



ACEC British Columbia Position Paper

Standard Form Agreements

There are a number of well researched and vetted standard form agreements available to the consulting engineering industry to use directly or as a guide to appropriate contractual language. These include:

- 1. ACEC Document 31 - Engineering Agreement between Client and Engineer:**
This document ("ACEC 31") was revised in 2010 by the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Canada (ACEC).



- 2. MMCD Client/Consultant Agreement:** This document was created by the Master Municipal Construction Documents Association which began in 1989 as a joint effort of ACEC British Columbia, BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association (BCRHCA), and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC). A Joint Municipal Committee comprised of representatives of municipalities, contractors and the engineering profession had a mandate to create, standardize and improve tender and contract documents being used in the province.



- 3. EJCDC E-500 Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services:** This document was issued jointly in 2002 by the American Council of Engineering Companies; Professional Engineers in Private Practice, a practice division of the National Society of Professional Engineers; and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Each EJCDC Contract Document is prepared by experienced engineering design and construction professionals, owners, contractors, professional liability and risk management experts, and legal counsel.



It is recommended that every ACEC British Columbia member responsible for negotiating contracts on behalf of his/her firm be familiar with these standard form documents to use as a base line in determining appropriate contract language.

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