

**LPA – CONSULTANT
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SERVICES
AGREEMENT**

CITY OF LEXINGTON
SCHEMMER ASSOCIATES
PROJECT NO. URB-6561(2)
CONTROL NO. 61489
JACKSON ST IMPROVEMENTS, 8TH – 13TH ST
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into by and between the City of Lexington , hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency or LPA, and Schemmer Associates, hereinafter referred to as the Consultant.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the LPA desires to engage the Consultant to render professional services for the above named project at the location shown on EXHIBIT "A", which is attached and hereby made a part of this agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is qualified to do business in Nebraska and has met all requirements of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects to provide consultant engineering services in the State of Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Consultant is willing to perform the services in accordance with the terms hereinafter provided, is presently in compliance with Nebraska law, and hereby agrees to comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances applicable to this agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Consultant and LPA intend that the services provided by Consultant comply with all applicable federal-aid transportation related program requirements, so that LPA's project will be fully eligible for federal reimbursement, and

WHEREAS, the LPA and Consultant intend that the services under this agreement be completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Nebraska LPA Guidelines Manual for Federal Aid Projects; hereinafter referred to as LPA Manual; the LPA Manual is a document approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that sets out the requirements for local federal-aid projects to be eligible for federal reimbursement; the LPA Manual can be found in its entirety at the following web address:

<http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/gov-aff/lpa/lpa-guidelines.pdf>, and

WHEREAS, the Consultants primary contact person for LPA will be the LPA's representative, who has been designated as being in responsible charge of the project, and who is referred to herein as RC or Responsible Charge.

WHEREAS, the parties understand that the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads is involved in this federal-aid project on behalf of the FHWA only for issues related to the eligibility of the project for reimbursement of project costs with federal-aid funds.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of these facts, the parties hereto agree as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

Wherever in this agreement the following terms are used, they will have the meaning here given:

"CONSULTANT" means Schemmer Associates and any employees thereof, whose business and mailing address is 134 South 13th Street, Suite 1100, Lincoln, NE 68508-1931, and

"LPA" means a Local Public Agency. Local Public Agencies include, but are not necessarily limited to; Nebraska Cities, Villages, Counties, Political Subdivisions, Native American Tribes, and other entities or organizations found to be eligible sub recipients of federal funds for transportation projects, and

"LPA MANUAL" shall mean the Nebraska Department of Roads' LPA Guidelines Manual for Federal-Aid Projects. The LPA Manual can be found in its entirety at the following web address: <http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/gov-aff/lpa/lpa-guidelines.pdf>, and

"RESPONSIBLE CHARGE" or "RC" shall mean LPA's representative for the project whose duties and responsibilities are identified in federal law and in the LPA Manual, and

"STATE" means the Nebraska Department of Roads in Lincoln, Nebraska, its Director, or authorized representative. The State represents the United States Department of Transportation on federally funded transportation projects sponsored by a sub recipient of federal funds and any reference to the "State" in this agreement shall mean the State on behalf of the United States Department of Transportation.

"FHWA" means the Federal Highway Administration, United States Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590, acting through its authorized representatives.

"DOT" means the United States Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590, acting through its authorized representatives.

To "ABANDON" the work means that the LPA has determined that conditions or intentions as originally existed have changed and that the work as contemplated herein is to be renounced and deserted for as long in the future as can be foreseen.

To "SUSPEND" the work means that the LPA has determined that progress is not sufficient, or that the conditions or intentions as originally existed have changed, or the work

completed or submitted is unsatisfactory, and that the work as contemplated herein should be stopped on a temporary basis. This cessation will prevail until the LPA determines to abandon or terminate the work or to reinstate it under the conditions as defined in this agreement.

To "TERMINATE" or the "TERMINATION" of this agreement is the cessation or quitting of this agreement based upon action or failure of action on the part of the Consultant as defined herein and as determined by the LPA.

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Consultant shall provide preliminary engineering and environmental review services for project URB-6561(2), 61489, in Dawson County, Nebraska. The scope shall be developed in accordance with the LPA manual and attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 3. PERSONNEL

The Consultant has furnished a personnel chart or list in EXHIBIT "B". Personnel who are added to Exhibit "B" as replacements must be persons of comparable training and experience. Personnel added to Exhibit "B" as new personnel and not replacements must be qualified to perform the intended work. The Consultant shall notify the LPA of any personnel changes. The LPA reserves the right to accept or reject the personnel change. Failure on the part of the Consultant to provide acceptable replacement personnel or qualified new personnel as determined by the LPA will be cause for termination of this agreement, with settlement to be made as provided in the CHANGE OF PLAN, ABANDONMENT, SUSPENSION, AND TERMINATION section of this agreement.

SECTION 4. NEW EMPLOYEE WORK ELIGIBILITY STATUS

The Consultant agrees to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. The Consultant hereby agrees to contractually require any subconsultants to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee.

The undersigned duly authorized representative of the Consultant, by signing this agreement, hereby attests to the truth of the following certifications, and agrees as follows:

estimated total additional fee. DR Form 250 is available on the State's webpage at: www.transportation.nebraska.gov/gov-aff/lpa-guide-man.html#forms4. The Consultant Work Order must be executed to provide authorization for the additional work and to specify when that work may begin. This agreement will be supplemented after one or more Consultant Work Orders have been authorized and approved for federal funding.

- C. The LPA is not responsible for costs incurred prior to the Notice-to-Proceed date or after the completion deadline date stated in the TIME OF BEGINNING AND COMPLETION Section of this agreement or as provided in a written time extension notification.
- D. The fixed-fee is computed upon the direct labor or wage costs, indirect labor costs, indirect non-labor costs, and direct payroll additives. The fixed-fee is not allowable upon direct non-labor costs. The fee for profit is calculated by multiplying the sum of the wages and overhead costs billed by the negotiated fee for profit rate of "13" percent.
- E. Actual costs include direct labor costs, direct non-labor costs, and overhead costs.
 - (1) Direct Labor Costs are the earnings that individuals receive for the time they are working directly on the project.
 - (a) Hourly Rates: For hourly employees, the hourly earnings rate shall be the employee's straight time hourly rate for the pay period in which the work was performed. For salaried employees, the hourly earnings rate shall be their normal hourly rate as established by the company's compensation plan, except for those pay periods where the employee works more hours than normally expected. In those pay periods, the hourly rate for project billing purposes shall be the actual rate determined by dividing the actual compensation for that pay period by the actual hours reported, including paid absences, for that pay period. Hours worked includes paid absences, such as: holiday, vacation, sick leave, administrative leave, etc.
 - (b) Time records: The hours charged to the project must be supported by adequate time distribution records. The records must clearly indicate the distribution of hours to all activities on a daily basis for the entire

pay period, and there must be a system in place to ensure that time charged to each activity is accurate.

- (2) Direct Non-Labor Costs charges in this category include actual allowable expenses for personnel away from their base of permanent assignment, communication costs, reproduction and printing costs, computer charges, special equipment and materials required for the project, special insurance premiums if required solely for this agreement, and such other similar items. A non-labor cost cannot be charged as a direct cost and also be included in the Consultant's overhead rate. If for reasons of practicality, the consultant is treating a direct non-labor cost category, in its entirety, as an overhead cost, then costs from that category are not eligible to be billed to this project as a direct expense.

Payment for eligible direct non-salary costs must be made on receipted invoices whenever possible, or on certified billings of the Consultant. For purposes of standardization on this agreement, the following expenses will be reimbursed at actual costs, not to exceed the rates as shown below.

Company Automobile/Pick-up truck - The reimbursement for automobile/pick-up truck mileage shall be the prevailing standard rate as established by the Internal Revenue Services through its Revenue Procedures - currently 50 cents per mile.

Company Survey Vehicle - Currently 52.5 cents per mile (2.5 cents above Company Automobile/Pick-up truck)

Privately Owned Vehicle - Actual reimbursement to employee, not to exceed rates shown for company vehicles outlined above

Automobile Rental - Actual reasonable cost

Air fare - **Actual reasonable cost**, giving the State all discounts

Lodging - **Actual cost – excluding taxes and fees**: Not to exceed the federal lodging reimbursement guidelines, as periodically determined by the U.S. General Services Administration – currently at the following rates:

Not to exceed *\$70.00 per person daily

*Omaha/Douglas County, not to exceed

\$101.00 per person daily

Meals - **Actual cost – including tax and gratuity:** Not to exceed the federal per meal reimbursement guidelines, as periodically determined by the U.S. General Services Administration – currently at the following rates:

	Statewide	Omaha/Douglas County
Breakfast	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00
Lunch	11.00	15.00
Dinner	<u>23.00</u>	<u>31.00</u>
Totals	<u>\$41.00</u>	<u>\$56.00</u> (Includes tax and gratuity)

For the Consultant and its employees to be eligible for the meal allowance, the following criteria must be met.

- Breakfast: (a) Employee is required to depart at or before 6:30 a.m., or
 (b) Employee is on overnight travel.

- Lunch: (a) Employee must be on overnight travel. No reimbursement for same day travel.
 (b) Employee is required to leave for overnight travel at or before 11:00 a.m., or
 (c) Employee returns from overnight travel at or after 2:00 p.m.

- Dinner: (a) Employee returns from overnight travel or work location at or after 7:00 p.m., or
 (b) Employee is on overnight travel.

Meals are not eligible for reimbursement if the employee eats within 20 miles of the headquarters town of the employee.

The Consultant shall note the actual lodging and meal costs in a daily diary, expense report, or on the individual's time report along with the time of departure to the project and time of return to the headquarters town. The total daily meal costs must not exceed \$41.00 per person, with the exception of Omaha/Douglas County, which must not exceed \$56.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity). When requested by LPA or State, the Consultant will provide a copy of the meal receipts.

G. The State, on behalf of LPA, will make every effort to pay the Consultant within 30 days of receipt of the Consultant's invoices. Payments are dependent upon whether the monthly progress reports provide adequate substantiation for the work and whether the LPA and State determines that the work submitted is satisfactory. Upon determination that the work was adequately substantiated and satisfactory, payment will be made in the amount of 100 percent of the billed actual costs and fixed fee upon acceptance by the LPA and State, a final audit of all invoiced amounts will be completed by the State or its authorized representative. The Consultant agrees to reimburse the State for any overpayments discovered by the State or its authorized representative.

The acceptance by the Consultant of the final payment will constitute and operate as a release to the LPA and State for all claims and liability to the Consultant, its representatives, and assigns, for any and all things done, furnished, or relating to the services rendered by or in connection with this agreement or any part thereof.

H. The Consultant shall maintain, all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred and shall make such material available for examination at its office at all reasonable times during the agreement period and for three years from the date of final cost settlement under this agreement. Such materials must be available for inspection by the State, FHWA, or any authorized representative of the federal government, and when requested, the Consultant shall furnish copies.

SECTION 8. PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE

The Consultant understands that the LPA will rely on the professional performance and ability of the Consultant. Any examination by the LPA, State or the FHWA, or any acceptance or use of the work product of the Consultant, will not be considered to be a full and comprehensive examination and will not be considered an approval of the work product of the Consultant which would relieve the Consultant from any liability or expense that would be connected with the Consultant's sole responsibility for the propriety and integrity of the professional work to be accomplished by the Consultant pursuant to this agreement. That further, acceptance or approval of any of the work of the Consultant by the LPA or of payment, partial or final, will not constitute a waiver of any rights of the LPA to recover from the Consultant, damages that are caused by the Consultant due to error, omission, or negligence of the Consultant in its work. That further, if due to error, omission, or negligence of the

SECTION 10. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

All surveys, plans, specifications, maps, computations, charts, electronic data, and other project data prepared or obtained under the terms of this agreement are the property of the LPA and the Consultant shall deliver them to the LPA without restriction or limitation as to further use.

LPA acknowledges that such data may not be appropriate for use on an extension of the work covered by this agreement or on other projects. Any use of the data for any purpose other than that for which it was intended without the opportunity for Consultant to review the data and modify it if necessary for the intended purpose will be at the LPA's sole risk and without legal exposure or liability to Consultant.

SECTION 11. USE AND/OR RELEASE OF PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Certain information provided by the LPA or State to the Consultant is confidential information contained within privileged documents protected by 23 U.S.C. §409. "Confidential information" means any information that is protected from disclosure pursuant to state and federal law and includes, but is not limited to, accident summary information, certain accident reports, diagnostic evaluations, bridge inspection reports, and any other documentation or information that corresponds with said evaluations or reports, and any other information protected by 23 U.S.C. §409. "Privileged document" means any document pertaining to any file or project maintained by the LPA or State that is privileged and protected from disclosure, pursuant to appropriate state and federal law, including any document containing attorney-client communications between an LPA or State employee and Legal Counsel. This confidential and privileged information is vital and essential to the Consultant in order that the Consultant adequately design the project at hand on behalf of the LPA or State.

The Consultant agrees it will only use any information or documentation that is considered to be privileged or confidential for the purposes of executing the services by which it has agreed to render for the LPA or State for the project at hand only. The Consultant agrees not to reveal, disseminate, or provide copies of any document that is confidential and privileged to any individual or entity. The LPA agrees that any information or documentation that is considered to be privileged or confidential that is provided to Consultant will be marked with the following information:

“CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION: Federal Law, 23 U.S.C §409, prohibits the production of this document or its contents in discovery or its use in evidence in a State or Federal Court. The LPA has not waived any privilege it may assert as provided by

that law through the dissemination of this document and has not authorized further distribution of this document or its contents to anyone other than the original recipient.”

The Consultant agrees to obtain the written approval of the Consultant Coordinator prior to the dissemination of any privileged or confidential information or documentation if it is unclear to the Consultant whether such information or documentation is in fact privileged or confidential.

The Consultant and the LPA agree that any unauthorized dissemination of any privileged or confidential information or documentation on the part of the Consultant will create liability on the part of the Consultant to the LPA for any damages that may occur as a result of the unauthorized dissemination. The Consultant agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and release the LPA for any liability that may ensue on the part of the LPA for any unauthorized dissemination of any privileged or confidential information or documentation on the part of the Consultant.

SECTION 12. FORBIDDING USE OF OUTSIDE AGENTS

The Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the Consultant, to solicit or secure this agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the LPA has the right to annul this agreement without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

SECTION 13. NON-RAIDING CLAUSE

The Consultant shall not engage the services of any person or persons presently in the employ of the State for work covered by this agreement without the prior written consent of the employer of the persons.

SECTION 14. GENERAL COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The Consultant hereby agrees to comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work.

SECTION 15. DISPUTES

Any dispute concerning a question of fact in connection with the work covered under this agreement will be addressed in accordance with LPA Manual Section 4.4.3.5 DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

SECTION 16. RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLAIMS AND LIABILITY

The Consultant agrees to save harmless the LPA from all claims and liability due to the activities of the Consultant or those of the Consultant's agents or employees in the performance of work under this agreement. In this connection, the Consultant shall for the life of this agreement, carry insurance as outlined in Exhibit "C" and attached hereto, and hereby made a part of this agreement.

SECTION 17. PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

The Consultant shall affix the seal of a registered professional engineer or architect licensed to practice in the State of Nebraska, on all plans, documents, and specifications prepared under this agreement as required by the Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulations Act, Neb.Rev.Stat §81-3401 et. seq.

SECTION 18. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

This agreement is binding on successors and assigns of either party.

SECTION 19. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

The Consultant shall have an acceptable and current drug-free workplace policy on file with the State.

SECTION 20. FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES ACT

The Consultant agrees to abide by the Nebraska Fair Employment Practices Act, as provided by Neb.Rev.Stat. 48-1101 through 48-1126, which is hereby made a part of and included in this agreement by reference.

SECTION 21. DISABILITIES ACT

The Consultant agrees to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-366), as implemented by 28 CFR 35, which is hereby made a part of and included in this agreement by reference.

SECTION 22. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

The Consultant shall ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises, as defined in 49 CFR 26, have the maximum opportunity to compete for and participate in the performance of subagreements financed in whole or in part with federal funds under this agreement. Consequently, the disadvantaged business requirements of 49 CFR 26 are hereby made a part of and included in this agreement by reference.

The Consultant shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin in the award and performance of FHWA-assisted contracts. Failure of the Consultant to carry out the requirements set forth above will constitute a breach of this agreement and, after the

- E. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the Consultant's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this agreement, the LPA will impose such agreement sanctions as it or the State and FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including but not limited to withholding of payments to the Consultant under this agreement until the Consultant complies, and/or cancellation, termination, or suspension of this agreement, in whole or in part.
- F. Incorporation of Provisions: The Consultant shall include the provisions of paragraphs A through E of this section in every subagreement, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, orders, or instructions issued pursuant thereto. The Consultant shall take such action with respect to any subagreement or procurement as the LPA, State or FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance, provided however, that in the event a Consultant becomes involved in or is threatened with litigation with a Subconsultant/ Subcontractor as a result of such direction, the Consultant may request that the LPA enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the LPA and, in addition, the Consultant may request that the State and United States enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State and United States.

SECTION 24. SUBLETTING, ASSIGNMENT, OR TRANSFER

Any other subletting, assignment, or transfer of any professional services to be performed by the Consultant is hereby prohibited unless prior written consent of the LPA is obtained.

As outlined in the DISABILITIES ACT Section of this agreement, the Consultant shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform subagreements. Any written request to sublet any other work must include documentation of efforts to employ a disadvantaged business enterprise.

SECTION 25. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Generally, federal conflict of interest laws prohibit a full or part-time public employee, public official or agent who negotiates, approves, accepts, administers, or is otherwise involved with, any Consultant contract or subcontract on a federal-aid project, from having a direct or indirect financial or personal interest, real or apparent, in such Consultant contract with the public entity for which he or she is a public official, employee or agent. Conflicts of Interest can also arise when someone associated with a public employee or official has an interest in an LPA

Consultant contract, or if Consultant's owners or employees own real estate that may be needed for the project. Therefore, Consultant agrees to appoint an appropriate person from its staff to be responsible for Consultant's federal-aid project conflict of interest duties. This person, on behalf of Consultant, shall:

- (1) Become knowledgeable about federal-aid project Conflict of Interest laws including 23 CFR Section 1.33, 49 CFR 18.36(b)(3), other state provisions and the Conflict of Interest Guidance Document, found on the Nebraska Department of Roads' website.
- (2) Create an internal process for Consultant to:
 - (a) identify in advance its employees or owners (or others with a financial or personal interest in Consultant), that are also employees, official or agents of a Nebraska LPA,
 - (b) identify whether any of those people have duties for that LPA as to the negotiating, approving, accepting, administering (or have influence over the persons handling those duties) or other duties involved in the Consultant contract process for federal-aid transportation projects, and
 - (c) identify whether any employees or owners of Consultant own any real estate that may be acquired or used as a part of a federal-aid project of LPA.
- (3) Properly complete and submit all required conflict of interest forms; and disclose to the State any actual or potential conflicts of interest it has identified.

SECTION 26. CONSULTANT CERTIFICATIONS

The undersigned duly authorized representatives of the Consultant, by signing this agreement, hereby swears, under the penalty of law, the truth of the following certifications, and agrees as follows:

- A. **Neb.Rev.Stat. § 81-1715(1)**. I certify compliance with the provisions of Section 81-1715 and, to the extent that this contract is a lump sum or actual cost-plus-a-fixed fee professional service contract, I hereby certify that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the fees in this agreement are accurate, complete, and current as of the date of this agreement. I agree that the original contract price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the LPA determines the contract price had been increased due to

furnish a certification or an explanation will disqualify the Consultant from participation in this agreement.

- c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the State determined to enter into this agreement. If it is later determined that the Consultant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the LPA may terminate this agreement for cause or default.
- d. The Consultant shall provide immediate written notice to the LPA if at any time the Consultant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549.
- f. The Consultant agrees that should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it will not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the LPA before entering into this agreement.
- g. The Consultant further agrees to include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the State without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- h. The Consultant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective Subconsultant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is

