

AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

WITH

[NAME OF ARCHITECTURAL FIRM]

FOR

[NAME OF PROJECT]

[DATE]

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This Agreement for Architectural Services is made as of _____, 2013, between the Solano Community College District, a California community college district, ("District") and _____ ("Architect") (collectively "Parties"), for the following project ("Project"):

[INSERT BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT THAT INCLUDES THE ADDRESS OF THE PROJECT SITE]

For and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

Article 1. Definitions

- 1.1. In addition to the definitions above, the following definitions of words or phrases shall apply when used in this Agreement, including all Exhibits:
 - 1.1.1. **Agreement:** The Agreement consists exclusively of this document and all identified exhibits attached and incorporated by reference.
 - 1.1.2. **Architect:** The Architect identified in the first paragraph of this Agreement, including all Consultants to the Architect.
 - 1.1.3. **As-Built Drawings ("As-Builts"):** Any document prepared and submitted by District contractor(s) that details on a Conforming Set, the actual construction performed during the Project, including changes necessitated by change orders.
 - 1.1.4. **Bid Set:** The plans, drawings, and specifications at the end of the Construction Documents Phase that the Division of the State Architect ("DSA") has approved and that the District can use to go out to bid for construction of the Project.
 - 1.1.5. **Conforming Set:** The plans, drawings, and specifications at the end of the Bidding Phase that incorporate all addenda, if any, issued during the Bidding Phase. The Architect shall ensure that DSA has approved all revisions to the Bid Set that are incorporated onto the Conforming Set and for which DSA approval is required.
 - 1.1.6. **Construction Budget:** The total amount of funds indicated by the District for the entire Project plus all other costs, including design, construction, administration, and financing.
 - 1.1.7. **Construction Change Documents ("CCD"):** The documentation of changes to the DSA-approved construction documents.
 - 1.1.8. **Construction Cost Budget:** The total cost to District of all elements of the Project designed or specified by the Architect, as adjusted at the end of each design phase in accordance with this Agreement. The Construction Cost Budget does not include

the compensation of the Architect and the Architect's Consultants, the cost of land, rights-of-way, financing or other costs which are the responsibility of the District, including construction management.

- 1.1.9. **Consultant(s)**: Any and all consultant(s), sub-consultant(s), subcontractor(s), or agent(s) to the Architect.
- 1.1.10. **District**: The Solano Community College District.
- 1.1.11. **DSA**: The Division of the State Architect.
- 1.1.12. **Project**: [FILL IN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT].
- 1.1.13. **Record Drawings**: A final set of drawings prepared by the Architect that incorporates all changes from all As-Builts, sketches, details, and clarifications.
- 1.1.14. **Service(s)**: All labor, materials, supervision, services, tasks, and work that the Architect is required to perform and that are required by, or reasonably inferred from, the Agreement, and that are necessary for the design and completion of the Project.
- 1.1.15. **Visually Verify**: To verify to the fullest extent possible by physical inspection and reasonable investigation and without any destructive action.

Article 2. Scope, Responsibilities, and Services of Architect

- 2.1. Architect shall render the Services described in **Exhibit "A,"** commencing with receipt of a written Notice to Proceed signed by the District representative. Architect's Services will be completed in accordance with the schedule attached as **Exhibit "C."**
- 2.2. Architect shall provide Services that shall comply with professional architectural standards, including the standard of care applicable to architects designing public school facilities and applicable requirements of federal, state, and local law, including, but not limited to, the requirements of the California Business and Professions Code, the California Education Code, and the California Code of Regulations. All persons providing professional services hereunder shall be properly licensed as required by California law.
- 2.3. The District intends to award the Project to contractor(s) pursuant to a competitive bid process. District reserves its right to use alternative delivery methods and the Architect's scope of work may be adjusted accordingly.
- 2.4. Architect acknowledges that all California public school districts are obligated to develop and implement the following storm water requirements, and Architect shall provide the design for the same, without limitation:
 - 2.4.1. A municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4"). An MS4 is a system of conveyances used to collect and/or convey storm

water, including, without limitation, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, and storm drains.

2.4.2. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP") that contains specific best management practices ("BMPs") and establishes numeric effluent limitations at:

2.4.2.1. Sites where the District engages in maintenance (e.g., fueling, cleaning, repairing) of transportation activities.

2.4.2.2. Construction sites where:

2.4.2.2.1. one (1) or more acres of soil will be disturbed, or

2.4.2.2.2. the project is part of a larger common plan of development that disturbs one (1) or more acres of soil.

2.4.3. Architect shall conform its design work to the District's storm water requirements indicated above, that are approved by the District and applicable to the Project, at no additional cost to the District. In addition, as required Architect shall develop a grading and drainage plan and a site plan from architectural information showing a final development of the site. This drawing will also include a horizontal and vertical control plan and a utility infrastructure plan. The Services described in this subparagraph shall be provided by a professional civil engineer who contracts with or is an employee of the Architect.

2.5. Architect shall contract for or employ at Architect's expense, Consultant(s) to the extent deemed necessary for completion of the Project including, but not limited to, architects, mechanical, electrical, structural and civil engineers, landscapers, and interior designers, licensed as such by the State of California as part of the basic Services under this Agreement. The names of Consultant(s) shall be submitted to the District for approval prior to commencement of Services, as indicated below. The District reserves the right to reject Architect's use of any particular Consultant. Nothing in the foregoing procedure shall create any contractual relationship between the District and any Consultant employed by the Architect under terms of the Agreement. Architect shall require each of the Consultants retained by it to execute agreements with standard of care and indemnity provisions commensurate with this Agreement, but Architect shall remain solely responsible and liable to District for all matters covered by this Agreement.

2.6. Architect shall coordinate with District personnel 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 State labor compliance, if applicable. If the Architect employs Consultant(s), the Architect shall ensure that its contract(s) with its Consultant(s) include

language notifying the Consultant(s) of State labor compliance, if applicable.

- 2.7. Architect shall identify the regulatory agencies that have jurisdiction over essential building and design elements and coordinate with and implement the requirements of the regulatory agencies, including, without limitation, the California Department of Education, the Office of Public School Construction, the Department of General Services, DSA, including DSA Fire/Life Safety, DSA Access Compliance Section, DSA Structural Safety Section, the State Fire Marshal and any regulatory office or agency that has authority for review and supervision of school district construction projects.
 - 2.7.1. If the Project is subject to DSA jurisdiction, then Architect, and its Consultants, if any, shall comply with all the DSA requirements, without limitation, all the requirements included and/or referenced in the following forms:
 - 2.7.2.1. Form DSA IR A-6, Construction Change Document Submittal and Approval Process.
 - 2.7.2.2. Form DSA IR A-24, Construction Phase Duties of the School District, Contractor and Design Professional.
 - 2.7.2.3. Form DSA PR 13-01, Construction Oversight Process Procedure.
 - 2.7.1.3.1. Each of Architect's duties as provided in the Construction Oversight Process Procedure shall be performed timely so as not to result in any delay to the Project.
- 2.8. Architect shall provide Services as required to obtain any local, state and/or federal agencies' approval for on-site and off-site work related to the Project including review by regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over the Project.
- 2.9. Architect shall direct and monitor the work of the District's DSA project inspector(s) ("Project Inspector(s)") and the Laboratory of Record. Architect shall provide code required supervision of special inspectors not provided by the Laboratory of Record.
- 2.10. Architect shall give efficient supervision to Services, using its best skill and attention. Architect shall carefully study and compare all contract documents, drawings, specifications, and other instructions ("Contract Documents") and shall at once report to District, Construction Manager, and Contractor, any error, inconsistency, or omission that Architect or its employees may discover, in writing, with a copy to District's Project Inspector(s). Architect shall have responsibility for discovery of errors, inconsistencies, or omissions.
- 2.11. Architect recognizes that the District may obtain the services of a Construction Manager and that Architect may have to assume certain coordination and management responsibilities, including tracking

Requests for Information ("RFI"), providing RFI responses, and leading all coordination meetings between the District, Project Inspectors, and contractors on the Project. The District reserves the right to retain the services of a Program Manager or Construction Manager or both at any time. The Construction Manager, if any, shall be authorized to give Architect Services authorizations and issue written approvals and notices to proceed on behalf of District. The District reserves the right to designate a different Construction Manager at any time. Any task, including, but not limited to, reviews or approvals that the District may perform pursuant to this Agreement may be performed by the Construction Manager, unless that task indicates it shall be performed by the governing board of the District. In addition, the District may have a constructability review of Architect's design documents. Architect shall conform any design documents to the constructability review as part of the Services under this Agreement and shall not be entitled to any compensation as Extra Services for this activity.

- 2.12. Architect shall provide computer-generated pictures downloaded to computer files, updated as requested by the District, that the District may use on its website.
- 2.13. As part of the basic Services pursuant to this Agreement, Architect is not responsible for:
 - 2.13.1. Ground contamination or hazardous material analysis.
 - 2.13.2. Any asbestos and/or lead testing, design or abatement; however, it shall coordinate and integrate its work with any such information provided by District.
 - 2.13.3. Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), except that Architect agrees to coordinate its work with that of any CEQA consultants retained by the District, to provide current elevations and schematic drawings for use in CEQA compliance documents, and to incorporate any mitigation measures adopted by the District into the Project design at no additional cost to the District.
 - 2.13.4. Historical significance report.
 - 2.13.5. Soils investigation.
 - 2.13.6. Geotechnical hazard report, except as indicated in **Exhibit "A."**

Article 3. Architect Staff

- 3.1. The Architect has been selected to perform the Services herein because of the skills and expertise of key individuals.
- 3.2. The Architect agrees that the following key people in Architect's firm shall be associated with the Project in the following capacities *[All blanks below must be filled in by Architect and approved by District]:*

Principal In Charge: _____

Project Director: _____

Project Architect(s): _____

Project Architect(s): _____

Other: _____

Major Consultants:

Electrical: _____

Mechanical: _____

Structural: _____

Civil: _____

Other: _____

- 3.3. Architect shall not change any of the key personnel listed above without prior written approval by the District, unless said personnel cease to be employed by Architect. In either case, the District shall be allowed to interview and approve replacement personnel.
- 3.4. If any designated lead or key person fails to perform to the satisfaction of the District, then upon written notice Architect shall have five (5) days to remove that person from the Project and replace that person with one acceptable to the District. All lead or key personnel for any Consultant must also be designated by the Consultant and are subject to all conditions stated in this paragraph.
- 3.5. Architect represents that Architect has no existing interest and will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which could conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of Services required under this Agreement and that no person having any such interest shall be employed by Architect.
- 3.6. Architect shall comply with Education Code section 17302(a) and agrees that any plans and/or specifications included in the Services shall be prepared under the supervision of licensed personnel, and that licensed personnel shall be in "responsible charge" of persons who observe the construction.

Article 4. Schedule of Services

Architect shall commence Services under this Agreement upon receipt of a notice to proceed and shall prosecute the Services diligently as described in **Exhibit "A,"** so as to proceed with and complete the Services in compliance with the schedule in **Exhibit "C."** Time is of the essence and failure of Architect to perform Services on time as specified in this Agreement is a material breach of this Agreement. It shall not be a material breach if a delay is beyond the Architect's or its Consultant(s)' reasonable control.

Article 5. Construction Cost Budget

- 5.1. Architect hereby accepts the District's established Construction Cost Budget and Project scope. In accordance with **Exhibit "A,"** the Architect shall have responsibility to further develop, review, and reconcile the Construction Cost Budget for the District at the beginning of the Project and at the completion of each design phase. The District and Construction Manager shall also have responsibility to develop, review, and reconcile the Construction Cost Budget with the Architect.
- 5.2. Architect shall complete all Services as described in **Exhibit "A,"** including all plans, designs, drawings, specifications and other Contract Documents, so that the cost to construct the work designed by the Architect will not exceed the Construction Cost Budget, as adjusted subsequently with the District's written approval. Architect shall maintain cost controls throughout the Project to deliver the Project within the Construction Cost Budget.
- 5.3. If any of the following events occur:
 - 5.3.1. The lowest responsive base bid received is in excess of five percent (5%) of the Construction Cost Budget; or
 - 5.3.2. If the combined total of base bid and all additive alternates come in ten percent (10%) or more under the Construction Cost Budget; or
 - 5.3.3. If the Construction Cost Budget increases in phases subsequent to the Schematic Design Phase due to reasonably foreseeable changes in the condition of the construction market in the county in which the District is located, in so far as these have not been caused by Acts of God, earthquakes, strikes, war, or energy shortages due to uncontrollable events in the world economy, then the District, in its sole discretion, has one or a combination of the following alternatives:
 - 5.3.2.1. Give Architect written approval on an agreed adjustment to the Construction Cost Budget.
 - 5.3.2.2. Authorize Architect to re-negotiate, when appropriate, and/or re-bid the Project within three (3) months time of receipt of bids (exclusive of District and other agencies' review time) at no additional cost to the District.
 - 5.3.2.3. Terminate this Agreement if the Project is abandoned by the District, without further obligation by either party.
 - 5.3.2.4. Within three (3) months time of receipt of bids, instruct Architect to revise the drawings and specifications (in scope and quality as approved by the District) to bring the Project within the Construction Cost Budget for re-bidding at no additional cost to the District.

Article 6. Fee and Method of Payment

6.1. The District shall pay Architect for all Services contracted for under this Agreement an amount equal to the following ("Fee"):

An amount equal to _____ Dollars
(\$ _____) based on the rates set forth in **Exhibit "D."**

- 6.2. The District shall pay Architect the Fee pursuant to the provisions of **Exhibit "D."**
- 6.3. Architect shall bill its work under this Agreement in accordance with **Exhibit "D."**
- 6.4. No increase in Fee will be due from CCDs and/or change orders generated during the construction period to the extent caused by Architect's error or omission.
- 6.5. The Architect's Fee set forth in this Agreement shall be full compensation for all of Architect's Services incurred in the performance hereof as indicated in **Exhibit "D."**
- 6.6. Regardless of the structure of Architect's Fee, the Architect's Fee may be adjusted downward if the Scope of Services of this Agreement is reduced by the District in accordance with this Agreement.

Article 7. Payment for Extra Services or Changes

District-authorized services outside of the scope in **Exhibit "A"** or District-authorized reimbursables not included in Architect's Fee are "Extra Services." Any charges for Extra Services shall be paid by the District as described in **Exhibit "B"** only upon certification that the claimed Extra Service was authorized as indicated herein and that the Extra Services have been satisfactorily completed. If any service is done by Architect without prior written authorization by the Construction Manager or the District's authorized representative, the District will not be obligated to pay for such service. The foregoing provision notwithstanding, Architect will be paid by the District as described in **Exhibit "B"** for Extra Services that the Construction Manager or the District's authorized representative verbally requests, provided that Architect confirms such request in writing pursuant to the notice requirements of this Agreement, and proceeds with such Extra Services not earlier than two business days after the District receives confirmation of the request from the Architect.

Article 8. Ownership of Data

- 8.1. Pursuant to Education Code section 17316, this Agreement creates a non-exclusive and perpetual license for the District to use, at its discretion, all plans including, but not limited to, record drawings, specifications, estimates and other documents that Architect or its Consultants prepare or cause to be prepared pursuant to this Agreement.
- 8.2. Architect retains all rights to all copyrights over designs and other intellectual property embodied in the plans, record drawings, specifications, estimates, and other documents that Architect or its

Consultants prepare or cause to be prepared pursuant to this Agreement.

- 8.3. Architect shall perform the Services and prepare all documents under this Agreement with the assistance of Computer Aided Design Drafting Technology (CADD) (e.g., AutoCAD). Architect shall deliver to District, on request, the tape and/or compact disc format and the name of the supplier of the software/hardware necessary to use the design file. As to any drawings that Architect provides in a CADD file format, the District acknowledges that anomalies and errors may be introduced into data when it is transferred or used in a computer environment, and that the District should rely on hard copies of all documents.
- 8.4. In order to document exactly what CADD information was given to the District, Architect and District shall each sign a "hard" copy of reproducible documents that depict the information at the time Architect produces the CADD information. The District agrees to release Architect from all liability, damages, and/or claims that arise due to any changes made to this information by anyone other than Architect or its Consultant(s) subsequent to it being given to the District.
- 8.5. Following the termination of this Agreement, for any reason whatsoever, Architect shall promptly deliver to the District upon written request and at no cost to the District the following items (hereinafter "Instruments of Service"), which the District shall have the right to utilize in any way permitted by statute:
 - 8.5.1. One set of the Contract Documents, including the bidding requirements, specifications, and all existing cost estimates for the Project, in hard copy, reproducible format.
 - 8.5.2. One set of fixed image CADD files in DXF format of the drawings that are part of the Contract Documents.
 - 8.5.3. One set of non-fixed image CADD drawing files in DXF or DWG or both formats of the site plan, floor plans (architectural, plumbing, structural, mechanical and electrical), roof plan, sections and exterior elevations of the Project.
 - 8.5.4. All finished or unfinished documents, studies, reports, calculations, drawings, maps, models, photographs, technology data and reports prepared by the Architect under this Agreement.
 - 8.5.5. The obligation of Section 8.5 of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever.
- 8.6. In the event the District changes or uses any fully or partially completed documents without Architect's knowledge or participation or both, the District agrees to release Architect of responsibility for such changes, and shall hold Architect harmless from and against any and all claims on account of any damages or losses to property or persons, or economic losses, arising out of that change or use, unless Architect is found to be liable in a forum of competent jurisdiction. In the event

that the District uses any fully or partially completed documents without the Architect's full involvement, the District shall remove all title blocks and other information that might identify Architect and its Consultants.

Article 9. Termination of Contract

- 9.1. If Architect fails to perform Architect's duties to the satisfaction of the District, or if Architect fails to fulfill in a timely and professional manner Architect's material obligations under this Agreement, or if Architect shall violate any of the material terms or provisions of this Agreement, the District shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, effective immediately upon the District giving written notice thereof to the Architect. In the event of a termination pursuant to this subdivision, Architect may invoice the District for all Services performed until the notice of termination, but the District shall have the right to withhold payment and deduct any amounts equal to the District's costs because of Architect's actions, errors, or omissions that caused the District to terminate the Agreement.
- 9.2. District shall have the right in its sole discretion to terminate the Agreement for its own convenience. In the event of a termination for convenience, Architect may invoice District and District shall pay all undisputed invoice(s) for Services performed until the District's notice of termination.
- 9.3. Except as indicated in this Article, termination shall have no effect upon any of the rights and obligations of the Parties arising out of any transaction occurring prior to the effective date of such termination.
- 9.4. Architect has the right to terminate this Agreement if the District does not fulfill its material obligations under this Agreement. Such termination shall be effective after receipt of written notice from Architect to the District. Architect may invoice the District and the District shall pay all undisputed invoice(s) for Services performed until Architect's notice of termination.
- 9.5. If, at any time in the progress of the Design of the Project, the governing board of the District determines that the Project should be terminated, Architect, upon written notice from the District of such termination, shall immediately cease Services on the Project. The District shall pay Architect only the fee associated with the Services provided since the last invoice that has been paid and up to the notice of termination.
- 9.6. If the District suspends the Project for more than one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days, Architect shall be compensated for Services performed prior to notice of that suspension. When the Project is resumed, the schedule shall be adjusted and Architect's compensation shall be equitably adjusted to provide for expenses incurred in the resumption of the Architect's Services. If the District suspends the Project for more than two (2) years, Architect may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice.

Article 10. Indemnity/Architect Liability

- 10.1. To the furthest extent permitted by California law, Architect shall defend, indemnify, and hold free and harmless the District, its Governing Board, agents, representatives, officers, consultants, employees, trustees, and volunteers ("the indemnified parties") from any and all claims that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the Architect, its officers, employees, subcontractors, consultants, or agents.
- 10.2. Architect's obligation pursuant to section 10.1 includes reimbursing the District for the cost of any settlement paid by the indemnified parties and for any and all fees and costs incurred by the indemnified parties to enforce the indemnity herein. Architect's obligation to indemnify shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds. District shall also have the right to accept or reject any legal representation that Architect proposes to defend the indemnified parties.
- 10.3. District may withhold any and all costs that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the Architect from amounts owing to Architect.

Article 11. Responsibilities of the District

- 11.1. The District shall examine the documents submitted by the Architect and shall render decisions so as to avoid unreasonable delay in the process of the Architect's Services.
- 11.2. The District shall verbally or in writing advise Architect if the District becomes aware of any fault or defect in the Project, including any errors, omissions or inconsistencies in the Architect's documents. Failure to provide such notice shall not relieve Architect of its responsibility therefore, if any.
- 11.3. Unless the District and Architect agree that a hazardous materials consultant shall be a Consultant of the Architect, the District shall furnish the services of a hazardous material consultant or other consultants when such services are requested in writing by Architect and deemed necessary by the District or are requested by the District. These services shall include: asbestos and lead paint survey; abatement documentation; and specifications related to said matters, which are to be incorporated into bid documents prepared by Architect. If the hazardous materials consultant is furnished by the District and is not a Consultant of the Architect, the specifications shall include a note to the effect that they are included in the Architect's bid documents for the District's convenience and have not been prepared or reviewed by the Architect. The note shall also direct questions about the specifications related to asbestos and lead paint survey and/or abatement documentation to its preparer.

Article 12. Liability of District

- 12.1. 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 or the Services performed in connection with this Agreement.
- 12.2. District shall not be responsible for any damage to persons or property as a result of the use, misuse or failure of any equipment used by Architect, or by its employees, even though such equipment be furnished or loaned to Architect by District.

Article 13. Nondiscrimination

- 13.1. Architect agrees that no discrimination shall be made in the employment of persons under this Agreement because of the race, national origin, ancestry, religion, age, physical or mental disability, sex, or sexual orientation of such person.
- 13.2. Architect shall comply with any and all applicable regulations and laws governing nondiscrimination in employment.

Article 14. Insurance

- 14.1. Architect shall comply with the insurance requirements for this Agreement, set forth in **Exhibit "E."**
- 14.2. Architect shall provide certificates of insurance and endorsements to District prior to commencement of the work of this Agreement as required in **Exhibit "E."**

Article 15. Covenant against Contingent Fees

Architect warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Architect, 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 working solely for the Architect, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration contingent on or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the District shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability, or in its discretion, to deduct from the contract price or consideration or to recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage fee, gift, or contingency.

Article 16. Entire Agreement/Modification

This Agreement, including the Exhibits attached hereto, supersedes all previous contracts and constitutes the entire understanding of the Parties hereto. Architect shall be entitled to no other benefits than those specified herein. No changes, amendments or alterations shall be effective unless in writing and signed by both Parties. Architect specifically acknowledges that in entering this Agreement, Architect relies solely upon the provisions contained in this Agreement and no others.

Article 17. Non-Assignment of Agreement

In as much as this Agreement is intended to secure the specialized Services of the Architect, Architect may not assign, transfer, delegate or sublet any interest therein without the prior written consent of District and any such assignment, transfer, delegation or sublease without the District's prior written consent shall be considered null and void. Likewise, District may not assign, transfer, delegate or sublet any interest therein without the prior written consent of Architect and any such assignment, transfer, delegation or sublease without Architect's prior written consent shall be considered null and void.

Article 18. Law, Venue

- 18.1. This Agreement has been executed and delivered in the State of California and the validity, enforceability and interpretation of any of the clauses of this Agreement shall be determined and governed by the laws of the State of California.
- 18.2. To the fullest extent permitted by California law, the county in which the District administration office is located shall be the venue for any action or proceeding that may be brought or arise out of, in connection with or by reason of this Agreement.

Article 19. Alternative Dispute Resolution

All claims, disputes or controversies arising out of, or in relation to the interpretation, application or enforcement of this Agreement may be decided through mediation as the first method of resolution. If this method proves unsuccessful, then all claims, disputes or controversies as stated above may be decided through arbitration, if agreed to in writing by all Parties.

Article 20. Attorneys' Fees

In the event either party shall bring any action or legal proceeding for damages for any alleged breach of any provision of or performance under this Agreement, to terminate this Agreement, or to enforce, protect or establish any term or covenant of this Agreement or right or remedy of either party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover, as a part of the action or proceeding, reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs, including consultants' fees, attorneys' fees and costs for appeal, as may be fixed by the court. The term "prevailing party" shall mean the party who received substantially the relief requested, whether by settlement, dismissal, summary judgment, judgment, or otherwise.

Article 21. Severability

If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.

Article 22. Employment Status

- 22.1. Architect shall, during the entire term of Agreement, be an independent contractor and nothing in this Agreement is intended nor shall it be construed to create an employer-employee relationship, a joint venture relationship, or to allow the District to exercise discretion or control over the professional manner in which Architect performs the Services that are the subject matter of this Agreement; provided always, however, that the Services to be provided by Architect shall be provided in a manner consistent with all applicable standards and regulations governing such Services.
- 22.2. Architect understands and agrees that Architect's personnel are not and will not be eligible for membership in or any benefits from any District group plan for hospital, surgical or medical insurance or for membership in any District retirement program or for paid vacation, paid sick leave or other leave, with or without pay or for other benefits which accrue to a District employee.
- 22.3. Should the District, in its discretion, or a relevant taxing authority such as the Internal Revenue Service or the State Employment Development Department, or both, determine that Architect, or any employee or Consultant of Architect, is an employee of the District for purposes of collection of any employment taxes, the amounts payable under this Agreement shall be reduced by amounts equal to both the employee and employer portions of the tax due (and offsetting any credits for amounts already paid by Architect which can be applied against this liability). The District shall then forward those amounts to the relevant taxing authority.
- 22.4. Should a relevant taxing authority determine a liability for past services performed by Architect for the District, upon notification of such fact by the District, Architect shall promptly remit such amount due or arrange with the District to have the amount due withheld from future payments to Architect under this Agreement (again, offsetting any amounts already paid by Architect which can be applied as a credit against such liability).
- 22.5. A determination of employment status pursuant to the preceding two paragraphs shall be solely for the purposes of the particular tax in question, and for all other purposes of this Agreement, Architect shall not be considered an employee of the District. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should any court, arbitrator, or administrative authority determine that Architect is an employee for any other purpose, then Architect agrees to a reduction in District's liability resulting from this Agreement pursuant to principles similar to those stated in the foregoing paragraphs so that the total expenses of District under this Agreement shall not be greater than they would have been had the

court, arbitrator, or administrative authority determined that Architect or its employees of Consultants was not an employee.

22.6. Nothing in this Agreement shall operate to confer rights or benefits on persons or entities not a party to this Agreement.

Article 23. Certificate of Architect

23.1. Architect certifies that the Architect is properly certified or licensed under the laws and regulations of the State of California to provide the professional services that it has herein agreed to perform.

23.2. Architect certifies that it is aware of the provisions of the California Labor Code that 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 it certifies that it will comply with those provisions before commencing the performance of the Services of this Agreement.

23.3. Architect certifies that it is aware of the provisions of California Labor Code and California Code of Regulations that require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on certain "public works" and "maintenance" projects ("Prevailing Wage Laws"). Since the Architect is performing Services as part of "public works" or "maintenance" project, and since the total compensation is \$1,000 or more, the Architect agrees to fully comply with and to require its Consultant(s) to fully comply with all requirements of the Prevailing Wage Laws.

Article 24. Cost Disclosure - Documents and Written Reports

Architect shall be responsible for compliance with California Government Code section 7550, if the total cost of the Contract is over five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Article 25. Notice & Communications

Notices and communications between the Parties to this Agreement may be sent to the following addresses:

District:	Architect:
Solano Community College District	_____
_____	_____
Fairfield, CA 94534	_____
ATTN: _____	ATTN: _____
FAX: _____	FAX: _____

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

Article 26. Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Participation (If Applicable)

Pursuant to section 71028 of the Education Code and Public Contract Code section 10115, the District may have a participation goal for disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBES) of at least three (3) percent per year of funds expended each year by the District on projects that use funds California Community College Chancellor's Office. This Project may use funds allocated under the Act. Therefore, to the extent feasible and pertaining to future hirings, the Architect, before it executes the Agreement, shall provide to the District certification of compliance with the procedures for implementation of DVBE contracting goals, appropriate documentation identifying the amount(s) intended to be paid to DVBES in conjunction with the contract, and documentation demonstrating the Architect's good faith efforts to meet these goals.

Article 27. District's Right to Audit

- 27.1. District retains the right to review and audit, and the reasonable right of access to Architect's and any Consultant's premises to review and audit the Architect's compliance with the provisions of this Agreement ("District's Right"). The District's Right includes the right to inspect, photocopy, and to retain copies, outside of Architect's premises, of any and all Project-related records and other information with appropriate safeguards, if such retention is deemed necessary by the District in its sole discretion. The District shall keep this information confidential, as allowed by applicable law.
- 27.2. The District's Right includes the right to examine any and all books, records, documents and any other evidence of procedures and practices that the District determines is necessary to discover and verify whether Architect is in compliance with all requirements of this Agreement.
- 27.3. If there is a claim for additional compensation or for Extra Services, the District's Right includes the right to examine books, records, documents, and any and all other evidence and accounting procedures and practices that the District determines is necessary to discover and verify all direct and indirect costs, of whatever nature, which are claimed to have been incurred, or anticipated to be incurred.
- 27.4. Architect shall maintain complete and accurate records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices in the industry. Architect shall make available to the District for review and audit all Project-related accounting records and documents and any other financial data. Upon District's request, Architect shall submit exact duplicates of originals of all requested records to the District.
- 27.5. Architect shall include audit provisions in any and all of its subcontracts, and shall ensure that these sections are binding upon all Consultants.
- 27.6. Architect shall comply with these provisions within fifteen (15) days of the District's written request to review and audit any or all of Architect's Project-related records and information.

Article 28. Other Provisions

- 28.1. Architect shall be responsible for the cost of reviewing CCDs and/or change orders caused by the Architect’s willful misconduct, recklessness, or negligent acts, errors or omissions. Without limiting Architect’s liability for indirect cost impacts, the direct costs for change orders which Architect shall be liable shall equal the difference between the cost of the change order and the reasonable cost of the work had that work been a part of the originally prepared Contract Documents. These amounts shall be paid by Architect to District or the District may withhold those costs from amounts owing to Architect.
- 28.2. Neither the District’s review, approval of, nor payment for, any of the Services required under this Agreement shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement, and Architect shall remain liable to the District in accordance with this Agreement for all damages to the District caused by Architect’s failure to perform any of the Services furnished under this Agreement to the standard of care of the Architect for its Services, which shall be, at a minimum, the standard of care of architects performing similar work for California school districts in or around the same geographic area as the District.
- 28.3. Each party warrants that it has had the opportunity to consult counsel and understands the terms of this Agreement and the consequences of executing it. In addition, each party acknowledges that the drafting of this Agreement was the product of negotiation, that no party is the author of this Agreement, and that this Agreement shall not be construed against any party as the drafter of the Agreement.

Article 29. Exhibits “A” through “E” [or **Exhibits “A” through “F” or “G”** if Exhibits “F” or “G” are applicable] attached hereto are hereby incorporated by this reference and made a part of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date(s) indicated below.

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Date: _____, 20____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 20____

By: _____

Title: _____