

# AIA® Document B101® – 2017

## **Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect**

**AGREEMENT** made as of the Twenty-third day of September in the year Two-thousand Twenty-five  
*(In words, indicate day, month and year.)*

**BETWEEN** the Architect's client identified as the Owner:  
*(Name, legal status, address and other information)*

Hernando County School District  
8016 Mobley Road  
Brooksville, FL 34607

and the Architect:  
*(Name, legal status, address and other information)*

Zyscovich, LLC  
100 N. Biscayne Bld.  
Suite 2700  
Miami, FL 34609

for the following Project:  
*(Name, location and detailed description)*

TBD  
Miscellaneous projects on a continuing basis where the estimated construction cost per project does not exceed \$7.5 million (except as adjusted annually per FS 287.055; 2; (g); 1.), and other services for which the fee per project does not exceed \$500,000.

The Owner and Architect agree as follows.

### **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:**

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### ARTICLE 1 INITIAL INFORMATION

§ 1.1 This Agreement is based on the Initial Information set forth in this Section 1.1.

*(For each item in this section, insert the information or a statement such as "not applicable" or "unknown at time of execution.")*

§ 1.1.1 The Owner's program for the Project:

*(Insert the Owner's program, identify documentation that establishes the Owner's program, or state the manner in which the program will be developed.)*

TBD

§ 1.1.2 The Project's physical characteristics:

*(Identify or describe pertinent information about the Project's physical characteristics, such as size; location; dimensions; geotechnical reports; site boundaries; topographic surveys; traffic and utility studies; availability of public and private utilities and services; legal description of the site, etc.)*

TBD

§ 1.1.3 The Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work, as defined in Section 6.1:

*(Provide total and, if known, a line item breakdown.)*

TBD

§ 1.1.4 The Owner's anticipated design and construction milestone dates:

- .1 Design phase milestone dates, if any:

TBD

- .2 Construction commencement date:



TBD

.3 Substantial Completion date or dates:

TBD

.4 Other milestone dates:

TBD

**§ 1.1.5** The Owner intends the following procurement and delivery method for the Project:  
*(Identify method such as competitive bid or negotiated contract, as well as any requirements for accelerated or fast-track design and construction, multiple bid packages, or phased construction.)*

TBD

May include design-bid-build, CM at risk and owner direct purchase. Shall be determined based on the scope of the project and the best interest of HCSD

**§ 1.1.6** The Owner's anticipated Sustainable Objective for the Project:  
*(Identify and describe the Owner's Sustainable Objective for the Project, if any.)*

**§ 1.1.6.1** If the Owner identifies a Sustainable Objective, the Owner and Architect shall complete and incorporate AIA Document E204™-2017, Sustainable Projects Exhibit, into this Agreement to define the terms, conditions and services related to the Owner's Sustainable Objective. If E204-2017 is incorporated into this agreement, the Owner and Architect shall incorporate the completed E204-2017 into the agreements with the consultants and contractors performing services or Work in any way associated with the Sustainable Objective.

**§ 1.1.7** The Owner identifies the following representative in accordance with Section 5.3:  
*(List name, address, and other contact information.)*

John Williams  
Manager of Design and Construction  
8016 Mobley Rd.  
Brooksville, FL 34601  
352-797-7050  
williams\_j@hcsb.k12.fl.us

**§ 1.1.8** The persons or entities, in addition to the Owner's representative, who are required to review the Architect's submittals to the Owner are as follows:  
*(List name, address, and other contact information.)*

TBD

May include Building/Fire Officials or designee

**§ 1.1.9** The Owner shall retain the following consultants and contractors:  
*(List name, legal status, address, and other contact information.)*

.1 Geotechnical Engineer:

TBD

**.2 Civil Engineer:**

TBD

**.3 Other, if any:**

*(List any other consultants and contractors retained by the Owner.)*

TBD

**§ 1.1.10 The Architect identifies the following representative in accordance with Section 2.3:**  
*(List name, address, and other contact information.)*

Alexander Perez  
4010 W Boy Scout Blvd.  
Suite 360  
Tampa, FL 33607

**§ 1.1.11 The Architect shall retain the consultants identified in Sections 1.1.11.1 and 1.1.11.2:**  
*(List name, legal status, address, and other contact information.)*

**§ 1.1.11.1 Consultants retained under Basic Services:**

**.1 Structural Engineer:**

TBD

**.2 Mechanical Engineer:**

TBD

**.3 Electrical Engineer:**

TBD

**§ 1.1.11.2 Consultants retained under Supplemental Services:**

TBD

**§ 1.1.12 Other Initial Information on which the Agreement is based:**



This agreement shall be effective for a period of two (2) years with an option to renew for one additional two (2) year period upon written consent of both parties and any approvals subsequently required by the School Board.

§ 1.2 The Owner and Architect may rely on the Initial Information. Both parties, however, recognize that the Initial Information may materially change and, in that event, the Owner and the Architect shall appropriately adjust the Architect's services, schedule for the Architect's services, and the Architect's compensation. The Owner shall adjust the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work and the Owner's anticipated design and construction milestones, as necessary, to accommodate material changes in the Initial Information.

§ 1.3 The parties shall agree upon written protocols governing the transmission and use of, and reliance on, Instruments of Service or any other information or documentation in digital form.

§ 1.3.1 Any use of, or reliance on, all or a portion of a building information model without agreement to written protocols governing the use of, and reliance on, the information contained in the model shall be at the using or relying party's sole risk and without liability to the other party and its contractors or consultants, the authors of, or contributors to, the building information model, and each of their agents and employees.

## ARTICLE 2 ARCHITECT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

§ 2.1 The Architect shall provide professional services as set forth in this Agreement. The Architect represents that it is properly licensed in the jurisdiction where the Project is located to provide the services required by this Agreement, or shall cause such services to be performed by appropriately licensed design professionals.

§ 2.2 The Architect shall perform its services consistent with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by architects practicing in the same or similar locality under the same or similar circumstances. The Architect shall perform its services as expeditiously as is consistent with such professional skill and care and the orderly progress of the Project.

§ 2.3 The Architect shall identify a representative authorized to act on behalf of the Architect with respect to the Project.

§ 2.4 Except with the Owner's knowledge and consent, the Architect shall not engage in any activity, or accept any employment, interest or contribution that would reasonably appear to compromise the Architect's professional judgment with respect to this Project.

§ 2.5 The Architect shall maintain the following insurance until termination of this Agreement. If any of the requirements set forth below are in addition to the types and limits the Architect normally maintains, the Owner shall pay the Architect as set forth in Section 11.9.

§ 2.5.1 Commercial General Liability with policy limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$ 1,000,000 ) for each occurrence and One Million Dollars (\$ 1,000,000 ) in the aggregate for bodily injury and property damage.

§ 2.5.2 Automobile Liability covering vehicles owned, and non-owned vehicles used, by the Architect with policy limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$ 1,000,000 ) per accident for bodily injury, death of any person, and property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance and use of those motor vehicles, along with any other statutorily required automobile coverage.

§ 2.5.3 The Architect may achieve the required limits and coverage for Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability through a combination of primary and excess or umbrella liability insurance, provided such primary and excess or umbrella liability insurance policies result in the same or greater coverage as the coverages required under Sections 2.5.1 and 2.5.2, and in no event shall any excess or umbrella liability insurance provide narrower coverage than the primary policy. The excess policy shall not require the exhaustion of the underlying limits only through the actual payment by the underlying insurers.

§ 2.5.4 Workers' Compensation at statutory limits.



§ 2.5.5 Employers' Liability with policy limits not less than Statutory Minimum (\$ ) each accident, Statutory Minimum (\$ ) each employee, and Statutory Minimum (\$ ) policy limit.

§ 2.5.6 Professional Liability covering negligent acts, errors and omissions in the performance of professional services with policy limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$ 1,000,000 ) per claim and One Million Dollars (\$ 1,000,000 ) in the aggregate.

§ 2.5.7 Additional Insured Obligations. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Architect shall cause the primary and excess or umbrella policies for Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability to include the Owner as an additional insured for claims caused in whole or in part by the Architect's negligent acts or omissions. The additional insured coverage shall be primary and non-contributory to any of the Owner's insurance policies and shall apply to both ongoing and completed operations.

§ 2.5.8 The Architect shall provide certificates of insurance to the Owner that evidence compliance with the requirements in this Section 2.5.

### ARTICLE 3 SCOPE OF ARCHITECT'S BASIC SERVICES

§ 3.1 The Architect's Basic Services consist of those described in this Article 3 and include usual and customary structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering services. Services not set forth in this Article 3 are Supplemental or Additional Services.

§ 3.1.1 The Architect shall manage the Architect's services, research applicable design criteria, attend Project meetings, communicate with members of the Project team, and report progress to the Owner.

§ 3.1.2 The Architect shall coordinate its services with those services provided by the Owner and the Owner's consultants. The Architect shall be entitled to rely on, and shall not be responsible for, the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of, services and information furnished by the Owner and the Owner's consultants. The Architect shall provide prompt written notice to the Owner if the Architect becomes aware of any error, omission, or inconsistency in such services or information.

§ 3.1.3 As soon as practicable after the date of this Agreement, the Architect shall submit for the Owner's approval a schedule for the performance of the Architect's services. The schedule initially shall include anticipated dates for the commencement of construction and for Substantial Completion of the Work as set forth in the Initial Information. The schedule shall include allowances for periods of time required for the Owner's review, for the performance of the Owner's consultants, and for approval of submissions by authorities having jurisdiction over the Project. Once approved by the Owner, time limits established by the schedule shall not, except for reasonable cause, be exceeded by the Architect or Owner. With the Owner's approval, the Architect shall adjust the schedule, if necessary, as the Project proceeds until the commencement of construction.

§ 3.1.4 The Architect shall not be responsible for an Owner's directive or substitution, or for the Owner's acceptance of non-conforming Work, made or given without the Architect's written approval.

§ 3.1.5 The Architect shall contact governmental authorities required to approve the Construction Documents and entities providing utility services to the Project. The Architect shall respond to applicable design requirements imposed by those authorities and entities.

§ 3.1.6 The Architect shall assist the Owner in connection with the Owner's responsibility for filing documents required for the approval of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project.

### § 3.2 Schematic Design Phase Services

§ 3.2.1 The Architect shall review the program and other information furnished by the Owner, and shall review laws, codes, and regulations applicable to the Architect's services.

§ 3.2.2 The Architect shall prepare a preliminary evaluation of the Owner's program, schedule, budget for the Cost of the Work, Project site, the proposed procurement and delivery method, and other Initial Information, each in terms of the other, to ascertain the requirements of the Project. The Architect shall notify the Owner of (1) any inconsistencies discovered in the information, and (2) other information or consulting services that may be reasonably needed for the Project.



§ 3.2.3 The Architect shall present its preliminary evaluation to the Owner and shall discuss with the Owner alternative approaches to design and construction of the Project. The Architect shall reach an understanding with the Owner regarding the requirements of the Project.

§ 3.2.4 Based on the Project requirements agreed upon with the Owner, the Architect shall prepare and present, for the Owner's approval, a preliminary design illustrating the scale and relationship of the Project components.

§ 3.2.5 Based on the Owner's approval of the preliminary design, the Architect shall prepare Schematic Design Documents for the Owner's approval. The Schematic Design Documents shall consist of drawings and other documents including a site plan, if appropriate, and preliminary building plans, sections and elevations; and may include some combination of study models, perspective sketches, or digital representations. Preliminary selections of major building systems and construction materials shall be noted on the drawings or described in writing.

§ 3.2.5.1 The Architect shall consider sustainable design alternatives, such as material choices and building orientation, together with other considerations based on program and aesthetics, in developing a design that is consistent with the Owner's program, schedule and budget for the Cost of the Work. The Owner may obtain more advanced sustainable design services as a Supplemental Service under Section 4.1.1.

§ 3.2.5.2 The Architect shall consider the value of alternative materials, building systems and equipment, together with other considerations based on program and aesthetics, in developing a design for the Project that is consistent with the Owner's program, schedule, and budget for the Cost of the Work.

§ 3.2.6 The Architect shall submit to the Owner an estimate of the Cost of the Work prepared in accordance with Section 6.3.

§ 3.2.7 The Architect shall submit the Schematic Design Documents to the Owner, and request the Owner's approval.

### § 3.3 Design Development Phase Services

§ 3.3.1 Based on the Owner's approval of the Schematic Design Documents, and on the Owner's authorization of any adjustments in the Project requirements and the budget for the Cost of the Work, the Architect shall prepare Design Development Documents for the Owner's approval. The Design Development Documents shall illustrate and describe the development of the approved Schematic Design Documents and shall consist of drawings and other documents including plans, sections, elevations, typical construction details, and diagrammatic layouts of building systems to fix and describe the size and character of the Project as to architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical systems, and other appropriate elements. The Design Development Documents shall also include outline specifications that identify major materials and systems and establish, in general, their quality levels.

§ 3.3.2 The Architect shall update the estimate of the Cost of the Work prepared in accordance with Section 6.3.

§ 3.3.3 The Architect shall submit the Design Development Documents to the Owner, advise the Owner of any adjustments to the estimate of the Cost of the Work, and request the Owner's approval.

### § 3.4 Construction Documents Phase Services

§ 3.4.1 Based on the Owner's approval of the Design Development Documents, and on the Owner's authorization of any adjustments in the Project requirements and the budget for the Cost of the Work, the Architect shall prepare Construction Documents for the Owner's approval. The Construction Documents shall illustrate and describe the further development of the approved Design Development Documents and shall consist of Drawings and Specifications setting forth in detail the quality levels and performance criteria of materials and systems and other requirements for the construction of the Work. The Owner and Architect acknowledge that, in order to perform the Work, the Contractor will provide additional information, including Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and other similar submittals, which the Architect shall review in accordance with Section 3.6.4.

§ 3.4.2 The Architect shall incorporate the design requirements of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project into the Construction Documents.

§ 3.4.3 During the development of the Construction Documents, the Architect shall assist the Owner in the development and preparation of (1) procurement information that describes the time, place, and conditions of



bidding, including bidding or proposal forms; (2) the form of agreement between the Owner and Contractor; and (3) the Conditions of the Contract for Construction (General, Supplementary and other Conditions). The Architect shall also compile a project manual that includes the Conditions of the Contract for Construction and Specifications, and may include bidding requirements and sample forms.

§ 3.4.4 The Architect shall update the estimate for the Cost of the Work prepared in accordance with Section 6.3.

§ 3.4.5 The Architect shall submit the Construction Documents to the Owner, advise the Owner of any adjustments to the estimate of the Cost of the Work, take any action required under Section 6.5, and request the Owner's approval.

### § 3.5 Procurement Phase Services

#### § 3.5.1 General

The Architect shall assist the Owner in establishing a list of prospective contractors. Following the Owner's approval of the Construction Documents, the Architect shall assist the Owner in (1) obtaining either competitive bids or negotiated proposals; (2) confirming responsiveness of bids or proposals; (3) determining the successful bid or proposal, if any; and, (4) awarding and preparing contracts for construction.

#### § 3.5.2 Competitive Bidding

§ 3.5.2.1 Bidding Documents shall consist of bidding requirements and proposed Contract Documents.

§ 3.5.2.2 The Architect shall assist the Owner in bidding the Project by:

- .1 facilitating the distribution of Bidding Documents to prospective bidders;
- .2 organizing and conducting a pre-bid conference for prospective bidders;
- .3 preparing responses to questions from prospective bidders and providing clarifications and interpretations of the Bidding Documents to the prospective bidders in the form of addenda; and,
- .4 organizing and conducting the opening of the bids, and subsequently documenting and distributing the bidding results, as directed by the Owner.

§ 3.5.2.3 If the Bidding Documents permit substitutions, upon the Owner's written authorization, the Architect shall, as an Additional Service, consider requests for substitutions and prepare and distribute addenda identifying approved substitutions to all prospective bidders.

#### § 3.5.3 Negotiated Proposals

§ 3.5.3.1 Proposal Documents shall consist of proposal requirements and proposed Contract Documents.

§ 3.5.3.2 The Architect shall assist the Owner in obtaining proposals by:

- .1 facilitating the distribution of Proposal Documents for distribution to prospective contractors and requesting their return upon completion of the negotiation process;
- .2 organizing and participating in selection interviews with prospective contractors;
- .3 preparing responses to questions from prospective contractors and providing clarifications and interpretations of the Proposal Documents to the prospective contractors in the form of addenda; and,
- .4 participating in negotiations with prospective contractors, and subsequently preparing a summary report of the negotiation results, as directed by the Owner.

§ 3.5.3.3 If the Proposal Documents permit substitutions, upon the Owner's written authorization, the Architect shall, as an Additional Service, consider requests for substitutions and prepare and distribute addenda identifying approved substitutions to all prospective contractors.

### § 3.6 Construction Phase Services

#### § 3.6.1 General

§ 3.6.1.1 The Architect shall provide administration of the Contract between the Owner and the Contractor as set forth below and in AIA Document A201™-2017, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction. If the Owner and Contractor modify AIA Document A201-2017, those modifications shall not affect the Architect's services under this Agreement unless the Owner and the Architect amend this Agreement.

§ 3.6.1.2 The Architect shall advise and consult with the Owner during the Construction Phase Services. The Architect shall have authority to act on behalf of the Owner only to the extent provided in this Agreement. The



Architect shall not have control over, charge of, or responsibility for the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, nor shall the Architect be responsible for the Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Architect shall be responsible for the Architect's negligent acts or omissions, but shall not have control over or charge of, and shall not be responsible for, acts or omissions of the Contractor or of any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

§ 3.6.1.3 Subject to Section 4.2 and except as provided in Section 3.6.6.5, the Architect's responsibility to provide Construction Phase Services commences with the award of the Contract for Construction and terminates on the date the Architect issues the final Certificate for Payment.

### § 3.6.2 Evaluations of the Work

§ 3.6.2.1 The Architect shall visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction, or as otherwise required in Section 4.2.3, to become generally familiar with the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and to determine, in general, if the Work observed is being performed in a manner indicating that the Work, when fully completed, will be in accordance with the Contract Documents. However, the Architect shall not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work. On the basis of the site visits, the Architect shall keep the Owner reasonably informed about the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and promptly report to the Owner (1) known deviations from the Contract Documents, (2) known deviations from the most recent construction schedule submitted by the Contractor, and (3) defects and deficiencies observed in the Work.

§ 3.6.2.2 The Architect has the authority to reject Work that does not conform to the Contract Documents. Whenever the Architect considers it necessary or advisable, the Architect shall have the authority to require inspection or testing of the Work in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents, whether or not the Work is fabricated, installed or completed. However, neither this authority of the Architect nor a decision made in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise such authority shall give rise to a duty or responsibility of the Architect to the Contractor, Subcontractors, suppliers, their agents or employees, or other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

§ 3.6.2.3 The Architect shall interpret and decide matters concerning performance under, and requirements of, the Contract Documents on written request of either the Owner or Contractor. The Architect's response to such requests shall be made in writing within any time limits agreed upon or otherwise with reasonable promptness.

§ 3.6.2.4 Interpretations and decisions of the Architect shall be consistent with the intent of, and reasonably inferable from, the Contract Documents and shall be in writing or in the form of drawings. When making such interpretations and decisions, the Architect shall endeavor to secure faithful performance by both Owner and Contractor, shall not show partiality to either, and shall not be liable for results of interpretations or decisions rendered in good faith. The Architect's decisions on matters relating to aesthetic effect shall be final if consistent with the intent expressed in the Contract Documents.

§ 3.6.2.5 Unless the Owner and Contractor designate another person to serve as an Initial Decision Maker, as that term is defined in AIA Document A201-2017, the Architect shall render initial decisions on Claims between the Owner and Contractor as provided in the Contract Documents.

### § 3.6.3 Certificates for Payment to Contractor

§ 3.6.3.1 The Architect shall review and certify the amounts due the Contractor and shall issue certificates in such amounts. The Architect's certification for payment shall constitute a representation to the Owner, based on the Architect's evaluation of the Work as provided in Section 3.6.2 and on the data comprising the Contractor's Application for Payment, that, to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information and belief, the Work has progressed to the point indicated, the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, and that the Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount certified. The foregoing representations are subject to (1) an evaluation of the Work for conformance with the Contract Documents upon Substantial Completion, (2) results of subsequent tests and inspections, (3) correction of minor deviations from the Contract Documents prior to completion, and (4) specific qualifications expressed by the Architect.

§ 3.6.3.2 The issuance of a Certificate for Payment shall not be a representation that the Architect has (1) made exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work, (2) reviewed construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, (3) reviewed copies of requisitions received



from Subcontractors and suppliers and other data requested by the Owner to substantiate the Contractor's right to payment, or (4) ascertained how or for what purpose the Contractor has used money previously paid on account of the Contract Sum.

**§ 3.6.3.3** The Architect shall maintain a record of the Applications and Certificates for Payment.

**§ 3.6.4 Submittals**

**§ 3.6.4.1** The Architect shall review the Contractor's submittal schedule and shall not unreasonably delay or withhold approval of the schedule. The Architect's action in reviewing submittals shall be taken in accordance with the approved submittal schedule or, in the absence of an approved submittal schedule, with reasonable promptness while allowing sufficient time, in the Architect's professional judgment, to permit adequate review.

**§ 3.6.4.2** The Architect shall review and approve, or take other appropriate action upon, the Contractor's submittals such as Shop Drawings, Product Data and Samples, but only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. Review of such submittals is not for the purpose of determining the accuracy and completeness of other information such as dimensions, quantities, and installation or performance of equipment or systems, which are the Contractor's responsibility. The Architect's review shall not constitute approval of safety precautions or construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures. The Architect's approval of a specific item shall not indicate approval of an assembly of which the item is a component.

**§ 3.6.4.3** If the Contract Documents specifically require the Contractor to provide professional design services or certifications by a design professional related to systems, materials, or equipment, the Architect shall specify the appropriate performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy. The Architect shall review and take appropriate action on Shop Drawings and other submittals related to the Work designed or certified by the Contractor's design professional, provided the submittals bear such professional's seal and signature when submitted to the Architect. The Architect's review shall be for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. The Architect shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not be responsible for, the adequacy and accuracy of the services, certifications, and approvals performed or provided by such design professionals.

**§ 3.6.4.4** Subject to Section 4.2, the Architect shall review and respond to requests for information about the Contract Documents. The Architect shall set forth, in the Contract Documents, the requirements for requests for information. Requests for information shall include, at a minimum, a detailed written statement that indicates the specific Drawings or Specifications in need of clarification and the nature of the clarification requested. The Architect's response to such requests shall be made in writing within any time limits agreed upon, or otherwise with reasonable promptness. If appropriate, the Architect shall prepare and issue supplemental Drawings and Specifications in response to the requests for information.

**§ 3.6.4.5** The Architect shall maintain a record of submittals and copies of submittals supplied by the Contractor in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

**§ 3.6.5 Changes in the Work**

**§ 3.6.5.1** The Architect may order minor changes in the Work that are consistent with the intent of the Contract Documents and do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Sum or an extension of the Contract Time. Subject to Section 4.2, the Architect shall prepare Change Orders and Construction Change Directives for the Owner's approval and execution in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**§ 3.6.5.2** The Architect shall maintain records relative to changes in the Work.

**§ 3.6.6 Project Completion**

**§ 3.6.6.1** The Architect shall:

- .1 conduct inspections to determine the date or dates of Substantial Completion and the date of final completion;
- .2 issue Certificates of Substantial Completion;
- .3 forward to the Owner, for the Owner's review and records, written warranties and related documents required by the Contract Documents and received from the Contractor; and,
- .4 issue a final Certificate for Payment based upon a final inspection indicating that, to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information, and belief, the Work complies with the requirements of the



## Contract Documents.

§ 3.6.6.2 The Architect's inspections shall be conducted with the Owner to check conformance of the Work with the requirements of the Contract Documents and to verify the accuracy and completeness of the list submitted by the Contractor of Work to be completed or corrected.

§ 3.6.6.3 When Substantial Completion has been achieved, the Architect shall inform the Owner about the balance of the Contract Sum remaining to be paid the Contractor, including the amount to be retained from the Contract Sum, if any, for final completion or correction of the Work.

§ 3.6.6.4 The Architect shall forward to the Owner the following information received from the Contractor: (1) consent of surety or sureties, if any, to reduction in or partial release of retainage or the making of final payment; (2) affidavits, receipts, releases and waivers of liens, or bonds indemnifying the Owner against liens; and (3) any other documentation required of the Contractor under the Contract Documents.

§ 3.6.6.5 Upon request of the Owner, and prior to the expiration of one year from the date of Substantial Completion, the Architect shall, without additional compensation, conduct a meeting with the Owner to review the facility operations and performance.

## ARTICLE 4 SUPPLEMENTAL AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES

### § 4.1 Supplemental Services

§ 4.1.1 The services listed below are not included in Basic Services but may be required for the Project. The Architect shall provide the listed Supplemental Services only if specifically designated in the table below as the Architect's responsibility, and the Owner shall compensate the Architect as provided in Section 11.2. Unless otherwise specifically addressed in this Agreement, if neither the Owner nor the Architect is designated, the parties agree that the listed Supplemental Service is not being provided for the Project.

*(Designate the Architect's Supplemental Services and the Owner's Supplemental Services required for the Project by indicating whether the Architect or Owner shall be responsible for providing the identified Supplemental Service. Insert a description of the Supplemental Services in Section 4.1.2 below or attach the description of services as an exhibit to this Agreement.)*

| Supplemental Services  | Responsibility<br>(Architect, Owner, or not provided) |
|--|---|
| § 4.1.1.1 Programming  | TBD   |
| § 4.1.1.2 Multiple preliminary designs   | TBD   |
| § 4.1.1.3 Measured drawings  | TBD   |
| § 4.1.1.4 Existing facilities surveys  | TBD   |
| § 4.1.1.5 Site evaluation and planning   | TBD   |
| § 4.1.1.6 Building Information Model management responsibilities               | TBD   |
| § 4.1.1.7 Development of Building Information Models for post construction use | TBD   |
| § 4.1.1.8 Civil engineering  | TBD   |
| § 4.1.1.9 Landscape design   | TBD   |
| § 4.1.1.10 Architectural interior design                                       | TBD   |
| § 4.1.1.11 Value analysis  | TBD   |
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| § 4.1.1.17 Post-occupancy evaluation   | TBD   |
| § 4.1.1.18 Facility support services   | TBD   |



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| § 4.1.1.19 | Tenant-related services                                | TBD |
| § 4.1.1.20 | Architect's coordination of the Owner's consultants    | TBD |
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| § 4.1.1.25 | Fast-track design services                             | TBD |
| § 4.1.1.26 | Multiple bid packages                                  | TBD |
| § 4.1.1.27 | Historic preservation                                  | TBD |
| § 4.1.1.28 | Furniture, furnishings, and equipment design           | TBD |
| § 4.1.1.29 | Other services provided by specialty Consultants       | TBD |
| § 4.1.1.30 | Other Supplemental Services                            | TBD |
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#### § 4.1.2 Description of Supplemental Services

§ 4.1.2.1 A description of each Supplemental Service identified in Section 4.1.1 as the Architect's responsibility is provided below.

*(Describe in detail the Architect's Supplemental Services identified in Section 4.1.1 or, if set forth in an exhibit, identify the exhibit. The AIA publishes a number of Standard Form of Architect's Services documents that can be included as an exhibit to describe the Architect's Supplemental Services.)*

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§ 4.1.2.2 A description of each Supplemental Service identified in Section 4.1.1 as the Owner's responsibility is provided below.

*(Describe in detail the Owner's Supplemental Services identified in Section 4.1.1 or, if set forth in an exhibit, identify the exhibit.)*

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§ 4.1.3 If the Owner identified a Sustainable Objective in Article 1, the Architect shall provide, as a Supplemental Service, the Sustainability Services required in AIA Document E204™-2017, Sustainable Projects Exhibit, attached to this Agreement. The Owner shall compensate the Architect as provided in Section 11.2.

#### § 4.2 Architect's Additional Services

The Architect may provide Additional Services after execution of this Agreement without invalidating the Agreement. Except for services required due to the fault of the Architect, any Additional Services provided in accordance with this Section 4.2 shall entitle the Architect to compensation pursuant to Section 11.3 and an appropriate adjustment in the Architect's schedule.

§ 4.2.1 Upon recognizing the need to perform the following Additional Services, the Architect shall notify the Owner with reasonable promptness and explain the facts and circumstances giving rise to the need. The Architect shall not proceed to provide the following Additional Services until the Architect receives the Owner's written authorization:

1. Services necessitated by a change in the Initial Information, previous instructions or approvals given by the Owner, or a material change in the Project including size, quality, complexity, the Owner's schedule or budget for Cost of the Work, or procurement or delivery method;
2. Services necessitated by the enactment or revision of codes, laws, or regulations, including changing or editing previously prepared Instruments of Service;
3. Changing or editing previously prepared Instruments of Service necessitated by official interpretations of applicable codes, laws or regulations that are either (a) contrary to specific interpretations by the applicable authorities having jurisdiction made prior to the issuance of the building permit, or (b) contrary to requirements of the Instruments of Service when those Instruments of Service were prepared in accordance with the applicable standard of care;



- .4 Services necessitated by decisions of the Owner not rendered in a timely manner or any other failure of performance on the part of the Owner or the Owner's consultants or contractors;
- .5 Preparing digital models or other design documentation for transmission to the Owner's consultants and contractors, or to other Owner-authorized recipients;
- .6 Preparation of design and documentation for alternate bid or proposal requests proposed by the Owner;
- .7 Preparation for, and attendance at, a public presentation, meeting or hearing;
- .8 Preparation for, and attendance at, a dispute resolution proceeding or legal proceeding, except where the Architect is party thereto;
- .9 Evaluation of the qualifications of entities providing bids or proposals;
- .10 Consultation concerning replacement of Work resulting from fire or other cause during construction; or,
- .11 Assistance to the Initial Decision Maker, if other than the Architect.

§ 4.2.2 To avoid delay in the Construction Phase, the Architect shall provide the following Additional Services, notify the Owner with reasonable promptness, and explain the facts and circumstances giving rise to the need. If, upon receipt of the Architect's notice, the Owner determines that all or parts of the services are not required, the Owner shall give prompt written notice to the Architect of the Owner's determination. The Owner shall compensate the Architect for the services provided prior to the Architect's receipt of the Owner's notice.

- .1 Reviewing a Contractor's submittal out of sequence from the submittal schedule approved by the Architect;
- .2 Responding to the Contractor's requests for information that are not prepared in accordance with the Contract Documents or where such information is available to the Contractor from a careful study and comparison of the Contract Documents, field conditions, other Owner-provided information, Contractor-prepared coordination drawings, or prior Project correspondence or documentation;
- .3 Preparing Change Orders and Construction Change Directives that require evaluation of Contractor's proposals and supporting data, or the preparation or revision of Instruments of Service;
- .4 Evaluating an extensive number of Claims as the Initial Decision Maker; or,
- .5 Evaluating substitutions proposed by the Owner or Contractor and making subsequent revisions to Instruments of Service resulting therefrom.

§ 4.2.3 The Architect shall provide Construction Phase Services exceeding the limits set forth below as Additional Services. When the limits below are reached, the Architect shall notify the Owner:

- .1 Two ( 2 ) reviews of each Shop Drawing, Product Data item, sample and similar submittals of the Contractor
- .2 TBD ( TBD ) visits to the site by the Architect during construction
- .3 Two ( 2 ) inspections for any portion of the Work to determine whether such portion of the Work is substantially complete in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents
- .4 Two ( 2 ) inspections for any portion of the Work to determine final completion.

§ 4.2.4 Except for services required under Section 3.6.6.5 and those services that do not exceed the limits set forth in Section 4.2.3, Construction Phase Services provided more than 60 days after (1) the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or (2) the initial date of Substantial Completion identified in the agreement between the Owner and Contractor, whichever is earlier, shall be compensated as Additional Services to the extent the Architect incurs additional cost in providing those Construction Phase Services.

§ 4.2.5 If the services covered by this Agreement have not been completed within TBD ( ) months of the date of this Agreement, through no fault of the Architect, extension of the Architect's services beyond that time shall be compensated as Additional Services.

## ARTICLE 5 OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

§ 5.1 Unless otherwise provided for under this Agreement, the Owner shall provide information in a timely manner regarding requirements for and limitations on the Project, including a written program, which shall set forth the Owner's objectives; schedule; constraints and criteria, including space requirements and relationships; flexibility; expandability; special equipment; systems; and site requirements.

§ 5.2 The Owner shall establish the Owner's budget for the Project, including (1) the budget for the Cost of the Work as defined in Section 6.1; (2) the Owner's other costs; and, (3) reasonable contingencies related to all of these costs. The Owner shall update the Owner's budget for the Project as necessary throughout the duration of the



Project until final completion. If the Owner significantly increases or decreases the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work, the Owner shall notify the Architect. The Owner and the Architect shall thereafter agree to a corresponding change in the Project's scope and quality.

**§ 5.3** The Owner shall identify a representative authorized to act on the Owner's behalf with respect to the Project. The Owner shall render decisions and approve the Architect's submittals in a timely manner in order to avoid unreasonable delay in the orderly and sequential progress of the Architect's services.

**§ 5.4** The Owner shall furnish surveys to describe physical characteristics, legal limitations and utility locations for the site of the Project, and a written legal description of the site. The surveys and legal information shall include, as applicable, grades and lines of streets, alleys, pavements and adjoining property and structures; designated wetlands; adjacent drainage; rights-of-way, restrictions, easements, encroachments, zoning, deed restrictions, boundaries and contours of the site; locations, dimensions, and other necessary data with respect to existing buildings, other improvements and trees; and information concerning available utility services and lines, both public and private, above and below grade, including inverts and depths. All the information on the survey shall be referenced to a Project benchmark.

**§ 5.5** The Owner shall furnish services of geotechnical engineers, which may include test borings, test pits, determinations of soil bearing values, percolation tests, evaluations of hazardous materials, seismic evaluation, ground corrosion tests and resistivity tests, including necessary operations for anticipating subsoil conditions, with written reports and appropriate recommendations.

**§ 5.6** The Owner shall provide the Supplemental Services designated as the Owner's responsibility in Section 4.1.1.

**§ 5.7** If the Owner identified a Sustainable Objective in Article 1, the Owner shall fulfill its responsibilities as required in AIA Document E204™-2017, Sustainable Projects Exhibit, attached to this Agreement.

**§ 5.8** The Owner shall coordinate the services of its own consultants with those services provided by the Architect. Upon the Architect's request, the Owner shall furnish copies of the scope of services in the contracts between the Owner and the Owner's consultants. The Owner shall furnish the services of consultants other than those designated as the responsibility of the Architect in this Agreement, or authorize the Architect to furnish them as an Additional Service, when the Architect requests such services and demonstrates that they are reasonably required by the scope of the Project. The Owner shall require that its consultants and contractors maintain insurance, including professional liability insurance, as appropriate to the services or work provided.

**§ 5.9** The Owner shall furnish tests, inspections and reports required by law or the Contract Documents, such as structural, mechanical, and chemical tests, tests for air and water pollution, and tests for hazardous materials.

**§ 5.10** The Owner shall furnish all legal, insurance and accounting services, including auditing services, that may be reasonably necessary at any time for the Project to meet the Owner's needs and interests.

**§ 5.11** The Owner shall provide prompt written notice to the Architect if the Owner becomes aware of any fault or defect in the Project, including errors, omissions or inconsistencies in the Architect's Instruments of Service.

**§ 5.12** The Owner shall include the Architect in all communications with the Contractor that relate to or affect the Architect's services or professional responsibilities. The Owner shall promptly notify the Architect of the substance of any direct communications between the Owner and the Contractor otherwise relating to the Project. Communications by and with the Architect's consultants shall be through the Architect.

**§ 5.13** Before executing the Contract for Construction, the Owner shall coordinate the Architect's duties and responsibilities set forth in the Contract for Construction with the Architect's services set forth in this Agreement. The Owner shall provide the Architect a copy of the executed agreement between the Owner and Contractor, including the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction.

**§ 5.14** The Owner shall provide the Architect access to the Project site prior to commencement of the Work and shall obligate the Contractor to provide the Architect access to the Work wherever it is in preparation or progress.

**§ 5.15** Within 15 days after receipt of a written request from the Architect, the Owner shall furnish the requested



information as necessary and relevant for the Architect to evaluate, give notice of, or enforce lien rights.

## **ARTICLE 6 COST OF THE WORK**

**§ 6.1** For purposes of this Agreement, the Cost of the Work shall be the total cost to the Owner to construct all elements of the Project designed or specified by the Architect and shall include contractors' general conditions costs, overhead and profit. The Cost of the Work also includes the reasonable value of labor, materials, and equipment, donated to, or otherwise furnished by, the Owner. The Cost of the Work does not include the compensation of the Architect; the costs of the land, rights-of-way, financing, or contingencies for changes in the Work; or other costs that are the responsibility of the Owner.

**§ 6.2** The Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work is provided in Initial Information, and shall be adjusted throughout the Project as required under Sections 5.2, 6.4 and 6.5. Evaluations of the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work, and the preliminary estimate of the Cost of the Work and updated estimates of the Cost of the Work, prepared by the Architect, represent the Architect's judgment as a design professional. It is recognized, however, that neither the Architect nor the Owner has control over the cost of labor, materials, or equipment; the Contractor's methods of determining bid prices; or competitive bidding, market, or negotiating conditions. Accordingly, the Architect cannot and does not warrant or represent that bids or negotiated prices will not vary from the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work, or from any estimate of the Cost of the Work, or evaluation, prepared or agreed to by the Architect.

**§ 6.3** In preparing estimates of the Cost of Work, the Architect shall be permitted to include contingencies for design, bidding, and price escalation; to determine what materials, equipment, component systems, and types of construction are to be included in the Contract Documents; to recommend reasonable adjustments in the program and scope of the Project; and to include design alternates as may be necessary to adjust the estimated Cost of the Work to meet the Owner's budget. The Architect's estimate of the Cost of the Work shall be based on current area, volume or similar conceptual estimating techniques. If the Owner requires a detailed estimate of the Cost of the Work, the Architect shall provide such an estimate, if identified as the Architect's responsibility in Section 4.1.1, as a Supplemental Service.

**§ 6.4** If, through no fault of the Architect, the Procurement Phase has not commenced within 90 days after the Architect submits the Construction Documents to the Owner, the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work shall be adjusted to reflect changes in the general level of prices in the applicable construction market.

**§ 6.5** If at any time the Architect's estimate of the Cost of the Work exceeds the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work, the Architect shall make appropriate recommendations to the Owner to adjust the Project's size, quality, or budget for the Cost of the Work, and the Owner shall cooperate with the Architect in making such adjustments.

**§ 6.6** If the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work at the conclusion of the Construction Documents Phase Services is exceeded by the lowest bona fide bid or negotiated proposal, the Owner shall

- .1 give written approval of an increase in the budget for the Cost of the Work;
- .2 authorize rebidding or renegotiating of the Project within a reasonable time;
- .3 terminate in accordance with Section 9.5;
- .4 in consultation with the Architect, revise the Project program, scope, or quality as required to reduce the Cost of the Work; or,
- .5 implement any other mutually acceptable alternative.

**§ 6.7** If the Owner chooses to proceed under Section 6.6.4, the Architect shall modify the Construction Documents as necessary to comply with the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work at the conclusion of the Construction Documents Phase Services, or the budget as adjusted under Section 6.6.1. If the Owner requires the Architect to modify the Construction Documents because the lowest bona fide bid or negotiated proposal exceeds the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work due to market conditions the Architect could not reasonably anticipate, the Owner shall compensate the Architect for the modifications as an Additional Service pursuant to Section 11.3; otherwise the Architect's services for modifying the Construction Documents shall be without additional compensation. In any event, the Architect's modification of the Construction Documents shall be the limit of the Architect's responsibility under this Article 6.

## **ARTICLE 7 COPYRIGHTS AND LICENSES**

**§ 7.1** The Architect and the Owner warrant that in transmitting Instruments of Service, or any other information, the transmitting party is the copyright owner of such information or has permission from the copyright owner to



transmit such information for its use on the Project.

**§ 7.2** The Architect and the Architect's consultants shall be deemed the authors and owners of their respective Instruments of Service, including the Drawings and Specifications, and shall retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including copyrights. Submission or distribution of Instruments of Service to meet official regulatory requirements or for similar purposes in connection with the Project is not to be construed as publication in derogation of the reserved rights of the Architect and the Architect's consultants.

**§ 7.3** The Architect grants to the Owner a nonexclusive license to use the Architect's Instruments of Service solely and exclusively for purposes of constructing, using, maintaining, altering and adding to the Project, provided that the Owner substantially performs its obligations under this Agreement, including prompt payment of all sums due pursuant to Article 9 and Article 11. The Architect shall obtain similar nonexclusive licenses from the Architect's consultants consistent with this Agreement. The license granted under this section permits the Owner to authorize the Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and suppliers, as well as the Owner's consultants and separate contractors, to reproduce applicable portions of the Instruments of Service, subject to any protocols established pursuant to Section 1.3, solely and exclusively for use in performing services or construction for the Project. If the Architect rightfully terminates this Agreement for cause as provided in Section 9.4, the license granted in this Section 7.3 shall terminate.

**§ 7.3.1** In the event the Owner uses the Instruments of Service without retaining the authors of the Instruments of Service, the Owner releases the Architect and Architect's consultant(s) from all claims and causes of action arising from such uses. The Owner, to the extent permitted by law, further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Architect and its consultants from all costs and expenses, including the cost of defense, related to claims and causes of action asserted by any third person or entity to the extent such costs and expenses arise from the Owner's use of the Instruments of Service under this Section 7.3.1. The terms of this Section 7.3.1 shall not apply if the Owner rightfully terminates this Agreement for cause under Section 9.4.

**§ 7.4** Except for the licenses granted in this Article 7, no other license or right shall be deemed granted or implied under this Agreement. The Owner shall not assign, delegate, sublicense, pledge or otherwise transfer any license granted herein to another party without the prior written agreement of the Architect. Any unauthorized use of the Instruments of Service shall be at the Owner's sole risk and without liability to the Architect and the Architect's consultants.

**§ 7.5** Except as otherwise stated in Section 7.3, the provisions of this Article 7 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 8 CLAIMS AND DISPUTES**

### **§ 8.1 General**

**§ 8.1.1** The Owner and Architect shall commence all claims and causes of action against the other and arising out of or related to this Agreement, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, in accordance with the requirements of the binding dispute resolution method selected in this Agreement and within the period specified by applicable law, but in any case not more than 10 years after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work. The Owner and Architect waive all claims and causes of action not commenced in accordance with this Section 8.1.1.

**§ 8.1.2** To the extent damages are covered by property insurance, the Owner and Architect waive all rights against each other and against the contractors, consultants, agents, and employees of the other for damages, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance as set forth in AIA Document A201-2017, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction. The Owner or the Architect, as appropriate, shall require of the contractors, consultants, agents, and employees of any of them, similar waivers in favor of the other parties enumerated herein.

**§ 8.1.3** The Architect and Owner waive consequential damages for claims, disputes, or other matters in question, arising out of or relating to this Agreement. This mutual waiver is applicable, without limitation, to all consequential damages due to either party's termination of this Agreement, except as specifically provided in Section 9.7.

### **§ 8.2 Mediation**

**§ 8.2.1** Any claim, dispute or other matter in question arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be subject to mediation as a condition precedent to binding dispute resolution. If such matter relates to or is the subject of a lien



arising out of the Architect's services, the Architect 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 binding dispute resolution.

**§ 8.2.2** The Owner and Architect shall endeavor to resolve claims, disputes and other matters in question between them by mediation, which, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, shall be administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Construction Industry Mediation Procedures in effect on the date of this Agreement. A request for mediation shall be made in writing, delivered to the other party to this Agreement, and filed with the person or entity administering the mediation. The request may be made concurrently with the filing of a complaint or other appropriate demand for binding dispute resolution but, in such event, mediation shall proceed in advance of binding dispute resolution 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. If an arbitration proceeding is stayed pursuant to this section, the parties may nonetheless proceed to the selection of the arbitrator(s) and agree upon a schedule for later proceedings.

**§ 8.2.3** 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.

**§ 8.2.4** If the parties do not resolve a dispute through mediation pursuant to this Section 8.2, the method of binding dispute resolution shall be the following:

*(Check the appropriate box.)*

☐ Arbitration pursuant to Section 8.3 of this Agreement

☒ Litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction

☐ Other: *(Specify)*

If the Owner and Architect do not select a method of binding dispute resolution, or do not subsequently agree in writing to a binding dispute resolution method other than litigation, the dispute will be resolved in a court of competent jurisdiction.

### **§ 8.3 Arbitration**

**§ 8.3.1** If the parties have selected arbitration as the method for binding dispute resolution in this Agreement, any claim, dispute or other matter in question arising out of or related to this Agreement subject to, but not resolved by, mediation shall be subject to arbitration, which, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, shall be administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Construction Industry Arbitration Rules in effect on the date of this Agreement. A demand for arbitration shall be made in writing, delivered to the other party to this Agreement, and filed with the person or entity administering the arbitration.

**§ 8.3.1.1** A demand for arbitration shall be made no earlier than concurrently with the filing of a request for mediation, but in no event shall it be made after the date when the institution of legal or equitable proceedings based on the claim, dispute or other matter in question would be barred by the applicable statute of limitations. For statute of limitations purposes, receipt of a written demand for arbitration by the person or entity administering the arbitration shall constitute the institution of legal or equitable proceedings based on the claim, dispute or other matter in question.

**§ 8.3.2** The foregoing agreement to arbitrate, and other agreements to arbitrate with an additional person or entity duly consented to by parties to this Agreement, shall be specifically enforceable in accordance with applicable law in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

**§ 8.3.3** The award rendered by the arbitrator(s) shall be final, and judgment may be entered upon it in accordance with applicable law in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

### **§ 8.3.4 Consolidation or Joinder**

**§ 8.3.4.1** Either party, at its sole discretion, may consolidate an arbitration conducted under this Agreement with



any other arbitration to which it is a party provided that (1) the arbitration agreement governing the other arbitration permits consolidation; (2) the arbitrations to be consolidated substantially involve common questions of law or fact; and (3) the arbitrations employ materially similar procedural rules and methods for selecting arbitrator(s).

§ 8.3.4.2 Either party, at its sole discretion, may include by joinder persons or entities substantially involved in a common question of law or fact whose presence is required if complete relief is to be accorded in arbitration, provided that the party sought to be joined consents in writing to such joinder. Consent to arbitration involving an additional person or entity shall not constitute consent to arbitration of any claim, dispute or other matter in question not described in the written consent.

§ 8.3.4.3 The Owner and Architect grant to any person or entity made a party to an arbitration conducted under this Section 8.3, whether by joinder or consolidation, the same rights of joinder and consolidation as the Owner and Architect under this Agreement.

§ 8.4 The provisions of this Article 8 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 9 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

§ 9.1 If the Owner fails to make payments to the Architect in accordance with this Agreement, such failure shall be considered substantial nonperformance and cause for termination or, at the Architect's option, cause for suspension of performance of services under this Agreement. If the Architect elects to suspend services, the Architect shall give seven days' written notice to the Owner before suspending services. In the event of a suspension of services, the Architect shall have no liability to the Owner for delay or damage caused the Owner because of such suspension of services. Before resuming services, the Owner shall pay the Architect all sums due prior to suspension and any expenses incurred in the interruption and resumption of the Architect's services. The Architect's fees for the remaining services and the time schedules shall be equitably adjusted.

§ 9.2 If the Owner suspends the Project, the Architect shall be compensated for services performed prior to notice of such suspension. When the Project is resumed, the Architect shall be compensated for expenses incurred in the interruption and resumption of the Architect's services. The Architect's fees for the remaining services and the time schedules shall be equitably adjusted.

§ 9.3 If the Owner suspends the Project for more than 90 cumulative days for reasons other than the fault of the Architect, the Architect may terminate this Agreement by giving not less than seven days' written notice.

§ 9.4 Either party may terminate this Agreement upon not less than seven days' written notice should the other party fail substantially to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement through no fault of the party initiating the termination.

§ 9.5 The Owner may terminate this Agreement upon not less than seven days' written notice to the Architect for the Owner's convenience and without cause.

§ 9.6 If the Owner terminates this Agreement for its convenience pursuant to Section 9.5, or the Architect terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.3, the Owner shall compensate the Architect for services performed prior to termination, Reimbursable Expenses incurred, and costs attributable to termination, including the costs attributable to the Architect's termination of consultant agreements.

§ 9.7 In addition to any amounts paid under Section 9.6, if the Owner terminates this Agreement for its convenience pursuant to Section 9.5, or the Architect terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.3, the Owner shall pay to the Architect the following fees:  
(Set forth below the amount of any termination or licensing fee, or the method for determining any termination or licensing fee.)

.1 Termination Fee:

Zero Dollars (\$0)

.2 Licensing Fee if the Owner intends to continue using the Architect's Instruments of Service:



Zero Dollars (\$0)

§ 9.8 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Agreement shall terminate one year from the date of Substantial Completion.

§ 9.9 The Owner's rights to use the Architect's Instruments of Service in the event of a termination of this Agreement are set forth in Article 7 and Section 9.7.

#### **ARTICLE 10 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

§ 10.1 This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the place where the Project is located, excluding that jurisdiction's choice of law rules. If the parties have selected arbitration as the method of binding dispute resolution, the Federal Arbitration Act shall govern Section 8.3.

§ 10.2 Terms in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those in AIA Document A201-2017, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction.

§ 10.3 The Owner and Architect, respectively, bind themselves, their agents, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to this Agreement. Neither the Owner nor the Architect shall assign this Agreement without the written consent of the other, except that the Owner may assign this Agreement to a lender providing financing for the Project if the lender agrees to assume the Owner's rights and obligations under this Agreement, including any payments due to the Architect by the Owner prior to the assignment.

§ 10.4 If the Owner requests the Architect to execute certificates, the proposed language of such certificates shall be submitted to the Architect for review at least 14 days prior to the requested dates of execution. If the Owner requests the Architect to execute consents reasonably required to facilitate assignment to a lender, the Architect shall execute all such consents that are consistent with this Agreement, provided the proposed consent is submitted to the Architect for review at least 14 days prior to execution. The Architect shall not be required to execute certificates or consents that would require knowledge, services, or responsibilities beyond the scope of this Agreement.

§ 10.5 Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with, or a cause of action in favor of, a third party against either the Owner or Architect.

§ 10.6 Unless otherwise required in this Agreement, the Architect shall have no responsibility for the discovery, presence, handling, removal or disposal of, or exposure of persons to, hazardous materials or toxic substances in any form at the Project site.

§ 10.7 The Architect shall have the right to include photographic or artistic representations of the design of the Project among the Architect's promotional and professional materials. The Architect shall be given reasonable access to the completed Project to make such representations. However, the Architect's materials shall not include the Owner's confidential or proprietary information if the Owner has previously advised the Architect in writing of the specific information considered by the Owner to be confidential or proprietary. The Owner shall provide professional credit for the Architect in the Owner's promotional materials for the Project. This Section 10.7 shall survive the termination of this Agreement unless the Owner terminates this Agreement for cause pursuant to Section 9.4.

§ 10.8 If the Architect or Owner receives information specifically designated as "confidential" or "business proprietary," the receiving party shall keep such information strictly confidential and shall not disclose it to any other person except as set forth in Section 10.8.1. This Section 10.8 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

§ 10.8.1 The receiving party may disclose "confidential" or "business proprietary" information after 7 days' notice to the other party, when required by law, arbitrator's order, or court order, including a subpoena or other form of compulsory legal process issued by a court or governmental entity, or to the extent such information is reasonably necessary for the receiving party to defend itself in any dispute. The receiving party may also disclose such information to its employees, consultants, or contractors in order to perform services or work solely and exclusively for the Project, provided those employees, consultants and contractors are subject to the restrictions on the disclosure and use of such information as set forth in this Section 10.8.



§ 10.9 The invalidity of any provision of the Agreement shall not invalidate the Agreement or its remaining provisions. If it is determined that any provision of the Agreement violates any law, or is otherwise invalid or unenforceable, then that provision shall be revised to the extent necessary to make that provision legal and enforceable. In such case the Agreement shall be construed, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to give effect to the parties' intentions and purposes in executing the Agreement.

**ARTICLE 11 COMPENSATION**

§ 11.1 For the Architect's Basic Services described under Article 3, the Owner shall compensate the Architect as follows:

- .1 Stipulated Sum  
(Insert amount)  
  
TBD
- .2 Percentage Basis  
(Insert percentage value)  
  
TBD ( ) % of the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work, as calculated in accordance with Section 11.6.
- .3 Other  
(Describe the method of compensation)

Total compensation shall not exceed amounts published in the Florida Department of Management Services' Design Professional Fee Guideline.

§ 11.2 For the Architect's Supplemental Services designated in Section 4.1.1 and for any Sustainability Services required pursuant to Section 4.1.3, the Owner shall compensate the Architect as follows:  
(Insert amount of, or basis for, compensation. If necessary, list specific services to which particular methods of compensation apply.)

TBD

§ 11.3 For Additional Services that may arise during the course of the Project, including those under Section 4.2, the Owner shall compensate the Architect as follows:  
(Insert amount of, or basis for, compensation.)

Per Architect's Hourly Rate Schedule in Section 11.7.

§ 11.4 Compensation for Supplemental and Additional Services of the Architect's consultants when not included in Section 11.2 or 11.3, shall be the amount invoiced to the Architect plus TBD percent ( %), or as follows:  
(Insert amount of, or basis for computing, Architect's consultants' compensation for Supplemental or Additional Services.)

§ 11.5 When compensation for Basic Services is based on a stipulated sum or a percentage basis, the proportion of compensation for each phase of services shall be as follows:

|                              |                                 |              |    |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----|
| Schematic Design Phase       | Fifteen                         | percent ( 15 | %) |
| Design Development Phase     | Twenty                          | percent ( 20 | %) |
| Construction Documents Phase | Thirty-five                     | percent ( 35 | %) |
| Procurement Phase            | Five                            | percent ( 5  | %) |
| Construction Phase           | Twenty-three                    | percent ( 23 | %) |
| Post Construction Phase      | Two                             | percent ( 2  | %) |
| Total Basic Compensation     | one hundred percent ( 100.00 %) |              |    |



§ 11.6 When compensation identified in Section 11.1 is on a percentage basis, progress payments for each phase of Basic Services shall be calculated by multiplying the percentages identified in this Article by the Owner's most recent budget for the Cost of the Work. Compensation paid in previous progress payments shall not be adjusted based on subsequent updates to the Owner's budget for the Cost of the Work.

§ 11.6.1 When compensation is on a percentage basis and any portions of the Project are deleted or otherwise not constructed, compensation for those portions of the Project shall be payable to the extent services are performed on those portions. The Architect shall be entitled to compensation in accordance with this Agreement for all services performed whether or not the Construction Phase is commenced.

§ 11.7 The hourly billing rates for services of the Architect and the Architect's consultants are set forth below. The rates shall be adjusted in accordance with the Architect's and Architect's consultants' normal review practices. *(If applicable, attach an exhibit of hourly billing rates or insert them below.)*

Per Exhibit C

| Employee or Category | Rate (\$0.00) |
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#### § 11.8 Compensation for Reimbursable Expenses

§ 11.8.1 Reimbursable Expenses are in addition to compensation for Basic, Supplemental, and Additional Services and include expenses incurred by the Architect and the Architect's consultants directly related to the Project, as follows:

- .1 Transportation and authorized out-of-town travel and subsistence;
- .2 Long distance services, dedicated data and communication services, teleconferences, Project web sites, and extranets;
- .3 Permitting and other fees required by authorities having jurisdiction over the Project;
- .4 Printing, reproductions, plots, and standard form documents;
- .5 Postage, handling, and delivery;
- .6 Expense of overtime work requiring higher than regular rates, if authorized in advance by the Owner;
- .7 Renderings, physical models, mock-ups, professional photography, and presentation materials requested by the Owner or required for the Project;
- .8 If required by the Owner, and with the Owner's prior written approval, the Architect's consultants' expenses of professional liability insurance dedicated exclusively to this Project, or the expense of additional insurance coverage or limits in excess of that normally maintained by the Architect's consultants;
- .9 All taxes levied on professional services and on reimbursable expenses;
- .10 Site office expenses;
- .11 Registration fees and any other fees charged by the Certifying Authority or by other entities as necessary to achieve the Sustainable Objective; and,
- .12 Other similar Project-related expenditures.

§ 11.8.2 For Reimbursable Expenses the compensation shall be the expenses incurred by the Architect and the Architect's consultants plus Five percent ( 5 %) of the expenses incurred.

§ 11.9 Architect's Insurance. If the types and limits of coverage required in Section 2.5 are in addition to the types and limits the Architect normally maintains, the Owner shall pay the Architect for the additional costs incurred by the Architect for the additional coverages as set forth below:

*(Insert the additional coverages the Architect is required to obtain in order to satisfy the requirements set forth in Section 2.5, and for which the Owner shall reimburse the Architect.)*

Architect shall maintain insurance as set forth in "Exhibit A - Consultant's Insurance Requirements." If there are conflicts between requirements in this document and Exhibit A, the most stringent requirement shall apply.

#### § 11.10 Payments to the Architect

##### § 11.10.1 Initial Payments



§ 11.10.1.1 An initial payment of Zero dollars (\$ 0 ) shall be made upon execution of this Agreement and is the minimum payment under this Agreement. It shall be credited to the Owner's account in the final invoice.

§ 11.10.1.2 If a Sustainability Certification is part of the Sustainable Objective, an initial payment to the Architect of (\$ ) shall be made upon execution of this Agreement for registration fees and other fees payable to the Certifying Authority and necessary to achieve the Sustainability Certification. The Architect's payments to the Certifying Authority shall be credited to the Owner's account at the time the expense is incurred.

#### § 11.10.2 Progress Payments

§ 11.10.2.1 Unless otherwise agreed, payments for services shall be made monthly in proportion to services performed. Payments are due and payable upon presentation of the Architect's invoice. Amounts unpaid Sixty ( 60 ) days after the invoice date shall bear interest at the rate entered below, or in the absence thereof at the legal rate prevailing from time to time at the principal place of business of the Architect.  
*(Insert rate of monthly or annual interest agreed upon.)*

2 % (Two percent)

§ 11.10.2.2 The Owner shall not withhold amounts from the Architect's compensation to impose a penalty or liquidated damages on the Architect, or to offset sums requested by or paid to contractors for the cost of changes in the Work, unless the Architect agrees or has been found liable for the amounts in a binding dispute resolution proceeding.

§ 11.10.2.3 Records of Reimbursable Expenses, expenses pertaining to Supplemental and Additional Services, and services performed on the basis of hourly rates shall be available to the Owner at mutually convenient times.

#### ARTICLE 12 SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Special terms and conditions that modify this Agreement are as follows:  
*(Include other terms and conditions applicable to this Agreement.)*

This is a Continuing Services contract. Upon issuance of a Task Order by the Owner, the Architect shall issue a fee proposal based upon the Scope of Work identified in the Task Order. The fee proposal shall be based on rates listed in Article 11 of this Agreement, along with any supplemental and/or additional services required by the project.

#### ARTICLE 13 SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

§ 13.1 This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Owner and the Architect and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the Owner and Architect.

§ 13.2 This Agreement is comprised of the following documents identified below:

- .1 AIA Document B101™-2017, Standard Form Agreement Between Owner and Architect
- .2 Building Information Modeling Exhibit, if completed:

- .3 Exhibits:  
*(Check the appropriate box for any exhibits incorporated into this Agreement.)*

[ ] AIA Document E204™-2017, Sustainable Projects Exhibit, dated as indicated below:  
*(Insert the date of the E204-2017 incorporated into this agreement.)*

[ X ] Other Exhibits incorporated into this Agreement:  
*(Clearly identify any other exhibits incorporated into this Agreement, including any exhibits and scopes of services identified as exhibits in Section 4.1.2.)*

#### Exhibit A - Consultant's Insurance Requirements



Exhibit B - HCSD Standard Addendum to Agreements  
Exhibit C – Hourly Rate Schedule

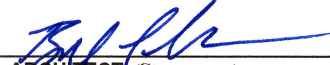
- 4 Other documents:  
(List other documents, if any, forming part of the Agreement.)

HCSD RFQ# 9009-2506-202

This Agreement entered into as of the day and year first written above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
OWNER (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name and title)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ARCHITECT (Signature)

BENJAMIN C. LINKOUS, PE, VP OF EDUCATION  
(Printed name, title, and license number if required)



**A. GENERAL**

1. The Architect/Engineer shall procure and maintain all insurance requirements and limits as set forth below, at his or her own expense, for the length of time set forth in Contract requirements. The Architect/Engineer shall continue to provide evidence of such coverage to State of Florida on an annual basis during the aforementioned period including all of the terms of the insurance and indemnification requirements of this agreement. All below insurance policies shall include a provision preventing cancellation without thirty (30) days’ prior notice by certified mail. A completed Certificate of Insurance shall be filed with the Owner and Facilities & Construction within ten (10) days after the date of the Notice of Award, said Certificate to specifically state the inclusion of the coverages and provisions set forth herein and shall state whether the coverage is “claims made” or “per occurrence”.

**B. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE (CGL)**

1. This insurance must protect the Architect/Engineer from all claims for bodily injury, including death and all claims for destruction of or damage to property (other than the Work itself), arising out of or in connection with any operations under this Contract, whether such operations be by the Architect/Engineer or by any Subcontractor under him or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Architect/Engineer or by a Subcontractor. All such insurance shall be written with limits and coverages as specified below and shall be written on an occurrence form.

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| General Aggregate                         | \$1,000,000 |
| Products – Completed Operations Aggregate | \$1,000,000 |
| Each Occurrence                           | \$1,000,000 |
| Personal Injury                           | \$1,000,000 |

The following coverages shall be included in the CGL:

- a. Additional Insured status in favor of the Hernando County School Board
- b. The policy shall be endorsed to be **primary and non-contributory** with any insurance maintained by Additional Insureds.
- c. A waiver of Subrogation in favor of all Additional Insured parties.

**C. AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE – Includes business auto liability covering liability arising out of any auto (including owned, hired and non-owned autos.**

1. Combined Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability
  - a. Combined Single Limit (each accident): \$1,000,000



- b. Coverages: Specific waiver of subrogation

**D. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

1. The Architect/Engineer shall procure and maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance at his or her own expense during the life of this Contract, including occupational disease provisions for all employees per statutory requirements. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of the Hernando County School Board.
2. The Architect/Engineer shall also require each Subcontractor to furnish Workers' Compensation Insurance, including occupational disease provisions for all of the latter's employees, and to the extent not furnished, the Architect/Engineer accepts full liability and responsibility for Subcontractor's employees.
3. In cases where any class of employees engaged in hazardous work under this Contract at the site of the Project is not protected under the Workers' Compensation statute, the Architect/Engineer shall provide, and shall cause each Subcontractor to provide, adequate and suitable insurance for the protection of employees not otherwise protected.

**E. PROFESSIONAL ERRORS AND OMISSIONS LIABILITY INSURANCE –**

The Architect/Engineer promises and agrees to maintain in full force and effect an Errors and Omissions Professional Liability Insurance Policy in the amounts (indicated in the following table) as minimum coverage or such other minimum coverage as determined by the Owner and approved by the Facilities Operations. The policy, including claims made forms, shall remain in effect for the duration of this Agreement and for at least three years beyond the completion and acceptance of the Work. The Architect/Engineer shall be responsible for all claims, damages, losses or expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the performance of Professional Services contemplated in this Agreement, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused by any negligent act, error or omission of the Architect/Engineer, any consultant or associate thereof, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Architect/ Engineer. The Architect/Engineer shall submit a Certificate of Insurance verifying said coverage at the signing of this Agreement and also any notices of Renewals of said policy as they occur.

| <b>For a Fixed Limit of Construction Cost</b> | <b>Minimum Coverage per Claim</b> | <b>Minimum Coverage in the Aggregate</b> |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| \$999,999 and under                           | \$1,000,000                       | \$1,000,000                              |
| \$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999                    | \$1,000,000                       | \$1,000,000                              |
| \$5,000,000 to \$19,999,999                   | \$1,000,000                       | \$2,000,000                              |
| \$20,000,000 and Above                        | \$2,000,000                       | \$2,000,000                              |







**STANDARD ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENTS WITH  
THE HERNANDO COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has entered into an Agreement or Contract (hereinafter Agreement) with the Hernando County School Board; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement sets forth the general terms and conditions of the relationship between the parties; and,

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned acknowledges that the School Board is the contracting authority for the Hernando County School Board and there are certain standard contract terms expected to be in every agreement by the School Board; and,

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned hereby agrees that these standard terms are part of the Agreement with the School Board.

1. The Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the School Board harmless from and against any and all damages of any nature whatsoever which are caused or materially contributed to by the negligent, reckless or intentional acts of the Indemnifying Party.

2. To the extent that the agreement requires the School Board to indemnify Contractor, it shall only be to the extent of the limits set forth in section 768.28(5), Florida Statutes. and then only for the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any officer or employee of the School Board acting within the scope of the officer's/employee's office or employment under circumstances in which the state or such agency or subdivision, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant. Further, except as specifically provided herein, the School Board does not waive any defense of sovereign immunity. It is further understood and agreed by the parties to this agreement that no officer or employee may be held personally liable except as provided by section 768.28 (9), Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the School Board intends to avail itself of the benefits of section 768.28 and of other statutes and common law governing sovereign immunity to the fullest extent possible. However, in no event will the School Board's liability under this provision exceed the sum of the lesser of the following: (a) the amount paid by the School Board to Contractor or (b) the amounts identified as statutory limits pursuant to section 768.28, Florida Statutes. if applicable. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the doctrine of sovereign immunity or by operation of law.

3. The parties agree to each pay their own attorneys' fees and costs relating to the negotiation of the Agreement and this Addendum and in relation to any action to enforce the terms of either document.

4. As may be applicable, all persons providing goods or services to the School Board pursuant the Agreement shall undergo the necessary background screening described in section 1012.465, Florida Statutes at their own cost before coming onto School Board property.



5. If the Agreement requires the expenditure of funds for more than one fiscal year, the Agreement shall be subject to termination by the School Board without cause upon a thirty (30) day notice.

6. Any conflict between the terms of this Addendum and the parties original Agreement or subsequent modifications thereof are to be resolved in favor of this Addendum.

7. The Agreement and this Addendum are to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, and the parties hereby agree that performance of the terms and provisions of the Agreement are to be performed solely within the State of Florida. The Parties agree that the Circuit Court for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Hernando County, Florida (hereinafter "Court"), shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Agreement, notwithstanding any provisions in the Agreement to the contrary, and the Parties further agree that they will present any disputes under this Agreement, including, without limitation, any claims for breach or enforcement of this Agreement, exclusively to the Court.

8. The payment obligation of the School Board created by the Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of funds that are appropriated or allocated for the payment of services or products. If such funds are not allocated and available, the Agreement may be terminated by the School Board at the end of the period for which funds are available. The School Board shall notify the Contractor at the earliest possible time before such termination. No penalty shall accrue to the School Board in the event this provision is exercised, and the School Board shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or for any damages as a result of such termination.

9. If, and to the extent the agreement provides for the payment of any applicable sales taxes, the Parties acknowledge that the School Board is an entity which is exempt from the same as provided by section 212.08(6), Florida Statutes.

10. The Parties agree that in the event Contractor files for bankruptcy, insolvency or receivership during the term of this agreement, the School Board may, at its option, terminate and cancel said contract, in which event all rights hereunder shall immediately cease and terminate.

11. Neither party shall be liable to the other, nor deemed in default under this Agreement to the extent that such party's performance under this Agreement is rendered impossible, impractical, or prevented by reason of force majeure. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "force majeure" means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without fault or negligence on behalf of either party. Without limiting the foregoing, force majeure includes acts of God; acts of the public enemy; war; riots; strikes; labor disputes; civil disorders; fires; floods; hurricanes, epidemics, pandemics, government regulations, and the issuance or extension of existing government orders of the United States, the State of Florida, or local county and municipal governing bodies, which prevents performance of the contract for all or part of the term of the Agreement.

12. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the agreement, all payments due from the School Board for non-construction services hereunder shall be governed by the provisions



of Chapter 218, Florida Statutes.

13. If, and to the extent that the agreement provides for reimbursement of travel and related expenses, the Parties agree that such reimbursements shall be subject to the reimbursement schedules contained in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

14. Contractor confirms that neither it nor its principals are suspended, debarred, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this contract by any governmental department or agency. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the School Board executes this agreement. If it is later determined that Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to the other remedies available to School Board, School Board may terminate the Agreement for default by Contractor.

15. E-Verify. Pursuant to section 448.095, Florida Statutes, Contractor shall use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/emp>, to verify the employment eligibility of all employees hired during the term of this Agreement. If Contractor enters into a contract with a subcontractor, the subcontractor must provide Contractor with an affidavit stating the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien and the Contractor shall provide a copy of such affidavit to the School Board upon receipt and shall maintain a copy for the duration of the Agreement. Failure to comply with this provision is a material breach of the Agreement and the School Board may choose to terminate the Agreement at its sole discretion and seek damages pursuant to Florida Statute. By signing below, Contractor affirms that it is registered with and uses the E-Verify system, is otherwise in compliance with section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and acknowledges that it is required to maintain such compliance throughout the term of any Contract entered between the parties.

16. Public records compliance provisions. Any confidentiality provisions in the Agreement shall be read in harmony with Florida's Public Records Act, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. No provisions in the Agreement can be exercised to frustrate the requirements of the law for the release of records. The parties recognize that the School Board is a governmental entity, subject to Florida law regarding public access to records under Florida Statute, Chapter 119. As such, the Parties agree that only such information as is exempt and confidential under the provisions of law shall be considered confidential under the Term of this agreement and Any confidentiality provisions in the Agreement shall be read in harmony with Florida's Public Records Act, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. No provisions in the Agreement can be exercised to frustrate the requirements of the law for the release of records. To the extent Contractor provides School Board any information which it believes is confidential or exempt, Contractor shall notify School Board of the specific information that it believes is confidential, as well as the basis for the exemption. Additionally, to the extent that the Contractor has any obligation to act in agency for the School Board, it shall maintain its records subject to section 119.0701, Fla. Stat. If and to the extent that contractor has access to any other confidential information regarding the School Board (such as security information as contemplated by section 119.071(c), Fla. Stat.), the Contractor agrees to use reasonable measures to maintain the confidentiality of such information.

17. To the extent Contractor maintains information that is subject to a public record request, it shall provide the public access to such records in accordance with, and subject to the applicable statutory terms and fees. Failure to do so will be considered a material breach of the original Agreement resulting in immediate termination with no penalty to School Board, and Contractor will indemnify and hold the School Board harmless for any and all damages and expenses suffered as a result of the material breach and contract termination. Contractor must comply with Florida public records laws, including but not limited to chapter 119, Florida Statutes and section 24 of article I of the Constitution of Florida, and specifically agrees to:

a. Keep and maintain public records required by the School Board in order to perform the service under this agreement; and

b. Upon request from the School Board's custodian of public records, provide the School Board with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law; and

c. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the School Board; and

d. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the School Board all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the School Board to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the School Board upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the School Board, upon request from the School Board's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the School Board.

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 919 N. BROAD STREET, BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601, [Ellerman\\_a@hcsb.k12.fl.us](mailto:Ellerman_a@hcsb.k12.fl.us) or (352) 797-7009.**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or statutory interpretation, failure of the Contractor to abide by the terms of these public records provisions shall be deemed a material breach of this agreement and the School Board may enforce the terms of this provision in the form of a court proceeding and shall, as a prevailing party, be entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable attorney's fees and costs associated with that proceeding. This provision shall survive any termination or expiration of the contract.



18. If the Contractor receives any student information / records as a result of this agreement, it will maintain any such information / records as confidential and will not release same to any third parties without the express written approval of the School Board, except third parties who are essential to Contractor's delivery of its services to the School Board and who are bound to maintain the confidentiality of student information/records, and prohibited from unauthorized redisclosure of such information. Furthermore, Contractor agrees to maintain and utilize all such student information/records in accordance with the FERPA regulations and only as provided for in the Agreement and this Addendum. If student information/records are requested by way of subpoena or court order, Contractor shall notify the School Board of such request in writing including a copy of the subpoena or order and shall otherwise comply with the FERPA regulations.

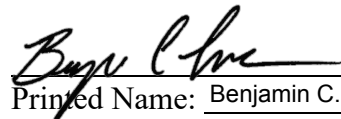
19. Contractor agrees to execute an Affidavit Regarding the Use of Coercion for Labor and Services as required by section 787.06(13), Florida Statutes.

20. If the Contractor receives access to an individual's personal identifying information as a result of this agreement, Contractor agrees to provide the School Board with an affidavit signed by an officer or representative of the Contractor under penalty of perjury attesting that the Contractor does not meet any of the criteria in section 287.138(2)(a) to (c), Florida Statutes.

21. Contractor acknowledges that it will comply with all applicable Florida and Federal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

***Signed and dated by authorized representatives as provided below:***

**Contractor:**



Printed Name: Benjamin C. Linkous

Title: Senior Vice President

Date: 09.04.2025

Approved as to Content & Form

Caroline Mocker, Esq.

Staff Counsel, HCSD

8:55 am, 04/24/2025

State of Florida

Affidavit Regarding the Use of Coercion for Labor and Services

Respondent Vendor Name: Zyscovich, LLC  
Vendor FEIN: 59-2754852  
Vendor's Authorized Representative Name and Title: Benjie Linkous, SVP of Education  
Address: 100 Biscayne Blvd., 27th Floor  
City: Miami State: FL ZIP: 33132  
Phone Number: 305-372-5222  
Email Address: Zyscovich-accounting@stratusteam.com

Section 787.06(13), Florida Statutes requires all nongovernmental entities executing, renewing, or extending a contract with a governmental entity to provide an affidavit signed by an officer or representative of the nongovernmental entity under penalty of perjury that the nongovernmental entity does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in that statute.

The Hernando County School District, Florida is a governmental entity for purposes of this statute.

As the person authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent, I certify that the company identified does not:

- Use or threaten to use physical force against any person;
- Restrain, isolate, or confine or threaten to restrain, isolate, or confine any person without lawful authority and against her or his will;
- Use lending or other credit methods to establish a debt by any person when labor or services are pledged as a security for the debt, if the value of the labor or services as reasonably assessed is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt, the length and nature of the labor or services are not respectively limited and defined;
- Destroy, conceal, remove, confiscate, withhold, or possess any actual or purported passport, visa, or other immigration document, or any other actual or purported government identification document, of any person;
- Cause or threaten to cause financial harm to any person;
- Entice or lure any person by fraud or deceit; or
- Provide a controlled substance as outlined in Schedule I or Schedule II of s. 893.03 to any person for the purpose of exploitation of that person.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true.

By:   
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Print Name and Title: Benjie Linkous, Senior Vice President of Education

Date: 9/4/2025



## FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN ATTESTATION (PUR 1355)

This form must be completed by an officer or representative of an entity submitting a bid, proposal, or reply to, or entering into, renewing, or extending, a contract with a Governmental Entity which would grant the entity access to an individual's Personal Identifying Information. Capitalized terms used herein have the definitions ascribed in [Rule 60A-1.020, F.A.C.](#)

Name of entity is not owned by the government of a Foreign Country of Concern, is not organized under the laws of nor has its Principal Place of Business in a Foreign Country of Concern, and the government of a Foreign Country of Concern does not have a Controlling Interest in the entity.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated in it are true.

Printed Name: Benjamin C. Linkous, PE

Title: Senior Vice President

Signature: 

Date: 09.04.2025

Approved as to Content & Form

Caroline Mocker, Esq.

Staff Counsel, HCSD

8:49 am, 04/25/2025

## Exhibit C

2025 Hourly Rate Schedule – Zyscovich Architects

|   | 2025     |
|---|----------|
| Chief Executive Officer                   | \$300.00 |
| Executive Vice President/Partner          | \$275.00 |
| Partner                                   | \$275.00 |
| Principal                                 | \$250.00 |
| Project Director / Senior Project Manager | \$240.00 |
| Project Manager                           | \$225.00 |
| Project Coordinator                       | \$190.00 |
| Designer                                  | \$175.00 |
| Jr. Designer                              | \$160.00 |

N-HOUSE REPRODUCTION CHARGES

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|--|--------|
| Small Format B&W Prints/Copies 8.5 x 11 (each)     | \$0.20 |
| Small Format B&W Prints/Copies 11 x 17 (each)      | \$0.25 |
| Small Format Color Prints/Copies 8.5 x 11 (each)   | \$0.60 |
| Small Format Color Prints/Copies 11 x 17 (each)    | \$1.25 |
| Large Format B&W Plotting/Printing (per Sq. Ft.)   | \$0.55 |
| Large Format Color Plotting/Printing (per Sq. Ft.) | \$2.50 |

ELECTRONIC FILE REPRODUCTION

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Compact Disk (CD) | \$100.00 |
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