

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and effective as of the ____ day of _____, 2023 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 N-Y ASSOCIATES, INC., a corporation and/or limited liability company acting herein by and through its Contracting Officer, hereinafter called CONSULTANT, duly authorized by corporate resolution or certificate of authority attached hereto and made a part hereof. Whereas the Owner desires to employ a professional consulting firm to perform consulting work and services for HIGHWAY 90 OVERLAY ZONE as described in Ordinance No. _____ which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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:

HIGHWAY 90 OVERLAY ZONE

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 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 is 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 is, 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 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.
- 12.5 Contractor shall secure and maintain at his expense Comprehensive Automobile Liability - Bodily Injury Liability \$1,000,000 each person: \$1,000,000 each occurrence. Property Damage Liability \$1,000,000 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 federal and state laws.

17.0 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.

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:

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ST. CHARLES PARISH

By: Matthew Jewell
Parish President

Date:

N-Y ASSOCIATES, INC.

By: Michael F. Nicoladis
Senior Vice President

Date:

**ATTACHMENT “A”
PROJECT SCOPE**

HIGHWAY 90 OVERLAY ZONE

The Scope of Work is as follows:

Establishment of an overlay zone, development standards, and capital improvement recommendations for an approximately four (4) mile portion of U.S. Highway 90 spanning through Boutte and Luling. The zone, standards and overall recommendations will aim to guide future development and beautification of this segment of the roadway, including but not limited to, building and landscaping design, and pedestrian and vehicle safety through improved access and traffic circulation.

PART 1 – BASIC SERVICES

A. **TASK 1 – KICK-OFF MEETING**

Upon written authorization from OWNER, CONSULTANT shall:

- a. Schedule and attend a Kick-Off meeting with the OWNER and project team within 10 business days of receiving a Notice to Proceed. The CONSULTANT shall provide the meeting agenda, miscellaneous handouts, and project schedule. Agenda items shall include review points and durations, time-frame assumptions built into the project schedule, invoicing procedures, progress reporting, and plans for early coordination of stakeholder and public involvement.

B. **TASK 2 – EXISTING DATA REVIEW**

Upon delivery and approval of Kick-Off meeting minutes to OWNER, CONSULTANT shall:

- a. Review the following documents and data to familiarize themselves with the OWNER’s current regulations, previous efforts, and the history of the planning area:
 1. St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances and Zoning Map
 2. St. Charles Parish 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update
 3. Development history along US 90 corridor
 4. Past, ongoing and planned public works items along the corridor (including drainage maps)

C. TASK 3 – COORDINATION AND OUTREACH

Upon completion of Task 2 – Existing Data Review, CONSULTANT shall:

- a. Conduct meetings with the OWNER, varying from administration, staff, and stakeholders. Stakeholders will be identified and invited by the OWNER, and may include citizens, business owners along US 90, civic leaders from the study area, and a representative from the local LADOTD District. The CONSULTANT shall document each meeting with minutes.

Four (4) such meeting are envisioned:

1. After completion of Task 2 and during the middle of Tasks 4, 5 and 6 (collection and compiling of data, and analysis)
 2. After completion of Tasks 4 and 5 and near the end of Task 6 (to review preliminary recommendations for zoning and capital improvements)
 3. Prior to the first Public Meeting (to go over data and presentation)
 4. After submittal of initial draft submittal of recommendations and summary report, and the 2nd Public meeting.
- b. Conduct two (2) open-house Public Informational meetings, the first after completion of Task 6 (preliminary recommendations), and the second prior to the submittal of the initial draft submittal of recommendations and summary report. The public meetings are anticipated to cover the following topics:
 1. Awareness, briefing, and feedback;
 2. Findings and recommendations; and
 3. Strategy and policy changes and ordinance language.
 - c. Prepare for and conduct the public meetings at a location provided by (or arranged by) the OWNER.
 1. All public meeting materials, text, and graphics will be provided to the OWNER for their review and approval prior to the meeting.
 2. The Public Meetings may be open house or other format with methods for presenting the findings and recommendations, and collecting public comment.
 3. The CONSULTANT will deliver public meeting summaries to include a list of meeting attendees, a summary of feedback received, and copies of information and graphics discussed and presented.

- d. Attend and present recommendations for adoption at the Parish Planning Commission Meeting and Parish Council Meetings (which by law are also public hearings).

D. TASK 4 – COLLECT AND ANALYZE LAND USE AND ZONING DATA

Upon written authorization from OWNER, CONSULTANT shall:

- a. Conduct a land use and zoning survey of the US 90 corridor study area (I-310 to Willowdale Blvd.). CONSULTANT shall compare existing and proposed land use to existing and proposed zoning to determine conforming and nonconforming uses and other findings that inform recommendations for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, zoning, and future land use.
- b. Prepare and submit as a deliverable, a map of the surveyed properties and a qualitative land use and zoning analysis.

E. TASK 5 – COLLECT AND SIGN AND LANDSCAPING DATA

Upon written authorization from OWNER, CONSULTANT shall:

- a. Identify US 90 signage issues, such as sign clutter related to number and size of business signs and illegal signs, and determine best practices that could be implemented, including sign amortization to improve the aesthetics of US Hwy 90 within the study area.
- b. Collect field data, but where field data is impractical to collect and with agreement from the OWNER, may collect or produce primary source data from OWNER permit and site plan records.

F. TASK 6 – ANALYZE THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LAND USE, ZONING AND TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING PLANNED/POSSIBLE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Upon written authorization from OWNER, CONSULTANT shall:

- a. Analyze the relationships between land use, zoning, and transportation, including any planned/possible improvements within US Hwy 90 corridor, and best practices for creating a more aesthetically pleasing “town center” along the US Hwy 90 corridor, and providing a LADOTD-defined *complete street* for use by pedestrians and bicyclists in addition to automobiles.
- b. Develop preliminary recommendations for zoning and future land use amendments and plan revisions with an emphasis on land use and zoning (including use, size/scale, building height, signage, parking location within parcels, setbacks, landscaping, demarcation between the roadway and roadside development, and access management). The anticipated recommendation is expected to be a

commercial overlay district (including development/design standards) for the corridor, including text and maps.

- c. Examine and discuss preliminary recommendations for planned/possible capital improvements within the US Hwy 90 corridor, including complete streets, access management (both median AND curbside), street lighting, and drainage improvements. These capital improvements may also involve further coordination with LADOTD and if possible, representative of the adjacent UP/BNSF Railroad. After analysis, and coordination, CONSULTANT will utilities existing LIDAR, topographic maps and other readily available data (including data provided by the OWNER) to develop conceptual plans for identified improvements. CONSULTANT shall also develop a conceptual opinion of probable cost for the suggested capital improvements.
- d. Prepare and submit a summary report document of preliminary written and graphic recommendations as a deliverable.

G. TASK 7 – PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS IN A FINAL REPORT DOCUMENT

Upon written authorization from OWNER, CONSULTANT shall:

- a. Prepare an initial draft comprehensive report, which will be a document chronicling the process (stakeholder and public input and review) and include a compilation of all Work completed. The report shall include the overlay district text and maps as the primary appendix. CONSULTANT will prepare twenty (20) printed copies of this draft as well as digital copies in .pdf format.
- b. Upon review and comments from OWNER (Parish officials and Parish staff), and stakeholders, CONSULTANT will revise the report and submit a final report document. CONSULTANT will prepare twenty (20) printed copies of this final report as well as digital copies in .pdf format.

**ATTACHMENT “B”
PROJECT SCHEDULE**

HIGHWAY 90 OVERLAY ZONE

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

	<u>Number of Days to Complete</u>
Task 1 – Kick Off Meeting	30
Task 2 – Existing Data Review	60
Task 3 – Coordination and Outreach	Ongoing throughout duration
Task 4 – Collect and Analyze Land Use and Zoning Data	30
Task 5 – Collect and Analyze Sign and Landscaping Data	30
Task 6 – Analyze the Relationships Between Land Use, Zoning and Transportation, Including Planned/Possible Capital Improvements	90
Task 7 – Provide Recommendations in a Final Report Document	60

Time for Completion

1. If, through no fault of CONSULTANT, such periods of time or dates are changed, or the orderly and continuous progress of CONSULTANT’s services is impaired, or CONSULTANT’s services are delayed or suspended, then the time for completion of CONSULTANT’s services shall be adjusted equitably.
2. If OWNER authorizes changes in the scope, extent, or character of the Project or CONSULTANT’s services, then the time for completion of CONSULTANT’s services shall be adjusted equitably.
3. If CONSULTANT fails, through its own fault, to complete the performance required in this Agreement within the time set forth, as duly adjusted, then OWNER shall be entitled, as its sole remedy, to the recovery of direct damages, if any, resulting from such failure.

**ATTACHMENT “C”
PROJECT COMPENSATION**

HIGHWAY 90 OVERLAY ZONE

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

- a. The total compensation for tasks as described in Attachment A is estimated to be \$149,320.00 based on the following estimated distribution of compensation:
 1. Task 1 – Kick Off Meeting \$3,420.00
 2. Task 2 – Existing Data Review \$12,710.00
 3. Task 3 – Coordination and Outreach \$28,700.00
 4. Task 4 – Collect and Analyze Land Use and Zoning Data \$9,200.00
 5. Task 5 – Collect and Analyze Sign and Landscaping Data \$7,400.00
 6. Task 6 – Analyze the Relationships Between Land Use, Zoning, and Transportation, Including Planned/Possible Capital Improvements \$76,980.00
 7. Task 7 – Provide Recommendations in a Final Report \$10,910.00
- b. CONSULTANT may bill for direct expenses such as travel/mileage and necessary printouts for meetings at a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,000.00.
- c. CONSULTANT may, with OWNER’s consent, alter the distribution of compensation between individual tasks of the Work noted herein to be consistent with services actually rendered, but shall not exceed the total estimated compensation amount unless approved in writing by OWNER.
- d. The amounts billed for CONSULTANT’s services under this Agreement will be based on the cumulative hours charged to the Project during the billing period by each class of CONSULTANT’s employees times Standard Hourly Rates for each applicable billing class, plus CONSULTANT’s SUBCONSULTANT’s charges.
- e. The Standard Hourly Rates charged by CONSULTANT constitute full and complete compensation for CONSULTANT’s services, including labor costs, overhead, and profit; the Standard Hourly Rates do not include CONSULTANT’s SUBCONSULTANT’s charges.
- f. CONSULTANT’s Standard Hourly Rates are attached to this Agreement as Attachment C-1.