

INTRODUCED BY: LARRY COCHRAN, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

ORDINANCE NO. 19-6-2

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a professional service multi-phase project agreement with Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc., for providing all necessary professional engineering services for a project that replaces an existing 30-inch pump with a 48-inch pump at the Schexnaydre Pump Station (P.S.). (Parish Project Number P190502).

WHEREAS, the Schexnaydre P.S. contains three existing pumps; and,
WHEREAS, the current peak flow rate into the Schexnaydre P.S. exceeds the capacity of the three existing pumps; and,
WHEREAS, the Public Works Department desires to replace one existing 30-inch pump with a higher capacity, new 48-inch pump; and,
WHEREAS, the attached agreement between Evans-Graves Engineers describes the proposed engineering services and compensation for the proposed improvements; and,
WHEREAS, the following work phases will be authorized by individual task orders as required for the continuation of the capital improvement project.

- Phase 1: Data Collection and Surveying Coordination
- Phase 2: Preliminary Engineering Design
- Phase 3: Final Engineering Design
- Phase 4: Permitting
- Phase 5: Bidding Phase Services
- Phase 6: Construction Phase Services
- Phase 7: Resident Project Representative Services

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

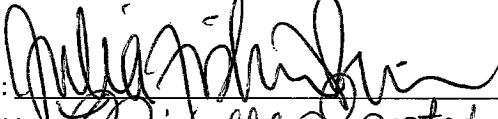
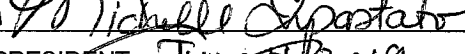
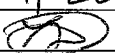
SECTION I. That the Professional Services Agreement between Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc. and St. Charles Parish for services as required and assigned via Task Order by the Department Of Public Works for a project that replaces an existing 30-inch pump with a 48-inch pump at the Schexnaydre Pump Station (P.S.). (Parish Project Number P190502) is hereby approved and accepted.

SECTION II. That the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Professional Services Agreement on behalf of St. Charles Parish.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BENEDETTO, HOGAN, WILSON, CLULEE, GIBBS, WOODRUFF,
BELLOCK, FLETCHER, FISHER-PERRIER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 3rd day of June, 2019, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: 
SECRETARY: 
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: June 7, 2019
APPROVED:  DISAPPROVED: _____
PARISH PRESIDENT: _____
RETD/SECRETARY: June 7, 2019
AT: 8:35 am RECD BY: 

AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT made and effective as of the 6th day of June, 2019, by and between ST. CHARLES PARISH acting herein by and through its President, who is duly authorized to act on behalf of said Parish, hereinafter called the Owner, and Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc., a corporation hereinafter called Engineer. Whereas the Owner desires to employ a professional consulting engineering firm to perform engineering services for the New Pump at Schexnaydre Pump Station project as described in Ordinance No. 19-6-2, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

1.0 GENERAL

The Owner agrees to employ the Engineer, and the Engineer agrees to perform professional services required for the project described above. The project will be implemented in phases and the Engineer will conform to the requirements of the Owner and to the standards of the agencies participating with the Owner in the Project. The Engineer will coordinate all work between the Owner and all participating agencies and regulating agencies, where specified in Engineer's proposal dated April 29, 2019 (Proposal), which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

A task order will be issued for each phase and shall specify the work to be performed, basis of payment, and time for completion. Each task order shall become an Addendum to and a part of this Agreement in accordance with Exhibit A. The Owner may terminate the Agreement or any task order by written notification and without cause per Section 7.0. Issuance of a task order will serve as the Owner's approval to begin a subsequent phase.

2.0 CHARACTER AND EXTENT OF BASIC SERVICES OF THE ENGINEER

2.1 General

2.1.1 Engineer shall provide for Owner professional engineering services in all phases of the Project to which this Agreement applies and as hereinafter provided to properly plan and execute the work on the project(s) assigned to the Engineer. These services will include, but will not be limited to, serving as Owner's professional engineering representative for the Project, providing professional engineering consultation and advice, and furnishing customary civil, structural, and construction engineering and inspection.

2.1.2 In general the Project consists of the design, bidding, and construction phase services phases shown in the Proposal. Implementation of each phase will not necessarily be done in the order listed. As this project progresses, phases may be deleted or added to complement achieving a successful project.

The proposed project is to replace an existing 30-inch pump with a new 48-inch pump including associated piping.

2.1.3 Services provided by the Engineer shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted professional engineering practice at the time and the place where the services are rendered.

2.1.4 Engineer shall obtain from Owner a task order authorization to proceed for each phase of the Project.

2.1.5 Engineer shall provide minutes of all meetings with St. Charles Parish to include but not limited to meetings regarding any phase of the Project, Pre-Bid Conferences, Progress Meetings, Technical review Committee Meetings, etc.

2.2 Task Order – Data Collection and Surveying Coordination: Tasks include site visit, obtaining all available records on existing pump station, and coordination with Owner-supplied topographic surveyor to identify needs for survey of pump station, including intake, sump, discharge, and all surface and subsurface utilities and features including cross-sections in the sump.

2.3 Task Order - Preliminary Engineering Design: Tasks include preliminary civil engineering design, site visits, calculations, meetings and coordination, coordination with equipment supplier, and cost estimating.

2.4 Task Order - Final Engineering Design: Tasks include final civil engineering design, meetings and coordination, production of Bidding Documents to include

final plans and the project manual (Owner supplies front-end documents), quantity takeoffs, and construction cost estimating.

2.5 Task Order – Permitting: Tasks include meetings and coordination, preparation and production of permit documents and drawings, submittals, and revisions. Permits will include Coastal Use and Corps of Engineers permits.

2.6 Task Order – Bidding Phase: Tasks include coordination, responding to questions and requests, revisions, production and issuance of Addenda, attendance at Pre-Bid Meeting and Bid Opening, tabulation of bid results, and recommendation of award.

2.5 Task Order - Construction Phase Services

2.5.1 General Administration of Construction Contract. Engineer shall consult with and advise Owner and act as Owner's representative as provided in Articles 1 through 17, inclusive, of the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract of the Engineer's Joint Contract Documents Committee. The extent and limitations of the duties, responsibilities and authority of Engineer as assigned in said Standard General Conditions shall not be modified, except as Engineer may otherwise agree in writing. All of Owner's instructions to Contractor will be issued through Engineer who will have authority to act on behalf of Owner to the extent provided in said Standard General Conditions except as otherwise provided in writing.

2.5.2 Visits to Site and Observation of Construction. In connection with observations of the work of Contractor while it is in progress.

2.5.2.1 Engineer shall make visits to the site once per month minimum, or more frequent visits as deemed necessary by Owner and/or progress of work during the construction periods to observe as an experienced and qualified design professional the progress and quality of the various aspects of Contractor's work. Based on information obtained during such visits and on such observations, Engineer shall endeavor to determine in general if such work is proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents and Engineer shall keep Owner informed of the progress of the work.

2.5.2.2 The purpose of Engineer's visits to (and representation by Resident Project Representative if utilized) the site will be to enable Engineer to better carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned to and undertaken by Engineer during the Construction Phase, and, in addition, by exercise of Engineer's efforts as an experienced and qualified design professional, to provide for Owner a greater degree of confidence that the completed work of Contractor will conform generally to the Contract Documents and that the integrity of the design concept as reflected in the Contract Documents has been implemented and preserved by Contractor. On the other hand, Engineer shall not, during such visits or as a result of such observations of Contractor's work in progress, supervise, direct or have control over Contractor's work nor shall Engineer have authority over or responsibility for the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction selected by Contractor, for safety precautions and programs incident to the work of Contractor or for any failure of Contractor to comply with laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes or orders applicable to Contractor furnishing and performing their work except as provided elsewhere in this Contract. Accordingly, Engineer can neither guarantee the performance of the construction contracts by Contractor nor assume responsibility for Contractor's failure to furnish and perform their work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

2.5.3 Defective Work. During such visits and on the basis of such observations, Engineer may disapprove of or reject Contractor's work while it is in progress if Engineer believes that such work will not produce a completed Project that conforms generally to the Contract Documents or that it will prejudice the integrity of the design concept of the Project as reflected in the Contract Documents.

2.5.4 Interpretations and Clarifications. Engineer shall issue necessary interpretations and clarifications of the Contract Documents.

2.5.5 Shop Drawings. Engineer shall review and approve (or take other appropriate action in respect of) Shop Drawings (as that term is defined in

the aforesaid Standard General Conditions), samples and other data which Contractor is required to submit, but only for conformance with the design concept of the Project and compliance with the information given in the Contract Documents. Such reviews and approvals or other action shall not extend to means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction or to safety precautions and programs incident thereto except as provided elsewhere in this Agreement.

2.5.6 Substitutes. Engineer shall evaluate and determine the acceptability of substitute materials and equipment proposed by Contractor and make a recommendation to Owner for his approval.

2.5.7 Inspections and Tests. Engineer shall have authority, as Owner's representative, to require special inspection or testing of the work, and shall receive and review all certificates of inspections, testing and approvals required by laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders or the Contract Documents (but only to determine generally that their content complies with the requirements of, and the results certified indicate compliance with, the Contract Documents).

2.5.8 Dispute between Owner and Contractor. Engineer shall act as initial interpreter of the requirements of the Contract Documents and judge of the acceptability of the work there under and make recommendations on all claims of Owner and Contractor relating to the acceptability of the work or the interpretation of the requirements of the Contract Documents pertaining to the execution and progress of the work.

2.5.9 Applications for Payment. Based on Engineer's on-site observations as an experienced and qualified design professional, on information provided by the Resident Project Representative and on review of applications for payment and the accompanying data and schedules:

2.5.9.1 Engineer shall determine the amounts owed to Contractor and recommend in writing payments to Contractor in such amounts. Such recommendations of payment will constitute a representation to Owner based on such observations and review, that the work has progressed to the point indicated, and that, to the best of Engineer's knowledge, information and belief, the quality of such work is generally in accordance with the Contract Documents (subject to an evaluation of such work as a functioning whole prior to or upon Substantial Completion, to the results of any subsequent tests called for in the Contract Documents and to any other qualifications stated in the recommendation). In the case of unit price work, Engineer's recommendations of payment will include final determination of quantities and classifications of such work (subject to any subsequent adjustments allowed by the Contract Documents).

2.5.9.2 By recommending any payment Engineer will not thereby be deemed to have represented that exhaustive, continuous or detailed reviews or examinations have been made by Engineer to check the quality or quantity of Contractor's work as it is furnished and performed beyond the responsibilities specifically assigned to Engineer in this Agreement and the Contract Documents.

Engineer's review of Contractor's work for the purposes of recommending payments will not impose on Engineer responsibility to supervise, direct or control such work or for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction or safety precautions or programs incident thereto or Contractor compliance with laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes or orders applicable to their furnishing and performing the work. It will also not impose responsibility on Engineer to make any examination to ascertain how or for what purposes any Contractor has used the moneys paid on account of the Contract Price, or to determine that title to any of the work, materials or equipment has passed to Owner free and clear of any lien, claims, security interests or encumbrances, or that there may not be other matters at issue between Owner and Contractor that might affect

the amount that should be paid except as provided elsewhere in this Contract.

2.5.10 Construction Closeout Document. Engineer shall receive and review maintenance and operating instructions, tests and approvals which are to be assembled by Contractor in accordance with the Contract Documents (but such review will only be to determine that their content complies with the requirements of, and in the case of certificates of inspection, tests and approvals the results certified indicate compliance with, the Contract Documents); and shall transmit them to Owner with written comments.

2.5.11 Inspection. Engineer shall conduct an inspection to determine if the work is substantially complete and a final inspection to determine if the completed work is acceptable. If the completed work is acceptable, the Engineer shall recommend in writing, a Notice of Substantial Completion to the Owner and the Contractor that the work is acceptable (subject to any conditions therein expressed).

2.5.12 Pre-Construction Conference. Engineer shall assist Owner in conducting a Pre-Construction Conference with Contractor for the project to discuss construction-related matters. Engineer will supply two stamped copies of the Construction Drawings incorporating addenda items generated during the bid process plus one (1) electronic file copy of each drawing in AutoCAD format (release 2000 or later) and in PDF format titled to reflect "Construction Drawings".

2.5.13 Owner shall select independent material testing labs. Engineer shall review testing results and based on these results, recommend to Owner the acceptability of material provided by the Contractor and used in the Project.

2.5.14 Limitation of Responsibilities. Engineer shall not be responsible for the acts or omissions of any Contractor, or of any subcontractor or supplier, or any of the Contractor's or Sub-Contractor's or supplier's agents or employees or any other persons (except Engineer's own employees and agents) at the site or otherwise furnishing or performing any of the Contractor's work; however, nothing contained in paragraphs 2.5.1 through 2.5.13 inclusive, shall be construed to release Engineer from liability for failure to properly perform duties and responsibilities assumed by Engineer in the Contract Documents, inclusive of but not limited to 2.5.3.

2.5.15 Work Directive Changes and Change Orders. To be provided as appropriate to construct the project and in accordance with State and Local Laws.

2.5.16 Task Order Close-out and Facility Operation

The Engineer shall:

2.5.16.1 Provide start-up services for the new facility.

2.5.16.2 Prepare training materials and provide training of Owner's staff to operate and maintain the new equipment if specified in the Task Order. Training will consist of classroom and hands-on training using the installed equipment.

2.5.16.3 Assemble required sets of equipment manufacturer's operation and maintenance manuals if specified in the Task Order.

2.5.16.4 Assemble required sets of approved shop drawings in proper order if specified in the Task Order.

2.5.16.5 Provide technical consultation and assistance in correcting warranty items.

2.5.16.6 Provide assistance in connection with the refining and adjusting of new equipment or system.

2.5.16.7 Prepare a final set of stamped project drawings reflecting "as built" along with one (1) electronic file copy of these drawings in AutoCADD format (release 2000 or later) and in PDF format titled to reflect "as built".

2.5.16.8 In company with Owner, visit the Project to observe any apparent defects in the completed construction, assist Owner in consultations and discussions with Contractor concerning

correction of such deficiencies, and make recommendations as to replacement or correction of defective work.

2.5.17.8 Engineer shall have 45 days from Contractor's Substantial Completion date to complete requirements of the Contract.

2.6 Task Order – Resident Inspection: The Scope of Services, fee and schedule for a Resident Project Representative may be negotiated prior to construction in a task order.

3.0 SERVICES OF THE OWNER

- 3.1** Provide full information as to the requirements of the Task Order.
- 3.2** Assist the Engineer in planning and design services by placing at his disposal all existing plans, maps, field notes, statistics, computations and other data in its possession relative to existing facilities.
- 3.3** Guarantee access to and make all provisions for the Engineer and his subconsultants to enter upon public property as required for performing the services.

4.0 COMPENSATION

- 4.1** For performance of Basic Engineering as outlined in Section 2 above, the Owner shall authorize and pay the Engineer a not-to-exceed fee, based on the Standard Hourly Rate Schedule in the Proposal, and actual time and costs. The not-to-exceed fees for each phase are as follows:

4.1.1	Data Collection and Surveying Coordination	\$ 3,750
4.1.2	Preliminary Engineering	\$ 9,980
4.1.3	Final Engineering	\$ 20,280
4.1.4	Permitting	\$ 11,980
4.1.5	Bidding Assistance	\$ 2,760
4.1.6	Construction Phase	\$ 10,400
4.1.7	Resident Inspection	To be determined

- 4.2** If a task order, or any portion thereof, is not completed for any reason, the final fee for basic engineering services shall be negotiated between Owner and Engineer as per Section 7.0.

- 4.3** The following documentation shall be required for payment to Engineer and shall be attached to the monthly invoice.

- 4.3.1** A copy of the Owner's written authorization to perform the service.
- 4.3.2** Timesheets for all hours invoiced.
- 4.3.3** Invoice copies, logs or other substantiation of non-salary expenses.

- 4.4** For additional engineering and other services described in Section 5, Owner shall pay Engineer for the fee negotiated at the time the work is assigned by the method stipulated in the contract amendment.

5.0 CHARACTER AND EXTENT OF ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING

- 5.1** The Owner reserves the right to request Engineer to provide Additional Engineering and/or Additional Services described in Section 5, Paragraphs 5.1.1 through 5.1.2.9 inclusive. It is mutually understood that the Owner reserves the right to reevaluate any/all interested Engineering Firms concerning Additional Engineering or Additional Services as described in Section 5.0. The Owner shall issue written authorization to the Engineer to provide Additional Engineering and/or Additional Services prior to the performance of any Additional Engineering and/or Additional Services as described in Section 5, Paragraph 5.1 through 5.1.2.9 inclusive.

- 5.1.1** Additional Engineering. Provide Basic Design and Construction Engineering Services for a negotiated fee. The fee for Basic Engineering Services related to the design and construction for the associated work shall be negotiated at the time the work is assigned and this Agreement shall be amended to include that work in accordance with Section 4.0 of this Contract.

- 5.1.2** Additional Services. Furnish or obtain from others Additional Services of the following types. The fee for Additional Services shall be authorized at the time the work is assigned in accordance with Section 4.4 of this contract.
- 5.1.2.1** Furnish survey personnel to lay out and stake out for construction, giving line locations and grade stakes at the required intervals.
 - 5.1.2.2** Prepare to and serve as an expert witness for the Owner in any litigation.
 - 5.1.2.3** Act as the Owner's representative in coordination of and be present during negotiations between Owner and other Governmental Bodies, Utility Companies, Transportation Companies, etc. (Prepare necessary data for such activities and review and make recommendations on data submitted by such agencies.)
 - 5.1.2.4** Services resulting from significant changes in the general scope, extent or character of the Task Order or its design including, but not limited to, changes in size, complexity, Owner's schedule, character of construction or method of financing; and revising previously accepted studies, reports, design documents or Contract Documents when such revisions are required by changes in laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes or orders enacted subsequent to the preparation of such studies, reports or documents or are due to any other causes beyond Engineer's control as approved by Owner.
 - 5.1.2.5** Providing renderings or models for Owner's use.
 - 5.1.2.6** Preparing documents in addition to those furnished under Engineering Design and Construction Documents for alternate bids requested by Owner for Contractor's work which is not executed or documents for out-of-sequence work.
 - 5.1.2.7** Providing any type of property surveys or related engineering services needed for the transfer of interests in real property.
 - 5.1.2.8** Assistance in connection with re-bidding or renegotiating contracts for construction, materials, equipment or services.
 - 5.1.2.9** Provide technical consultation and advice on the completed project after the initial thirty (30) day start-up period.
 - 5.1.2.10** Provide topographic surveying and/or permitting services.

6.0 OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

- 6.1** Documents including but not limited to plans, specifications, maps, basic survey notes, sketches, charts, computations and all other data prepared or obtained under the terms of this authorization shall become the property of the Owner and shall be made available for Owner's inspection at anytime during the Task Order and, shall be delivered to the Owner prior to termination or final completion of the Contract.
- 6.2** Engineer may retain a set of documents for its files.
- 6.3** Reuse of Documents. Any reuse of documents or materials without written authorization or adaptation by Engineer to 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, subcontractors, and consultants.
- 6.4** No materials, to include but not limited to reports, maps or other documents produced as a result of this Contract, in whole or in part, shall be available to Engineer for copyright purposes. Any such materials produced as a result of this Agreement that might be subject to copyright shall be the property of the Owner and all such rights shall belong to the Owner, and the Owner shall be sole and exclusive entity who may exercise such rights.

7.0 TERMINATION.

- 7.1** This Agreement or any Task Order may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice.
- 7.2** The Engineer, upon receipt of such notice, shall immediately discontinue all services in connection with the performance of this Agreement and shall proceed

- to cancel promptly all existing orders and contracts insofar as such orders or contracts are chargeable to this Agreement.
- 7.3 The Engineer shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of notice of termination, submit a statement showing in detail the services performed and payments received under this Agreement to the date of termination.
- 7.4 The Owner shall then pay the Engineer promptly that portion of the prescribed fee to which both parties agree.
- 7.5 Failure to meet agreed delivery dates or authorized extensions are considered substantial failures.
- 8.0 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND ORDINANCES.
- 8.1 The Engineer hereby agrees to comply with all Federal, State and Local Laws and Ordinances applicable to the work or services under this Contract.
- 9.0 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
- 9.1 Owner and Engineer each bind himself, his successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party to this Agreement, and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of each other party in respect to all covenants of this Agreement.
- 10.0 INSURANCE
- 10.1 The Engineer shall secure and maintain at his expense such insurance that will protect him and the Owner, from claims under Workmen's Compensation Acts and from claims for bodily injury, death or property damage which may arise from performance of services under this Agreement. Insurance for bodily injury or death shall be in the unencumbered amount of \$500,000.00 for one person and not less than \$1,000,000.00 for all injuries and/or deaths resulting from any one occurrence. The insurance for property damage shall be in the unencumbered amount of \$250,000.00 for each accident and not less than \$1,000,000.00 aggregate.
- 10.2 The Engineer shall also secure and maintain at his expense professional liability insurance in the unencumbered sum of \$500,000.00.
- 10.3 All certificates of insurance SHALL BE FURNISHED TO THE OWNER and shall provide that insurance shall not be cancelled without ten (10) days prior written notice to the Owner. The Owner may examine the policies.
- 10.4 Engineer shall include all subcontractors and/or subconsultants as insured under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates for each. All coverages for subcontractors and/or subconsultants shall be subject to all the requirements stated herein.
- 10.5 St Charles Parish shall be named as an additional insured on general liability insurance policies.
- 10.6 For all purposes under Louisiana law, the principals of this Agreement shall be recognized as the statutory employer of all contract employees as provided in LSA-R.S. 23:1061.
- 11.0 GENERAL
- 11.1 The Engineer shall indemnify and save harmless the Owner against any and all claims, demands, suits or judgments for sums of money to any party for loss of life or injury or damages to person or property, growing out of, resulting from or by reason of any negligent act by the Engineer, its agent, servants or employees, while engaged upon or in connection with the services required or performed hereunder.
- 11.2 While in the performance of services or carrying out other obligations under this Agreement, the Engineer shall be acting in the capacity of the independent contractors and not as employees of the Owner. The Owner shall not be obligated to any person, firm or corporation for any obligations of the Engineer arising from the performance of their services under this Agreement. The Engineer shall be authorized to represent the Owner with respect to services being performed, dealing with other agencies and administrations in order to perform the services under this Contract.
- 11.3 The Engineer warrants that he has not employed or retained any company or person other than a bona-fide employee working solely for the consultant, to

solicit or secure this Contract, and that they have not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than bona-fide employees working solely for the consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Owner shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability.

- 11.4 This Agreement being for the personal services of the Engineer shall not be assigned or subcontracted in whole or in part by the Engineer as to the services to be performed hereunder without the written consent of the Owner.
- 11.5 Should either party to this Agreement have to file suit in order to enforce the provisions of hereof, the losing party hereby agrees to pay the attorney's fees of the prevailing party.
- 11.6 No member of the Governing Body of the Owner and no other officer, employee or agent of the Owner who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out to the Program, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract, and the Engineer shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
- 11.7 No member of the Governing Body of the locality and no other public official of such locality, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of the Program, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract, and the Engineer shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
- 11.8 The Engineer covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire interest, direct or indirect, in the project area or any parcels therein or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Engineer further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement no person having any such interest shall be employed.

12.0 ACCESS TO SITE

- 12.1 Owner shall be fully responsible for obtaining the necessary access authorizations to allow Engineer, its agents, subcontractors and representatives, to have access to all areas of public and private property as required by Engineer in order to perform its services under this Agreement.

13.0 WARRANTY

- 13.1 Engineer warrants that it will perform its design services with the degree of skill and to the standard of care required of the engineering profession to meet all Federal, State and Local requirements
- 13.2 If Engineering Services for a task order designed by Engineer does not meet those requirements noted in 13.1 above, then to the extent that this occurs as a direct result of Engineer's failure to meet the standard of care in its design services, Engineer will indemnify the Parish for Engineer's share of the costs incurred to bring Engineering Services for project to the limitations mandated.
- 13.3 The obligations expressed in 13.1 and 13.2 in no way limits the Engineer's obligations expressed elsewhere in this Contract.

14.0 EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION AND VENUE

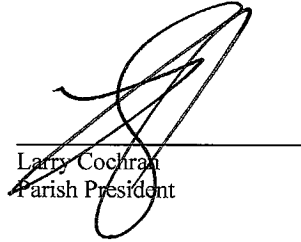
- 14.1 For all claims arising out of or related to this agreement, ENGINEER hereby consents and yields to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the Twenty-Ninth Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Charles and expressly waives any (a) pleas of jurisdiction based upon ENGINEER'S residence and (B) right of removal to Federal Court based upon diversity of citizenship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have hereunto caused these presents to be executed the day, month and year first above mentioned.

WITNESSES:

ST. CHARLES PARISH

Roy S. Delchoss
Billy Raymond


Larry Cochran
Parish President

WITNESSES:

EVANS-GRAVES ENGINEERS, INC.

Elise Houde
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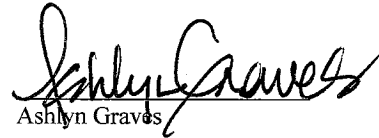

Ashlyn Graves

EXHIBIT A

TASK ORDER

ST. CHARLES PHASED DELIVERY TYPE CONTRACT

Is hereby attached to and is part of the
**AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN
ST. CHARLES PARISH AND EVANS-GRAVES ENGINEERS, INC.**

TASK ORDER NO. _____

TASK ORDER DESCRIPTION

SCOPE OF SERVICES

COMPENSATION

Basic Services

Additional Services

If you agree with the Scope of Services, and Compensation as outlined herein, please indicate your acceptance by signing on the line provided below, dating and returning a copy to our office.

EVANS-GRAVES ENGINEERS, INC.

ST CHARLES PARISH

Ashlyn Graves

Clayton "Snookie" Fauchaux
Director of Public Works and
Wastewater

Date

Date