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COUNCIL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2025

TO: MR. MILES BINGHAM
PUBLICWORKS DIRECTOR

FROM: MICHELLE IMPASTATO 
COUNCIL SECRETARY

RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
COUSINS CANAL BANK STABILIZATION
(PROJECT NO. P241103)

On February 24, 2025, the St. Charles Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 25-2-16 approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Barowka and Bonura Engineers and Consultants, LLC to perform engineering services for the Cousins Canal Bank Stabilization (Project No. P241103), in the not to exceed amount of \$618,000.00.

A copy of the ordinance is enclosed for your records. The agreement has been routed to you via DocuSign on February 26, 2025 to handle execution. Please forward to us a fully executed copy once available.

MI/ag

Enclosure

cc: Parish Council
Ms. Samantha de Castro w/enclosure
Mr. Corey Oubre w/enclosure
Mr. Brandon Bernard w/enclosure
Barowka and Bonura Engineers and Consultants, LLC w/enclosure

2025-0033

**INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)**

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2-16

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Barowka and Bonura Engineers and Consultants, LLC, to perform engineering services for the Cousins Canal Bank Stabilization (Project No. P241103), in the not to exceed amount of \$618,000.00.

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish desires to have the banks of Cousins Canal stabilized with sheet piling; and,

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish and Barowka and Bonura Engineers and Consultants, LLC, have mutually agreed to perform engineering services for the Cousins Canal Bank Stabilization (Project No. P241103), in the not to exceed amount of \$618,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Professional Services Agreement between St. Charles Parish and Barowka and Bonura Engineers and Consultants, LLC, describes the details of the proposed services and compensation.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the Professional Services Agreement between St. Charles Parish and Barowka and Bonura Engineers and Consultants, LLC, to perform engineering services for the Cousins Canal Bank Stabilization (Project No. P241103), in the not to exceed amount of \$618,000.00, is hereby approved and accepted..

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

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

YEAS: MOBLEY, FONSECA, WILSON, SKIBA, PILIE, COMARDELLE,
O'DANIELS, FISHER, DEBRULER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 24th day of February, 2025, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Holly Foushee

SECRETARY: Michelle Dupont

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: February 25, 2025

APPROVED: DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: Matthew Jewell

RETD/SECRETARY: February 26, 2025

AT: 10:42am RECD BY: [Signature]

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and effective as of
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 Barowka and Bonura Engineers and Consultants, LLC, a corporation and/or limited liability company acting herein by and through its Contracting Officer, hereinafter called CONSULTANT. Whereas the Owner desires to employ a professional consulting firm to perform consulting work and services for Cousins Canal Bank Stabilization, Parish Project No. P241103.

1.0 GENERAL TERMS

The Owner agrees to employ the Consultant and the Consultant agrees to perform professional services required for the project described above. Consultant will conform to the requirements of the Owner and to the standards of the agencies participating with the Owner in the Project. The Consultant will coordinate all work between the Owner and all participating agencies and regulating agencies, if needed. Written authorization to begin different phases of the project will be given to the Consultant by the Owner, including Conceptual, Preliminary Design, Final Design, Bidding Assistance and Construction and Services. The Owner may terminate the Contract by written notification and without cause per Section 11.0 during any phase of the project.

The Consultant shall at all times during this Agreement maintain a valid Louisiana Consulting License and any other applicable licenses necessary for performance of the Project.

All work shall be under the direction of the Owner, and all plans, specifications, etc. shall be submitted to the Owner and all approvals and administration of this contract shall be through the Owner.

2.0 PROJECT

2.1 The Owner hereby contracts with the CONSULTANT to perform all necessary professional services in connection with the project as defined as follows:

Cousins Canal Bank Stabilization
Parish Project No. P241103

2.2 The Project consist of the scope of services and work as defined in Attachment "A" hereto.

2.3 Consultant shall perform all scope of services and work in accordance with the Schedule as defined in Attachment "B" hereto unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by the parties in writing.

- 2.4 The Consultant agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and Local Laws and Ordinances applicable to the scope of services and work or in entering any other agreement with any another party to complete the work.

3.0 SERVICES OF CONSULTANT

- 3.1 Consultant shall provide Owner professional work and 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 Consultant. These services may include but may not be limited to serving as Owner's professional consulting representative for the Project, providing professional consultation and advice, and furnishing customary civil, surveying, geotechnical, structural, mechanical, electrical, instrumentation and control consulting services and construction consulting and inspection.
- 3.2 Services provided by the Consultant shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted professional consulting practice at the time and the place where the services are rendered.
- 3.3 Consultant shall obtain from Owner authorization to proceed in writing for each phase of the Project.
- 3.4 Consultant shall provide minutes of all meetings with St. Charles Parish regarding any phase of the Project.
- 3.5 Consultant shall provide work and services to complete the project, including all necessary services described herein or usually implied as a prerequisite for the performance of the services whether or not specifically mentioned in this agreement, including attendance by the Consultant at project conferences and public hearings.
- 3.6 The Phases of the Project, if applicable, are as defined in Attachment "A".

4.0 OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

- 4.1 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 any time during the Project and, shall be delivered to the Owner prior to termination or final completion of the Contract.
- 4.2 Consultant may retain a set of documents for its files.
- 4.3 Reuse of Documents. Any reuse of documents or materials without written authorization or adaptation by Consultant to the specific purpose intended will be

at Owner's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Consultant or to Consultant's independent professional associates, subcontractors, and consultants.

- 4.4 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 Consultant for copyright purposes. Any such materials produced as a result of this Contract 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.

5.0 SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES

The Consultant shall provide, when requested in writing by the Owner, supplementary services not included in the basic work and services.

The compensation to the Consultant for the supplemental services, when performed by the Consultant, shall be in the form of a lump sum, billable hours, or "not to exceed" hourly rate which is mutually agreeable to the Owner and the Consultant in writing.

Such supplementary services may include the following:

- A. Soil investigations
- B. Laboratory inspection of materials and equipment
- C. Right-of-Way, easement and property acquisition surveys, plats, maps and documents
- D. Any major revisions for which the Consultant is not responsible, that are authorized by the Owner after the completion and approval of either the preliminary or final plans and specifications
- E. Services concerning replacement of any work damaged by fire or other causes during construction
- F. Services made necessary by the default of the contractor in the performance of the construction contract
- G. Services as an expert witness in connection with court proceedings
- H. Traffic consulting if necessary
- I. Topographic Survey
- J. Preparation of Environmental Assessment documents and/or Environmental Permits
- K. If all or part of the work is to be financed by a Federal or State Grant, the Consultant shall assist the Owner in the preparation of the Grant application and with the Grant Administration, unless otherwise specifically agreed upon previously herein.

6.0 DEFECTIVE WORK

During such visits and on the basis of such observations, Consultant may disapprove of or reject Contractor's work while it is in progress if Consultant 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

7.0 NOTICE TO PROCEED

The Owner shall notify the Consultant in writing to undertake the services stated in this Agreement, and the Consultant shall commence the services within ten (10) days after receipt of such notification.

If the Owner desires to divide the Project into various parts, a Notice to Proceed shall be issued for each part, and the Owner and the Consultant shall mutually agree upon the period of time within which services for each part of the Project shall be performed.

The Consultant will be given time extensions for delays beyond their control or for those caused by tardy approvals of work in progress by various official agencies, but no additional compensation shall be allowed for such delays.

8.0 PAYMENTS

- 8.1 Owner shall pay Consultant for the performance of work and services as outlined in Attachment "C" to this Agreement.
- 8.2 Payment for Consultant work and services on projects that do not require construction services, such as feasibility studies or drainage studies, shall be made based upon Consultant's estimate of the proportion of the services actually completed at the time of billing and shall be made in partial payments at monthly intervals.
- 8.3 If the Project, or any portion thereof, is not completed for any reason, the final fee for consulting work and services shall be negotiated between Owner and Contractor. If the final fee for work and services is not mutually agreed upon, either party may elect in writing to submit the dispute to mediation. If mediation is not mutually agreed upon, written notice will be submitted to the other party of the intent to submit the dispute to the 29th Judicial District Court of St. Charles Parish, State of Louisiana.
- 8.4 If authorized in writing by Owner, for the performance of, or for obtaining from others Additional Services which are not considered normal or customary consulting, the Owner shall pay Consultant based on monthly invoices submitted by the Consultant, within sixty (60) days of receipt of Consultant's invoice.

Consultant shall provide written notice to Owner when no services or work have been performed during a given month.

- 8.5 For Additional Authorized Services provided by the Consultant such as, but not limited to, wetlands permitting, land and right-of-way acquisition, surveying, NPDES and LADEQ permit renewal or acquisition work, etc. Owner shall pay Consultant based on an agreed upon hourly rate(s) between the Owner and Consultant. Payment shall be not-to-exceed based on hourly rates and actual hours worked.
- 8.6 The following documentation shall be required for payment to Consultant and shall be attached to the monthly invoice.
- a. A copy of the Owner's written authorization to perform the service.
 - b. Timesheets for all hours invoiced.
 - c. Invoice copies, logs or other substantiation of non-salary expenses.
- 8.7 For Additional Authorized Services that Consultant acquires from subcontractors and/or subconsultants, Owner shall pay Consultant a fixed sum previously agreed upon by Owner and Consultant, such sum to be established in each case when the scope of the work involved has been determined and before any of the Additional Services are provided. The use of subcontractors and/or subconsultants shall be subject to the provisions set forth in this Agreement. The following documentation shall be required for payment to Consultant and shall be attached to the monthly invoice:
- a. A copy of the Owner's written consent for the subcontractor and/or subconsultant to perform the service stating the Owner's and Consultant's agreed upon fixed sum established for the service performed.
 - b. Evidence that the subcontractor and/or subconsultant is insured as required by this Agreement.
- 8.8 For Supplementary Services described in Section 5, Owner shall pay Consultant for the fee negotiated at the time the work is assigned by the method stipulated in the contract amendment.

9.0 BUDGET LIMITATIONS

The construction budget for this Project shall be determined by the Owner, and the Consultant shall be advised of the budget limitation in writing by the Owner and the Consultant shall indicate his acceptance of same in writing to the Owner. Any subsequent budget revisions shall be confirmed in writing.

If, at the completion of the Preliminary or Design Phase, the Consultant does not concur with the construction budget, he shall so notify the Owner, and the Consultant and Owner

shall mutually agree on a revised construction budget prior to any work on the Design Phase.

If no bid is received within the budget limitation and a redesign of the project if required by the Owner, such redesign shall be accomplished by the Consultant at no additional cost to the Owner, provided, however, if the receipt of bids are, for any reason, delayed beyond a period of six (6) months from the date of the completion of the Design Phase the amount stated as the construction budget shall be adjusted, immediately prior to the time bids are received, by use of a construction cost index acceptable to both parties of this agreement.

10.0 FUNDS

No work shall be authorized until funds are established for each individual task.

11.0 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

- 11.1 This Agreement may be terminated for any reason by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice.
- 11.2 The Consultant, 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.
- 11.3 The Consultant 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.
- 11.4 The Owner shall then pay the Consultant promptly that portion of the prescribed fee to which both parties agree.
- 11.5 Consultant fully acknowledges that no payment will be made for any work performed or expenses incurred after receipt of the termination by either party unless mutually agreed upon in writing.
- 11.6 Failure to meet agreed delivery dates or authorized extensions are considered substantial failures and breach of this contractual agreement by Consultant.
- 11.7 This agreement shall automatically terminate upon satisfactory completion of all services and obligations described herein or three (3) years from the date of its execution, whichever event occurs first.

12.0 INSURANCE

- 12.1 The Consultant 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 \$1,000,000.00 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 \$1,000,000.00 for each accident and not less than \$1,000,000.00 aggregate.
- 12.2 The CONSULTANT shall also secure and maintain at his expense professional liability insurance in the unencumbered sum of \$1,000,000.00.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 CONSULTANT shall include all subconsultants as insured under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates for each. All coverages for subconsultants shall be subject to all the requirements stated herein.
- 12.5 CONSULTANT shall secure and maintain at its expense Comprehensive Automobile Liability - Bodily Injury Liability \$1,000,000.00 each person: \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence. Property Damage Liability \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence. The Comprehensive Automobile Liability policy must have coverage for loading and unloading and must include owned, hired and leased autos.
- 12.6 St Charles Parish shall be named as an additional insured on general liability insurance policies.
- 12.7 For all purposes under Louisiana law, the principals of this Contract shall be recognized as the statutory employer of all contract employees as provided in LSA-R.S. 23:1061.
- 12.8 Insurance policies shall be endorsed to provide for a waiver of subrogation in favor of St. Charles Parish for worker's compensation policies. The certificate of insurance shall reference the waiver of subrogation endorsement.
- 12.9 The Worker's Compensation Policy Territory Coverage must include Louisiana.

13.0 INDEMNIFICATION

Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, its employees, agents and representatives, 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 any reason of any negligent act by the Consultant, its employees, agents, servants or representatives, while engaged upon or in connection with the services required or performed hereunder.

14.0 WARRANTY

14.1 Consultant warrants that it will perform its design services with the degree of skill and to the standard of care required of the consulting profession to meet all Federal, State and Local requirements.

14.2 If Consulting Services for project designed by Consultant does not meet those requirements noted herein above, then to the extent that this occurs as a direct result of Consultant's failure to meet the standard of care in its design services, Consultant will indemnify the Parish for Consultant's share of the costs incurred to bring Consulting Services for project to the limitations mandated.

14.3 The obligations expressed in Section 14 above in no way limit the Consultant's obligations expressed elsewhere in this Contract.

15.0 EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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

16.0 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS

CONSULTANT further agrees to comply with all federal and state laws, including those identified in Attachment "D" (if applicable).

17.0 CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH LA R.S. 38:2216.1 & 39:1602.2

In accordance with La R.S. 38:2216.1 and 39:1602.2, Contractor agrees that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association based solely on the entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association. Further, Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of the contract based solely on the entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

18.0 OTHER

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. There are no understandings, agreements, or representations, oral or written, not specified within this Agreement. This Agreement may not be modified, supplemented or amended in any manner, except by written agreement signed by both parties.

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

**BAROWKA AND BONURA ENGINEERS
AND CONSULTANTS, LLC**

ST. CHARLES PARISH

By:

Name: Jeffrey Bonura

Title:

Date:

By:

Name:

Title:

Date:

ATTACHMENT "A"

Cousins Canal Bank Stabilization Parish Project No. P241103

Project Scope:

CONSULTANT shall perform the scope of services described in the following paragraphs.

The Project consists of performing design and construction services for a Sheet Pile Bulkhead along Cousins Canal from Lakewood Drive pump station to Blouin Canal pump station on both sides of the Cousins Canal.

The project is planned to be constructed in three Phases as follows:

Phase I - Primrose Drive to West Heather Drive

Phase II - Primrose Drive south to Cousins pump station

Phase III - West Heather Drive to Lakewood pump station.

Only Phase I will be designed at this time. Phase II and Phase III of the project may be added to the Agreement at a later date at the discretion of the Parish.

ATTACHMENT "B"

Cousins Canal Bank Stabilization
Parish Project No. P241103

Project Schedule:

The CONSULTANT shall complete the following phases of the project within the number of days shown after Notices to Proceed:

The Consultant will begin work on the project immediately upon written notice. The schedule shall be extended as needed depending on the Consultants response time.

	Estimated Time of Completion
Preliminary Design Services	90 Days
Final Design Services	60 Days
Bidding Services	45 Day
Construction Services	180 Days

ATTACHMENT "C"

**Cousins Canal Bank Stabilization
Parish Project No. P241103**

OWNER shall pay CONSULTANT on a Not to Exceed basis for engineering services set forth in Attachment A as follows:

Phase I: Primrose Drive to West Heather Drive

Basic Engineering fee: \$500,000.00

Preliminary Design Services (30%) \$150,000.00

Final Design Services (40%) \$200,000.00

Bidding Services (5%) \$25,000.00

Construction Services (20%) \$100,000.00

As-Builts Service (5%) \$25,000.00

Supplemental Services:

Permitting Services \$30,000.00

Resident Inspection \$88,000.00

*Phase II and Phase III to be determined and added by amendment.

CONSULTANT's Standard Hourly Rates are attached to this Agreement as Attachment C-1.

BBEC Barowka and Bonura
 Engineers and Consultants, L.L.C.

January 13, 2025

Miles Bingham, Director
 St. Charles Parish Department of Public Works
 15045 River Road
 Hahnville, LA 70057

**Subject: Cousins Canal Improvement Project
 Hourly Rate Schedule**

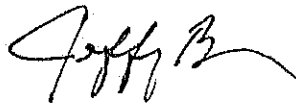
Dear Mr. Bingham:

The rates below represent our hourly rates schedule for the project, as provided in our response to the subject RFQ.

Title	Hourly Rate	Title	Hourly Rate
Principal in Charge	\$350.00	Resident Inspector	\$95.00
Project Manager	\$280.00	CADD Designer	\$120.00
Engineering Supervisor	\$280.00	CADD Technician	\$90.00
Senior Project Engineer	\$260.00	Clerical/Administrative	\$80.00
Project Engineer	\$200.00	GIS Technician	\$130.00
Pre-Professional Engineer	\$120.00		

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
 Barowka and Bonura Engineers and Consultants, L.L.C.



Jeffrey Bonura, P.E.

**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FOR
BAROWKA AND BONURA ENGINEERS AND CONSULTANTS, L.L.C.**

The undersigned (the "Member") hereby certifies on behalf of Barowka and Bonura Engineers and Consultants, L.L.C. (the "Company"), the Member is the sole member and sole manager of the Company and is the sole member and sole manager required to transact the Company's business and to grant the authority granted herein. The Member hereby certifies that the Company is a limited liability company or domestic limited liability company, as such terms are defined in La. Rev Stat Ann § 12:1301, organized under the laws of Louisiana, and registered with the Secretary of State of Louisiana in accordance with La. Rev Stat Ann § 12:1301 et seq.

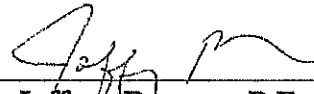
The Company and its sole Member hereby expressly authorizes and permits Jeffrey Bonura, (hereinafter "Authorized Individual") to bid, enter into, and contract with St. Charles Parish, and any of its subdivisions, entities, affiliates and assigns for the purposes of providing Engineering Services, Planning and Development, Consulting Services, and Construction Services.

The Company further authorizes and permits the Authorized Individual to do and perform any and all acts and sign any and all agreements, obligations, instruments, and other writing of any kind whatsoever required or requested by St. Charles Parish in connection with the authorization granted herein.

The Company agrees that all transactions by the Authorized Individual in connection with the said transfer prior to the execution of this Certificate of Authority are hereby approved, confirmed and ratified.

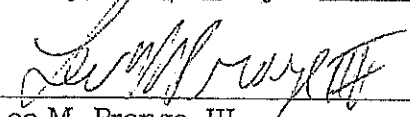
This Certificate of Authority has been signed on this 13TH day of JAN., 2025.

Manager and Sole Member:



Jeffrey Bonura, P.E.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
Notary, this 13 day of JAN., 2025.



Leo M. Frange, III
LSBA #22138