

## **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

### **INVITING INFORMAL BIDS FOR REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE OR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR \$75,000 to \$220,000, AWARDED PURSUANT TO THE "INFORMAL BIDDING" PROCEDURES OF THE PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE § 22000, ET SEQ. (THE UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT ("CUPCCAA") – INFORMAL BID**

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Board of the Sulphur Springs Union School District ("District") will receive up to, **but not later than, March 6, 1:00 p.m. local time**, submitted 1 hard copy to the District Office at 27000 Weyerhaeuser Way, Santa Clarita, CA 91351, and send via email to Daniel Clem, Vice President, TELACU Construction Management, at [dclem@telacu.com](mailto:dclem@telacu.com), bids for the following project:

#### **Bid # 2025-02-10 District Office Stabilization Project**

Contractor shall possess at the time of its bid, the following classification(s) of Contractor's California State license:  
B- General Contractor

Such bids shall be received at the **District Office located at Sulphur Springs Union School District, 27000 Weyerhaeuser Way, Santa Clarita, CA 91351.**

Each bid must conform and be fully responsive to all documents comprising the Contract Documents.

Each bid shall be made on the Bid Form prepared by the District in the Contract Documents.

Contractor and its subcontractors shall pay all workers on the Project not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are available from the District at the District's office or on the Internet at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>. Contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with the registration and qualification requirements pursuant to sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 of the California Labor Code.

The substitution of appropriate securities in lieu of retention amounts from progress payments in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300 is permitted.

A bid bond by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District, cash, or a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the District, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price, shall accompany the Bid Form, as a guarantee that the Contractor will, within seven (7) calendar days after the Notice to Proceed or other direction, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the Services as stipulated in the bid. In addition, a one hundred percent (100%) Performance Bond and a one hundred percent (100%) Payment Bond will be required of the successful bidder.

Each bid **must** include the name and location of the place of business of each subcontractor who shall perform/work of this Contract in excess of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) of the bid price.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening for bids except as provided pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 5100 *et seq.*

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding.

By: Joshua Randall, Deputy Superintendent  
Sulphur Springs Union School District

DATED: February 11, 2025

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSAL FORM FOR

District Office Stabilization Project

CONSTRUCTION, REPAIRS OR MAINTENANCE SERVICES AWARDED PURSUANT TO THE "INFORMAL BIDDING" PROCEDURES OF THE PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE § 22000, ET SEQ. (THE UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT ("CUPCCAA") OVER \$75,000 AND UP TO \$220,000

PROJECT: BID# 2025-02-10 District Office Stabilization Project ("Project")

Contractor will perform the Work defined in the Contract Documents and fully understands the scope of Work required in this bid and accepts in full payment for that Work the following total lump sum amount, all taxes included:

_____ dollars      \$ _____
<b>TOTAL BID</b>

1. **Work.** Contractor has reviewed the Work outlined in the Contract Documents and fully understands the scope of Work required in this bid, understands the construction and project management function(s) is described in the Contract Documents.
2. **Schedule.** Contractor agrees to commence work under this Contract on the date established in the Contract Documents and to complete all work within the time specified in the Contract Documents.
3. **Subcontractors.** Contractor shall identify the **name, location** of the place of business, California Contractor State License Number, DIR Registration Number, and kind of work of each subcontractor that will perform work or labor or render service in or about the construction of the Work or improvement in an amount in excess of one-half of 1 percent (0.5%) of the Contractor's total bid. Use extra sheets/extra space as needed.

[Name]: \_\_\_\_\_ [Location]: \_\_\_\_\_ [CSLB Lic. #] and [DIR Reg. #]: \_\_\_\_\_ [Kind of Work]: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. **Bid Bond.** Contractor shall provide with its bid a certified or cashier's check or bidder's bond for an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid amount. The certified or cashier's check or bid bond shall be made payable to the order of the District. If a bid bond accompanies the proposal, the bond shall be secured by an admitted surety company, licensed in the State of California, satisfactory to the District and in the form attached hereto. The certified or cashier's check or bond shall be given as a guarantee that Contractor will enter into the Contract if awarded the Work, and in the case of refusal or failure to enter into the Contract, the District shall have the right to award to another bidder. If Contractor fails or refuses to timely enter into the contract, the District reserves the right to declare the bid bond forfeited and to pursue all other remedies in law or equity relating to such breach including, but not limited to, seeking recovery of damages for breach of contract. Failure to provide bid security, or bid security in the proper amount, will result in rejection of the bid.
5. **Noncollusion Declaration.** Contractor shall provide with its bid the Noncollusion Declaration in the form attached hereto.

6. **License.** Contractor certifies that it is, at the time of bidding, and shall be throughout the period of the Contract, licensed by the State of California to do the type of Work required under the terms of the Contract Documents. Contractor further certifies that it is regularly engaged in the general class and type of work called for in the Contract Documents.
7. **Prevailing Wages.** Pursuant to sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code, Bidder and all Subcontractors under the Bidder shall pay all workers on all work performed pursuant to the Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District. Copies of the general prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the Contract, as determined by the DIR are available from the District or on the internet (<http://www.dir.ca.gov>). In addition, if awarded a contract, Contractor shall comply with Labor Code § 1777.5 pertaining to prevailing wage compensation to apprentices for preemployment activities.
8. **Contractor Registration.** Bidder shall ensure that it and its Subcontractors comply with the registration and compliance monitoring provisions of Labor Code section 1771.4, including furnishing its CPRs to the Labor Commissioner, and are registered pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. Bidder and its subcontractors shall comply with Labor Code section 1725.5 to be qualified to bid, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of the Contract.
9. **Bid Protests.** Any bid protest by any Contractor regarding any other bid on this Project must be submitted in writing to the District to Dr. Joshua Randall, at Sulphur Springs Union School District, 27000 Weyerhaeuser Way, Santa Clarita, CA 91351 before 2:00 p.m. of the **SECOND (2<sup>ND</sup>)** business day following the date of bid opening, or the Contractor waives its right to protest. The protest must contain a complete statement of any and all bases for the protest and the Contractor must concurrently transmit a copy of the protest to all other bidders that appear to have a reasonable prospect of receiving an award depending upon the outcome of the protest.
10. **Addenda.** Receipt and acceptance of the following addenda is hereby acknowledged.

No.: _____	Date: _____
No.: _____	Date: _____

11. **CONTRACT FORM. DISTRICT'S CONTRACT FORM IS PART OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT IS AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A TO THE CONTRACT. THE SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR SHALL, WITHIN SEVEN (7) CALENDAR DAYS OF NOTICE THAT IT HAS BEEN AWARDED THE CONTRACT, BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE TO THE DISTRICT ALL CERTIFICATIONS, BONDS, INSURANCE DOCUMENTS, CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE, SUBCONTRACTOR LIST AND ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AS INDICATED IN THE CONTRACT.**

Contractor hereby certifies to the District that all representations, certifications, and statements made by Contractor, as set forth in this bid form, are true and correct and are made under penalty of perjury.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Signer \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's Taxpayer's Identification No. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Registration No. of Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Web page \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's License No(s):      No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

   No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BID BOND (SECURITY)**

**(Note: If Bidder is providing a bid bond as its bid security, Bidder must use this form, NOT a surety company form.)**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the undersigned, as \_\_\_\_\_ as Principal ("Principal"),

and \_\_\_\_\_ as Surety ("Surety"),

a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and authorized to do business as a surety in the State of California, are held and firmly bound unto the Sulphur Springs Union School District ("District"), State of California as Oblige, in the sum of

\_\_\_\_\_ (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we, and each of us, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that whereas the Principal has submitted a bid to the District for all Work specifically described in the accompanying bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal is awarded the Contract and, within the time and manner required under the Contract Documents, after the prescribed forms are presented to Principal for signature, enters into a written contract, in the prescribed form in accordance with the bid, and files two bonds, one guaranteeing faithful performance and the other guaranteeing payment for labor and materials as required by law, and meets all other conditions to the contract between the Principal and the Oblige becoming effective, or if the Principal shall fully reimburse and save harmless the Oblige from any damage sustained by the Oblige through failure of the Principal to enter into the written contract and to file the required performance and labor and material bonds, and to meet all other conditions to the Contract between the Principal and the Oblige becoming effective, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall be and remain in full force and effect. The full payment of the sum stated above shall be due immediately if Principal fails to execute the Contract within seven (7) days of the date of the District's Notice of Award to Principal.

Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Contract or the call for bids, or to the work to be performed thereunder, or the specifications accompanying the same, shall in any way affect its obligation under this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Contract or the call for bids, or to the work, or to the specifications.

In the event suit is brought upon this bond by the Oblige and judgment is recovered, the Surety shall pay all costs incurred by the Oblige in such suit, including a reasonable attorneys' fee to be fixed by the Court.

If the District awards the bid, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument has been duly executed by the Principal and Surety above named, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Surety

\_\_\_\_\_  
By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of California Agent of Surety

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of California Agent of Surety

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number of California Agent of Surety

**Bidder must attach Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority for Surety and a Notarial Acknowledgment for all Surety's signatures. The California Department of Insurance must authorize the Surety to be an admitted Surety Insurer.**

END OF DOCUMENT

**NONCOLLUSION DECLARATION**  
**Public Contract Code Section 7106**

TO BE EXECUTED BY CONTRACTOR AND SUBMITTED WITH BID PROPOSAL

The undersigned declares:

I am the \_\_\_\_\_ **[PRINT YOUR TITLE]**

of \_\_\_\_\_ **[PRINT FIRM NAME]**.

the party making the foregoing Contract.

The bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation. The bid is genuine and not collusive or sham. The bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham bid. The bidder has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or to refrain from bidding. The bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the bidder or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any other bidder. All statements contained in the bid are true. The bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, to any corporation, partnership, company, association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof, to effectuate a collusive or sham bid, and has not paid, and will not pay, any person or entity for such purpose.

Any person executing this declaration on behalf of a bidder that is a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or any other entity, hereby represents that he or she has full power to execute, and does execute, this declaration on behalf of the bidder.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed on the following date:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**(ATTACH NOTARIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR THE ABOVE SIGNATURE)**

## **District Office Stabilization Project**

### **Scope of Work**

**Project Location:** 27000 Weyerhaeuser Way, Santa Clarita, CA 91351

**Project Timeline:** Start Date: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 End Date: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Product/Scope:** Thirty-Eight (38) PP 288 Push Piers (Galvanized)

(38) Low-Profile Underpinning Bracket w/ 48" Sleeve

(38) PP288 4' Starter Tube

(190) PP288 3' Pier Tube

#### **Concrete Removal and Replacement at Pier Location**

(38) Remove and Replace Concrete at Pier Location

#### **All Engineering and Design Fees to be Included in Proposal**

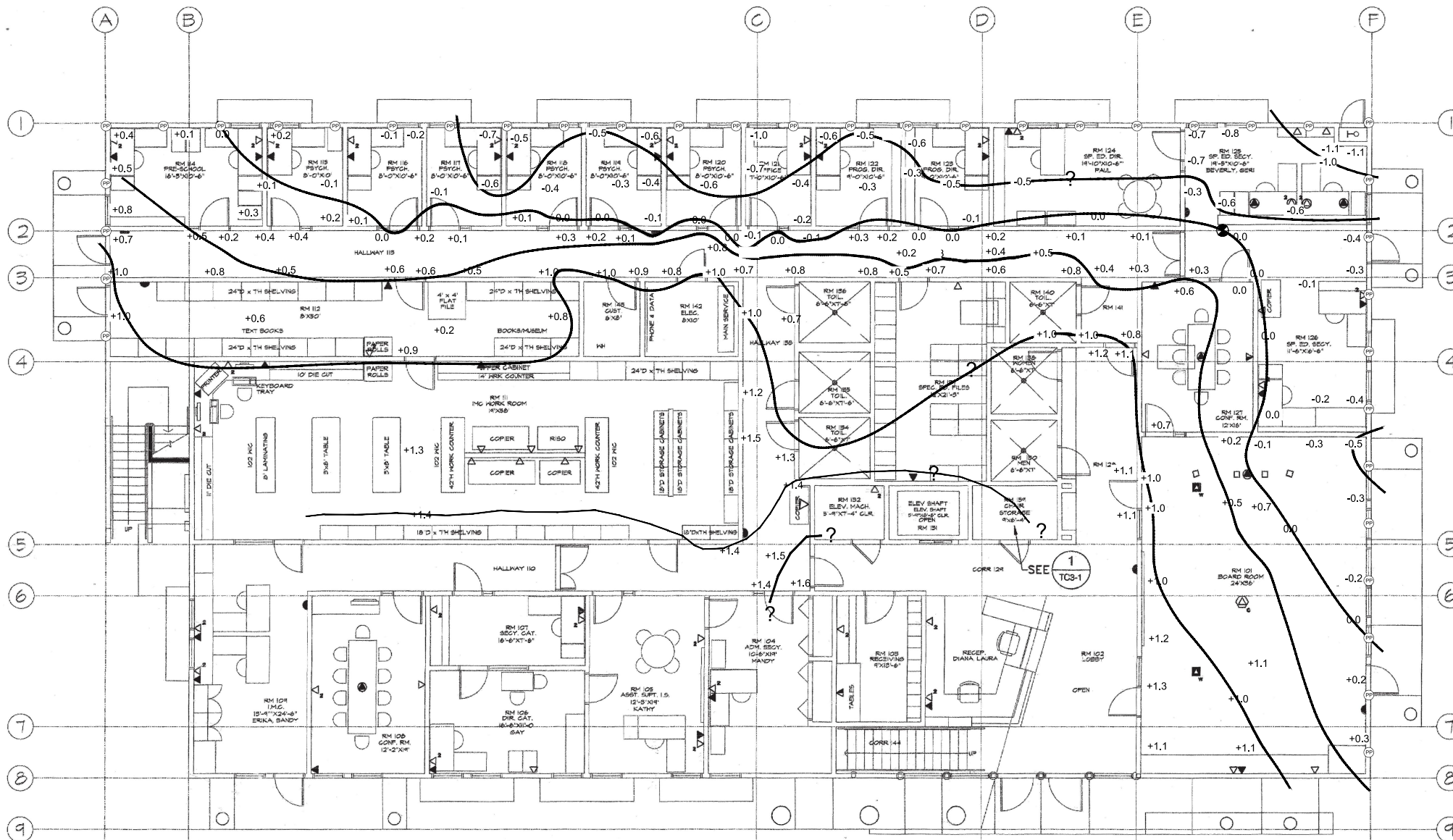
The proposal shall include all labor, materials, equipment and site supervision required to install Push Piers/Concrete Removal and Replacement at Pier Location as specified for the above referenced project.

**Installation:** PP288 Push Piers (Galvanized)

- Excavate to bottom of foundation, clean and prepare footing, install retrofit foundation bracket.
- Hydraulically drive pier sections to an approximate depth of 18 feet, or load bearing strata. Install each pier to the specified design load needed to stabilize/lift the structure.
- Lock the pier system in place and backfill previously excavated soils. Leave the area "landscape ready".
- Monitor and document installation pressures for each pier and provide data to the client.

#### **Concrete Removal and Replacement at Pier Location**

- Cut existing slab 30" x 30" where applicable remove and replace existing concrete up to 6" thick.



# MANOMETER SURVEY

<b>G</b> Gorian & Associates, Inc. <i>Applied Earth Sciences</i>	
Job No: 2646-FM-0-101	Date: Jan. 2024
Scale: 1" = 10'	Drawn by: Steve Fuess
<b>PLATE 1</b>	

Legend	
PP Push Pier	

## Explanation

- 1.0 SlabContour (inches)
- Approximate Manometer Location

## 1ST FLOOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN



**CONTRACT FOR**

**Bid # 2025-02-10 District Office Stabilization Project**

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**THIS CONTRACT** is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ ("Contract"), by and between \_\_\_\_\_ ("Contractor") and **Sulphur Springs Union School District** ("District"). Contractor and District may be referred to herein individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

1. **Contract Price & Services.** After the District has issued a Notice to Proceed, the Contractor shall furnish to the District for a total price of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) ("Contract Price"), the following repairs, maintenance or construction services ("Services" or "Work"):

**See Exhibit A – Scope of Work**

2. **Payment.** Payment for the Work shall be made in accordance with the Terms and Conditions attached hereto.
3. **Site.** Contractor shall perform the Work at 27000 Weyerhaeuser Way, Santa Clarita, CA 91351 ("Premises" or "Site"). The Project is the scope of Work performed at the Site.
4. **Contract Time & Liquidated Damages.** Work shall be completed by August 1st, 20 25. Contractor agrees that if the Work is not completed within the Contract Time and/or pursuant to the completion schedule, construction schedule, or project milestones developed pursuant to provisions of the Contract, it is understood, acknowledged, and agreed that the District will suffer damage which is not capable of being calculated. Pursuant to Government Code section 53069.85, Contractor shall pay to the District, as fixed and liquidated damages for these incalculable damages, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,000.00) per day for each and every calendar day of delay beyond the Contract Time or beyond any completion schedule, construction schedule, or Project milestones established pursuant to the Contract.
5. **Bonds & Insurance.**
- a. **Payment Bond & Performance Bond:** Contractor shall not commence the Work until it has provided to the District, a Payment (Labor and Material) Bond and a Performance Bond, in the forms attached hereto, each in an amount equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price issued by a surety admitted to issue bonds in the State of California and otherwise acceptable to the District.
- b. **Insurance:** Contractor shall have and maintain in force during the term of this Contract, with the minimum indicated limits, the following insurance:

<b>Commercial General Liability</b> , with Products and Completed Operations Coverage	\$2,000,000 per occurrence; \$4,000,000 aggregate
<b>Automobile Liability, Any Auto</b> , Combined Single Limit	\$2,000,000 per occurrence; \$4,000,000 aggregate
<b>Workers Compensation</b>	Statutory limits pursuant to State law
<b>Employers' Liability</b>	\$1,000,000
<b>Builder's Risk (Course of Construction)</b>	Issued for the value and scope of work.

Contractor shall provide to the District certificate(s) of insurance and endorsements satisfactory to the District. The policy(ies) shall not be amended or modified and the coverage amounts shall not be reduced without thirty (30) days written notice to the District prior to cancellation. Except for worker's compensation insurance, the District, the Architect, and the Project Manager shall be named as an additional insured on all policies. Contractor's policy(ies) shall be primary; any insurance carried by the District shall only be secondary and supplemental. Contractor shall not allow

any subcontractor, employee, or agent to commence Work on this Contract or any subcontract until the insurance required of Contractor, subcontractor, or agent has been obtained.

6. **Terms & Conditions.** The Contractor agrees to comply with the Terms and Conditions.
7. **Contract Documents.** The Contract Documents include only the following documents, as indicated:

_____ Bid Form and Proposal	_____ Drug-Free Workplace Certification
_____ Bid Bond	_____ Lead-Product(s) Certification
_____ Notice to Proceed	_____ Roofing Contract Financial Interest Certification
_____ Terms and Conditions to Contract	_____ Insurance Certificates and Endorsements
_____ Noncollusion Declaration	_____ Performance Bond
_____ Prevailing Wage Certification	_____ Payment Bond
_____ Workers' Compensation Certification	_____ Exhibit A ("Scope of Work")
_____ Criminal Background Investigation Certification	_____ Plans
_____ Asbestos & Other Hazardous Materials Certification	_____ Work Specifications
_____ Tobacco-Free Certification	_____ [Other]

8. **Notice.** Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given, served, and received if given in writing and either personally delivered or sent by overnight delivery service addressed as follows:

Sulphur Springs Union School District  
27000 Weyerhaeuser Way  
Santa Clarita, CA 91351  
Attn: Dr. Josh Randall

**Contractor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Attn:** \_\_\_\_\_

Any notice personally given shall be effective upon receipt. Any notice sent by overnight delivery service shall be effective the business day next following delivery thereof to the overnight delivery service.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED on the date indicated below. By signing this Contract, Contractor certifies, under penalty of perjury, that all the information provided in the Contract Documents is true, complete, and correct:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

**Sulphur Springs Union School District**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Contractor**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Information regarding Contractor:**

Type of Business Entity:

- ☐ Individual  
☐ Sole Proprietorship  
☐ Partnership  
☐ Limited Partnership  
☐ Corporation  
☐ Limited Liability Company  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Identification and/or Social Security Number

**NOTE: United States Code, title 26, sections 6041 and 6109 require non-corporate recipients of \$600 or more to furnish their taxpayer identification number to the payer. The United States Code also provides that a penalty may be imposed for failure to furnish the taxpayer identification number. In order to comply with these rules, the District requires your federal tax identification number or Social Security number, whichever is applicable.**

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO CONTRACT

**1. NOTICE TO PROCEED:** District shall provide a Notice to Proceed to Contractor pursuant to the Contract at which time Contractor shall proceed with the Work.

**2. SITE EXAMINATION:** Contractor has examined the Site and certifies that it accepts all measurements, specifications and conditions affecting the Work to be performed at the Site. By submitting its quote, Contractor warrants that it has made all Site examination(s) that it deems necessary as to the condition of the Site, its accessibility for materials, workers and utilities, and Contractor's ability to protect existing surface and subsurface improvements. No claim for allowance of time or money will be allowed as to any other undiscovered condition on the Site.

**3. EQUIPMENT AND LABOR:** The Contractor shall furnish all tools, equipment, apparatus, facilities, transportation, labor, and material necessary to furnish the Services, the Services to be performed at such times and places as directed by and subject to the approval of the authorized District representative indicated in the Work specifications attached hereto.

**4. SUBCONTRACTORS:** Contractor shall comply with the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act (Public Contract Code, section 4100 et. seq.) Contractor shall identify by name and location of the place of business of each subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render service in or about the construction of the Project in an amount in excess of one-half of 1 percent of the Contractor's contract price or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) whichever is greater. Subcontractors, if any, engaged by the Contractor for any Service or Work under this Contract shall be subject to the approval of the District. Contractor agrees to bind every subcontractor by the terms of the Contract as far as such terms are applicable to subcontractor's work, including, without limitation, all indemnification, insurance, bond, and warranty requirements. If Contractor subcontracts any part of this Contract, Contractor shall be fully responsible to the District for acts and omissions of its subcontractor and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by itself. Nothing contained in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual relations between any subcontractor and the District.

**5. TERMINATION:** If Contractor fails to perform the Services and Contractor's duties to the satisfaction of the District, or if Contractor fails to fulfill in a timely and professional manner Contractor's obligations under this Contract, or if Contractor violates any of the Terms or Provisions of this Contract, the District shall have the right to terminate this Contract effective immediately upon the District giving written notice thereof to the Contractor. District shall also have the right in its sole discretion to terminate the Contract for its own convenience. Termination shall have no effect upon any of the rights and obligations of the parties arising out of any transaction occurring prior to the effective date of termination. Upon termination, Contractor shall provide the District with all documents produced maintained or collected by Contractor pursuant to this Contract, whether or not such documents are final or draft documents.

**6. SAFETY AND SECURITY:** Contractor is responsible for maintaining safety in the performance of this Contract. Contractor shall be responsible for complying with the District's the rules and regulations pertaining to safety, security, and driving on school

grounds, particularly when children are present.

**7. CHANGE IN SCOPE OF WORK:** Any change in the scope of the Work, method of performance, nature of materials or price thereof, or any other matter materially affecting the performance or nature of the Work shall not be paid for or accepted by District unless such change, addition, or deletion is approved in advance and in writing by a valid change order executed by the District. Contractor specifically understands, acknowledges, and agrees that the District shall have the right to request any alterations, deviations, reductions, or additions to the Project or Work, and the cost thereof shall be added to or deducted from the amount of the Contract Price by fair and reasonable valuations. Contractor also agrees to provide the District with all information requested to substantiate the cost of any change order and to inform the District whether the Work will be done by the Contractor or a subcontractor. In addition to any other information requested, Contractor shall submit, prior to approval of any change order, its request for a time extension (if any), as well as all information necessary to substantiate Contractor's belief that such change will delay the completion of the Work. If Contractor fails to submit its request for a time extension or the necessary supporting information, it shall be deemed to have waived its right to request such extension.

**8. TRENCH SHORING:** If this Contract is in excess of \$25,000 and is for the excavation of any trench deeper than five (5) feet, Contractor must submit and obtain District's approval and acceptance, in advance of excavation, of a detailed plan showing the design of shoring, bracing, sloping, or other provisions to be made for worker protection from the hazard of caving ground during the excavation of such trench or trenches. If the plan varies from the shoring system standards, the plan shall be prepared by a registered civil or structural engineer.

**9. EXCAVATIONS OVER FOUR FEET:** If this Contract includes excavations over four (4) feet, Contractor shall promptly, and before the following conditions are disturbed, notify the District, in writing, of any: (1) Material that the Contractor believes may be material that is hazardous waste, as defined in Section 25117 of the Health and Safety Code, that is required to be removed to a Class I, Class II, or Class III disposal site in accordance with provisions of existing law; (2) Subsurface or latent physical conditions at the Site differing from those indicated; or (3) Unknown physical conditions at the Site of any unusual nature, different materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in the Contract. The District shall promptly investigate the conditions, and if it finds that the conditions do materially so differ, or do involve hazardous waste, and cause a decrease or increase in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the Work shall issue a change order under the procedures described in the Contract. In the event that a dispute arises between the District and the Contractor regarding whether the conditions materially differ, or involve hazardous waste, or cause a decrease or increase in the Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the work, the Contractor shall not be excused from any scheduled completion date provided for by the Contract, but shall proceed with all Work. Contractor shall retain any and all rights

provided either by Contract or by law which pertain to the resolution of disputes and protests between the contracting parties.

**10. LEAD-BASED PAINT:** Pursuant to the Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act (Education Code Section 32240 et seq.) and other applicable law, no lead-based paint, lead plumbing and solders, or other potential sources of lead contamination shall be utilized on this Project, and only trained and state-certified contractors, inspectors and workers shall undertake any action to abate existing risk factors for lead. Contractor must execute the Lead-Based Paint Certification, if applicable.

**11. WORKERS:** Contractor shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among its employees and the employees of its subcontractors and shall not employ or work any unfit person or anyone not skilled in work assigned to him or her. Any person in the employ of the Contractor or a subcontractor whom the District may deem incompetent or unfit shall be dismissed from the Site and shall not again be employed at Site without written consent from the District.

**12. DRUG-FREE / TOBACCO FREE / SMOKE FREE POLICY:** No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and/or smoking are allowed at any time in any buildings and/or grounds on District property. No students, staff, visitors, consultants or contractors are to use drugs on these sites.

**13. FINGERPRINTING:** Contractor shall comply at all times with the provisions of Education Code section 45125.2 regarding the submission of employee fingerprints to the California Department of Justice and the completion of criminal background investigations of its employees, its subcontractor(s), and its subcontractors' employees. Verification of compliance with this section shall be provided in writing to the District prior to each individual's commencement of employment or performing any portion of the Services and prior to permitting contact with any student.

**14. CORRECTION OF ERRORS:** Contractor shall perform, at its own cost and expense and without reimbursement from the District, any work necessary to correct errors or omissions which are caused by the Contractor's failure to comply with the standard of care required herein.

**15. FAILURE TO PERFORM.** If the District at any time believes that the Contractor is behind schedule, is failing to construct the Project pursuant to the Contract Documents or is otherwise failing to perform any provisions of this Contract, the District, after FORTY-EIGHT (48) hours written notice to the Contractor, may take any action necessary or beneficial to the District to complete the Project, takeover the Work of the Contract, terminate or suspend the Contract as indicated herein, or any combination or portion of those actions. The Contractor shall be liable to the District for any cost incurred by the District in those actions and the District has the right to deduct the cost thereof from any payment then or thereafter due the Contractor.

**16. SUBSTITUTIONS:** No substitutions of material from those specified in the Work Specifications shall be made without the prior written approval of the District.

**17. CONTRACTOR SUPERVISION:** Contractor shall provide competent supervision of personnel employed on the job Site, use of equipment, and quality of workmanship,

**18. CLEAN UP:** Debris shall be removed from the Premises. The Site shall be in order at all times when work is not actually being performed and shall be maintained in a reasonably clean condition.

**19. ACCESS TO WORK:** District representatives shall at all time have

access to the Work wherever it is in preparation or in progress. Contractor shall provide safe and proper facilities for such access.

**20. PROTECTION OF WORK AND PROPERTY:** Contractor shall erect and properly maintain at all times, as required by conditions and progress of the Work, all necessary safeguards, signs, barriers, lights, and security persons for protection of workers and the public, and shall post danger signs warning against hazards created by the Work. In an emergency affecting life and safety of life or of Work or of adjoining property, Contractor, without special instruction or authorization from District, is permitted to act at his discretion to prevent such threatened loss or injury.

**21. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** Contractor shall not assign or transfer in any way any or all of its rights, burdens, duties, or obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of the District.

**22. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE:** Time is of the essence in the performance of and compliance with each of the provisions and conditions of this Contract.

**23. OCCUPANCY:** District reserves the right to occupy buildings at any time before formal Contract completion and such occupancy shall not constitute final acceptance or approval of any part of the Work covered by this Contract, nor shall such occupancy extend the date specified for completion of the Work.

**24. FORCE MAJEURE CLAUSE:** Contractor shall be excused from performance hereunder during the time and to the extent that it is prevented from obtaining delivery, or performing by act of God, fire, strike, loss, or shortage of transportation facilities, lock-out, commandeering of materials, product, plant, or facilities by the government, when satisfactory evidence thereof is presented to the District, provided that it is satisfactorily established that the non-performance is not due to the fault or neglect of Contractor.

**25. INDEMNIFICATION / HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE:** To the furthest extent permitted by California law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold free and harmless the District, its agents, representatives, officers, Contractors, employees, trustees, and volunteers ("the indemnified parties") from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage or injury of any kind, in law or equity, including without limitation the payment of all consequential damages, arising out of, pertaining to or relating to, in whole or in part, the negligence, recklessness, errors or omissions, or willful misconduct of Contractor, its officials, officers, employees, subcontractors, Contractors, or agents directly or indirectly arising out of, connected with, or resulting from the performance of the Services or from any activity, work, or thing done, permitted, or suffered by the Contractor in conjunction with this Contract, unless the claims are caused wholly by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnified parties. The District shall have the right to accept or reject any legal representation that Contractor proposes to defend the indemnified parties.

**26. PAYMENT:** On a monthly basis, Contractor shall submit an application for payment based upon the estimated value for materials delivered or services performed under the Contract as of the date of submission ("Application for Payment"). Within thirty (30) days after District's approval of the Application for Payment, Contractor shall be paid a sum equal to ninety-five percent (95%) of the value of the Work performed (as verified by Architect and Inspector and certified by Contractor) up to the last day of the

previous month, less the aggregate of previous payments and amount to be withheld. The District may deduct from any payment an amount necessary to protect the District from loss because of: (1) liquidated damages which have accrued as of the date of the application for payment; (2) any sums expended by the District in performing any of Contractor's obligations under the Contract which Contractor has failed to perform or has performed inadequately; (3) defective Work not remedied; (4) stop notices as allowed by state law; (5) reasonable doubt that the Work can be completed for the unpaid balance of the Total Contract price or by the scheduled completion date; (6) unsatisfactory prosecution of the Work by Contractor; (7) unauthorized deviations from the Contract; (8) failure of the Contractor to maintain or submit on a timely basis proper and sufficient documentation as required by the Contract or by District during the prosecution of the Work; (9) erroneous or false estimates by the Contractor of the value of the Work performed; (10) any sums representing expenses, losses, or damages, as determined by the District, incurred by the District for which Contractor is liable under the Contract; and (11) any other sums which the District is entitled to recover from Contractor under the terms of the Contract or pursuant to state law, including section 1727 of the California Labor Code. The failure by the District to deduct any of these sums from a progress payment shall not constitute a waiver of the District's right to such sums. The District shall retain five percent (5%) from all amounts owing as retention. Retention shall be paid pursuant to Public Contract Code sections 7107 and 7200.

**27. PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Contractor and all of its employees, agents, and subcontractors shall secure and maintain in force, at Contractor's sole cost and expense, all licenses and permits as are required by law, in connection with the furnishing of materials, supplies, or Services herein listed.

**28. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS:** While engaged in carrying out the Services of this Contract, the Contractor is an independent contractor, and not an officer, employee, agent, partner, or joint venture of the District. Contractor shall be solely responsible for its own Worker's Compensation insurance, taxes, and other similar charges or obligations. Contractor shall be liable for its own actions, including its negligence or gross negligence, and shall be liable for the acts, omissions, or errors of its agents or employees.

**29. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** It is the policy of the District that in connection with all work performed under contracts there be no discrimination against any employee engaged in the work because of race, color, ancestry, national origin, or religious creed, and therefore the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal and California laws including, but not limited to the California Fair Employment Practice Act beginning with Government Code Section 12900 and Labor Code Section 1735. In addition, the Contractor agrees to require like compliance by all its subcontractor(s).

**30. DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES:** Section 17076.11 of the Education Code requires school districts using funds allocated pursuant to the State of California School Facility Program for the construction or modernization of a school building (SFP Funds) to have a participation of at least three percent (3%), per year, of the overall dollar amount expended each year by the school district, for disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBE). If this Contract uses School Facilities Program Funds, Contractor must submit, with its

executed Contract, appropriate documentation to the District identifying the steps Contractor has taken to solicit DVBE participation in conjunction with this Contract.

**31. WARRANTY/QUALITY:** Unless a longer warranty is called for elsewhere in the Contract, Contractor, manufacturer, or their assigned agents shall guarantee the workmanship, product or Services performed against defective workmanship, defects or failures of materials for a minimum period of one (1) year from District's written approval of the Work. All workmanship and merchandise must be warranted to be in compliance with applicable California energy, conservation, environmental, and educational standards.

**32. CONFIDENTIALITY:** Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all information, documents, programs, procedures, and all other items that Contractor encounters while performing the Contractor's Services to the extent allowed by law. This requirement shall be ongoing and shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract and specifically includes all student, parent, and disciplinary information.

**33. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:** Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinance, rules and regulations bearing on conduct of the Work as indicated or specified. If Contractor observes that any of the Work required by this Contract is at variance with any such laws, ordinance, rules or regulations, Contractor shall notify the District, in writing, and, at the sole option of the District, any necessary changes to the scope of the Work shall be made and this Contract shall be appropriately amended in writing, or this Contract shall be terminated effective upon Contractor's receipt of a written termination notice from the District. If Contractor performs any work that is in violation of any laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, without first notifying the District of the violation, Contractor shall bear all costs arising therefrom.

**34. DISPUTES/CLAIMS:** Public Contract Code § 9204. Claims between the District and the Contractor shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures established in Public Contract Code § 9204.

- Claim. The term "Claim" means a written demand by the Contractor sent by registered mail or certified mail with return receipt requested for:

- (1) An extension of the Contract Time, including relief from damages or penalties assessed by the District for delay;
- (2) Payment of money or damages arising from work done by, or on behalf of, the Contractor pursuant to the Contract and payment that is not otherwise expressly provided for in the Contract Documents or to which the Contractor is not otherwise entitled; or
- (3) Payment of an amount that is disputed by the District.

- Submission of Claim. A Claim arises upon the District's rejection of a request by the Contractor for a Change Order. The Contractor shall submit the Claim by registered mail or certified mail with return receipt requested to the District's Director of construction and Modernization, with a copy to the Project Manager/Construction Manager. The Contractor shall submit its Claim in writing, together with all Supporting Documentation no later than the earlier of either: (1) thirty (30) days after the date the Claim arises; or (2) sixty (60) days after the date of Completion. It is the intent of the District to

evaluate and resolve Claims with the Contractor as close to the events giving rise to such Claims as possible and to avoid stale or late Claims, including late notice and documenting of Claims, and to timely mitigate the issue, event, condition, circumstance and/or cause of the Claim and any adverse impacts or damages related thereto. Should the Contractor fail to submit a Claim by the deadline set forth in this Article, Contractor waives and releases such Claim, including all rights and remedies in connection therewith.

▪ Contents of Claim. A Claim must include all Supporting Documentation and a statement identifying it as a Claim signed by an authorized agent or officer of the Contractor under penalty of perjury and including the following language immediately above or before the Contractor's signature: "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided and statements made in this Claim are true and correct, substantiated and of merit." The Contractor recognizes and acknowledges that this requirement is not a mere formality but is intended to ensure that the Contractor only submits Claims that it believes are true and correct, substantiated and have merit. Should Contractor fail to submit the foregoing written statement signed under penalty of perjury, Contractor waives and releases its Claim, including all rights and remedies in connection thereto.

▪ Subcontractor Claims. Pursuant to Public Contract Code § 9204(d)(5), a Subcontractor may request in writing, either on its own behalf or on behalf of a lower tier Subcontractor, that the Contractor submit to the District a claim for work which was performed by the Subcontractor or by a lower tier Subcontractor on behalf of the Subcontractor. The Subcontractor requesting that the claim be submitted to the District shall furnish reasonable documentation to support the claim. Regardless of whether or not the Contractor decides to submit the Subcontractor's claim to the District, Contractor shall provide a copy of the Subcontractor's written request, including all supporting documentation, to the Project Manager/Construction Manager within ten (10) days of Contractor's receipt of the request. In the event the Contractor agrees to submit a Subcontractor's claim to the District, the Contractor shall submit such claim as a request for a Change Order, unless such claim was previously submitted to the District as a request for a Change Order. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the Subcontractor's written request, the Contractor shall notify the Subcontractor in writing as to whether the Contractor submitted the claim to the District and, if the Contractor did not submit the claim, the Contractor shall provide the Subcontractor with a written statement of the reasons for not having done so and shall concurrently provide a copy of such written statement to the Project Manager/Construction Manager. In the event the Contractor includes supporting documentation with such written statement, the Contractor shall concurrently provide a copy of such supporting documentation to the Project Manager/Construction Manager. If the Contractor submits a Claim on behalf of a Subcontractor, the Claim shall include a statement in writing and signed by an authorized agent or officer of the Contractor under penalty of perjury that includes the following language immediately above or before the

Contractor's signature: "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that [insert name of Contractor] has thoroughly evaluated the claim of [insert name of Subcontractor] and determined that the information provided and statements made in the claim are true and correct, substantiated and of merit."

▪ District Review of Claim. Upon receipt of a Claim, the District shall review the Claim and, within a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days, shall provide Contractor a written statement identifying what portion of the Claim is disputed and what portion is undisputed. Upon receipt of a Claim, the District and the Contractor may, by mutual written agreement, extend the forty-five (45) day time period. The District shall process and make payment of any undisputed portion of a Claim within sixty (60) days after the District issues its written statement. Failure by the District to provide a written statement in response to a Claim from the Contractor within the forty-five (45) day time period, or within an agreed upon extended time period, shall result in the Claim being deemed rejected in its entirety. A Claim that is rejected by reason of the District's failure to respond, or failure to timely respond, to the Claim shall not constitute an adverse finding regarding the merits of the Claim or the claimant's responsibility or qualifications.

▪ Meet and Confer Meeting. If the Contractor disputes the District's written response, or if the District fails to respond within the time frame prescribed above, the Contractor, within fifteen (15) days of the District's written response or, if the District fails to respond, within fifteen (15) days after the District's response was due, may demand, in a writing sent to the District's Superintendent by registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested, with a copy to the District's Director of Construction and Modernization, and Project Manager/Construction Manager, an informal conference to meet and confer for settlement of the issues in dispute. The District shall schedule a meet and confer conference within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the Contractor's written demand.

▪ Mediation. Within ten (10) business days following the conclusion of the meet and confer conference, if the Claim or any portion of the Claim remains in dispute, the District shall provide the Contractor a written statement identifying the portion of the Claim that remains in dispute and the portion that is undisputed. Any payment due on an undisputed portion of the Claim shall be processed and made within sixty (60) days after the District issues its written statement. Any disputed portion of the Claim, as identified by the Contractor in writing, shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation. The expenses and fees of the mediator and the administrative fees shall be divided among the parties equally. Each party shall pay its own legal fees, witness fees, and other expenses. The District and the Contractor shall mutually agree to a mediator within ten (10) business days after the disputed portion of the Claim has been identified in writing. If the parties cannot agree upon a mediator, each party shall select a mediator and those mediators shall select a qualified neutral third party to mediate with regard to the disputed portion of the Claim. Each party shall bear the fees and costs charged by its respective mediator in connection with the selection of the neutral mediator. The

foregoing notwithstanding, pursuant to Public Contract Code § 9204(f), the parties may mutually agree in writing to waive mediation.

- Pending resolution of the dispute, Contractor agrees it will neither rescind the Contract nor stop the progress of the Work, but will allow determination by the court of the State of California, in the county in which the District's administration office is located, having competent jurisdiction of the dispute.
- Nothing in this Article shall prevent the Parties from resolving any disputes or claims pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20104, et seq., if applicable.
- Nothing in this Contract, waives, modifies or tolls the Contractor's obligation to present a timely claim under Government Code § 910, et seq. Therefore, in addition to complying with the contractual Claims procedures, the Contractor is required to present claims to the District pursuant to Government Code § 910, et seq.

**35. LABOR CODE REQUIREMENTS:** Provided that the Contract Price is more than \$1,000, and the Work is a "public works" under the Labor Code, the parties agree as follows:

- The Work is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.
- District hereby provides notice of the requirements described in Labor Code § 1771.1(a) that a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code § 1725.5.
- Contractor acknowledges that all or a portion of the Services under this Contract are a public work, and that it and its subcontractors have complied with Labor Code § 1725.5, including, without limitation, the registration requirements thereof.
- Contractor shall post all required job site notices and shall comply with all applicable requirements prescribed thereby, including but not limited to Labor Code § 1771.4.
- Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Labor Code, Division 3, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1-5, including, without limitation, the payment of the general prevailing per diem wage rates for public work projects of more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- Copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file with the District.
- Contractor and each subcontractor shall comply with Chapter 1 of Division 2, Part 7 of the Labor Code, beginning with § 1720, and including §§ 1735, 1777.5 and 1777.6, forbidding discrimination, and §§ 1776, 1777.5 and 1777.6 concerning the employment of apprentices by Contractor or subcontractors. Willful failure to comply may result in penalties, including loss of the right to bid on or receive public works contracts. Contractor shall comply with Labor Code § 1777.5 pertaining to prevailing wage compensation to apprentices for preemployment activities.

**36. PAYROLL RECORDS:** Contractor and its subcontractor(s) shall keep accurate certified payroll records of employees and make

them available to the District immediately upon request.

**37. AUDIT:** Contractor shall establish and maintain books, records, and systems of account, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, reflecting all business operations of Contractor transacted under this Contract. Contractor shall retain these books, records, and systems of account during the Term of this Contract. Contractor shall permit the District, its agent, other representatives, or an independent auditor to audit, examine, and make excerpts, copies, and transcripts from all books and records, and to make audit(s) of all billing statements, invoices, records, and other data related to the Services covered by this Contract. Audit(s) may be performed at any time, provided that the District shall give reasonable prior notice to Contractor and shall conduct audit(s) during Contractor's normal business hours, unless Contractor otherwise consents.

**38. ANTI-TRUST CLAIM:** Contractor and its subcontractor(s) agree to assign to the District all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action they may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 16700) of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the Contract or a subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the District tenders final payment to the Contractor, without further acknowledgment by the Parties.

**39. GOVERNING LAW:** This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California with venue of any action in the county in which the District's administration office is located.

**40. PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW DEEMED INSERTED:** Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this Contract shall be deemed to be inserted herein and this Contract shall be read and enforced as though it were included therein.

**41. BINDING CONTRACT:** This Contract shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and upon their successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their successors and assigns.

**42. DISTRICT WAIVER:** District's waiver of any term, condition, covenant or waiver of a breach of any term, condition or covenant shall not constitute the waiver of any other term, condition or covenant or the waiver of a breach of any other term, condition or covenant.

**43. INVALID TERM:** If any provision of this Contract is declared or determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the legality, validity or enforceability of the remaining parts, terms and provisions shall not be affected thereby, and said illegal, unenforceable or invalid part, term or provision will be deemed not to be a part of this Contract.

**44. ENTIRE CONTRACT:** This Contract sets forth the entire Contract between the Parties hereto and fully supersedes any and all prior agreements, understanding, written or oral, between the Parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter thereof. This Contract may be modified only by a writing evidencing the Parties' mutual consent.

### **PREVAILING WAGE CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I will conform to the State of California Public Works Contract requirements regarding prevailing wages, benefits, on-site audits with 48-hours notice, payroll records, and apprentice and trainee employment requirements, for all Work on the above Project.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION CERTIFICATION**

Labor Code section 3700 in relevant part provides:

Every employer except the State shall secure the payment of compensation in one or more of the following ways:

- a. By being insured against liability to pay compensation by one or more insurers duly authorized to write compensation insurance in this state.
- b. By securing from the Director of Industrial Relations a certificate of consent to self-insure, which may be given upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the Director of Industrial Relations of ability to self-insure and to pay any compensation that may become due to his employees.

I am aware of the provisions of section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Work of this Contract.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

(In accordance with Article 5 - commencing at section 1860, chapter 1, part 7, division 2 of the Labor Code, the above certificate must be signed and filed with the awarding body prior to performing any Work under this Contract.)

**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION /FINGERPRINTING CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned does hereby certify to the governing board of the District that (1) he/she is a representative of the Contractor, (2) he/she is familiar with the facts herein certified, (3) he/she is authorized and qualified to execute this certificate on behalf of Contractor; and (4) that the following is true and correct:

1. **Education Code.** Contractor has taken at least one of the following actions with respect to the Project (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ The Contractor has complied with the fingerprinting requirements of Education Code section 45125.1 with respect to all Contractor's employees and all of its subcontractors' employees who may have contact with District pupils in the course of providing services pursuant to the Contract, and the California Department of Justice has determined that none of those employees has been convicted of a felony, as that term is defined in Education Code section 45122.1. A complete and accurate list of Contractor's employees and of all of its subcontractors' employees who may come in contact with District pupils during the course and scope of the Contract is attached hereto; and/or

\_\_\_\_\_ Pursuant to Education Code section 45125.2, Contractor has installed or will install, prior to commencement of work, a physical barrier at the Project site, that will limit contact between Contractor's employees and District pupils at all times; and/or

\_\_\_\_\_ Pursuant to Education Code section 45125.2, Contractor certifies that all employees will be under the continual supervision of, and monitored by, an employee of the Contractor who the California Department of Justice has ascertained has not been convicted of a violent or serious felony. The name and title of the employee who will be supervising Contractor's employees and its subcontractors' employees is:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The Work on the Contract is at an unoccupied school site and no employee and/or subcontractor or supplier of any tier of Contract shall come in contact with the District pupils.

2. **Megan's Law (Sex Offenders).** I have verified and will continue to verify that the employees of Contractor that will be on the Project site and the employees of the Subcontractor(s) that will be on the Project site are **not** listed on California's "Megan's Law" Website (<http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/>).

Contractor's responsibility for background clearance extends to all of its employees, subcontractors, and employees of subcontractors coming into contact with District pupils regardless of whether they are designated as employees or acting as independent contractors of the Contractor.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**ASBESTOS & OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CERTIFICATION**

Contractor hereby certifies that no Asbestos, or Asbestos-Containing Materials, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), or any material listed by the federal or state Environmental Protection Agency or federal or state health agencies as a hazardous material, or any other material defined as being hazardous under federal or state laws, rules, or regulations "New Material Hazardous", shall be furnished, installed, or incorporated in any way into the Project or in any tools, devices, clothing, or equipment used to affect any portion of Contractor's work on the Project for District.

Contractor further certifies that it has instructed its employees with respect to the above-mentioned standards, hazards, risks, and liabilities.

Asbestos and/or asbestos-containing material shall be defined as all items containing but not limited to chrysotile, crocidolite, amosite, anthophyllite, tremolite, and actinolite. Any or all material containing greater than one-tenth of one percent (.1%) asbestos shall be defined as asbestos-containing material.

Any disputes involving the question of whether or not material is New Hazardous Material shall be settled by electron microscopy or other appropriate and recognized testing procedure, at the District's determination. The costs of any such tests shall be paid by Contractor if the material is found to be New Hazardous Material.

All Work or materials found to be New Hazardous Material or Work or material installed with "New Hazardous Material" containing equipment will be immediately rejected and this Work will be removed at Contractor's expense at no additional cost to the District.

Contractor has read and understood the document Hazardous Materials Procedures & Requirements, and shall comply with all the provisions outlined therein.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT CERTIFICATION**

PROJECT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ between **Sulphur Springs Union School District** (the “District” or the “Owner”) and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (the “Contractor” or the “Bidder”) \_\_\_\_\_, (the “Contract” or the “Project”).

This Tobacco-Free Environment Certification form is required from the successful Bidder.

Pursuant to, without limitation, 20 U.S.C section 6083, Labor Code section 6400 et seq., Health & Safety Code section 104350 et seq. and District Board Policies, all District sites, including the Project site, are tobacco-free environments. Smoking and the use of tobacco products by all persons is prohibited on or in District property. District property includes school buildings, school grounds, school owned vehicles and vehicles owned by others while on District property.

I acknowledge that I am aware of the District’s policy regarding tobacco-free environments at District sites, including the Project site and hereby certify that I will adhere to the requirements of that policy and not permit any of my firm’s employees, agents, subcontractors, or my firm’s subcontractors’ employees or agents to use tobacco and/or smoke on the Project site.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION**

PROJECT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ between **Sulphur Springs Union School District** (the "District" or the "Owner") and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Contractor" or "Bidder") \_\_\_\_\_, (the "Contract" or the "Project").

This Drug-Free Workplace Certification form is required from the successful Bidder pursuant to Government Code section 8350 et seq., the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990. The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 requires that every person or organization awarded a contract or grant for the procurement of any property or service from any state agency must certify that it will provide a drug-free workplace by doing certain specified acts. In addition, the Act provides that each contract or grant awarded by a state agency may be subject to suspension of payments or termination of the contract or grant, and the contractor or grantee may be subject to debarment from future contracting, if the contracting agency determines that specified acts have occurred.

The District is not a "state agency" as defined in the applicable section(s) of the Government Code, but the District is a local agency and public school district under California law and requires all contractors on District projects to comply with the provisions and requirements of Government Code section 8350 et seq., the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990.

Contractor shall certify that it will provide a drug-free workplace by doing all of the following:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the person's or organization's workplace and specifying actions which will be taken against employees for violations of the prohibition;
2. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about all of the following:
  - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace.
  - b. The person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace.
  - c. The availability of drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee-assistance programs.
  - d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Requiring that each employee engaged in the performance of the contract or grant be given a copy of the statement required above, and that, as a condition of employment on the contract or grant, the employee agrees to abide by the terms of the statement.

I, the undersigned, agree to fulfill the terms and requirements of Government Code section 8355 listed above and will publish a statement notifying employees concerning (a) the prohibition of controlled substance at the workplace, (b) establishing a drug-free awareness program, and (c) requiring that each employee engaged in the performance of the contract be given a copy of the statement required by section 8355(a), and requiring that the employee agree to abide by the terms of that statement.

I also understand that if the District determines that I have either (a) made a false certification herein, or (b) violated this certification by failing to carry out the requirements of section 8355, that the Contract awarded herein is subject to termination, suspension of payments, or both. I further understand that, should I violate the terms of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990, I may be subject to debarment in accordance with the requirements of section 8350 et seq.

I acknowledge that I am aware of the provisions of Government Code section 8350 et seq. and hereby certify that I will adhere to the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

### LEAD-PRODUCT(S) CERTIFICATION

California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (CalOSHA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), California Department of Health Services (DHS), California Department of Education (CDE), and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) regulate lead-containing paint and lead products. Because the Contractor and its employees will be providing services for the District, and because the Contractor's work may disturb lead-containing building materials, **CONTRACTOR IS HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the potential presence of lead-containing materials located within certain buildings utilized by the District. All school buildings built prior to 1993 are presumed to contain some lead-based paint until sampling proves otherwise.

The CDE mandates that school districts utilize DHS lead-certified personnel when a lead-based hazard is identified. Examples of lead-certified personnel include: project designers, inspectors, and abatement workers. Furthermore, since it is assumed by the district that all painted surfaces (interior as well as exterior) within the District contain some level of lead, it is imperative that the Contractor, its workers and subcontractors fully and adequately comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations governing lead-based materials **(Including Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Section 1532.1)**. Any and all Work which may result in the disturbance of lead-containing building materials must be coordinated through the District.

The California Education Code also prohibits the use or import of lead-containing paint, lead plumbing and solders, or other potential sources of lead contamination in the construction of any new school facility or in the modernization or renovation of any existing school facility. The Contractor shall provide the District with any sample results prior to beginning Work, during the Work, and after the completion of the Work. The District may request to examine, prior to the commencement of the Work, the lead training records of each employee of the Contractor.

If failure to comply with these laws, rules, and regulations results in a site or worker contamination, the Contractor will be held solely responsible for all costs involved in any required corrective actions, and shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the District, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of the Contract, for all damages and other claims arising therefrom. If lead disturbance is anticipated in the Work, only persons with appropriate accreditation, registrations, licenses and training shall conduct this Work.

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to properly dispose of any and all waste products, including but not limited to, paint chips, any collected residue, or any other visual material that may occur from the prepping of any painted surface. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide the proper disposal of any hazardous waste by a certified hazardous waste hauler. This company shall be registered with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and shall be able to issue a current manifest number upon transporting any hazardous material from any school site within the District.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT HE OR SHE HAS RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL LEAD-BASED MATERIALS ON THE OWNER'S PROPERTY, AS WELL AS THE EXISTENCE OF APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING WORK WITH, AND DISPOSAL OF, SUCH MATERIALS WITH WHICH IT MUST COMPLY. THE UNDERSIGNED ALSO WARRANTS THAT HE OR SHE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF AND BIND THE CONTRACTOR.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOFING CONTRACT FINANCIAL INTEREST CERTIFICATION (Public Contract Code § 3006)**

PROJECT/CONTRACT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ between **Sulphur Springs Union School District** (the "District" or the "Owner") and \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Contractor" or the "Bidder") (the "Contract" or the "Project").

I, \_\_\_\_\_ **[Your Name]**, \_\_\_\_\_ **[Firm Name]**  
certify that I have not offered, given, or agreed to give, received, accepted, or agreed to accept, any gift, contribution, or any financial incentive whatsoever to or from any person in connection with a roof project contract or subcontract on the Project. As used in this certification, "person" means any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ **[Your Name]**, \_\_\_\_\_ **[Firm Name]**  
certify that I do not have, and throughout the duration of the Contract, I will not have, any financial relationship in connection with the performance of the Contract with any architect, engineer, roofing consultant, materials manufacturer, distributor, or vendor that is not disclosed below.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ **[Your Name]**, \_\_\_\_\_ **[Firm Name]**  
have the following financial relationships with an architect, engineer, roofing consultant, materials manufacturer, distributor, or vendor, or other person in connection with the following roof project contract:

Name of firm ("Firm"): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of branch office used for this Project: \_\_\_\_\_

If subsidiary, name and address of parent company: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Projects without substantive roofing components, check the following box and execute this certification:**

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**The Work on the Contract (1) does not include the replacement or repair of a roof or (2) is a repair of twenty five percent (25%) or less of the roof, (3) or is a repair project that has a total cost of twenty one thousand dollars (\$21,000) or less.**

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the contents of this disclosure are true, or are believed to be true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A ("SCOPE OF WORK")**

**District Office Stabilization Project**

**Scope of Work**

**Project Location:** 27000 Weyerhaeuser Way, Santa Clarita, CA 91351

**Project Timeline:** Start Date: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 End Date: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Product/Scope:** Thirty-Eight (38) PP 288 Push Piers (Galvanized)

(38) Low-Profile Underpinning Bracket w/ 48" Sleeve

(38) PP288 4' Starter Tube

(190) PP288 3' Pier Tube

**Concrete Removal and Replacement at Pier Location**

(38) Remove and Replace Concrete at Pier Location

**All Engineering and Design Fees to be Included in Proposal**

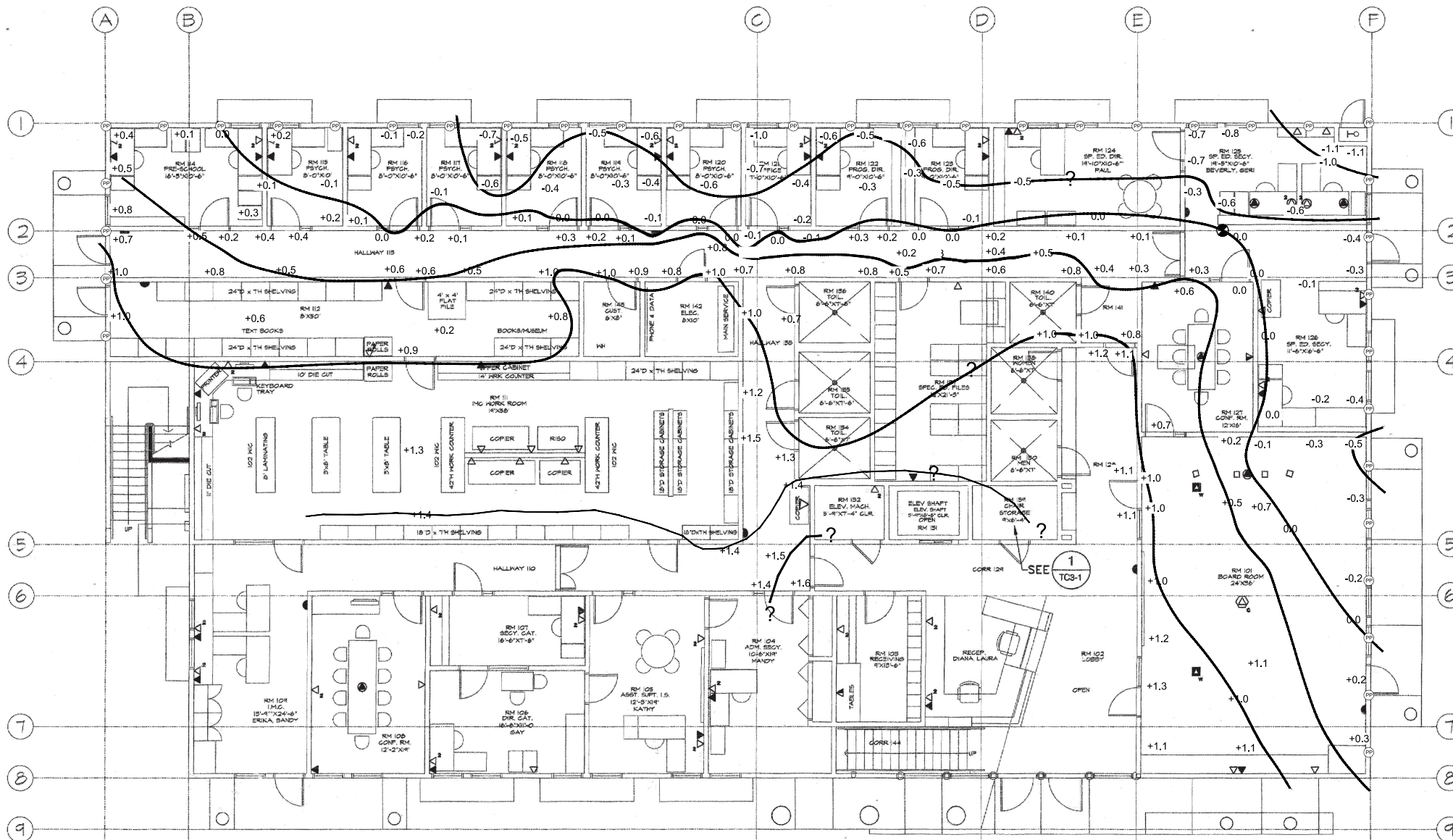
The proposal shall include all labor, materials, equipment and site supervision required to install Push Piers/Concrete Removal and Replacement at Pier Location as specified for the above referenced project.

**Installation:** PP288 Push Piers (Galvanized)

- Excavate to bottom of foundation, clean and prepare footing, install retrofit foundation bracket.
- Hydraulically drive pier sections to an approximate depth of 18 feet, or load bearing strata. Install each pier to the specified design load needed to stabilize/lift the structure.
- Lock the pier system in place and backfill previously excavated soils. Leave the area "landscape ready".
- Monitor and document installation pressures for each pier and provide data to the client.

**Concrete Removal and Replacement at Pier Location**

- Cut existing slab 30" x 30" where applicable remove and replace existing concrete up to 6" thick.



# MANOMETER SURVEY

<b>G</b>	<b>Gorian &amp; Associates, Inc.</b> <i>Applied Earth Sciences</i>
Job No: 2646-FM-0-101	Date: Jan. 2024
Scale: 1" = 10'	Drawn by: Steve Fuess
	<b>PLATE 1</b>

Legend	
PP Push Pier	

## Explanation

- 1.0 Slab Contour (inches)
- Approximate Manometer Location

## 1ST FLOOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN



**PERFORMANCE BOND**

**PERFORMANCE BOND (100% of Contract Price)**

**(Note: Contractors must use this form, NOT a surety company form.)**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:**

**WHEREAS**, the governing board ("Board") of the **Sulphur Springs Union School District** ("District") and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, ("Principal") have entered into a contract for the furnishing of all materials and labor, services and  
transportation, necessary, convenient, and proper to perform the following project:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Project Name)  
("Project" or "Contract")

which Contract dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and all of the Contract Documents attached to or forming a part of the Contract,  
are hereby referred to and made a part hereof, and

**WHEREAS**, said Principal is required under the terms of the Contract to furnish a bond for the faithful performance of the Contract;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Principal and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Surety") are held and firmly bound  
unto the Board of the District in the penal sum of:

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

(\$ \_\_\_\_\_), lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made we bind  
ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, to:

- Perform all the work required to complete the Project; and
- Pay to the District all damages the District incurs as a result of the Principal's failure to perform all the Work required to complete the Project.

The condition of the obligation is such that, if the above bounden Principal, his or its heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, shall in all things stand to and abide by, and well and truly keep and perform the covenants, conditions, and agreements in the Contract and any alteration thereof made as therein provided, on his or its part to be kept and performed at the time and in the intent and meaning, including all contractual guarantees and warranties of materials and workmanship, and shall indemnify and save harmless the District, its trustees, officers and agents, as therein stipulated, then this obligation shall become null and void, otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

As a condition precedent to the satisfactory completion of the Contract, the above obligation shall hold good for a period equal to the warranty and/or guarantee period of the Contract, during which time Surety's obligation shall continue if Contractor shall fail to make full, complete, and satisfactory repair, replace, and totally protect the District from loss or damage resulting from or caused by defective materials or faulty workmanship. The obligations of Surety hereunder shall continue so long as any obligation of Contractor remains. Nothing herein shall limit the District's rights or the Contractor's or Surety's obligations under the Contract, law or equity, including, but not limited to, California Code of Civil Procedure section 337.15.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration, or addition to the terms of the Contract or to the Work to be performed thereunder shall in any way affect its obligation on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration, or addition to the Contract Documents or to the Work.

Any claims under this bond may be addressed to the Surety at the following address. This cannot be the Contractor's broker for this bond, but must be an employee of the Surety or the Surety's legal counsel:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

Fax No.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, two (2) identical counterparts of this instrument, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed an original thereof, have been duly executed by the Principal and Surety above named, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**Principal**

**Surety**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Principal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Surety)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person with Authority)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person with Authority)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of California Agent of Surety)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of California Agent of Surety)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone Number of California Agent of Surety)

Contractor must attach a Notarial Acknowledgment for all Surety's signatures and a Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority for Surety. The California Department of Insurance must authorize the Surety to be an admitted surety insurer.

**PAYMENT BOND**

**PAYMENT BOND -- Contractor's Labor & Material Bond (100% of Contract Price)**

**(Note: Contractors must use this form, NOT a surety company form.)**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:**

**WHEREAS**, the governing board ("Board") of the **Sulphur Springs Union School District** ("District") and \_\_\_\_\_, ("Principal") have entered into a contract for the furnishing of all materials and labor, services and transportation, necessary, convenient, and proper to

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bid # 2025-02-10 District Office Stabilization Project** \_\_\_\_\_ (Project Name)  
("Project" or "Contract")

which Contract dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and all of the Contract Documents attached to or forming a part of the Contract, are hereby referred to and made a part hereof, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to law and the Contract, the Principal is required, before entering upon the performance of the work, to file a good and sufficient bond with the body by which the Contract is awarded in an amount equal to 100 percent (100%) of the Contract price, to secure the claims to which reference is made in sections 3179 through 3214 and 3247 through 3252 of the Civil Code of California, and division 2, part 7, of the Labor Code of California.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Principal and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Surety") are held and firmly bound unto the Board of the District in the penal sum of:

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

(\$ \_\_\_\_\_), lawful money of the United States, being a sum not less than the total amount payable by the terms of Contract, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, jointly and severally, by these presents.

The condition of this obligation is that if the Principal or any of his or its subcontractors, of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns of any, all, or either of them shall fail to pay for any labor, materials, provisions, provender, or other supplies, used in, upon, for or about the performance of the work contracted to be done, or for any work or labor thereon of any kind, or for amounts due under the Unemployment Insurance Act with respect to such work or labor, that the Surety will pay the same in an amount not exceeding the amount herein above set forth, and also in case suit is brought upon this bond, will pay a reasonable attorney's fee to be awarded and fixed by the Court, and to be taxed as costs and to be included in the judgment therein rendered.

It is hereby expressly stipulated and agreed that this bond shall inure to the benefit of any and all persons, companies, and corporations entitled to file claims under sections 3179 through 3214 and 3247 through 3252 of the Civil Code, so as to give a right of action to them or their assigns in any suit brought upon this bond.

Should the condition of this bond be fully performed, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and affect.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration, or addition to the terms of the Contract or to the Work to be performed thereunder shall in any way affect its obligation on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration, or addition to the Contract Documents or to the Work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, two (2) identical counterparts of this instrument, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed an original thereof, have been duly executed by the Principal and Surety above named, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**Principal**

**Surety**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Principal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Surety)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person with Authority)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person with Authority)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of California Agent of Surety)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of California Agent of Surety)

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(Telephone Number of California Agent of Surety)

**Contractor must attach a Notarial Acknowledgment for all Surety's signatures and a Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority for Surety. The California Department of Insurance must authorize the Surety to be an admitted surety insurer.**