

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PROVIDENCE, SC

SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,

Plaintiff,

v.

C.A. No. PC-2024-04526

AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.,

AETNA BRIDGE COMPANY,

ARIES SUPPORT SERVICES INC.,

BARLETTA HEAVY DIVISION, INC.,

BARLETTA/AETNA I-195 WASHINGTON

BRIDGE NORTH PHASE 2 JV,

COLLINS ENGINEERS, INC.,

COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERS &

CONSULTANTS, INC.,

JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC.,

MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

PRIME AE GROUP, INC.,

STEERE ENGINEERING, INC.,

TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION, and

VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC.,

Defendants.

**DEFENDANT VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC.'S
SECOND SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFF**

Defendant, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (“VHB”), by and through counsel, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, propounds the following interrogatories to be answered by the Plaintiff, State of Rhode Island (“Plaintiff”), under oath pursuant to Rule 33 of the Rhode Island Rules of Civil Procedure. These interrogatories shall be deemed to seek answers as of the date hereof but shall be deemed to be continuing so that any additional information relating in any way to these interrogatories which Plaintiff shall acquire or which becomes known to Plaintiff up to and including the time of trial shall be furnished to VHB promptly after such information is acquired or becomes known. Plaintiff shall answer each question separately and fully in writing and under oath within 40 days after receipt to Plaintiff or its counsel. If Plaintiff objects to any

question, it must note its objection and state the reason therefore.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each answer, statement or objection shall be preceded by the interrogatory to which it responds.
2. When an objection is made to any interrogatory or subpart thereof, it shall state with specificity all grounds upon which the objecting party relies.
3. If an interrogatory is objected to on the ground of attorney-client privilege or on the ground of attorney-work product or that the information requested was obtained to prepare in anticipation of litigation or for trial, sufficient information must be provided (i) to permit the subject matter, but not content, of the allegedly privileged information to be identified with sufficient specificity to allow a party to determine whether a motion to compel is warranted; and (ii) to explain the basis for the claim of privilege in order that a court can properly determine its propriety.
4. These interrogatories require supplemental or amended answers to the extent required by Rule 33 of the Rhode Island Rules of Civil Procedure.

DEFINITIONS

The full text of the following definitions is deemed incorporated by reference and to all discovery requests:

1. Communication. The term “communication” means the transmittal of information (in the form of facts, ideas, inquiries, or otherwise).
2. “Document” or “Documents” as used herein means, without limitation, the following items, printed or recorded or reproduced by any other mechanical process, or written or produced by hand: daily reports, logs, photographs, tapes, agreements, drafts of agreements, communications, correspondence, telegrams, internal or other memoranda, summaries or records of telephone conversation, diaries, graphs, films, reports, notebooks, note charts, plans, drawings, sketches, summaries of records of personal conversations, interviews, meetings or conferences, summaries of reports of investigations or negotiations, opinions or reports of consultants, letters, computer output or input, invoices and other writings, including e-mails.
3. Identify or Identity (With Respect to Persons). When referring to a person, “to identify” or to provide the “identity” means to give, to the extent known, the person’s full name, present or last known address, and, when referring to a natural person, the present or last known place of employment. Once a person has been identified in accordance with the subparagraph, only the name of the person need be listed in response to subsequent discovery requesting the identification of that

person.

4. Identify (with Respect to Documents). When referring to documents, “to identify” means to give, to the extent known, the
 - a) type of document;
 - b) general subject matter;
 - c) date of the document; and
 - d) author(s), addressee(s), and recipient(s).
5. “Describe in detail” as used herein includes a request for a complete description and explanation of the facts, circumstances, analysis, opinion and other information relating to the subject matter of a specific interrogatory.
6. Parties. The term “parties,” where applicable, refers to Plaintiffs and all named Defendants, including third and fourth party Defendants.
7. Person. The term “person” is defined as any natural person or any business, legal, or governmental entity or association.
8. Concerning. The term “concerning” means referring to, describing, evidencing, or constituting.
9. State the basis. When an interrogatory calls upon a party to “state the basis” of or for a particular claim, assertion, allegation, or contention, the party shall:
 - a) identify each and every document (and, where pertinent, the section article, or subparagraph thereof), which forms any part of the source of the party’s information regarding the alleged facts or legal conclusions referred to in the interrogatory;
 - b) identify each and every communication which forms any part of the source of the party’s information regarding the alleged facts or legal conclusions referred to by the interrogatory;
 - c) state separately the acts or omissions of any person (identifying the acts or omissions by stating their nature, time, and place and identifying the persons involved) which form any part of the party’s information regarding the alleged facts or legal conclusions referred to in the interrogatory; and state separately any other fact which forms the basis of the party’s information regarding the alleged facts or conclusions referred to in the interrogatory.
10. The term “Plaintiff”, or “State”, or “you” or “your” shall mean the Plaintiff, State of Rhode Island and/or its agents and all other persons acting on its behalf.
11. The term “VHB” refers to the defendant, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

12. The term “Bridge 700” refers to I-195 westbound Washington Bridge in Rhode Island, formally known as the Washington Bridge North No. 700.
13. The term “Amended Complaint” refers to the civil complaint filed by the State of Rhode Island v. AECOM Technical Services, Inc., et al. in Providence Superior Court, Civil Action No. PC-2024-04526.

INTERROGATORIES

15. State the basis for the allegation in paragraph 103 of the Complaint, that there has been wear and tear to the east bound bridge that would not have otherwise occurred and quantify or explain using actual metrics and/or other scientific calculations how to measure this alleged increased wear and tear that would not have otherwise occurred.
16. Identify all repairs to physical aspects of the east bound bridge as alleged in paragraph 104 of the Complaint that would not have otherwise been required but for the allegations you have made in this lawsuit and describe in as much specificity as possible the cost of said repairs.
17. Identify all maintenance that has been done as alleged in paragraph 105 of the Complaint as a result of the allegations you have made in this lawsuit that has been done but would not have been done but for the closure of the west bound bridge.
18. State the basis for the allegation in paragraph 106 of the Complaint and identify all Monitoring systems, sensors, etc., referenced in that paragraph including the cost and time to operate same.
19. State the basis for the allegation in paragraph 186 of the Complaint that VHB specifically failed to and/or had a duty to conduct each item referenced (a) – (g).

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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