

## **PUBLIC CONTRACT FOR SERVICES**

**THIS PUBLIC CONTRACT FOR SERVICES** (the “Contract”) is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by and between the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF COLORADO** (the “County”), and Matrix Design Group, Inc., a Corporation authorized to do business in Colorado (the “Consultant”).

### **RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the County is undertaking certain activities for CI2025-029, JONES ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to engage the Consultant to render certain professional services and assistance in connection with such undertakings of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Consultant has the ability to assist the County through its professional expertise, knowledge, and experience and is ready, willing and able to provide such services, subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

**1. LINE OF AUTHORITY:** Amy Strouthopoulos, P.E., (the “Authorized Representative”), is designated as Authorized Representative of the County for the purpose of administering, coordinating and approving the work performed by the Consultant under this Contract.

**2. SCOPE OF SERVICES:** All services described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be performed by Consultant.

The County may, from time to time, request changes to the scope of services to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Consultant’s compensation, which are mutually agreed upon between the County and Consultant, shall be in writing and shall become part of this Contract upon execution.

The Consultant agrees to diligently and professionally perform all the services described herein in a manner satisfactory to the Authorized Representative. It is also understood and agreed that the Consultant shall not, in performing services hereunder, undertake any action or activity prohibited by the terms of any lease, permit, license or other agreement in effect during the term hereof between the Consultant and the County for the use and occupancy by the Consultant of any County facilities or space.

**3. COMPENSATION:** Subject to the maximum contract liability and all other provisions of this Contract, the County agrees to pay to the Consultant, and the Consultant agrees to accept payment as described in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein, during the term hereof, in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

**4. MAXIMUM CONTRACT EXPENDITURE:** Any other provision of this Contract notwithstanding and pursuant to Section 29-1-110, C.R.S., the amount of funds appropriated for this Contract is Three Hundred Forty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$346,380.00) for fiscal year 2025. In no event shall the County be liable for payment under this Contract for any amount in excess thereof. The County is not under obligation to make any future apportionment or allocation to this Contract nor is anything set forth herein a limitation of liability for Consultant. Any potential expenditure for this Contract outside the current fiscal year is subject to future annual appropriation of funds for any such proposed expenditure.

**5. TERM:** It is mutually agreed by the parties that the term of this Contract shall commence as of 12:01 a.m. on **August 28, 2025**, and terminate at 12:00 a.m. on **March 31, 2026**. This Contract and/or any extension of its original term shall be contingent upon annual funding being appropriated, budgeted and otherwise made available for such purposes and subject to the County's satisfaction with all products and services received during the preceding term.

**6. INVOICING PROCEDURES:** Payments shall be made to the Consultant based upon invoices submitted by the Consultant, provided such invoices have been approved by the Authorized Representative. Payments will be made to the Consultant within thirty (30) days, or within a mutually agreed upon period after County has received complete invoices from the Consultant. The County reserves the right to require such additional documentation, including monthly activity reports detailing the Consultant's activities and services rendered, as the County deems appropriate to support the payments to the Consultant. The signature of an officer of the Consultant shall appear on all invoices certifying that the invoice has been examined and found to be correct.

**7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** The Consultant agrees that no official, officer or employee of the County shall have any personal or beneficial interest whatsoever in the services or property described herein, and the Consultant further agrees not to hire, pay, or contract for services of any official, officer or employee of the County. A conflict of interest shall include transactions, activities or conduct that would affect the judgment, actions or work of the Consultant by placing the Consultant's own interests, or the interest of any party with whom the Consultant has a contractual arrangement, in conflict with those of County.

**8a. INDEMNIFICATION-GENERAL:** The County cannot and by this Contract does not agree to indemnify, hold harmless, exonerate or assume the defense of the Consultant or any other person or entity whatsoever, for any purpose whatsoever. Provided that the claims, demands, suits, actions or proceedings of any kind are not the result of professional negligence, the Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its commissioners, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions or proceedings of any kind or nature whatsoever, including Workers' Compensation claims, in any way resulting from or arising from the services rendered under this Contract; provided, however, that the Consultant need not indemnify or save harmless the County, its officers, agents and employees from damages resulting from the sole negligence of the County's commissioners, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees. Further, this indemnification

is intended to comply with and be subject to C.R.S. 13-50.5-102 (8), as amended from time to time.

**8b. INDEMNIFICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE:** The Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and any of its commissioners, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees from and against damages, liability, losses, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, but only to the extent caused by the negligent acts, errors or omissions of the Consultant, its employees, agents or subcontractors, or others for whom the Consultant is legally liable, in the performance of professional services under this Contract. The Consultant is not obligated under this sub-section 8b to indemnify the County for the negligent acts of the County or any of its commissioners, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees.

**9. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The Consultant is an independent contractor and is free to perform services for other clients. Notwithstanding any provision of this Contract, all personnel assigned by the Consultant to perform work under this Contract shall be and remain at all times, employees of the Consultant for all purposes. THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR IS NOT ENTITLED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION OR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS THROUGH THE COUNTY AND IS OBLIGATED TO PAY FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX ON ANY MONIES EARNED PURSUANT TO THE CONTRACT RELATIONSHIP.

**10. NO WAIVER OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT:** The parties hereto understand and agree that the County, its commissioners, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees, are relying on, and do not waive or intend to waive by any provisions of this Contract, the monetary limitations or any other rights, immunities and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §§ 24-10-101 to 120, C.R.S., or otherwise available to the County.

**11. ASSIGNMENT:** The Consultant covenants and agrees that it will not assign or transfer its rights hereunder, or subcontract any work hereunder, either in whole or in part without the prior written approval of the Authorized Representative. Any attempt by the Consultant to assign or transfer its rights hereunder shall, at the option of the Authorized Representative, void the assignment or automatically terminate this Contract and all rights of the Consultant hereunder.

**12. COUNTY REVIEW OF RECORDS:** The Consultant agrees that, upon request of the Authorized Representative, at any time during the term of this Contract, or three (3) years thereafter, it will make full disclosure to the County and make available for inspection and audit upon request by the Authorized Representative, the County Director of Finance, or any of their authorized representatives, all of its records associated with work performed under this Contract for the purpose of making an audit, examination or excerpts. The Consultant shall maintain such records until the expiration of three (3) years following the end of the term of this Contract.

**13. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS:** Drawings, specifications, guidelines and any other documents prepared by the Consultant in connection with this Contract shall be the property of the County.

**14. ASSIGNMENT OF COPYRIGHTS:** The Consultant assigns to the County the copyrights to all works prepared, developed, or created pursuant to this Contract, including the right to: 1) reproduce the work; 2) prepare derivative works; 3) distribute copies to the public by sale, rental, lease, or lending; 4) perform the works publicly; and 5) to display the work publicly. The Consultant waives its rights to claim authorship of the works, to prevent its name from being used wrongly in connection with the works, and to prevent distortion of the works.

**15. TERMINATION:** The County shall have the right to terminate this Contract, with or without cause, by giving written notice to the Consultant of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, which notice shall be given at least ten (10) days before the effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies and reports prepared by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract shall become the County's property. The Consultant shall be entitled to receive compensation in accordance with this Contract for any satisfactory work completed pursuant to the terms of this Contract prior to the date of notice of termination. Notwithstanding the above, the Consultant shall not be relieved of liability to the County for damages sustained by the County by virtue of any breach of the Contract by the Consultant.

**16. NOTICES:** Notices concerning termination of this Contract, notices of alleged or actual violations of the terms or provisions of this Contract, and all other notices shall be made as follows:

by the Consultant to: Amy Strouthopoulos, P.E.  
Douglas County Department of Public Works  
100 Third Street, Suite 220  
Castle Rock, CO 80104  
(303) 660-7480  
E-mail: astrouthopoulos@douglas.co.us

with a copy to: Douglas County Attorney's Office  
100 Third Street  
Castle Rock, CO 80104  
(303) 660-7414  
E-mail: attorney@douglas.co.us

and by the County to: Matrix Design Group, Inc.  
707 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3150  
Denver, CO 80202  
Attn: James L. Price, P.E.  
Phone: (303) 572-0200  
E-mail: Jamie\_Price@matrixdesigngroup.com

Said notices shall be delivered personally during normal business hours to the appropriate office above, or by prepaid first-class U.S. mail, via facsimile, or other method authorized in writing by the Authorized Representative. Mailed notices shall be deemed effective upon receipt or three (3) days after the date of mailing, whichever is earlier. The parties may from time to time

designate substitute addresses or persons where and to whom such notices are to be mailed or delivered, but such substitutions shall not be effective until actual receipt of written notification.

**17. NONDISCRIMINATION:** In connection with the performance of work under this Contract, the Consultant agrees not to refuse to hire, discharge, promote or demote, or to discriminate in matters of compensation against any person otherwise qualified, solely because of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental disability.

**18. GOVERNING LAW; VENUE:** This Contract shall be deemed to have been made in and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado. Venue for any action hereunder shall be in the District Court, County of Douglas, State of Colorado. The Consultant expressly waives the right to bring any action in or to remove any action to any other jurisdiction, whether state or federal.

**19. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS AND REGULATIONS:** All of the work performed under this Contract by the Consultant shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and codes of the United States and the State of Colorado. The Consultant shall also comply with all applicable ordinances, regulations, and resolutions of the County and shall commit no trespass on any public or private property in the performance of any of the work embraced by this Contract.

**20. SEVERABILITY:** In the event any of the provisions of this Contract are held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected. Should either party fail to enforce a specific term of this Contract it shall not be a waiver of a subsequent right of enforcement, nor shall it be deemed a modification or alteration of the terms and conditions contained herein.

**21. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES:** The enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Contract and all rights of action relating to such enforcement, shall be strictly reserved to the County and the Consultant, and nothing contained in this Contract shall give or allow any such claim or right of action by any other or third person under such Contract.

**22. ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE:** The Consultant shall not include any reference to this Contract or services performed pursuant to this Contract in any of Consultant's advertising or public relations materials without first obtaining the written approval of the Douglas County Public Affairs Director. Nothing herein, however, shall preclude the transmittal of any information to officials of the County, including without limitation, the County Manager, Assistant County Manager, and the Board of County Commissioners. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon completion of the project, Consultant shall have the right to accurately represent their role, contractual relationship, and work performed under this Contract in client proposals for the purposes of establishing work experience.

**23. PRIORITY OF PROVISIONS:** In the event that any terms of this Contract and any Exhibit, attachment, or other referenced document are inconsistent, the following order of priority shall control:

1<sup>st</sup> This Contract, Sections 1 through 28

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Request for Proposal (if applicable)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Exhibit C- Insurance Requirements
- 4<sup>th</sup> Exhibit A- Scope of Services
- 5<sup>th</sup> Exhibit B- Method of Payment
- 6<sup>th</sup> Response to Request for Proposal (if applicable).

**24. HEADINGS; RECITALS:** The headings contained in this Contract are for reference purposes only and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Contract. The Recitals to this Contract are incorporated herein.

**25. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** The parties acknowledge and agree that the provisions contained herein constitute the entire agreement and that all representations made by any commissioner, official, officer, director, agent or employee of the respective parties unless included herein are null and void and of no effect. No alterations, amendments, changes or modifications to this Contract, except those which are expressly reserved herein to the Authorized Representative, shall be valid unless they are contained in writing and executed by all the parties with the same formality as this Contract.

**26. INSURANCE:** The Consultant shall be required to maintain the insurance requirements provided in Exhibit C, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Consultant shall provide evidence that such requirements have been met and shall provide updated information to the County in the event any changes are made to the Consultant's insurance coverage during the term of this Contract.

**27. COUNTY EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT:** This Contract is expressly subject to, and shall not be or become effective or binding on the County, until execution by all signatories of the County.

**28. FORCE MAJEURE:** No party shall be liable for failure to perform hereunder if such failure is the result of *force majeure*. Any time limit shall be extended for the period of any delay resulting from any *force majeure*, or this Contract may be terminated if such delay makes performance of the Contract impossible or impracticable. *Force majeure* shall mean causes beyond the reasonable control of a party against which it would have been unreasonable for the affected party to take precautions and which the affected party cannot avoid even by using its best efforts, such as, but not limited to, natural disasters of overwhelming proportions, exceptional adverse weather conditions, acts of God, acts of war, strikes, work stoppages, fire or other catastrophic casualty or action of non-party government authorities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and the Consultant have executed this Contract as of the above date.

**Matrix Design Group, Inc.**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST: (if a corporation)**

**Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Notary Public Required:**

**STATE OF** \_\_\_\_\_ )

) ss.

**COUNTY OF** \_\_\_\_\_ )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness my hand and official seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS**

**ATTEST**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**ABE LAYDON, Chair**      **Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**HAYLEY HALL, Deputy Clerk**      **Date**

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DOUGLAS J. DEBORD**      **Date**  
County Manager

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**JANET HERMAN, P. E.**      **Date**  
Director of Public Works

**APPROVED AS TO FISCAL CONTENT:**

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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**ANDREW COPLAND**                      **Date**  
Director of Finance

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**Chris Pratt**                                      Date  
Sr. Asst. County Attorney