



TRANSPORTATION TESTING AND CONSULTING GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Applied Research Associates, Inc. (ARA) agrees to perform the specified work with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by firms practicing in the same or similar locality under the same or similar circumstances. The parties acknowledge that there has been an opportunity to negotiate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and agree to be bound accordingly.

1. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

ARA will act as an independent contractor and not as Client's agent for any purpose whatsoever, and will have no authority to make any commitments on behalf of Client or to bind Client in any way whatsoever.

2. PROJECT SUPERVISION AND ASSIGNMENT

ARA shall have wide discretion in the methods used to perform any assigned tasks unless specified otherwise. ARA will cooperate with the Client to the extent possible to arrange for consultations between the Client, ARA personnel, and others engaged in rendering services to the Client related to ARA's performance under this agreement. ARA agrees that no tasks shall be performed or expenses incurred without specific authorization of the Client.

3. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

All data, information, software, hardware, and documents produced by ARA under this agreement shall remain the property of ARA and may not be used by the Client for any endeavor outside of the scope of this agreement without the written consent of ARA, unless otherwise noted in this agreement.

4. ACCESS TO PROJECT SITE

If required for the performance of this effort, ARA will be granted timely access to the project site as needed. If traffic control or protection is required, it shall be provided by the Client or specific provisions will be made for ARA to provide traffic control or protection at an additional price. ARA will take precautions to minimize damage when performing its work, but ARA is not responsible for any items destroyed as a necessary part of the work.

5. PAYMENT

ARA will invoice monthly and at the completion of the project, with payment due net 30 days. Interest will be charged on amounts outstanding more than 30 days. The interest rate will be 1½ percent per month, compounded until paid. In the event of late payment, the Client agrees to pay all collection costs, legal expenses and attorneys' fees incurred by ARA in collecting payment, including interest. In the event that some portion of the invoice is disputed, payment for the undisputed portion of the invoice will be made within 30 days. If the Parties are unable to reach

agreement regarding the disposition of the disputed portions of the invoice within 21 days, the matter will be resolved according to the Dispute Resolution clause of this agreement.

6. HIDDEN CONDITIONS OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:

If ARA has reason to believe that a hidden condition may exist, ARA shall notify the client who shall authorize and pay for all costs associated with the investigation of such condition and if necessary, all costs necessary to correct such condition. If (a) the client fails to authorize such investigation of the correction after due notification, or (b) ARA has no reason to believe that such condition exists, the Client is responsible for all risks associated with this condition, and ARA shall not be responsible for the existing condition nor any resulting damages to persons or property. ARA shall have no responsibility for the discovery, presence, handling, removal, disposal or exposure of persons to hazardous materials of any form.

7. TERMINATION OF SERVICES:

This agreement may be terminated upon 10 days written notice by either party. In the event of termination, the Client shall pay ARA for all services performed to the date of termination, all reimbursable expenses and reasonable termination expenses.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

Each party agrees not to use the other's proprietary information for any purpose other than for the performance of this Agreement. Proprietary information is defined as information concerning techniques, processes, inventions, research and development, and cost data in written form with each sheet thereof marked with an appropriate legend indicating its proprietary nature and delivered by one party to another. Any other use of such proprietary information by the recipient shall be made only upon receipt of the prior written consent from an authorized representative of the other party.

9. INDEMNIFICATION

Each party (indemnitor) shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party (indemnitee) from and against any and all (including third party) claims, damages, losses and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of or resulting from the performance of services, to the proportional extent that any such claims, damage, loss or expense is caused by the negligent act or omission and/or liability of the indemnitor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the indemnitor.

10. CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES

Neither Party shall be liable to the other for consequential damages, including, without limitation, loss of use or loss of profits, incurred by one another or their subsidiaries or successors, regardless of whether such damages are caused by breach of contract, willful misconduct, negligent act or omission, or other wrongful act of either of them.



11. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be liable for any failure of or delay in performance of its obligations under this Agreement to the extent such failure or delay is due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of God, acts of a public enemy, fires, floods, wars, civil disturbances, sabotage, accidents, insurrections, blockades, embargoes, storms, explosions, labor disputes, acts of any governmental body, failure or delay of third parties or governmental bodies from whom a party is obtaining or must obtain approvals, authorizations, licenses, franchises or permits, or inability to obtain labor, materials, power, equipment, or transportation (collectively referred to herein as "Force Majeure"). Each party shall use its reasonable efforts to minimize the duration and consequences of any failure of or delay in performance resulting from a Force Majeure event.

12. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Mexico, excluding its principles of conflicts of laws. The United Nations Convention for the International Sale of Goods is expressly excluded from this Agreement, and shall have no force or effect on the parties.

13. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this agreement, or breach thereof, which may be properly submitted to arbitration, shall be settled by arbitration. The substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party all costs and expenses and attorney's fees it incurred in connection with any suit or legal or administrative action or appeal with respect to this order or the transaction under it.

14. NO THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

This Agreement shall not create any rights or benefits to parties other than Client and ARA. No third party shall have the right to rely on ARA opinions rendered in connection with the Services without ARA written consent and the third party's agreement to be bound to the same conditions and limitations as Client.

16. COMPLETE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATIONS

This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties hereto, and all previous communications between the parties, whether written or oral with reference to the subject matter of this Agreement, are hereby canceled and superseded. No modification of this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, unless such is in writing and duly signed by the respective parties hereto.

