GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 25-38

WHEREAS, the North East Regional Mobility Authority ("NET RMA") was created pursuant to the request of Gregg and Smith Counties and in accordance with provisions of the Transportation Code and the petition and approval process established in 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.1, et seq. (the "RMA Rules"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the NET RMA has been constituted in accordance with the Transportation Code and the RMA Rules; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the initial formation of the NET RMA the Counties of Cherokee, Rusk, Harrison, Upshur, Bowie, Panola, Wood, Van Zandt, Titus, Kaufman, Camp, and Cass joined the Authority and are represented on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2023, in Resolution 23-09, the NET RMA Board of Directors approved the selection of H.W. Lochner, Inc. ("Lochner") to serve as one of the general engineering consultants ("GEC") to the NET RMA and authorized the Chairman to execute an agreement with Lochner for the provision of general consulting civil engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Lochner has developed a proposed scope of work and budget for a feasibility study on the upgrade of certain Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District ("NETEX") rail facilities in Titus, Franklin, Hopkins, Rains, Hunt, and Collin counties (the "Feasibility Study"); and

WHEREAS, a copy of that proposed scope of work and budget not to exceed \$75,000.00 is contained in Work Authorization No. 12, attached hereto as Attachment "A"; and

WHEREAS, the NET RMA Board of Directors must approve Work Authorization No. 12 before Lochner may proceed to work thereunder; and

WHEREAS, as an additional condition to commencing work under Work Authorization No. 12, the NET RMA must enter into separate agreements with NETEX and the counties of Franklin, Hopkins, Rains, Hunt, and Collin and receive a formal request to perform the Feasibility Study from the NETEX Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Lochner has represented to the Board of Directors that the work reflected in Work Authorization No. 12 is necessary and appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves Work Authorization No. 12 with Lochner to perform the Feasibility Study on the upgrade of certain NETEX rail facilities in the form attached hereto as <u>Attachment "A"</u>, for an amount not to exceed

\$75,000.00, contingent on the execution of separate agreements with NETEX and the counties of Franklin, Hopkins, Rains, Hunt, and Collin and the receipt of a formal request to perform the Feasibility Study from the NETEX Board of Directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all work performed under Work Authorization No. 12 shall be subject to the Agreement for General Consulting Civil Engineering Services between the NET RMA and Lochner and that no additional work may be undertaken without the specific approval of the Board of Directors.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 4th day of November 2025.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

Signed by:

Brian O'Killy

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General Counsel for the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority DocuSigned by:

Gary Halbrooks
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Chair, Board of Directors Date Passed: 11/04/25 Resolution No. 25-38

ATTACHMENT A

WORK AUTHORIZATION

WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 12

This Work Authorization is made as of this <u>4th</u> day of <u>November</u>, 2025, under the terms and conditions established in the AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES, dated as of June 01, 2023 (the "Agreement"), between the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("Authority") and H.W. Lochner Inc., General Engineering Consultant (the "GEC"). This Work Authorization is made for the following purpose, consistent with the services defined in the Agreement:

Section A. - Scope of Services

A.1. GEC shall perform the following Services:

General Engineering Consultants Totals Associated with WA#12 - Review and assess the existing condition of the current approximately 67-mile NETEX rail facility from the city of Wylie to city of Winnfield Texas. Prepare an estimated cost to upgrade the facility to possibly a Class 3 railroad (specific class to be determined in near future) but will need to meet requirements for transporting hazardous materials.

See Attachment A – Scope of Services.

A.2. In conjunction with the performance of the foregoing Services, GEC shall provide the following submittals/deliverables (Documents) to the Authority:

GEC shall prepare an estimated cost to upgrade the facility to possibly a Class 3 railroad and to meet requirements for transporting hazardous materials.

Section B. - Schedule

GEC shall perform the Services and deliver the related Documents (if any) according to the following schedule:

This Work Authorization shall be effective from November 4, 2025, to April 30, 2026.

Section C. - Compensation

C.1. In return for the performance of the foregoing obligations, the Authority shall pay to the GEC the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 based on the attached fee estimate.

See Attachment B − *Fee Estimate.*

C.2. Compensation for Additional Services (if any) shall be paid by the Authority to the GEC according to the terms of a future Work Authorization.

H.W. Lochner, Inc. 10/13/2025

Section D. - Authority's Responsibilities

The Authority shall perform and/or provide the following in a timely manner so as not to delay the Services of the GEC. Unless otherwise provided in this Work Authorization, the Authority shall bear all costs incident to compliance with the following:

Provision of support documents and prompt response to inquiries as requested by the GEC.

Section E. - Other Provisions

The parties agree to the following provisions with respect to this specific Work Authorization:

(none anticipated)

Except to the extent expressly modified herein, all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

Authority:	North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority	GEC: H.W. Lochner, Inc
By:	Glenn Green	By: <u>Gregory G. Evans, P.E.</u>
Signature:	DocuSigned by:	Signature: Gry Evans
Title:	Executive Director	Title: Vice President
Date:	11/5/2025	Date: 11/5/2025

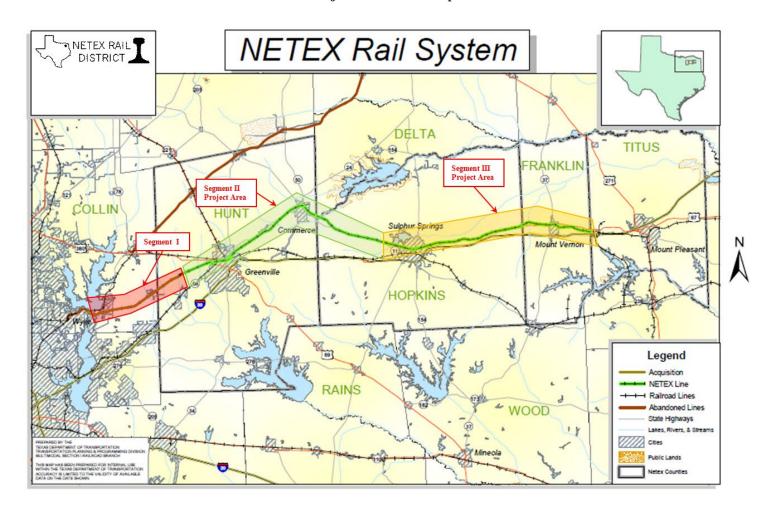
WORK AUTHORIZATION #12

NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

ATTACHMENT A – SCOPE OF WORK

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY LOCHNER AS
GENERAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH WA#12 REVIEW AND ASSESS THE EXISTING CONDITION OF THE CURRENT
APPROXIMATELY 67-MILE NETEX RAIL FACILITY FROM THE CITY OF WYLIE
TO CITY OF WINNFIELD TEXAS. PREPARE AN ESTIMATED COST TO UPGRADE
THE FACILITY TO POSSIBLY A CLASS 3 RAILROAD (SPECIFIC CLASS TO BE
DETERMINED IN NEAR FUTURE) BUT WILL NEED TO MEET REQUIREMENTS
FOR TRANSPORTING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCLUDING COLLIN, HUNT,
DELTA, HOPKINS, FRANKLIN, AND TITUS COUNTIES, TEXAS

Project Location Map



SCOPE OF SERVICES

The tasks that will be performed and their associated deliverables are more fully described in the following TASK OUTLINE.

TASK OUTLINE

I. PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY CONTROL (Task #10)

A. INVOICES AND PROGRESS REPORTS

The Engineer shall prepare and submit monthly invoices in accordance with the Master Agreement and in a format acceptable to NET RMA. The Engineer shall prepare and submit monthly progress reports with each monthly invoice.

Deliverables:

• Electronic copy of monthly Invoice and Progress Reports

B. COORDINATION MEETINGS

The Engineer shall facilitate and attend a meeting with the NET RMA (up to two meetings) as required conduct regular conference calls, as needed, with the project consulting team to discuss work that has been completed prior to the meeting, issues that may have arisen since the previous coordination, tasks to be performed, and any obstacles to successfully completing tasks and meeting the schedule.

Deliverables:

• Electronic copy of draft and final Meeting Minutes following each meeting

C. QUALITY CONTROL REVIEW

The Engineer shall provide Quality Control (QC) review of the deliverables associated with this Work Authorization prior to submitting deliverables to the NET RMA.

II. PREPARE AN ESTIMATED COST TO UPGRADE THE RAILROAD FACILITY (Task #20)

- A. Review and assess the existing condition of the current approximately 67-mile NETEX rail facility from the city of Wylie to city of Winnfield, Texas.
- B. Prepare an estimated cost to upgrade the facility to possibly a Class 3 railroad (specific class to be determined in near future) but will need to meet requirements for transporting hazardous materials.

This includes all attributes including but not limited to:

- Bridges
- Roadway grade crossings

- Railbed Ballast
- Crossties
- Railroad signal system
- Existing rail sidings
- Rail right of way maintenance needed
- C. Support the NETRMA in meetings with the NETEX board of directors and other rail entities, as necessary.
- D. NOT INCLUDED IN THIS WORK AUTHORIZATION Assist, IF necessary, the review and selection log a new rail operator for NETEX resulting from a current RPF that is currently out for interested bidders. This separate effort and cost will not be included in this WA and will only utilized if it comes to fruition and the NETEX board formally requests such assistance.

Attachment B Fee Schedule

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General Engineering Consultants Totals Associated with WA#12 - Review and assess the existing condition of the current approximately 67-mile NETEX rail facility from the city of Wylie to city of Winnfield Texas. Prepare an estimated cost to upgrade the facility to possibly a Class 3 railroad (specific class to be determined in near future) but will need to meet requirements for transporting hazardous materials.

Task ID	Description	Price
10	Program Management and Quality Control Total	\$6,258.80
20	Prepare an Estimated Cost to Upgrade the Railroad Facility	\$67,244.50
30	Expenses	\$1,496.70
	GEC Sub-Total	\$75,000.00

Total Work Authorization #11 Amount = \$75,000.00

Submittal Date: 10/16/25