

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD**  
Special Meeting  
Wednesday, August 9, 2023 @ 6:00pm



- 1) **ROLL CALL:**
  - A) BOT Roll Call: Ferguson, Henrichsen, Holsworth, Kramer & Styles
  - B) Acknowledgement of other attendees
  - C) Pledge of Allegiance to be led by Styles
  
- 2) **CALL FOR CHANGES:**
  - A) Review current agenda items
  - B) Motion to accept the agenda as presented/amended
  
- 3) **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A) Funds for the Lagoon geotechnical work.
  - B) SDDOT Application for Permit to Occupy Right of Way – Parade on Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 10:00am. Hwy 40 East will need to be shut down for 15 to 20 minutes.
  
- 4) **ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:** No action will be taken (3-minute time limit per speaker)  
Meetings of the Board of Trustees are open to the public. The audience may be allowed to comment on specific agenda items during the time allotted on the agenda for those items, according to established procedures of the Board. This is a time for members of the public to express concerns or discuss issues having relevance to the town. Anyone wishing to address the Town Board during this time shall be asked to identify themselves. The number of presentations and time allotted to individuals may be limited by the board president and individuals shall refrain from discussing personalities. The president at his discretion, may recognize patrons at other times during the board meeting. No action will be taken by the board on any issue related without being first placed on a future agenda, by the board, to allow for proper notice.
  
- 5) **TRUSTEE INPUT:**
  
- 6) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
  - A. Motion to enter Executive Session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2.1 – Legal/Personnel/Contract
  - B. Motion to exit out of Executive Session
  - C. Motions resulting from Executive Session
  
- 7) **ADJOURN:**  
Motion by \_\_\_\_\_; second by \_\_\_\_\_ to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ pm.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gail Boddicker  
Finance Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Styles  
Town Board President



DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE  
and NATURAL RESOURCES

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August 3, 2023

Re: CWSRF, Town of Hermosa  
C461278-02 – Lagoon Expansion Project

Jerry Styles, Board President  
Town of Hermosa  
PO Box 298  
Hermosa, SD 57744

Dear Mr. Styles:

The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) received a revised set of the plans and specifications for the Lagoon Expansion Project for the Town of Hermosa. The Department reviewed the plans and specifications and has the following comments:

Specifications

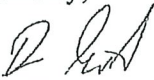
1. In Article 8:01 or the Instructions to Bidders, please specify that the **certified check is in the amount 5% or 10% in the form of a bid bond**. Remove reference to the bid bond being in the amount of 5% or 10%. The language regarding bid security in the Advertisement is accurate and that same language can be used in the Instructions to Bidders. **Please ensure this condition is addressed as the contract may not be approved if the bid bond is not correctly executed.**
2. Please refer to the Department's June 23, 2023, letter, and Chapter IV of the Department's recommended design criteria. The design criteria for wastewater ponds requires soil borings to determine surface and subsurface soil characteristics, with all borings extending to at least 6 feet below the proposed pond bottom elevation and at least one boring extending a minimum of 25 feet in depth or into bedrock, whichever is shallower. **This is a requirement and not a recommendation.**
3. Please see Specifications requirement 5 of the June 23, 2023, comment letter. The revised plan sheets included updated requirements in Material Testing and added a Pond Bottom and Embankment Construction note but do not indicate what constitutes a passing or failing test, or acceptable soil material that may be used in conjunction with bentonite to construct the liner. Per the Department's design criteria, seals consisting of soils, bentonite, or synthetic seals may be considered provided the permeability, durability, and integrity of the proposed material can be satisfactorily demonstrated for the anticipated conditions. It may be necessary for the design engineer to consult with an outside geotechnical engineering firm to assess the in-situ soils and their applicability to pond design in this case.

Please be reminded that the SRF loan for this project has not been closed and SRF funds are not available until the loan is closed. Project costs incurred by the recipient prior to loan closing may be reimbursed using SRF funds after the loan is closed; however, the recipient will be responsible for the project costs until that time. Therefore, it is recommended that the loan be closed prior to project bidding and award.

In addition to the loan not being closed, the environmental review has not been completed. **No work can occur until the environmental review is complete.**

Make the appropriate corrections to address these comments and submit updated plans and specifications for DANR approval. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Dan Gerhardt, P.E  
Natural Resources Engineer  
Environmental Funding Program  
605.773.4216

Cc: Bill Lass, Black Hills Council of Local Governments  
Leah Berg, P.E., ACES



August 8, 2023

Town of Hermosa  
PO Box 298  
Hermosa, South Dakota 57744

Attn: Mr. Jerry Styles  
[styles@hermosasd.com](mailto:styles@hermosasd.com)

Cc: Ms. Leah Berg, PE  
[lberg@proacesinc.com](mailto:lberg@proacesinc.com)

Subject: Cost Proposal – Geotechnical Exploration  
Proposed Town of Hermosa Lagoon Expansion Project  
Hermosa, South Dakota

Dear Jerry,

As requested, American Engineering Testing (AET) is pleased to submit a proposal for the subsurface exploration for use in the planning and design of the above referenced project to be constructed in Hermosa, South Dakota. In this proposal, we present our understanding of the project, an outline of the scope of services we are to provide, and the lump sum fee for our services.

### **PROJECT INFORMATION**

Based upon the information provided by you and plans by Leah Berg with ACES, we understand the project will consist of an expansion of the existing lagoon in the town of Hermosa, South Dakota. The project will consist of consolidating the 3 existing cells into a single cell, and the creation of 2 new cells approximately 1.55 and 1.59-acres in size on the east side of the existing lagoon. Based upon the cross sections provided, we understand the planned embankments will be approximately 8 feet tall, 70-foot wide, with 3H:1V slopes.

The purpose of the geotechnical study will be to determine the subsurface conditions at the site and to evaluate the suitability of the site soils for their use in constructing the proposed lagoon system. We assume access to the boring locations will be accessible with a truck or rubber track mounted drill rig and support vehicle.

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**Field Exploration** – Based on the information provided, we propose the following scope of geotechnical services:

- Arrange clearance of underground public utilities through SD One Call.

- Perform a total of (4) Standard Penetration Test (SPT) borings at the site to depths to approximately 15 feet below grade. A single boring will be drilled to a minimum of 25 feet below grade, or until encountering bedrock, whichever comes first.

The borings will be advanced with either solid flite auger (FA) or hollow stem auger (HSA) using a truck mounted or rubber track mounted drill rig.

The borings will be backfilled with auger cuttings. Any additional cuttings will be thin-spread on site near the boring location unless directed otherwise.

Before we drill, we will contact One Call of South Dakota to locate public underground utilities. One Call of South Dakota does not currently charge for this service, but they will not locate private underground utilities or structures. Examples of private utilities include, but are not limited to, propane lines, sewer laterals, sprinkler systems, site lighting, and electric and data lines between buildings. The client/property owner is responsible for locating all private underground utilities and structures. Please provide us with any maps, plans and records showing the location of all private utilities and structures. We will not be responsible for any damages to underground utilities or structures not located or incorrectly identified by the client/property owner, any maps, plans or records, or public or private utility locator providers.

We will drill the borings using solid flite or hollow stem augers, and sampling by either the split-barrel method (ASTM D1586) or the ring lined-barrel method (ASTM D3550). Our crew will keep field logs noting the methods of drilling and sampling, the Standard Penetration Values (N-values, "blows per foot"), preliminary soil classification, and observed groundwater levels. We will collect samples at 2½ foot intervals to 15 feet and every 5 feet thereafter until the proposed terminal boring depths. Representative portions of recovered samples will be collected in sealed glass jars or capped brass tubes to prevent moisture loss and submitted to our laboratory for review, testing and final classification.

We will backfill the boreholes with auger cuttings. Even after backfilling, some sloughing/settlement of the backfill may occur. We assume that the client/property owner will repair the boreholes after our exploration is complete (if required). AET cannot accept any liability associated with injury or loss after we leave the site.

## **LABORATORY TESTING**

We will initiate routine laboratory testing by reviewing each recovered soil sample to assess the major and minor soil components, while also noting the color, degree of saturation, and lenses or seams in the samples. We anticipate laboratory testing to include natural moisture content, Atterberg Limits, gradation analysis, moisture-density relationship (Proctor), remolded permeability and Direct Shear tests. On completion of testing, we will visually/manually classify each sample on the basis of texture and plasticity in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System and prepare the boring logs.



## **REPORT**

We will prepare a geotechnical engineering report in which we will present logs of the test borings, laboratory test results, a review of engineering properties of the on-site soils, and our geotechnical engineering opinions and recommendations regarding the following:

- Grading procedures to prepare the lagoon areas, including comments on the suitability of the on-site soils for reuse as embankment/liner fill material.
- Embankment slope requirements, including material types and compaction requirements.
- Utility trenching and backfill.
- Permeability rate of site soils and liner thickness requirements.
- Comments on other items which may affect final performance or constructability.

## **SCHEDULE**

Weather and site access permitting, AET anticipates our field work can be scheduled within 2 to 3 weeks from receiving an authorization to proceed. We anticipate the drilling can be completed in 1 day. Laboratory testing will require approximately 2 to 3 weeks. The report can be submitted within approximately 1 week following the completion of the laboratory testing.

## **FEES**

Our fees for the scope of services described above will be charged on a lump sum basis of \$7,650.00, plus applicable state and local taxes. Please note, our fees will be in effect for (30) days after issuance of this proposal, after which they will be subject to review and adjustment where necessary.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS**

This proposal is presented for engineering services to evaluate the structural properties of the soil at the specified site. This proposal does not cover an environmental assessment of the site or environmental testing of the soil or groundwater. If you wish to have us provide these additional services, please contact us.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

All AET Services are provided subject to the Terms and Conditions set forth in the enclosed "Environmental/Geotechnical Service Agreement—Terms and Conditions," which, upon acceptance of this proposal, are binding upon you as the Client requesting Services, and your successors, assignees, joint ventures and third-party beneficiaries. Please be advised that additional insured status is granted upon acceptance of the proposal.



## ACCEPTANCE

AET requests written acceptance of this proposal in the Proposal Acceptance box below, but the following actions shall constitute your acceptance of this proposal together with the Terms and Conditions and Amendments: 1) issuing an authorizing purchase order for any of the Services described above, 2) authorizing AET's presence on site, or 3) written or electronic notification for AET to proceed with any of the Services described in this proposal. Please indicate your acceptance of this proposal by signing below and returning a copy to us. When you accept this proposal, you represent that you are authorized to accept on behalf of the Client.

## CLOSING

AET appreciates the opportunity to provide this service for you and we look forward to working with you on this project. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,  
**American Engineering Testing, Inc.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Reed'.

James Reed, PG  
Geologist II  
Phone: 605-391-5018  
Email: [jreed@teamaet.com](mailto:jreed@teamaet.com)

Attachments: Service Agreement (4 pgs.)  
Proof of Insurance  
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Proposal for Geotechnical Exploration  
Proposed Lagoon Expansion Project – Hermosa, South Dakota  
August 8, 2023



SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER/E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. NO./ PROJECT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

BILLING CONTACT/INVOICE EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 1 - RESPONSIBILITIES**

**1.1** - This Service Agreement – Terms and Conditions (“terms and conditions”) is applicable to all services (“Services”) provided by American Engineering Testing, Inc. (AET). As used herein “Services” refers to the scope of services described in the proposal submitted by AET to Client. The proposal, these terms and conditions and any appendices attached hereto shall comprise the agreement (“Agreement”) between AET and Client for Services described in the proposal and are binding upon the Client, its successors, assignees, joint ventures and third-party beneficiaries. **AET requests written acceptance of the Agreement, but the following actions shall also constitute Client’s acceptance of the Agreement: 1) issuing an authorizing purchase order, task order, service order, or any other documentation for any of the Services, 2) authorizing AET’s presence on site, or 3) written or electronic notification for AET to proceed with any of the Services.** Issuance of a purchase order, task order or service order by Client which contains separate terms and conditions will not take precedence or modify the terms and conditions contained in this Service Agreement AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SERVICE AGREEMENT AND ANY CORRESPONDING PROPOSAL ISSUED BY AET SHALL GOVERN UNLESS AUTHORIZED IN WRITING IN ADVANCE BY AET.

**1.2** – Prior to AET performing Services, Client will provide AET with all information that may affect the cost, progress, safety and performance of the Services. This includes, but is not limited to, information on proposed and existing construction, all pertinent sections of contracts between Client and their Client and/or Owner which contain flow-down provisions to AET, if they are provided, site safety plans or other documents which may control or affect AET’s Services. If new information becomes available during AET’s Services, Client will provide such information to AET in a timely manner. Failure of Client to timely notify AET of changes to the project including, but not limited to, location, elevation, loading, or configuration of the structure or improvement will constitute a release of any liability or indemnity obligations of AET for loss or damages related to such changes. Client will provide a representative for timely answers to project-related questions by AET.

**1.3** - AET is responsible only for performance of the Services. AET will not be held responsible for work or omissions by Client or any other party working on the project. The Services do not include construction management, general contracting or surveying services. AET will not be responsible for directing or supervising the work of other parties, unless specifically authorized and agreed to in writing.

**1.4** – Client acknowledges the limitations inherent in sampling to characterize buried subsurface conditions. Variations in soil conditions occur between and beyond sampled/tested locations. The passage of time, natural occurrences and direct or indirect human activities at the site or distant from it may alter the actual conditions. Client assumes all risks associated with such variations in soil and subsurface conditions.

**1.5** - AET is not responsible for interpretations or modifications of AET’s recommendations by other persons.

**1.6** - Should changed conditions be alleged, Client agrees to notify AET before evidence of alleged change is no longer accessible for evaluation.

**1.7** – Pricing in the proposal assumes use of these terms and conditions. AET reserves the right to amend pricing if Client requests modifications to the Agreement or use of Client’s alternate contract format. Any contract amendments made after Client has authorized the Services shall be applicable only to Services performed after the effective date of such amendment. The proposal and these terms and conditions, including terms of payment, shall apply to all Services performed prior to the effective date of such amendment.

**1.8** - The AET proposal accompanying these terms and conditions is valid for thirty (30) days after the proposal issuance date to the Client. Any attempt to authorize Services after the expiration date is subject to AET’s right to revise the proposal as necessary.

**SECTION 2 - SITE ACCESS AND RESTORATION**

**2.1** - Client will furnish AET safe and legal site access.

**2.2** Client acknowledges that in the normal course of its Services, AET may unavoidably alter existing site conditions or affect the environment in the area being studied. AET will take reasonable precautions to minimize alterations to the site or existing materials. Restoration of the site is the responsibility of the Client.

**SECTION 3 - UNDERGROUND UTILITIES AND STRUCTURES (FACILITIES)**

**3.1** - AET’s sole responsibility under this section will be to contact the state “call before you dig” notification center (e.g. South Dakota One Call), if such an entity exists, for location information of public utilities only. AET shall have no obligation to proceed with the work until Client has fully complied with all the requirements of this Section 3.

**3.2** - Client will mark or cause to be marked the location of all other Facilities that service or are located on the site. AET shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy of all location information supplied by any source.

**3.3** - Client acknowledges that location data may be incorrect or that some Facilities may not be capable of location and Client fully accepts this risk and waives any claims against AET for incorrect locations or Facilities incapable of location.

**3.4** - Client shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend AET from all claims, damages, losses, fines, penalties and expenses (including attorney’s fees) arising out of or related to the following: a) Facilities that are not shown or vary from the locations shown on any plans or drawings, b) Facilities that are not located by or vary from the locations marked by Client, governmental or quasi-governmental locator programs, or private utility locating services, or c) any other Facilities that are not disclosed or vary from locations provided by the Client. The obligation to defend AET shall be independent of the obligation to indemnify and hold harmless AET and shall be with independent counsel acceptable to AET.

**SECTION 4 - CONTAMINATION**

**4.1** - Client acknowledges and accepts all contamination risks which may be associated with the Services. Risks include, but are not limited to, cross contamination created by linking contaminated zones to uncontaminated zones during the drilling process; containment and proper disposal of known or suspected hazardous materials, drill cuttings and drill fluids; and decontamination of equipment and disposal and replacement of contaminated consumables. Discovery of actual or suspected hazardous materials shall entitle AET to take immediate measures it deems necessary in its sole discretion, including regulatory notification, to protect human health and safety, and/or the environment. Further, discovery of such materials constitutes a changed condition for which Client agrees to pay associated additional cost.

**4.2** - Client shall indemnify and hold AET harmless from all liability, damages, claims or costs resulting from contaminants on the site.

**SECTION 5 - SAFETY**

**5.1** - Client shall inform AET of any known or suspected hazardous materials or unsafe conditions at the site. If, during the course of AET's Services, such materials or conditions are discovered, AET reserves the right to take measures to protect AET personnel and equipment or to immediately terminate Services. Client shall be responsible for payment of such additional protection costs.

**5.2** - AET shall only be responsible for safety of AET employees at the site; the safety of all others shall be Client's or other persons' responsibility.

**SECTION 6 – SAMPLES**

**6.1** - Client shall inform AET of any known or suspected hazardous materials prior to submittal to AET. All samples obtained by or submitted to AET remain the property of the Client during and after the Services. Any known or suspected hazardous material samples will be returned to the Client at AET's discretion.

**6.2** - Non-hazardous samples will be held for thirty (30) days and then discarded unless, within thirty (30) days of the report date, the Client requests in writing that AET store or ship the samples. Storage and shipping costs shall be borne solely by Client.

**SECTION 7 - PROJECT RECORDS**

The original project records prepared by AET will remain the property of AET. AET shall retain these original records for a minimum of three years following submission of the report, during which period the project records can be made available to Client at AET's office at reasonable times.

**SECTION 8 - STANDARD OF CARE**

AET performs its Services consistent with the level of care and skill normally performed by other firms in the profession at the time of this service and in this geographic area, under similar budgetary constraints.

**SECTION 9 - INSURANCE**

AET maintains insurance with coverage and minimum limits shown below. AET will furnish certificates of insurance to Client upon request.

**9.1 –**

Workers' Compensation	Statutory Limits
Employer's Liability	\$100,000 each accident \$500,000 disease policy limit \$100,000 disease each employee
Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 each occurrence \$1,000,000 aggregate
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000 each accident
Professional/Pollution Liability Insurance	\$1,000,000 per claim \$1,000,000 aggregate

**9.2** - Commercial General Liability insurance will include coverage for Products/Completed Operations extending one (1) year after completion of AET's Services as outlined in our proposal, Property Damage, Personal Injury, and Contractual Liability coverage applicable to AET's indemnity obligations under this Agreement.

**9.3** - Automobile Liability insurance shall include coverage for all owned, hired and non-owned automobiles.

**9.4** - Professional/Pollution Liability Insurance is written on a claims-made basis and coverage will be maintained for one (1) year after completion of AET's Services as outlined in our proposal. Renewal policies during this period shall maintain the same retroactive date.

**9.5** - To the extent permitted by applicable state law, and upon Client's signing of the proposal, which includes these Terms and Conditions, and return of the same to AET, or Client provided forms of acceptance as defined in Section 1.1; Client and Owner shall be named an "additional insured" on AET's Commercial General Liability Policy (Form CG D4 14, which includes blanket coverage for the Additional Insured on a Primary and Non-Contributory basis). Client and Owner shall also be named an "additional insured" on a Primary and Non-contributory basis on AET's Automobile Liability Policy (Form CA T4 74). Any other endorsement, coverage or policy requirement may result in additional charges.

**9.6** - AET will maintain insurance coverage required by this Agreement at its sole expense, provided such insurance is reasonably available, with insurance carriers licensed to do business in the state in which the project is located and having a current A.M. Best rating of no less than A minus (A-). Such insurance shall provide for thirty (30) days prior written notice to Client for notice of cancellation or material limitations for the policy or ten (10) days' notice for non-payment of premium.

**9.7** - AET reserves the right to charge Client for AET's costs for additional coverage requirements unknown on the date of the proposal, e.g., coverage limits or policy modification including waiver of subrogation, additional insured endorsements and other project specific requirements.

**SECTION 10 - DELAYS**

If delays to AET's Services are caused by Client or Owner, other parties, strikes, natural causes, pandemic, weather, or other items beyond AET's control, a reasonable time extension for performance of the Services shall be granted, and AET shall receive an equitable fee adjustment.

**SECTION 11 - PAYMENT, INTEREST, AND BREACH**

**11.1** - Invoices are due net thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of an undisputed invoice. Invoices will be paid without reductions for bond or retention. Client will inform AET of invoice questions or disagreements within fifteen (15) days of invoice date; unless so informed, invoices are deemed correct.

**11.2** - Invoices remaining unpaid for sixty (60) days shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement, permitting AET, in its sole discretion and without limiting any other legal or equitable remedies for such breach, to terminate performance of this Agreement and be relieved of any associated duties to the Client or other persons. Further, AET may withhold from Client data and reports in AET's possession. If Client fails to cure such breach, all reports associated with the unpaid invoices shall immediately upon demand be returned to AET and Client may neither use nor rely upon such reports or the Services.

**11.3** - AET reserves the right to pursue any unpaid invoice utilizing available remedies at law. AET explicitly reserves its Mechanic Lien or Bond Claim rights for nonpayment of an undisputed invoice. Client is responsible for paying AET expenses and attorney fees related to collection of past due invoices.

**11.4** - AET reserves the right to charge a 2.5% fee on any payment made using a credit card or debit card.

**SECTION 12 - CHANGE ORDERS**

AET's proposal associated with this project may provide an estimated cost for the work. If the proposal amount is a time and material estimate, or if changes occur affecting the project scope, estimated quantities, project schedule or other unforeseen conditions, AET will communicate with Client request a change order. However, nothing in this agreement shall be construed in any way as a waiver of payment by Client to AET for Services authorized under this agreement. Approval of a change order may be in writing, by electronic communication, or any directive for additional Services.

**SECTION 13 - MEDIATION**

**13.1** - Except for enforcement of AET's rights to payment for Services rendered or to assert and/or enforce its lien rights, including without limitation assertion and enforcement of mechanic's lien rights and foreclosure of the same, Client and AET agree that any claim, dispute or other matter in question arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be subject to mediation as a condition precedent to arbitration or the institution of legal or equitable proceedings by either party; provided however that if either party fails to respond to a request for mediation within sixty (60) days, the party requesting mediation may without further notice, proceed to arbitration or the institution of legal or equitable proceedings.

**13.2** - Mediation shall be in accordance with the Construction Industry Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association. Request for mediation shall be in writing and the parties shall share the mediator's fee and any filing fees equally and each party shall pay their own legal fees. The mediator shall be acceptable to both parties and shall have experience in commercial construction matters.

**SECTION 14 - LITIGATION REIMBURSEMENT**

Except for matters relating to non-payment of fees, which is governed by Section 11 hereof, payment of attorney's fees and costs associated with lawsuits or arbitration of disputes between AET and Client, which are dismissed or are judged substantially in either party's favor, shall be paid by the non-prevailing party. Applicable costs include, but are not limited to, attorney and expert witness fees, court costs, and other direct costs.

**SECTION 15 - MUTUAL INDEMNIFICATION**

**15.1** - Subject to the limitations contained in Sections 15 and 18, AET agrees to indemnify Client from and against damages and costs to the extent caused by AET's negligent performance of the Services.

**15.2** - Client agrees to indemnify AET from and against damages and costs to the extent caused by the intentional acts or negligence of the Client, Owner, Client's contractors and subcontractors or other third parties.

**15.3** - If Client has an indemnity agreement with other persons or entities relating to the project for which AET's Services are performed, the Client shall include AET as an additional Insured.

**15.4** - AET's indemnification to the Client, including any indemnity required or implied by law, is limited solely to losses or damages caused by its failure to meet the standard of care and only to the extent of its negligence.

**SECTION 16 - NON-SOLICITATION**

Each party to this Agreement (a "Party") agrees that it will not encourage, induce, or actively solicit any employee of the other party to leave their employment for any reason, provided that neither Party is precluded from (a) hiring any such employee who has been terminated by a Party or its subsidiaries prior to commencement of employment discussions between a Party and such employee, or (b) soliciting any such employee by means of a general advertisement or through an employment agency that does not specifically pursue the employee, or (c) hiring employees or former employees of the other Party who contact the Party on its own accord. This Non-Solicitation provision shall be effective and enforceable for six (6) months following termination of this Agreement.

**SECTION 17 - MUTUAL WAIVER OF CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES**

Except as specifically set forth herein and to the extent permitted by applicable law, Client and AET waive against each other, and each other's officers, directors, members, subcontractor, agents, assigns, successors, partners, and employees any and all claims for or entitlement to special, incidental, indirect, punitive, or consequential damages arising out of, resulting from, or in any way related to the Services provided by AET under this Agreement. This mutual waiver of consequential damages includes, but is not limited to, the following: loss of profits; loss of revenue; rental costs/expenses incurred; loss of income; loss of use of property, equipment, materials or services; loss of opportunity; loss of rent; loss of good will; loss of financing; loss of credit; diminution of value; loss of business and reputation; loss of management or employee productivity or the services of such persons; increased financing costs; cost of substitute facilities; cost of substitute goods/property/equipment; cost of substitute services; and/or cost of capital.

This mutual waiver is applicable, without limitation, to all consequential damages due to either party's termination of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement and related documents and shall survive any such termination.

#### **SECTION 18 - LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the total aggregate liability of AET and its officers, directors, partners, employees, subcontractors, agents, and sub-consultants, to Client and/or Client's employees, officers, directors, members, agents, assigns, successors, or partners, or anyone claiming through Client, for any and all injuries, damages, claims, losses, or expenses (including attorney's fees and costs) arising out of, resulting from or in any way related to Services provided by AET from any cause or causes, including, but not limited to, its negligence, professional errors and omissions, strict liability, breach of contract, or breach of warranty, shall not exceed the total compensation in excess of costs received by AET for Services or \$50,000, whichever is greater. The limitation of liability set forth herein does not apply to claims arising solely out of or related to the willful or intentional acts of AET.

#### **SECTION 19 - POSTING OF NOTICES ON EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

Effective June 21, 2010, prime contracts with a value of \$100,000 or more and signed by federal contractors on projects with any agency of the United States government must comply with 29 CFR Part 471, which requires physical posting of a notice to employees of their rights under Federal labor laws. The required notice may be found at 29 Code of Federal Regulations Part 471, Appendix A to Subpart A. The regulation also has a "flow-down" requirement for subcontractors under the prime agreement for subcontracts with a value of \$10,000 or more. AET requires strict compliance of its subcontractors working on federal contracts subject to this regulation. The regulation has specific requirements for location of posting and language(s) for the poster.

#### **SECTION 20 - TERMINATION**

After 7 days' written notice, either party may elect to terminate this Agreement for justifiable reasons. In this event, the Client shall pay AET for all work performed, including demobilization and reporting costs to complete the Services.

#### **SECTION 21 - SEVERABILITY**

Any provisions of this Agreement later held to violate a law or regulation shall be deemed void, and all remaining provisions shall continue in force. However, Client and AET will in good faith attempt to replace an invalid or unenforceable provision with one that is valid and enforceable, and which comes as close as possible to expressing the intent of the original provision.

#### **SECTION 22 - GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of South Dakota without regard to its conflicts of law provisions.

#### **SECTION 23 - ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including these terms and conditions and attached proposal and appendices, is the entire agreement between AET and Client. Regardless of method of acceptance of this Agreement by the Client, this Agreement supersedes any written or oral agreements, including purchase/work orders or other Client agreements submitted to AET after the start of our Services. Any modifications to this Agreement must be mutually acceptable to both parties and accepted in writing. No considerations will be given to revisions to AET's terms and conditions or alternate contract format submitted by the Client as a condition for payment of AET's accrued Services.

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the  
 requester. Do not  
 send to the IRS.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.  
**AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC.**

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.

- Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC    
  C Corporation    
 S Corporation    
 Partnership    
 Trust/estate  
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.  
 Other (see instructions) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)*

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.

**550 CLEVELAND AVE. N..**

6 City, state, and ZIP code

**ST. PAUL, MN 55114**

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Print or type.  
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

## Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									

or

Employer identification number										
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## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person ▶

Date ▶ 1/1/23

## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

## Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.



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# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)  
12/8/2022

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER License # 20443386 Hub International Great Plains 245 E. Roselawn Avenue Suite 31 Saint Paul, MN 55117-1940	CONTACT NAME: Ann Ross		
	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (651) 288-5137	FAX (A/C, No): (651) 286-0560	
E-MAIL ADDRESS: ann.ross@hubinternational.com			
INSURED AMERICAN CONSULTING SERVICES INC AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING INC AMERICAN PETROGRAPHIC SERVICES INC 550 CLEVELAND AVE N ST PAUL, MN 55114-1804	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #
	INSURER A : The Phoenix Insurance Company		25623
	INSURER B : The Travelers Indemnity Company of America		25666
	INSURER C : Travelers Property Casualty Company of America		25674
	INSURER D : The Travelers Indemnity Company		25658
	INSURER E : Continental Casualty Company		20443
INSURER F :			

COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER: REVISION NUMBER:

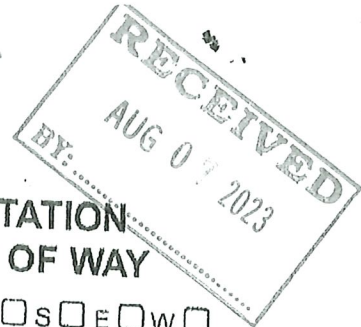
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR VWD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR  GENL. AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC OTHER:			P630539K8896PHX23	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 2,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 1,000,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 10,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 2,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 4,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 4,000,000
B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY			8102L6457122343G	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 2,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$ 0			CUP3K2260092343	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 10,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 10,000,000
D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below		N/A	UB9H9151012343G	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000
E	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROF/POLL LIABILITY			ECH254066939	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	EACH CLAIM \$ 10,000,000
E	RETRO: 070287			ECH254066939	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	AGGREGATE \$ 15,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)  
RENEWALS: contracts@teamAET.com

CERTIFICATE HOLDER  ILLUSTRATION CERTIFICATE	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE <i>J. Craig McHally</i>

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# SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO OCCUPY RIGHT OF WAY

Highway No. 40 E County Custer Approximately      Miles N  S  E  W

From (City or well defined point)      Section      Township      Range     

Corner at Hwy 79 and Hwy 40 East to Ferrymans Plue Rd.

Description of occupancy: Parade for the Custer Co Fair. The Rd will need to be shut down

Purpose of occupancy: for 15 to 20 minutes.

Duration of occupancy: PERMANENT  TEMPORARY  If temporary, give the estimated date of removal or completion:

I, the undersigned, request permission to occupy public right-of-way at the above location and as shown on the attached layout sheet. In consideration for this permission, I agree to abide by all conditions as herein stated.

1. To furnish all materials, labor, incidentals and pay all costs involved with this occupancy including restoration of any damage to the roadway and right-of-way to equal or better conditions than existed prior to the occupancy covered by this permit.
2. To provide protection to highway traffic during occupancy by the use of proper signs, barricades, flagpersons and lights as prescribed in the "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices."
3. To indemnify and hold the State of South Dakota, its Department of Transportation, its officers, agents and employees, harmless from and against any and all actions, suits, damages, liability or other proceedings of any kind or nature brought because of any injuries or damage received or sustained by any person or property on account of the use or occupancy of right-of-way designated in this application.

APPLICANT NAME (please print) Custer County Fair board

SIGNATURE Doug Neugebauer DATE     

ADDRESS 14195 SD Hwy 40 Hermosa SD 57744

TELEPHONE 605-390 4804

REPRESENTING Custer County Fair board  
(Name of Individual, Company, Organization, etc.)

\*\*\*To be completed by Department of Transportation\*\*\*

Project (Const.) 40-491 Station      Milepost 48.6  
Project (Maint.) 40-496 Maintenance Unit 496

1. Prior to commencing occupancy and at completion of occupancy the applicant shall notify Richard Zacher at Custer Area Engineer Telephone 605-673-4948

2. Special Conditions Town of Hermosa approval required  
Traffic control conducted by local law enforcement and/or certified flaggers.

3. Failure to accomplish the occupancy in accordance with the provisions of this permit will automatically render this permit null and void and where applicable, constitute grounds for its removal and/or full restoration of the occupancy site all at the applicant's expense.

This permit to occupy the right-of-way is granted to all conditions as herein stated on this 7 day of August, 2023.

R Zacher  
Region Engineer  
Area

Chief Bridge Engineer (Bridge Installations only)