

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD  
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION  
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

  X   Resolution or Ordinance (Blue)            Waiver of First Requested  
           Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green)  
           Other Business (Pink)

**TO:** PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**FROM:** Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

**DATE:** November 26, 2025 **B of T Date:** December 18, 2025

**TITLE:** St. Charles Road and Main Street Gateway Improvements

**SUBMITTED BY:** Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *g*

**BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Staff recommends that the Village President and Board of Trustees accept a proposal from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for the design of improvements to the intersection of Main Street and St. Charles Road.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:**

Contract Amount: \$29,550.00  
Funding Source: Economic Development Fund (241.120.530.75570)

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X	Date
Finance Director X	Date
Village Manager X	Date

**NOTE:** All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.



November 26, 2025

TO: Village President and Board of Trustees

THROUGH: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

FROM: Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works  
Trevor Dick, Director of Economic Development and Planning

SUBJECT: St. Charles and Main Street Gateway Improvements Project

### **Background**

Over the past several years, the Village of Lombard has completed streetscape improvements within the central business district. These improvements were guided by a number of previous design efforts and planning studies conducted for the beautification, functionality and modernization of the downtown. These improvements have been welcomed by the business community, residents and visitors to Lombard.

The Village was recently contacted by the property owner of the gas station at the southeast corner of St. Charles and Park Avenue regarding proposed improvements to the property. The owner is interested in creating a more welcoming and modern façade and facility for the business. Staff has met with the property owner on several occasions to discuss concepts, funding and coordination of the proposed improvements. As a result of these discussions, the Village is interested in creating a gateway to the central business district on Main Street south side of St. Charles.

On the west side of the street, adjacent to the 7-11 is Volunteer Plaza. A picture of the plaza can be found below. Historically, the Volunteer Plaza served as the site of the Village's Veterans Day ceremony, the Village Tree Lighting and other public displays. As these events have grown in size and scope they were relocated to larger venues or combined with the Park District holiday events. As such, the Volunteer Plaza has not been used for any formal events and is largely underserving the community.



Staff has discussed numerous options to create a sense of place or attractive gateway to downtown Lombard on this corner in conjunction with proposed improvements to the gas station. Several concepts for the corner were developed in-house. These concepts provide a glimpse of what is possible to create a more attractive and modern entry to the downtown. These concepts can be found below.



The Village has sought proposals from two engineering/design firms to assist with the proposed improvements to the southeast and southwest corners of St. Charles and Main. The proposals included various tasks and the development of multiple iterations of the design(s) that can be considered by the Village and the gas station owner. The proposals are structured in a manner that the two corners, one private (gas station) and the public Volunteer Plaza will be treated separately for the purposes of approvals and bidding. While independent in terms of bidding, the designs for the corners will share common themes and design elements to ensure a uniform appearance.

Staff received proposals from Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. (CBBEL) and ECT, Inc. for the project. Both firms provided proposals that demonstrate their firms' ability to assist the Village with this project and have numerous projects that are similar in size and scope to the Lombard Gateway Project. Upon careful review of the proposals, staff is recommending that the Village Board accept the proposal from CBBEL. CBBEL was the design firm for the recently completed S. Park Pedestrianization Project and have an excellent understanding of the Village's past planning efforts and expectations for this project.

The CBBEL proposal includes the following tasks and milestones:

**Task 1: Kick-Off Meeting and Data Collection** – This meeting will lead to formalizing the goals and objectives of the project, formalize our working relationships, and review the project schedule.

**Task 2A: Develop Concept Plan for Southeast Corner** – As noted above, these improvements will be constructed on private property and subject to approval by the property owner.

**Task 2B: Develop Concept Plan for Southwest Corner** - CBBEL will develop three options for the southwest corner and ensure consistent treatment between the two corners of the intersection.

**Task 3A: Present and Adjust Concept Plan for Southeast Corner** – this step will allow the property owner to provide feedback on the concepts. The property owner has certain corporate requirements that must be met relative to signage and aesthetic treatments.

**Task 3B: Present and Adjust Concept Plans for Southwest Corner** – CBBEL will present the three concept plans for the southwest corner for review and feedback.

**Task 4A: Deliver a Refined Schematic Plan and Elevations for the Southeast Corner** – This milestone provides for CBBEL to deliver to the Village and property owner a refined plan for the site improvements that will assist in communicating the extent and appearance expectations for the corner improvements.

**Task 4B: Present the Refined Concept Plans for the Southwest Corner** - CBBEL will present three refined concept plans Village staff. These refined plans will aid in identifying what imagery will be needed to communicate the designs to the Village Board and other stakeholders.

**Task 5: Prepare and Present Concept Plans and Estimates for the Southwest Corner** - CBBEL will prepare presentation-grade plan views accompanied by perspective renderings that depict the proposed improvements.

The product of the design effort will be used by the Village to solicit bids for the improvements. Staff has discussed the opportunity to jointly bid work at both corners with the gas station property owner. These decisions will continue throughout the process. The Village and property owner will continue to collaborate to ensure that the project is done in a manner that maximizes the Village's investment and minimizes the impact to the community.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Village President and Board of Trustees accept the proposal from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. in the amount of \$29,550.00 for the St. Charles Road and Main Street Gateway Improvement Project. Staff further recommends that the village Board direct the Village Manager to execute the proposal on behalf of the Village of Lombard. Funding for the project will be from the Economic Development Fund.

**RESOLUTION**

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURE OF  
THE VILLAGE MANAGER ON A CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Lombard have received a proposal from Christopher B. Burker Engineering, Ltd. for the design of improvemnst to the southeast and southwest corners of Main Street and St. Chalres Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities deem it to be in the best interest of the Village of Lombard to approve such a Contract attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That the propoal attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby accepted.

**SECTION 2:** That the Village Manager be and hereby is authorized and directed to sign, on behalf of the Village of Lombard, the Contract attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Anthony Puccio**  
**Village President**

ATTEST:

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**Ranya Elkhatib**  
**Village Clerk**





**CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD.**

9575 West Higgins Road Suite 600 Rosemont, Illinois 60018 TEL (847) 823-0500 FAX (847) 823-0520

November 25, 2025

Village of Lombard  
255 E Wilson Avenue  
Lombard, IL 60148

Attention: Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works

Subject: 1 East St. Charles Road and Volunteer Plaza

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL) is pleased to submit this proposal for professional engineering services for the subject project. This proposal includes our Understanding of the Assignment, Scope of Services, and Estimate of Fee.

**UNDERSTANDING OF THE ASSIGNMENT**

CBBEL understands that the scope of work includes the design of a distinctive gateway feature at the southeast corner of the intersection. This feature will serve as a visual landmark, integrating the new business signage with complementary architectural elements and materials that harmonize with the existing streetscape. Key design considerations will include maintaining clear vehicle sight triangles along Main Street and St. Charles Road to ensure traffic safety, as well as accommodating vehicle movements within the fuel facility for efficient circulation.

As part of this initiative, CBBEL will develop recommendations for the revitalization of Volunteer Plaza, with the objective of transforming the space into a dynamic and engaging focal point for the community.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**Task 1: Kick-Off Meeting and Data Collection:**

CBBEL will set up a kick-off meeting with the Village to discuss the goals and objectives of the project, formalize our working relationships, and review the project schedule. The kick-off meeting will also serve as an opportunity to discuss project goals and identify site-specific design constraints with the Village. CBBEL will visit the sites, take measurements, and reference photos.

**Task 2A: Develop Concept Plan for Southeast Corner:**

CBBEL will develop a concept plan for the southeast corner, incorporating a stone seat wall, a business sign in compliance with the Village sign ordinance, landscaping elements, and associated pavement improvements.

**Task 2B: Develop Concept Plan for Southwest Corner:**

CBBEL will develop three options for the southwest corner, integrating existing elements and propose enhancements to create a vibrant downtown focal point.

**Task 3A: Present and Adjust Concept Plan for Southeast Corner:**

CBBEL will meet with Village staff and the property owner to present the concept plan for the southeast corner. This meeting will serve as a collaborative review session, allowing Village staff and the property owner to provide feedback on design elements, and functionality.

Following the discussion, CBBEL will incorporate the input received to refine and adjust the plan. Updated plans will address any concerns raised during the meeting and integrate suggested improvements to enhance aesthetics, safety, and overall usability.

**Task 3B: Present and Adjust Concept Plans for Southwest Corner:**

CBBEL will meet with Village staff to present the three concept plans for the southwest corner. The intent of this meeting is to obtain feedback from the Village staff on the various design elements of the different options.

Following the discussion, CBBEL will incorporate the input received to refine and adjust the concept plans.

**Task 4A: Deliver a Refined Schematic Plan and Elevations for the Southeast Corner:**

CBBEL will deliver to the Village a refined schematic plan for the site improvements along with elevations to communicate to the property owner the extent and appearance expectations for the corner improvements.

**Task 4B: Present the Refined Concept Plans for the Southwest Corner:**

CBBEL will present the three refined concept plans Village staff. The intent of this meeting is to review the refined plans and identify what imagery will be needed to communicate the designs intent to the Village Board and other stakeholders.

**Task 5: Prepare and Present Concept Plans and Estimates for the Southwest Corner:**

CBBEL will prepare presentation-grade plan views accompanied by perspective renderings that depict the proposed improvements. In conjunction with these materials, CBBEL will also develop and present an engineer's cost estimate for each plan.

**ESTIMATE OF FEE**

CBBEL estimates the following fee for each of the tasks described above:

Task 1 - Project Kickoff & Data Collection	\$3,030.00
Task 2A - Develop Concept Plan for Southeast Corner	\$4,160.00
Task 2B - Develop Concept Plans for Southwest Corner	\$10,680.00
Task 3A - Present and Adjust Concept Plan for the Southeast Corner	\$2,020.00

Task 3B - Present and Adjust Concept Plan for the Southwest Corner	\$4,440.00
Task 4A - Deliver a Refined Schematic Plan and Elevations for the Southeast Corner	\$1,095.00
Task 4B - Present the Refined Concept Plans for the Southwest Corner	\$1,095.00
Task 5 - Prepare and Present Concept Plans and Estimates for the Southwest Corner	\$3,030.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,550.00</b>

We will bill you at the hourly rates specified on the attached Schedule of Charges. We will establish our contract in accordance with the attached General Term and Conditions. These General Terms and Conditions are expressly incorporated into and are an integral part of this contract for professional services. Direct costs for prints, photocopying, mailing, mileage, overnight delivery, messenger services and report binding are not included in the Fee Estimate. Please note that meetings and additional services performed by CBBEL that are not included as part of this proposal will be billed on a time and materials basis and at the attached hourly rates.

Please sign and return one copy of this agreement as an indication of acceptance and notice to proceed. Please feel free to contact us anytime.

Sincerely,



Michael Kerr, PE  
President

Encl. Schedule of Charges  
General Terms and Conditions

THIS PROPOSAL, SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
ACCEPTED FOR THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



**CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD.  
STANDARD CHARGES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026**

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Engineer VI	290
Engineer V	250
Engineer IV	215
Engineer III	190
Engineer I/II	165
Survey V	250
Survey IV	235
Survey III	215
Survey II	170
Survey I	145
Engineering Technician V	230
Engineering Technician IV	205
Engineering Technician III	150
Engineering Technician I/II	135
CAD Manager	225
CAD Technician II	165
CAD Technician I	145
GIS Specialist III	190
GIS Specialist I/II	165
Landscape Architect II	215
Landscape Architect I	190
Landscape Designer III	165
Landscape Designer I/II	130
Environmental Resource Specialist V	250
Environmental Resource Specialist IV	205
Environmental Resource Specialist III	175
Environmental Resource Specialist I/II	150
Environmental Resource Technician	150
Business Operations Department	170
Project Specialist	125
Engineering Intern	95
Transportation Planner VI	290
Transportation Planner V	250
Transportation Planner IV	215
Transportation Planner III	190
Transportation Planner I/II	165
Communications V	220
Communications IV	195
Communications III	170
Communications I/II	150

Direct Costs

Outside Copies, Blueprints, Messenger, Delivery Services, Mileage      Cost + 12%

These rates are in effect until December 31, 2026, at which time they will be subject to change.

CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD.  
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Relationship Between Engineer and Client: Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (Engineer) shall serve as Client's professional engineer consultant in those phases of the Project to which this Agreement applies. This relationship is that of a buyer and seller of professional services and as such the Engineer is an independent contractor in the performance of this Agreement and it is understood that the parties have not entered into any joint venture or partnership with the other. The Engineer shall not be considered to be the agent of the Client. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with a cause of action in favor of a third party against either the Client or Engineer.

Furthermore, causes of action between the parties to this Agreement pertaining to acts of failures to act shall be deemed to have accrued and the applicable statute of limitations shall commence to run not later than the date of substantial completion.

2. Responsibility of the Engineer: Engineer will strive to perform services under this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted and currently recognized engineering practices and principles, and in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing in the same locality under similar conditions. No other representation, express or implied, and no warranty or guarantee is included or intended in this Agreement, or in any report, opinion, document, or otherwise.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary which may be contained in this Agreement or any other material incorporated herein by reference, or in any Agreement between the Client and any other party concerning the Project, the Engineer shall not have control or be in charge of and shall not be responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction, or the safety, safety precautions or programs of the Client, the construction contractor, other contractors or subcontractors performing any of the work or providing any of the services on the Project. Nor shall the Engineer be responsible for the acts or omissions of the Client, or for the failure of the Client, any architect, engineer, consultant, contractor or subcontractor to carry out their respective responsibilities in accordance with the Project documents, this Agreement or any other agreement concerning the Project. Any provision which purports to amend this provision shall be without effect unless it contains a reference that the content of this condition is expressly amended for the purposes described in such amendment and is signed by the Engineer.

3. Changes: Client reserves the right by written change order or amendment to make changes in requirements, amount of work, or engineering time schedule adjustments, and Engineer and Client shall negotiate appropriate adjustments acceptable to both parties to accommodate any changes, if commercially possible.
4. Suspension of Services: Client may, at any time, by written order to Engineer (Suspension of Services Order) require Engineer to stop all, or any part, of the services required by this Agreement. Upon receipt of such an order, Engineer shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the costs associated with the services affected by such order. Client, however, shall pay all costs incurred by the suspension, including all costs necessary to maintain continuity and for the

resumptions of the services upon expiration of the Suspension of Services Order. Engineer will not be obligated to provide the same personnel employed prior to suspension, when the services are resumed, in the event that the period of suspension is greater than thirty (30) days.

5. Termination: This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the terms hereof through no fault of the terminating party. This Agreement may be terminated by Client, under the same terms, whenever Client shall determine that termination is in its best interests. Cost of termination, including salaries, overhead and fee, incurred by Engineer either before or after the termination date shall be reimbursed by Client.
6. Documents Delivered to Client: Drawings, specifications, reports, and any other Project Documents prepared by Engineer in connection with any or all of the services furnished hereunder shall be delivered to the Client for the use of the Client. Engineer shall have the right to retain originals of all Project Documents and drawings for its files. Furthermore, it is understood and agreed that the Project Documents such as, but not limited to reports, calculations, drawings, and specifications prepared for the Project, whether in hard copy or machine readable form, are instruments of professional service intended for one-time use in the construction of this Project. These Project Documents are and shall remain the property of the Engineer. The Client may retain copies, including copies stored on magnetic tape or disk, for information and reference in connection with the occupancy and use of the Project.

When and if record drawings are to be provided by the Engineer, Client understands that information used in the preparation of record drawings is provided by others and Engineer is not responsible for accuracy, completeness, nor sufficiency of such information. Client also understands that the level of detail illustrated by record drawings will generally be the same as the level of detail illustrated by the design drawing used for project construction. If additional detail is requested by the Client to be included on the record drawings, then the Client understands and agrees that the Engineer will be due additional compensation for additional services.

It is also understood and agreed that because of the possibility that information and data delivered in machine readable form may be altered, whether inadvertently or otherwise, the Engineer reserves the right to retain the original tapes/disks and to remove from copies provided to the Client all identification reflecting the involvement of the Engineer in their preparation. The Engineer also reserves the right to retain hard copy originals of all Project Documentation delivered to the Client in machine readable form, which originals shall be referred to and shall govern in the event of any inconsistency between the two.

The Client understands that the automated conversion of information and data from the system and format used by the Engineer to an alternate system or format cannot be accomplished without the introduction of inexactitudes, anomalies, and errors. In the event Project Documentation provided to the Client in machine readable form is so converted, the Client agrees to assume all risks associated therewith and, to the fullest

extent permitted by law, to hold harmless and indemnify the Engineer from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, and costs, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising therefrom or in connection therewith.

The Client recognizes that changes or modifications to the Engineer's instruments of professional service introduced by anyone other than the Engineer may result in adverse consequences which the Engineer can neither predict nor control. Therefore, and in consideration of the Engineer's agreement to deliver its instruments of professional service in machine readable form, the Client agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to hold harmless and indemnify the Engineer from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, and costs, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or in any way connected with the modification, misinterpretation, misuse, or reuse by others of the machine readable information and data provided by the Engineer under this Agreement. The foregoing indemnification applies, without limitation, to any use of the Project Documentation on other projects, for additions to this Project, or for completion of this Project by others, excepting only such use as may be authorized, in writing, by the Engineer.

7. Reuse of Documents: All Project Documents including but not limited to reports, opinions of probable costs, drawings and specifications furnished by Engineer pursuant to this Agreement are intended for use on the Project only. They cannot be used by Client or others on extensions of the Project or any other project. Any reuse, without specific written verification or adaptation by Engineer, shall be at Client's sole risk, and Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Engineer from all claims, damages, losses, and expenses including attorney's fees arising out of or resulting therefrom.

The Engineer shall have the right to include representations of the design of the Project, including photographs of the exterior and interior, among the Engineer's promotional and professional materials. The Engineer's materials shall not include the Client's confidential and proprietary information if the Client has previously advised the Engineer in writing of the specific information considered by the Client to be confidential and proprietary.

8. Standard of Practice: The Engineer will strive to conduct services under this agreement in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing in the same locality under similar conditions as of the date of this Agreement.
9. Compliance With Laws: The Engineer will strive to exercise usual and customary professional care in his/her efforts to comply with those laws, codes, ordinance and regulations which are in effect as of the date of this Agreement.

With specific respect to prescribed requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or certified state or local accessibility regulations (ADA), Client understands ADA is a civil rights legislation and that interpretation of ADA is a legal issue and not a design issue and, accordingly, retention of legal counsel (by Client) for purposes of interpretation is advisable. As such and with respect to ADA, Client agrees to waive any action against Engineer, and to indemnify and defend Engineer against any claim arising from Engineer's alleged failure to meet ADA requirements prescribed.

Further to the law and code compliance, the Client understands that the Engineer will strive to provide designs in accordance with the prevailing Standards of Practice as previously set forth, but that the Engineer does not warrant that any reviewing agency having jurisdiction will not for its own purposes comment, request changes and/or additions to such designs. In the event such design requests are made by a reviewing agency, but which do not exist in the form of a written regulation, ordinance or other similar document as published by the reviewing agency, then such design changes (at substantial variance from the intended design developed by the Engineer), if effected and incorporated into the project documents by the Engineer, shall be considered as Supplementary Task(s) to the Engineer's Scope of Service and compensated for accordingly.

10. Indemnification: Engineer shall indemnify and hold harmless Client up to the amount of this contract fee (for services) from loss or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees for claims for personal injury (including death) or property damage to the extent caused by the sole negligent act, error or omission of Engineer.

Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Engineer under this Agreement, from loss or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, for claims for personal injuries (including death) or property damage arising out of the sole negligent act, error omission of Client.

In the event of joint or concurrent negligence of Engineer and Client, each shall bear that portion of the loss or expense that its share of the joint or concurrent negligence bears to the total negligence (including that of third parties), which caused the personal injury or property damage.

Engineer shall not be liable for special, incidental or consequential damages, including, but not limited to loss of profits, revenue, use of capital, claims of customers, cost of purchased or replacement power, or for any other loss of any nature, whether based on contract, tort, negligence, strict liability or otherwise, by reasons of the services rendered under this Agreement.

11. Opinions of Probable Cost: Since Engineer has no control over the cost of labor, materials or equipment, or over the Contractor(s) method of determining process, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, his/her opinions of probable Project Construction Cost provided for herein are to be made on the basis of his/her experience and qualifications and represent his/her judgement as a design professional familiar with the construction industry, but Engineer cannot and does not guarantee that proposal, bids or the Construction Cost will not vary from opinions of probable construction cost prepared by him/her. If prior to the Bidding or Negotiating Phase, Client wishes greater accuracy as to the Construction Cost, the Client shall employ an independent cost estimator Consultant for the purpose of obtaining a second construction cost opinion independent from Engineer.
12. Governing Law & Dispute Resolutions: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Articles previously set forth by (Item 9 of) this Agreement, together with the laws of the **State of Illinois**.

Any claim, dispute or other matter in question arising out of or related to this Agreement, which can not be mutually resolved by the parties of this Agreement, shall be subject to mediation as a condition precedent to arbitration (if arbitration is agreed upon by the parties of this Agreement) or the institution of legal or equitable proceedings by either party. If such matter relates to or is the subject of a lien arising out of the Engineer's services, the Engineer may proceed in accordance with applicable law to comply with the lien notice or filing deadlines prior to resolution of the matter by mediation or by arbitration.

The Client and Engineer shall endeavor to resolve claims, disputes and other matters in question between them by mediation which, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, shall be in accordance with the Construction Industry Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association currently in effect. Requests for mediation shall be filed in writing with the other party to this Agreement and with the American Arbitration Association. The request may be made concurrently with the filing of a demand for arbitration but, in such event, mediation shall proceed in advance of arbitration or legal or equitable proceedings, which shall be stayed pending mediation for a period of 60 days from the date of filing, unless stayed for a longer period by agreement of the parties or court order.

The parties shall share the mediator's fee and any filing fees equally. The mediation shall be held in the place where the Project is located, unless another location is mutually agreed upon. Agreements reached in mediation shall be enforceable as settlement agreements in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

13. Successors and Assigns: The terms of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns: provided, however, that neither party shall assign this Agreement in whole or in part without the prior written approval of the other.
14. Waiver of Contract Breach: The waiver of one party of any breach of this Agreement or the failure of one party to enforce at any time, or for any period of time, any of the provisions hereof, shall be limited to the particular instance, shall not operate or be deemed to waive any future breaches of this Agreement and shall not be construed to be a waiver of any provision, except for the particular instance.
15. Entire Understanding of Agreement: This Agreement represents and incorporates the entire understanding of the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that there are no warranties, representations, covenants or understandings of any kind, matter or description whatsoever, made by either party to the other except as expressly set forth herein. Client and the Engineer hereby agree that any purchase orders, invoices, confirmations, acknowledgments or other similar documents executed or delivered with respect to the subject matter hereof that conflict with the terms of the Agreement shall be null, void & without effect to the extent they conflict with the terms of this Agreement.
16. Amendment: This Agreement shall not be subject to amendment unless another instrument is duly executed by duly authorized representatives of each of the parties and entitled "Amendment of Agreement".



17. Severability of Invalid Provisions: If any provision of the Agreement shall be held to contravene or to be invalid under the laws of any particular state, county or jurisdiction where used, such contravention shall not invalidate the entire Agreement, but it shall be construed as if not containing the particular provisions held to be invalid in the particular state, county or jurisdiction and the rights or obligations of the parties hereto shall be construed and enforced accordingly.
18. Force Majeure: Neither Client nor Engineer shall be liable for any fault or delay caused by any contingency beyond their control including but not limited to acts of God, wars, strikes, walkouts, fires, natural calamities, or demands or requirements of governmental agencies.
19. Subcontracts: Engineer may subcontract portions of the work, but each subcontractor must be approved by Client in writing.
20. Access and Permits: Client shall arrange for Engineer to enter upon public and private property and obtain all necessary approvals and permits required from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project. Client shall pay costs (including Engineer's employee salaries, overhead and fee) incident to any effort by Engineer toward assisting Client in such access, permits or approvals, if Engineer perform such services.
21. Designation of Authorized Representative: Each party (to this Agreement) shall designate one or more persons to act with authority in its behalf in respect to appropriate aspects of the Project. The persons designated shall review and respond promptly to all communications received from the other party.
22. Notices: Any notice or designation required to be given to either party hereto shall be in writing, and unless receipt of such notice is expressly required by the terms hereof shall be deemed to be effectively served when deposited in the mail with sufficient first class postage affixed, and addressed to the party to whom such notice is directed at such party's place of business or such other address as either party shall hereafter furnish to the other party by written notice as herein provided.
23. Limit of Liability: The Client and the Engineer have discussed the risks, rewards, and benefits of the project and the Engineer's total fee for services. In recognition of the relative risks and benefits of the Project to both the Client and the Engineer, the risks have been allocated such that the Client agrees that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Engineer's total aggregate liability to the Client for any and all injuries, claims, costs, losses, expenses, damages of any nature whatsoever or claim expenses arising out of this Agreement from any cause or causes, including attorney's fees and costs, and expert witness fees and costs, shall not exceed the total Engineer's fee for professional engineering services rendered on this project as made part of this Agreement. Such causes included but are not limited to the Engineer's negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability or breach of contract. It is intended that this limitation apply to any and all liability or cause of action however alleged or arising, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

24. Client's Responsibilities: The Client agrees to provide full information regarding requirements for and about the Project, including a program which shall set forth the Client's objectives, schedule, constraints, criteria, special equipment, systems and site requirements.

The Client agrees to furnish and pay for all legal, accounting and insurance counseling services as may be necessary at any time for the Project, including auditing services which the Client may require to verify the Contractor's Application for Payment or to ascertain how or for what purpose the Contractor has used the money paid by or on behalf of the Client.

The Client agrees to require the Contractor, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Engineer, its consultants, and the employees and agents of any of them from and against any and all claims, suits, demands, liabilities, losses, damages, and costs ("Losses"), including but not limited to costs of defense, arising in whole or in part out of the negligence of the Contractor, its subcontractors, the officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors of any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not such Losses are caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Specifically excluded from the foregoing are Losses arising out of the preparation or approval of maps, drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, change orders, designs, or specifications, and the giving of or failure to give directions by the Engineer, its consultants, and the agents and employees of any of them, provided such giving or failure to give is the primary cause of Loss. The Client also agrees to require the Contractor to provide to the Engineer the required certificate of insurance.

The Client further agrees to require the Contractor to name the Engineer, its agents and consultants as additional insureds on the Contractor's policy or policies of comprehensive or commercial general liability insurance. Such insurance shall include products and completed operations and contractual liability coverages, shall be primary and noncontributing with any insurance maintained by the Engineer or its agents and consultants, and shall provide that the Engineer be given thirty days, unqualified written notice prior to any cancellation thereof.

In the event the foregoing requirements, or any of them, are not established by the Client and met by the Contractor, the Client agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Engineer, its employees, agents, and consultants from and against any and all Losses which would have been indemnified and insured against by the Contractor, but were not.

When Contract Documents prepared under the Scope of Services of this contract require insurance(s) to be provided, obtained and/or otherwise maintained by the Contractor, the Client agrees to be wholly responsible for setting forth any and all such insurance requirements. Furthermore, any document provided for Client review by the Engineer under this Contract related to such insurance(s) shall be considered as sample insurance requirements and not the recommendation of the Engineer. Client agrees to have their own risk management department review any and all insurance requirements for adequacy and to determine specific types of insurance(s) required for the project. Client further agrees that decisions concerning types and amounts of insurance are

specific to the project and shall be the product of the Client. As such, any and all insurance requirements made part of Contract Documents prepared by the Engineer are not to be considered the Engineer's recommendation, and the Client shall make the final decision regarding insurance requirements.

25. Information Provided by Others: The Engineer shall indicate to the Client the information needed for rendering of the services of this Agreement. The Client shall provide to the Engineer such information as is available to the Client and the Client's consultants and contractors, and the Engineer shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness thereof. The Client recognizes that it is impossible for the Engineer to assure the accuracy, completeness and sufficiency of such information, either because it is impossible to verify, or because of errors or omissions which may have occurred in assembling the information the Client is providing. Accordingly, the Client agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold the Engineer and the Engineer's subconsultants harmless from any claim, liability or cost (including reasonable attorneys' fees and cost of defense) for injury or loss arising or allegedly arising from errors, omissions or inaccuracies in documents or other information provided by the Client to the Engineer.
26. Payment: Client shall be invoiced once each month for work performed during the preceding period. Client agrees to pay each invoice within thirty (30) days of its receipt. The client further agrees to pay interest on all amounts invoiced and not paid or objected to for valid cause within said thirty (30) day period at the rate of eighteen (18) percent per annum (or the maximum interest rate permitted under applicable law, whichever is the lesser) until paid. Client further agrees to pay Engineer's cost of collection of all amounts due and unpaid after sixty (60) days, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, as well as costs attributed to suspension of services accordingly and as follows:
- Collection Costs. In the event legal action is necessary to enforce the payment provisions of this Agreement, the Engineer shall be entitled to collect from the Client any judgement or settlement sums due, reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs and expenses incurred by the Engineer in connection therewith and, in addition, the reasonable value of the Engineer's time and expenses spent in connection with such collection action, computed at the Engineer's prevailing fee schedule and expense policies.
- Suspension of Services. If the Client fails to make payments when due or otherwise is in breach of this Agreement, the Engineer may suspend performance of services upon five (5) calendar days' notice to the Client. The Engineer shall have no liability whatsoever to the Client for any costs or damages as a result of such suspension caused by any breach of this Agreement by the Client. Client will reimburse Engineer for all associated costs as previously set forth in (Item 4 of) this Agreement.
27. When construction observation tasks are part of the service to be performed by the Engineer under this Agreement, the Client will include the following clause in the construction contract documents and Client agrees not to modify or delete it:

Kotecki Waiver. Contractor (and any subcontractor into whose subcontract this clause is incorporated) agrees to assume the entire liability for all personal injury claims suffered by its own employees, including without limitation claims under the **Illinois** Structural Work Act, asserted by persons allegedly injured on the Project; waives any limitation of liability defense based upon the Worker's Compensation Act, court interpretations of said Act or otherwise; and to the fullest extent permitted by law, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend Owner and Engineer and their agents, employees and consultants (the "Indemnitees") from and against all such loss, expense, damage or injury, including reasonable attorneys' fees, that the Indemnitees may sustain as a result of such claims, except to the extent that **Illinois** law prohibits indemnity for the Indemnitees' own negligence. The Owner and Engineer are designated and recognized as explicit third party beneficiaries of the Kotecki Waiver within the general contract and all subcontracts entered into in furtherance of the general contract.

28. Job Site Safety/Supervision & Construction Observation: The Engineer shall neither have control over or charge of, nor be responsible for, the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences of procedures, or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work since they are solely the Contractor's rights and responsibilities. The Client agrees that the Contractor shall supervise and direct the work efficiently with his/her best skill and attention; and that the Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction and safety at the job site. The Client agrees and warrants that this intent shall be carried out in the Client's contract with the Contractor. The Client further agrees that the Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the work; and that the Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to all employees on the subject site and all other persons who may be affected thereby. The Engineer shall have no authority to stop the work of the Contractor or the work of any subcontractor on the project.

When construction observation services are included in the Scope of Services, the Engineer shall visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of the Contractor's operation, or as otherwise agreed to by the Client and the Engineer to: 1) become generally familiar with and to keep the Client informed about the progress and quality of the Work; 2) to strive to bring to the Client's attention defects and deficiencies in the Work and; 3) to determine in general if the Work is being performed in a manner indicating that the Work, when fully completed, will be in accordance with the Contract Documents. However, the Engineer shall not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work. If the Client desires more extensive project observation, the Client shall request that such services be provided by the Engineer as Additional and Supplemental Construction Observation Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

The Engineer shall not be responsible for any acts or omissions of the Contractor, subcontractor, any entity performing any portions of the Work, or any agents or employees of any of them. The Engineer does not guarantee the performance of the

Contractor and shall not be responsible for the Contractor's failure to perform its Work in accordance with the Contract Documents or any applicable laws, codes, rules or regulations.

When municipal review services are included in the Scope of Services, the Engineer (acting on behalf of the municipality), when acting in good faith in the discharge of its duties, shall not thereby render itself liable personally and is, to the maximum extent permitted by law, relieved from all liability for any damage that may accrue to persons or property by reason of any act or omission in the discharge of its duties. Any suit brought against the Engineer which involve the acts or omissions performed by it in the enforcement of any provisions of the Client's rules, regulation and/or ordinance shall be defended by the Client until final termination of the proceedings. The Engineer shall be entitled to all defenses and municipal immunities that are, or would be, available to the Client.

29. Insurance and Indemnification: The Engineer and the Client understand and agree that the Client will contractually require the Contractor to defend and indemnify the Engineer and/or any subconsultants from any claims arising from the Work. The Engineer and the Client further understand and agree that the Client will contractually require the Contractor to procure commercial general liability insurance naming the Engineer as an additional named insured with respect to the work. The Contractor shall provide to the Client certificates of insurance evidencing that the contractually required insurance coverage has been procured. However, the Contractor's failure to provide the Client with the requisite certificates of insurance shall not constitute a waiver of this provision by the Engineer.

The Client and Engineer waive all rights against each other and against the Contractor and consultants, agents and employees of each of them for damages to the extent covered by property insurance during construction. The Client and Engineer each shall require similar waivers from the Contractor, consultants, agents and persons or entities awarded separate contracts administered under the Client's own forces.

30. Hazardous Materials/Pollutants: Unless otherwise provided by this Agreement, the Engineer and Engineer's consultants shall have no responsibility for the discovery, presence, handling, removal or disposal of or exposure of persons to hazardous materials/pollutants in any form at the Project site, including but not limited to mold/mildew, asbestos, asbestos products, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) or other toxic/hazardous/pollutant type substances.

Furthermore, Client understands that the presence of mold/mildew and the like are results of prolonged or repeated exposure to moisture and the lack of corrective action. Client also understands that corrective action is a operation, maintenance and repair activity for which the Engineer is not responsible.