

CONTRACT

I. THE PARTIES

- 1.01 City of Appleton, a Wisconsin municipal corporation, doing business at 100 North Appleton Street, Appleton, WI 54911-4799 (“City”).
- 1.02 EPLEX, LLC, a limited liability company and doing business as E-Plan Exam, maintaining offices at 12605 West North Avenue #189, Brookfield, WI 53005 “Contractor”.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

- 2.01 The Contractor shall, in a workmanlike manner, perform as required under this contract; and unless otherwise expressly stated, shall provide all the labor, materials, tools, expendable equipment, utility and transportation services necessary for plan reviews for Building, HVAC, Plumbing, Fire Alarm, and Fire Sprinkler, all in strict compliance with the Contractor’s proposal and all other documents incorporated herein by reference. Time is of the essence.

III. CONTRACT PRICE

- 3.01 Subject to any additions or deductions provided herein, the Contractor shall pay the City for the performance of this contract in a sum equal to 10% of all plan review fees charged to an applicant as described in Exhibit A and Contractor’s Proposal.

IV. COMPONENT PARTS OF THIS CONTRACT

- 4.01 This contract consists of the following component parts all of which are as fully a part of this contract as if herein set out verbatim or, if not attached, as if hereto attached.
- 4.01.1 Insurance Requirements Exhibit IR 3.2 – Professional Services: \$5M Umbrella consisting of 5 pages
- 4.01.2 Exhibit A – Plan Review Services dated 3/7/2022 and consisting of 5 pages
- 4.01.3 Contractor’s Proposal for the City of Appleton dated December 2021 consisting of 8 pages

V. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 5.01 In the event that any provision in any of the above component parts of this contract conflicts with any provision in any other of the component parts, the provision in the

component part first enumerated above shall govern over any other component part which follows it numerically, except as may be otherwise specifically stated.


- 5.02 In the event that any part of this contract is found to be illegal, it shall be stricken from the contract and the contract interpreted as if that clause did not exist.
- 5.03 This contract shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of Wisconsin, without giving effect to any choice of law doctrine that would cause the law of any other jurisdiction to apply. Venue shall be in Outagamie County, Wisconsin.
- 5.04 In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability as defined in Wis. Stats. §51.01(5), sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. This provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Except with respect to sexual orientation and gender identity, the contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunities. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available for employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause.
- 5.05 Nothing contained within this contract is intended to be a waiver or estoppel of the City or its insurer to rely upon the limitations, defenses, and immunities contained within Wisconsin law, including those contained within Wisconsin Statutes Sections 893.80, 895.52, and 345.05. To the extent that indemnification is available and enforceable, the municipality or its insurer shall not be liable in indemnity or contribution for an amount greater than the limits of liability for municipal claims established by Wisconsin Law.
- 5.06 This contract may be executed in several counterparts, either by original signature or verified electronic signature, each of which shall be deemed an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same agreement. The headings in this contract are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part hereof.
- 5.07 Each of the Parties herein represents and warrants that the execution, delivery, and performance of this Contract has been duly authorized and signed by a person who meets statutory or other binding approval to sign on behalf that respective Party.


5.08 **AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS.** The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Appleton and its officers, officials, employees and agents from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expenses, costs, including attorney's fees, arising out of the activities performed as described herein, caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Contractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone whose acts any of them may be liable, except where caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City.

[SIGNATURES BEGIN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this instrument to be executed on the day and year of the last signature below.

EPLEX, LLC, a limited liability corporation and doing business as E-Plan Exam, Contractor

By: 
Printed Name: DAVID ADAM MATTOS
Title: Co-Founder
Date: 3-7-22

By: 
Printed Name: EDWARD LISINSKI
Title: Co-FOUNDER
Date: 3/7/2022

City of Appleton

By: _____
Jacob A. Woodford, Mayor

By: _____
Kami Lynch, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Provision has been made to pay the liability that will accrue under this contract.

Christopher R. Behrens, City Attorney
Last Revision: February 2022
CityLaw: A22-0103.dg

Jeri A. Ohman, Finance Director

IR 3.2 – Professional Services: \$5M Umbrella
City of Appleton
Insurance Requirements

Project: _____

The contract or purchase order is not considered approved and the Contractor shall not commence work until proof of the required insurance has been provided to the applicable department for the City of Appleton.

It is hereby agreed and understood that the insurance required by the City of Appleton is primary coverage and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City of Appleton, its officers, council members, agents, employees or authorized volunteers will not contribute to a loss. All insurance shall be in full force prior to commencing work and remain in force until the entire job is completed or the length of time specified in the contract or listed below, whichever is longer.

- **Professional Liability**
 - Limits
 - Each claim \$1,000,000
 - Annual aggregate..... \$1,000,000
 - Must continue coverage for 2 years after final acceptance for service/job

- **General Liability Coverage**
 - Commercial General Liability
 - Each occurrence limit \$1,000,000
 - Personal liability and advertising injury \$1,000,000
 - General aggregate \$2,000,000
 - Products/Completed operations aggregate..... \$2,000,000
 - Claims made form of coverage is not acceptable.
 - Insurance must include:
 - Premises and Operations Liability
 - Contractual Liability
 - Personal Injury
 - Explosion, collapse and underground coverage
 - Products/Completed Operations must be carried for 2 years after acceptance of completed work
 - **The general aggregate must apply separately to this project/location**

- **Business Automobile Coverage**
 - Combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage
 - Each incident \$1,000,000
 - Must cover liability for Symbol #1 - “Any Auto” – including owned, non-owned and hired automobile liability.

- **Workers Compensation and Employers Liability:** IF required by Wisconsin State Statute or any workers compensation statute of a different state.
 - Must carry coverage for statutory workers compensation and an employers liability limit of:
 - Each accident..... \$100,000
 - Disease policy limit \$500,000
 - Disease – each employee \$100,000

- **Umbrella Liability:** IF exposure exists, provide coverage at least as broad as the underlying commercial general liability, automobile liability and employers liability, with a minimum limit of
 - Each occurrence..... \$5,000,000
 - Aggregate \$5,000,000
 - Maximum self-insured retention of \$10,000

- **Additional Provisions**
 - **Primary and Non-Contributory requirement: All insurance must be primary and non-contributory to any insurance or self-insurance carried by City of Appleton.**
 - **Acceptability of Insurers:** Insurance is to be placed with insurers who have an *A.M. Best* rating of no less than A- and a Financial Size Category of no less than Class VI, and who are authorized as an admitted insurance company in the state of Wisconsin.
 - **Additional Insured Requirements:** The following must be named as **additional insureds** on the general liability and business automobile liability policies for liability arising out of project work: **City of Appleton, and its officers, council members, agents, employees and authorized volunteers. On the Commercial General Liability Policy, the additional insured coverage must be ISO form CG 20 10 07 04 and also include Products/Completed Operations equivalent to ISO form CG 20 37 07 04 or their equivalents for a minimum of 2 years after acceptance of work. This does not apply to Workers Compensation Policies.**
 - Certificates of Insurance acceptable to the City of Appleton shall be submitted prior to commencement of the work to the applicable department. **In addition form CG 20 10 07 04 for ongoing work exposure and form CG 20 37 07 04 for products-completed operations exposure must also be provided or its equivalent.** These certificates shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled or non renewed until at least 30 days' prior written notice has been given to the City of Appleton.

REQUIREMENTS CONTINUE ON FOLLOWING PAGE

Insurance Requirements for Sub-Contractors, all sub-contractors shall be required to obtain Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, Worker's Compensation, Employer's Liability and if applicable, Watercraft Liability, Aircraft Liability and Unmanned Aircraft Liability Insurance. This insurance shall be as broad as and with the same coverage limits as those required of the Contractor.

The following additional coverages are required where the corresponding box is checked. In addition, Contractor shall be responsible for consulting with its insurance carrier to determine whether any of the other following coverages should be carried based upon the specific project:

- Bond Requirements**
 - **Bid Bond:** The Contractor's Bid Bond equal to 5% of the contract shall accompany the bid for the project.
 - **Payment and Performance Bond:** If awarded the contract, the Contractor will provide to the Owner a Payment and Performance Bond in the amount of the contract price, covering faithful performance of the contract and payment of obligations arising thereunder, as stipulated in bidding requirements, or specifically required in the contract documents on the date of the contract's execution.
 - **Acceptability of Bonding Company:** The Bid, Payment and Performance Bonds shall be placed with a bonding company with an *A.M. Best* rating of no less than A- and a Financial Size Category of no less than Class VI.
 - **License and Permit Bond:** The Contractor will provide to the City a License and Permit Bond in the amount stipulated in Appleton's Municipal Code.

- Property Insurance Coverage (Builder's Risk) to be provided by the Contractor**
 - The property insurance must include engineering or architect fees and must equal the bid amount, plus any change orders.
 - Coverage includes property on the work site/s, property in transit and property stored off the work site/s.
 - Coverage will be on a **Replacement Cost basis**.
 - The City of Appleton, consultants, architects, architect consultants, engineers, engineer consultants, contractors and subcontractors will be added as named insureds to the policy.
 - Coverage must include collapse and be written on a "special perils" or "all risk" perils basis.
 - Coverage must include water damage (including, but not limited to, flood, surface water, hydrostatic pressure) and earth movement.
 - Coverage must include testing and start up.
 - Coverage must include boiler and machinery if the exposure exists.
 - Coverage must include engineers' and architects' fees.
 - Coverage must include building ordinance or law coverage with a limit of 5% of the contract amount.
 - The policy must cover/allow partial utilization by owner.

- Coverage must include a “waiver of subrogation” against any named insureds or additional insureds.
- Contractor is responsible for all deductibles and coinsurance penalties.

Pollution Liability – Contractors; Motor Vehicle/Automobile; Professional; Environmental Consultants/Engineers

- Definition of “Covered Operations” in the policy must include the type of work being done for the City of Appleton
- Limits of Liability:
 - \$500,000 each loss for bodily injury, property damage, environmental damage
 - \$1,000,000 Aggregate for bodily injury, property damage, environmental damage (environmental damage includes pollution and clean-up costs)
- Deductible must be paid by the Contractor, consultants/engineers
- The City of Appleton, its Council members and employees must be Additional Insureds
- The policy must also cover subcontractors
- Specify if “Wrongful Delivery” is covered
- Must cover motor vehicle loading and unloading and show on Certificate of Insurance
- Certificate of Insurance must state:
 - If the policy is an Occurrence or a Claims Made Form
 - If the defense costs reduce the limit of liability
 - If the policy covers motor vehicle loading and unloading claims
 - If there is an underground storage tank or a super fund exclusion
 - If there is a Contractual Liability Exclusion
 - If Bodily Injury includes mental anguish and emotional distress

Aircraft Liability insurance with a limit of \$3,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage including passenger liability and slung cargo if the project includes the use or operation of any aircraft or helicopter.

Unmanned Aircraft Liability insurance with a limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, property damage liability, and invasion of privacy liability if the project includes the use of or operation of any unmanned aircraft (drones).

Watercraft Liability insurance with a limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage if the project includes the use of and/or operation of any watercraft.

Cyber Liability and Technology Errors and Omissions Insurance

- Per occurrence..... \$100,000



Commercial Crime Policy

- Per occurrence \$100,000

Last Review: 12/2021

Exhibit A – Plan Review Services

3/7/2022

1. PLAN REVIEW SERVICES

Plan review services will be provided when requested by City of Appleton (“Client”). Client retains exclusive authority over which plan reviews are referred to E-Plan Exam (“Consultant”). Plan review is limited to Structural, Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, Fire Alarm, and Fire Sprinkler trades/disciplines.

Each discipline will be reviewed by a plan examiner holding certifications as required by the local jurisdiction and/or licensed Architect and/or Professional Engineer holding licensure in the State of Wisconsin.

- Disciplines are defined as follows:
 - Building (architectural / structural)
 - Mechanical (HVAC)
 - Plumbing
 - Fire (Sprinkler, Fire Alarm, etc.)
- Post final comprehensive conditional plan approval – required if requested by Jurisdiction of Authority.
 - Delegated Component Submittal(s)
 - Shop Drawings

2. PLAN REVIEW FEE:

- Building, HVAC, Plumbing, Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler Plan Review Fees shall be based upon the fee schedule adopted by the Municipality.
- Plan Review Fees will be split with the Client.
 - 90% of plan review fees are retained by Consultant and 10% are retained by Client.
 - Out of Consultant’s retained fees, Consultant shall be responsible for fees due to the State of Wisconsin as applicable for plan reviews Consultant perform as specified in Wisconsin Administrative Code.

COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE – BUILDING/HVAC/FIRE ALARM/FIRE SUPPRESSION				
1. New construction, additions, alterations and parking lots fees are computed per this table.				
2. New construction and additions are calculated based on total gross floor area of the structure.				
3. A separate plan review fee is charged for each type of plan review.				
Area (Square Feet)	Building Plans	HVAC Plans	Fire Alarm System Plans	Fire Suppression System Plans
Less than 2,500	\$250	\$150	\$30	\$30
2,500 - 5,000	\$300	\$200	\$60	\$60

5,001 - 10,000	\$500	\$300	\$100	\$100
10,001 - 20,000	\$700	\$400	\$150	\$150
20,001 - 30,000	\$1,100	\$500	\$200	\$200
30,001 - 40,000	\$1,400	\$800	\$350	\$350
40,001 - 50,000	\$1,900	\$1,100	\$500	\$500
50,001 - 75,000	\$2,600	\$1,400	\$700	\$700
75,001 - 100,000	\$3,300	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
100,001 - 200,000	\$5,400	\$2,600	\$1,200	\$1,200
200,001 - 300,000	\$9,500	\$6,100	\$3,000	\$3,000
300,001 - 400,000	\$14,000	\$8,800	\$4,400	\$4,400
400,001 - 500,000	\$16,700	\$10,800	\$5,600	\$5,600
Over 500,000	\$18,000	\$12,100	\$6,400	\$6,400
Note:	1. A Plan Entry Fee of \$100.00 shall be submitted with each submittal of plans in addition to the plan review and inspection fees.			
	2. At the sole discretion of the Supervisor of Building Inspection and Plans Examiner; Fees may be modified, reduced or waived based on scope of services, project type, or other relevant factors.			
Determination of Area	The area of a floor is the area bounded by the exterior surface of the building walls or the outside face of columns where there is no wall. Area includes all floor levels such as subbasements, basements, ground floors, mezzanines, balconies, lofts, all stories, and all roofed areas including porches and garages, except for cantilevered canopies on the building wall. Use the roof area for free standing canopies.			
Structural Plans and other Component Submittals	When submitted separately from the general building plans, the review fee for structural plans, precast concrete, laminate wood, beams, cladding elements, other facade features or other structural elements, the review fee is \$250.00 per plan with an additional \$100.00 plan entry fee per each plan set.			
Accessory Buildings	The plan review fee for accessory buildings less than 500 square feet shall be \$125.00 with the plan entry fee waived.			
Early Start	The plan review fee for permission to start construction shall be \$75.00 for all structures less than 2,500 sf. All other structures shall be \$150.00. The square footage shall be computed as the first floor of the building or structure.			
Plan Examination Extensions	The fee for the extension of an approved plan review shall be 50% of the original plan review fee, not to exceed \$3,000.00.			

Resubmittals & revisions to approved plans	When deemed by the reviewer to be a minor revision from previously reviewed and/or approved plans, the review fee shall be \$75.00. Any significant changes or alterations beyond minor amendments as determined by the Plans Examiner and Building Inspection Department may result in additional charges as appropriate.
Submittal of plans after construction	Where plans are submitted after construction, the standard late submittal fee of \$250.00 will be assessed per each review type that occurred after construction. This is in addition to any other plan entry fees, structural components and base fees applied to a project.
Expedited Priority Plan Review	The fee for a priority plan review, which expedites completion of the plan review in less than the normal processing time when the plan is considered ready for review, shall be 200% of the fees specified in these provisions.

COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE – PLUMBING				
1. New construction, alterations and remodeling fees are computed per the following table				
2. New construction fee is calculated based on square footage of the area constructed.				
3. Alterations and remodeling fee is based on the number of plumbing fixtures.				
Area (Square Feet) (New Construction & Additions)	Plumbing Plan Review Fee		Number of Fixtures (Alteration, Remodeling, and Site Work)	Plumbing Plan Review Fee
Less than 3,000	\$300		<15	\$200
3,001 - 4,000	\$400		16-25	\$300
4,001 - 5,000	\$550		26-35	\$450
5,001 – 6,000	\$650		36-50	\$550
6,001 – 7,500	\$700		51-75	\$800
7,501 – 10,000	\$850		76-100	\$900
10,001 – 15,000	\$900		101-125	\$1,050
15,001 – 20,000	\$950		126-150	\$1,150
20,001 – 30,000	\$1,100		>151	\$1,150
30,001 – 40,000	\$1,250		Plus \$160 for each additional 25 fixtures (rounded up) beyond 150 Fixtures	
40,001 – 50,000	\$1,550			
50,001 – 75,000	\$2,100			
Over 75,000	\$2,500			
Plus \$0.0072 per each additional sq. ft. over 75,000 sq. ft.				
Note:	1. A Plan Entry Fee of \$100.00 shall be submitted with each submittal of plans in addition to the plan review and inspection fees.			

	2. At the Sole discretion of the Supervisor of Building Inspection and Plans Examiner; Fees may be modified, reduced or waived based on scope of services, project type, or other relevant factors.
Determination of Area	The area of a floor is the area bounded by the exterior surface of the building walls or the outside face of columns where there is no wall. Area includes all floor levels such as subbasements, basements, ground floors, mezzanines, balconies, lofts, all stories, and all roofed areas including porches and garages, except for cantilevered canopies on the building wall. Use the roof area for free standing canopies.
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3. Supplemental Services as required by municipality:

- Hourly rate for services beyond what is specified in this Agreement shall be rendered at \$175.00 per hour. This shall only be assessed when prior written consent is provided by the Client to the Consultant and agreed to by the Consultant in writing.
 - This hourly rate is not intended for plan review services, but rather for incidental supplemental “on call” professional engineering services as required beyond the scope as outlined in services defined throughout the balance of Exhibit A.

4. PLAN REVIEW FEE – includes the following services:

- One optional remote code consultation meeting after conclusion of the first review
- Consultation via phone during duration of project regarding reviews preformed.
- Three (3) reviews of all disciplines to verify that all comments have been addressed.
 - Subsequent reviews may result in resubmittal plan examination fees to be assessed.
- Changes to plans after conditional approval is granted may result in resubmittal plan examination fees to be assessed.
- Free code consultation with all inspectors/City staff, both employed directly and under contract, serving the City of Appleton for entirety of duration of any project reviewed by E-Plan Exam, regardless of any contract in place with that entity and the City of Appleton. This free consultation period shall extend prior to any formal submission of any plan documents to the conclusion of any project reviewed or termination of this agreement (whichever occurs first).

5. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

- Plan review turnaround time shall be fifteen (15) business days after full receipt by Consultant of all required documents as required by the Department of Safety and professional services as well as the City of Appleton municipal code.
 - Plan Review turnaround time is defined as time frame from date of full receipt of plans to conclusion of plan review. Conclusion of plan review date will be determined by date that plans are listed as one of the following as dictated by best practices with the State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services:
 - Conditionally Approved
 - Hold – Request for Additional Information
 - Denied

6. CONSULTANT CONTACT

Consultant will provide a qualified professional to oversee this project. They are available by phone and email using the contact information listed below.

Plan Review Management Contact

David Adam Mattox, P.E.

414-736-4721

damattox@eplanexam.com

Plan Review Management Contact

Edward Lisinski, P.E.

414-412-6096

edlisinski@eplanexam.com



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City of Appleton
December 2021

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Commercial Plan Review Services

OVERVIEW

E-Plan Exam is pleased to submit this proposal for services to support Appleton in its pursuit to deliver better customer service to your constituents and your internal team members through the plan review process!

It is our mission and goal at E-Plan Exam to assist municipalities in their effort to better serve the construction community by working in partnership to deliver exceptional quality plan reviews within an expedited time frame, while maintaining low costs. As code officials, who have served in high functional capacities, overseeing large building inspection and plan review departments, we fully understand and appreciate the challenges that are encountered daily in construction. Our philosophy and approach to better the communities we serve is to work in direct partnership with all stakeholders on all projects, from the time it is simply an idea in the mind of the developer to the point where occupancy is granted. What we have found is when we create and foster a positive experience with the communities we serve through integrity and passion, it improves the safety and the quality of the projects we are privileged to work on.

The proposal contained herein is meant to serve as a starting point and establish a foundation from which we can continue to build upon together. We sincerely look forward to supporting your community!

Our Main Objective

There are five main plan reviews that are required for any commercial building construction in Wisconsin: Building, HVAC, Plumbing, Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler. Without delegated authority granted by the State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, all projects would have to flow through them. This is where delegation comes in to handle some or all these scopes at the local level – but in many communities these thresholds are often inconsistent.

At the time of this proposal, after review with Wisconsin DSPS, **only 20 Communities** out of more than 1,800 in the State have the capabilities to do full-fledged plan review of Unlimited Size Structures for Building, HVAC, Fire Alarm, Fire Sprinkler, and Plumbing plan reviews.

- Most Communities, if they are delegated, are only delegated for small-scale Building and HVAC for projects not exceeding 50,000 cubic foot in volume for new construction (roughly the size of a new freestanding Starbucks).
- Most communities do not have any Plumbing Plan Review authority – Appleton does! If you desire, we can assist you in on-call fill in services for Plumbing Plan Reviews!
- Most communities are not delegated for Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler for projects. Appleton is already delegated for Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler! Like Plumbing, if you want, we can provide support here should you desire!

Our goal would be to enhance your local capabilities by **obtaining full-fledged delegation for Building and HVAC, projects of unlimited size for your community and elevate Appleton's capabilities!**

Once this program is up and running, at its heart it's a program of choice. Applicants would have the choice to submit to your community, and in turn E-Plan Exam, or they could still submit to the State. Likewise, your community can request that a submitter submit directly to the State for any reason. If you would like to proceed, would be joining a very select group of communities as of today that would have full-fledged approval from DSPS to handle all commercial projects at the local level. And once your community would be delegated by the State of Wisconsin, our goals would be simple:

- **Reroute revenue** never seen by your community from the State of Wisconsin.
- Guarantee **15 business days turn around** for any commercial project.
- Provide **full visibility** to the entirety of the plan review process to all stakeholders.
- In partnership, serve as an extension to your municipal operations by offering **free unlimited code consultations**.

Much of these elements are relatively easy to achieve, and while there are some prerequisites, our team will gladly work with you to achieve these delegations and set a new standard for construction in your community!

About Us

We founded our company in Wisconsin where our primary goal is to transform and raise the standard for which plan reviews are done in the state. In partnership with your community, we believe can provide exceptional service and effect positive change! Through successful implementation of our program, we have shown that these four simple objectives differentiate our operation from your current experience, and dramatically impact the communities we serve:

1. Integrity – At E-Plan Exam we take our practice and oaths seriously to safeguard the public welfare, life, health, and property for all our community partners. This is the guiding principle on which our company was founded and is present at the heart of every interaction we have.
2. Communication – We separate ourselves by our promise and guarantee to go above and beyond to work with everyone we interact with. Our goal is never to simply give a “yes” or “no” answer to whether something is code compliant but to work with everyone on what a code compliant path looks like.
3. Knowledge – Our experience is derived from working as advisors to the State of Wisconsin, serving on local and national code boards, leading large Wisconsin communities, and overseeing a variety of construction projects. With every unique project requiring its own solution, we will always make sure to coordinate our efforts with local inspection staff as well as the State of Wisconsin to ensure uniform enforcement and application of the code.
4. Passion – We believe that the permitting and plan review process is the most critical point where projects have the greatest potential to be delayed. Our greatest passion is driven by the ability to ensure that we guarantee a maximum of 15 business days for any review. In our opinion, waiting for weeks or even months on a plan review for a business to start construction is unacceptable. At E-Plan Exam we strive to challenge this industry “norm,” and do better, because we can.

OUR PROPOSAL

Outlined in this proposal and contract language is our promise to ensure the service offering we provide is at its best. We are prepared to guarantee that not only will all plan reviews be done within 15 business days, but all reviews will be done by individuals who either live or work in the State of Wisconsin. This allows us the capability to utilize plan examiners who have intimate knowledge of not only the current codes and our “Wisconsinisms”, but also our historical state building codes. All of which are still very much enforced today by state statutes and administrative code.

Additionally, our ability to communicate and coordinate our code efforts with not only the local inspection team but also the community, will result in fewer issues encountered during construction. This will allow for community development to occur with ease. To continuously improve our service, we ask that we have the opportunity to meet with community leadership, and those most impacted by our work regularly to review and improve our processes.

Proposed Fee Structure

Our fee structure outlined below operates on a percent fee split:

For all buildings and structures within the City of Appleton:

- **90% of plan review fees are retained by E-Plan Exam and 10% are retained by Appleton.**
 - **Out of E-Plan Exam’s retained plan review fees, we shall be responsible for fees due to the State of Wisconsin as applicable for reviews we perform as specified in Wisconsin Administrative Code.**

These fees are based on the following fee schedule which is a simplified and customer friendly variant of the State of Wisconsin’s Plan Review Fee Schedule. Please see below:

COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE – BUILDING/HVAC/FIRE ALARM/FIRE SUPPRESSION

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30,001 - 40,000	\$1,400	\$800	\$350	\$350
40,001 - 50,000	\$1,900	\$1,100	\$500	\$500
50,001 - 75,000	\$2,600	\$1,400	\$700	\$700
75,001 - 100,000	\$3,300	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
100,001 - 200,000	\$5,400	\$2,600	\$1,200	\$1,200
200,001 - 300,000	\$9,500	\$6,100	\$3,000	\$3,000
300,001 - 400,000	\$14,000	\$8,800	\$4,400	\$4,400
400,001 - 500,000	\$16,700	\$10,800	\$5,600	\$5,600
Over 500,000	\$18,000	\$12,100	\$6,400	\$6,400
Note:	1. A Plan Entry Fee of \$100.00 shall be submitted with each submittal of plans in addition to the plan review and inspection fees.			
	2. At the Sole discretion of the Supervisor of Building Inspection and Plans Examiner; Fees may be modified, reduced, or waived based on scope of services, project type, or other relevant factors.			
Determination of Area	The area of a floor is the area bounded by the exterior surface of the building walls or the outside face of columns where there is no wall. Area includes all floor levels such as subbasements, basements, ground floors, mezzanines, balconies, lofts, all stories, and all roofed areas including porches and garages, except for cantilevered canopies on the building wall. Use the roof area for free standing canopies.			
Structural Plans and other Component Submittals	When submitted separately from the general building plans, the review fee for structural plans, precast concrete, laminate wood, beams, cladding elements, other facade features or other structural elements, the review fee is \$250.00 per plan with an additional \$100.00 plan entry fee per each plan set.			
Accessory Buildings	The plan review fee for accessory buildings less than 500 square feet shall be \$125.00 with the plan entry fee waived.			
Early Start	The plan review fee for permission to start construction shall be \$75.00 for all structures less than 2,500 sf. All other structures shall be \$150.00. The square footage shall be computed as the first floor of the building or structure.			
Plan Examination Extensions	The fee for the extension of an approved plan review shall be 50% of the original plan review fee, not to exceed \$3,000.00.			
Resubmittals & revisions to approved plans	When deemed by the reviewer to be a minor revision from previously reviewed and/or approved plans, the review fee shall be \$75.00. Any significant changes or alterations beyond minor amendments as determined by the Plans Examiner and Building Inspection Department may result in additional charges as appropriate.			

Submittal of plans after construction	Where plans are submitted after construction, the standard late submittal fee of \$250.00 will be assessed per each review type that occurred after construction. This is in addition to any other plan entry fees, structural components and base fees applied to a project.
Expedited Priority Plan Review	The fee for a priority plan review, which expedites completion of the plan review in less than the normal processing time when the plan is considered ready for review, shall be 200% of the fees specified in these provisions.

COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE – PLUMBING

1. New construction, alterations and remodeling fees are computed per the following table
2. New construction fee is calculated based on square footage of the area constructed.
3. Alterations and remodeling fee is based on the number of plumbing fixtures.

Area (Square Feet) (New Construction & Additions)	Plumbing Plan Review Fee		Number of Fixtures (Alteration, Remodeling, and Site Work)	Plumbing Plan Review Fee
Less than 3,000	\$300		<15	\$200
3,001 - 4,000	\$400		16-25	\$300
4,001 - 5,000	\$550		26-35	\$450
5,001 – 6,000	\$650		36-50	\$550
6,001 – 7,500	\$700		51-75	\$800
7,501 – 10,000	\$850		76-100	\$900
10,001 – 15,000	\$900		101-125	\$1,050
15,001 – 20,000	\$950		126-150	\$1,150
20,001 – 30,000	\$1,100		>151	\$1,150
30,001 – 40,000	\$1,250		Plus \$160 for each additional 25 fixtures (rounded up) beyond 150 Fixtures	
40,001 – 50,000	\$1,550			
50,001 – 75,000	\$2,100			
Over 75,000	\$2,500			
Plus \$0.0072 per each additional sq. ft. over 75,000 sq. ft.				

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Initial review time for all plans shall not be longer than 15 business days to either Approve, Deny, or Request for Additional Information/Place on Hold.

In addition to the outlined fees above, as a courtesy to our municipal partners, we also offer on-call hourly professional engineering services of \$175.00 per hour, when both the City of Appleton and E-Plan Exam agree in writing prior to such services.

Our initial proposed contract is for 48 months with all billing invoiced monthly with terms of Net 30 days.

And finally, there is no retainer or annual base fee required for our services. We are there when you need us, but when you don't, there is no cost to the municipality. Our goal is to fit seamlessly into your operation, to serve as an extension of your team and to work as your partner.

Insurance

E-Plan Exam carries a full complement of business insurance including errors and omissions, property, general and liability insurance. Certificates of insurance in the following amounts will be provided upon request:

Type of Insurance	Amount of Insurance
Commercial General Liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence \$2,000,000 General Aggregate
Professional Liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1,000,000 Each Claim \$2,000,000 Aggregate
Umbrella Liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5,000,000 Each Occurrence \$5,000,000 Aggregate

Plan Review Process

Plan Intake

In construction, time is money and accuracy is critical. To that end, we have fully automated our procedures to streamline plan review intake. In cooperation with our municipal partners, we have enabled online plan review submission. A sample of our plan review intake forms can be found at eplanexam.com/submit-a-project. Once an applicant submits a project, notifications are sent to all staff who wish to receive notice. This notification will include links to all pertinent contact information, documents, and construction plans that were submitted.

As part of our service, your community will have full access to our system and database. This will allow you to see not only where a project is in our plan review queue, but also what issues may have been encountered and the status of the review. This access is not only limited to you, but to all our clients. You can easily see where everything stands as a whole and filter down to the plan reviews within your municipal boundaries. If you are interested in learning more about our services, we can give you temporary access to our live system and demonstrate it for you.



Fee Collection Services

As part of our service, we offer to all our municipal partners the collection and handling of any plan review fees. This is something that often takes up a significant amount of time to collect fees, ensure proper charges, and process invoices. To simplify matters, we offer two options:

1. E-Plan Exam collects any fees directly for the plan reviews we perform. Our team invoices for each project received directly to the applicant and issues a payment to our municipal partners to be received within 15-30 days. This option frees up significant amounts of administrative time for tracking down payments, as well as streamlines payments to the State of Wisconsin. We take ownership for ensuring proper fee calculations and payments.
2. We also offer an option to invoice your community for plan review services rendered, based on projects within any given month. In this option, you would collect all fees from the applicants, and we would send you an invoice with billable terms of net 30 days.

Plan Review

We love to talk about complex projects before they are ready to be submitted. This helps to clear up any potential code issues and ensures a smooth plan review. Code consultations with our examiners and architects, designers, contractors, and/or municipal partners are encouraged for complex projects.

Once the plan review is complete, we turn over all documents, specifications, and requests for additional information, to the applicants as well as the municipality. Our goal is to do as thorough of a review as possible while giving as much information to the municipality, so they can properly do their inspections. Additionally, for large scopes of work or complex projects, we will do project kick off meetings with the local inspection team to make them aware of the intricacies of the project.

All the services mentioned above including code consultations, and code inquiries from our municipal partners, inspectors, or applicants are included as part of our base plan review service.

Our goal is to make this program and our plan review experts an extension of your staff, give you more insight and capabilities versus the State's current process, reroute previously unseen revenue to your community, and provide top quality customer service to you and the constituents within your community.

CONCLUSION

We sincerely look forward to working with the City of Appleton and supporting your efforts!

Should the City of Appleton desire to speak with our references, municipal partners, or the developers we have worked with, we will be more than happy to provide contact information. If you decide to proceed with our services, we are proud to say that we will be able to serve your community immediately.

If you have any questions about this proposal or would like to discuss our services, please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience and we will be more than happy to discuss. We are also available for virtual meetings if preferred.

Thank you for your consideration and we sincerely look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely and respectfully,



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