

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON, A TEXAS HOME-RULE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC., FOR PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE WATER UTILITIES FINANCIAL PLANNING AND SUPPORT PROJECT FOR THE WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AS SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS THEREFOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (RFQ 8213-012 – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING SERVICES AWARDED TO FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC., IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,049,620.00).

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2024, the City Council approved a pre-qualified engineer list for the Water and Wastewater Utilities Department (Ordinance 24-390), and the professional services provider (the “Provider”) mentioned in this ordinance is being selected as the most highly qualified on the basis of its demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the proposed professional services; and

WHEREAS, this procurement was undertaken as part of the City’s governmental function [Water and sewer service]; and

WHEREAS, the fees under the proposed contract are fair and reasonable and are consistent with, and not higher than, the recommended practices and fees published by the professional associations applicable to the Provider’s profession, and such fees do not exceed the maximum provided by law; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The City Manager, or their designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc., for planning services for the Water Utilities Financial Planning and Support Project for the Water Utilities Department, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

SECTION 2. The City Manager, or their designee, is authorized to expend funds as required by the attached contract.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Denton, hereby expressly delegates the authority to take any actions that may be required or permitted to be performed by the City of Denton under this ordinance to the City Manager of the City of Denton, or their designee.

SECTION 4. The findings in the preamble of this ordinance are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this ordinance was made by _____ and seconded by _____. This ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote [___ - ___]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Gerard Hudspeth:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brian Beck, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

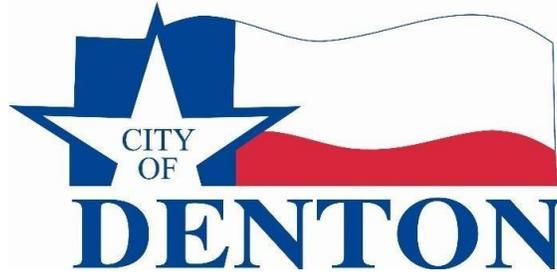
GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
INGRID REX, CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: Leah Bush



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PSA	8213-012
File Name	Water Utilities Funding Planning Support Project
Purchasing Contact	Erica Garcia
City Council Target Date	
Piggy Back Option	Not Applicable
Contract Expiration	
Ordinance	

CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING RELATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This AGREEMENT is between the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipality ("CITY"), and Freese and Nichols, Inc. with its corporate office at 101 South Locust Street, Suite 202, Denton, TX 76201 and authorized to do business in Texas, ("ENGINEER"), for a PROJECT generally described as: Water Utilities Funding Planning Support Project (the "PROJECT").

SECTION 1 **Scope of Services**

- A.** The CITY hereby agrees to retain the ENGINEER, and the ENGINEER hereby agrees to perform, professional engineering services set forth in the Scope of Services attached hereto as Attachment A. These services shall be performed in connection with the PROJECT.
- B.** Additional services, if any, will be requested in writing by the CITY. CITY shall not pay for any work performed by ENGINEER or its consultants, subcontractors and/or suppliers that has not been ordered in advance and in writing. It is specifically agreed that ENGINEER shall not be compensated for any additional work resulting from oral orders of any person.

SECTION 2 **Compensation and Term of Agreement**

- A.** The ENGINEER shall be compensated for all services provided pursuant to this AGREEMENT in an amount not to exceed \$1,049,620 in the manner and in accordance with the fee schedule as set forth in Attachment A. Payment shall be considered full compensation for all labor, materials, supplies, and equipment necessary to complete the services described in Attachment A.
- B.** Unless otherwise terminated pursuant to Section 6. D. herein, this AGREEMENT shall be for a term beginning upon the effective date, as described below, and shall continue for a period which may reasonably be required for the completion of the PROJECT, until the expiration of the funds, or completion of the PROJECT and acceptance by the CITY, whichever occurs first. ENGINEER shall proceed diligently with the PROJECT to completion as described in the PROJECT schedule as set forth in Attachment A.

SECTION 3 **Terms of Payment**

Payments to the ENGINEER will be made as follows:

A. Invoice and Payment

- (1) The Engineer shall provide the City sufficient documentation, including but not limited to meeting the requirements set forth in the PROJECT schedule as set forth in Attachment A to reasonably substantiate the invoices.
- (2) The ENGINEER will issue monthly invoices for all work performed under this AGREEMENT. Invoices for the uncontested performance of the particular services are due and payable within 30 days of receipt by City.
- (3) Upon completion of services enumerated in Section 1, the final payment of any balance for the uncontested performance of the services will be due within 30 days of receipt of the final invoice.
- (4) In the event of a disputed or contested billing, only that portion so contested will be withheld from payment, and the undisputed portion will be paid. The CITY will exercise reasonableness in contesting any bill or portion thereof. No interest will accrue on any contested portion of the billing until mutually resolved.
- (5) If the CITY fails to make payment in full to ENGINEER for billings contested in good faith within 60 days of the amount due, the ENGINEER may, after giving 7 days' written notice to CITY, suspend services under this AGREEMENT until paid in full. In the event of suspension of services, the ENGINEER shall have no liability to CITY for delays or damages caused the CITY because of such suspension of services.

SECTION 4 Obligations of the Engineer

A. General

The ENGINEER will serve as the CITY's professional engineering representative under this AGREEMENT, providing professional engineering consultation and advice and furnishing customary services incidental thereto.

B. Standard of Care

The ENGINEER shall perform its services:

- (1) with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent engineers practicing in the same or similar locality and under the same or similar circumstances and professional license; and
- (2) as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent engineer.

C. Subsurface Investigations

- (1) The ENGINEER shall advise the CITY with regard to the necessity for subcontract work such as special surveys, tests, test borings, or other subsurface investigations in connection with design and engineering work to be performed hereunder. The ENGINEER shall also advise the CITY concerning the results of same. Such surveys, tests, and investigations shall be furnished by the CITY, unless otherwise specified in Attachment A.
- (2) In soils, foundation, groundwater, and other subsurface investigations, the actual characteristics may vary significantly between successive test points and sample intervals and at locations other than where observations, exploration, and investigations have been made. Because of the inherent uncertainties in subsurface evaluations, changed or unanticipated underground conditions may occur that could affect the total PROJECT cost and/or execution. These conditions and cost/execution effects are not the responsibility of the ENGINEER.

D. Preparation of Engineering Drawings

The ENGINEER will provide to the CITY the original drawings of all plans in ink on reproducible mylar sheets and electronic files in .pdf format, or as otherwise approved by CITY, which shall become the property of the CITY. CITY may use such drawings in any manner it desires; provided, however, that the ENGINEER shall not be liable for the use of such drawings for any project other than the PROJECT described herein.

E. Engineer's Personnel at Construction Site

- (1) The presence or duties of the ENGINEER's personnel at a construction site, whether as on-site representatives or otherwise, do not make the ENGINEER or its personnel in any way responsible for those duties that belong to the CITY and/or the CITY's construction contractors or other entities, and do not relieve the construction contractors or any other entity of their obligations, duties, and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, all construction methods, means, techniques, sequences, and procedures necessary for coordinating and completing all portions of the construction work in accordance with the AGREEMENT Documents and any health or safety precautions required by such construction work. The ENGINEER and its personnel have no authority to exercise any control over any construction contractor or other entity or their employees in connection with their work or any health or safety precautions.
- (2) Except to the extent of specific site visits expressly detailed and set forth in Attachment A, the ENGINEER or its personnel shall have no obligation or responsibility to visit the construction site to become familiar with the progress or quality of the completed work on the PROJECT or to determine, in general, if the work on the PROJECT is being performed in a manner indicating that the

PROJECT, when completed, will be in accordance with the AGREEMENT Documents, nor shall anything in the AGREEMENT Documents or this AGREEMENT between CITY and ENGINEER be construed as requiring ENGINEER to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to discover latent defects in the work or otherwise check the quality or quantity of the work on the PROJECT. If the ENGINEER makes on-site observation(s) of a deviation from the AGREEMENT Documents, the ENGINEER shall inform the CITY.

- (3) When professional certification of performance or characteristics of materials, systems or equipment is reasonably required to perform the services set forth in the Scope of Services, the ENGINEER shall be entitled to rely upon such certification to establish materials, systems or equipment and performance criteria to be required in the AGREEMENT Documents.

F. Opinions of Probable Cost, Financial Considerations, and Schedules

- (1) The ENGINEER shall provide opinions of probable costs based on the current available information at the time of preparation, in accordance with Attachment A.
- (2) In providing opinions of cost, financial analyses, economic feasibility projections, and schedules for the PROJECT, the ENGINEER has no control over cost or price of labor and materials; unknown or latent conditions of existing equipment or structures that may affect operation or maintenance costs; competitive bidding procedures and market conditions; time or quality of performance by third parties; quality, type, management, or direction of operating personnel; and other economic and operational factors that may materially affect the ultimate PROJECT cost or schedule. Therefore, the ENGINEER makes no warranty that the CITY's actual PROJECT costs, financial aspects, economic feasibility, or schedules will not vary from the ENGINEER's opinions, analyses, projections, or estimates.

G. Construction Progress Payments

Recommendations by the ENGINEER to the CITY for periodic construction progress payments to the construction contractor will be based on the ENGINEER's knowledge, information, and belief from selective sampling and observation that the work has progressed to the point indicated. Such recommendations do not represent that continuous or detailed examinations have been made by the ENGINEER to ascertain that the construction contractor has completed the work in exact accordance with the AGREEMENT Documents; that the final work will be acceptable in all respects; that the ENGINEER has made an examination to ascertain how or for what purpose the construction contractor has used the moneys paid; that title to any of the work, materials, or equipment has passed to the CITY free and clear of liens, claims, security interests, or encumbrances; or that there are not other matters at issue between the CITY and the construction contractor that affect the amount that should be paid.

H. Record Drawings

Record drawings, if required, will be prepared, in part, on the basis of information compiled and furnished by others, and may not always represent the exact location, type of various components, or exact manner in which the PROJECT was finally constructed. The ENGINEER is not responsible for any errors or omissions in the information from others that is incorporated into the record drawings.

I. Right to Audit

- (1) ENGINEER agrees that the CITY shall, until the expiration of five (5) years after final payment under this AGREEMENT, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any directly pertinent books, documents, papers and records of the ENGINEER involving transactions relating to this AGREEMENT. ENGINEER agrees that the CITY shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary ENGINEER facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. The CITY shall give ENGINEER reasonable advance notice of intended audits.
- (2) ENGINEER further agrees to include in all its subconsultant agreements hereunder a provision to the effect that the subconsultant agrees that the CITY shall, until the expiration of five (5) years after final payment under the subcontract, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any directly pertinent books, documents, papers and records of such subconsultant, involving transactions to the subcontract, and further, that the CITY shall have access during normal working hours to all subconsultant facilities, and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space, in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section together with subsection (3) hereof. CITY shall give subconsultant reasonable advance notice of intended audits.
- (3) ENGINEER and subconsultant agree to photocopy such documents as may be requested by the CITY. The CITY agrees to reimburse ENGINEER for the cost of copies at the rate published in the Texas Administrative Code in effect as of the time copying is performed.

J. INSURANCE

(1) ENGINEER'S INSURANCE

- a. Commercial General Liability – the ENGINEER shall maintain commercial general liability (CGL) and, if necessary, commercial umbrella insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per each occurrence with a \$2,000,000.00 aggregate. If such Commercial General Liability insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this PROJECT or location.
 - i. The CITY shall be included as an additional insured with all rights of defense under the CGL, using ISO additional insured endorsement or a substitute providing equivalent coverage, and under the commercial umbrella, if any. This insurance shall apply as primary insurance with respect to any other insurance or self-insurance programs afforded to the CITY. The Commercial General Liability insurance policy shall have no exclusions or endorsements that would alter or nullify: premises/operations, products/completed operations, contractual, personal injury, or advertising injury, which are normally contained within the policy, unless the CITY specifically approves such exclusions in writing.
 - ii. ENGINEER waives all rights against the CITY and its agents, officers, directors and employees for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by the commercial general liability or commercial umbrella liability insurance maintained in accordance with this AGREEMENT.
- b. Business Auto – the ENGINEER shall maintain business auto liability and, if necessary, commercial umbrella liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of “any auto”, including owned, hired, and non-owned autos, when said vehicle is used in the course of the PROJECT. If the engineer owns no vehicles, coverage for hired or non-owned is acceptable.
 - i. ENGINEER waives all rights against the CITY and its agents, officers, directors and employees for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by the business auto liability or commercial umbrella liability insurance obtained by ENGINEER pursuant to this AGREEMENT or under any applicable auto physical damage coverage.
- c. Workers' Compensation – ENGINEER shall maintain workers compensation and employers liability insurance and, if necessary,

commercial umbrella liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$100,000.00 each accident for bodily injury by accident or \$100,000.00 each employee for bodily injury by disease, with \$500,000.00 policy limit.

- i. ENGINEER waives all rights against the CITY and its agents, officers, directors and employees for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by workers compensation and employer's liability or commercial umbrella insurance obtained by ENGINEER pursuant to this AGREEMENT.
- d. Professional Liability – ENGINEER shall maintain professional liability, a claims-made policy, with a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 per claim and aggregate. The policy shall contain a retroactive date prior to the date of the AGREEMENT or the first date of services to be performed, whichever is earlier. Coverage shall be maintained for a period of 5 years following the completion of the AGREEMENT. An annual certificate of insurance specifically referencing this PROJECT shall be submitted to the CITY for each year following completion of the AGREEMENT.

(2) GENERAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- a. Certificates of insurance evidencing that the ENGINEER has obtained all required insurance shall be attached to this AGREEMENT prior to its execution.
- b. Applicable policies shall be endorsed to name the CITY an Additional Insured thereon, subject to any defense provided by the policy, as its interests may appear. The term CITY shall include its employees, officers, officials, agents, and volunteers as respects the contracted services.
- c. Certificate(s) of insurance shall document that insurance coverage specified in this AGREEMENT are provided under applicable policies documented thereon.
- d. Any failure on part of the CITY to attach the required insurance documentation hereto shall not constitute a waiver of the insurance requirements.
- e. A minimum of thirty (30) days notice of cancellation or material change in coverage shall be provided to the CITY. A ten (10) days notice shall be acceptable in the event of non-payment of premium. Notice shall be sent to the respective Department Director (by name), City of Denton, 901 Texas Street, Denton, Texas 76209.
- f. Insurers for all policies must be authorized to do business in the State of

Texas and have a minimum rating of A:V or greater, in the current A.M. Best Key Rating Guide or have reasonably equivalent financial strength and solvency to the satisfaction of Risk Management.

- g. Any deductible or self insured retention in excess of \$25,000.00 that would change or alter the requirements herein is subject to approval by the CITY in writing, if coverage is not provided on a first-dollar basis. The CITY, at its sole discretion, may consent to alternative coverage maintained through insurance pools or risk retention groups. Dedicated financial resources or letters of credit may also be acceptable to the CITY.
- h. Applicable policies shall each be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the CITY as respects the PROJECT.
- i. The CITY shall be entitled, upon its request and without incurring expense, to review the ENGINEER's insurance policies including endorsements thereto and, at the CITY's discretion; the ENGINEER may be required to provide proof of insurance premium payments.
- j. Lines of coverage, other than Professional Liability, underwritten on a claims-made basis, shall contain a retroactive date coincident with or prior to the date of the AGREEMENT. The certificate of insurance shall state both the retroactive date and that the coverage is claims-made.
- k. Coverages, whether written on an occurrence or claims-made basis, shall be maintained without interruption nor restrictive modification or changes from date of commencement of the PROJECT until final payment and termination of any coverage required to be maintained after final payments.
- l. The CITY shall not be responsible for the direct payment of any insurance premiums required by this AGREEMENT.
- m. Sub consultants and subcontractors to/of the ENGINEER shall be required by the ENGINEER to maintain the same or reasonably equivalent insurance coverage as required for the ENGINEER. When sub consultants/subcontractors maintain insurance coverage, ENGINEER shall provide CITY with documentation thereof on a certificate of insurance.

K. Independent Consultant

The ENGINEER agrees to perform all services as an independent consultant and not as a subcontractor, agent, or employee of the CITY. The doctrine of *respondeat superior* shall not apply.

L. Disclosure

The ENGINEER acknowledges to the CITY that it has made full disclosure in writing of any existing conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest, including personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in property abutting the proposed PROJECT and business relationships with abutting property cities. The ENGINEER further acknowledges that it will make disclosure in writing of any conflicts of interest that develop subsequent to the signing of this AGREEMENT and prior to final payment under the AGREEMENT.

M. Asbestos or Hazardous Substances

- (1) If asbestos or hazardous substances in any form are encountered or suspected, the ENGINEER will stop its own work in the affected portions of the PROJECT to permit testing and evaluation.
- (2) If asbestos or other hazardous substances are suspected, the CITY may request the ENGINEER to assist in obtaining the services of a qualified subcontractor to manage the remediation activities of the PROJECT.

N. Permitting Authorities - Design Changes

If permitting authorities require design changes so as to comply with published design criteria and/or current engineering practice standards which the ENGINEER should have been aware of at the time this AGREEMENT was executed, the ENGINEER shall revise plans and specifications, as required, at its own cost and expense. However, if design changes are required due to the changes in the permitting authorities' published design criteria and/or practice standards criteria which are published after the date of this AGREEMENT which the ENGINEER could not have been reasonably aware of, the ENGINEER shall notify the CITY of such changes and an adjustment in compensation will be made through an amendment to this AGREEMENT.

O. Schedule

ENGINEER shall manage the PROJECT in accordance with the schedule developed per Attachment A to this AGREEMENT.

P. Equal Opportunity

- (1) **Equal Employment Opportunity:** ENGINEER and ENGINEER's agents shall engage in any discriminatory employment practice. No person shall, on the grounds of race, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, creed, color, genetic testing, or national origin, be refused the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any activities resulting from this AGREEMENT.
- (2) **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance:** ENGINEER and

ENGINEER's agents shall not engage in any discriminatory employment practice against individuals with disabilities as defined in the ADA.

SECTION 5 **Obligations of the City**

A. City-Furnished Data

ENGINEER may rely upon the accuracy, timeliness, and completeness of the information provided by the CITY.

B. Access to Facilities and Property

The CITY will make its facilities accessible to the ENGINEER as required for the ENGINEER's performance of its services. The CITY will perform, at no cost to the ENGINEER, such tests of equipment, machinery, pipelines, and other components of the CITY's facilities as may be required in connection with the ENGINEER's services. The CITY will be responsible for all acts of the CITY's personnel.

C. Advertisements, Permits, and Access

Unless otherwise agreed to in the Scope of Services, the CITY will obtain, arrange, and pay for all advertisements for bids; permits and licenses required by local, state, or federal authorities; and land, easements, rights-of-way, and access necessary for the ENGINEER's services or PROJECT construction.

D. Timely Review

The CITY will examine the ENGINEER's studies, reports, sketches, drawings, specifications, proposals, and other documents; obtain advice of an attorney, insurance counselor, accountant, auditor, bond and financial advisors, and other consultants as the CITY deems appropriate; and render in writing decisions required by the CITY in a timely manner in accordance with the PROJECT schedule prepared in accordance with Attachment A.

E. Prompt Notice

The CITY will give prompt written notice to the ENGINEER whenever CITY observes or becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of the ENGINEER's services or of any defect in the work of the ENGINEER or construction contractors.

F. Asbestos or Hazardous Substances Release.

(1) CITY acknowledges ENGINEER will perform part of the work at CITY's

facilities that may contain hazardous materials, including asbestos containing materials, or conditions, and that ENGINEER had no prior role in the generation, treatment, storage, or disposition of such materials. In consideration of the associated risks that may give rise to claims by third parties or employees of City, City hereby releases ENGINEER from any damage or liability related to the presence of such materials.

- (2) The release required above shall not apply in the event the discharge, release or escape of hazardous substances, contaminants, or asbestos is a result of ENGINEER's negligence or if ENGINEER brings such hazardous substance, contaminant or asbestos onto the PROJECT.

G. Contractor Indemnification and Claims

The CITY agrees to include in all construction contracts the provisions of Article IV.E. regarding the ENGINEER's Personnel at Construction Site, and provisions providing for contractor indemnification of the CITY and the ENGINEER for contractor's negligence.

H. Contractor Claims and Third-Party Beneficiaries

- (1) The CITY agrees to include the following clause in all contracts with construction contractors and equipment or materials suppliers:

"Contractors, subcontractors and equipment and materials suppliers on the PROJECT, or their sureties, shall maintain no direct action against the ENGINEER, its officers, employees, and subcontractors, for any claim arising out of, in connection with, or resulting from the engineering services performed. Only the CITY will be the beneficiary of any undertaking by the ENGINEER."

- (2) This AGREEMENT gives no rights or benefits to anyone other than the CITY and the ENGINEER and there are no third-party beneficiaries.
- (3) The CITY will include in each agreement it enters into with any other entity or person regarding the PROJECT a provision that such entity or person shall have no third-party beneficiary rights under this AGREEMENT.
- (4) Nothing contained in this Section H. shall be construed as a waiver of any right the CITY has to bring a claim against ENGINEER.

I. CITY's Insurance

- (1) The CITY may maintain property insurance on certain pre-existing structures associated with the PROJECT.
- (2) The CITY may secure Builders Risk/Installation insurance at the replacement

cost value of the PROJECT. The CITY may provide ENGINEER a copy of the policy or documentation of such on a certificate of insurance.

J. Litigation Assistance

The Scope of Services does not include costs of the ENGINEER for required or requested assistance to support, prepare, document, bring, defend, or assist in litigation undertaken or defended by the CITY. In the event CITY requests such services of the ENGINEER, this AGREEMENT shall be amended or a separate agreement will be negotiated between the parties.

K. Changes

The CITY may make or approve changes within the general Scope of Services in this AGREEMENT. If such changes affect the ENGINEER's cost of or time required for performance of the services, an equitable adjustment will be made through an amendment to this AGREEMENT with appropriate CITY approval.

SECTION 6 **General Legal Provisions**

A. Authorization to Proceed

ENGINEER shall be authorized to proceed with this AGREEMENT upon receipt of a written Notice to Proceed from the CITY.

B. Reuse of Project Documents

All designs, drawings, specifications, documents, and other work products of the ENGINEER, whether in hard copy or in electronic form, are instruments of service for this PROJECT, whether the PROJECT is completed or not. Reuse, change, or alteration by the CITY or by others acting through or on behalf of the CITY of any such instruments of service without the written permission of the ENGINEER will be at the CITY's sole risk. The CITY shall own the final designs, drawings, specifications and documents.

C. Force Majeure

The ENGINEER is not responsible for damages or delay in performance caused by acts of God, strikes, lockouts, accidents, or other events beyond the control of the ENGINEER that prevent ENGINEER's performance of its obligations hereunder.

D. Termination

(1) This AGREEMENT may be terminated:

- a. by the City for its convenience upon 30 days' written notice to ENGINEER.
 - b. by either the CITY or the ENGINEER for cause if either party fails substantially to perform through no fault of the other and the nonperforming party does not commence correction of such nonperformance within 5 days' written notice or thereafter fails to diligently complete the correction.
- (2) If this AGREEMENT is terminated for the convenience of the City, the ENGINEER will be paid for termination expenses as follows:
- a. Cost of reproduction of partial or complete studies, plans, specifications or other forms of ENGINEER'S work product;
 - b. Out-of-pocket expenses for purchasing electronic data files and other data storage supplies or services;
 - c. The time requirements for the ENGINEER'S personnel to document the work underway at the time of the CITY'S termination for convenience so that the work effort is suitable for long time storage.
- (3) Prior to proceeding with termination services, the ENGINEER will submit to the CITY an itemized statement of all termination expenses. The CITY'S approval will be obtained in writing prior to proceeding with termination services.

E. Suspension, Delay, or Interruption to Work

The CITY may suspend, delay, or interrupt the services of the ENGINEER for the convenience of the CITY. In the event of such suspension, delay, or interruption, an equitable adjustment in the PROJECT's schedule, commitment and cost of the ENGINEER's personnel and subcontractors, and ENGINEER's compensation will be made.

F. Indemnification

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 271.904, THE ENGINEER SHALL INDEMNIFY OR HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY AGAINST LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE COMMITTED BY THE ENGINEER OR ENGINEER'S AGENT, CONSULTANT UNDER CONTRACT, OR ANOTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH THE ENGINEER EXERCISES CONTROL TO THE EXTENT THAT THE DAMAGE IS CAUSED BY OR RESULTING FROM AN ACT OF NEGLIGENCE, INTENTIONAL TORT, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT, OR FAILURE TO PAY A SUBCONTRACTOR OR SUPPLIER. CITY IS ENTITLED TO RECOVER ITS REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES IN PROPORTION TO THE ENGINEER'S LIABILITY.

G. Assignment

Neither party shall assign all or any part of this AGREEMENT without the prior written consent of the other party.

H. Jurisdiction

The law of the State of Texas shall govern the validity of this AGREEMENT, its interpretation and performance, and any other claims related to it. The venue for any litigation related to this AGREEMENT shall be Denton County, Texas.

I. Severability and Survival

If any of the provisions contained in this AGREEMENT are held for any reason to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability will not affect any other provision, and this AGREEMENT shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein. Sections 5.F., 6.B., 6.D., 6.F., 6.H., and 6.I. shall survive termination of this AGREEMENT for any cause.

J. Observe and Comply

ENGINEER shall at all times observe and comply with all federal and State laws and regulations and with all City ordinances and regulations which in any way affect this AGREEMENT and the work hereunder, and shall observe and comply with all orders, laws ordinances and regulations which may exist or may be enacted later by governing bodies having jurisdiction or authority for such enactment. No plea of misunderstanding or ignorance thereof shall be considered. **ENGINEER AGREES TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS CITY AND ALL OF ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS OR LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF THE VIOLATION OF ANY SUCH ORDER, LAW, ORDINANCE, OR REGULATION, WHETHER IT BE BY ITSELF OR ITS EMPLOYEES.**

K. Immigration Nationality Act

ENGINEER shall verify the identity and employment eligibility of its employees who perform work under this AGREEMENT, including completing the Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9). Upon request by CITY, ENGINEER shall provide CITY with copies of all I-9 forms and supporting eligibility documentation for each employee who performs work under this AGREEMENT. ENGINEER shall adhere to all Federal and State laws as well as establish appropriate procedures and controls so that no services will be performed by any ENGINEER employee who is not legally eligible to perform such services. **ENGINEER SHALL INDEMNIFY CITY AND HOLD CITY HARMLESS FROM ANY PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, OR LOSSES DUE TO VIOLATIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY ENGINEER, ENGINEER'S EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, AGENTS, OR LICENSEES.** CITY, upon written notice to ENGINEER, shall have the

right to immediately terminate this AGREEMENT for violations of this provision by ENGINEER.

L. Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel

Engineer acknowledges that in accordance with Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code, City is prohibited from entering into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. The terms “boycott Israel” and “company” shall have the meanings ascribed to those terms in Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code. ***By signing this agreement, Engineer certifies that Engineer’s signature provides written verification to the City that Engineer: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the agreement.*** Failure to meet or maintain the requirements under this provision will be considered a material breach.

M. Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Doing Business with Iran, Sudan, or a Foreign Terrorist Organization

Sections 2252 and 2270 of the Texas Government Code restricts CITY from contracting with companies that do business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization. ***By signing this agreement, Engineer certifies that Engineer’s signature provides written verification to the City that Engineer, pursuant to Chapters 2252 and 2270, is not ineligible to enter into this agreement and will not become ineligible to receive payments under this agreement by doing business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization.*** Failure to meet or maintain the requirements under this provision will be considered a material breach.

N. Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Certain Energy Companies

Engineer acknowledges that in accordance with Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, City is prohibited from entering into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains written verification from the company that it (1) does not boycott energy companies; and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract. The terms “boycott energy company” and “company” shall have the meanings ascribed to those terms in Section 809.001 of the Texas Government Code. ***By signing this agreement, Engineer certifies that Engineer’s signature provides written verification to the City that Engineer: (1) does not boycott energy companies; and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the agreement.*** Failure to meet or maintain the requirements under this provision will be considered a material breach.

O. Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Certain Firearm Entities and Firearm Trade Associations

Engineer acknowledges that in accordance with Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, City is prohibited from entering into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains written verification from the company that it (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (2) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. The terms “discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association,” “firearm entity” and “firearm trade association” shall have the meanings ascribed to those terms in Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code. ***By signing this agreement, Engineer certifies that Engineer’s signature provides written verification to the City that Engineer: (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (2) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.*** Failure to meet or maintain the requirements under this provision will be considered a material breach.

P. Termination Right for Contracts with Companies Doing Business with Certain Foreign-Owned Companies

The City of Denton may terminate this Contract immediately without any further liability if the City of Denton determines, in its sole judgment, that this Contract meets the requirements under Chapter 2274, and Engineer is, or will be in the future, (i) owned by or the majority of stock or other ownership interest of the company is held or controlled by individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or other designated country (ii) directly controlled by the Government of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or other designated country, or (iii) is headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or other designated country.

Q. Prohibition Against Personal Interest in Contracts

No officer, employee, independent consultant, or elected official of the City who is involved in the development, evaluation, or decision-making process of the performance of any solicitation shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Contract resulting from that solicitation as defined in the City’s Ethic Ordinance 23-1165 and in the City Charter chapter 2 article XI(Ethics). Any willful violation of this section shall constitute impropriety in office, and any officer or employee guilty thereof shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Any violation of this provision, with the knowledge, expressed or implied, of the Contractor shall render the Contract voidable by the City. The Contractor shall complete and submit the City’s Conflict of Interest Questionnaire.

R. Certificate of Interested Parties Electronic Filing

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295, which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that the City may not enter into this contract

unless the Contractor submits a disclosure of interested parties (Form 1295) to the City at the time the Contractor submits the signed contract. The Texas Ethics Commission has adopted rules requiring the business entity to file Form 1295 electronically with the Commission.

Contractor will be required to furnish a Certificate of Interest Parties before the contract is awarded, in accordance with Government Code 2252.908.

The contractor shall:

1. Log onto the State Ethics Commission Website at :
<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/1295/>
2. Register utilizing the tutorial provided by the State
3. Print a copy of the completed Form 1295
4. Enter the Certificate Number on page 2 of this contract.
5. Complete and sign the Form 1295
6. Email the form to purchasing@cityofdenton.com with the contract number in the subject line. (EX: Contract 1234 – Form 1295)

The City must acknowledge the receipt of the filed Form 1295 not later than the 30th day after Council award. Once a Form 1295 is acknowledged, it will be posted to the Texas Ethics Commission's website within seven business days.

S. Agreement Documents

This AGREEMENT, including its attachments and schedules, constitutes the entire AGREEMENT, which supersedes all prior written or oral understandings, and may only be changed by a written amendment executed by both parties. This AGREEMENT may be executed in one or more counterparts and each counterpart shall, for all purposes, be deemed an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. The following attachments and schedules are hereby made a part of this AGREEMENT:

Attachment A - Scope of Services, Compensation and Project Schedule

These documents make up the AGREEMENT documents and what is called for by one shall be as binding as if called for by all. In the event of an inconsistency or conflict in any of the provisions of the AGREEMENT documents, the inconsistency or conflict shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the written AGREEMENT then to the AGREEMENT documents in the order in which they are listed above.

The parties agree to transact business electronically. Any statutory requirements that certain terms be in writing will be satisfied using electronic documents and signing. Electronic signing of this document will be deemed an original for all legal purposes.

Duly executed by each party's designated representative to be effective on _____.

BY:
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

Sara Hensley, City Manager

BY:
ENGINEER
Freese and Nichols, Inc.

James Naylor
Principal/Vice President
250287AE3C534C4
Authorized Agent, Title

Full Name: James Naylor

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION
CERTIFICATE NUMBER

THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN
BOTH REVIEWED AND APPROVED
as to financial and operational
obligations and business terms.

Signed by:
Stephen D Gay
FEB48BB9726E4A9...
Signature

General Manager
Title

Water Utilities and Street Operations
Department

Date Signed: _____

ATTEST:
INGRID REX, CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

Signed by:
Leah Bush
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October 3, 2025

Sohil Manjiyani
Engineer
City of Denton, Department of Water Utilities
901-A Texas Street
Denton, Texas 76209

Re: Texas Water Development Board Funding Assistance and Project Health Reporting

Dear Mr. Manjiyani,

Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) is pleased to submit this proposal for providing professional services to the City of Denton Water Utilities (CLIENT) for water-related funding projects and project health reporting.

PROJECT UNDERSTANDING

It is our understanding of the scope of work under this proposal is to assist the CLIENT with multiple applications and funding for the planning, design, or construction or any combination of these for water-related capital improvement projects. We also understand the CLIENT desires a dynamic dashboard for project health tracking and reporting.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) scope of services is included on the provided Attachment SC in connection with the project.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

FNI will commence work upon receipt and execution of contract or task order and agrees to complete the services per the schedule defined in Attachment SC or agreed upon for each task order as requested.

COMPENSATION

FNI proposes to provide services as described herein for the not-to-exceed fee of One Million Forty Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$1,049,620.00). We appreciate this opportunity to submit this proposal. If additional information or clarification is desired, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you agree with the services described above and wish for us to proceed with this assignment, please initiate contract proceedings.

Sincerely,
FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC.

James Naylor, P.E.
Principal/Vice-President

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SCOPE OF SERVICES

ARTICLE I

BASIC SERVICES: FNI shall render the following professional services in connection with the development of the Project:

TASK A – TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Texas Water Development Board Funding Assistance (Typical, can be replicated on multiple funding projects and multiple TWDB funding programs), assumes FNI is the CLIENT’S Engineer of Record. If FNI is NOT the CLIENT’S Engineer-of-Record (EOR), FNI will coordinate with the CLIENT’S EOR as needed for engineering/environmental related information.

FNI will assist the CLIENT with the TWDB application and funding process for the planning, design and construction of a chosen project. The funding requested can be for project planning, design, or construction or any combination of these.

EPA Funding Assistance (typical, can be replicated on multiple funding projects and multiple funding programs), assumes FNI is the CLIENT’S EOR . If FNI is NOT the CLIENT’S EOR, FNI will coordinate with the CLIENT’S Engineer of Record as needed for engineering/environmental related information.

FNI will assist the CLIENT with the EPA application and funding process for the planning, design and construction of a chosen project. The funding requested can be for project planning, design, or construction or any combination of these.

1. **Pre-application** (as applicable by program)
 - a. FNI will conduct a Project Kickoff Meeting with CLIENT: Purpose of this meeting is to establish project communications protocols, confirm project goals and objectives, review scope, schedule, and budget, and coordinate initial project tasks.
 - b. FNI will prepare the Projection Information Form (PIF) for SRF-related funding (Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and/or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)) main programs, Lead Service Line Replacement program, and/or Emerging Contaminants programs in either/both the CWSRF and DWSRF. FNI will prepare the Abridged Application for funding from the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and/or Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF).
 - c. FNI will participate in a required pre-application conference with the CLIENT and funding agency if required by the funding program or requested by the CLIENT.
 - d. FNI will coordinate with the CLIENT’S Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel for fiscal/legal budget amounts as needed for PIFs and/or Abridged Applications or other pre-application activities/requirements.
 - e. It is FNI’S understanding the CLIENT has submitted a Letter of Interest to the EPA for funding assistance from the WIFIA program. FNI will assist the CLIENT as requested with coordination on pre-application activities.

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2. Application

- a. FNI will assist the CLIENT with the Council Application Resolutions and associated documents or advise the CLIENT and its bond counsel as appropriate.
- b. FNI will prepare the application, and all required additional documents, including coordination with the CLIENT.
- c. FNI will coordinate with the CLIENT'S Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel on the Financial and Legal sections of the application and on the financial sections of application budget forms.
- d. FNI will respond to agency comments and questions during the application administrative and application technical reviews.
- e. FNI will prepare for and attend a TWDB Board meeting or similar EPA meetings associated with each funding application and up to two (2) Council Meetings to support the agencies' funding process.
- f. FNI will coordinate with the CLIENT and the CLIENT'S Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel as needed to provide input and guidance on the closing process and required documentation. If FNI is NOT the CLIENT'S Engineer of Record, FNI will coordinate with the CLIENT'S Engineer of Record to provide input and guidance on engineering-related closing process and required documentation.

3. Post-Closing (assumes agency funding award)

- a. FNI will provide input and guidance on the funding the post-closing phases of planning, acquisition, design, bidding, and construction.
- b. If required by the funding program, FNI will assist with the quarterly/monthly Outlay reports and loan/grant draw requests, as appropriate, and submittal of expense invoicing, etc., if requested by the CLIENT.
- c. FNI will provide input and guidance on any funding program-specific certifications such as American and/or U.S. Iron and Steel, Davis-Bacon Act, and Build-America, Buy America provisions.
- d. FNI will provide input and guidance on construction change orders and the contract closing process with regards to agency requirements.
- e. FNI will coordinate with the EPA and the TWDB when a project is co-funded by programs administered by the two agencies.
- f. FNI assumes Subtasks A.4.a. through A.4.d. will continue from the closing of the funding through project close-out. The Pecan Creek WWTP project is understood to be the longest in duration and expected to last through 2030.

TASK B – PROJECT HEALTH REPORTING

FNI will provide professional services to help the CLIENT gain a clearer understanding of their projects through custom dashboards built in Power BI. These dashboards will consolidate project data, present timely and accurate information, and support actionable insights. They will offer both high-level executive summaries and detailed project drilldowns to enhance financial compliance and decision-making on project health and funding.

1. Preliminary Phase

- a. Data Request and Inventory
 - i. The CLIENT will provide FNI with data exports from JD Edwards and any other internal systems they wish to incorporate into the dashboard prior to FNI beginning on a dashboard prototype.

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- b. Exploratory Data Analysis & Quality Assessment
 - i. Evaluate the completeness, accuracy, and structure of the data. FNI is not responsible for the accuracy of the data that is being provided; however, FNI will inform the CLIENT if anything is questionable upon our reviews of the data.
 - ii. Identify missing values, duplicates, or inconsistencies in the data based on the dashboard scope definitions.
 - iii. Check for necessary data transformations (e.g., formatting, projections, units).
 - iv. Document findings in a data assessment report.
- c. Identify Gaps & Request Additional Data (If Needed)
 - i. Communicate data limitations or quality concerns to stakeholders.
 - ii. Determine whether additional data sets are required or if data cleaning is necessary.
 - iii. Discuss potential workarounds if certain data elements are unavailable.
 - iv. Define what can and cannot be done based on available data.

2. Dashboard Design Phase

- a. Dashboard Design Meeting
 - i. Gather input on key performance indicators (KPIs) and reporting needs.
 - ii. Identify user roles (viewers, editors, administrators).
 - iii. Discuss desired interactivity, filtering options, and accessibility requirements.
 - iv. Present previously developed dashboards and document feedback.
 - v. Define expectations for aesthetics and branding guidelines.
 - vi. Discuss expectations for build out (in FNI environment, then transferred to the CLIENT's environment; directly in the CLIENT environment with use of laptop, etc.)
 - vii. Discuss expectations for integration. This scope was developed assuming manual or python script facilitated integration. Direct integrations will require collaboration with the CLIENT's IT Department and are outside this scope of services.
- b. Develop Dashboard Plan & Workflow
 - i. Outline the dashboard objectives and scopes.
 - ii. Document key functionalities and user interactions.
 - iii. Define data update frequency (live, daily, weekly, etc.).
 - iv. Plan for scalability and future enhancements.
- c. Communicate Agreed-Upon Functionalities
 - i. Develop wireframes or rough sketches of the dashboard layouts.
 - ii. Confirm the inclusion of all requested functionalities.
 - iii. Identify potential challenges in implementation.
 - iv. Develop custom reporting functionality.
 - v. Develop custom mapping functionality.
- d. Build Dashboard Prototype (Beta Version)
 - i. Set up data connections and configure visual elements.
 - ii. Implement filtering, drill-downs, and interactive components.
 - iii. Test loading times, responsiveness, and performance.
 - iv. Ensure data security and proper user permissions.
 - v. Conduct internal testing for bugs or inconsistencies.
- e. Second Design Review & Refinements

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- i. Present the Dashboard prototypes for feedback.
- ii. Conduct usability testing with real users.
- iii. Identify areas for improvement.
- iv. Adjust visualizations, layouts, and interactivity as needed.
- v. Determine if additional iterations are required before deployment.
- f. Final Review, Testing & Deployment Preparation
 - i. Allocate buffer time for last-minute changes.
 - ii. Conduct final quality assurance (QA) testing.
 - iii. Document user instructions and create a help guide if needed.
 - iv. Train stakeholders on dashboard use and data updates.
 - v. Deploy the dashboard and monitor performance post-launch.
 - vi. Provide up to eight hours of additional technical support

Deliverables

- a. Data Assessment Report of original findings
- b. Prototype (Beta version) (up to three)
- c. Final Power BI dashboards (up to three)
- d. User instructions
- e. Up to eight hours of additional technical support

TASK C – PROJECT MANAGEMENT, COORDINATION, QUALITY CONTROL

1. Monthly billing activities
2. Monthly status reports
3. Periodic project meetings
4. Project/program/deliverable QA/QC reviews

ARTICLE II

SPECIAL SERVICES: FNI shall render the following professional services, which are not included in the Basic Services described above, in connection with the development of the Project upon request of the CLIENT.

TASK A - ADDITIONAL TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FUNDING ASSISTANCE

1. FNI will provide the CLIENT with the services outlined in Basic Services Items 1. through 4. above for the FIRST additional funding application.
2. FNI will provide the CLIENT with the services outlined in Basic Services Items 1. through 4. above for the SECOND additional funding application.

ARTICLE III

ADDITIONAL SERVICES: Any services performed by FNI that are not included in the Basic Services or Special Services described above are Additional Services. FNI will not perform Additional Services without prior written authorization from the CLIENT.

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ARTICLE IV

TIME OF COMPLETION: FNI is authorized to commence work on the Project upon execution of this Agreement and agrees to complete the Basic Services in accordance with the following schedule:

TASK A: 2,190 calendar days from Notice to Proceed.
(Timeframe corresponds to the Pecan Creek WWTP project lifespan. Additional Basic Services under this contract will be completed via future task orders as authorized by the CLIENT.)

TASK B: 180 days from Notice to Proceed

If FNI's services are delayed through no fault of FNI, FNI shall be entitled to adjust contract schedule consistent with the number of days of delay. These delays may include but are not limited to delays in Client or regulatory reviews, delays on the flow of information to be provided to FNI, governmental approvals, etc. These delays may result in an adjustment to compensation as outlined on the face of this Agreement and in Attachment CO.

ARTICLE V

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLIENT: Client shall perform the following in a timely manner so as not to delay the services of FNI:

- A. Designate in writing a person to act as Client's representative with respect to the services to be rendered under this Agreement. Such person shall have contract authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define Client's policies and decisions with respect to FNI's services for the Project.
- B. Provide all criteria and full information as to Client's requirements for the Project.
- C. Assist FNI by placing at FNI's disposal all available information pertinent to the Project including previous reports and any other data relative to design or construction of the Project.
- D. Arrange for access to and make all provisions for FNI to enter upon public and private property as required for FNI to perform services under this Agreement.
- E. Examine all studies, reports, sketches, drawings, specifications, proposals and other documents presented by FNI, obtain advice of an attorney, insurance counselor and other consultants as Client deems appropriate for such examination and render in writing decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time so as not to delay, or cause rework in, the services of FNI.
- F. Furnish approvals and permits from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project and such approvals and consents from others as may be necessary for completion of the Project.
- G. Provide such accounting, independent cost estimating and insurance counseling services as may be required for the Project, such legal services as Client may require or FNI may reasonably request with regard to legal issues pertaining to the Project.

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- H. Give prompt written notice to FNI whenever Client observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of FNI's services.
- I. Furnish, or direct FNI to provide, Additional Services as stipulated in Attachment SC, Article III of this Agreement or other services as required.
- J. Bear all costs incident to compliance with the requirements of this Article V.

ARTICLE VI

DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: FNI and Client designate the following representatives:

Client's Designated Representative:

Sohil Manjiyani
Project Manager/Engineer
sohil.manjiyani@cityofdenton.com
(940) 349-8917

FNI's Designated Representative:

Franzi Davis
Project Manager
franzi.davis@freese.com
(817) 735-7541

FNI's Accounting Representative:

Raquel Longoria
Operations Analyst
raquel.longoria@freese.com
(817) 735-7256

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ARTICLE VII

COMPENSATION: The following is the breakdown of the proposed not-to-exceed fee in accordance with the Attachment CO.

TASK	SUB TASK FEE	TASK FEE
BASIC SERVICES		
Task A – Texas Water Development Board Funding Assistance		\$284,130
1. Pre-Application	\$12,010	
2. Application	\$69,950	
3. Post Closing	\$202,170	
Task B – Project Health Reporting		\$82,860
1. Preliminary Phase	\$37,880	
2. Dashboard Design Phase	\$44,980	
Task D – Project Management / Coordination / Quality Control		\$71,990
1. PM, Meetings, QC	\$71,990	
Total Basic Services		\$438,980
SPECIAL SERVICES		
Task A – Texas Water Development Board Funding Assistance		\$610,640
1. Special Services Task 1. First Additional Funding Application	\$305,320	
2. Special Services Task 2. Second Additional Funding Application	\$305,320	
Total Special Services		\$610,640
TOTAL FEE		
TOTAL FEE		\$1,049,620

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE -

FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a) and by City of Denton Ethics Code, Ordinance 18-757.

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local government entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

Freese and Nichols Inc.

2 Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information in this section is being disclosed.

N/A

Name of Officer

Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. This section, (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D), must be completed for each officer with whom the vendor has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

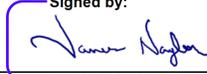
Yes No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of one percent or more?

Yes No

D. Describe each employment or business and family relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

4 I have no Conflict of Interest to disclose.

5 Signed by:


1/8/2026

Signature of Vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/ Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

- (A) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:
 - (2) the vendor:
 - (A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;
 - (B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

- (a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:
 - (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
 - (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
 - (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.
- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:
 - (1) the date that the vendor:
 - (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
 - (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or
 - (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:
 - (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
 - (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
 - (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

City of Denton Ethics Code Ordinance Number 18-757

Definitions:

Relative: a family member related to a City Official within the third 3rd degree of affinity (marriage) or consanguinity (blood or adoption)

City Official: for purpose of this article, the term consists of the Council Members, Department Heads, or member of the Board of Ethics, Planning and zoning Commission Members, Board of Adjustment, Historic Landmark Commission, or Public Utilities Board

Vendor: a person who provides or seeks to provide goods, services, and/or real property to the City in exchange for compensation. This definition does not include those property owners from whom the City acquires public right-of-way or other real property interests for public use.

Per the City of Denton Ethics Code, Section 2-273. – Prohibitions

- (3) It shall be a violation of this Article for a Vendor to offer or give a Gift to City Official exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) per gift, or multiple gifts cumulatively valued at more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per a single fiscal year.

Per the City of Denton Ethics Code, Section 2-282. – Disposition (b), (5) Ineligibility

If the Board of Ethics finds that a Vendor has violated this Article, the Board may recommend to the City Manager that the Vendor be deemed ineligible to enter into a City contract or other arrangement for goods, services, or real property, for a period of one (1) year.

Certificate Of Completion

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Purchasing Manager

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james.naylor@freese.com

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Principal/Vice President

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Signer Events

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