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## **CONSULTANT COMPANY AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this **X**<sup>th</sup> **day of XXXX, 2019**, by and between CECON.com LLC, hereinafter referred to as "CECON" and **XXXXXX,** hereinafter referred to as "Consultant Company."

It is the intent of this Agreement that CECON will maintain a list of consultants in various fields and localities who will be available to serve CECON and its Clients on specific projects as the need arises. Specific terms and conditions follow:

- 1. This is a non-exclusive Agreement. Consultant Company is free to engage in other independent activity. CECON does not guarantee any minimum level of activity for Consultant Company.
- 2. Consultant Company information may be kept on file by CECON at no charge. Consultant Company will serve as an independent subcontractor, not an employee, and agrees to be responsible for all Federal, State and Local tax consequences of its independent contractor status including all appropriate filings pertaining thereto and all commercial general liability insurance, auto insurance, worker's compensation and employers liability insurance and any other insurance as required for its employees.
- 3. Consultant Company affirms that all personal professional credentials (i.e. education, awards, professional certifications, patents, etc.) represented to CECON and client are accurate and truthful and Consultant authorizes and will cooperate with a verification of professional credentials and a background check as part of engagement with the client.
- 4. Financial administration of projects will be handled by CECON. Consultant Company will not discuss fees with the Client; only CECON will negotiate Client contracts and handle billings and collections. Consultant Company's personnel ("Consultant") shall be directed by the Client and CECON shall not interfere with the Client's relationship with the Consultant. Consultant Company or its Consultant may not bind CECON to any contract or liability. Consultant should discuss with the Client the time required to complete a task or an assignment.
- 5. CECON will offer such projects to Consultant Company as deemed appropriate and acceptance of projects by Consultant is voluntary. CECON shall not be held liable for the introduction of the Consultant to the Client, and Consultant shall perform consulting duties on a best efforts basis in a manner that is consistent with the knowledge, skill, and judgment that is ordinarily expected of one with Consultant's background and professional training. When the Consultant accepts a project, close communications shall be maintained between the Consultant, Client, and CECON regarding project priorities, effort allocation, deliverables, and deadlines. The Consultant shall receive project guidance from the CECON Client. Consultant may begin accruing billable hours on a project only after receiving written approval to commence from the CECON Client Manager.
- 6. After Consultant Company accepts a project with CECON, Consultant Company shall not accept another project directly with the same Client of CECON without prior written consent of CECON for one (1) year after completion of the most recent project, except where: i) Consultant Company can demonstrate an independent selling effort pre-dating the CECON project; or, ii) the project is for a different division of the Client, not related to the CECON activity; or, iii) the project was not the result

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of a direct referral from personnel associated with a previous CECON project.

## 7. Fees:

- a) The Consultant Company's fees for services to a Client will be negotiated between CECON and the Consultant Company's principal.
- Consultant Company's fee will be paid upon receipt of payment from CECON's client.
  Consultant Company agrees that receipt of payment from CECON's client is a condition precedent to CECON's obligation to remit payment to the Consultant Company, and
- c) Consultant Company will be reimbursed at cost by Client through CECON for necessary and reasonable out of pocket expenses. Expense items in excess of \$25.00 require receipts.
- 8. Consultant Company is responsible for providing all transportation, tools and equipment, and office space except to the extent such needs are provided by the Client.
- 9. If CECON's Client offers a position of employment to any member or affiliate of Consultant Company up to one (1) year following completion of the Client engagement, Consultant Company must inform CECON. A fee from this conversion will be due from the Client to CECON.
- 10. Consultant Company is encouraged to engage in promotional work for CECON. A Client finder's fee of 10% of the project consulting revenue will be paid for any project brought to CECON by Consultant Company, limited to a \$10,000 finder's fee. If the Consultant Company refers CECON to a new consultant that results in an active project, the referring Consultant Company will be paid 5% of the new consultant's fees to CECON, capped at \$2,500. Consultant Company will not reveal prospective CECON clients to the referred new consultant or any outside party.
- 11. Either party may terminate this agreement with thirty (30) days advance written notice unless (i) Consultant Company is in the process of performing services for a Client, in which case Consultant Company is obligated to complete the services required. or (ii) an offer of full-time employment is offered by Client within one (1) year following completion of the engagement.
- 12. Consultant Company will follow professional ethical standards in dealing with CECON and its Clients. Consultant Company is solely responsible for not violating trade secret obligations, prevailing patent laws and protected patented technology, or previous secrecy agreements in force with third parties. Consultant Company may be asked to sign and be bound by secrecy agreements with the Client.
- 13. During the term of this agreement and for five (5) years following termination of this agreement, Consultant Company shall not at any time communicate, divulge or disclose for use by Consultant Company or any other person, firm, corporation or other entity whatsoever, any: (i) information or knowledge which is in the nature of a trade or business secret of CECON or Client; (ii) any information designated "confidential" for any reason by CECON or Client; or (iii) any other information or knowledge, known, disclosed or otherwise obtained by Consultant Company or his/her employees, officers or agents, from CECON or Client, which information or knowledge is not generally known. Consultant Company agrees that injunctive relief is an appropriate remedy for any breach or threatened breach of this Agreement in addition to any other remedy provided at law or in equity.



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- 14. The Consultant Company agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Cecon from any claim or legal action arising from the negligence, malfeasance or malpractice of the Consultant Company. Consultant Company is wholly responsible for payment of all attorney fees, costs and damages.
- 15. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any other agreement, oral or written, and it may be executed by electronic means as well as facsimile and original signatures, all of which shall be binding upon the executing party.
- 16. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware. In the event of any disputes between the parties listed in this contract concerning the interpretation of any provision of this agreement or the performance of any of the terms of this Agreement, such matter or matters in dispute shall be finally settled the by Better Business Bureau, New Castle, Delaware

Consultant Company		CECON.com LLC
Name of Company		
PRINCIPAL	Ву:	CECON
Printed Name		
 Date	_	 Date