

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

LHB, INC. & CITY OF DULUTH

THIS AGREEMENT, effective as of the date of attestation by the City Clerk, is made by and between the City of Duluth, Minnesota hereinafter referred to as the "City" and:

Name: **LHB, Inc.**

Address: **21 W Superior St Suite 500, Duluth, MN 55802**

hereinafter referred to as the "Engineer", in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein.

Payments as described in Section V shall be made from Funding 411-035-5530; Project # 2227; and Resolution No. 26-0010R, passed on January 26, 2026.

The professional engineering services obtained by the City under this agreement concern the following described project hereinafter referred to as the "Project":

Project Number: **25-99826**

Project Name: **Preliminary Engineering for Transit Amenities Citywide**

Project Description: **Professional engineering design services for DTA Bus Stops throughout the City of Duluth.**

The professional engineering services to be provided under this agreement consist of those phases A through G checked below. A more particular description of each phase is contained in Section II, "Basic Services", of the agreement.

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Description</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Study and Report Phase
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B. Preliminary Survey Phase
<input type="checkbox"/>	C. Preliminary Design Phase
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D. Final Design Phase
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E. Bidding Phase
<input type="checkbox"/>	F. Construction Survey and Layout Phase
<input type="checkbox"/>	G. Construction Administration and Inspection Phase

SECTION I. GENERAL

A. ENGINEER

The Engineer shall provide professional engineering services for the City in all phases of the Project to which this agreement applies, serve as the City's professional engineering representative for the Project as set forth below and shall give professional engineering consultation and advice to the City during the performance of services hereunder. All services provided hereunder shall be performed by the Engineer in accordance with generally accepted Engineering standards to the satisfaction of the City.

B. NOTICE TO PROCEED

The Engineer shall only begin performance of each Phase of work required hereunder upon receipt of a written Notice to Proceed by City representative with that Phase.

C. TIME

The Engineer shall begin work on each successive phase promptly after receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall devote such personnel and materials to the Project so as to complete each phase in an expeditious manner within the time limits set forth in Section II. Time is of the essence to this agreement.

D. CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE

The City's representative to the Engineer shall be the City Engineer or his or her designees assigned in writing.

E. ENGINEERING GUIDELINES

All work performed as part of this project shall conform to the most current edition of the Engineering Guidelines for Professional Engineering Services and Developments as approved by the City Engineer and on file in the office of the City Engineer.

F. SUBCONSULTANTS

Engineer may contract for the services of sub-consultants to assist Engineer in the performance of the services to be provided by Engineer hereunder but the selection of any sub-consultant to perform such services shall be subject to the prior written approval of the City Engineer. Engineer shall remain responsible for all aspects of any services provided by such sub-consultants to City under this Agreement. City shall reimburse Engineer for sub-consultant services under the categories of services to be provided by Engineer under Phases A through G, as applicable.

SECTION II. BASIC SERVICES

A. STUDY AND REPORT PHASE

- Included in this Agreement
- Not included in this Agreement

The Engineer shall:

1) City's Requirements

Review available data and consult with the City to clarify and define the City's requirements for the Project.

2) Advise Regarding Additional Data

Advise the City as to the necessity of the City's providing or obtaining from others data or services in order to evaluate or complete the Project and, if directed by the City's representative, act on behalf of the City in obtaining other data or services.

3) Technical Analysis

Provide analysis of the City's needs, planning surveys, site evaluations, and comparative studies of prospective sites and solutions.

4) Economic Analysis

Provide a general economic analysis of various alternatives based on economic parameters and assumptions provided by the City.

5) Report Preparation

Prepare a report containing schematic layouts, sketches and conceptual design criteria with appropriate exhibits to indicate clearly the considerations involved and the alternative solutions available to the City and setting forth the Engineer's findings and recommendations with opinions of probable total costs for the Project, including construction cost, contingencies, allowances for charges of all professionals and consultants, allowances for the cost of land and rights-of-way, compensation for or damages to properties and interest and financing charges (all of which are hereinafter called "Project Costs").

6) Report Presentation

Furnish three copies of the report and present and review the report in person with the City as the City Representative shall direct.

7) Supplementary Duties

The duties and responsibilities of Engineer during the Study and Report Phase shall also include any additional duties and responsibilities to be provided pursuant to the Engineer's proposal attached as Exhibit B.

8) Completion Time

The Study and Report Phase shall be completed and report submitted by **N/A**.

B. PRELIMINARY SURVEY PHASE

- Included in this Agreement
- Not included in this Agreement

After written authorization by the City's representative to proceed with the preliminary survey phase, the Engineer shall:

1) General

Perform topographic survey as necessary to prepare the design and provide Construction Survey and Layout as described in Section II.F

2) Boundary Survey

Perform boundary survey if checked.

3) Document Presentation

Furnish a CADD file of the survey base map to the City. Files shall be in the software specified in the Engineering Guidelines for Professional Engineering Services and Developments described in Section I.E.

4) Supplementary Duties

The duties-responsibilities of the Engineer during the preliminary survey phase shall also include any additional duties and responsibilities to be provided pursuant to the Engineer's proposal attached as Exhibit B.

5) Completion Time

The preliminary survey phase shall be completed and submitted by **May 29, 2026**.

C. PRELIMINARY DESIGN PHASE

- Included in this Agreement
- Not included in this Agreement

After written authorization by the City's Representative to proceed with the Preliminary Design Phase, the Engineer shall:

1) Preliminary Design Documents

Prepare preliminary design documents consisting of final design criteria, preliminary drawings and outline specifications.

2) Revised Project Costs

Based on the information contained in the preliminary design documents, submit a revised opinion of probable Project costs.

3) Preparation of Grants; Environmental Statements

Preparation of applications and supporting documents for governmental grants, loans or advances in connection with the Project, preparation or review of environmental assessments and impact statements; review and evaluation of the effect on the design requirements of the Project of any such statements and documentation prepared by others; and assistance in obtaining approvals of authorities having jurisdiction over the anticipated environmental impact of the Project.

4) Renderings and Models

Providing renderings or models for the City's use.

5) Economic Analysis

Investigations involving detailed consideration of operations, maintenance and overhead expenses; providing value engineering during the course of design; the preparation of feasibility studies, cash flow and economic evaluations, rate schedules and appraisals; assistance in obtaining financing for the Project; evaluating processes available for licensing and assisting the City in obtaining licensing; detailed quantity surveys of material, equipment and labor; and audits of inventories required in connection with construction performed by the City.

6) Document Presentation

Furnish three copies of the above preliminary design documents and present and review such documents in person with the City as the City Engineer may direct.

7) Supplementary Duties

The duties and responsibilities of the Engineer during the Preliminary Design Phase shall also include any additional duties and responsibilities to be provided pursuant to the Engineer's proposal attached as Exhibit B.

8) Completion Time

The Preliminary Design Phase shall be completed and report or plan submitted by **N/A**.

D. FINAL DESIGN PHASE

- Included in this Agreement
- Not included in this Agreement

1) Drawings and Specifications

On the basis of the accepted preliminary design documents and the revised opinion of probable Project costs, prepare for incorporation in the contract documents Construction Plans to show the character and extent of the Project and specifications.

2) Approvals of Governmental Entities

Furnish to the City such documents and design data as may be required for, and prepare the required documents so that the City may apply for approvals and permits of such governmental authorities as have jurisdiction over design criteria applicable to the Project, and assist in obtaining such approvals by participating in submissions to and negotiations with appropriate authorities.

3) Adjusted Project Costs

Advise the City of any adjustments to the latest opinion of probable Project costs, identify cause of change and furnish a revised opinion of probable Project cost based on the drawings and specifications.

4) Contract Document Preparation

Prepare final plans and specifications for the Project, which shall include incorporation of plans and specifications prepared by subconsultants. Engineer shall assist in the preparation of contract documents. Engineer shall prepare all necessary project/plan review forms checklists, labor compliance requests, wage determination requests, bidding documents and other forms to assist the City with procuring Bids. Engineer shall review all plans and specifications and supporting documentation and resolve any inconsistencies in said documents being incorporated into the Contract prior to bid. To the extent possible, the Engineer will follow the document format supplied by the City and use the standard terms and conditions supplied by the City in preparation of these documents.

5) Real Estate Acquisition: Legal Description

Based on preliminary design documents, furnish a legal description and recordable reproducible 8-1/2" X 11" plat of each parcel of real estate in which the City must acquire an interest in order to proceed with construction of the Project.

6) Document Presentation

Furnish three copies of the above documents and present and review them in person with the City.

7) Supplementary Duties

The duties and responsibilities of the Engineer during the Final Design Phase shall also include any additional duties and responsibilities to be provided pursuant to the Engineer's proposal attached as Exhibit B.

8) Completion Time

The Final Design Phase shall be completed and contract documents submitted by **September 4, 2027.**

E. BIDDING PHASE

- Included in this Agreement
- Not included in this Agreement

The Engineer shall:

1) Assist in Bidding

Assist the City in obtaining bids for each separate City contract for construction, materials, equipment and services.

2) Advise Regarding Contractors and Subcontractors

Consult with and advise the City as to the acceptability of subcontractors and other persons and organizations proposed by the City's contractor(s) (hereinafter called "Contractor(s)" for those portions of the work as to which such acceptability is required by the bidding documents).

3) Consult Regarding Substitutes

Consult with and advise the City as to the acceptability of substitute materials and equipment proposed by the contractor(s) when substitution prior to the award of contracts is allowed by the bidding documents.

4) Evaluation of Bids

Assist the City in evaluating bids or proposals and in assembling and awarding contracts.

5) Supplementary Duties

The duties and responsibilities of the Engineer during the Bidding Phase shall also include any additional duties and responsibilities to be provided pursuant to the Engineer's proposal attached as Exhibit B.

6) Completion Time

The bidding phase shall be completed by **December 31, 2027**.

F. CONSTRUCTION SURVEY AND LAYOUT PHASE

Included in this Agreement
 Not included in this Agreement

1) General

This phase of work may or may not be performed in conjunction with Phase G, "Construction Administration and Inspection Phase" of this agreement. Inclusion of this phase in the agreement does not imply that services identified under Phase G are to be provided unless specifically indicated in this agreement.

2) Duties

The Engineer shall provide horizontal and vertical control line and grade to enable construction of the improvement as depicted in the Project plans. The number of control points to be established by the Engineer shall be sufficient to permit the construction contractor to construct the improvement within the construction tolerances established in the Project specifications. In addition, the number of control points shall be consistent with standard engineering practice.

3) Accuracy

The Engineer shall provide the horizontal and vertical control points within the same measurement tolerances as the construction tolerances established in the Project specifications. The Engineer shall be responsible for the accuracy of the control points which are established. The Engineer shall be responsible for costs which may result from errors in placement of control points. The Engineer shall be required to establish control points at Engineer's costs only one time. Control points which are lost, damaged, removed or otherwise moved by the Contractor

or others shall be promptly replaced by the Engineer and costs for such replacement shall be computed on a time and materials basis, and reimbursed by the City. The Engineer shall take all reasonable and customary actions to protect the control points established by the Engineer.

4) Supplementary Duties

The duties and responsibilities of the Engineer during the construction survey and layout phase shall also include any additional duties and responsibilities to be provided pursuant to the Engineer's proposal attached as Exhibit B.

5) Completion Time

The construction survey & layout phase shall be completed by **N/A**.

G. CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION PHASE

- Included in this Agreement
- Not included in this Agreement

1) General Duties

Consult with and advise the City and act as its representative as provided herein and in the General Conditions of the construction contract for the Project. This phase of the work may or may not be performed in conjunction with Phase F "Construction Survey and Layout Phase" of this agreement. Inclusion of this phase in the agreement does not imply that services identified under Phase F are to be provided unless specifically indicated in this agreement.

2) Construction Inspection and Reporting

Make visits to the site with sufficient frequency at the various stages of construction to observe as an experienced and qualified design professional the progress and quality of the executed work of the contractor(s) and to ensure that such work is proceeding in accordance with the contract documents. During such visits and on the basis of on-site observations, the Engineer shall keep the City informed of the progress of the work, shall endeavor to guard the City against defects and deficiencies in such work and may disapprove or reject work failing to conform to the contract documents.

3) Warranty Inspection

Eleven months following construction completion, conduct an inspection to document any items to be repaired by the contractor under the conditions of the construction contract warranty. Submit work to be corrected to the Contractor and the City.

4) Review of Technical and Procedural Aspects

Review and approve (or take other appropriate action in respect to Shop Drawings), the results of tests and inspections and other data which each contractor is required to submit, determine the acceptability of substitute materials and equipment proposed by the contractor(s), and receive and review (for general content as required by the specifications) maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds and certificates of inspection which are to be assembled by the contractor(s).

5) Contract Documents

Receive from each contractor and review for compliance with contract documents all required document submissions including but not limited to performance and payment bonds, certificates of insurance report forms required by any City, State or Federal law or rule or regulation and submit the forms to the City for final approval.

6) Conferences and Meetings

Attend meetings with the contractor, such as preconstruction conferences, progress meetings, job conferences and other Project-related meetings, and prepare and circulate copies of the minutes thereof including to the City.

7) Records

- a) Maintain orderly files for correspondence, reports of job conferences, shop drawings and samples, reproductions of original contract documents, including all work directive changes, addenda, change orders, field orders, additional drawings issued subsequent to the execution of the contract, the Engineer's clarifications and interpretations of the contract documents, progress reports, and other Project-related documents.
- b) Keep a diary or log book, recording the contractor's hours on the job site, weather conditions, data relative to questions of work directive changes, change orders, or changed conditions, list of job site visitors, daily activities, decisions, observations in general, and specific observations in more detail, as in the case of observing test procedures and send copies to the City. Take multiple photographs of the Work and keep a log and file of the photos. Specifically maintain records of acceptance and rejection of materials and workmanship.
- c) Record names, addresses and telephone numbers of all the contractors, subcontractors, and major suppliers of materials and equipment.

8) Reports

- a) Furnish the City periodic reports, as required, on progress of the work and of the contractor's compliance with the progress schedule and schedule of shop drawings and sample submittals.
- b) Consult with the City, in advance of scheduled major tests, inspections, or start of important phases of the Work.
- c) Draft proposed change orders and work directive changes, obtaining back-up material from the contractor, and make recommendations to the City regarding change orders, work directive changes and field orders.
- d) Report immediately to the City upon the occurrence of any accident.

9) Contract Interpretation, Review of Quality of Work

Issue all instruction of the City to the contractor(s); issue necessary interpretations and clarifications of the contract Documents and in connection therewith prepare change orders as required, subject to the City's approval; have authority, as the City's representative, to require special inspection or testing of the work; act as initial interpreter of the requirements of the contract documents and judge of the acceptability of the work there under and make decisions on all claims of the contractor(s) relating to the acceptability of the work or the interpretation of the requirements of the contract documents pertaining to the execution and progress of the work.

10) Change Orders and Revisions

Prepare change orders to reflect changes in the Project requested or approved by the City, evaluate substitutions proposed by the contractor(s) and make revisions to drawings and specifications occasioned thereby, and provide any additional services necessary as the result of significant delays, changes or price increases occurring as a direct or indirect result of material, equipment or energy shortages.

11) Review of Applications for Payment

Based on the Engineer's on-site observations as an experienced and qualified design professional and on review of applications for payment and the accompanying data and schedules, determine the amount owing to the contractor(s) and recommend in writing payments to the contractor(s) in such amounts; such recommendations of payment will constitute a representation to the City, based on such observations and review, that the work has progressed to the point indicated, that, to the best of the Engineer's knowledge, information and belief, the quality of such work is in accordance with the contract documents (subject to an evaluation of such work as a functioning Project upon substantial completion, to the results of any subsequent tests called for in the contract documents, and to any qualifications stated in his recommendation), and that payment of the amount recommended is due the contractor(s).

12) Determination of Substantial Completion

Conduct an inspection to determine if the Project is substantially complete and a final inspection to determine if the work has been completed in accordance with the contract documents and if each contractor has fulfilled all of his obligations there under so that the Engineer may recommend, in writing, final payment to each contractor and may give written notice to the City and the contractor(s) that the work is acceptable (subject to any conditions therein expressed).

13) Authority and Responsibility

The Engineer shall not guarantee the work of any contractor or subcontractor, shall have no supervision or control as to the work or persons doing the work, shall not have charge of the work, shall not be responsible for safety in, on, or about the job-site or have any control of the safety or adequacy of any equipment, building component, scaffolding, supports, forms or other work aids. If the Engineer determines that there are deficiencies in materials or workmanship on the Project, or otherwise deems it to be in the best interest of the City to do so, the Engineer shall be responsible to stop any contractor or subcontractor from performing work on the Project, until conditions giving rise to this need, therefore, are rectified.

14) Engineer Not Responsible for Acts of Contractor

The Engineer shall not be responsible for the supervision or control of the acts or omissions or construction means, methods or techniques of any contractor, or subcontractor, or any of the contractor(s)' or subcontractors' or employees or any other person (except the Engineer's own employees and agents) at the site or otherwise performing any of the contractor(s) work; however, nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to release the Engineer from liability for failure to properly perform duties undertaken by him in these contract documents or this agreement.

15) Preparation of Record Drawings

The Engineer shall prepare a set of record drawings in accordance with the Engineering Guidelines for Professional Engineering Services and Development described in Section I.E.

16) Manuals

The Engineer shall furnish operating and maintenance manuals; protracted or extensive assistance in the utilization of any equipment or system (such as initial start-up, testing, and adjusting and balancing); and training personnel for operation and maintenance.

17) Supplementary Duties

The duties and responsibilities of the Engineer during the construction administration and inspection phase shall also include any additional duties and responsibilities to be provided pursuant to the Engineer's proposal attached as Exhibit B.

18) Completion Time

The construction administration and inspection phase shall be completed by **N/A**.

SECTION III. CITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

A. FURNISH REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

Provide all criteria and full information as to the City's requirements for the Project, including design objectives and constraints, space, capacity and performance requirements, flexibility and expendability, economic parameters and any budgetary limitations; and furnish copies of all design and construction standards which the City will require to be included in the Drawings and Specifications.

B. FURNISH INFORMATION

Assist the Engineer by placing at the Engineer's disposal all available information reasonably known to and in possession of the City.

C. REVIEW DOCUMENTS

Examine all studies, reports, sketches, drawings, specifications, proposals and other documents presented by the Engineer.

D. OBTAIN APPROVALS AND PERMITS

Furnish approvals and permits from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project and such approvals and consents from others as may be necessary for completion of the Project.

E. ACCOUNTING, LEGAL AND INSURANCE SERVICE

Provide such accounting, independent cost estimating and insurance counseling services as may be required for the Project, such auditing service as the City may require to ascertain how or for what purpose any contractor has used the monies paid to him under the construction contract, and such inspection services as the City may require to ascertain that the contractor(s) are complying with any law, rule or regulation applicable to their performance of the work except as otherwise provided in Section II.

F. NOTIFY THE ENGINEER OF DEFECTS OR DEVELOPMENT

Give prompt written notice to the Engineer whenever the City observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of the Engineer's services, or any defect in the work of the contractor(s).

G. COSTS OF THE CITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Bear all costs incidental to compliance with the requirements of this Section III.

SECTION IV. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

A. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

The City and the Engineer each binds their respective partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this agreement and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators, and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this agreement; the Engineer shall not assign, sublet, or transfer their respective interests in this agreement without the written consent of the City. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating

any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of any public body which may be a party hereto, nor shall it be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the City and the Engineer.

B. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

All drawings, specifications, reports, records, and other work product developed by the Engineer in connection with this Project shall remain the property of the City whether the Project is completed or not. Reuse of any of the work product of the Engineer by the City on extensions of this Project or any other Project without written permission of the Engineer shall be at the City's risk and the City agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Engineer from all damages and costs including attorney fees arising out of such reuse by the City or others acting through the City.

C. ESTIMATES OF COST (COST OPINION)

Estimates of construction cost provided are to be made on the basis of the Engineer's experience, qualifications and the best of their professional judgment, but the Engineer does not guarantee the accuracy of such estimates as compared to the contractor's bids or the Project construction cost.

D. INSURANCE

- 1) Engineer shall provide the following minimum amounts of insurance from insurance companies authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota:
 - a) Workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.
 - b) Commercial General and Automobile Liability Insurance with limits not less than **\$1,500,000** Single Limit shall be in a company approved by the city of Duluth; and shall provide for the following: Liability for Premises, Operations, Completed Operations, Independent Contractors, and Contractual Liability. Umbrella coverage with a "form following" provision may make up the difference between the commercial general and auto liability coverage amounts and the required minimum amount stated above.
 - c) Professional Liability Insurance in an amount not less than **\$1,500,000** Single Limit; provided further that in the event the professional liability insurance is in the form of "claims made," insurance, Engineer hereby commits to provide at least 60 days' notice prior to any change to the Professional Liability Insurance policy or coverage ; and in event of any change, Engineer agrees to provide the City with either evidence of new insurance coverage conforming to the provisions of this paragraph which will provide unbroken protection to the City, or, in the alternative, to purchase at its cost, extended coverage under the old policy for the period the state of repose runs; the protection to be provided by said "claims made" insurance shall remain in place until the running of the statute of repose for claims related to this Agreement.
 - d) **City of Duluth shall be named as Additional Insured** under the Commercial General and Automobile Liability Policies. Engineer shall also provide evidence of Statutory Minnesota Workers' Compensation Insurance. Engineer to provide Certificate of Insurance evidencing such coverage with notice to City of cancellation in accordance

with the provisions of the underlying insurance policy included. The City of Duluth does not represent or guarantee that these types or limits of coverage are adequate to protect the Engineer's interests and liabilities.

- 2) Certificates showing that Engineer is carrying the above described insurance in the specified amounts shall be furnished to the City prior to the execution of this Agreement and a certificate showing continued maintenance of such insurance shall be on file with the City during the term of this Agreement.
- 3) The City shall be named as an additional insured on each liability policy other than the professional liability and the workers' compensation policies of the Engineer.
- 4) The certificates shall provide that the policies shall not be cancelled during the life of this Agreement without advanced notice being given to the City at least equal to that provided for in the underlying policy of insurance.
- 5) Except as provided for in Section IV.D.1.d) above, Engineer hereby commits to provide notice to City at least 30 days in advance of any change in the insurance provided pursuant to this Section IV or in advance of that provided for in the underlying insurance policy or policies whichever is longer. For the purposes of Section IV.D of this Agreement, the term, "changed", shall include cancellation of a policy of insurance provided hereunder and any modification of such policy which reduces the amount of any coverage provided thereunder below the amounts required to be provided hereunder or otherwise reduces the protections provided under such policy to City.

E. HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Engineer agrees that it shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees, and agents, past or present, from and against any and all claims including but not limited to claims for contribution or indemnity, demands, suits, judgments, costs, and expenses (including attorneys' fees and incurred defense costs) asserted by itself or any person or persons including agents or employees of the City of Duluth or Engineer by reason of death or injury to person or persons or the loss or damage to property to the extent attributable to, or by reason of, any act, omission, operation or work of Engineer or its employees while engaged in the execution or performance of services under this Agreement. Said obligations to indemnify and hold harmless shall include, but not be limited to the obligation to indemnify and hold harmless the City in all matters where claims of liability against the City arise out of, relate to, are attributable to, are passive or derivative of, or vicarious to the negligent, intentional, or wrongful acts or omissions of Engineer, including but not limited to the failure to supervise, breach of warranty, the failure to warn, the failure to prevent such act or omission by Engineer, its employees, or its agents, and any other source of liability. Said obligations to indemnify and hold harmless shall be triggered upon the assertion of a claim for damages against City. Engineer shall not be required to indemnify City for amounts found by a fact finder to have arisen out of the sole negligent or intentional acts or omission of the City unless Engineer should fail to comply with its insurance obligations in this contract to the detriment of City, in which case Engineer shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City for any and all amounts except amounts attributed to intentional, willful or wanton acts of the City.

This Section, in its entirety, shall survive the termination of this Agreement if any amount of work has been performed by Engineer. Nothing in this provision shall affect the limitations of liability of the City as set forth in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466.

Engineer understands this provision may affect its rights and may shift liability.

Engineer shall hold and save the City, its officers, employees, representatives and agents, and the Architect, harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses and reasonable attorney's fees and incurred defense costs to the extent attributable to Engineer's intellectual property infringement of any patented or unpatented invention, process, article, or appliance manufactured or used in the performance of the Contract, including its use by the City, unless otherwise specifically stipulated in the Technical Specifications.

Nothing herein is intended to impose an obligation on Engineer that is void and unenforceable under Minnesota Statutes Section 604.21.

F. TERMINATION

- 1) This agreement may be terminated in whole or in part in writing by either party in the event of substantial failure by the other party to fulfill its obligation under this agreement through no fault of the terminating party; provided that no such termination may be affected unless the other party is given not less than fifteen (15) calendar days' prior written notice (delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested) of intent to terminate.
- 2) This agreement may be terminated in whole or in part in writing by the City for its convenience; provided that the Engineer is given (1) not less than fifteen (15) calendar days' prior written notice (delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested) of intent to terminate and (2) an opportunity for consultation with the City prior to termination.
- 3) Upon receipt of a notice of intent to terminate from the City pursuant to this agreement, the Engineer shall (1) promptly discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) make available to the City at any reasonable time at a location specified by the City all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and such other information and materials as may have accumulated by the Engineer in performing this agreement, whether completed or in process.
- 4) Upon termination pursuant to this agreement, the City may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by agreement with another party or otherwise.

G. LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Engineer agrees to observe and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of the United States of America, State of Minnesota, the City of Duluth and their respective agencies and instrumentalities which are applicable to the work and services to be performed hereunder.

H. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

Nothing contained in this agreement shall be construed to make the Engineer an employee or partner of the City. The Engineer shall at all times hereunder be construed to be an independent contractor.

I. FEDERAL FUNDING

If Federal Funds (i.e. HUD, FEMA, Revenue Sharing) are utilized as a source of Project funding, the

Engineer shall abide by the terms of all Federal requirements in the performance of duties hereunder.

J. AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be amended or supplemented only in writing and executed by both parties hereto.

K. WAIVER OF CLAIM

The Engineer waives the right to make any claim whatsoever against any officer, agent or employee of the City for, or on account of, anything done, or omitted to be done, in connection with the drafting or ratification of this contract. In addition, if it is determined that this contract was not drafted or ratified in conformity with Minnesota or federal law, or City of Duluth ordinance or charter provisions, or if the contract includes obligations that are void as to Minnesota or federal law or City of Duluth ordinance or charter provisions, the Engineer agrees to raise no defense and make no claim against the City on the basis of ratification, laches, estoppel, or implied contract. **The Engineer understands this provision may affect its rights and may shift liability and specifically agrees to the same.**

SECTION V. PAYMENT

A. BASIS OF BILLING

City shall pay the Engineer based on hourly rates for all services rendered under Section II Phases A through G, an amount not to exceed the amount in Section V.C, including any and all Project-related expenses such as travel, reproduction of reports and drawings, tolls, mileage, etc. For the purposes of this agreement, the principals and employees of the Engineer and their hourly rates are set forth in Exhibit A.

B. PAYMENT FOR WORK COMPLETED

- 1) Payment terms shall be net 35 per Minnesota Statute 471.425.
- 2) Monthly progress payments may be requested by the Engineer for work satisfactorily completed and shall be made by the City to the Engineer as soon as practicable upon submission of statements requesting payment by the Engineer to the City. When such progress payments are made, the City may withhold up to five percent (5%) of the vouchered amount until satisfactory completion by the Engineer of all work and services within a phase called for under this agreement. When the City determines that the work under this agreement for any specified phase hereunder is substantially complete, it shall release to the Engineer any retainage held for that phase.
- 3) No payment request made pursuant to subparagraph 1 of this Section V shall exceed the estimated maximum total amount and value of the total work and services to be performed by the Engineer under this agreement without the prior authorization of the City. These estimates have been prepared by the Engineer and supplemented or accompanied by such supporting data as may be required by the City.
- 4) Upon satisfactory completion of the work performed hereunder, and prior to final payment under this agreement, and as a condition precedent thereto, the Engineer shall execute and deliver to the City a release of all claims against the City arising under or by virtue of this agreement.

5) In the event of termination by City under Section IV.F., upon the completion of any phase of the Basic Services, progress payments due Engineer for services rendered through such phase shall constitute total payment for such services. In the event of such termination by City during any phase of the Basic Services, Engineer also will be reimbursed for the charges of independent professional associates and consultants employed by Engineer to render Basic Services, and paid for services rendered during that phase on the basis of hourly rates defined in Exhibit A of this agreement for services rendered during that phase to date of termination by Engineer's principals and employees engaged directly on the Project. In the event of any such termination, Engineer will be paid for all unpaid additional services plus all termination expenses.

Termination expenses mean additional expenses directly attributable to termination, which, if termination is at City's convenience, shall include an amount computed as a percentage of total compensation for basic services earned by Engineer to the date of termination as follows: 10% of the difference between the amount which the Engineer has earned computed as described in paragraphs A and B of this section and the maximum payment amount described in paragraph C of this section. The above applies only if termination is for reasons other than the fault of the Engineer.

C. TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED:

All payments under this Contract are not to exceed Ninety-Four Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty-Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$94,628.00).

SECTION VI. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

The following exhibits are attached to and made part of this agreement:

- 1) Exhibit A, Engineer's Hourly Rates
- 2) Exhibit B, Engineer's Proposal

In the event of a conflict between the agreement and any Exhibit, the terms of the Agreement will be controlling.

SECTION VII. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original as against any party whose signature appears thereon, but all of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument. Signatures to this Agreement transmitted by facsimile, by electronic mail in "portable document format" ("pdf"), or by any other electronic means which preserves the original graphic and pictorial appearance of the Agreement, shall have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing the original signature.

[Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page to follow.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands on the date of attestation shown below.

CITY OF DULUTH

By: _____
Mayor

Attest:

By: _____
City Clerk

Date: _____

Countersigned:

City Auditor

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney

LHB, INC.

By: _____

Its: _____
Title of Representative

Date: _____



EXHIBIT A

2026 HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE

Position Description	Average Rate
Project Principal.....	\$ 275
Project Manager Discipline Manager.....	\$ 246
Senior Architect Senior Landscape Architect Senior Engineer Senior Land Surveyor Senior Researcher	\$ 209
Architect Landscape Architect Engineer Land Surveyor Researcher.....	\$ 159
Certified Interior Designer.....	\$ 140
Senior Designer	\$ 141
Designer.....	\$ 113
Senior Technician.....	\$ 131
Technician.....	\$ 90
Administrative.....	\$ 104

- Amounts are subject to change for periodic compensation adjustments
- The information is current as of the date shown below.
- The actual rates will be based upon the individual assigned.

Date Issued: December 11, 2025

EXHIBIT B

November 19, 2025

Purchasing
City of Duluth-Engineering
411 West First Street
Duluth, MN 55802

PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CITY PROJECT NO. 2227 TRANSIT AMENITIES CITYWIDE

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a proposal for design services for the City's Transit Amenities Citywide project. We are pleased to present our scope of work and fee estimate for this project. This proposal is tied to the City of Duluth's Engineering Services for Federal and State Aid Funded Transportation Alternatives (TA) Projects for which LHB was selected. Our local team of professionals and designers have the skills to deliver this project with the City.

We hope that our prior project success speaks to our ability to successfully help the City achieve their goals of providing cost-effective, high-quality and resilient solutions for multi-modal transportation enhancement initiatives in our community. As a locally based team that has an intimate familiarity with the existing conditions of the proposed DTA transit sites, we recognize each location's specific characteristics and are confident we have the in-house expertise necessary to make this project another successful endeavor. Furthermore, we believe our strong working relationships with the project stakeholders, including St. Louis County, MnDOT and MnDOT State Aid will be an asset in streamlining the project development process.

We are excited to move forward with a project to help improve accessibility to all members of our community by improving Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) bus stops throughout the City. We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with our services and look forward to working with you. Please contact me at 218-249-7152 or Megan.Goplin@LHBcorp.com if you have any questions.

LHB has received and acknowledges Addendum No. 1, posted on November 13, 2025.

LHB, INC.



MEGAN GOPLIN, PE

CIVIL ENGINEERING MANAGER



MATT SETTERGREN, PE

VICE PRESIDENT

Attachments: Scope of Work & Fee Estimate

LHB Project No. 250716



November 19, 2025

PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CITY PROJECT NO. 2227 TRANSIT AMENITIES CITYWIDE

Scope of Services

1. **Task 1 - Project Management & Stakeholder Coordination**
 - a. LHB will provide project management and coordination services, including quality assurance and quality control of project deliverables, tracking project schedule and budget, and invoicing. This task assumes design will span from December 2025 to September 2027 (approx. 21 months).
 - b. LHB will attend a kickoff meeting with City and DTA staff.
 - c. LHB will attend monthly meetings with the City, for a total of 16 meetings.
 - d. LHB assumes DTA will attend at least two of the monthly City meetings to coordinate bus stop locations.
 - e. Since one of the sites is proposed on St. Louis County right-of-way (East 4th Street), time to coordinate with the county has been included.
 - f. Since two of the sites are proposed on or adjacent to MnDOT right-of-way (Central Entrance and Grand Ave), time to coordinate with MnDOT has been included.
 - g. Deliverables include:
 - i. Meeting Minutes
 - ii. Meeting exhibits and markups
2. **Task 2 - Survey, Site Reconnaissance & Utility Coordination**
 - a. LHB will complete a topographic survey of 26 sites, including existing curbs, walks, roadways and utilities adjacent to the proposed improvements.
 - b. LHB will conduct site visits to each of the 26 sites to document existing site conditions. Because some sites have changed since street-view imagery was captured, site visits are an essential way to verify current conditions. Our local team can do this efficiently and cost effectively.
 - c. A Gopher State One-Call request for field locates will be made prior to survey and we will request maps to confirm locations of utilities.
 - d. LHB will facilitate a Utility Coordination meeting to confirm locations of utilities and discuss possible impacts and relocations. Where possible, LHB will design the proposed improvements to avoid significant utility relocations.
 - e. Deliverables include:
 - i. Survey base files
 - ii. Utility coordination minutes and mapping
3. **Task 3 - Federal Environmental Document**
 - a. LHB assumes the project will not involve significant environmental impacts and will have a "C-List" Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE).
 - b. LHB will complete the Short Form C-list CATEX, including required review request letters to MnDOT and DNR for cultural, noise, threatened & endangered species.

- c. LHB assumes no other environmental permitting is required.
- d. Deliverables include:
 - i. Approved Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE).

4. Task 4 – Easements

- a. LHB assumes all permanent improvements will be within the existing public right-of-way or property, based on City provided right-of-way linework, except at two locations: adjacent to Target on Burning Tree Road and at Mall Drive and Decker Road. We anticipate the City will need to acquire permanent easements at these two locations to accommodate the proposed work. We have included two permanent easement exhibits and descriptions in our scope.
- b. Except for the sites stated above, LHB assumes that all work, including grading, will take place on the City's existing property and has not included temporary easements as part of the scope. If the City would like LHB to provide temporary easement exhibits to assist the City in conversations and agreements with property owners, we can provide this additional service upon request.
- c. If the City would like LHB to assist in right-of-way research and mapping for all sites, we can provide this additional service upon request.
- d. Deliverables include:
 - i. Permanent Easement Exhibits & Descriptions (assume two).

5. Task 5 - Design Plans, Special Provisions & Cost Estimating

- a. The project includes 26 separate transit sites throughout the city where sidewalk will be added to improve bus stops. Several will be designed to accommodate bus shelters (provided by others). We anticipate curb replacement and pedestrian ramps will be needed at several sites, but no curb bumpouts or medians are planned (except for the median at the Grand Avenue Site).
- b. LHB assumes all ADA designs will follow MnDOT Level 3 design detail and include elevations and layouts required for construction. We have included the design of 18 pedestrian ramps in our scope to provide the required access to the new bus stop platforms.
- c. Design of an RRFB system at the Grand Avenue site along with a median refuge island is included.
- d. Included is the design of any City utility relocations, such as hydrants or casting adjustments. We assume that reconfiguration of the drainage system will not be included.
- e. LHB will provide two plan submittals and engineer's estimates for City review and comment, one at 50% and another at 100%.
- f. LHB will provide the State Aid required forms and facilitate the submittal to State Aid for review and approval.
- g. Deliverables include:
 - i. 50% Plan Submittal and Final Signed Plans
 - ii. 50% Engineer's Estimate & Final Engineer's Estimate
 - iii. State Aid Forms
 - iv. Special Provisions

6. Task 6 – Bidding Assistance

- a. LHB will provide final plans and special provisions for bidding (included in Task 5).
- b. LHB assumes the City will assemble the project manual and facilitate bidding.
- c. LHB will prepare an addendum if required (assume one).
- d. LHB will be available to answer questions from bidders.
- e. Deliverables include:

- i. One Addendum
- ii. Project Staking Files

Assumptions

1. Existing right-of-way will be based on available GIS or City provide linework for all sites.
2. City will provide existing pavement information for adjacent streets.
3. DTA shelters will be provided by others.
4. Pedestrian ramps and signal modifications in MnDOT's Central Entrance right-of-way will not be included in this scope. We have included time to coordinate the adjacent improvements with MnDOT in case they want to upgrade the signal and ramps on their intersection.
5. The project will not involve significant environmental impacts and will have a "C-List" Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE).
6. The City will assemble the project manual and facilitate bidding.
7. Reconfiguration of the drainage system will not be included.
8. City will accommodate any required MS4 stormwater treatment needs. LHB can provide stormwater treatment design as an additional service.
9. Disturbances will be under 1 acre so an NPDES permit will not be required.
10. No new signing or pavement marking, only sign relocations as needed.
11. Traffic Control will be limited to lane closures/lane shifts based on the Field Manual.
12. All ADA designs will follow MnDOT Level 3 design detail and include elevations and layouts required for construction.
13. Services do not include:
 - a. Right-of-way research or mapping, except as required for the permanent easements along Burning Tree Road and at Mall Drive and Decker Road.
 - b. Structural design work for retaining walls or bridges.
 - c. Electrical or lighting design.
 - d. Traffic signal modifications.
 - e. Work on MnDOT right-of-way, except at the proposed crossing of Grand Avenue.
 - f. Public Engagement
 - g. Wetland delineation & permitting
 - h. Geotechnical investigation and recommendations

Schedule

- Notice to Proceed December 2025
- Project Kickoff January 2026
- Survey and Site Reconnaissance April/May 2026
- 50% Plans to City/Draft PCE to State Aid September 2026
- Final Plans & Forms to State Aid June 2027
- Final Approved Plans & PCE August 2027
- Bidding September 2027
- Construction Summer 2028

Proposed Fee

LHB proposes an hourly not to exceed fee of Ninety-Four Thousand, Six-Hundred and Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$94,628) including reimbursable expenses. The fee is divided as follows:

- Task 1-Project Management & Stakeholder Coordination \$16,206
- Task 2-Survey, Site Reconnaissance & Utility Coordination \$23,564
- Task 3-Federal Environmental Document \$1,540
- Task 4-Easements \$3,798
- Task 5-Design Plans, Special Provisions & Cost Estimating \$44,734
- Task 6-Bidding Assistance \$2,730
- Expenses \$2,056

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2025 FEE ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

Project Name
Client
PreparerTransit Amenities Citywide
City of Duluth
Megan GoplinProject Number
Date250716
November 19, 2025

Project Breakdown Task Description	Matt Settergren	Megan Goplin	Veronica Kubicek	Isabella Larson	Blake Putnam	Paul Vogel	Josh Johnson	Charles Farrow	Tori Smith					Total Labor Costs (\$)
	Project Principal	Project Manager	Profess. Eng.	Design Eng.	Inter. Tech.	Profess. Surveyor	Lead Surveyor	GIS Tech.	Admin					
	\$ 278	\$ 220	\$ 175	\$ 110	\$ 93	\$ 212	\$ 100	\$ 105	\$ 95					
Task 1 - Project Management & Stakeholder Coordination														\$ 16,206.00
Project Management & Coordination (assumes 21 months)	2	16	28							2				\$ 9,166.00
Kickoff Meeting with City and DTA			1		2									\$ 440.00
Monthly Meetings with City Staff (Assume 16 virtual)			16		16									\$ 5,280.00
Meetings with DTA (Included above)														\$ -
Coordination with St. Louis County		2		2										\$ 660.00
Coordination with MnDOT		2		2										\$ 660.00
Task 2 - Survey, Site Reconnaissance & Utility Coordination														\$ 23,564.00
Gopher State One Call for 26 Sites		1		8										\$ 1,100.00
Field Survey for 26 Sites		1				5	80							\$ 9,280.00
Mapping for 26 Sites		1				7	56							\$ 7,304.00
Site Visits for 26 Sites				8				4						\$ 1,300.00
Utility Coordination for 26 Sites		2	8	8	20									\$ 4,580.00
Task 3 - Federal Environmental Document														\$ 1,540.00
Review Requests from MnDOT and DNR		1		2										\$ 440.00
Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE)		2		6										\$ 1,100.00
Task 4 - Easements														\$ 3,798.00
Permanent Easement Exhibits & Descriptions (Assume 2)		1			2	16								\$ 3,798.00
Task 5 - Design Plans, Special Provisions & Cost Estimating														\$ 44,734.00
Construction Plans for 26 Sites		8	20	80	128			52						\$ 31,424.00
ADA Ramp Design (Assume Level 3 design for 18 ramps)		4	20		18									\$ 6,054.00
RRFB and Median Design at Grand Avenue		2	4	4	6									\$ 2,138.00
Traffic Control Plans (Lane Closures / Lane Shifts only)			4	8										\$ 1,580.00
State Aid Forms		2	2	1										\$ 900.00
Cost Estimates (Assume 2)		2		6										\$ 1,100.00
Special Provisions	1	4						4						\$ 1,538.00
Task 6 - Bidding Assistance														\$ 2,730.00
Prepare Addendum (Assume 1)		2		2	2									\$ 846.00
Answer Bidder Questions		2	2											\$ 790.00
Staking Files			2		8									\$ 1,094.00
Total Hours	3	72	90	155	184	28	136	56	6	-	-	-	-	
Travel Expenses	Qty	Rate	Cost	Other Direct Expenses					Cost	Labor Cost				\$ 92,572.00
Travel Exp (Airfare, Meals, Hotel, Rental Car, Gas, etc.)			-	Mail / Delivery						Travel Costs				\$ 2,056.00
Mileage	80	0.70	56.00	Printing						Direct Costs				\$ -
GPS Unit	10	200.00	2,000.00	Other						Subconsultants 1				
		-	-							Subconsultants 2				
		-	-							Subconsultants 3				
		-	-							Subconsultants 4				
Total Travel Costs			2,056.00	Total Direct Costs					-	Total Estimated Cost				\$ 94,628.00



2025 HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE

Position Description	Average Rate
Project Principal	\$265
Project/Discipline Manager.....	\$220
Senior Architect/Landscape Architect/Engineer/Land Surveyor/Researcher.....	\$183
Architect/Landscape Architect/Engineer/Land Surveyor/Researcher.....	\$144
Certified Interior Designer	\$133
Senior Designer	\$125
Designer.....	\$106
Senior Technician.....	\$119
Technician.....	\$ 82
Administrative.....	\$ 95

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Date Issued: November 19, 2025