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Public Works Road Projects budget.

Cost of recommended action:		\$ 837,618
Source(s) of Funding:		
Measure L	\$ 837,618	
Funding Total:		<u>837,618</u>
Net Cost to County General Fund		<u><u>837,618</u></u>

Fiscal Year:	2017-2018
Budget Adjustment/Appropriations needed:	No

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2017	
Roads/Bridges Fund Balance	\$ 11,124,805

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended actions are consistent with the Board's priorities of providing A Safe Community, A Healthy Community, and A Well Planned Infrastructure System by improving pedestrian safety on the County road system.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing Public Works staff is overseeing this project.

CONTACT PERSON:

Matt Machado, Public Works Director Telephone: (209) 525-4153

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Professional Design Services Agreement with Siegfried Engineering, Inc.

ATTACHMENT 1

PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SIEGFRIED
ENGINEERING, INC.

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

Professional Design Services Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into on this **31st day of October, 2017**, by and between the **County of Stanislaus**, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY" and **Siegfried Engineering, Inc.**, hereinafter referred to as "CONSULTANT".

Project Information

Name: Measure-L Sidewalk Projects
Federal Project Number: N/A
County Contract Number: 9632
Consultant's Compensation: \$761,470.69
Estimated Start / Completion Date: October 31, 2017 – October 18, 2019

Scope of Services

Design and construct sidewalk improvements in order to provide a dedicated pedestrian path of travel for the school children and other members of the public in the following areas of Stanislaus County: Airport Neighborhood area, Bret Harte Elementary School area, Robertson Road Elementary School area, and the downtown Denair area.

Contract Provisions

Section 1: Caltrans Mandatory Fiscal and Federal Provisions
Section 2: Stanislaus County Provisions
Exhibit A: Scope of Services
Exhibit B: Insurance Requirements
Exhibit C: Fee Schedule
Exhibit D: Project Schedule

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1

CALTRANS MANDATORY FISCAL & FEDERAL PROVISIONS

Article IV Performance Period

A. This contract shall go into effect on **October 31, 2017**, contingent upon approval by LOCAL AGENCY, and CONSULTANT shall commence work after notification to proceed by LOCAL AGENCY'S Contract Administrator. The contract shall end on **October 18, 2019**, unless extended by contract amendment.

B. CONSULTANT is advised that any recommendation for contract award is not binding on LOCAL AGENCY until the contract is fully executed and approved by LOCAL AGENCY.

Article V Allowable Costs and Payments

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

B. In addition to the allowable incurred costs, LOCAL AGENCY will pay CONSULTANT a fixed fee of \$761,470.69. The fixed fee is nonadjustable for the term of the contract, except in the event of a significant change in the scope of work and such adjustment is made by contract amendment.

C. Reimbursement for transportation and subsistence costs shall not exceed the rates specified in the approved Cost Proposal.

D. When milestone cost estimates are included in the approved Cost Proposal, CONSULTANT shall obtain prior written approval for a revised milestone cost estimate from the Contract Administrator before exceeding such cost estimate.

E. Progress payments will be made monthly in arrears based on services provided and allowable incurred costs. A pro rata portion of CONSULTANT'S fixed fee will be included in the monthly progress payments. If CONSULTANT fails to submit the required deliverable items according to the schedule set forth in the Statement of Work, LOCAL AGENCY shall have the right to delay payment or terminate this Contract in accordance with the provisions of Article VI Termination.

F. No payment will be made prior to approval of any work, nor for any work performed prior to approval of this contract.

G. CONSULTANT will be reimbursed, as promptly as fiscal procedures will permit upon receipt by LOCAL AGENCY's Contract Administrator of itemized invoices in triplicate. Invoices shall be submitted no later than 45 calendar days after the performance of work for which CONSULTANT is billed. Invoices shall detail the work performed on each milestone and each project as applicable. Invoices shall follow the format stipulated for the approved Cost Proposal and shall reference this contract number and project title. Final invoice must contain the final cost and all credits due LOCAL AGENCY including any equipment purchased under the provisions of Article XI Equipment Purchase of this contract. The final invoice should be submitted within 60 calendar days after completion of CONSULTANT's work. Invoices shall be mailed to LOCAL AGENCY's Contract Administrator at the following address:

Denis Bazyuk, PE
Stanislaus County Public Works
1716 Morgan Road
Modesto, CA 95358

H. The total amount payable by LOCAL AGENCY including the fixed fee shall not exceed \$761,470.69.

I. Salary increases will be reimbursable if the new salary is within the salary range identified in the approved Cost Proposal and is approved by LOCAL AGENCY's Contract Administrator.

J. For personnel subject to prevailing wage rates as described in the California Labor Code, all salary increases, which are the direct result of changes in the prevailing wage rates are reimbursable.

Article VI Termination

A. LOCAL AGENCY reserves the right to terminate this contract upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to CONSULTANT with the reasons for termination stated in the notice.

B. LOCAL AGENCY may terminate this contract with CONSULTANT should CONSULTANT fail to perform the covenants herein contained at the time and in the manner herein provided. In the event of such termination, LOCAL AGENCY may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by LOCAL AGENCY. If LOCAL AGENCY terminates this contract with CONSULTANT, LOCAL AGENCY shall pay CONSULTANT the sum due to CONSULTANT under this contract prior to termination, unless the cost of completion to LOCAL AGENCY exceeds the funds remaining in the contract. In which case the overage shall be deducted from any sum due CONSULTANT under this contract and the balance, if any, shall be paid to CONSULTANT upon demand.

C. The maximum amount for which the LOCAL AGENCY shall be liable if this contract is terminated is \$761,470.69 dollars.

Article VII Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements

A. CONSULTANT agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the cost allowability of individual items.

B. CONSULTANT also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Contracts to State and Local Governments.

C. Any costs for which payment has been made to CONSULTANT that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 49 CFR, Part 18 and 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by CONSULTANT to LOCAL AGENCY.

All subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain the above provisions.

Article VIII Retention of Records

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

Article IX Audit Review Procedures

A. Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under an interim or post audit of this contract that is not disposed of by agreement, shall be reviewed by LOCAL AGENCY'S Chief Financial Officer.

B. Not later than 30 days after issuance of the final audit report, CONSULTANT may request a review by LOCAL AGENCY'S Chief Financial Officer of unresolved audit issues. The request for review will be submitted in writing.

C. Neither the pendency of a dispute nor its consideration by LOCAL AGENCY will excuse CONSULTANT from full and timely performance, in accordance with the terms of this contract.

D. CONSULTANT and subconsultant contracts, including cost proposals and ICR, are subject to audits or reviews such as, but not limited to, a contract audit, an incurred cost audit, an ICR Audit, or a CPA ICR audit work paper review. If selected for audit or review, the contract, cost proposal and ICR and related work papers, if applicable, will be reviewed to verify

compliance with 48 CFR, Part 31 and other related laws and regulations. In the instances of a CPA ICR audit work paper review it is CONSULTANT's responsibility to ensure federal, state, or local government officials are allowed full access to the CPA's work papers including making copies as necessary. The contract, cost proposal, and ICR shall be adjusted by CONSULTANT and approved by LOCAL AGENCY contract manager to conform to the audit or review recommendations. CONSULTANT agrees that individual terms of costs identified in the audit report shall be incorporated into the contract by this reference if directed by LOCAL AGENCY at its sole discretion. Refusal by CONSULTANT to incorporate audit or review recommendations, or to ensure that the federal, state or local governments have access to CPA work papers, will be considered a breach of contract terms and cause for termination of the contract and disallowance of prior reimbursed costs.

Article X Subcontracting

A. Nothing contained in this contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between LOCAL AGENCY and any subconsultant(s), and no subcontract shall relieve CONSULTANT of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. CONSULTANT agrees to be as fully responsible to LOCAL AGENCY for the acts and omissions of its subconsultant(s) and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT's obligation to pay its subconsultant(s) is an independent obligation from LOCAL AGENCY'S obligation to make payments to the CONSULTANT.

B. CONSULTANT shall perform the work contemplated with resources available within its own organization and no portion of the work pertinent to this contract shall be subcontracted without written authorization by LOCAL AGENCY's Contract Administrator, except that, which is expressly identified in the approved Cost Proposal.

C. CONSULTANT shall pay its subconsultants within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of each payment made to CONSULTANT by LOCAL AGENCY.

D. All subcontracts entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all the provisions stipulated in this contract to be applicable to subconsultants.

E. Any substitution of subconsultant(s) must be approved in writing by LOCAL AGENCY's Contract Administrator prior to the start of work by the subconsultant(s).

Article XI Equipment Purchase

A. Prior authorization in writing, by LOCAL AGENCY's Contract Administrator shall be required before CONSULTANT enters into any unbudgeted purchase order, or subcontract exceeding \$5,000 for supplies, equipment, or CONSULTANT services. CONSULTANT shall provide an evaluation of the necessity or desirability of incurring such costs.

B. For purchase of any item, service or consulting work not covered in CONSULTANT's Cost Proposal and exceeding \$5,000 prior authorization by LOCAL AGENCY's Contract Administrator; three competitive quotations must be submitted with the request, or the absence of bidding must be adequately justified.

C. Any equipment purchased as a result of this contract is subject to the following: "CONSULTANT shall maintain an inventory of all nonexpendable property. Nonexpendable

property is defined as having a useful life of at least two years and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more. If the purchased equipment needs replacement and is sold or traded in, LOCAL AGENCY shall receive a proper refund or credit at the conclusion of the contract, or if the contract is terminated, CONSULTANT may either keep the equipment and credit LOCAL AGENCY in an amount equal to its fair market value, or sell such equipment at the best price obtainable at a public or private sale, in accordance with established LOCAL AGENCY procedures; and credit LOCAL AGENCY in an amount equal to the sales price. If CONSULTANT elects to keep the equipment, fair market value shall be determined at CONSULTANT's expense, on the basis of a competent independent appraisal of such equipment. Appraisals shall be obtained from an appraiser mutually agreeable to by LOCAL AGENCY and CONSULTANT, if it is determined to sell the equipment, the terms and conditions of such sale must be approved in advance by LOCAL AGENCY." 49 CFR, Part 18 requires a credit to Federal funds when participating equipment with a fair market value greater than \$5,000 is credited to the project.

Article XII State Prevailing Wage Rates

A. CONSULTANT shall comply with the State of California's General Prevailing Wage Rate requirements in accordance with California Labor Code, Section 1770, and all Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work.

B. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract, if for more than \$25,000 for public works construction or more than \$15,000 for the alteration, demolition, repair, or maintenance of public works, shall contain all of the provisions of this Article, unless the awarding agency has an approved labor compliance program by the Director of Industrial Relations.

C. When prevailing wages apply to the services described in the scope of work, transportation and subsistence costs shall be reimbursed at the minimum rates set by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) as outlined in the applicable Prevailing Wage Determination. See <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

Article XIII Conflict of Interest

A. CONSULTANT shall disclose any financial, business, or other relationship with LOCAL AGENCY that may have an impact upon the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing LOCAL AGENCY construction project. CONSULTANT shall also list current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of this contract, or any ensuing LOCAL AGENCY construction project, which will follow.

B. CONSULTANT hereby certifies that it does not now have, nor shall it acquire any financial or business interest that would conflict with the performance of services under this contract.

C. CONSULTANT hereby certifies that neither CONSULTANT, nor any firm affiliated with CONSULTANT will bid on any construction contract, or on any contract to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this contract. An affiliated firm is one, which is subject to the control of the same persons through joint-ownership, or otherwise.

D. Except for subconsultants whose services are limited to providing surveying or materials testing information, no subconsultant who has provided design services in connection with this contract shall be eligible to bid on any construction contract, or on any contract to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this contract.

Article XIV Rebates, Kickbacks or Other Unlawful Consideration

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

Article XV Prohibition of Expending Local Agency, State, or Federal Funds for Lobbying

A. CONSULTANT certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

1. No state, federal or local agency appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid by-or-on behalf of CONSULTANT to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any state or federal agency; a Member of the State Legislature or United States Congress; an officer or employee of the Legislature or Congress; or any employee of a Member of the Legislature or Congress, in connection with the awarding of any state or federal contract; the making of any state or federal grant; the making of any state or federal loan; the entering into of any cooperative Contract, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any state or federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative Contract.

2. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency; a Member of Congress; an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress; in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative Contract; CONSULTANT shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

B. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

C. CONSULTANT also agrees by signing this document that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower-tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Article XVI Statement of Compliance

A. CONSULTANT's signature affixed herein, and dated, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that

CONSULTANT has, unless exempt, complied with, the nondiscrimination program requirements of Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Administrative Code, Section 8103.

B. During the performance of this Contract, Consultant and its subconsultants shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of family care leave. Consultant and subconsultants shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. Consultant and subconsultants shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the 5 applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Contract by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.

Consultant and its subconsultants shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other Contract.

C. The Consultant shall comply with regulations relative to Title VI (nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation – Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21 - Effectuation of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act). Title VI provides that the recipients of federal assistance will implement and maintain a policy of nondiscrimination in which no person in the state of California shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of or subject to discrimination under any program or activity by the recipients of federal assistance or their assignees and successors in interest.

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

Article XVII Debarment and Suspension Certifications

A. CONSULTANT's signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that CONSULTANT has complied with Title 2 CFR, Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (nonprocurement)", which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to LOCAL AGENCY.

B. Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be considered in determining CONSULTANT responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to whom exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of action.

C. Exceptions to the Federal Government Excluded Parties List System maintained by the General Services Administration are to be determined by the Federal highway Administration.

SECTION 2 STANISLAUS COUNTY PROVISIONS

1.0 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT

1.1 Scope of Services: Consultant shall provide the professional services described in the County's Request for Proposal ("RFP") and Consultant's Response to County's RFP (the "Response") which are incorporated by reference in Section 2.0 entitled "Contract Documents".

1.2 Professional Practices: All professional services to be provided by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided by personnel experienced in their respective fields and in a manner consistent with the standards of care, diligence and skill ordinarily exercised by professional consultants in similar fields and circumstances in accordance with sound professional practices. Consultant also represents that it is familiar with all laws that may affect its performance of this Agreement and shall advise County of any changes in any laws that may affect Consultant's performance of this Agreement.

1.3 Representations: Consultant represents that it has reviewed the RFP and that in its professional judgment the services to be performed under this Agreement can be performed within the maximum fee set forth in Section 3.1 - Compensation and within the time specified in the Project Schedule (Exhibit "C") attached hereto. Consultant represents that it is qualified to perform the professional services required by this Agreement and possesses the necessary licenses and permits required to perform said services.

1.4 Compliance with Laws: Consultant agrees that it shall perform the services required by this Agreement in compliance with all applicable Federal and California laws including, but not limited to, those laws related to minimum hours and wages; occupational health and safety; fair employment and employment practices; workers' compensation insurance and safety in employment; and all other Federal, State and local laws and ordinances applicable to the services required under this Agreement.

1.5 Non-Discrimination: During the performance of this Agreement, Consultant and its officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment in violation of any federal, state or local law, rule or regulation against any employee, applicant for employment or person receiving services under this Agreement because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition (including genetic characteristics), marital status, age, political affiliation, sex or sexual orientation. Consultant and its officers, employees, agents, representatives or subconsultants shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations related to non-discrimination and equal opportunity, including without limitation the County's nondiscrimination policy; the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code sections 12900 et seq.); California Labor Code sections 1101, 1102 and 1102.1; the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), as amended; and all applicable regulations promulgated in the California Code of Regulations or the Code of Federal Regulations.

1.6 Non-Exclusive Agreement: Consultant acknowledges that County may enter into agreements with other consultants for services similar to the services that are subject to this

Agreement or may have its own employees perform services similar to those services contemplated by this Agreement.

1.7 Delegation and Assignment: This is a personal service contract, and the duties set forth herein shall not be delegated or assigned to any person or entity without the prior written consent of County. Consultant may engage a subconsultant(s) as permitted by law and may employ other personnel to perform services contemplated by this Agreement at Consultant's sole cost and expense.

1.8 Subcontracting: Nothing contained in this contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between County and any subconsultants(s), and no subconsultant shall relieve Consultant of its responsibilities and obligations hereunder. Consultant agrees to be as fully responsible to County for the acts and omissions of its subconsultant(s) and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by Consultant. Consultant's obligation to pay its subconsultant(s) is an independent obligation from County's obligation to make payments to the Consultant.

Consultant shall perform the services with resources available within its own organization; and no portion of the work pertinent to this agreement shall be subcontracted without written authorization by the County, except that, which is expressly identified in the approved Cost Proposal.

Any substitution of subconsultants must be approved in writing by the County.

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Consultant represents that it has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect which conflicts, or has the appearance of conflicting, in any manner or degree with the performance of the work and services under this Agreement.

Consultant hereby certifies that neither Consultant, nor any firm affiliated with the Consultant will bid on any construction agreement, or on any agreement to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this agreement. An affiliated firm is one, which is subject to the control of the same persons through joint ownership, or otherwise.

Except for subconsultants whose services are limited to providing surveying or materials testing information, no subconsultant who has provided design services in connection with this agreement shall be eligible to bid on any construction agreement, or on any agreement to provide construction inspection for any construction project resulting from this agreement.

1.10 Covenant Against Contingent Fees: Consultant warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the consultant; to solicit or secure this agreement; and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award, or formation of this agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the local agency shall have the right to annul this agreement without liability, or at its discretion; to deduct from the

agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

1.11 Rebates, Kickbacks or Other Unlawful Consideration: The Consultant warrants that this agreement was not obtained or secured through rebates, kickbacks or other unlawful consideration, either promised or paid to any County employee. For breach or violation of this warranty, County shall have the right in its discretion; to terminate the agreement without liability; to pay only for the value of the work actually performed; or to deduct from the agreement price; or otherwise recover the full amount of such rebate, kickback or other unlawful consideration.

1.12 Prohibition of Expending State or Federal Funds for Lobbying: The Consultant certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

No, state, federal or local agency appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid by-or-on behalf of the Consultant to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any state or federal agency; a Member of the State Legislature or United States Congress; an officer or employee of the Legislature or Congress; or any employee of a Member of the Legislature or Congress, in connection with the awarding of any state or federal contract; the making of any state or federal grant; the making of any state or federal loan; the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any state or federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency; a Member of Congress; an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress; in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; the Consultant shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Consultant also agrees by signing this document that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower-tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000, and that all such sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

1.13 Debarment and Suspension Certification: The Consultant's signature affixed herein, shall constitute a certification under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the Consultant has complied with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 29, Debarment and Suspension Certificate, which certifies that he/she or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or manager, is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency; has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded, or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past three (3) years; does not have a proposed debarment pending; and has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct with the past three (3) years. Any exceptions to this certification must be disclosed to the County.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of recommendation for award, but will be considered in determining Consultant responsibility. Disclosures must indicate to who exceptions apply, initiating agency, and dates of actions.

2.0 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Contract documents consist of the following documents, including all changes, addenda, and modifications thereto:

1. Agreement and all attachments
 - a. Exhibit A – Scope of Services
 - b. Exhibit B – Insurance Requirements
 - c. Exhibit C – Project Schedule
 - c. Exhibit D – Fee Schedule
2. County's Request for Proposal
3. Consultant's Response

3.0 COMPENSATION AND BILLING

3.1 Compensation: Consultant shall be paid in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit "D", attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement (the "Fee Schedule"). Consultant will be compensated on a time and materials basis, based on the hours worked by the Consultant's employees or subconsultants at the hourly rates specified in the Fee Schedule. Fee Schedule rates shall include direct salary costs, employee benefits, and overhead. The rates stated in the Fee Schedule are not adjustable during the term of this Agreement. Consultant's compensation under this Agreement shall in no case exceed **Seven Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy and 69/100 Dollars (\$761,470.69)** during the term of this Agreement. The County may retain five percent of all periodic or progress payments made to the Consultant until completion and acceptance of all work tasks and County shall have right to withhold payment from Consultant for any unsatisfactory service until such time service is performed satisfactorily.

3.2 Reimbursements: In addition to the aforementioned fees, Consultant will be reimbursed for any expenses specifically set forth in a Project Scope of Work. All such reimbursement amounts are limited to those costs and expenses that are reasonable, necessary and actually incurred by the Consultant in connection with the services provided. The County shall not pay a mark up on any item of reimbursement. The County shall not pay for any item of overhead such as telephone, facsimile, postage, etc. All requests for reimbursement shall be accompanied by a copy of the original invoice.

3.3 Additional Services: Consultant shall not receive compensation for any services provided outside the scope of services specified in Exhibit "A" unless the County or the Project Manager for the Project, prior to Consultant performing the additional services, approves such additional services in writing. It is specifically understood that oral requests and/or approvals of such additional services or additional compensation shall be barred and are unenforceable.

3.4 Method of Billing: Consultant may submit invoices to County's Project Manager for approval on a progress basis, but no more often than once each calendar month. Said invoice shall be based on the total of all Consultants' services that have been completed to County's sole satisfaction. County shall pay Consultant's invoice within forty-five (45) days from

the date County receives said invoice. Each invoice shall describe in detail, the services performed and the associated percentage of tasks completed. Any additional services approved and performed pursuant to this Agreement shall be designated as "Additional Services" and shall identify the number of the authorized change order, where applicable, on all invoices.

3.5 Records and Audits: Records of Consultant's services relating to this Agreement shall be maintained in accordance with generally recognized accounting principles and shall be made available to County, its Project Manager, The State, State Auditor, FHWA, or any duly authorized representative of the Federal Government for inspection and/or audit at mutually convenient times for a period of three (3) years from the termination of this Agreement.

3.6 Extension of Term of Agreement: The original Fee Schedule shall apply to the extension of the term of the agreement unless renegotiated and approved by both parties in writing.

3.7 Cost Principles: The Consultant agrees that the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., shall be used to determine the allowability of cost individual items.

The Consultant also agrees to comply with federal procedures in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

Any costs for which payment has been made to Consultant that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31.000 et seq., are subject to repayment by Consultant to the County.

All subcontracts in excess of \$25,000 shall contain the above provisions.

4.0 TIME OF PERFORMANCE

4.1 Commencement and Completion of Work: The professional services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement shall commence within five (5) days after County delivers its Notice to Proceed. Said services shall be performed in strict compliance with the Project Schedule approved by County as set forth in Exhibit "C", attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The Project Schedule may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Failure to commence work in a timely manner and/or diligently pursue work to completion may be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

4.2 Excusable Delays: Neither party shall be responsible for delays or lack of performance resulting from acts beyond the reasonable control of the party or parties. Such acts shall include, but not be limited to, acts of God, fire, strikes, material shortages, compliance with laws or regulations, riots, acts of war, or any other conditions beyond the reasonable control of a party.

4.3 Completion of Agreement: This Agreement shall be completed no later than **October 18, 2019**, unless extended by amendment.

5.0 COMPENSATION AND TERMINATION

5.1 Compensation: In the event of termination, County shall pay Consultant for

reasonable costs incurred and professional services satisfactorily performed up to and including the date of County's written notice of termination. Compensation for work in progress shall be prorated as to the percentage of work completed as of the effective date of termination in accordance with the fees set forth in Exhibit "D". In ascertaining the professional services actually rendered hereunder up to the effective date of termination of this Agreement, consideration shall be given to both completed work and work in progress, to complete and incomplete drawings, and to other documents pertaining to the services contemplated herein whether delivered to the County or in the possession of the Consultant.

5.2 Notice of Termination: The County reserves and has the right and privilege of canceling, suspending or abandoning the execution of all or any part of the work contemplated by this Agreement, with or without cause, at any time, by providing written notice to Consultant. The termination of this Agreement shall be deemed effective upon receipt of the notice of termination. In the event of such termination, Consultant shall immediately stop rendering services under this Agreement unless directed otherwise by the County.

5.3 Documents: In the event of termination of this Agreement, all documents prepared by Consultant in its performance of this Agreement including, but not limited to, finished or unfinished design, development and construction documents, data studies, drawings, maps, reports, correspondence, and all electronic files shall be delivered to the County within ten (10) days of delivery of termination notice to Consultant, at no cost to County. Any use of uncompleted documents without specific written authorization from Consultant shall be at County's sole risk and without liability or legal expense to Consultant.

6.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Coverage Required: Contractor shall obtain, and maintain at all times during the term of this Agreement, insurance coverage in the amounts and coverage specified in the attached "Exhibit B."

7.0 INDEMNIFICATION

7.1 Indemnification: To the fullest extent allowed by law, Consultant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officers, directors, officials, agents, employees, volunteers and representatives (collectively, "Indemnitee") from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, losses, injuries, damages or expenses of every name, kind, and description, including litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred, (collectively, "losses") which are founded upon, arise out of, pertain to, or relate to, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, the alleged negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Consultant, its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, contractors and subconsultants, excluding, however, such liabilities caused in part by the sole negligence, active negligence or willful misconduct of the County, its agents, employees, and representatives. These indemnification obligations shall not be limited by any assertion or finding that (1) the person or entity indemnified is liable by reason of non-delegable duty, or (2) the losses were caused in part by the negligence of, breach of contract by, or violation of law by Indemnitee. Nothing in this Agreement, including the provisions of this paragraph, shall constitute a waiver or limitation of any rights which Indemnitee may have under applicable law, including without limitation, the right to implied indemnity.

7.2 Duty to Defend: The duty of Consultant to indemnify and save harmless as set forth herein, shall include both the duty to indemnify and at Consultant's own cost and expense

the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code and as limited in section 2782.8 of the California Civil Code. This duty to defend arises immediately when such claim is made and shall be independent of any finding of negligence and shall arise regardless of any claim or assertion that Indemnitee caused or contributed to the Losses. Consultant shall provide legal counsel acceptable to the County.

7.3 Duty to Cooperate: Each party shall notify the other party within ten (10) days in writing of any claim or damage related to activities performed under this Agreement. The parties shall cooperate with each other in the investigation and disposition of any claim arising out of the activities under this Agreement. Specifically, Consultant shall take all steps necessary to assist the County in the defense of any claim brought by a contractor hired to construct the Project regarding any errors, flaws, and/or omissions in the plans or specifications of the Project.

7.4 Patent Rights: Consultant represents that professional services provided by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement does not infringe on any other copyrighted work. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County from all loss, cost, damage, expense, liability or claims, including attorneys' fees, court costs, litigation expenses and expert consultant or witness fees, that may at any time arise for any infringement of the patent rights, copyright, trade secret, trade name, trademark, service mark or any other proprietary right of any person or persons in consequence of the use by the County of any articles or services supplied under this agreement.

The foregoing provisions in this section "Indemnification" shall survive the term and termination of this Agreement.

8.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.1 Entire Agreement: This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to any matter referenced herein and supersedes any and all other prior writings and oral negotiations. This Agreement may be modified only in writing, and signed by the parties in interest at the time of such modification. The terms of this Agreement shall prevail over any inconsistent provision in any other contract document appurtenant hereto, including exhibits to this Agreement.

8.2 Representatives: The Director of the Stanislaus County Department of Public Works, or his designee, shall be the representative of County for purposes of this Agreement and may issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of the County, called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement. Consultant shall designate a representative for purposes of this Agreement who shall be authorized to issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of Consultant called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement.

8.3 Project Managers: County shall designate a Project Manager to work directly with Consultant in the performance of this Agreement. Consultant shall designate a Project Manager who shall represent it and be its agent in all consultations with County during the term of this Agreement. Consultant or its Project Manager shall attend and assist in all coordination meetings called by County.

8.4 Designated Personnel: A material covenant of this agreement is that the Consultant shall assign the individuals designated below to perform the functions designated so

long as they continue in the employ of the Consultant. The designated individuals shall, so long as their performance continues to be acceptable to County, remain in charge of the services for the Project from beginning through completion of services.

- a. Project Manager: Paul Schneider, P.E.
- b. Lead/Manager: n/a

8.5 Removal of Personnel or Sub-Consultants: If the County, in its sole discretion at any time during the term of this agreement, desires the removal of any person or sub-consultant assigned by Consultant to perform services, then the Consultant shall remove such person or consultant immediately upon receiving notice from the County.

8.6 Notices: Any notices, documents, correspondence or other communications concerning this Agreement or the work hereunder may be provided by personal delivery, facsimile or mail and shall be addressed as set forth below. Such communication shall be deemed served or delivered: a) at the time of delivery if such communication is sent by personal delivery; b) at the time of transmission if such communication is sent by facsimile; and c) 48 hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail as reflected by the official U.S. postmark if such communication is sent through regular United States mail.

If to County: Denis Bazyuk, P.E.
Stanislaus County Public Works
1716 Morgan Road
Modesto, CA 95358

If to Consultant: Paul Schneider, P.E.
Siegfried Engineering, Inc.
3244 Brookside Road, Ste. 100
Stockton, CA 95219

8.7 Attorneys' Fees: In the event that litigation is brought by any party in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the opposing party all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the prevailing party in the exercise of any of its rights or remedies hereunder or the enforcement of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions hereof.

8.8 Claims Filed by County's Construction Contractor: If claims are filed by County's construction contractor relating to work performed by Consultant's personnel, and additional information or assistance from Consultant's personnel is required in order to evaluate or defend against such claims; Consultant agrees to make its personnel available for consultation with County's construction contract administration and legal staff and for testimony, if necessary, at depositions and at trial or arbitration proceedings.

Consultant's personnel that County considers essential to assist in defending against construction contractor claims will be made available on reasonable notice from County. Consultation or testimony will be reimbursed at the same rates, including travel costs that are being paid for Consultant's personnel services under this contract.

8.9 Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California without giving effect to that body of laws pertaining to conflict of laws. In the event of any legal action to enforce or interpret this Agreement, the parties hereto

agree that the sole and exclusive venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction located in Stanislaus County, California.

8.10 Assignment: Consultant shall not voluntarily or by operation of law assign, transfer, sublet or encumber all or any part of Consultant's interest in this Agreement without County's prior written consent. Any attempted assignment, transfer, subletting or encumbrance shall be void and shall constitute a breach of this Agreement and cause for termination of this Agreement. Regardless of County's consent, no subletting or assignment shall release Consultant of Consultant's obligation to perform all other obligations to be performed by Consultant hereunder for the term of this Agreement.

8.11 Independent Contractor: Consultant is and shall be acting at all times as an independent contractor and not as an employee of County. Consultant shall secure, at his expense, and be responsible for any and all payment of Income Tax, Social Security, State Disability Insurance Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, and other payroll deductions for Consultant and its officers, agents, and employees, and all business licenses, if any are required, in connection with the services to be performed hereunder. Consultant hereby indemnifies and holds County harmless from any and all claims that may be made against County based upon any contention by any third party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement.

8.12 Confidentiality: The Consultant agrees to keep confidential all information obtained or learned during the course of furnishing services under this Agreement and to not disclose or reveal such information for any purpose not directly connected with the matter for which services are provided.

Permission to Disclose information on one occasion, or public hearing held by the County relating to the contract, shall not authorize the Consultant to further disclose such information, or disseminate the same on any other occasion.

The Consultant shall not comment publicly to the press or any other media regarding the contract or the County's actions on the same, except to the County's staff, Consultant's own personnel involved in the performance of this contract, at public hearings or in response to questions from a Legislative committee.

The Consultant shall not issue any news release or public relations item of any nature, whatsoever, regarding work performed or to be performed under this contract without prior review of the contents thereof by the County, and receipt of the County's written permission.

Any subcontract entered into as a result of this contract shall contain all of the provisions of this Article.

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

8.14 Ownership of Documents: Any interest, including copyright interests, of Consultant or its contractors or subconsultants in studies, reports, memoranda, computational

sheets, drawings, plans or any other documents, including electronic data, prepared in connection with the Services, shall be the property of County. To the extent permitted by law, work product produced under this Agreement shall be deemed works for hire and all copyrights in such works shall be the property of the County. In the event that it is ever determined that any works created by Consultant or its subconsultants under this Agreement are not works for hire, Consultant hereby assigns to County all copyrights to such works. With the County's prior written approval, Consultant may retain and use copies of such works for reference and as documentation of experience and capabilities.

8.15 Reuse of Design Documents: Should the County desire to reuse the documents specified above and not use the services of the Consultant, then the County agrees to require the new consultant to assume any and all obligations for the reuse of the documents, and the County releases Consultant and its subconsultants from all liability associated with the reuse of such documents.

8.16 Public Records Act Disclosure: Consultant has been advised and is aware that all reports, documents, information and data including, but not limited to, computer tapes, discs or files furnished or prepared by Consultant, or any of its subconsultants, and provided to County may be subject to public disclosure as required by the California Public Records Act (California Government Code Section 6250 et. seq.). Exceptions to public disclosure may be those documents or information that qualifies as trade secrets, as that term is defined in the California Government Code Section 6254.7, and of which Consultant informs County of such trade secret. The County will endeavor to maintain as confidential all information obtained by it that is designated as a trade secret. The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any trade secret including, without limitation, those records so marked if disclosure is deemed to be required by law or by order of the Court.

8.17 Responsibility for Errors: Consultant shall be responsible for its work and results under this Agreement. Consultant, when requested, shall furnish clarification and/or explanation as may be required by the County's representative, regarding any services rendered under this Agreement at no additional cost to County. In the event that an error or omission attributable to Consultant occurs, then Consultant shall, at no cost to County, provide all necessary design drawings, estimates and other Consultant professional services necessary to rectify and correct the matter to the sole satisfaction of County and to participate in any meeting required with regard to the correction.

8.18 Order of Precedence: In the event of inconsistency among any of the Contract Documents, the following order of precedence applies:

1. This agreement shall prevail over all other documents;
2. The attachments to this agreement shall prevail over the RFP and Response;
3. The RFP shall prevail over the Response; and,
4. Section 2/Stanislaus County Provisions shall prevail over Section 1/Caltrans Mandatory Fiscal & Federal Provisions.

8.19 Costs: Each party shall bear its own costs and fees incurred in the preparation and negotiation of this Agreement and in the performance of its obligations hereunder except as expressly provided herein.

8.20 No Third Party Beneficiary Rights: This Agreement is entered into for the sole benefit of County and Consultant and no other parties are intended to be direct or incidental beneficiaries of this Agreement and no third party shall have any right in, under or to this Agreement.

8.21 Construction: The parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises with respect to this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties and in accordance with its fair meaning. There shall be no presumption or burden of proof favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

8.22 Amendments: This Agreement may be amended only by a writing executed by the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns.

8.23 Waiver: The delay or failure of either party at any time to require performance or compliance by the other of any of its obligations or agreements shall in no way be deemed a waiver of those rights to require such performance or compliance. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the party against whom enforcement of a waiver is sought. The waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any occurrence or event shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any other occurrence or event, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

8.24 Severability: If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable in any circumstance, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or of the offending provision in any other circumstance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the value of this Agreement, based upon the substantial benefit of the bargain for any party is materially impaired, which determination as made by the presiding court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction shall be binding, then both parties agree to substitute such provision(s) through good faith negotiations.

8.25 Counterparts: This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one agreement.


8.26 Corporate Authority: The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of said parties and that by doing so the parties hereto are formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement.

(Signatures on Following Page)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by and through their respective authorized officers:

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS


SIEGFRIED ENGINEERING, INC.

By: 
Matt Machado, Director
Department of Public Works

By: 
Paul Schneider, P.E., VP/CFO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John P. Doering
County Counsel

By: 
Amanda DeHart
Deputy County Counsel