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Nell Donaldson  
City of Portland Planning Division  
389 Congress Street  
Portland, Maine 04101

RE: Proposal for Geotechnical Services  
Third Party Review  
Seaport Lofts  
Portland, Maine

Dear Ms. Donaldson:

Ransom Consulting, Inc. (Ransom) appreciates the opportunity to present this proposal for geotechnical services. This proposal is based on our discussions for providing a Third Party Review of a geotechnical evaluation of retaining wall instability at the Seaport Lofts Development on Newbury Street in Portland's North End neighborhood.

## **PROJECT UNDERSTANDING**

Construction of the Seaport Lofts residential condominium development reportedly caused settlement of the ground, which resulted in damage to neighboring houses and property. Haley & Aldrich, Inc. of Portland, Maine was retained by The Travelers Insurance Company to perform an independent peer review of the project geotechnical report, retaining wall and excavation support designs, and field observations and monitoring data. Haley & Aldrich's report "Results of Independent Technical Evaluation, Retaining Wall Movement, Newbury Street/Seaport Lofts Development Project, Newbury Street, Portland, Maine", dated June 24, 2015, included a summary of construction events and milestones, conclusions and opinions, and a recommended course of action.

## **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The City of Portland has requested a third party review of the Haley & Aldrich report. Our focus will be on reviewing the report and its attachments and render our opinion regarding whether the conclusions and recommendations of that report meet local geotechnical industry standards and are in accordance with the Maine State Building Code and the International Building Code. Our final letter report will be submitted within 10 business days from your notice to proceed.

Cost: \$4,500

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We appreciate the opportunity to present this design amendment for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please feel free to call us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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