

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. :
STEEER ENGINEERING, INC., :
TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION, and :
VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC. :
Defendants. :

ORDER

The parties in this matter last appeared before the Court on May 11, 2026, Associate Justice Brian P. Stern presiding, to apprise the Court on the status of ongoing discovery disputes. By way of background, the above civil action was commenced by Plaintiff on August 16, 2024. The case was assigned to the Providence Business Calendar on September 4, 2024. On July 30, 2025, the Court issued a Scheduling Order providing that all fact discovery shall be completed on or before September 17, 2026.

Under Superior Court Rule of Civil Procedure 53, the Court may appoint a Special Master “in any appropriate action which is pending therein.” Super. R. Civ. P. 53(a). Due to the complexity of this case—and the aggressive timeline to move this case forward—the Court deems it appropriate to appoint a Special Master to resolve the parties’ discovery disputes and ensure that the parties comply with the Court’s deadlines as set forth in its Scheduling Order, which may be amended by the Special Master.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

The Court appoint Associate Justice Netti Vogel (retired) as the Special Master. The costs of the Special Master shall initially be apportioned equally among the parties, with the Special Master making a recommendation to the Court as to the final allocation of costs.

ENTERED as an Order of Court this 9th day of June, 2026.

ENTER:

Brian P. Stern, Jr.

JUSTICE STERN
June 9, 2026

PER ORDER:

/s/ Carin Miley
Senior Deputy Clerk I

SR. DEPUTY CLERK I
June 9, 2026