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August 31, 2022

Hon. Thomas Gifford, Mayor
Village of Scotia
4 N. Ten Broeck Street
Scotia, NY 12302

**Re: Village of Scotia
Water System Study
Proposal for Engineering Services**

Dear Mayor Gifford:

KB Group of NY, Inc. dba PRIME AE Group of NY (PRIME AE) is pleased to present this proposal for professional engineering services related to performing a study of the Village's water infrastructure and rates to determine the potential effects on the system and residents if the Town of Glenville takes over the water supply of Town Districts #2, 3, 8 & 12 that are currently served with Village water. A more detailed description of the Study components is as follows:

A. Base Services

We envision the Water System Study consisting of the following elements:

1. PRIME AE will review existing Village water system mapping, inside and outside user list, inside and outside water user rates, the Water Agreement between the Town and Village, the past three years of Village water budget information (debt and O&M) and the past three-years of water use data, all as provided by the Village.
2. PRIME AE will review the Town of Glenville Water System Improvements Engineering Report dated revised August 2022 as prepared by Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. as obtained from the Town's website.
3. PRIME AE will perform a simple desktop analysis of how the Village's water system hydraulics may be affected by the removal of the Town users in each area of connection. This does not include development of a water system hydraulic model.
4. PRIME AE will determine if any Village water system operational changes will need to be made due to having less users.
5. If water system improvements are necessary due to the above items 3 & 4, PRIME AE will define them and provide an engineer's opinion of probable construction cost.
6. PRIME AE will develop projected Village user costs based on the existing debt and operation & maintenance costs spread over less users and also the user cost of any identified system improvements.
7. PRIME AE will prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report to document the study procedures followed, findings and recommendations. We will attend one meeting with the Village to review the report, we will make one round of revisions and will issue a final report.



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B. Fee

For the services described in this proposal, PRIME proposes to complete the work for a lump sum fee total amount of **\$14,950.00**, billed monthly on a percent complete basis.

C. Exceptions and Limitations - none

D. Additional Services

Additional projects and services will be the subject of a mutually agreed and separately executed Change Order. In the event that you request additional routine services that substantively relate to the subject of this Proposal and which in our judgement do not rise to the level of a Change Order or require a new proposal, (“Out-of-Scope Services”), our fees for such services will be based on the time required for the work performed at our standard rates, plus expenses. All such services will be subject to the terms of this Proposal, including PRIME AE’s Standard Terms and Conditions, attached hereto.

E. Access to Client Facilities.

In providing the Services, PRIME AE may from time to time need to test, access, or use the Client’s systems, applications, or hardware (collectively, “Client Network”). Client shall provide PRIME AE in advance of the commencement of the affected Services with a copy of Client’s safety, security, and facilities policies which are applicable to the use of, and access to, the Client Network and PRIME AE shall use commercially reasonable efforts to abide by such communicated policies as appropriate under the circumstances. If compliance with such policies will prevent or impair PRIME AE from performing the Services or its obligations under this Agreement, the Parties shall work in good faith to develop reasonable exceptions to such policies. If such exceptions cannot be agreed upon, the applicable Statement(s) of Work will be modified to excuse PRIME AE’s performance of the affected Services. If PRIME AE’s adherence to Client’s policies increases PRIME AE’s costs of providing the Services, PRIME AE shall notify Client of the foregoing and Client shall pay PRIME AE for the increased costs associated with adherence to such policies.

F. Terms & Conditions

Our work under this Proposal shall be performed in accordance with PRIME AE’s Standard Terms and Conditions, attached hereto and hereby incorporated herein and made a part of this Proposal for all purposes as if fully set forth herein.

If you agree with this Proposal, please return an executed copy of this Proposal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



Sincerely,

KB Group of NY, Inc. dba PRIME AE Group of NY

Douglas P Cole

Douglas P. Cole, P.E.
Senior Director of Engineering

Enclosure: Standard Terms & Conditions

AGREED TO BY VILLAGE OF SCOTIA:

Thomas Gifford, Mayor

DATE:

AGREED TO BY KB GROUP OF NY, INC.
DBA PRIME AE GROUP OF NY:

Mark J. Buchenic
Mark J. Buchenic, P.E. –Vice President

DATE: 08/31/2022

1. **General.** These Standard Terms & Conditions, together with the accompanying proposal, constitute the full and complete Agreement between PRIME AE Group, Inc. (and its affiliates and subsidiaries) ("PRIME AE") and the entity or person to whom the proposal is addressed ("Client") to perform basic or additional services as set forth in the proposal. PRIME AE and Client may be referred to collectively herein as "the parties", and any one of them may be referred to as "a party". The technical and pricing information in the proposal is the confidential and proprietary property of PRIME AE and shall not be disclosed or made available to third parties without the written consent of PRIME AE. Unless otherwise specified in the proposal, the proposal fees and schedule constitute PRIME AE's best estimate of the charges and time required to complete the project. As the project progresses, site conditions, changes in the law, or other unknown facts or events may dictate revisions in scope and fee. PRIME AE will inform Client of such situations so that proposal revisions can be accomplished. The parties agree to negotiate such revisions in good faith.

2. **Performance of Services.** PRIME AE's services will be performed in accordance with generally accepted practices and ordinary skill and care of architects, engineers, scientists and/or technical professionals providing similar services at the same time, in the same locale, and under like circumstances. Client agrees that PRIME AE has been engaged to provide professional services only, and that PRIME AE does not owe a fiduciary duty or responsibility to Client. There are no intended third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement. No other warranty, express or implied, is included or intended by the Agreement. PRIME AE is an independent contractor and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, or create a relationship of employer/employee or principal/agent between PRIME AE and Client or its subcontractors or consultants. PRIME AE does not represent or warrant that any permit or approval will be issued by any governmental body in view of the complexity and the frequent changes in applicable rules and regulations and interpretations by authorities.

3. **Right of Entry.** Client shall be responsible for obtaining all legal right-of-entry, and associated costs, onto properties required by the project.

4. **Modification.** This Agreement may be changed, amended, added to, superseded, or waived only if both parties specifically agree in writing to such amendment of the Agreement. In the event of any inconsistency between these Standard Terms & Conditions and any proposal, contract, purchase order, requisition, notice to proceed, or like document, these Standard Terms & Conditions shall govern.

5. **Compensation.** Client shall pay PRIME AE pursuant to the rates and charges set forth in the proposal. Invoices will be submitted periodically (customarily on a monthly basis), and terms are net cash, due and payable upon receipt of invoice. Client shall notify PRIME AE in writing of any disputed amount within fifteen (15) days from date of the invoice, give reasons for the objection, and promptly pay the undisputed amount. If Client fails to make any payment due to PRIME AE for services and expenses within thirty (30) days after receipt of PRIME AE's statement therefor, the amounts due PRIME AE will be increased at the rate of 1.5% per month from said thirtieth day, and in addition, PRIME AE may, after giving seven (7) days' written notice to Client, suspend services under this Agreement. Unless payment is received by PRIME AE within seven (7) days of the date of the notice, the suspension shall take effect without further notice. In the event of a suspension of services, PRIME AE shall have no responsibility to Client for delay or damage caused Client because of such suspension of services. Client shall pay all undisputed fees. In the event PRIME AE employs the services of any attorney or agency to collect any sums due hereunder or to enforce any terms contained herein. Client agrees to pay litigation costs, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs (prior to and through any trial and/or subsequent proceeding) incurred by PRIME AE.

6. **Insurance.** PRIME AE will maintain workers' compensation insurance as required under the laws of the state in which the services will be performed. PRIME AE agrees to purchase at its own expense, Comprehensive General Liability insurance with a combined single limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate for bodily injury, including death and property damage; Professional Liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate; Automobile Liability insurance with a combined single of \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and will, upon request, furnish insurance certificates to Client

reflecting PRIME AE's standard coverage and providing thirty (30) days prior written notice in the event of cancellation or material change in coverage. PRIME AE agrees to purchase whatever additional insurance is requested by Client (presuming such insurance is available, from carriers acceptable to PRIME AE) provided Client reimburses the premiums for additional insurance.

7. Confidentiality. PRIME AE will hold confidential all business and technical information obtained from Client or generated in performing services under this Agreement, except to the extent required for: (1) performance of services under this Agreement; (2) compliance with professional standards of conduct; (3) the preservation of the public safety, health, and welfare; (4) compliance with any court order, statute, law, or governmental directive; and/or (5) protection of PRIME AE against claims or liabilities arising from the performance of services under this Agreement. PRIME AE's obligations hereunder shall not apply to information in the public domain or lawfully obtained on a non-confidential basis from others.

8. Ownership of Documents. All reports, notes, drawings, specifications, data, intellectual property, inventions, discoveries, processes, calculations, and other documents, including those in electronic form, obtained, created or prepared by PRIME AE in performing services under this Agreement are instruments of PRIME AE's service ("Instruments"), and all rights, copyrights, titles and interests in the Instruments shall remain PRIME AE's property, whether or not the project is completed. Client agrees not to use Instruments for marketing purposes, for projects other than the project for which the documents were prepared by PRIME AE, for future modifications to this project, or for any other purpose than the purpose intended under this Agreement, without first obtaining PRIME AE's express written permission for a specific use license. Any reuse or distribution of Instruments to third parties without such express written permission, verification or project-specific adaptation by PRIME AE will be at Client's sole risk and without liability to PRIME AE or its employees, affiliates, subsidiaries, independent contractors, and subcontractors. Client shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless PRIME AE and its employees, affiliates, subsidiaries, independent contractors, and subcontractors from all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorney's

fees, arising out of or resulting therefrom. Any such verification or project-specific adaptation shall entitle PRIME AE to additional compensation.

9. Suspension of Services and Termination. Either party may, at any time, suspend further services or terminate this Agreement. Suspension or termination shall be by written notice effective seven (7) days after receipt by the receiving party. PRIME AE may terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving Client a written notice of termination upon occurrence of any of the following: (a) an event of Force Majeure has been continuing during more than sixty (60) days or (b) prevented, hindered, or delayed performance due to disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, acts of government (foreign or domestic). Client agrees to compensate PRIME AE for all services performed and commitments made prior to the effective date of the suspension or termination, together with reimbursable expenses including those of subcontractors, subconsultants and vendors. Where payment is based on lump sum contract, Client agrees that the final invoice after Client's suspension or termination of services will be based on the percentage of work completed to the effective date of suspension or termination, plus reasonable suspension or termination charges including, but not limited to, personnel and equipment rescheduling adjustments and all other related costs and charges directly attributable to suspension or termination. In the event of suspension of services or termination by Client, PRIME AE shall have no liability to Client or others. Client agrees to indemnify and hold PRIME AE harmless from any claim or liability resulting from such suspension or termination.

10. Force Majeure. Except for Client's obligation to pay for services rendered by PRIME AE, including those of its' subcontractors, subconsultants and vendors, no liability will attach to either party from delay in performance or nonperformance caused by circumstances or events beyond the reasonable control of the party affected, including, but not limited to, acts of God, disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, acts of government (foreign or domestic), fire, flood, unanticipated site, building or subsurface conditions, regulatory permitting, terrorism, explosion, war, request or intervention of a government authority (foreign or domestic), court order (whether at law or in equity), labor relations, accidents, delays or inability to obtain

materials, equipment, fuel or transportation. Delays within the scope of this article that cumulatively exceed thirty (30) calendar days shall, at the option of either party, make this Agreement subject to termination or renegotiation. Should Client require PRIME AE to maintain its personnel and equipment available during the delay period, Client agrees to compensate PRIME AE for additional labor, equipment, and any and all other costs associated with PRIME AE in maintaining its personnel during the delay period.

11. Mutual Waiver of Consequential Damages.

Neither Client nor PRIME AE, nor their affiliates or subsidiaries, nor the officers, directors, agents, employees, or their subcontractors, subconsultants, or vendors, shall be liable to the other, third parties, or shall make any claim for any incidental, indirect, special, collateral, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages arising out of, or connected in any way to the services or this Agreement, whether the action in which recovery of damages is sought is based upon contract, tort, including, to the greatest extent permitted by law, the sole, concurrent or other negligence, whether active or passive, strict liability, breach of contract and breach of warranty. Consequential damages include, but is not limited to, damages related to loss of use, loss of profits, loss of income, loss of reputation, unrealized savings or diminution of property value and shall apply to any cause of action.

12. **Services During Construction.** If PRIME AE provides services including the performance of services during the construction phase of the project, it is understood that the purpose of such services, including to visit the project site, will be to enable PRIME AE to better perform its services as a design professional, and to determine, in general, if construction is proceeding in a manner indicating that the completed work of others will conform generally to the contract documents. PRIME AE shall not, during such visits or as a result of observations of construction, supervise, direct, or have control over others' work nor shall PRIME AE have authority over, or responsibility for, the means, methods, sequences or procedures of construction selected by others or safety precautions and programs incident to the work of others or for any failure of others to comply with laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes or orders applicable to others furnishing and performing their work. PRIME AE does not guarantee the performance of the construction work or contract by

others and does not assume responsibility for others' failure to furnish and perform their work. If PRIME AE's services during construction include shop drawing review, PRIME AE will review (or take other appropriate action with respect to) shop drawings, samples, and other data which the contract documents require PRIME AE to review, but only for conformance with PRIME AE's design concept of the project and compliance with the information set forth in contract documents. Such review or other actions shall not extend to means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of manufacture (including the design of manufactured products) or construction, or to safety precautions and programs incident thereto. PRIME AE's review or other actions shall not constitute approval of an assembly or product of which an item is a component, nor shall it relieve others of (a) their obligations regarding review and approval of any such submittals, and (b) their exclusive responsibility for the means, methods, sequences and procedures of constructions, including safety of construction.

13. **Certifications.** PRIME AE shall not be required to sign any documents, no matter by whom requested, that would result in PRIME AE's having to provide certification, a guarantee, or a warranty.

14. **Reliance.** PRIME AE shall be entitled to rely, without liability, on the accuracy and completeness of any and all information provided by Client, Client's employees, representatives, agents, independent contractors, construction managers, consultants and contractors, and information from public records, without the need for independent verification. Any opinions rendered by PRIME AE pursuant to this Agreement are for the sole and exclusive use of Client, and are not intended for the use of, or reliance upon, by any third parties without the prior written approval of PRIME AE. Client agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend PRIME AE to the fullest extent permitted by law for any claims, losses, or damages allegedly suffered by others due to unauthorized reliance of any opinion provided under the Agreement.

15. **Opinion of Probable Costs.** When required as part of its services, PRIME AE will furnish opinions of probable cost, but does not guarantee the accuracy of such estimates. Opinions of probable cost, financial evaluations, feasibility studies, economic analyses of alternate solutions, and utilitarian considerations of

operations and maintenance costs prepared by PRIME AE hereunder will be made on the basis of PRIME AE's experience and qualifications and will represent PRIME AE's judgment as an experienced and qualified design professional. However, users of the probable cost opinions must recognize that PRIME AE does not have control over the cost of labor, material, equipment, or services furnished by others or over market conditions or contractors' methods of determining prices or performing the services.

16. Limitation of Liability. Client and PRIME AE have discussed the risks, rewards, and anticipated outcome of the project in the proposal and an estimated total fee for service, and agree that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the total liability, in the aggregate, of PRIME AE, its' officers, directors, employees, agents, and consultants to Client and anyone claiming by, through or under Client, for any and all injuries, claims, losses, expenses, or damages whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to PRIME AE's services, the project or this Agreement, from any cause or causes whatsoever, including but not limited to, negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability or contract, shall be limited to an amount of \$50,000 or PRIME AE's fee, whichever is greater. PRIME AE's calculation of fees, however set forth in the proposal, is based upon and conditioned on Client's acceptance of and enforcement before a mediator or a court of this limitation of liability. A request by Client to increase this limitation of liability must be made to PRIME AE in writing prior to Client's acceptance of the proposal. PRIME AE may increase the limit of liability in consideration of additional payment by Client. The increased limit of liability will become effective only upon a specific modification to these standard terms & conditions by an authorized representative of PRIME AE.

17. Dispute Resolution. If a dispute arises out of or relates to this Agreement or breach thereof, the parties will attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute through negotiation. If the dispute is not resolved by these negotiations, prior to the initiation of legal proceedings, Client and PRIME AE agree to submit all claims and disputes arising out of this Agreement to non-binding mediation with a mutually agreed upon mediator. The parties agree that they will participate in the mediation in good faith, that they will share equally in its costs, and that neither party will commence a civil action with respect to the matters submitted to mediation until after

the completion of the initial mediation session. This provision shall survive completion or termination of this Agreement; however, neither party shall seek mediation of any claim or dispute arising out of this Agreement beyond the period of time that would bar the initiation of legal proceedings to litigate such claim or dispute under the applicable law.

18. Precedence. These Standard Terms & Conditions shall take precedence over any inconsistent or contradictory provisions contained in, or referenced by, any proposal, contract, purchase order, requisition, notice to proceed, or similar or like document.

19. Severability. If any of these standard terms & conditions are finally determined to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect and be binding upon the parties. The parties agree to reform these Standard Terms & Conditions to replace any such invalid or unenforceable provision with a valid and enforceable provision that comes as close as possible to the intention of the stricken provision.

20. Survival. These Standard Terms & Conditions shall survive the completion of PRIME AE's services on the project and the termination of services for any cause.

21. Governing Law. The laws of the state in which the project is located shall govern the validity and interpretation of this Agreement. Client agrees that any legal action or proceeding arising out of the provision of services by PRIME AE pursuant to the proposal or any modification thereof may be submitted by PRIME AE to a State Court in the State of Maryland or State of Ohio without regard to the choice of law provision. Client irrevocably consents to jurisdiction of (and waives dispute of venue in) the aforementioned venues.

22. Assignment. No assignments by Client of this Agreement or of any monies due or to become due hereunder shall be binding upon PRIME AE until PRIME AE's written consent thereto is obtained. Any assignment by Client to anyone of any right under this Agreement without the written consent of PRIME AE shall be null and void and without effect.