

**MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
1936 Carlotta Drive  
Concord, CA 94519

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 1st day of June 2016, by and between the Mt. Diablo Unified School District (hereinafter "District") and PHd Architects, Inc. (hereinafter "Contractor").

District hereby engages Contractor to render services under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

1. Performance of Services

- (a) Contractor agrees to perform the services described on Exhibit "A" (hereinafter "Services") on page 4 of this Agreement as an independent contractor. Contractor will determine the means, manner, method, and details of performing the Services. Contractor shall be responsible for providing the materials, tools and transportation necessary for the performance of the services. Contractor may, at Contractor's own expense, use non-District employees to perform the Services under this Agreement. Subcontractors may be used only with the written approval of the District.
- (b) Contractor represents that Contractor has the qualifications, licenses, and ability to perform the Services in a professional manner, without the advice, control, or supervision of the District. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the professional performance of the services, and shall receive no assistance, direction, or control from District. Contractor shall have sole discretion and control of Contractor's services and the manner in which they are performed. Contractor shall perform the services according to the prevailing industry standard.
- (c) In accordance with generally accepted construction practices and state law, Contractor shall be solely and completely responsible for conditions on the jobsite, including safety of all persons and property during performance of the work. This requirement shall apply continuously and not be limited to normal working hours.

Contractor shall take all necessary precautions and provide all necessary safeguards to prevent personal injury and property damage. Contractor shall provide protection for all persons including, but not limited to, its employees and employees of its subcontractors; members of the public; and employees, agents, and representatives of the District and regulatory agencies that may be on or about the work.

The services of the District in conducting review and inspection of Contractor's performance is not intended to include review of the adequacy of Contractor's work methods, equipment, bracing or scaffolding, or safety measures, in, on, or near any Contractor jobsite.

All work and materials shall be in strict accordance with all applicable state and federal rules, regulations and codes, with specific attention to the United States Department of Labor Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) requirements. Contractor shall be solely responsible for compliance with all city, county, and state explosive transport, storage, and blasting requirements and for any damages caused by such operations.

Contractor is hereby informed that work on District property could be hazardous. Contractor shall carefully instruct all personnel working on District property that all conditions of the property are potentially hazardous work areas as to potential dangers and shall provide such necessary safety equipment and instructions as are necessary to prevent injury to personnel and damage to property. Special care shall be exercised relative to work underground.

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In addition to complying with all other safety regulations, Contractor shall abide by any and all other District requirements, policies or procedures contained in any specifications, special conditions or manuals, which shall be made available by District upon request.

Contractor shall provide and maintain all necessary safety equipment such as fences, barriers, signs, lights, walkways, guards, and fire prevention and fire-fighting equipment and shall take such other action as is required to fulfill its obligations under this section. It is the intent of the District to provide a safe working environment under normal conditions. CONTRACTOR IS ADVISED THAT DISTRICT'S OPERATIONS AND PROPERTY ARE INHERENTLY HAZARDOUS BECAUSE OF CONDITIONS SUCH AS CONFINED SPACES, POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES, AND POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO PATHOGENS.

Contractor shall maintain all portions of the jobsite in a neat, clean, and sanitary condition at all times. If required by the District, toilets shall be furnished by Contractor where needed for use of its employees and their use shall be strictly enforced. Contractor shall not use the District's existing sanitary facilities, unless previously authorized by the District.

Contractor shall keep adequate first aid facilities and supplies available and instruction in first aid for its employees shall be given. District reserves the right to require that Contractor bring onto the project or engage the services of a licensed safety engineer at any time during the term of this Agreement. If Contractor does not have a licensed safety engineer on staff, then District may require that Contractor engage a subcontractor or subconsultant as the project's safety engineer. Contractor shall bear all costs in connection with meeting the requirements of this section.

2. Compensation. District agrees to compensate Contractor for the performance of the services on the following basis:

Not to exceed \$ <u>14,000.00</u> for Services	326 - 3614 - 58 - 5621	\$ <u>14,000.00</u>
The basis of the fee for Services shall be as follow	_____ - _____ - _____ - _____	\$ _____
a. \$ _____ per hour,	_____ - _____ - _____ - _____	\$ _____
b. \$ _____ per day, or	<b>BUDGET CODE(S)</b>	
c. \$ <u>14,000.00</u> per engagement.		

**Check One:**

- Partial Payments: Contractor shall invoice District on a monthly basis or as agreed to for all hours worked pursuant to this Agreement.
- Partial Payments: District shall make a payment per schedule detailed in Exhibit A. District Administrator will verify invoice indicating that all required services have been performed by each timeline.
- Payment in Full: Contractor shall invoice District on completion of services. District Administrator will verify invoice indicating that all required services have been performed.

Contractor shall be responsible for all expenses incurred in association with the performance of the Services.

3. Term and Termination. This Agreement will become effective on June 28, 2016. This Agreement will terminate upon the completion of the Services or when terminated as set forth below.

Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. Should either party default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, the non-breaching party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the breaching party. Termination shall be effective immediately on receipt of said notice.

4. Relationship of the Parties. Contractor enters into this Agreement as, and shall continue to be, an independent contractor. Under no circumstances shall Contractor be considered an employee of District within the meaning of any federal, state, or local law or regulation including, but not limited to, laws or regulations governing unemployment insurance, old age benefits, workers' compensation, industrial illness or accident coverage, taxes, or labor and employment in general. Under no circumstances shall Contractor look to District as his/her employer, or as a partner, agent, or principal. Contractor shall not be entitled to any benefits accorded to District's employees, including, without limitation, workers' compensation, disability insurance, vacation, or sick pay. Contractor shall be responsible for providing, at Contractor's expense, and in the Contractor's name, disability, workers' compensation or other insurance, as well as licenses and permits usual or necessary for conducting the Services hereunder.  
  
Contractor shall pay, when and as due, any and all local, state and federal income or other taxes incurred as a result of Contractor's compensation hereunder, including estimated taxes, and shall provide District with proof of said payments upon demand.
5. Fingerprinting and Criminal Records Check of Contractor's Employees. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of California Education Code §45125.1 regarding the submission of fingerprints to the California Department of Justice and the completion of criminal background investigations of the contractor and/or its employees. To the extent Education Code §45125.1 is applicable, Contractor shall not permit any employee to have any contact with District pupils until such time as Contractor has verified in writing to the governing board of the District that such employee has not been convicted of a felony, as defined in Education Code §45125.1. Contractor shall provide the certification document attached hereto as Exhibit B prior to commencing work under this Agreement.
6. Rules and Regulations. All rules, policies, and regulations of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Education and all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations are to be observed strictly by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.
7. Indemnification. Contractor agrees to indemnify, including the cost to defend, the District and its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, costs, or liability that arise out of, or pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Contractor and its employees or agents in the performance of services under this Agreement, but this indemnity does not apply to liability for damages arising from the sole negligence, active negligence, or willful acts of the District.
8. Insurance. Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the District.

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. **EXCEPTION:** Contracts of less than \$5,000 need only provide general liability insurance of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
2. **Automobile Liability:** ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with a limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
3. **Workers' Compensation:** as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury or disease.
4. **Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions Liability,** if applicable: \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

If the contractor maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, the District requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the contractor.

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The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

**Additional Insured Status**

The District, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be named as additional insureds by endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations.

**Primary Coverage**

For any claims related to this contract, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the District, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the District, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

**Notice of Cancellation**

Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the District.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

No waiver will be granted to eliminate the insurance requirements outlined in this contract. However, in special circumstances, certain insurance requirements may be modified or waived. The following items in Insurance section 8 are hereby waived or modified as follows:

Limits: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The initials of the Superintendent, or his/her designee, and the General Counsel, are **required** to waive or modify any Insurance requirements in this Agreement:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
General Counsel

- 9. Ownership of Designs and Plans. Contractor agrees that all designs, plans, reports, specifications, drawings, schematics, prototypes, models, inventions and all other information and items made during the course of this Agreement and arising from the Services shall be owned by and assigned to District as its sole and exclusive property.
- 10. Notice. Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given, served and received if given in writing and either personally delivered or deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt required, or sent by telegram, overnight delivery service, or facsimile transmission, addressed as follows:

DISTRICT

Mt. Diablo Unified School District  
1936 Carlotta Drive  
Concord, CA 94519-1397  
Attn: Superintendent

CONTRACTOR

Name: PHd Architects, Inc.  
Attn: Nicolo Caldera  
Address: 3211 Ronino Way  
Lafayette, CA 94549  
Phone: 925-949-8333  
Fax: 925-949-8666  
Tax ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 11. Entire Agreement of Parties. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations and agreements, whether oral or written. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by both parties.
- 12. California Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and the rights, duties and obligations of the parties shall be determined and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California. The parties further agree that any action or proceeding brought to enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be maintained in Contra Costa County, California.
- 13. Attorneys' Fees. If either party files any action or brings any proceedings against the other arising out of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover, in addition to its costs of suit and damages, reasonable attorneys' fees to be fixed by the court. The "prevailing party" shall be the party who is entitled to recover its costs of suit as awarded by a court of competent jurisdiction, whether or not suit proceeds to final judgment. No sum for attorneys' fees shall be counted in calculating the amount of a judgment for purposes of determining whether a party is entitled to its costs or attorneys' fees.
- 14. Waiver. The waiver by either party of any breach of any term, covenant, or condition herein contained shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term, covenant, condition, or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant, or condition herein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

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PHd Architects, Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Company/Organization or Independent Contractor/Consultant

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal/Budget Administrator Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_ 6/17/16  
Signature of Contractor/Consultant Date

Title: Rob Greathouse, Interim Director Maintenance & Operations  
Print Name and Title

Title: Nicolo Caldera, Managing Partner  
Print Name and Title

Authorized and Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent or Designee Date

**Prior to commencement of service, sign and forward completed original contract to Fiscal Services.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Originator's Signature Date

Rob Greathouse, Interim Director Maintenance & Operations  
Print Name of Originator and Title

Billing Address if reimbursed by outside agency—i.e. ASB, PTA, PFC

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Distribution  
original: Fiscal Services for payment  
copy: Contractor  
copy: Originator/Budget Administrator

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **LIST OF SERVICES, INCLUDING DATE(S) / SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED BY CONTRACTOR**

Scope of design services (summary):

The scope of the project is for Architectural and Engineering services for the installation of three portable buildings at Concord High School. The scope of services is divided in two increments:

Increment - 1 Site work

Increment - 2 Engineering

The two increments include the following services:

1. Coordinating/Directing the Civil Engineer for the preparation of the Civil drawings (Increment-1)
2. Coordinating with the Contractor for the preparation of the site (Increment-1)
3. The engineering for the site installation/placement of three modular classroom buildings (960-SF each) at the Concord High School site. The scope includes connecting the modular buildings to the existing electrical and fire alarm in addition to site work to meet compliance with the Access Code, Fire Protection District and T-24 regulations. (Increment-2)

