

**Mountain View-Los Altos High School District  
1299 Bryant Ave.  
Mountain View, CA 94040**

**INDEPENDENT AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
(CONSTRUCTION RELATED)**

This Independent Agreement for Professional Services ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of the **28th day of February 2025** by and between the **Mountain View-Los Altos High School District** ("District") and **Cleary Consultants, Inc.** ("Vendor"), (together, "Parties").

**Soil Engineering Services During Construction for  
Mountain View High School Packard Hall Modernization Project  
DSA #01-121550**

**Description of Project/Scope of Work:**

Provide Soil Engineering Observation & Testing Services as required for the Packard Hall Modernization Project at Mountain View High School, as referenced in the attached Proposal dated February 21, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Term.** Services will tentatively commence starting June 09, 2025 with a tentative project completion of August 06, 2025.
2. **Submittal of Documents.** The Vendor shall not commence the Work under this Agreement until the Vendor has submitted and the District has approved the certificate(s) and affidavit(s), and the endorsement(s) of insurance required as indicated below:

<u>  X  </u>	Signed Agreement
<u>  X  </u>	Workers' Compensation
<u>  X  </u>	Fingerprinting/Criminal Background Investigation Certification
<u>  X  </u>	Insurance Certificates and Endorsements
<u>  X  </u>	W-9 Form

3. **Compensation.**
  - 3.1. The Vendor's services will be billed via: Time and Material (T&M) Basis for the above listed scope for a not-to-exceed (NTE) amount of **\$26,000** for the term of this Agreement. Vendor shall only bill hours actually worked on the Project. Should the anticipated services exceed this NTE amount, Vendor shall notify the District 30 days in advance for possible adjustment to the NTE.
  - 3.2. Vendor shall submit monthly invoices itemized by person, billing rate, hours worked, and any reimbursable expenses incurred in sufficient detail as requested by the District (if T&M). Invoices shall be submitted to the District on the last day of each month and are due and payable by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.
4. **Expenses.** District shall not be liable to Vendor for any costs or expenses paid or incurred by Vendor in performing services for District, except as follows:
  - 4.1. Not applicable.

5. **Independent Contractor.** Vendor, in the performance of this Agreement, shall be and act as an independent contractor. Vendor understands and agrees that it and all of its employees shall not be considered officers, employees, agents, partner, or joint venture of the District, and are not entitled to benefits of any kind or nature normally provided employees of the District and/or to which District's employees are normally entitled, including, but not limited to, State Unemployment Compensation or Worker's Compensation. Vendor shall assume full responsibility for payment of all federal, state and local taxes or contributions, including unemployment insurance, social security and income taxes with respect to Vendor's employees. In the performance of the work herein contemplated, Vendor is an independent contractor or business entity, with the sole authority for controlling and directing the performance of the details of the work, District being interested only in the results obtained.
6. **Labor Compliance Program.** The Vendor shall coordinate with District personnel and/or its designated representatives as may be requested and desirable, including with other professionals employed by the District for the design, coordination or management of other work related to the Project. This shall include, without limitation, coordination with the persons responsible for operation of the District's Labor Compliance Program. If the Vendor employs subcontractor(s), the Vendor shall ensure that its contract(s) with its subcontractor(s) include language notifying the subcontractor(s) of the District's Labor Compliance Program, if any.
7. **Materials.** Vendor shall furnish, at its own expense, all labor, materials, equipment, supplies, and other items necessary to complete the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement, except as follows:
  - 7.1. Not applicable.
8. **Performance of Services.**
  - 8.1. **Standard of Care.** Vendor represents that Vendor has the qualifications and ability to perform the Services in a professional manner, without the advice, control, or supervision of District. Vendor's services will be performed, findings obtained, reports and recommendations prepared in accordance with generally and currently accepted principles and practices of its profession for services to California school districts.
  - 8.2. **Meetings.** Vendor and District agree to participate in regular meetings as deemed necessary by the District to discuss strategies, timetables, implementations of services, and any other issues deemed relevant to the operation of Vendor's performance of Services.
  - 8.3. **District Approval.** The work completed herein must meet the approval of the District and shall be subject to the District's general right of inspection and supervision to secure the satisfactory completion thereof.
  - 8.4. **New Project Approval.** Vendor and District recognize that Vendor's Services may include working on various projects for District. Vendor shall obtain the approval of District prior to the commencement of a new project.
9. **Originality of Services.** Except as to standard generic details, Vendor agrees that all technologies, formulae, procedures, processes, methods, writings, ideas, dialogue, compositions, recordings, teleplays, and video productions prepared for, written for, or submitted to the District and/or used in connection with this Agreement, shall be wholly original to Vendor and shall not be copied in whole or in part from any other source, except that submitted to Vendor by District as a basis for such services.

10. **Copyright/Trademark/Patent.** Vendor understands and agrees that all matters produced under this Agreement shall become the property of District and cannot be used without District's express written permission. District shall have all right, title and interest in said matters, including the right to secure and maintain the copyright, trademark and/or patent of said matter in the name of the District. Vendor consents to use of Vendor's name in conjunction with the sale, use, performance and distribution of the matters, for any purpose and in any medium.

11. **Audit.** Vendor shall establish and maintain books, records, and systems of account, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, reflecting all business operations of Vendor transacted under this Agreement. Vendor shall retain these books, records, and systems of account during the Term of this Agreement and for five (5) years thereafter. Vendor shall permit the District, its agent, other representatives, or an independent auditor to audit, examine, and make excerpts, copies, and transcripts from all books and records, and to make audit(s) of all billing statements, invoices, records, and other data related to the Services covered by this Agreement. Audit(s) may be performed at any time, provided that the District shall give reasonable prior notice to Vendor and shall conduct audit(s) during Vendor's normal business hours, unless Vendor otherwise consents.

12. **Termination.**

12.1. **Without Cause By District.** District may, at any time, with or without reason, terminate this Agreement and compensate Vendor only for services satisfactorily rendered to the date of termination. Written notice by District shall be sufficient to stop further performance of services by Vendor. Notice shall be deemed given when received by the Vendor or no later than three days after the day of mailing, whichever is sooner.

12.2. **Without Cause By Vendor.** Vendor may, upon thirty (30) days' notice, with or without reason, terminate this Agreement. Upon this termination, District shall only be obligated to compensate Vendor for services satisfactorily rendered to the date of termination. Written notice by Vendor shall be sufficient to stop further performance of services to District. Vendor acknowledges that this thirty (30) day notice period is acceptable so that the District can attempt to procure the Services from another source.

12.3. **With Cause By District.** District may terminate this Agreement upon giving of written notice of intention to terminate for cause. Cause shall include:

12.3.1. material violation of this Agreement by the Vendor; or

12.3.2. any act by Vendor exposing the District to liability to others for personal injury or property damage; or

12.3.3. Vendor is adjudged a bankrupt, Vendor makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or a receiver is appointed on account of Vendor's insolvency.

12.3.4. Written notice by District shall contain the reasons for such intention to terminate and unless within three (3) calendar days after that notice the condition or violation shall cease, or satisfactory arrangements for the correction thereof be made, this Agreement shall upon the expiration of the three (3) calendar days cease and terminate. In the event of this termination, the District may secure the required services from another Vendor. If the expense, fees, and/or costs to the District exceeds the cost of providing the service pursuant to this Agreement, the Vendor shall immediately pay the excess expense, fees, and/or costs to the District upon the receipt of the District's notice of these expense, fees, and/or costs. The foregoing provisions are in addition to and not a limitation of any other rights or remedies available to District.

13. **Indemnification.** To the furthest extent permitted by California law, Vendor shall defend, indemnify, and hold free and harmless the District, its agents, representatives, officers, Vendors, employees, trustees, and volunteers (“the indemnified parties”) from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage or injury of any kind, in law or equity (“Claim”), to property or persons, including personal injury and/or death, to the extent that any of the above arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, errors or omissions, or willful misconduct of Vendor, its officials, officers, employees, subcontractors, Vendors, or agents directly or indirectly arising out of, connected with, or resulting from the performance of the Services, the Project, or this Agreement, including without limitation the payment of all consequential damages. Vendor further agrees to reimburse District for any expenditures, including reasonable attorney’s fees, District may incur by reason of the matters that are the subject of the indemnification provisions stated herein.

14. **Insurance.**

14.1. The Vendor shall procure and maintain at all times it performs any portion of the Services the following insurance with minimum limits equal to the amount indicated below.

14.1.1. **Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance.** Commercial General Liability Insurance and Any Auto Automobile Liability Insurance that shall protect the Vendor, the District, and the State from all claims of bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, death, advertising injury, and medical payments arising performing any portion of the Services. (Form CG 0001 and CA 0001, or forms substantially similar, if approved by the District.)

14.1.2. **Workers’ Compensation and Employers’ Liability Insurance.** Workers’ Compensation Insurance and Employers’ Liability Insurance for all of its employees performing any portion of the Services. In accordance with provisions of section 3700 of the California Labor Code, the Vendor shall be required to secure workers’ compensation coverage for its employees. If any class of employee or employees engaged in performing any portion of the Services under this Agreement are not protected under the Workers’ Compensation Statute, adequate insurance coverage for the protection of any employee(s) not otherwise protected must be obtained before any of those employee(s) commence performing any portion of the Services.

14.1.3. **Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions).** Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) Insurance as appropriate to the Vendor’s profession.

Type of Coverage	Minimum Requirement
<b>Commercial General Liability Insurance</b> , including Bodily Injury, Personal Injury, Property Damage, Advertising Injury, and Medical Payments Each Occurrence General Aggregate	\$ 1,000,000 \$ 2,000,000
<b>Automobile Liability Insurance - Any Auto</b> Each Occurrence General Aggregate	\$ 1,000,000 \$ 1,000,000
<b>Professional Liability</b>	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Workers Compensation</b>	Statutory Limits

14.2. **Proof of Carriage of Insurance.** The Vendor shall not commence performing any

portion of the Services until all required insurance has been obtained and certificates indicating the required coverage have been delivered in duplicate to the District and approved by the District. Certificates and insurance policies shall include the following:

- 14.2.1. A clause stating: "This policy shall not be canceled or reduced in required limits of liability or amounts of insurance until notice has been mailed to the District, stating date of cancellation or reduction. Date of cancellation or reduction shall not be less than thirty (30) days after date of mailing notice."
- 14.2.2. Language stating in particular those insured, extent of insurance, location and operation to which insurance applies, expiration date, to whom cancellation and reduction notice will be sent, and length of notice period.
- 14.2.3. An endorsement stating that the District and the State and their agents, representatives, employees, trustees, officers, Vendors, and volunteers are named additional insured under all policies except Workers' Compensation Insurance, Professional Liability, and Employers' Liability Insurance. An endorsement shall also state that Vendor's insurance policies shall be primary to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by District.
- 14.2.4. All policies except the Professional Liability Policy shall be written on an occurrence form.

14.3. **Acceptability of Insurers.** Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the District.

15. **Assignment.** The obligations of the Vendor pursuant to this Agreement shall not be assigned by the Vendor.
16. **Compliance with Laws.** Vendor shall observe and comply with all rules and regulations of the governing board of the District and all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations. Vendor shall give all notices required by any law, ordinance, rule and regulation bearing on conduct of the Work as indicated or specified. If Vendor observes that any of the Work required by this Contract is at variance with any such laws, ordinance, rules or regulations, Vendor shall notify the District, in writing, and, at the sole option of the District, any necessary changes to the scope of the Work shall be made and this Contract shall be appropriately amended in writing, or this Contract shall be terminated effective upon Vendor's receipt of a written termination notice from the District. If Vendor performs any work that is in violation of any laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, without first notifying the District of the violation, Vendor shall bear all costs arising therefrom.
17. **Certificates/Permits/Licenses.** Vendor and all Vendor's employees or agents shall secure and maintain in force such certificates, permits and licenses as are required by law in connection with the furnishing of Services pursuant to this Agreement.
18. **Employment with Public Agency.** Vendor, if an employee of another public agency, agrees that Vendor will not receive salary or remuneration, other than vacation pay, as an employee of another public agency for the actual time in which services are actually being performed pursuant to this Agreement.
19. **Anti-Discrimination.** It is the policy of the District that in connection with all work performed under Contracts there be no discrimination against any employee engaged in the work because of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religious creed, physical disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, or age and therefore the Vendor agrees to comply

with applicable Federal and California laws including, but not limited to the California Fair Employment and Housing Act beginning with Government Code Section 12900 and Labor Code Section 1735 and District policy. In addition, the Vendor agrees to require like compliance by all its subcontractor(s).

20. **Fingerprinting of Employees.** The Fingerprinting/Criminal Background Investigation Certification must be completed and attached to this Agreement prior to Vendor's performing of any portion of the Services.
21. **Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises.** Section 17076.11 of the Education Code requires school districts using funds allocated pursuant to the State of California School Facility Program for the construction or modernization of a school building to have a participation goal of at least 3 percent, per year, of the overall dollar amount expended each year by the school district, for disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBE). In accordance therewith, the Vendor must submit, upon request by District, appropriate documentation to the District identifying the steps the Vendor has taken to solicit DVBE participation in conjunction with this Agreement, if applicable.
22. **No Rights In Third Parties.** This Agreement does not create any rights in, or inure to the benefit of, any third party except as expressly provided herein.
23. **District's Evaluation of Vendor and Vendor's Employees and/or Subcontractors.** The District may evaluate the Vendor in any way the District is entitled pursuant to applicable law. The District's evaluation may include, without limitation:
  - 23.1. Requesting that District employee(s) evaluate the Vendor and the Vendor's employees and subcontractors and each of their performance.
  - 23.2. Announced and unannounced observance of Vendor, Vendor's employee(s), and/or subcontractor(s).
24. **Limitation of District Liability.** Other than as provided in this Agreement, District's financial obligations under this Agreement shall be limited to the payment of the compensation provided in this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event, shall District be liable, regardless of whether any claim is based on contract or tort, for any special, consequential, indirect or incidental damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits or revenue, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement for the services performed in connection with this Agreement.
25. **Confidentiality.** The Vendor and all Vendor's agents, personnel, employee(s), and/or subcontractor(s) shall maintain the confidentiality of all information received in the course of performing the Services. Vendor understands that student records are confidential and agrees to comply with all state and federal laws concerning the maintenance and disclosure of student records. This requirement to maintain confidentiality shall extend beyond the termination of this Agreement.
26. **Notice.** Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given, served, and received if given in writing and either personally delivered or deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt required, or sent by overnight delivery service, or facsimile transmission, addressed as follows:

**District:**

Mountain View-Los Altos High School District  
Attn: Mike Mathiesen  
1299 Bryant Ave.  
Mountain View, CA 94040  
(650) 940-4650

**Vendor:**

Cleary Consultants, Inc.  
Attn: Chris Ciechanowski  
560 Division Street  
Campbell, CA 95008  
(650)-444-2147

Any notice personally given or sent by facsimile transmission shall be effective upon receipt. Any notice sent by overnight delivery service shall be effective the business day next following delivery thereof to the overnight delivery service. Any notice given by mail shall be effective three (3) days after deposit in the United States mail.

- 27. Integration/Entire Agreement of Parties.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, and agreements, whether oral or written. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by both Parties.
- 28. California Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and the rights, duties and obligations of the Parties shall be determined and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California. The Parties further agree that any action or proceeding brought to enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be maintained in the county in which the District's administrative offices are located.
- 29. Waiver.** The waiver by either party of any breach of any term, covenant, or condition herein contained shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term, covenant, condition, or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant, or condition herein contained.
- 30. Severability.** If any term, condition or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force and effect, and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated in any way.
- 31. Authority to Bind Parties.** Neither party in the performance of any and all duties under this Agreement, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, has any authority to bind the other to any agreements or undertakings.
- 32. Attorney Fees/Costs.** Notwithstanding the Indemnity provision herein, should litigation be necessary to enforce any terms or provisions of this Agreement, then each party shall bear its own litigation and collection expenses, witness fees, court costs and attorney's fees.
- 33. Captions and Interpretations.** Paragraph headings in this Agreement are used solely for convenience, and shall be wholly disregarded in the construction of this Agreement. No provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted for or against a party because that party or its legal representative drafted such provision, and this Agreement shall be construed as if jointly prepared by the Parties.
- 34. Calculation of Time.** For the purposes of this Agreement, "days" refers to calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- 35. Signature Authority.** Each party has the full power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement, and the person signing this Agreement on behalf of each Party has been properly authority and empowered to enter into this Agreement.

**36. Counterparts.** This Agreement and all amendments and supplements to it may be executed in counterparts, and all counterparts together shall be construed as one document.

**37. Incorporation of Recitals and Exhibits.** The Recitals and each exhibit attached hereto are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date indicated below.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

**Mountain-View Los Altos High School District**

**Cleary Consultants, Inc.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: Michael Mathiesen

Print Name: Chris Ciechanowski, P.E., G.E.

Print Title: Associate Superintendent,  
Business Services

Print Title: President

**Information regarding Vendor:**

Vendor: Cleary Consultants, Inc.

**942686609:**

Employer Identification and/or Social Security Number

License No.: Geotechnical Engineer 2584

Address: 560 Division Street  
Campbell, Ca., 95008

Telephone (650) 948-0574

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: chris@clearyconsultantsinc.com

Type of Business Entity:

- Individual
- Sole Proprietorship
- Partnership
- Limited Partnership
- Corporation, State: \_\_\_\_\_
- Limited Liability Company
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Title 26, Code of Federal Regulations, sections 6041 and 6209 require non-corporate recipients of \$600.00 or more to furnish their taxpayer identification number to the payer. The regulations also provide that a penalty may be imposed for failure to furnish the taxpayer identification number. In order to comply with these regulations, the District requires your federal tax identification number or Social Security number, whichever is applicable.**



**WORKERS' COMPENSATION CERTIFICATION**

Labor Code Section 3700 in relevant part provides:

Every employer except the State shall secure the payment of compensation in one or more of the following ways:

- By being insured against liability to pay compensation by one or more insurers duly authorized to write compensation insurance in this State.
- By securing from the Director of Industrial Relations a certificate of consent to self-insure, which may be given upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the Director of Industrial Relations of ability to self-insure and to pay any compensation that may become due to its employees.

I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Work of this Contract.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Vendor or Company: Cleary Consultants, Inc.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name and Title: Chris Ciechanowski – President

(In accordance with Article 5 – commencing at Section 1860, Chapter 1, part 7, Division 2 of the Labor Code, the above certificate must be signed and filed with the District prior to performing any Work under this Contract.)

**FINGERPRINTING/CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION CERTIFICATION**

One of the three boxes below **must** be checked, with the corresponding certification provided, and this form attached to the Independent Vendor Agreement for Professional Services ("Agreement"):

**[TO BE COMPLETED BY AUTHORIZED DISTRICT EMPLOYEE ONLY.]** Vendor's employees will have only limited contact, if any, with District pupils and the District will take appropriate steps to protect the safety of any pupils that may come in contact with Vendor's employees so that the fingerprinting and criminal background investigation requirements of Education Code section 45125.1 shall not apply to Vendor for the services under this Agreement. As an authorized District official, I am familiar with the facts herein certified, and am authorized to execute this certificate on behalf of the District. (Education Code § 45125.1 (c))

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Representative's Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The fingerprinting and criminal background investigation requirements of Education Code section 45125.1 apply to Vendor's services under this Agreement and Vendor certifies its compliance with these provisions as follows: *"Vendor certifies that the Vendor has complied with the fingerprinting and criminal background investigation requirements of Education Code section 45125.1 with respect to all Vendor's employees, subcontractors, agents, and subcontractors' employees or agents ("Employees") regardless of whether those Employees are paid or unpaid, concurrently employed by the District, or acting as independent contractors of the Vendor, who may have contact with District pupils in the course of providing services pursuant to the Agreement, and the California Department of Justice has determined that none of those Employees has been convicted of a felony, as that term is defined in Education Code section 45122. 1. A complete and accurate list of all Employees who may come in contact with District pupils during the course and scope of the Agreement is attached hereto."*

Vendor's services under this Agreement shall be limited to the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or repair of a school facility and although all Employees will have contact, other than limited contact, with District pupils, pursuant to Education Code section 45125.2 District shall ensure the safety of the pupils by at least one of the following as marked:

- \_\_\_\_\_ The installation of a physical barrier at the worksite to limit contact with pupils.
- Continual supervision and monitoring of all Vendor's on-site employees of Vendor by an employee of Vendor, Cleary Consultants, whom the Department of Justice has ascertained has not been convicted of a violent or serious felony.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Surveillance of Employees by District personnel. **[TO BE COMPLETED BY AUTHORIZED DISTRICT EMPLOYEE ONLY.]**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Representative's Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**[MUST BE COMPLETED BY VENDOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.]** I am a representative of the Vendor entering into this Agreement with the District and I am familiar with the facts herein certified, and am authorized and qualified to execute this certificate on behalf of Vendor.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Vendor or Company: Cleary Consultants, Inc.  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title: Chris Ciechanowski - President



**CLEARY CONSULTANTS, INC.**  
**Geotechnical Engineers and Geologists**

*Christophe A. Ciechanowski, President, GE*  
*Grant F. Foster, Vice-President, GE*  
*J. Michael Cleary, Principal, CEG, GE*

February 21, 2025  
Ser. 7824

Mountain View – Los Altos Union High School District  
Attn: Mr. Mike Mathiesen, Associate Superintendent of Business Services  
1299 Bryant Avenue  
Mountain View, CA 94040

**RE: PROPOSAL FOR SOIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DURING CONSTRUCTION  
PACKARD HALL MODERNIZATION PROJECT  
MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL  
3535 TRUMAN AVENUE  
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA**

Dear Mr. Mathiesen,

**Introduction**

As requested, we are submitting this proposal to provide soil engineering observation and testing services during the construction of the Packard Hall Modernization project at Mountain View High School in Mountain View, California. This proposal is based on the project plans and project manual prepared by Quattrocchi Kwok Architects, dated January 21, 2025. Our firm did not prepare a geotechnical report for this project.

**Scope of Services**

Specific details of the contractor's schedule to complete the various phases of the work are not known. Therefore, we propose to provide our services on an hourly time and materials basis during the earthwork, utility trench backfilling, and flatwork installation phases of the project.

Based on our experience with similar projects, we estimate that the scope of our services will include intermittent to full time on-site observation and field density testing (rough estimate of required personnel-days in parentheses) as follows:

1. Site demolition and grading (2.0 PD)
2. Subgrade preparation, baserock placement, and compaction for exterior concrete flatwork areas (3.0 PD)
3. Subgrade preparation, baserock placement, and compaction for asphalt hardscape areas (4.0 PD)

4. Utility trench backfill compaction (6.0 PD)
5. Office support and material submittal review and approval, response to RFI's, site meetings and consultation (2.0 PD)
6. Preparation of required DSA interim and closeout documents (2.0 PD)

### Arrangements

Our field observation services including office supervision, and the necessary office and laboratory work will be provided in accordance with the terms and rates of our Schedule of Fees and Conditions presented on the last page of this proposal.

Usually, the cost of our services based on full-time observation and testing during a normal eight-hour workday would be about \$1,350 per day, \$675 per half-day, and \$200 per site visit. These estimates include field and office supervision and laboratory testing. Consultations and report preparation are billed in addition at the appropriate hourly rate.

We project that we will be required on site for approximately 19 personnel-days for the project. We therefore anticipate the total budget for this project will be approximately \$26,000.

All services rendered by us consist of professional opinions and recommendations made in accordance with generally accepted soil and foundation engineering principles and practices. This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, either expressed or implied.

Under no circumstances is it our intent to directly control the physical activities of the contractor or the contractor's workmen's accomplishment of work on this project. The presence of our field representative at the site is to provide the District with a continuing source of professional advice, opinions and recommendations based on the field representative's observation of the contractor's work and does not include any superintending, supervision, or direction of the actual work of the contractor or the contractor's workmen.

Any construction review of the contractor's performance conducted by us is not intended to include, and does not include, review of the adequacy of the contractor's safety measures in, on, or near the job site.

We look forward to being of continued service to the District on this project and ask that you call if you have any questions. As our authorization to provide the above services, please sign and return one copy of this agreement.

Mountain View – Los Altos Union High School District  
Attn: Mr. Mike Mathiesen, Associate Superintendent of Business Services  
February 21, 2025  
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Yours very truly,  
CLEARY CONSULTANTS, INC.



Chris Ciechanowski  
President



Dustin Lettenberger  
Project Engineer

DL/CC:cc

Copies: Addressee (email)  
Cumming Group (email) Attn: Ajay Dwivedi, Project Manager

**AUTHORIZATION**

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CLEARY CONSULTANTS, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CONDITIONS

PERSONNEL CHARGES

Administrative Assistant .....	60.00/hr
Drafting/Laboratory .....	70.00/hr
Senior Engineering Technician .....	120.00/hr
Prevailing Wage Engineering Technician .....	135.00/hr
Staff Engineer/Staff Engineering Geologist .....	130.00/hr
Project Engineer/Project Engineering Geologist .....	140.00/hr
Associate Engineer/Associate Engineering Geologist .....	180.00/hr
Principal .....	\$220.00/hr*

\*Expert witness fees for appearance at court and depositions are \$1800/day and \$900 half day. There is a minimum of one-half day for all court and deposition appearances.

EQUIPMENT/LABORATORY CHARGES

Automobile .....	\$.85/mile
Mobile Laboratory .....	10.00/hour
Nuclear Moisture/Density Gauge .....	5.00/test
Laboratory Compaction Curve, ASTM D1557 .....	350.00/test
DIR Certified Payroll Reporting .....	100.00/report

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

Drilling services, printing and reproduction, special and consultant fees, permits, insurance, equipment and vessel rental, travel and subsistence expenses and other similar related costs are billed at cost plus 15 percent. Copies of previously issued reports will be billed at \$50.00 for the first copy and \$25.00 for each additional copy, or at cost of reproduction for larger reports.

STANDARD OF CARE

Cleary Consultants, Inc. (CCI) under this Agreement will strive to conduct services in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing in the same locality under similar conditions. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made.

Client recognizes that subsurface conditions may vary from those encountered at the locations where our borings, surveys, or explorations are made and that our data, interpretations and recommendations are based solely on the information available to us. We will be responsible for those data, interpretations, and recommendations but shall not be responsible for the interpretation by others of the information developed.

RIGHT OF ENTRY

The Client shall provide for CCI's right of entry and all our necessary equipment, in order to complete the work. While CCI shall take all reasonable precautions to minimize any damage to the property, it is understood by Client that in the normal course of work some damage may occur, the correction of which is not part of this Agreement.

GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

CCI represents and warrants that it is protected by worker's compensation insurance and that we have such coverage under public liability and property damage insurance policies which we deem to be adequate. Certificates for all such policies of insurance shall be provided to Client upon request in writing. Within the limits and conditions of such insurance, we agree to indemnify and save Client harmless from and against any loss, damage, or liability arising from any negligent acts by CCI and its staff. We shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or liability beyond the amounts, limits, and conditions of such insurance. We shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or liability arising from any negligent acts or willful misconduct of Client, its agents, staff, and other consultants employed by it. Certificates of our general liability insurance shall be provided upon request.

UTILITIES

In the prosecution of our work, CCI will take all reasonable precautions to avoid damage or injury to subterranean structures or utilities. The owner agrees to waive any claim against CCI and to defend, indemnify and hold CCI harmless from any claim or liability for injury or loss allegedly arising from CCI's damaging underground utilities or other man-made objects that were not called to CCI's attention or which were not properly located on plans furnished to CCI.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

**To the fullest extent permitted by law, and not withstanding any other provision of this agreement, the total liability, in the aggregate, of CCI and its officers, directors, partners, employees, agents and subconsultants, and any of them, to the Client and anyone claiming by, through or under the Client, for any and all claims, losses, costs or damages of any nature whatsoever arising out of, resulting from or in any way related to this project or the Agreement from any cause or causes, including but not limited to the negligence, professional errors or omissions, strict liability, breach of contract or warranty, express or implied, of CCI or its officers, directors, employees, agents or subconsultants, or any of them, shall not exceed the total compensation received by CCI under this Agreement, or the total amount of \$30,000, whichever is greater.**

DISPUTES

The parties to this Agreement covenant and agree that all claims, disputes and other matters in question between the parties to this Agreement, arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach thereof, shall be submitted to non-binding mediation prior to initiation of any lawsuit or other litigation, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise. The cost of said Mediation shall be split equally between the parties.

DISCOVERY OF UNANTICIPATED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Hazardous materials or certain types of hazardous materials may exist at a site where there is no reason to believe they could or should be present. CCI and Client agree that the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials constitutes a changed condition requiring a renegotiation of the scope of the work or termination of services.

OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

All reports, boring logs, field data, field notes, laboratory test data, calculations, estimates, and other documents prepared by CCI as instruments of service, shall remain our property. Client agrees that all reports and other work furnished to the client or his agents, which is not paid for, will be returned upon demand and will not be used by the Client for any purpose whatever.

THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of a third party against either the Client or CCI. CCI's services under this Agreement are being performed solely for the Client's benefit, and no other entity shall have any claim against CCI because of this Agreement or the performance or nonperformance of services hereunder. The Client agrees to include a provision in all contracts with contractors and other entities involved in this project to carry out the intent of this paragraph.

ASSIGNMENT

Neither party to this Agreement shall transfer, sublet or assign any rights under or interest in this Agreement (including but not limited to monies that are due or monies that may be due) without the prior written consent of the other party.

INVOICES

Invoices for our services will be submitted, at our option, on a monthly basis or when the work is completed. Invoices will be due immediately, but will not be delinquent within 10 days from which the invoice is dated. If payment is not so made, a service charge will be due on the amount of the invoices at the maximum rate permissible by law from the date of the invoice until the same is paid. In the event legal action is required to enforce the payment terms of this agreement, CCI shall be entitled to collect from the client any judgement or settlement sums due plus reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and other expenses incurred by CCI for such collection action.

SAMPLES

All samples of soil and rock will be disposed of from the laboratory 30 days after issuance of the report unless the Client advises otherwise. Upon request, we will deliver the samples to the Client, charges collect, or will store them for an agreed storage charge.