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November 13, 2019 – TORONTO, ON– Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO) in partnership with the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) are issuing an updated version of their Client/Engineer Standard Agreement for Professional Consulting Services. The Standard Agreement is a pro forma contract for professional services between consulting engineering firms and municipal clients that establishes mutually acceptable terms and conditions. This latest version includes terms and conditions for Prompt Payment and Adjudication as required by the Construction Act.

The Standard Agreement is available in a fillable PDF version, enabling project-specific customization of the document and to easily facilitate other necessary changes through supplementary conditions. An accompanying User Guide is also available to clarify elements contained in the document.

“CEO and the MEA partnered in the development and update of this Standard Agreement so that municipalities could use a form of contract that reflects the current business landscape,” said Bruce Matthews, CEO of Consulting Engineers of Ontario. “The MEA-CEO Standard Agreement, which has been updated to reflect requirements of the new *Construction Act*, enables Ontario’s municipalities to engage in a balanced procurement process by setting out reasonable terms and conditions that manage risk appropriately.”

The Standard Agreement is an important tool that forms part of a suite of procurement practices that are fair and reasonable. By working together with consultants to achieve equitable and reasonable terms and conditions, clients can use the Standard Agreement to achieve transparency and reciprocal accountability into their contracts.

“MEA worked collaboratively with CEO to develop the MEA-CEO Standard Agreement. We believe this document is a useful tool for municipalities to use as a template when retaining engineering consultants for services,” said Dan Cozzi, Executive Director for the Municipal Engineers Association.

About Consulting Engineers of Ontario

Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO) is a non-profit industry advocacy association representing the business interests of approximately 150 consulting engineering firms employing more than 22,000 Ontarians and works with all levels of government and industry to promote fair procurement and business practices to support member firms by ensuring a sustainable and fair business environment.

About Municipal Engineers Association

Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) is a non-profit organization representing over 550 professional engineers employed by approximately 125 municipalities in Ontario whose mandate is to provide unity and focus for professional engineers employed by Ontario's municipalities through the sharing of knowledge and information and by addressing issues of common concerns.

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