

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT



Rapid City Water Reclamation Facility Digester Repair and Improvements – Phase I

City of Rapid City Project No. WRF06-1549



Professional Engineering Consultant: Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc.

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

The City of Rapid City proposes to evaluate, repair, and/or revise the solids handling system at the Rapid City Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). Biosolids are currently generated from two treatment trains at the WRF. Approximately two-thirds (2/3) of the biosolids are generated from the original fixed film treatment process. Approximately one-third (1/3) of the biosolids are generated from the recently constructed activated sludge treatment process.

Biosolids generated in the original treatment process are pumped to a digester complex that was constructed with the original plant in 1967. This complex consists of two 60-foot diameter, 25-foot deep primary digesters, one 50-foot diameter, 24-foot deep secondary digester and the sludge control building between the three digesters. Sludge is pumped from the primary clarifiers to the primary digesters and continues through the secondary digester. After stabilization in the anaerobic digesters biosolids are pumped to an 800,000 gallon storage lagoon for holding prior to final treatment. Typical daily disposal of biosolids from the digesters to the lagoon is 27,010 gallons at 4.03% solids.

Biosolids generated by the activated sludge treatment process are pumped directly to the storage lagoon where they are mixed with the anaerobically digested biosolids. The typical daily disposal of waste activated sludge to the lagoon is 39,260 gallons at 1.17% solids. After mixing in the storage lagoon the biosolids are thickened and then transported to the City's Co-composting Facility for final treatment.

This project will focus on the handling and treatment of the biosolids generated by the original fixed film treatment process. However, impacts to the activated sludge treatment process must be considered and mitigated as part of the evaluation process.

PROJECT APPROACH

The ENGINEER has been contracted to conduct Phase I of this project. Phase I shall consist of evaluation of the current biosolids management system at the WRF with special emphasis on the original facility. At the completion of Phase I the ENGINEER will then, in conjunction with the OWNER,

finalize the project scope, deliverable end products, and timeline for the project in a Phase I findings document. A more detailed description of Phase I of this project is provided in the Scope of Services below.

Based on the Phase I findings the ENGINEER will develop and submit a cost proposal to the OWNER for Phase II of the project. The OWNER assumes it will contract with the ENGINEER for Phase II of the project. However, this assumption is based on negotiation of an acceptable contract for Phase II and the OWNER's satisfaction with the performance of the ENGINEER. The OWNER, at its discretion, may contract with the Phase I consultant for Phase II services or issue a new request for proposals based on the Phase I findings. The Phase II Scope of Services will generally consist of developing design drawings and specifications and provide construction phase services in accordance with the Phase I findings. A more detailed description of Phase II of this project shall be developed after the completion of the Phase I.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The following is the Scope of Services to be provided by Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., (hereinafter ENGINEER) for the City of Rapid City, (hereinafter OWNER).

1. Kickoff, Status, and Project Meetings

1.1. Project Kick-off Meeting – The ENGINEER will conduct a project kick-off meeting at the OWNER's facilities to include the following agenda items:

- 1.1.1. Review goals, objectives, and project approach
- 1.1.2. Identify key project issues/OWNER concerns
- 1.1.3. Review project schedule, budget, and deliverables
- 1.1.4. Discuss project team and roles
- 1.1.5. Outline communication protocol
- 1.1.6. Review previous recommendations of the Facility Plan
- 1.1.7. Conduct operations debriefing

1.2. Status Meetings – Conduct two (2) status meetings between the OWNER and ENGINEER. When possible, these meetings will be held in conjunction with project meetings related to the Utility System Master Plan project. The ENGINEER will provide a status report at each meeting and prepare meeting minutes for distribution to the Project Team.

1.3. Solid Waste Department Coordination Meeting – Conduct one (1) coordination meeting with the OWNER's Solid Waste Division and their professional consultant to coordinate the scope of this project with the on-going Solid Waste project related to permitting. Its that may require coordination include required and desired biosolids quality and quantity for subsequent use at the MSW Co-composting Facility. Further, the assumptions stated in the Facility Plan will be discussed to ensure an understanding of the current and future plan for the MSW. The ENGINEER has assumed that the Solid Waste consultant will provide a summary of the quality requirements and that the quality requirements are consistent with SDDENR and EPA Region VIII requirements.

2. Existing System Evaluation and Alternative Evaluation

- 2.1. Operators Questionnaire – The ENGINEER shall prepare, distribute, and review an Operator’s Questionnaire related to the existing solids processing and handling system. The questionnaire will be designed to assist in the identification of any existing operation and maintenance issues so that the system can be evaluated efficiently and effectively.
 - 2.2. Biosolids Treatment Process and System – Evaluate the existing biosolids treatment process and system including review of historic solids quality and quantity production from both the fixed film treatment train and the activated sludge treatment train. The evaluation shall be based on data provided by the WRF staff. A solids model shall be prepared summarizing solids production from the secondary treatment facilities and digestion facilities. The model shall provide a means to compare operating values of various treatment processes to commonly accepted design criteria.
 - 2.3. Gas Handling System and Ancillary Equipment – Evaluate the existing digester gas handling system including the gas handling equipment, boiler system, and heat exchanger system. The system will be evaluated based on historic gas production rates theoretical gas production rates, historic digester gas quality, and general condition of the existing equipment. In addition, a heat balance shall be completed in order to establish the required heat exchanger capacity for the primary anaerobic digester heating system. The heat balance shall be completed based on the existing conditions of the digester.
 - 2.4. Alternative Development – Based on the results of Tasks 1.3, 2.1 and 2.2, develop a maximum of three process alternatives (e.g., anaerobic digestions, aerobic, digestion, aerated solids holding) for the overall solids processing and handling system. The alternatives shall be practical and consistent with the results of Tasks 1.3, 2.1, and 2.2.
 - 2.5. Alternative Evaluation – For the alternatives developed in Task 2.3, evaluate each alternative based on both capital and operation and maintenance costs for the systems identified and provide a recommendation regarding the type of processing and handling (i.e., treatment) system that will best fit the OWNER’s needs and preferences. The ENGINEER shall also provide recommendations on other facility solids processing and handling improvements not directly related to the biosolids stabilization (i.e., treatment) system. If anaerobic digestion is selected, the type of replacement roof to be used and a heat balance shall be completed based on the new conditions of the digester. A cost analysis shall be performed to determine if insulating the new covers is economically desirable to the OWNER.
3. Phase I Findings Document – A Phase I findings document shall be prepared summarizing Task Series 2 and the overall project recommendations. The draft document shall be submitted to the OWNER for review. The ENGINEER shall respond to OWNER comments and where applicable, incorporate such comment responses into the final document.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNER

The OWNER shall provide the following:

Assistance by placing at ENGINEER's disposal all available information pertinent to the assignment including water reclamation facility as-constructed drawings, previous planning documents, historic flow and load data, historic reclamation facility performance data, and other water reclamation facility data required and requested by ENGINEER. ENGINEER shall rely on information made available by the OWNER as accurate without independent verification. In addition, the OWNER shall assist in schedule coordination of interviews with other City departments to ensure the objectives can be completed in a timely manner.

DELIVERABLES

The OWNER shall be provided a Phase I Findings document summarizing the Scope of Services indicated. Any draft copies for review by the OWNER shall be provided in electronic format (MSWord). One final electronic copy in PDF file format (on CD) and four (4) final hard copies shall be provided.

Reuse of Documents: All documents prepared or furnished by ENGINEER (and ENGINEER'S independent professional associates and consultants) pursuant to this Agreement are instruments of service in respect of the Project, and ENGINEER shall have the ownership and property interest therein whether or not the Project is completed. Any reuse without written verification or adaptation by ENGINEER for the specific purpose intended will be at OWNER'S sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to ENGINEER, or to ENGINEER'S independent professional associates or consultants, and OWNER shall indemnify and hold harmless ENGINEER and ENGINEER'S independent professional associates and consultants from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorneys' fees arising out of or resulting there from. Any such verification or adaptation will entitle ENGINEER to further compensation at rates to be agreed upon by OWNER and ENGINEER.

Electronic Media: Any electronic media (computer disks, CDs, tapes, and similar items) furnished with respect to ENGINEER'S services are for OWNER'S information and convenience only. Such media are not to be considered part of ENGINEER'S instruments of service. (Due to the potential that information contained in electronic media can be modified by OWNER or others, ENGINEER, at its option, may remove all indicia of ENGINEER'S ownership and involvement from each electronic display.) ENGINEER shall not be liable for loss or damage directly or indirectly, arising out of use of electronic media including, but not limited to, any loss of business or incidental or consequential damage. OWNER shall assume all risk and release, indemnify, and hold harmless ENGINEER, its officers, directors, employees, servants, agents, successors, and assigns, from and against each and every claim or cause of action that OWNER or others may have or which may arise in the future respecting use of the electronic media.

TIME OF SERVICE

ENGINEER will proceed with providing the services set forth herein immediately upon execution of this Agreement. The Phase I services will be completed within 101 calendar days of the Notice to Proceed.

COST REIMBURSIBLE NOT TO EXCEED

A. Amount of Payment:

1. For services performed, OWNER shall pay ENGINEER the sum of amounts determined as follows:
 - a. For time spent by personnel, payment at the hourly rates indicated on the attached fee schedule (Exhibit A). Such rates include overhead and profit. The schedule is effective for the length of this contract.
 - b. For expenses incurred by ENGINEER, such as authorized travel and subsistence including airfare, food, lodging, automobile rental, commercial services, and incidental expenses, the cost to ENGINEER.
 - c. For reproduction, printing, long-distance telephone calls, facsimile transmissions, company vehicle usage, testing apparatus, computer services and computer-assisted drafting (CAD), amounts will be charged according to the ENGINEER's standard rates as identified in this contract (Exhibit B).
 - d. For professional services rendered by others as subcontractor(s) to ENGINEER will be billed at the cost to ENGINEER plus 10 percent.

2. Total payment for the Scope of Services described herein shall not exceed Thirty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight dollars (\$39,968) without written approval of OWNER. Exhibit C presents a detailed Professional Engineering Services Fee Estimate. It is assumed that a percentage of travel expenses for the project will be shared with trips (i.e., from Denver, Colorado, to Rapid City, South Dakota) associated with other projects currently being completed for the OWNER by the ENGINEER. No dedicated trips (i.e., from Denver, Colorado, to Rapid City, South Dakota) will be made for the completion of this project unless specifically requested by the OWNER and these costs shall be considered additional services.

3. ENGINEER shall not begin work on any phase of the project without written authorization by the OWNER.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The attached Terms and Conditions for Professional Services is incorporated and made a part of this Agreement.

BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING CO.

ACCEPTED:

ATTEST:

By _____

By _____

Title Vice President

Title Associate

Date _____

Date _____

CITY OF RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

ACCEPTED:

ATTEST:

By _____

By _____

Title Mayor

Title Finance Officer

Date _____

Date _____

EXHIBIT A: SCHEDULE OF HOURLY PROFESSIONAL SERVICE BILLING RATES

Position Classification	Classification Level	Hourly Billing Rate
General Office	5	\$49.00
Technician	6	\$52.00
Assistant	7	\$60.00
	8	\$82.00
	9	\$92.00
Staff	10	\$101.00
	11	\$111.00
Senior	12	\$119.00
	13	\$131.00
Associate	14	\$145.00
	15	\$152.00
Principal	16	\$159.00
	17	\$166.00

Notes:

1. Position classifications listed above refer to the firm's internal classification system for employee compensation. For example, "Associate", "Senior", etc., refer to such positions as "Associate Engineer", "Senior Architect", etc.
2. The hourly rates shown above are effective for services through completion of this contract, and are subject to revision thereafter.
3. For outside expenses incurred by Burns & McDonnell and for services rendered by others such as subcontractors, the client shall pay the cost to Burns & McDonnell plus 10%.
5. Monthly invoices will be submitted for payment covering services and expenses during the preceding month. Invoices are due upon receipt.

EXHIBIT B - SCHEDULE OF REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

Schedule of Reimbursable Expenses	
Description	Unit Cost
Personal Mileage:	\$0.445
Reproduction/Printing:	8.5"x 11" Copies White \$0.09/sheet 24" x 34" Drawings White Bond \$0.48/sheet 24" x 34" Drawings Mylar \$9.90/sheet 8.5"x 11" Copies Color \$1.00/sheet
Long Distance Telephone:	Cost
Postage:	Cost
Courier:	2 hour: \$22 1 hour: \$35
Travel Expenses:	
Airfare:	Cost
Lodging:	Cost
Meals:	Cost
Rental Car:	Cost
Vehicle Expense:	
Sedan (4-door)	\$58/day + \$0.21/mile
SUV – 4WD	\$65/day + \$0.25/mile

Total of billable hours plus reimbursable expenses shall not exceed the maximum Cost Reimbursable Not to Exceed Amount allowed under the contract, without a written amendment executed by the parties.

EXHIBIT C
Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co.
 City of Rapid City, South Dakota
 Phase I - Digester Repair and Improvements Project
 Professional Engineering Services Fee Estimate

Task	Project Manager	Project Engineer	Solid Waste Engineer	Technician ACAD	Word Processing	QA/QC	TOTAL	LABOR	EXPENSES	SUBCON	TOTAL	
Task Series 1 - Kickoff, Project, and Status Meetings												
1.1 Kickoff Meeting		8	8				16 \$	2,048 \$	205 \$	- \$	2,253	
1.2 Status Meetings		16	16				32 \$	4,096 \$	410 \$	- \$	4,506	
1.3 Solid Waste Department Coordination Meeting		8	8				16 \$	2,048 \$	205 \$	- \$	2,253	
Person-hour Subtotal		32	32				64 \$	8,192 \$	819 \$	- \$	9,012	
										Task Series 1 Total =	\$ 9,012	
Task Series 2 - Existing System Evaluation and Alternative Evaluation												
2.1 Operators Questionnaire		1	4			1	6 \$	649 \$	65 \$	- \$	714	
2.2 Biosolids Treatment Process and System		16	32	4			52 \$	6,508 \$	651 \$	- \$	7,159	
2.3 Gas Handling System and Ancillary Equipment		8	28				36 \$	4,268 \$	427 \$	- \$	4,695	
2.4 Alternative Development		12	30	4			46 \$	5,706 \$	571 \$	- \$	6,277	
2.5 Alternative Evaluation		16	32	2	2		52 \$	6,310 \$	631 \$	- \$	6,941	
Person-hour Subtotal		53	126	10	2	1	192 \$	23,441 \$	2,344 \$	- \$	25,786	
										Task Series 2 Total =	\$ 25,786	
Task Series 3 - Phase I Findings Document												
3. Phase I Findings Document		8	24			4	40 \$	4,700 \$	470 \$	- \$	5,170	
Person-hour Subtotal		8	24			4	40 \$	4,700 \$	470 \$	- \$	5,170	
										Task Series 3 Total =	\$ 5,170	
Project Totals		93	182	10	2	5	4	296 \$	36,333 \$	3,633 \$	- \$	39,968

BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Project: WRF PIPESHAFT REPAIR & IMPROVEMENTS PHASE IDate of Letter, Proposal or Agreement: SEPT. 20, 2006Client: CITY OF RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Client Signature: _____

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

For the above-referenced Project, Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. ("BMCD") will perform the services set forth in the above-referenced Letter, Proposal or Agreement, in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. BMCD has relied upon the information provided by Client in the preparation of the Proposal, and shall rely on the information provided by or through Client during the execution of this Project as complete and accurate without independent verification.

2. PAYMENTS TO BMCD

A. Compensation will be as stated in the above-referenced Letter, Proposal or Agreement. Statements will be in BMCD's standard format and are payable upon receipt. Time is of the essence in payment of statements, and timely payment is a material part of the consideration of this Agreement. A late payment charge will be added to all amounts not paid within 30 days of statement date and shall be calculated at 1.5 percent per month from statement date. Client shall reimburse any costs incurred by BMCD in collecting any delinquent amount, including reasonable attorney's fees. If a portion of BMCD's statement is disputed, Client shall pay the undisputed portion by the due date. Client shall advise BMCD in writing of the basis for any disputed portion of any statement.

B. Taxes as may be imposed on professional consulting services by state or local authorities shall be in addition to the payment stated in the above-referenced Letter, Proposal or Agreement.

3. INSURANCE

A. During the course of performance of its services, BMCD will maintain Worker's Compensation insurance with limits as required by statute, Employer's Liability insurance with limits of \$1,000,000 and Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance each with combined single limits of \$1,000,000.

B. If the Project involves on-site construction, construction contractors shall be required to provide (or Client may provide) Owner's Protective Liability Insurance naming Client as a Named Insured and BMCD as an Additional Insured or to endorse Client and BMCD using ISO form CG 20 10 11 85 endorsement or its equivalent as Additional Insureds on all construction contractor's liability insurance policies covering claims for personal injuries and property damage in at least the amounts required of BMCD in 3 A above. Construction contractors shall be required to provide certificates evidencing such insurance to Client and BMCD. Contractor's compensation shall include the cost of such insurance including coverage for contractual and indemnification obligations herein.

C. Client and BMCD release each other and waive all rights of subrogation against each other and their officers, directors, agents, or employees for damage covered by property insurance during and after the completion of BMCD's services. A provision similar to this shall be incorporated into all construction contracts entered into by Client, and all construction contractors shall be required to provide waivers of subrogation in favor of Client and BMCD for damage covered by any construction contractor's property insurance.

4. INDEMNIFICATION

A. To the extent allowed by law, Client will require all construction contractors to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Client and BMCD from any and all loss where loss is caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the construction contractors, their employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers.

B. If this Project involves construction and BMCD does not provide consulting services during construction including, but not limited to, on-site monitoring, site visits, site observation, shop drawing review and/or design clarifications, Client agrees to indemnify and hold harmless BMCD from any liability arising from this Project or Agreement, except to the extent caused by BMCD's negligence.

5. PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY - LIMITATION OF REMEDIES

A. BMCD will exercise reasonable skill, care and diligence in the performance of its services and will carry out its responsibilities in accordance with customarily accepted professional practices. If BMCD fails to meet the foregoing standard, BMCD will perform at its own cost, the professional services necessary to correct errors and omissions reported to BMCD in writing within one year from the completion of BMCD's services for the Project. No warranty, express or implied, is included in this Agreement or regarding any drawing, specification, or other work product or instrument of service.

~~B. In no event will BMCD be liable for any special, indirect or consequential damages including, without limitation, damages or losses in the nature of increased Project costs, loss of revenue or profit, lost production, claims by customers of Client or for governmental fines or penalties.~~ PDF

C. BMCD's aggregate liability for all damages connected with its services for the Project not excluded by the preceding subparagraph, whether or not covered by BMCD's insurance, will not exceed the ~~greater of \$100,000 or the compensation paid for BMCD's services.~~ \$1,000,000 PDF

D. These mutually negotiated obligations and remedies stated in this Paragraph 5, Professional Responsibility - Limitation of Remedies, are the sole and exclusive obligations of BMCD and remedies of Client, whether liability of BMCD is based on contract, warranty, strict liability, tort (including negligence), indemnity or otherwise.

6. PERIOD OF SERVICE AND SCHEDULE

The provisions of this Agreement have been agreed to in anticipation of the orderly and continuous progress of the Project through completion of the services stated in the Proposal. BMCD's obligation to render services hereunder will extend for a period, which may reasonably be required for the completion of said services. BMCD shall make reasonable efforts to comply with deliverable schedules (if any) and consistent with BMCD's professional responsibility.

7. COMPUTER PROGRAMS OR MODELS

Any use, development, modification, or integration by BMCD of computer models or programs does not constitute ownership or a license to Client to use or modify such computer models or programs.

8. ELECTRONIC MEDIA AND DATA TRANSMISSIONS

A. Any electronic media (computer disks, tapes, etc.) or data transmissions furnished (including Project Web Sites or CAD file transmissions) are for Client information and convenience only. Such media or transmissions are not to be considered part of BMCD's instruments of service. BMCD, at its option, may remove all indicia of its ownership and involvement from each electronic display.

B. BMCD shall not be liable for loss or damage directly or indirectly, arising out of Client's use of electronic media or data transmissions.

9. DOCUMENTS

A. All documents prepared by BMCD pursuant to this Agreement are instruments of service in respect of the Project specified herein. They are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by Client or others in extensions of the Project beyond that now contemplated or on any other Project. Any reuse, extension, or completion by Client or others without written verification, adaptation, and permission by BMCD for the specific purpose intended will be at Client's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to BMCD.

B. In the event that BMCD is to reuse, copy or adapt all or portions of reports, plans or specifications prepared by others, Client represents that Client either possesses or will obtain permission and necessary rights in copyright, patents or other proprietary rights and will be responsible for any infringement claims by others. Client warrants the completeness, accuracy and efficacy of the information, data, and design provided by or through Client (including prepared for Client by others), for which BMCD shall rely on to perform and complete its services.

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10. ESTIMATES, SCHEDULES, FORECASTS, AND PROJECTIONS

Estimates, schedules, forecasts, and projections prepared by BMCD relating to loads, interest rates and other financial analysis parameters, construction costs and schedules, operation and maintenance costs, equipment characteristics and performance, and operating results are opinions based on BMCD's experience, qualifications and judgment as a professional. Since BMCD has no control over weather, cost and availability of labor, material and equipment, cost of fuel or other utilities, labor productivity, construction contractor's procedures and methods, unavoidable delays, construction contractor's methods of determining prices, economic conditions, government regulations and laws (including the interpretation thereof), competitive bidding or market conditions and other factors affecting such estimates or projections, BMCD does not guarantee that actual rates, costs, quantities, performance, schedules, etc., will not vary significantly from estimates and projections prepared by BMCD.

11. POLLUTION

In view of the uncertainty involved in investigating and recommending solutions to environmental problems and the abnormal degree of risk of claims imposed upon BMCD in performing such services, notwithstanding the responsibility of BMCD set forth in Paragraph 5.A; to the maximum extent allowed by law, Client agrees to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless BMCD and its officers, directors, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors from all liability, claims, demands, damages, losses, and expenses, including, but not limited to, claims of Client and other persons and organizations, reasonable fees and expenses of attorneys and consultants, and court costs, except where there has been a final adjudication that the damages were caused by BMCD's willful disregard of its obligations under this Agreement. Such indemnification includes claims arising out of or in any way relating to the actual, alleged, or threatened dispersal, escape, or release of, or failure to detect or contain, chemicals, wastes, liquids, gases or any other material, irritant, contaminant or pollutant.

12. ON-SITE SERVICES

A. Project site visits by BMCD during investigation, observation, construction or equipment installation, or the furnishing of Project representatives shall not make BMCD responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures; for construction safety precautions or programs; or for any construction contractor(s)' failure to perform its work in accordance with the contract documents.

B. Client shall disclose to BMCD the location and types of any known or suspected toxic, hazardous or chemical materials or wastes existing on or near the premises upon which work is to be performed by BMCD's employees or subcontractors. If any hazardous wastes not identified by Client are discovered after a Project is undertaken, Client and BMCD agree that the scope of services, schedule and compensation may be adjusted accordingly. Client agrees to release BMCD from all damages related to any pre-existing pollutant, contaminant, toxic, or hazardous substance at the site.

13. CHANGES

Client shall have the right to make changes within the general scope of BMCD's services, with an appropriate change in compensation and schedule, upon execution of a mutually acceptable amendment or change order signed by authorized representatives of Client and BMCD.

14. TERMINATION

Services may be terminated by Client or BMCD by seven (7) days' written notice in the event of substantial failure to perform in accordance with the terms hereof by the other party through no fault of the terminating party. If so terminated, Client shall pay BMCD all amounts due BMCD for all services properly rendered and expenses incurred to the date of receipt of notice of termination, plus reasonable costs incurred by BMCD in terminating the services. In addition, Client may terminate the services for Client's convenience upon payment of twenty percent of the yet unearned and unpaid estimated, lump sum, or not-to-exceed fee, as applicable.

15. DISPUTES, NEGOTIATIONS, MEDIATION

A. If a dispute arises relating to the performance of the services to be provided and should that dispute result in litigation, it is agreed that the substantially prevailing party (as determined in equity by the court) shall be entitled to recover all reasonable costs of litigation, including staff time, court costs, attorney's fees and other related expenses.

~~B. The parties shall participate in good faith negotiations to resolve any and all disputes. Should negotiations fail, the parties agree to submit to and participate in a third party facilitated mediation as a condition precedent to resolution by litigation. Unless otherwise agreed to, mediation shall be conducted under the rules of the American Arbitration Association.~~ PDF

C. Causes of action between the parties shall accrue, and applicable statutes of limitation shall commence to run the date BMCD's services are substantially complete.

16. WITNESS FEES

A. BMCD's employees shall not be retained as expert witnesses, except by separate written agreement.

B. Client agrees to pay BMCD pursuant to BMCD's then current schedule of hourly labor billing rates for time spent by any employee of BMCD responding to any subpoena by any party in any dispute as an occurrence witness or to assemble and produce documents resulting from BMCD's services under this Agreement.

17. CONTROLLING LAW AND VENUE

This Agreement shall be subject to, interpreted and enforced according to the laws of the State of Colorado, without regard to any conflicts of law provisions. Parties agree to submit to the exclusive venue and jurisdiction of the ~~18th Judicial District in the County of Douglas, State of Colorado, or the United States District Court for the District of Colorado.~~ *STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 7th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, PENNINGTON COUNTY.* PDF

18. RIGHTS AND BENEFITS – NO ASSIGNMENT

BMCD's services will be performed solely for the benefit of Client and not for the benefit of any other persons or entities. Neither Client nor BMCD shall assign or transfer interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other.

19. ENTIRE CONTRACT

These Terms and Conditions and the above-referenced Letter, Proposal or Agreement contain the entire agreement between BMCD and Client relative to BMCD's services for the Project herein. All previous or contemporaneous agreements, representations, promises and conditions relating to BMCD's services for the Project are superseded. Since terms contained in purchase orders do not generally apply to professional services, in the event Client issues to BMCD a purchase order, no preprinted terms thereon shall become part of this Agreement. Said purchase order documents, whether or not signed by BMCD, shall be considered only as an internal document of Client to facilitate administrative requirements of Client's operations.

20. SEVERABILITY

Any unenforceable provision herein shall be amended to the extent necessary to make it enforceable; if not possible, it shall be deleted and all other provisions shall remain in full force and affect.

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