

SOUTH DAKOTA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY
SERVICE CONTRACT
by and between

TBD South Dakota Science and Technology Authority
630 East Summit Street
Lead, SD 57754
Referred to as “Contractor” Referred to as “SDSTA”

PROJECT: OVERHEAD POWER POLE REPLACEMENT
Contract 2024-12

THIS CONTRACT, made effective the XXth day of May 2024, is made for the described services with the Contractor for the consideration stated herein:

I. THE SCOPE OF WORK OF THE CONTRACTOR

- A. The Contractor will provide all necessary supervision, labor, materials, tools, and equipment to perform and complete all the Work required to remove and replace 3 power poles at various locations, more fully described in the attached Scope of Work, as per request from the SDSTA in strict compliance with the Contractor's Proposal and any other Contract Documents herein mentioned which are a part of this Contract. Each request and the Contractor’s Proposal in response thereto shall be referred to hereinafter as the “Work.” **Name (email)** shall be the Contractor’s designated representative in all matters pertaining to this Contract.
- B. **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:** The following documents and any other documents incorporated in them by reference constitute the Contract Documents:
1. This Contract includes:
 - Exhibit A: Insurance Requirements
 - Exhibit B: Environment, Safety, and Health (ESH) Requirements
 - Exhibit C: Scope of Work
 - Exhibit D: Contractor’s Proposal
 - Exhibit E: Certificate of Exemption
 - Exhibit F: Federal Requirements
 - Exhibit G: Wage Determination

These documents constitute the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersede prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral.

- C. **TIME FOR COMPLETION:** The work under this Contract will commence on **May XX, 2024**, and will continue until **May XX, 2027**. This will be referred to hereafter as the “Contract Term.”
- D. This Contract will terminate on the above date, unless otherwise terminated according to the early termination provisions of this Contract.

II. SDSTA REPRESENTATIVE

The SDSTA shall from time-to-time designate in writing an SDSTA Representative. The SDSTA Representative shall be responsible for providing SDSTA-supplied information and approvals in a timely manner to permit Contractor to fulfill its obligations pursuant to this Agreement. The SDSTA Representative

shall also provide Contractor with prompt notice if it observes any failure on the part of the Contractor to fulfill its contractual obligations, including any errors, omissions or defects in the performance of the work provided for in this Agreement. Unless changed in writing by the SDSTA, the SDSTA Representative is **Jake Davis** (jdavis@sanfordlab.org).

III. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SDSTA

- A. For the performance of the work specified in the Contract Documents, SDSTA will pay Contractor and Contractor will accept as full compensation a sum not to exceed the amount of Contractor's proposal amount for each request for work. Nothing in this Agreement shall require the SDSTA to accept any proposal made by Contractor. In no event may the total amount paid to Contractor during the term of this Contract exceed **XXX DOLLARS (\$XXX)**.
- B. Unit Prices, if any, are as follows: *Unit prices are set forth in Exhibit D.*

Where the quantities originally contemplated are so changed that application of the agreed unit price to the quantity of work performed is shown to create a hardship to the SDSTA or the Contractor, there shall be an equitable adjustment of the Contract to prevent such hardship.

IV. CHANGE ORDERS

- A. A Change Order is a written order to the Contractor signed by the SDSTA, issued after execution of the Contract, authorizing a change in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract Sum or the Contract Time. The Contract Sum and the Contract Time may be changed only by Change Order. A Change Order signed by the Contractor indicates Contractor's agreement therewith, including the adjustment in the Contract Sum or the Contract Time.
- B. The SDSTA, without invalidating the Contract, may order changes in the Work within the general scope of the Contract consisting of additions, deletions, or other revisions, the Contract Sum and the Contract Time being adjusted accordingly. All such changes in the Work shall be authorized by Change Order, and shall be performed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents.
- C. The cost or credit to the SDSTA resulting from a change in the Work shall be determined in one or more of the following ways:
 - 1. By mutual acceptance of a lump sum properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data to permit evaluation and acceptance to the SDSTA Representative for such purposes. Such lump sum proposals shall be supported by a completely detailed analysis of the proposed change subdivided into the Work of the Contractor and/or the Work of each subcontractor(s) involved in the proposed change, as applicable.
 - 2. By unit prices stated in this Contract or subsequently agreed upon.
- D. If none of the methods set forth in this Article IV, paragraphs C1 and C2 is agreed upon, the Contractor, provided Contractor receives a written order signed by the SDSTA, shall promptly proceed with the Work involved. The cost of such Work shall then be determined by the SDSTA on the basis of the reasonable expenditures and savings of those performing the Work attributable to the change, including, in the case of an increase in the Contract Sum, a reasonable allowance for Contractor's fee. In such case, Contractor shall keep and present, in such form as the SDSTA may prescribe, an itemized accounting together with appropriate supporting data for inclusion in a Change Order.

V. DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS

- A. Contractor shall promptly, and before the conditions are disturbed, give written notice to the SDSTA and Project Engineer of (1) subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site which differ materially from those indicated in this Contract, or (2) unknown physical conditions at the site, of an unusual nature, which differ materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in this Contract.
- B. The SDSTA shall investigate the site conditions promptly after receiving the notice. If the conditions do materially so differ and cause an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performing any part of the Work under this Contract, whether or not changed as a result of changed conditions, the Contract Sum shall be adjusted as provided in Article III, provided that the Work has been ordered in writing by the SDSTA.

VI. DELAYS AND EXTENSIONS OF TIME

- A. If the Contractor is delayed at any time in the progress of the Work by any act or neglect of the SDSTA, or by any separate contractor employed by the SDSTA, or by changes ordered in the Work, or by labor disputes not caused by the labor practices of the Contractor, or by fire, unusual delay in transportation, severe and unusual weather conditions not reasonably anticipated, unavoidable casualties, or any other causes beyond Contractor's control and not occurring due to the fault or neglect of the Contractor, any subcontractor or any other person for whose acts the Contractor is responsible, then the Contract Time shall be extended by Change Order for such reasonable time as the SDSTA shall determine.
- B. Any claim for extension of time shall be made in writing to the SDSTA not more than ten (10) days after the commencement of the delay; otherwise it shall be deemed waived. In the case of continuing delay, only one claim is necessary.
- C. Time extensions will not be granted for rain, wind, snow, or other natural phenomena of normal intensity for the locality where the Work is to be performed.
- D. Contractor's right to make a claim or claims for an extension of time shall not preclude Contractor's right to make a claim for delay damages arising out of the SDSTA's significant interference, by action or inaction, with the Contractor's Work.

VII. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROJECT SAFETY

Contractor assumes responsibility for implementing and monitoring all Environment, Safety & Health (ESH) precautions and programs related to the performance of the Work, as more fully set forth in attached Exhibit B, incorporated herein by reference.

VIII. WORK PLAN POLICY

- A. Contractor shall maintain a site work plan at all times. Safety and health shall be the top priority with all work plans.
- B. Contractor's work plan shall be reviewed with the SDSTA's Project Team prior to starting the Work. The Project Team shall include the Safety Liaison, Project Manager, and SDSTA's Representative. Any changes to the work plan shall be reviewed with the Project Team prior to making said change.

- C. A representative of the SDSTA's Project Team shall review the work plan daily onsite with Contractor and its agents, employees, subcontractors and subconsultants prior to starting work for the day. The review shall emphasize safety and health as the top priority.

IX. OWNERSHIP, USE OF DOCUMENTS, CONFIDENTIALITY OF DOCUMENTS

- A. Any plans, specifications, engineering calculations, technical data, reports, miscellaneous drawings, and all information contained therein provided by the SDSTA, its consultants, employees, contractors and agents to the Contractor for the Contractor's performance of its obligations under this agreement are the property of the SDSTA. They are to be used only with respect to this Project and are not to be used for any other project. The Contractor may not disseminate these materials to any person or entity nor may the Contractor use these materials for purposes other than work for the SDSTA, without the express written approval of the SDSTA. The SDSTA shall not unreasonably withhold such approval for dissemination of these materials as necessary to subcontractors and suppliers.
- B. All reports, plans, specifications, engineering calculations, technical data, miscellaneous drawings, and information contained therein provided to or prepared by Contractor, its owners, officers, employees, agents, consultants, suppliers, and subcontractors in connection with Contractor's performance under this Contract are confidential and the Contractor, its owners, officers, employees, agents, consultants, suppliers, and subcontractors shall not disclose this information to any person, individual, or entity without the express written permission of the SDSTA.
- C. All documents covered by this article shall be delivered to the SDSTA's Representative at the completion of the Work. The Contractor may not retain any such documents for its own use without the express written permission of the SDSTA and any documents that are retained, with or without SDSTA permission, shall be subject to all of the requirements of this Article.
- D. Contractor shall include the requirements of this article in any contract it enters into with any consultants, subcontractors, suppliers, persons, individuals, or entities for the performance of any of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.

X. PAYMENTS AND INVOICING

- A. Progress Payments: Subject to the provisions of applicable law, the SDSTA shall make progress payments on a monthly basis for work accomplished in accordance with this Contract.
- B. Final Payment: Subject to the provisions of applicable law, final payment less amounts withheld to cover the cost of nonconforming work, shall be made by the SDSTA within thirty (30) days after the completion and acceptance of the Work by the SDSTA.
- C. Upon receipt of written notice from the Contractor that the Work is ready for final inspection and acceptance, the SDSTA's Project Representative or its authorized representative or both shall make such inspection with representatives of the Contractor and the SDSTA, and when it is found that the work is acceptable under the Contract and the Contract is fully performed as evidenced by inspection, the Project Representative shall promptly approve the voucher for payment.
- D. Contractor shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Project Representative that all claims of unpaid payrolls, material bills and other indebtedness connected with the work have been satisfied, prior to approval of the final payment.
- E. Reimbursement for pre-approved travel expenses, if any, will not exceed Federal Travel Regulations (FTR) standard rates for the applicable travel location. Lodging expenses will be reimbursed at FTR

rates or the actual lodging cost, whichever is less; airfare shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of a coach class ticket. No additional burdens or overheads will be applied to travel expense reimbursements.

- F. **Invoicing:** Invoices or Payment Request Forms are to be addressed to the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority, 630 East Summit Street, Lead, SD, 57754, and may be submitted by email to: AP@sanfordlab.org. If possible, invoices are to be submitted to the SDSTA on the **3rd day** of the month for work performed in the previous month. Invoices received after the 3rd day of the month will be considered to have been received the following month.

XI. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Contractor agrees that in the performance of this Contract, it and its agents, employees and consultants are acting as independent contractors and not as employees, agents or officers of the SDSTA. As such, Contractor agrees not to use SDSTA equipment, supplies, and facilities unless otherwise agreed to.

XII. INDEMNITY

Contractor agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the SDSTA, the State of South Dakota, and their officers and employees from and against any and all actions, suits, damages, liability or other proceedings which may arise as a result of the negligence, misconduct, error or omission of any officer, agent, subconsultant or employee of Contractor, but only to the extent of such negligence, misconduct, error or omission. This section does not require the Contractor to indemnify the SDSTA or State of South Dakota, or their officers, agents or employees from claims or liability to the extent such claims or liability arise from the acts or omissions of the SDSTA, the State of South Dakota or their officers, agents or employees.

XIII. INSURANCE

- A. During the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain in effect at all times, and provide proof of such coverage to the SDSTA, insurance as described on the attached Exhibit "A," which is incorporated herein by this reference. Contractor acknowledges that the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority, its officers, agents, employees and representatives are parties to this Contract and are therefore covered under Contractor's Blanket Endorsements.
- B. Prior to the commencement of Work, Contractor shall submit certificates of insurance policies to the Project Representative and the SDSTA for review and approval.
- C. By executing this Agreement, Contractor authorizes the SDSTA to make direct inquiry of Contractor's insurer or insurance agent concerning the status of the insurance required by this Agreement.

XIV. AMENDMENT PROVISION

This Contract may only be amended with written consent of both parties or as otherwise provided in this Contract.

XV. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

- A. The performance of this Contract depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority from state and federal sources. The SDSTA reserves the right to terminate this Contract in the event of a failure to obtain appropriated funds or grant expenditure authority. In this event, termination shall be made by written notice to Contractor. Termination for this reason is not a

default by the SDSTA nor does it give rise to a claim against the SDSTA. In the event of termination of this Contract because of the unavailability of future funding, the SDSTA will make every effort to provide as much notice as possible to the Contractor. The SDSTA will be responsible for all work it authorizes the Contractor to perform, up to the date of Notice of Cancellation, and will cover all work in progress. In turn, the SDSTA would require the Contractor to make reasonable efforts to limit the SDSTA's liability for the work in progress.

- B. The SDSTA may terminate this Contract at any time without cause, in whole or in part, upon giving Contractor notice of such termination. Upon such termination, Contractor shall immediately cease work and remove from the project site all of its labor forces and such of its materials as the SDSTA elects not to purchase or to assume. Contractor shall receive as full compensation for termination and assignment the following:
1. All amounts then otherwise due under the terms of this Contract,
 2. Amounts due for work performed subsequent to the latest Request for Payment through the date of termination,
 3. Reasonable compensation for the actual cost of demobilization incurred by Contractor as a direct result of such termination. Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation for lost profits or for any other type of contractual compensation or damage other than those provided by the preceding sentence. Upon payment of the foregoing, the SDSTA shall have no further obligations to Contractor of any nature.

XVI. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

If Contractor is in default under the Contract Documents, the SDSTA may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy and upon written notice to the Contractor, terminate the Contract.

XVII. DISPUTES

- A. Governing Law: The Contract shall be governed by South Dakota law.
- B. Claims for Damages: Should either party to the Contract suffer injury or damage because of any act or omission of the other party or of any of the other party's employees, agents or others for whose acts the other party is legally liable, claim shall be made in writing to such other party within 14 days after the first observance of such injury or damage.
- C. All claims, counterclaims, disputes or other matters in question between the SDSTA and the Contractor arising out of, or relating to this Contract, or the breach thereof, will be decided in the state courts of South Dakota. Contractor irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of said courts and waives any objection thereto based on the doctrine of forum nonconveniens.
- D. Contractor shall carry on the Work and maintain its progress during any dispute or litigation proceedings, and the SDSTA shall continue to make payments to the Contractor to the extent required by the Contract Documents and South Dakota law.

XVIII. NOTICE

All notices, demands and other communications required by the Contract Documents shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if emailed, personally delivered or mailed first class, postage prepaid:

• **If to Contractor:**

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• **If to SDSTA:**

Mike Headley
Executive Director
630 East Summit Street
Lead, SD 57754
MHeadley@sanfordlab.org

Timothy M. Engel
Counsel for the SDSTA
503 S. Pierre Street, P.O. Box 160
Pierre, SD 57501

Either party may change the addresses set forth for notice herein upon written notice thereof to the other.

XIX. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Documents, information and data provided to the SDSTA pursuant to the terms of this Agreement may be subject to examination and review by representatives of the Homestake Mining Company of California pursuant to the terms of the Property Donation Agreement or by representatives of federal, state or local governmental entities, including, but not limited to, the South Dakota Department of Legislative Audit. Anything elsewhere in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, any such documents, information or data may become public records open to public inspection.
- B. The terms of this Agreement shall be construed and governed under the laws of the State of South Dakota. Any lawsuit arising out of or pertaining to the Agreement shall be commenced in the state courts of South Dakota. The Contractor shall not engage the services of any subcontractors without the prior express, written consent of the SDSTA. Time is of the essence in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of the Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties concerning its subject matter, and supersedes any prior discussions, representations or agreements, wither oral or written. The terms of this Agreement may only be amended by a written document, executed with the same formalities as this Agreement.
- C. Any agreement entered into by the Contactor with any designer, consultant, subconsultant, contractor, subcontractor or other person to perform work in connection with this Agreement shall include the provisions and requirements of Articles III, VII, VIII, IX, XI, XII, XIII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXII and XXIII of this Agreement; provided, however, that the amount of general liability insurance required of the designer, consultant, subconsultant, contractor, subcontractor or other person shall be specified by the SDSTA in writing.
- D. Debarment or Suspension: By signing this Contract, the Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and all persons associated with the Contract, including persons or corporations who have critical influence on or control over the Contract, are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency.
- E. Service Contract Act Requirements: In accordance with the clause of the General Provisions entitled Service Contract Act of 1965, As Amended (FAR 52.222-41), the Contractor shall pay its service employees, as defined, and ensure that service employees of lower-tier subcontractors are paid, not less than the minimum monetary wages, and shall furnish to them the fringe benefits, specified in the U.S. Department of Labor Wage Determination of this Contract, attached hereto as Exhibit F and incorporated by reference.
- F. Contractor agrees to use the E-Verify System (www.uscis.gov) to verify the employment eligibility of all employees assigned to this Contract and all new hires working in the United States, and to

provide E-Verify documentation to the SDSTA within ten (10) days of execution of this Contract. If Contractor is a sole proprietorship with no employees, E-Verify is not required. Contractor further agrees to maintain an active registration, during the term of the Contract, with the System for Award Management (www.sam.gov).

G. SDSTA is required by a Cooperative Agreement (CA) with the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science to control access to the facility by foreign nationals and to provide protection against any potential compromise of information, equipment or technology. In order to comply with these requirements, SDSTA has adopted a Foreign Access Policy and Foreign Access Procedure. The Contractor is responsible to ensure compliance with the Foreign Access Policy and Foreign Access Procedure. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, before a SURF visit or assignment can occur, proof of identity and citizenship are required for all foreign national visitors to verify the foreign national's identity and authority to work (when applicable for the activities involved) in the United States. If foreign nationals will be visiting SURF in association with this contract, the Contractor must notify the SDSTA Representative in advance to ensure compliance with SDSTA's Foreign Access Policy and Foreign Access procedure, and to with any other applicable DOE and SDSTA requirements. Failure to provide appropriate documentation when required, or providing fraudulent documentation, will result in suspension of access approval, removal from SURF, possible cancellation of future access, and possible termination of this Contract for cause. Any changes to the Foreign Access Policy, Foreign Access Procedure, or other DOE or SDSTA requirements implemented after the effective date of this Contract are hereby deemed incorporated into this Contract by reference without the need for a further writing.

XX. REPORTING

Contractor agrees to report to the SDSTA any event encountered in the course of performance of this Agreement which results in injury to any person or property, or which may otherwise subject Contractor, the SDSTA or the SDSTA's officers, agents or employees to liability. Contractor shall report any such event to the SDSTA immediately upon discovery.

Contractor's obligation under this section shall only be to report the occurrence of any event to the SDSTA and to make any other report provided for by Contractor's duties or applicable law. Contractor's obligation to report shall not require disclosure of any information subject to privilege or confidentiality under law (e.g., attorney-client communications.) Reporting to the SDSTA under this Article shall not excuse or satisfy any obligation of Contractor to report any event to law enforcement or other entities under the requirements of any applicable law.

XXI. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Contractor agrees to avoid conflicts of interest, and to provide the SDSTA and the Project Representative with prompt written notification of any circumstances which may give rise to actual or apparent conflict of interest. The existence of an unresolved conflict of interest shall constitute cause to terminate this Agreement.

XXII. INDEMNIFICATION OF HOMESTAKE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES

Contractor, for itself and its officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives and assigns, will and does hereby release, discharge and agree not to sue the Homestake Indemnified Parties with respect to any damage or injury to any person (including natural persons, corporations, limited liability companies and other entities) or property caused in whole or in part by the Contractor or its officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, sub-contractors and subsuppliers. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term

“Homestake Indemnified Parties” means Barrick, Homestake and the Affiliates of Barrick and Homestake, and each of its and their Representatives.

XXIII. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Contractor agrees that the FAR and DEAR clauses outlined in Exhibit F are hereby incorporated by reference as part of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS HERETO, the parties signify their agreement by signatures affixed below on the day and year above first written.

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**SOUTH DAKOTA SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY**

By: _____
Name Date
Title

Mike Headley Date
Executive Director

EXHIBIT A

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Minimum Insurance - Prior to commencement of work, the Contractor or Project Participant will procure and maintain the following insurance.
- i. Commercial general liability insurance with limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence, \$2,000,000.00 general aggregate, including products/completed operations and, if not covered by a separate automobile liability policy, hired and non-owned automobiles covering bodily injury, property damage, and personal injury and advertising injury.
 - ii. Business automobile as required by SD law.
 - iii. Workers' Compensation as required by SD law.
- B. Insurance Provisions Applicable to Coverages in Category Two ("Low Risk")
- i. Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages:
 - a. Provide general liability coverage (including contractual liability, broad form property damage coverage, and severability of interest) at least as broad as the industry standard Insurance Services Office ("ISO") form CG 00 01, or its equivalent; and CA 00 01 with regard to automobile liability coverage, or its equivalent.
 - b. SDSTA and its officers, agents, and employees; Fermi Research Alliance, LLC, and its officers, agents, employees; University of Chicago and its officers, agents, and employees; University Research Association, LLC, and its officers, agents, and employees; the United States Department of Energy and its officers, agents, and employees; Barrick Gold Corporation, Homestake Mining Company of California, and the affiliates of Barrick and Homestake, and each of its and their officers, directors, employees, and agents and any visitor, contractor or consultant Homestake or Barrick invites onto, allows or authorizes to use SURF are to be covered as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of any Contractor or Project Participant; products and completed operations of any Contractor or Project Participants; premises owned, leased, or used by any Contractor or Project Participant; and automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by any Contractor or Project Participant. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to SDSTA, its officers, directors, or employees. All additional insured coverage must include ongoing and completed operations.
 - c. Contractor's or Project Participant Participant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects SDSTA officers, agents, and employees. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by SDSTA, its officers, agents and employees shall not contribute with Contractor's or Project Participant's insurance.
 - d. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the Contractor's or Project Participant's policies by the Contractor or Project Participant shall not affect coverage provided SDSTA, its officers, agents, and employees.
 - e. Coverage shall state the Contractor's or Project Participant Participant's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.
 - f. Coverage shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of SDSTA and its officers, agents, and employees, the State of South Dakota and officers, agents and employees; Barrick Gold Corporation, Homestake Mining Company of California, and the affiliates of each of Barrick and Homestake, and each of its and their officers, directors, employees and agents, and any

visitor, contractor or consultant Homestake or Barrick invite onto or allow to authorize to use SURF; Fermi Research Alliance, LLC, and its officers, agents, and employees; and the United States Department of Energy and its officers, agents, and employees.

ii. Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability

- a. Coverage shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of the SDSTA, its officers, agents and employees; Fermi Research Alliance, LLC and its officers, agents, and employees; and the United States Department of Energy and its officers, agents, and employees; and Barrick Gold Corporation, Homestake Mining Company of California, and the affiliates of Barrick and Homestake, and each of its and their officers, directors, employees and agents and any visitor, contractor or consultant Homestake or Barrick invite onto or allow to authorize to use SURF.

iii. All Coverages

- a. Each insurance policy or other coverage document shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, or reduced in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to the SDSTA, except that ten (10) days' prior written notice shall apply in the event of cancellation for nonpayment of premium.
- b. All self-insurance, self-insured retentions, and deductibles must be declared and approved by the SDSTA as provided in the Risk Transfer Protocol manual.
- c. Evidence of Insurance – Prior to commencement of work, the Contractor or Project Participant shall furnish the SDSTA with certificates or other evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements above. To the fullest extent possible, the Contractor or Project Participant must provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies or documentation of self-insurance if requested by the SDSTA.
- d. Acceptability of Insurers – Commercial Insurance shall be placed with reputable insurers acceptable to the SDSTA with an A.M. Best rating of A, VII or higher.

EXHIBIT B

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROJECT SAFETY

1. The requirements contained herein are specifically related to the Environment, Safety and Health (ESH) associated with the performance of the consulting work for this contract and focused on protecting the Contractor and Subcontractor employees and the environment in which they work. These requirements are not intended to infer any responsibility for the work performed to construct or utilize the work product of this contract, nor to replace codes and standards used in the design process.
2. Contractor recognizes the importance of performing the work in a safe and responsible manner to prevent damage, injury, or loss to individuals, the environment, and the Project, including materials and equipment incorporated into the Project or stored on-site or off-site. Contractor assumes responsibility for following all ESH precautions and programs related to the performance of the Project.
3. Contractor and Subcontractors shall comply with all legal and Owner-specific reporting requirements relating to ESH set forth in the Contract Documents. The Contractor will verbally notify any injury, loss, damage, or accident arising from the work to Owner's Representative and to the Safety Point of Contact (POC), to the extent mandated by legal requirements, to all government or quasi-government authorities having jurisdiction over safety-related matters involving the Project. All persons injured while working at the Sanford Lab will be immediately evaluated, and treated as necessary, by a medical professional before returning to work Contractor will also immediately notify Owner of any failure to comply with state and federal environmental laws, rules, and regulations.
4. Contractor's responsibility for ESH under this Article is not intended in any way to relieve Subcontractors and Subcontractors of their own contractual and legal obligations and responsibilities.

ESH Requirements and Coordination

5. Safety and protection of the environment are of the utmost concern on this Contract. Safety in this context refers to the health and safety of people and the protection of the environment. Nothing contained herein relieves the Contractor from complying with all applicable standards and regulations found in 29 CFR Part 1926 (the OSHA construction standard), 40 CFR Parts 261-265 (solid and hazardous waste management), as applicable. Site specific safety requirements are defined in the SURF ESH Manual under section 7000: Occupational and Subcontractor Safety, located at: <https://www.sanfordlab.org/esh>. MSHA compliance may be acceptable, where applicable. Costs associated with the implementation of the requirements will be borne by the Contractor.
6. If the Contractor performs any work onsite at the SURF, the Contractor is expected to follow a Work Planning and Controls process that is aligned with the Owner (See SURF website ESH Manual at <http://sanfordlab.org>). The SURF *Special Conditions Supplement* is expected to be followed where relevant. The Work Planning and Controls process must be conducted and documented prior to the start of work in the form of a Job Hazards Analysis (JHA). A JHA, approved by the Project Manager and Safety POC, must be completed, and reviewed with the individual(s) expected to perform the work prior to work starting on a specified task. The SO is expected to review all JHAs. Copies of JHAs must be present at the location where work is being performed and accessible to the individuals performing the work and to Owner representatives.
7. If Contractor performs any work onsite at the SURF, the Owner will conduct a work planning meeting (tailgate/toolbox talk) including, when necessary, Subcontractor employees, prior to the beginning of each shift. This talk will include the plan for the day, a review of hazards and potential regulatory issues, inspection/removal of loose puncture hazards as part of a general daily cleanup requirement of the work area, and the review of applicable JHAs.
8. Contractor shall provide all common Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required for the Work ((hard hats, safety toe boots, safety glasses with side shields, and hi-visibility clothing as stated in the Scope of Work. Owner shall provide non-standard PPE for the Contractor's use if required. Non-standard PPE may include items such as fall protection, lights, and self-rescuers for underground work, etc.
9. The Contractor is responsible for screening all Subcontractors with respect to safety and to adopt a safety selection process consistent with requirements defined herein. In addition, Contractor is responsible for flowing down all ESH requirements of the Contract to its Subcontractors, including monitoring and enforcing compliance.

10. The Contractor is responsible for assuring that all Contractor employee safety training is completed in compliance with Owner guidelines, chapters, and associated regulations. The following training is required for all Contractor personnel before they start work:

- Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF) Surface and/or Underground Orientation Training or General Safety Basic Training, if onsite for more than 40 hours within a year.
- Any specific equipment training (e.g.: crane operator).
- Site specific training for environmental compliance (e.g.: spill prevention, Hazmat, storm water, etc.).

11. Contractors will need to be authorized for access only to areas for which they have either been trained/oriented or have been provided guides or attendants to escort them. Refer to the Owner's Facility Access Chapter for Contractor Guide training.

12. Contractors will need to complete site-specific guide training in order to perform work onsite without an Owner's representative or guide. If an approved Contractor ESH representative is designated, they can be a supervisor or crew member and will need to be present on the project at all times when work is physically being performed.

13. If the Owner perceives the Contractor has created or is exposed to an imminent danger or a non-compliance situation, the Owner will stop work until safe conditions are re-established. Such stoppages will be at the expense of the Contractor and will not add time to the completion date of the Contract.

14. In the event of an incident, Contractor will notify the Project Manager and/or Safety POC immediately and never later than the end of shift on day of incident. Contractor shall complete the Owner's "First Report of Incident and Investigation" form and submit to the Project Manager or Safety POC. Contractor shall conduct an incident investigation in accordance with the Owner's policies. The investigation will include preparing a written report summarizing the results of the investigation, corrective actions taken to prevent a reoccurrence, and any lessons learned. The Owner may at its discretion participate in and facilitate the incident investigation. Time and expense incurred by Contractor performing an incident investigation will be at the Contractor's expense.

15. All chemicals to be used at the Owner's facility must be pre-approved by the Owner and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) must be maintained by the Contractor.

16. Smoking, use of tobacco products, including vapor, alcohol, controlled substance or weapons are not allowed within the boundaries of the Owner's facility. All property owned and operated by the SDSTA is designated as tobacco and vapor-free. This applies to all areas of the surface and the underground. The Contractor shall manage and maintain a drug and alcohol policy that aligns with that of the Owner's written policy and procedures. ESH department review of this document may be required.

17. Contractor acknowledges that periodic drills and exercises are required by Owner to validate the adequacy and effectiveness of Owner's Emergency Response Plan. Contractor also recognizes that such drills and exercises enhance its employees' understanding of Owner's Emergency Response Plan. Contractor agrees to participate in quarterly drills, which may or may not be scheduled in advance, during the term of this Contract. It is understood that Contractor will not be entitled to any additional compensation for participating in these drills or exercises.

18. Contractor agrees to assess whether Contractor's employees have the physical, mental, and emotional capacity to perform assigned tasks competently, and in a manner that does not unreasonably threaten safety, health, or property, including participation in emergency procedures applicable to Contractor's work location.

19. Owner reserves the right to restrict or deny access of any Contractor employee to the work location.

20. Contractor shall report the hours worked on site by Contractor's employees on a monthly basis to the ESH Construction Safety Coordinator, Michelle Andresen (mandresen@sanfordlab.org) and to the SDSTA Representative named in the Contract. Hours shall be emailed to both Ms. Andresen and the SDSTA Representative no later than the 3rd day of the month for hours worked the previous month.

EXHIBIT C

SCOPE OF WORK

Contractor will provide the equipment and labor needed to remove and replace 3 power poles on SURF property.

EXHIBIT D

CONTRACTOR'S PROPOSAL

EXHIBIT E
CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION

EXHIBIT F

**FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS
FEDERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

EXHIBIT G

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE DETERMINATION**