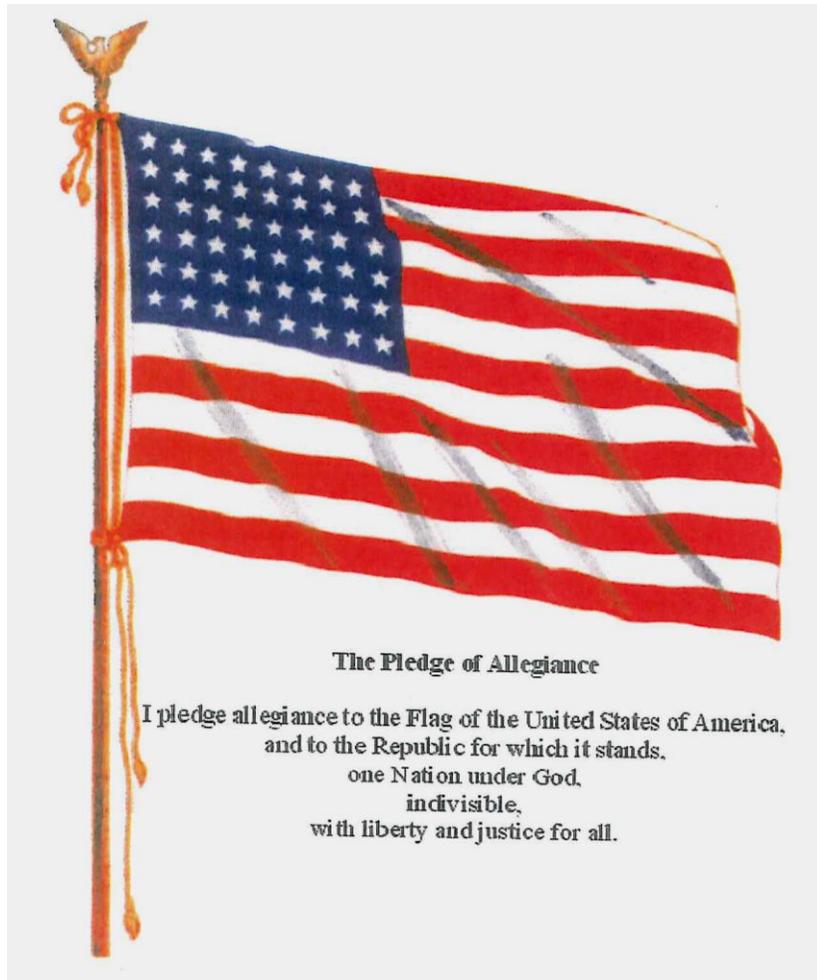


**SPECIAL MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT
AGENDA**

September 19, 2023

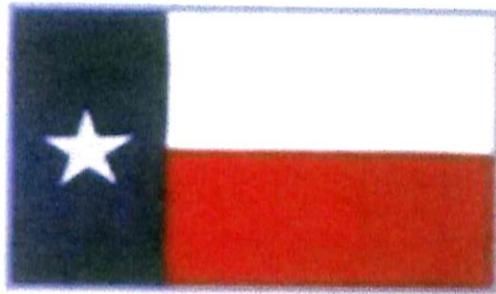
Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag



**(Texas Pledge: Honor the Texas flag;
I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one
state under God, one and indivisible.)**

Pledge to the Texas Flag



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Announcements:

**Items or comments from Court
Members or Staff.**

Citizens' Comments:

At this time any person may speak to Commissioners Court if they have filled out a Caldwell County Commissioners Court Participation Form. Comments will be limited to four (4) minutes per person. No action will be taken on these items and no discussion will be had between the speaker(s) and members of the Court. The Court does retain the right to correct factual inaccuracies made by the speakers. (If longer than 30 minutes, then the balance of comment will continue as the last agenda item of the day.)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Discussion/Action** to approve a professional services agreement between the County and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Capital Improvement Plan & Program and Bond Services. **Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 42; Cost: \$150,607.00**

Caldwell County Agenda Item Request Form

To: All Elected Officials and Department Heads – Hand deliver or scan & email to hoppy.haden@co.caldwell.tx.us and ezzy.chan@co.caldwell.tx.us . Deadline is 5:00 pm Tuesday before the Regular meetings, however, please submit this completed form ASAP. "Anything missing will cause the Agenda Item to be held over to the next Regular meeting," according to our Rules & Procedures.

AGENDA DATE: 09/19/2023

Type of Agenda Item

- Consent Discussion/Action Executive Session Workshop
 Public Hearing

What will be discussed? What is the proposed motion?

Discussion/Action to approve a professional services agreement between the County and American Structurepoint, Inc., for Capital Improvement Plan & Program and Bond Services.

1. **Costs:**

Actual Cost or Estimated Cost \$ 151,607.00

Is this cost included in the County Budget? _____

Is a Budget Amendment being proposed? _____

2. **Agenda Speakers:**

	Name	Representing	Title
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(1) Judge Haden

(2) _____

(3) _____

3. **Backup Materials:** None To Be Distributed 42 total # of backup pages
(including this page)

4. 
Signature of Court Member

9/15/2023
Date

ARTICLE 1
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND APPLICABLE PROJECT DOCUMENTS

A. Contract Documents. The Contract Documents consist of this Contract, any exhibits attached hereto (which exhibits are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Contract), any fully executed Work Authorizations; any fully executed Supplemental Work Authorizations and all fully executed Contract Amendments (as defined herein in Article 14) which are subsequently issued. These form the entire contract, and all are as fully a part of this Contract as if attached to this Contract or repeated herein.

B. Project Documents. In addition to any other pertinent and necessary Project documents, the following documents shall be used in the development of the Project:

- A. TxDOT 2011 Texas Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, including latest revisions
- B. Texas Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Construction of Highways, Streets, and Bridges, 2014 (English units)
- C. Texas Department of Transportation's Roadway Design Manual, July 2020
- D. Texas Department of Transportation's Hydraulic Design Manual, September 2019
- E. Texas Department of Transportation's Bridge Design Manual LRFD, January 2020
- F. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- G. Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) of the Architectural Barriers Act, Article 9102, Texas Civil Statutes, Effective March 15, 2012, including latest revisions
- H. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Regulations
- I. U.S. Army Corps Regulations
- J. International Building Code, current edition as updated

ARTICLE 2
NON-COLLUSION; DEBARMENT; AND FINANCIAL INTEREST PROHIBITED

A. Non-collusion. Engineer warrants that he/she/it has not employed or retained any company or persons, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Engineer, to solicit or secure this Contract, and that he/she/it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or engineer any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, County reserves and shall have the right to annul this Contract without liability or, in its discretion and at its sole election, to deduct from the contract price or compensation, or to otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

B. Debarment Certification. Engineer must sign the Debarment Certification enclosed herewith as **Exhibit A**.

C. Financial Interest Prohibited. Engineer covenants and represents that Engineer, his/her/its officers, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors will have no financial

interest, direct or indirect, in the purchase or sale of any product, materials or equipment that will be recommended or required for the construction of the Project.

ARTICLE 3 **ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Engineer shall perform Engineering Services as identified in **Exhibit B** entitled "Engineering Services."

County will prepare and issue Work Authorizations, in substantially the same form identified and attached hereto as **Exhibit C** and entitled "Work Authorization No. 1", to authorize the Engineer to perform one or more tasks of the Engineering Services. Each Work Authorization will include a description of the work to be performed, a description of the tasks and milestones, a work schedule for the tasks, definite review times by County and Engineer of all Engineering Services and a fee amount agreed upon by the County and Engineer. The amount payable for a Work Authorization shall be supported by the estimated cost of each work task as described in the Work Authorization. The Work Authorization will not waive the Engineer's responsibilities and obligations established in this Contract. The executed Work Authorizations shall become part of this Contract.

All work must be completed on or before the date specified in the Work Authorization. The Engineer shall promptly notify the County of any event which will affect completion of the Work Authorization, although such notification shall not relieve the Engineer from costs or liabilities resulting from delays in completion of the Work Authorization. Should the review times or Engineering Services take longer than shown on the Work Authorization, through no fault of Engineer, Engineer may submit a timely written request for additional time, which shall be subject to the approval of the County. Any changes in a Work Authorization shall be enacted by a written Supplemental Work Authorization before additional costs may be incurred. Any Supplemental Work Authorization must be executed by both parties within the period specified in the Work Authorization.

ARTICLE 4 **CONTRACT TERM**

A. Term. The Engineer is expected to complete the Engineering Services described herein in accordance with the above described Work Authorizations or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto. If Engineer does not perform the Engineering Services in accordance with each applicable Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto, then County shall have the right to terminate this Contract as set forth below in Article 20. So long as the County elects not to terminate this Contract, it shall continue from day to day until such time as the Engineering Services are completed in accordance with each applicable Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto. Any Engineering Services performed, or costs incurred after the date of termination shall not be eligible for reimbursement. Engineer shall notify County in writing as soon as possible if he/she/it determines, or reasonably anticipates, that the Engineering Services will not be completed in accordance with an applicable Work Authorization, or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto.

B. Work Authorizations. Engineer acknowledges that each Work Authorization is of critical importance and agrees to undertake all reasonably necessary efforts to expedite the performance of Engineering Services required herein so that construction of the Project will be commenced and completed as scheduled. In this regard, and subject to adjustments in a particular Work Authorization, as provided in Article 3 herein, Engineer shall proceed with sufficient qualified personnel and consultants necessary to fully and timely accomplish all Engineering Services required under this Contract in a professional manner.

C. Commencement of Engineering Services. After execution of this Contract, Engineer shall not proceed with Engineering Services until Engineer has been thoroughly briefed on the scope of the Project and has been notified in writing by the County to proceed, as provided in Article 8.

ARTICLE 5

COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

County shall pay and Engineer agrees to accept up to the amount shown below as full compensation for the Engineering Services performed and to be performed under this Contract. The basis of compensation for the services of principals and employees engaged in the performance of the Engineering Services shall be based on the Rate Schedule set forth in the attached **Exhibit D**.

The maximum amount payable under this Contract, without modification, is **two hundred thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)** (the "Compensation Cap"), provided that any amounts paid or payable shall be solely pursuant to a validly issued Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto. In no event may the aggregate amount of compensation authorized under Work Authorizations and Supplemental Work Authorizations exceed the Compensation Cap. The Compensation Cap shall be revised equitably only by written Contract Amendments executed by both parties in the event of a change in the overall scope of the Engineering Services set forth in **Exhibit B**, as authorized by County.

The Compensation Cap is based upon all labor and non-labor costs estimated to be required in the performance of the Engineering Services provided for under this Contract. Should the actual costs of all labor and non-labor costs rendered under this Contract be less than the above stated Compensation Cap, then Engineer shall receive compensation for only actual fees and costs of the Engineering Services actually rendered and incurred, which may be less than the above stated Compensation Cap.

The Compensation Cap herein referenced may be adjusted for Additional Engineering Services requested and performed only if approved by a written Contract Amendment signed by both parties.

Engineer shall prepare and submit to County monthly progress reports in sufficient detail to support the progress of the Engineering Services and to support invoices requesting monthly payment. The format for such monthly progress reports and invoices must be in a format acceptable to County. Satisfactory progress of Engineering Services shall be an absolute condition of payment.

Engineer shall be reimbursed for actual non-labor and subcontract expenses incurred in the performance of the services under this Contract at the Engineer's invoice cost. Invoices requesting reimbursement for costs and expenditures related to the Project (reimbursables) must be accompanied by copies of the provider's invoice. The copies of the provider's invoice must evidence the actual costs billed to Engineer without mark-up.

ARTICLE 6 **METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Payments to Engineer shall be made while Engineering Services are in progress. Engineer shall prepare and submit to Caldwell County's Purchasing Department, not more frequently than once per month, a progress report as referenced in Article 5 above. Such progress report shall state the percentage of completion of Engineering Services accomplished for an applicable Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto during that billing period and to date. This submittal shall also include a progress assessment report in a form acceptable to the County Auditor.

All invoices submitted to County must, at a minimum, be accompanied by an original complete packet of supporting documentation and time sheets detailing hours worked by staff persons with a description of the work performed by such persons. For Additional Engineering Services performed pursuant to this Contract, a separate invoice or itemization of the Additional Engineering Services must be presented with the same aforementioned requirements.

Payments shall be made by County based upon Engineering Services actually provided and performed. Upon timely receipt and approval of each statement, County shall make a good faith effort to pay the amount which is due and payable within thirty (30) days of the County Auditor's receipt. County reserves the right to reasonably withhold payment pending verification of satisfactory Engineering Services performed. Engineer has the responsibility to submit proof to County, adequate and sufficient in its determination, that tasks of an applicable Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto were completed.

The certified statements shall show the total amount earned to the date of submission and shall show the amount due and payable as of the date of the current statement. Final payment does not relieve Engineer of the responsibility of correcting any errors and/or omissions resulting from his/her/its negligence.

Upon submittal of the initial invoice, Engineer shall provide the County Auditor with an Internal Revenue Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification that is complete in compliance with the Internal Revenue Code, its rules and regulations.

ARTICLE 7 **PROMPT PAYMENT POLICY**

In accordance with Chapter 2251, V.T.C.A., Texas Government Code, payment to Engineer will be made within thirty (30) days of the day on which the performance of services was complete, or within thirty (30) days of the day on which the County Auditor receives a correct invoice for services, whichever is later.

Engineer may charge a late fee (fee shall not be greater than that which is permitted by Texas law) for payments not made in accordance with this prompt payment policy; however, this policy does not apply in the event:

- A. There is a bona fide dispute between County and Engineer concerning the supplies, materials, or equipment delivered or the services performed that causes the payment to be late; or
- B. The terms of a federal contract, grant, regulation, or statute prevent County from making a timely payment with federal funds; or
- C. There is a bona fide dispute between Engineer and a subcontractor/subconsultant or between a subcontractor/subconsultant and its supplier concerning supplies, materials, or equipment delivered or the Engineering Services performed which causes the payment to be late; or
- D. The invoice is not mailed to the County's Purchasing Department in strict accordance with instructions, if any, on the purchase order, or this Contract or other such contractual agreement.

The County Auditor shall document to Engineer the issues related to disputed invoices within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of such invoice. Any non-disputed invoices shall be considered correct and payable per the terms of Chapter 2251, V.T.C.A., Texas Government Code.

ARTICLE 8

COMMENCEMENT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Engineer shall not proceed with any task of the Engineering Services until Engineer has been thoroughly briefed on the scope of the Project and instructed, in writing by the County, to proceed with the applicable Engineering Services. The County shall not be responsible for work performed or costs incurred by Engineer related to any task for which a Work Authorization or a Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto has not been issued and signed by both parties. Engineer shall not be required to perform any work for which a Work Authorization or a Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto has not been issued and signed by both parties.

ARTICLE 9

PROJECT TEAM

County's Designated Representative for purposes of this Contract is as follows:

Hoppy Haden, County Judge
Caldwell County Courthouse
110 S. Main St., Room 101
Lockhart, TX 78644

County shall have the right, from time to time, to change the County's Designated Representative by giving Engineer written notice thereof. With respect to any action, decision or determination which is to be taken or made by County under this Contract, the County's Designated Representative may take such action or make such decision or determination or shall

notify Engineer in writing of an individual responsible for and capable of taking such action, decision or determination and shall forward any communications and documentation to such individual for response or action. Actions, decisions or determinations by the County's Designated Representative on behalf of County shall be done in his or her reasonable business judgment unless express standards or parameters therefor are included in this Contract, in which case, actions taken by the County's Designated Representative shall be in accordance with such express standards or parameters. Any consent, approval, decision or determination hereunder by the County's Designated Representative shall be binding on County; *provided, however*, the County's Designated Representative shall not have any right to modify, amend or terminate this Contract, an Executed Work Authorization, an executed Supplemental Work Authorization or executed Contract Amendment. County's Designated Representative shall not have any authority to execute a Contract Amendment, Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization unless otherwise granted such authority by the Caldwell County Commissioners Court.

Engineer's Designated Representative for purposes of this Contract is as follows:

Paul McIlree, PE, DBIA
Principal
3711 South Mopac Expressway
Building One, Suite 350
Austin, Texas 78746

Engineer shall have the right, from time to time, to change the Engineer's Designated Representative by giving County written notice thereof. With respect to any action, decision or determination which is to be taken or made by Engineer under this Contract, the Engineer's Designated Representative may take such action or make such decision or determination or shall notify County in writing of an individual responsible for and capable of taking such action, decision or determination and shall forward any communications and documentation to such individual for response or action. Actions, decisions or determinations by the Engineer's Designated Representative on behalf of Engineer shall be done in his or her reasonable business judgment unless express standards or parameters therefor are included in this Contract, in which case, actions taken by the Engineer's Designated Representative shall be in accordance with such express standards or parameters. Any consent, approval, decision or determination hereunder by the Engineer's Designated Representative shall be binding on Engineer. Engineer's Designated Representative shall have the right to modify, amend and execute Work Authorizations, Supplemental Work Authorizations and Contract Amendments on behalf of Engineer.

ARTICLE 10

PROGRESS EVALUATION

Engineer shall, from time to time during the progress of the Engineering Services, confer with County at County's election. Engineer shall prepare and present such information as may be pertinent and necessary, or as may be reasonably requested by County, in order for County to evaluate features of the Engineering Services. At the request of County or Engineer, conferences shall be provided at Engineer's office, the offices of County, or at other locations designated by County. When requested by County, such conferences shall also include evaluation of the Engineering Services. County may, from time to time, require Engineer to appear and provide

information to the Caldwell County Commissioners Court.

Should County determine that the progress in Engineering Services does not satisfy an applicable Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto, then County shall review same with Engineer to determine corrective action required.

Engineer shall promptly advise County in writing of events which have or may have a significant impact upon the progress of the Engineering Services, including but not limited to the following:

- A. Problems, delays, adverse conditions which may materially affect the ability to meet the objectives of an applicable Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto, or preclude the attainment of Project Engineering Services units by established time periods; and such disclosure shall be accompanied by statement of actions taken or contemplated, and County assistance needed to resolve the situation, if any; and
- B. Favorable developments or events which enable meeting goals sooner than anticipated in relation to an applicable Work Authorization's or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto.

ARTICLE 11 **SUSPENSION**

Should County desire to suspend the Engineering Services, but not to terminate this Contract, then such suspension may be effected by County giving Engineer thirty (30) calendar days' verbal notification followed by written confirmation to that effect. Such thirty-day notice may be waived in writing by agreement and signature of both parties. The Engineering Services may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice from County to resume the Engineering Services. Such sixty-day (60) notice may be waived in writing by agreement and signature of both parties. If this Contract is suspended for more than thirty (30) days, Engineer shall have the option of terminating this Contract and, in the event, Engineer shall be compensated for all Engineering Services performed and reimbursable expenses incurred, provided such Engineering Services and reimbursable expenses have been previously authorized and approved by County, to the effective date of suspension.

If County suspends the Engineering Services, the contract period as determined in Article 4, and the Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto, shall be extended for a time period equal to the suspension period.

County assumes no liability for Engineering Services performed or costs incurred prior to the date authorized by County for Engineer to begin Engineering Services, and/or during periods when Engineering Services is suspended, and/or subsequent to the completion date.

ARTICLE 12 **ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

If Engineer forms a reasonable opinion that any work he/she/it has been directed to perform is beyond the overall scope of this Contract, as set forth in **Exhibit B**, and as such constitutes extra work ("Additional Engineering Services"), he/she/it shall promptly notify

County in writing. In the event County finds that such work does constitute Additional Engineering Services, County shall so advise Engineer and a written Contract Amendment will be executed between the parties as provided in Article 14. Any increase to the Compensation Cap due to Additional Engineering Services must be set forth in such Contract Amendment. Engineer shall not perform any proposed Additional Engineering Services nor incur any additional costs prior to the execution, by both parties, of a written Contract Amendment. Following the execution of a Contract Amendment that provides for Additional Engineering Services, a written Work Authorization, which sets forth the Additional Engineering Services to be performed, must be executed by the parties. County shall not be responsible for actions by Engineer nor for any costs incurred by Engineer relating to Additional Engineering Services not directly associated with the performance of the Engineering Services authorized in this Contract, by a fully executed Work Authorization or a fully executed Contract Amendment thereto.

ARTICLE 13
CHANGES IN COMPLETED ENGINEERING SERVICES

If County deems it necessary to request changes to previously satisfactorily completed Engineering Services or parts thereof which involve changes to the original Engineering Services or character of Engineering Services under this Contract, then Engineer shall make such revisions as requested and as directed by County. Such revisions shall be considered as Additional Engineering Services and paid for as specified under Article 12.

Engineer shall make revisions to Engineering Services authorized hereunder as are necessary to correct errors appearing therein, when required to do so by County. No additional compensation shall be due for such Engineering Services.

ARTICLE 14
CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

The terms set out in this Contract may be modified by a written fully executed Contract Amendment. Changes and modifications to a fully executed Work Authorization shall be made in the form of a Supplemental Work Authorization. To the extent that such changes or modifications to a Work Authorization do not also require modifications to the terms of this Contract (i.e. changes to the overall scope of Engineering Services set forth in **Exhibit B**, modification of the Compensation Cap, etc.) a Contract Amendment will not be required.

ARTICLE 15
USE OF DOCUMENTS

All documents, including but not limited to drawings, specifications and data or programs stored electronically, (hereinafter referred to as "Engineering Work Products") prepared by Engineer and its subcontractors/subconsultants are related exclusively to the services described in this Contract and are intended to be used with respect to this Project. However, it is expressly understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that all of Engineer's designs under this Contract (including but not limited to tracings, drawings, estimates, specifications, investigations, studies and other documents, completed or partially completed), shall be the property of County to be thereafter used in any lawful manner as County elects. Any such subsequent use made of

documents by County shall be at County's sole risk and without liability to Engineer.

By execution of this Contract and in confirmation of the fee for services to be paid under this Contract, Engineer hereby conveys, transfers and assigns to County all rights under the Federal Copyright Act of 1976 (or any successor copyright statute), as amended, all common law copyrights and all other intellectual property rights acknowledged by law in the Project Designs and work product developed under this Contract. Copies may be retained by Engineer. Engineer shall be liable to County for any loss or damage to any such documents while they are in the possession of or while being worked upon by Engineer or anyone connected with Engineer, including agents, employees, Engineers or subcontractors/subconsultants. All documents so lost or damaged shall be replaced or restored by Engineer without cost to County.

Upon execution of this Contract, Engineer grants to County permission to reproduce Engineer's work and documents for purposes of constructing, using and maintaining the Project, provided that County shall comply with its obligations, including prompt payment of all sums when due, under this Contract. Engineer shall obtain similar permission from Engineer's subcontractors/subconsultants consistent with this Contract. If and upon the date Engineer is adjudged in default of this Contract, County is permitted to authorize other similarly credentialed design professionals to reproduce and, where permitted by law, to make changes, corrections or additions to the work and documents for the purposes of completing, using and maintaining the Project.

County shall not assign, delegate, sublicense, pledge or otherwise transfer any permission granted herein to another party without the prior written consent of Engineer. However, County shall be permitted to authorize the contractor, subcontractors and material or equipment suppliers to reproduce applicable portions of the Engineering Work Products appropriate to and for use in the execution of the Work. Submission or distribution of Engineering Work Products to meet official regulatory requirements or for similar purposes in connection with the Project is permitted. Any unauthorized use of the Engineering Work Products shall be at County's sole risk and without liability to Engineer and its Engineers.

Prior to Engineer providing to County any Engineering Work Products in electronic form or County providing to Engineer any electronic data for incorporation into the Engineering Work Products, County and Engineer shall by separate written contract set forth the specific conditions governing the format of such Engineering Work Products or electronic data, including any special limitations not otherwise provided in this Contract. Any electronic files are provided by Engineer for the convenience of County, and use of them is at County's sole risk. In the case of any defects in electronic files or any discrepancies between them and any hardcopy of the same documents prepared by Engineer, the hardcopy shall prevail. Only printed copies of documents conveyed by Engineer shall be relied upon.

Engineer shall have no liability for changes made to the drawings by other engineers subsequent to the completion of the Project. Any such change shall be sealed by the engineer making that change and shall be appropriately marked to reflect what was changed or modified.

If Engineer for any reason is not allowed to complete all the services called for by this Contract, the Engineer shall not be held responsible for the accuracy, completeness or

constructability of the Engineering Work Projects prepared by the Engineer if used, reused, changed or completed by the County or by another party. Accordingly, the County agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law without necessitating the creation of an interest and sinking fund, to indemnify and hold harmless the Engineer from any damage, liabilities or costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and defense costs, arising or allegedly arising from such use, change or completion by any other party of any Engineering Work Products prepared by Engineer.

ARTICLE 16
PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL

Engineer shall furnish and maintain, at its own expense, quarters for the performance of all Engineering Services, and adequate and sufficient personnel and equipment to perform the Engineering Services as required. All employees of Engineer shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee of Engineer who, in the reasonable opinion of County, is incompetent or whose conduct becomes detrimental to the Engineering Services shall immediately be removed from association with the Project when so instructed by County. Engineer certifies that it presently has adequate qualified personnel in its employment for performance of the Engineering Services required under this Contract or will obtain such personnel from sources other than County. Engineer may not change the Project Manager without prior written consent of County.

ARTICLE 17
SUBCONTRACTING

Engineer shall not assign, subcontract or transfer any portion of the Engineering Services under this Contract without prior written approval from County. All subcontracts shall include the provisions required in this Contract. No subcontract shall relieve Engineer of any responsibilities under this Contract.

ARTICLE 18
REVIEW OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

Engineer's Engineering Services will be reviewed by County under its applicable technical requirements and procedures.

A. Completion. Reports, plans, specifications, and supporting documents shall be submitted by Engineer on or before the dates specified in the applicable Work Authorization or Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto. Upon receipt of same, the submission shall be checked for completion. "Completion" or "Complete" shall be defined as all of the required items, as set out in the applicable Work Authorization, have been included in compliance with the requirements of this Contract. The completeness of any Engineering Services submitted to County shall be determined by County within thirty (30) days of such submittal and County shall notify Engineer in writing within such thirty (30) day period if such Engineering Services have been found to be incomplete. If the submission is Complete, County shall notify Engineer and County's technical review process will begin.

If the submission is not Complete, County shall notify Engineer, who shall perform such professional services as are required to complete the Engineering Services and resubmit it to County. This process shall be repeated until a submission is Complete.

B. Acceptance. County shall review the completed Engineering Services for compliance with this Contract. If necessary, the completed Engineering Services shall be returned to Engineer, who shall perform any required Engineering Services and resubmit it to County. This process shall be repeated until the Engineering Services are Accepted. "Acceptance" or "Accepted" shall mean that in the County's reasonable opinion, substantial compliance with the requirements of this Contract has been achieved.

C. Final Approval. After Acceptance, Engineer shall perform any required modifications, changes, alterations, corrections, redesigns, and additional work necessary to receive Final Approval by the County. "Final Approval" in this sense shall mean formal recognition that the Engineering Services have been fully carried out.

D. Errors and Omissions. After Final Approval, Engineer shall, without additional compensation, perform any work required as a result of Engineer's development of the work which is found to be in error or omission due to Engineer's negligence. However, any work required or occasioned for the convenience of County after Final Approval shall be paid for as Additional Engineering Services.

E. Disputes Over Classifications. In the event of any dispute over the classification of Engineer's Engineering Services as Complete, Accepted, or having attained Final Approved under this Contract, the decision of the County shall be final and binding on Engineer, subject to any civil remedy or determination otherwise available to the parties and deemed appropriate by the parties.

F. County's Reliance on Engineer. ENGINEER'S DUTIES AS SET FORTH HEREIN SHALL AT NO TIME BE IN ANY WAY DIMINISHED BY REASON OF ANY REVIEW, EVALUATION OR APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY OR ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE NOR SHALL THE ENGINEER BE RELEASED FROM ANY LIABILITY BY REASON OF SUCH REVIEW, EVALUATION OR APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COUNTY AT ALL TIMES IS ULTIMATELY RELYING UPON THE ENGINEER'S SKILL, ABILITY AND KNOWLEDGE IN PERFORMING THE ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED HEREUNDER.

ARTICLE 19

VIOLATION OF CONTRACT TERMS/BREACH OF CONTRACT

Violation of contract terms or breach of contract by Engineer shall be grounds for termination of this Contract, and any increased costs as determined by mediator or a court of law, arising from Engineer's default, breach of contract, or violation of contract terms shall be paid by Engineer.

ARTICLE 20
TERMINATION

This Contract may be terminated as set forth below.

- A. By mutual agreement and consent, in writing, of both parties.
- B. By County, by notice in writing to Engineer, as a consequence of failure by Engineer to perform the Engineering Services set forth herein in a satisfactory manner.
- C. By either party, upon the failure of the other party to fulfill its obligations as set forth herein.
- D. By County, for reasons of its own and not subject to the mutual consent of Engineer, upon not less than thirty (30) days' written notice to Engineer.
- E. By satisfactory completion of all Engineering Services and obligations described herein.

Should County terminate this Contract as herein provided, no fees other than fees due and payable at the time of termination plus reimbursable expenses incurred shall thereafter be paid to Engineer. In determining the value of the Engineering Services performed by Engineer prior to termination, County shall be the sole judge. Compensation for Engineering Services at termination will be based on a percentage of the Engineering Services completed at that time. Should County terminate this Contract under Subsection (D) immediately above, then the amount charged during the thirty-day notice period shall not exceed the amount charged during the preceding thirty (30) days.

If Engineer defaults in the performance of this Contract or if County terminates this Contract for fault on the part of Engineer, then County shall give consideration to the actual costs incurred by Engineer in performing the Engineering Services to the date of default, the amount of Engineering Services required which was satisfactorily completed to date of default, the value of the Engineering Services which are usable to County, the cost to County of employing another firm to complete the Engineering Services required and the time required to do so, and other factors which affect the value to County of the Engineering Services performed at the time of default.

The termination of this Contract and payment of an amount in settlement as prescribed above shall extinguish all rights, duties, and obligations of County under this Contract. If the termination of this Contract is due to the failure of Engineer to fulfill his/her/its contractual obligations, then County may take over the Project and prosecute the Engineering Services to completion. In such case, Engineer shall be liable to County for any additional and reasonable costs incurred by County.

Engineer shall be responsible for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of any procurements made by Engineer in support of the Engineering Services under this Contract.

ARTICLE 21
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

A. Compliance. Engineer shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any court, or administrative bodies or tribunals in any manner affecting the performance of this Contract, including without limitation, minimum/maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and licensing laws and regulations. Engineer shall furnish County with satisfactory proof of his/her/its compliance.

Engineer shall further obtain all permits and licenses required in the performance of the Engineering Services contracted for herein.

B. Taxes. Engineer will pay all taxes, if any, required by law arising by virtue of the Engineering Services performed hereunder. County is qualified for exemption pursuant to the provisions of Section 151.309 of the Texas Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Act.

ARTICLE 22
INDEMNIFICATION

ENGINEER AGREES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, JUDGMENTS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM A NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION, NEGLIGENCE, OR INTENTIONAL TORT COMMITTED BY ENGINEER, ENGINEER'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY UNDER CONTRACT WITH ENGINEER INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ENGINEER'S SUBCONSULTANTS, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH ENGINEER EXERCISES CONTROL.

ENGINEER FURTHER AGREES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, JUDGMENTS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM ENGINEER'S FAILURE TO PAY ENGINEER'S EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF THE WORK PERFORMED OR TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THIS CONTRACT BY ENGINEER.

ENGINEER FURTHER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM THE INFRINGEMENT OF ANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ARISING OUT OF THE USE OF ANY PLANS, DESIGN, DRAWINGS, OR SPECIFICATIONS FURNISHED BY ENGINEER IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT.

THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT AND/OR CONTRACT DOCUMENTS OR THE SUSPENSION OF THE WORK HEREUNDER. TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY LIABILITIES, PENALTIES, DEMANDS, CLAIMS,

LAWSUITS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES ARE CAUSED IN PART BY THE ACTS OF THE COUNTY OR THIRD PARTIES FOR WHOM ENGINEER IS NOT LEGALLY LIABLE, ENGINEER'S OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE IN PROPORTION TO ENGINEER'S FAULT. THE OBLIGATIONS HEREIN SHALL ALSO EXTEND TO ANY ACTIONS BY THE COUNTY TO ENFORCE THIS INDEMNITY OBLIGATION.

IN THE EVENT THAT CONTRACTORS INITIATE LITIGATION AGAINST THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE CONTRACTOR ALLEGES DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF ANY NEGLIGENT ACTS, ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OF ENGINEER, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR OTHER ENTITIES OVER WHICH ENGINEER EXERCISES CONTROL, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEFECTS, ERRORS, OR OMISSIONS, THEN THE COUNTY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO JOIN ENGINEER IN ANY SUCH PROCEEDINGS AT THE COUNTY'S COST. ENGINEER SHALL ALSO HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE COUNTY TO THE EXTENT THAT ENGINEER, ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR OTHER ENTITIES OVER WHICH ENGINEER EXERCISES CONTROL, CAUSED SUCH DAMAGES TO CONTRACTOR, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES INCURRED BY THE COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFENSE OF ANY CLAIMS WHERE ENGINEER, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR OTHER ENTITIES OVER WHICH ENGINEER EXERCISES CONTROL, ARE ADJUDICATED AT FAULT.

ARTICLE 23
ENGINEER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Engineer shall be responsible for the accuracy of his/her/its Engineering Services and shall promptly make necessary revisions or corrections to its work product resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts, and same shall be done without compensation. County shall determine Engineer's responsibilities for all questions arising from design errors and/or omissions, subject to the dispute resolution provisions of Article 33. Engineer shall not be relieved of responsibility for subsequent correction of any such errors or omissions in its work product, or for clarification of any ambiguities until after the construction phase of the Project has been completed.

ARTICLE 24
ENGINEER'S SEAL

The responsible engineer shall sign, seal and date all appropriate engineering submissions to County in accordance with the Texas Engineering Practice Act and the rules of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.

ARTICLE 25
INSURANCE

Engineer must comply with the following insurance requirements at all times during this Contract:

A. **Coverage Limits.** Engineer, at Engineer's sole cost, shall purchase and maintain during the entire term while this Contract is in effect the following insurance:

1. Worker's Compensation in accordance with statutory requirements.

2. Commercial General Liability Insurance with a combined minimum Bodily Injury and Property Damage limits of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 in the aggregate.
3. Business Automobile Liability Insurance for all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles with combined minimum limits for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of \$1,000,000.00 each accident.
4. Professional Liability Insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 per claim and annual aggregate.

B. Additional Insureds; Waiver of Subrogation. County, its directors, officers and employees shall be added as additional insureds under policies listed under (2) and (3) above, and on those policies where County, its directors, officers and employees are additional insureds, such insurance shall be primary and any insurance maintained by County shall be excess and not contribute with it. Such policies shall also include waivers of subrogation in favor of County.

C. Premiums and Deductible. Engineer shall be responsible for payment of premiums for all of the insurance coverages required under this section. Engineer further agrees that for each claim, suit or action made against insurance provided hereunder, with respect to all matters for which the Engineer is responsible hereunder, Engineer shall be solely responsible for all deductibles and self-insured retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions over \$50,000 in the Engineer's insurance must be declared and approved in writing by County in advance.

D. Commencement of Work. Engineer shall not commence any field work under this Contract until he/she/it has obtained all required insurance and such insurance has been approved by County. As further set out below, Engineer shall not allow any subcontractor/subconsultant(s) to commence work to be performed in connection with this Contract until all required insurance has been obtained and approved and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Approval of the insurance by County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of Engineer hereunder.

E. Insurance Company Rating. The required insurance must be written by a company approved to do business in the State or Texas with a financial standing of at least an A-rating, as reflected in Best's insurance ratings or by a similar rating system recognized within the insurance industry at the time the policy is issued.

F. Certification of Coverage. Engineer shall furnish County with a certification of coverage issued by the insurer. Engineer shall not cause any insurance to be canceled nor permit any insurance to lapse. **In addition to any other notification requires set forth hereunder, Engineer shall also notify County, within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt, of any notices of expiration, cancellation, non-renewal, or material change in coverage it receives from its insurer.**

G. No Arbitration. It is the intention of the County and agreed to and hereby acknowledged by the Engineer, that no provision of this Contract shall be construed to require the County to submit to mandatory arbitration in the settlement of any claim, cause of action or dispute, except as specifically required in direct connection with an insurance claim or threat of claim under

an insurance policy required hereunder or as may be required by law or a court of law with jurisdiction over the provisions of this Contract.

H. Subcontractor/Subconsultant's Insurance. Without limiting any of the other obligations or liabilities of Engineer, Engineer shall require each subcontractor/subconsultant performing work under this Contract (to the extent a subcontractor/subconsultant is allowed by County) to maintain during the term of this Contract, at the subcontractor/subconsultant's own expense, the same stipulated minimum insurance required in this Article above, including the required provisions and additional policy conditions as shown below in this Article.

Engineer shall obtain and monitor the certificates of insurance from each subcontractor/subconsultant in order to assure compliance with the insurance requirements. Engineer must retain the certificates of insurance for the duration of this Contract, and shall have the responsibility of enforcing these insurance requirements among its subcontractor/subconsultants. County shall be entitled, upon request and without expense, to receive copies of these certificates of insurance.

I. Insurance Policy Endorsements. Each insurance policy shall include the following conditions by endorsement to the policy:

1. County shall be notified thirty (30) days prior to the expiration, cancellation, non-renewal or any material change in coverage, and such notice thereof shall be given to County by certified mail to:

Caldwell County
110 S. Main St., Room 101
Lockhart, TX. 78644

2. The policy clause "Other Insurance" shall not apply to any insurance coverage currently held by County, to any such future coverage, or to County's Self-Insured Retentions of whatever nature.

J. Cost of Insurance. The cost of all insurance required herein to be secured and maintained by Engineer shall be borne solely by Engineer, with certificates of insurance evidencing such minimum coverage in force to be filed with County. Such Certificates of Insurance are evidenced as **Exhibit E** herein entitled "Certificates of Insurance."

ARTICLE 26 **COPYRIGHTS**

County shall have the royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, any reports developed by Engineer for governmental purposes.

ARTICLE 27
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their successors, lawful assigns, and legal representatives. Engineer may not assign, sublet or transfer any interest in this Contract, in whole or in part, by operation of law or otherwise, without obtaining the prior written consent of County.

ARTICLE 28
SEVERABILITY

In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, then such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

ARTICLE 29
PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED

This Contract constitutes the sole agreement of the parties hereto, and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral contracts between the parties respecting the subject matter defined herein. This Contract may only be amended or supplemented by mutual agreement of the parties hereto in writing.

ARTICLE 30
ENGINEER'S ACCOUNTING RECORDS

Engineer agrees to maintain, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under this Contract, detailed records identifying each individual performing the Engineering Services, the date or dates the services were performed, the applicable hourly rates, the total amount billed for each individual and the total amount billed for all persons, records of reimbursable costs and expenses of other providers and provide such other details as may be requested by the County Auditor for verification purposes. Engineer agrees that County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after final payment under this Contract, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of Engineer which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed under this Contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. Engineer further agrees that County 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. County shall give Engineer reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

ARTICLE 31
NOTICES

All notices to either party by the other required under this Contract shall be personally delivered or mailed to such party at the following respective addresses:

County: Caldwell County Judge
110 S. Main Street, Room 101
Lockhart, Texas 78644

With copy to:

Caldwell County District Attorney's Office
Attn: Civil Division
1703 S. Main Street, Box 5
Lockhart, Texas 78644

Engineer: Cash Canfield
American Structurepoint, Inc.
9025 River Road, Suite 200
Indianapolis, Indiana 46240

ARTICLE 32 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

A. Engineer will perform services under this Contract with reasonable diligence and expediency consistent with sound professional practices. Where damage is caused to County due to Engineer's negligent failure to perform County may accordingly withhold, to the extent of such damage, Engineer's payments hereunder without waiver of any of County's additional legal rights or remedies.

B. Force Majeure. Neither County nor Engineer shall be deemed in violation of this Contract if prevented from performing any of their obligations hereunder by reasons for which they are not responsible or circumstances beyond their control. However, notice of such impediment or delay in performance must be timely given, and all reasonable efforts undertaken to mitigate its effects.

C. Enforcement and Venue. This Contract shall be enforceable in Lockhart, Caldwell County, Texas, and if legal action is necessary by either party with respect to the enforcement of any or all of the terms or conditions herein, exclusive venue for same shall lie in Caldwell County, Texas. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and court decisions of the State of Texas excluding, however, its choice of law rules.

D. Standard of Performance. The standard of care for all professional engineering, consulting and related services performed or furnished by Engineer and its employees under this Contract will be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of Engineer's profession practicing under the same or similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality.

E. Opinion of Probable Cost. Any opinions of probable Project cost or probable construction cost provided by Engineer are made on the basis of information available to Engineer and on the basis of Engineer's experience and qualifications and represents its judgment as an

experienced and qualified professional engineer. However, since Engineer has no control over the cost of labor, materials, equipment or services furnished by others, or over the contractor(s') methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, Engineer does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual Project or construction cost will not vary from opinions of probable cost Engineer prepares.

F. Opinions and Determinations. Where the terms of this Contract provide for action to be based upon opinion, judgment, approval, review, or determination of either party hereto, such terms are not intended to be and shall never be construed as permitting such opinion, judgment, approval, review, or determination to be arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable.

G. Reports of Accidents. Within 24 hours after Engineer becomes aware of the occurrence of any accident or other event which results in, or might result in, injury to the person or property of any third person (other than an employee of the Engineer), whether or not it results from or involves any action or failure to act by the Engineer or any employee or agent of the Engineer and which arises in any manner from the performance of this Contract, the Engineer shall send a written report of such accident or other event to the County, setting forth a full and concise statement of the facts pertaining thereto. The Engineer shall also immediately send the County a copy of any summons, subpoena, notice, or other documents served upon the Engineer, its agents, employees, or representatives, or received by it or them, in connection with any matter before any court arising in any manner from the Engineer's performance of work under this Contract.

H. Gender, Number and Headings. Words of any gender used in this Contract shall be held and construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular number shall be held to include the plural, unless the context otherwise requires. The headings and section numbers are for convenience only and shall not be considered in interpreting or construing this Contract.

I. Construction. Each party hereto acknowledges that it and its counsel have reviewed this Contract and that the normal rules of construction are not applicable and there will be no presumption that any ambiguities will be resolved against the drafting party in the interpretation of this Contract.

J. Independent Contractor Relationship. Both parties hereto, in the performance of this Contract, shall act in an individual capacity and not as agents, employees, partners, joint ventures or associates of one another. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purposes whatsoever.

K. No Waiver of Immunities. Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to County, its past or present officers, employees, or agents or employees, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. County does not waive, modify, or alter to any extent whatsoever the availability of the defense of governmental immunity under the laws of the State of Texas and of the United States.

L. Texas Public Information Act. To the extent, if any, that any provision in this Contract is in conflict with Tex. Gov't Code 552.001 et seq., as amended (the "Public Information

Act”), the same shall be of no force or effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood and agreed that County, its officers and employees may request advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas in regard to the application of the Public Information Act to any items or data furnished to County as to whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further understood that County’s officers and employees shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that County, its officers and employees shall have no liability or obligation to any party hereto for the disclosure to the public, or to any person or persons, of any items or data furnished to County by a party hereto, in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

M. Governing Terms and Conditions. If there is an irreconcilable conflict between the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract or any Contract Amendment and the terms and conditions set forth in any Exhibit, Appendix, Work Authorization or Supplemental Work Authorization to this Contract, the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract or any Contract Amendment shall control over the terms and conditions set forth in any Exhibit, Appendix, Work Authorization or Supplemental Work Authorization to this Contract.

N. Meaning of Day. For purposes of this Contract, all references to a “day” or “days” shall mean a calendar day or calendar days.

O. Appropriation of Funds by County. County believes it has sufficient funds currently available and authorized for expenditure to finance the costs of this Contract. Engineer understands and agrees that County’s payment of amounts under this Contract is contingent on the County receiving appropriations or other expenditure authority sufficient to allow the County, in the exercise of reasonable administrative discretion, to continue to make payments under this Contract. It is further understood and agreed by Engineer that County shall have the right to terminate this Contract at the end of any County fiscal year if the governing body of County does not appropriate sufficient funds as determined by County’s budget for the fiscal year in question. County may effect such termination by giving written notice of termination to Engineer.

ARTICLE 33 **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Except as otherwise specifically set forth herein, County and Engineer shall work together in good faith to resolve any controversy, dispute or claim between them which arises out of or relates to this Contract, whether stated in tort, contract, statute, claim for benefits, bad faith, professional liability or otherwise (“Claim”). If the parties are unable to resolve the Claim within thirty (30) days following the date in which one party sent written notice of the Claim to the other party, and if a party wishes to pursue the Claim, such Claim shall be addressed through non-binding mediation. A single mediator engaged in the practice of law, who is knowledgeable about subject matter of this Contract, shall be selected by agreement of the parties and serve as the mediator. Any mediation under this Contract shall be conducted in Caldwell County, Texas. The mediator’s fees shall be borne equally between the parties. Such non-binding mediation is a condition precedent to seeking redress in a court of competent jurisdiction, but this provision shall not preclude either party from filing a lawsuit in a court of competent jurisdiction prior to completing a mediation if necessary to preserve the statute of limitations, in which case such lawsuit shall be

stayed pending completion of the mediation process contemplated herein. This provision shall survive the termination of the Contract.

ARTICLE 34
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN EMPLOYMENT

During the performance of this Contract and to the extent the Project is a federally funded project, Engineer, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest agrees as follows:

A. Compliance with Regulations. The Engineer shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter, "DOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.

B. Nondiscrimination. The Engineer, with regard to the work performed by it during the Contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors/subconsultants, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Engineer shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.

C. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment. In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Engineer for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor/subconsultant or supplier shall be notified by the Engineer of the Engineer's obligations under this Contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

D. Information and Reports. The Engineer shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the County (referred to in this Article as the "Recipient") or the Texas Department of Transportation to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information the Engineer shall so certify to the Recipient, or the Texas Department of Transportation as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

E. Sanctions for Noncompliance. In the event of the Engineer's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Texas Department of Transportation may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

1. withholding of payments to the Engineer under the contract until the Engineer complies, and/or;
2. cancellation, termination or suspension of the Contract, in whole or in part.

F. Incorporation of Provisions. The Engineer shall include the provisions of Subsections (A) through (F) above in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. The Engineer shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the Texas Department of Transportation may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for non-compliance: Provided, however, that, in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor/subconsultant or supplier as a result of such direction, the Engineer may request the Recipient to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient, and, in addition, the Engineer may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

SIGNATORY WARRANTY

The undersigned signatory for Engineer hereby represents and warrants that the signatory is an officer of the organization for which he/she has executed this Contract and that he/she has full and complete authority to enter into this Contract on behalf of the firm. The above-stated representations and warranties are made for the purpose of inducing County to enter into this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County has caused this Contract to be signed in its name by its duly authorized County Judge, as has Engineer, signing by and through its duly authorized representative(s), thereby binding the parties hereto, their successors, assigns and representatives for the faithful and full performance of the terms and provisions hereof, to be effective as of the date of the last party's execution below. **NO OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY HAS ANY AUTHORITY, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, TO AMEND, TERMINATE OR MODIFY THIS CONTRACT, EXCEPT PURSUANT TO SUCH EXPRESS AUTHORITY AS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.**

COUNTY

CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS

By: _____
Hoppy Haden, County Judge

Date: _____, 20____

ENGINEER

American Structurepoint, Inc.

By 

Printed Name: Benjamin Borcharding, PE

Title: Vice President

Date: SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

LIST OF EXHIBITS ATTACHED

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| (1) Exhibit A | Debarment Certification |
| (2) Exhibit B | Engineering Services |
| (3) Exhibit C | Work Authorization |
| (4) Exhibit D | Rate Schedule |
| (5) Exhibit E | Certificates of Insurance |

**EXHIBIT A
DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF CALDWELL

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I, the undersigned, being duly sworn or under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of Texas, certifies that Engineer and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency:

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public* transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity* with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification;

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions* terminated for cause or default; and

(e) Have not been disciplined or issued a formal reprimand by any State agency for professional accreditation within the past three years.

American Structurepoint, Inc.

Name of Firm



Signature of Certifying Official

Benjamin Borcharding, PE

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Vice President

Title of Certifying Official

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Date

(2) Where the PROVIDER is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such PROVIDER shall attach an explanation to this certification.

* federal, state, or local

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me the undersigned authority by Benjamin W. Borchering
the Vice President of American Structurepoint on behalf of
said firm.

Megan M. Adams
Notary Public in and for the
State of Indiana

My commission expires: 3-7-2030



EXHIBIT B

ENGINEERING SERVICES

ENGINEERING SERVICES

General Work Description: Provide engineering services and planning to develop Capital Improvements Plan and Program and Bond Program Assistance.

The Engineer may perform any or all of the following tasks listed below, as described in detail in each Work Authorization:

TASK A – N/A

TASK B - INITIATION, DATA COLLECTION AND EVALUATION

TASK C – IDENTIFY AND ASSIST IN DEVELOPING PROJECTS

TASK D – PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM

TASK E – ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING FUNDING SOURCES

TASK F – ASSIST IN PRIORITIZING PROJECTS

TASK G – IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

TASK H – PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND PROGRESS REPORTS

TASK I – DELIVERABLES

EXHIBIT C

WORK AUTHORIZATION

(To Be Completed and Executed After Contract Execution)

WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 1

PROJECT: Capital Improvement Plan and Program and Bond Program Assistance

This Work Authorization is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Caldwell County Contract for Engineering Services, being dated _____, 20____ and entered into by and between Caldwell County, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, (the "County") and American Structurepoint, Inc. (the "Engineer").

Part 1. The Engineer will provide the following Engineering Services set forth in Attachment "B" of this Work Authorization.

Part 2. The maximum amount payable for services under this Work Authorization without modification is \$151,607.00.

Part 3. Payment to the Engineer for the services established under this Work Authorization shall be made in accordance with the Contract.

Part 4. This Work Authorization shall become effective on the date of final acceptance and full execution of the parties hereto and shall terminate on _____, 20____. The Engineering Services set forth in Attachment "B" of this Work Authorization shall be fully completed on or before said date unless extended by a Supplemental Work Authorization.

Part 5. This Work Authorization does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under the Contract.

Part 6. County believes it has sufficient funds currently available and authorized for expenditure to finance the costs of this Work Authorization. Engineer understands and agrees that County's payment of amounts under this Work Authorization is contingent on the County receiving appropriations or other expenditure authority sufficient to allow the County, in the exercise of reasonable administrative discretion, to continue to make payments under this Contract. It is further understood and agreed by Engineer that County shall have the right to terminate this Contract at the end of any County fiscal year if the governing body of County does not appropriate sufficient funds as determined by County's budget for the fiscal year in question. County may effect such termination by giving written notice of termination to Engineer.

Part 7. This Work Authorization is hereby accepted and acknowledged below.

EXECUTED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

ENGINEER:

American Structurepoint, Inc.

By: _____
Signature

Benjamin Borcharding, PE
Printed Name

Vice President
Title

COUNTY:

Caldwell County, Texas

By: _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Services to be Provided by County

Attachment B - Services to be Provided by Engineer

Attachment C - Work Schedule

Attachment D - Fee Schedule

EXHIBIT D

RATE SCHEDULE

American Structurepoint	
Classification	\$/hr
Principal	\$305.00
QA/QC	\$280.00
Project Manager	\$305.00
Senior Project Engineer	\$250.00
Project Engineer	\$190.00
Traffic Engineer	\$175.00
Design Engineer/EIT	\$135.00
Senior Technician	\$180.00
Technician	\$125.00

GAP Strategies	
Classification	\$/hr
Partner (Mgr. Planning Ops.)	\$258.00
Partner (Mgr. of Engagement)	\$210.00
Partner (Business Ops.)	\$172.00
Regional Mgr. (North Texas)	\$230.00
Sr. Project Mgr., Engineering	\$230.00
Sr. Project Mgr., Ping. & Facil.	\$200.00
Project Manager	\$154.00
Sr. Planner/Sr. Designer	\$131.00
Urban/Community Planner	\$109.00
Sr. Engagement Specialist	\$127.00
Community Engage. Specialist	\$96.00
Project Analyst II	\$81.00
Project Analyst I/Asst. Planner	\$71.00
Project Assistant II	\$63.00
Project Assistant I	\$45.00
Admin. Support II	\$85.00
Admin. Support I	\$60.00

CPI Rate Adjustments: Rates will remain firm for the initial first year of the Contract and such rates shall be deemed the “Initial Base Rates”. Engineer must request rate adjustments, in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to each annual anniversary date of the Contract and any rate changes will take effect on the first day following the prior year. If Engineer fails to request a CPI rate adjustment, as set forth herein, the adjustment will be effective thirty (30) days after the County receives Engineer’s written request. No retroactive rate adjustments will be allowed. All rates adjustments and modifications shall be set forth in a written fully executed Contract Amendment.

Price adjustments will be made in accordance with changes in the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for All Urban Consumers, All Items, South Region (Base 1982-84 = 100).

The rate adjustment will be determined by multiplying the Initial Base Rates by a fraction, the numerator of which is the index number for most recently released index before each annual anniversary date of the Contract and the denominator of which is the index number for the first month of the Contract (the index number for the month in which the Contract was originally executed). If the products are greater than the Initial Base Rates, County will pay the greater amounts as the rates during the successive year until the next rate adjustment. Rates for each successive year will never be less than the Initial Base Rates.

EXHIBIT E

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

ATTACHED BEHIND THIS PAGE



ADDITIONAL REMARKS SCHEDULE

AGENCY Greyling Ins. Brokerage/EPIC		NAMED INSURED American Structurepoint, Inc. 9025 River Road Suite #200 Indianapolis IN 46240	
POLICY NUMBER		EFFECTIVE DATE:	
CARRIER	NAIC CODE		

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

THIS ADDITIONAL REMARKS FORM IS A SCHEDULE TO ACORD FORM,
 FORM NUMBER: 25 FORM TITLE: CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

where required by written contract or agreement. A waiver of subrogation in favor of those listed above, signed prior to a loss, as required by written contract or agreement requiring insurance, applies with respect to the General Liability, Automobile Liability and Employers Liability policies. Umbrella is follow form. 30 day notice of cancellation applies to certificate holder.

Attachment A
Services to be Provided by County

In general, Caldwell County and its representatives to their best efforts will render services as follows:

1. Name, business address, and phone number of County's representative.
2. Assistance to the Engineer, as necessary, with obtaining data and information from other local, regional, State and Federal agencies required for this project.
3. Not applicable (N/A).
4. Provide available appropriate County data on file including reports and/or plans and specifications that are deemed pertinent to the completion of the work required by the scope of services (including previous hydraulic studies, models, previous reports and studies, available existing traffic counts, and design year traffic projections).
5. Provide available criteria and full information as to the client's requirements for the project. Provide examples of acceptable format for the required deliverables.
6. Provide information on any meetings/discussions held with adjoining, or affected property owners that may impact the project.
7. Provide timely reviews and decisions necessary for the Engineer to maintain the project work schedule. Review recommendations offered by the Engineer, progress of work and final acceptance documents.
8. N/A.
9. Support project development efforts with stakeholders, coordinate meetings and interface with stakeholders, as needed.
10. Post and maintain project information for public consumption on the County website.
11. Assist with coordination between the Engineer and County's other consultants.
12. N/A.
13. N/A.

Attachment B

Services to be Provided by Engineer:

A. SERVICE DESCRIPTION

1. The Engineer/Consultant (Consultant) shall develop a Caldwell County (Owner) Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan and Program (CIPP). Additionally, Consultant will work with the Owner to build consensus for a potential bond election. This is a multi-part process:
 - a. The Consultant shall work with Owner and identified stakeholders to develop a Capital Improvement Plan (the Plan) identifying and ranking improvement needs on county infrastructure over the next 20 years.
 - i. Projects that accommodate all modes of transportation (motor vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle) shall be considered.
 - ii. The Consultant shall assist Owner in establishing objective criteria to evaluate and score potential projects. Criteria may include safety, health, equity, connectivity, congestion relief, support of regional land-use goals, enhancing quality of life, and community support.
 - b. The Consultant shall work with Owner and identified stakeholders to develop a Capital Improvement Program (the Program) assigning anticipated revenues to the highest priority projects for a five-year period.
 - i. The program should be reviewed and updated by the Owner annually for programming updates. The annual updates allow anticipated capital revenues to be adjusted to more current projections, and capital project expenditures are allocated appropriately.
2. The CIPP shall only include capital projects that will improve Owner public infrastructure where either substantial reconstruction or new construction is required. Consultant shall incorporate additional projects as identified by Owner and agreed upon by both parties. At this time, maintenance projects are not included.

B. INITIATION, DATA COLLECTION AND EVALUATION

1. The Consultant shall work and meet with Owner, including Commissioner's Court, key county staff, the county's bond counsel and financial advisor, and other key stakeholders to collect and evaluate all existing information necessary to conduct the CIPP. This includes transportation and pedestrian master plans, studies, etc. This also includes an assessment of the issues related to a proposed bond election and program.

C. IDENTIFY AND ASSIST IN DEVELOPING PROJECTS

1. **Task Force Facilitation:** The Consultant will provide coordination, direction and facilitation for a Commissioner's Court appointed citizen task force to recommend a bond package from the highest ranked projects identified in the development of the CIPP to staff and the Court. Consultant shall work with citizen task force to evaluate identified projects based on Owner's vision, goals, and common good of Owner and citizens.
2. The Consultant shall work with the Owner and citizen task force to develop new potential projects based on the Owner's vision, goals, economic development potential, regional connectivity, safety concerns, quality of life, operational improvements, and pedestrian connectivity. Consultant will lead meetings to establish a decision tree (matrix), look at project options, and eventually rank and score options. A maximum of 6 meetings of the task force are anticipated.

3. The Consultant shall provide a Preliminary Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for identified potential new projects. Consultant will also update preliminary OPC's for projects identified in existing transportation and pedestrian master plans.
4. The Consultant shall provide a layout of potential new projects on an aerial to assist in gaining support for new projects and projects related to prospective bond election.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM

1. **Citizen Outreach and Engagement:** Using foundational material provided by Owner, create a stand-alone website for the bonds where voters, community leaders, and new media can go to find in-depth information about the election and projects, where to vote, and answers to common policy and transportation questions. The Consultant team will create a logo, color scheme and images to brand the program, and conduct a community survey to help guide the decision-making process.
2. **Website, Social Media, and Media Relations:** Create and maintain a robust project website that task force members, citizens, and regional media can use as a resource for project process, updates, and resources. This website can live on after the county calls an election and be used for public information/education about the bond program. Additionally, the Consultant will assist county staff with content and strategy for the county's existing social media channels, as well as helping craft the message and coordinate with regional media outlets.
3. **Town Hall Events:** The Consultant shall prepare necessary documentation to advertise and conduct two (2) in-person or virtual town hall events to get meaningful impact from citizens. Public notices and presentation graphics will be prepared for the town hall events by Consultant. Comments from these events will be gathered and documented. If additional public involvement meetings are requested, additional or supplemental services will be required to facilitate such meetings.
4. **Presentation Preparation and Meetings:** Consultant will conduct, lead, and attend multiple (number – estimated) public and private meetings with key staff members, stakeholders, and the public to help the county and residents to establish the vision, goals, and objectives for Caldwell County's transportation network. And appropriately prepare for a bond election. Reports and updates will be provided to key staff members and stakeholders, such as the Commissioner's Court, to keep the County updated on all progress and milestones reached. The Consultant shall record and distribute meeting minutes for all attended meetings.
5. **Schedule Coordination and Broadcast:** Consultant will keep a master schedule of events, key publication, and distribution dates for all prints, press releases and posts published throughout the project, along with key election dates, and communication opportunities for public engagement to supporters.

E. ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING FUNDING SOURCES

1. The Consultant shall assist Owner in identifying potential funding sources including but not limited to local, state, federal, and private funds.
2. The Consultant shall assist Owner in identifying the appropriate funds to pursue for the prioritized projects.

F. ASSISTANCE IN PRIORITIZING PROJECTS

1. The Consultant shall assist Owner in prioritizing existing and potential projects based on vision, goals, funding sources, and common good of the community.

G. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

1. The Consultant shall assist Owner in developing strategies to pursue prioritized projects from a funding, scheduling, and probability of delivery standpoint.

H. PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND PROGRESS REPORTS

1. Consultant shall review and develop project reports related to bond program and final permanent files for residents and county officials. Close out of all other files and social media sites and pages related to bond program.
2. The Consultant shall provide monthly progress reports with updates regarding the Plan's development.

I. DELIVERABLES

1. Five (5) bound hard copies of the Transportation Capital Improvement Plan and Program
2. One (1) electronic (PDF version) of the Transportation Capital Improvement Plan and Program

J. EXCLUDED SERVICES

1. Traffic engineering services, including traffic counting, modeling, and analysis
2. Road design services
3. Bridge design services
4. Environmental science services
5. Utility infrastructure design services

Attachment C - Work Schedule

09/2023

10/2023

11/2023

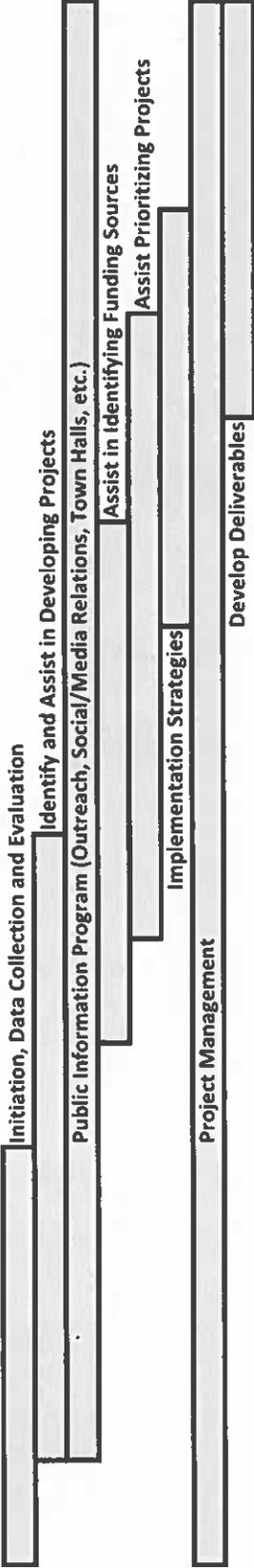
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ATTACHMENT D

PROJECT NAME: Caldwell County CIPP and Bond Program Support

PROJECT LIMITS: Caldwell County, TX

TASKS	TOTAL COST
B Initiation, Data Collection and Evaluation	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 4,890.00
C Identify and Assist in Developing Projects	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 33,750.00
D Public Information Program	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 15,880.00
E Assistance in Identifying Funding Sources	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,140.00
F Assist in Prioritizing Projects	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,605.00
G Implementation Strategies	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,710.00
H Project Management and Progress Reports	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 8,845.00
I Deliverables	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 8,560.00
LABOR TOTALS	\$ 76,380.00
OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES	
Mileage	\$ 1,170.00
Toll Charges	\$ 622.00
Presentation Boards (24" x 36")	\$ 1,500.00
PHOTOCOPIES B/W (8 1/2" X 11")	\$ 40.00
PHOTOCOPIES COLOR (8 1/2" X 11")	\$ 280.00
PHOTOCOPIES COLOR (11" X 17")	\$ 45.00
USB Flash Drive	\$ 20.00
	\$ -
SUBTOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES	\$ 3,577.00

SUMMARY

TOTAL COSTS FOR PRIME PROVIDER	\$ 76,380.00
NON-SALARY (OTHER DIRECT EXPENSES) FOR PRIME PROVIDER	\$ 3,577.00
NON-SALARY (UNIT COST EXPENSES) FOR PRIME PROVIDER	\$ -
SUBCONTRACTS (includes labor costs, direct expenses, and unit costs)	\$ 71,650.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 151,607.00

**ATTACHMENT 1 TO
ATTACHMENT D**

Gap Strategies

DESCRIPTION OF WORK BEING PERFORMED	COST
Task Force Facilitation	\$15,000
<i>Provide coordination, direction and facilitation for citizen task force to recommend a bond package from the highest ranked projects identified in the development of the CIPP. Consultant shall work with citizen task force to evaluate identified projects.</i>	
<i>The Consultant shall work with the Owner and citizen task force to develop new potential projects. Consultant will lead meetings to establish a ranking mechanism (i.e. a decision tree (matrix), matrix, or another voting method), look at project options, and eventually rank and score options. A maximum of 6 meetings of the task force are anticipated.</i>	
Citizen Outreach and Engagement	\$16,500
<i>Create a stand-alone website for the bonds where voters, community leaders, and new media can go to find in-depth information about the election and projects, where to vote, and answers to common policy and transportation questions. The Consultant team will create a logo, color scheme and images to brand the program, and conduct a community survey to help guide the decision-making process.</i>	
Website, Social Media, and Media Relations	\$11,500
<i>Create and maintain a robust project website that task force members, citizens, and regional media can use as a resource for project process, updates, and resources. This website can live on after the county calls an election and be used for public information/education about the bond program. Additionally, the Consultant will assist county staff with content and strategy for the county's existing social media channels, as well as helping craft the message and coordinate with regional media outlets.</i>	
Town Hall Events	\$22,450
<i>The Consultant shall prepare necessary documentation to advertise and conduct two (2) in-person or virtual town hall events to get meaningful impact from citizens. Public notices and presentation graphics will be prepared for the town hall events by Consultant. Comments from these events will be gathered and documented. If additional public involvement meetings are requested, additional or supplemental services will be required to facilitate such meetings.</i>	
Presentation Preparation and Meetings	\$3,700
<i>Consultant will conduct, lead, and attend multiple (number – estimated) public and private meetings with key staff members, stakeholders, and the public to help the county and residents to establish the vision, goals, and objectives for Caldwell County's transportation network. And appropriately prepare for a bond election. Reports and updates will be provided to key staff members and stakeholders, such as the Commissioner's Court, to keep the County updated on all progress and milestones reached. The Consultant shall record and distribute meeting minutes for all attended meetings.</i>	
Schedule Coordination and Broadcast	\$2,500
<i>Consultant will keep a master schedule of events, key publication, and distribution dates for all prints, press releases and posts published throughout the project, along with key election dates, and communication opportunities for public engagement to supporters.</i>	
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$71,650

Expenses and Project Administration

All project expenses set forth in this scope, including project administration, travel, display boards for public meetings, and misc. copies of documents (up to 50 copies per document and excluding any final deliverables), are included in the above rolled-up cost. Costs for social media advertising are included. Costs for newspaper advertising for events and the costs of formal City public hearing notices are NOT included.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
Speaker: Judge Haden/Chase Goetz;
Backup: 1; Cost: None

Caldwell County Agenda Item Request Form

To: All Elected Officials and Department Heads – Hand deliver or scan & email to hoppy.haden@co.caldwell.tx.us and ezzy.chan@co.caldwell.tx.us. Deadline is 5:00 pm Tuesday before the Regular meetings, however, please submit this completed form ASAP. “Anything missing will cause the Agenda Item to be held over to the next Regular meeting,” according to our Rules & Procedures.

AGENDA DATE: 09/19/2023

Type of Agenda Item

- Consent Discussion/Action Executive Session Workshop
 Public Hearing

What will be discussed? What is the proposed motion?

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

1. Costs:

Actual Cost or Estimated Cost \$ _____

Is this cost included in the County Budget? _____

Is a Budget Amendment being proposed? _____

2. Agenda Speakers:

	Name	Representing	Title
(1)	<u>Judge Haden</u>	_____	_____
(2)	<u>Chase Goetz</u>	_____	_____
(3)	_____	_____	_____

3. Backup Materials: None To Be Distributed 1 total # of backup pages
(including this page)

4.  _____
Signature of Court Member

Date 8/15/2023

3. Adjournment

As authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above. The Court may adjourn for matters that may relate to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) (Consultation with Attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offers); Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2) (Consultation with Attorney when the attorney's obligations under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code); Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property); Texas Government Code Section 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations); Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters); Texas Government Code Section 551.0745 (Deliberations about a County Advisory Body); Texas Government Code Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices); and Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (Economic Development Negotiations). In the event that the Court adjourns into Executive Session, the Court will announce under what section of the Texas Government Code the Commissioners Court is using as its authority to enter into an Executive Session. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Request for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the County Judge's office at 512-398-1808 for further information.