



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HOSPITAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATION FOR HCAI PREAPPROVED AGENCY (OPAA) FOR STRUCTURAL TESTS AND SPECIAL INSPECTIONS			OFFICE USE ONLY	
			OPAA-0109	
Approved Agency	City	County	State	ZIP Code
GEOCON WEST INC.	BURBANK	Los Angeles	CA	91502
APPLICATION TYPE				
Combined Testing AND Special Inspection Agency				
APPLICANT INFORMATION				
Applicant Name Phillip Stephens		Position in the Organization Lab Manager		
Agency's Local Name Geocon West, Inc.		Application Date 2/10/2026		
Phone Number (818) 841-8388		E-mail STEPHENS@GEOCONINC.COM		
Address of Facility Location (Each facility location requires separate application.)				
Street 500 NORTH VICTORY BLVD.				
City BURBANK		County Los Angeles	State CA	Zip Code 91502
Facility Mailing Address				
Street 500 North Victory Blvd.				
City Burbank		State CA	Zip Code 91502	
Key Agency Personnel				
Engineering Manager - Name Neal D Berliner		CA Registration Number G2576	Expiration Date 12/31/2027	
Title in the Organization President/Manager of Inspection & Testing Services		Phone Number (818) 841-8388		
Alternate Phone Number (213) 369-2881		E-Mail berliner@geoconinc.com		
Key Agency Personnel				
Alternate Engineering Manager - Name Harry Derkalousdian		CA Registration Number C79694	Expiration Date 09/30/2026	
Title in the Organization Vice President/Senior Engineer		Phone Number (818) 841-8388		
Alternate Phone Number (818) 642-7242		E-Mail derkalousdian@geoconinc.com		



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Key Agency Personnel

Geotechnical Engineering Contact - Name Neal D Berliner	CA Registration Number C57123	Expiration Date 12/31/2027
Title in the Organization President/Manager of Inspection & Testing Services	Phone Number (818) 841-8388	
Alternate Phone Number (213) 369-2881	E-Mail berliner@geoconinc.com	

Key Testing Personnel

Testing Supervisor - Name Phillip Stephens	CA Registration Number	Expiration Date
Title in the Organization Lab Manager	Phone Number (818) 841-8388	
Alternate Phone Number (909) 301-1365	E-Mail stephens@geoconinc.com	

Key Testing Personnel

Field Testing Supervisor - Name Phillip Stephens	CA Registration Number	Expiration Date
Title in the Organization Lab Manager	Phone Number (818) 841-8388	
Alternate Phone Number (909) 301-1365	E-Mail stephens@geoconinc.com	

Key Special Inspections Personnel

Special Inspection Supervisor - Name Neal D Berliner	CA Registration Number C57123	Expiration Date 12/31/2027
Title in the Organization President/Manager of Inspection & Testing Services	Phone Number (818) 841-8388	
Alternate Phone Number (213) 369-2881	E-Mail berliner@geoconinc.com	

Key Special Inspections Personnel

Field Special Inspection Supervisor - Name Neal D Berliner	CA Registration Number C57123	Expiration Date 12/31/2027
Title in the Organization President/Manager of Inspection & Testing Services	Phone Number (818) 841-8388	
Alternate Phone Number (213) 369-2881	E-Mail berliner@geoconinc.com	



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ACCREDITATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Agency currently holds accreditation by: *(Attach a copy of current accreditation details.)*

AASHTO Accreditation Program (AAP)

DSA/LEA

Latest Expiration Date *(if any)* 05/29/2028

Is this Agency accepted in the Division of the State Architect Laboratory Evaluation and Acceptance Program, DSA-LEA?

☐ No ☒ Yes

Expiration Date 05/29/2028

LEA # 235

Basis for accreditation

- ☒ AASHTO R18: Standard Recommended Practice for Establishing and Implementing a Quality System for Construction Materials Testing Laboratories
- ☒ ASTM E 329: Specification for Agencies Engaged in the Testing and/or Inspection of Materials Used in Construction
- ☒ ASTM C 1077: Practice for Laboratories Testing Concrete and Concrete Aggregates for Use in Construction and Criteria for Laboratory Evaluation
- ☒ ASTM D 3666: Specification for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Testing and Inspecting Bituminous Paving Materials
- ☒ ASTM D 3740: Practice for Evaluation of Agencies Engaged in Testing and/or Inspections of Soils and Rock as Used Engineering Design and Construction
- ☒ ASTM C 1093: Practice for Accreditation of Testing Agencies for Unit Masonry

Basis for Test Technician/Special Inspector Qualification

- ☒ DSA-LEA approval as test Technician/special inspector
- ☒ Certification listed in IAS AC 291 Table 1: Minimum Qualifications for Special Inspectors
- ☒ Welding inspectors satisfying the requirements of the CBC Section 1705A.2.5



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APPLICABLE TEST STANDARDS FOR WHICH AGENCY IS APPROVED

1	SOILS AND FOUNDATIONS
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Tests

Standard	Test Procedure	Standard	Test Procedure
ASTM D421	Dry Prep of Soil	ASTM D2488	Identification of Soil (Visual)
ASTM D422	Particle Size Analysts	ASTM D3080	Direct Shear
ASTM D698	Compaction of Soil-Standard	ASTM D3744	Durability Index
ASTM D854	Specific Gravity of Soil	ASTM D4318	Liquid I Plastic Limit
ASTM D1140	No. 200 Wash	ASTM D4546	Swell or Collapse Test
ASTM D1556	Density of Soils – Sand Cone	ASTM D4643	Microwave Moisture of Soils
ASTM D1557	Soil Compaction – Modified	ASTM D4718	Oversize Rock Correction
ASTM D2216	Water Content of Soil	ASTM D4829	Expansion Index
ASTM D2419	Sand Equivalent Value	ASTM D6913	Gradation of Soil Using Sieve Analysis
ASTM D2435	Consolidation Test	ASTM D6938	Density of Soils – Nuclear Gage
ASTM D2487	Classification of Soils		

Tests that are in the lab's scope but are not listed above should be provided in the space(s) below.

Standard	Test Procedure	Standard	Test Procedure

2	CONCRETE
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Tests

Standard	Test Procedure	Standard	Test Procedure
ASTM A615	Tension Test	ASTM C173	Air Content (V)
ASTM A706	Tension and Bend	ASTM C192	Making I Curing Specimens - Lab
ASTM A1034	Rebar Mechanical Splices	ASTM C231	Air Content (P)
AASHTO M 201	Moisture Rooms	ASTM C511	Moist Cure Rooms/Tanks
ASTM C29	Unit Weight I Voids	ASTM C617	Capping Concrete Specimens
ASTM C31	Concrete Sampling - Field	ASTM C702	Reducing Aggregate Samples
ASTM C39	Compressive Strength	ASTM C1064	Temperature
ASTM C40	Organic Impurities	ASTM C1231	Unbonded Caps
ASTM C42	Concrete Core	ASTM C1252	Uncompacted Void Content
ASTM C117	No. 200 Wash	ASTM C1542	Measuring Length of Cores
ASTM C127	Specific Gravity - Coarse	ASTM D75	Sampling Aggregate
ASTM C128	Specific Gravity - Fine	ASTM D2419	Sand Equivalent Value
ASTM C136	Sieve Analysis Course I Fine	ASTM D2950	In-Situ Density with Nuc. Gauge
ASTM C138	Density I Yield I Air Content	ASTM D3744	Aggregate Durability Index
ASTM C142	Clay I Friable Particles	ASTM D4791	Flat Elongated Pieces in Aggregate
ASTM C143	Slump	ASTM D5821	Percent Crushed Particles

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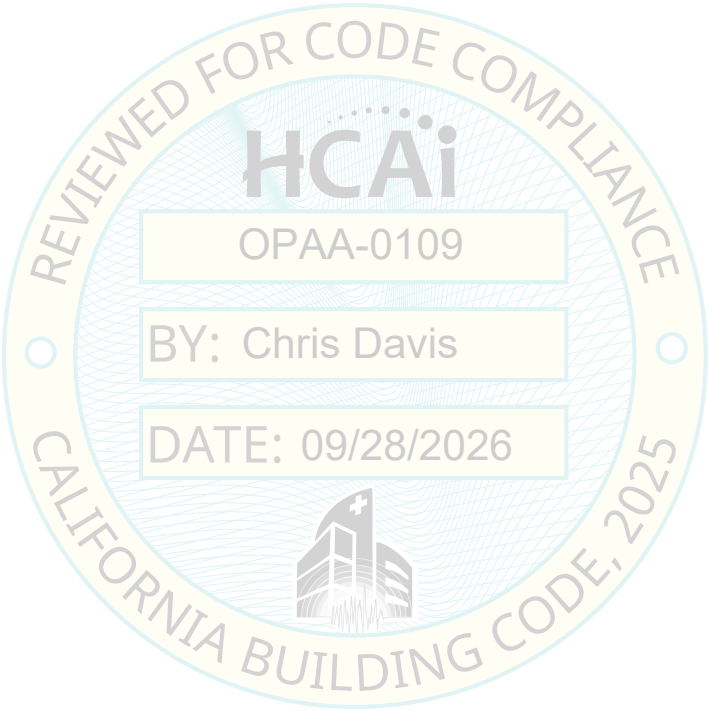
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2	CONCRETE		
Tests			
Standard	Test Procedure	Standard	Test Procedure
ASTM C172	Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete		
Tests that are in the lab's scope but are not listed above should be provided in the space(s) below.			
Standard	Test Procedure	Standard	Test Procedure
3	MASONRY		
Tests			
Standard	Test Procedure	Standard	Test Procedure
ASTM C39	Core Compressive Strength	ASTM C1314	Compressive Strength of Masonry Prism
ASTM C140	Absorption, Compressive Strength, Unit Weight, Dimensions & Moisture Content	ASTM C1552	Capping CMU, Related Units & Masonry Prisms for Compression Testing
ASTM C1019	Sampling and Testing Grout (Compressive Strength)		
Tests that are in the lab's scope but are not listed above should be provided in the space(s) below.			
Standard	Test Procedure	Standard	Test Procedure
4	STEEL		
Tests			
Standard	Test Procedure	Standard	Test Procedure
ASTM A370	Tension & Bend Test	ASTM E18	Rockwell Hardness
ASTM A970	Headed Steel Bars Bend Test	ASTM F606	Bolt Tension Test
ASTM E10	Brinell Hardness		
Tests that are in the lab's scope but are not listed above should be provided in the space(s) below.			
Standard	Test Procedure	Standard	Test Procedure
Other		Other	
5	WOOD AND ROOF ASSEMBLIES		
Tests			
Standard	Test Procedure	Standard	Test Procedure
Tests that are in the lab's scope but are not listed above should be provided in the space(s) below.			
Standard	Test Procedure	Standard	Test Procedure
6	COMPONENT, ASSEMBLY, PROTOTYPE & MISCELLANEOUS		
Tests			
Standard	Test Procedure	Standard	Test Procedure



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6	COMPONENT, ASSEMBLY, PROTOTYPE & MISCELLANEOUS		
Tests			
Tests that are in the lab's scope but are not listed above should be provided in the space(s) below.			
Standard	Test Procedure	Standard	Test Procedure



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7	TEST TECHNICIANS				
* To update expiration date a renewal application for OPAA and proof of renewal for certification/license shall be required.					
Test Technician's Name	Certification/ License type	Certification/ Licensing Agency	Certification/ License Number	Expiration Date*	Indicate Full Time, Part Time, or Consultant
Alfonso Arellano	Concrete Strength Testing Technician	ACI	01053918	04/08/2029	Full-Time
Alfonso Arellano	Concrete Field Testing Technician - Grade I	ACI	01053918	09/13/2029	Full-Time
Jared P Hersh	Masonry Laboratory Testing Technician	ACI	02268714	04/16/2031	Full-Time
Jared P Hersh	Masonry Field Testing Technician	ACI	02268714	03/23/2031	Full-Time
Jared P Hersh	Concrete Strength Testing Technician	ACI	02268714	02/17/2030	Full-Time
Jared P Hersh	Concrete Laboratory Testing Technician - Level 1	ACI	02268714	02/17/2030	Full-Time
Jared P Hersh	Concrete Field Testing Technician - Grade I	ACI	02268714	10/10/2030	Full-Time
Jared P Hersh	Aggregate Testing Technician - Level 2	ACI	02268714	08/18/2030	Full-Time
Jared P Hersh	Aggregate Testing Technician - Level 1	ACI	02268714	08/29/2029	Full-Time
Jared P Hersh	Aggregate Base Testing Technician	ACI	02268714	03/21/2029	Full-Time
Jason Lewin	Concrete Strength Testing Technician	ACI	02272524	10/28/2029	Full-Time
Jason Lewin	Concrete Laboratory Testing Technician - Level 1	ACI	02272524	10/24/2030	Full-Time
Jason Lewin	Concrete Field Testing Technician - Grade I	ACI	02272524	04/26/2029	Full-Time
Jason Lewin	Aggregate Testing Technician - Level 1	ACI	02272524	10/23/2030	Full-Time
Alix Morales Sandoval	Concrete Strength Testing Technician	ACI	02316985	10/27/2030	Full-Time
Alix Morales Sandoval	Concrete Field Testing Technician - Grade I	ACI	02316985	12/13/2029	Full-Time
Phillip A Stephens	Masonry Laboratory Testing Technician	ACI	01246016	06/02/2031	Full-Time
Phillip A Stephens	Masonry Field Testing Technician	ACI	01246016	06/30/2031	Full-Time



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Phillip A Stephens	Concrete Strength Testing Technician	ACI	01246016	04/08/2029	Full-Time
Phillip A Stephens	Concrete Laboratory Testing Technician - Level 2	ACI	01246016	10/21/2030	Full-Time
Phillip A Stephens	Concrete Laboratory Testing Technician - Level 1	ACI	01246016	04/08/2029	Full-Time
Phillip A Stephens	Concrete Field Testing Technician - Grade I	ACI	01246016	05/10/2029	Full-Time
Phillip A Stephens	Aggregate Testing Technician - Level 2	ACI	01246016	10/23/2029	Full-Time
Phillip A Stephens	Aggregate Testing Technician - Level 1	ACI	01246016	01/04/2028	Full-Time
Phillip A Stephens	Aggregate Base Testing Technician	ACI	01246016	06/08/2031	Full-Time
Test Technicians with expired license shall not be permitted to perform Tests.					

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APPLICABLE SPECIAL INSPECTIONS FOR WHICH AGENCY IS APPROVED			
8	SOILS AND FOUNDATIONS		
Special Inspections			
Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection	Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection
CBC 1705/1705A	Cast-in-place Deep Foundations	CBC 1705/1705A	Driven Deep Foundations
CBC 1705/1705A	Soils (Excavations and Fills)		
Special Inspections that are in the lab's scope but are not listed above should be provided in the space(s) below.			
Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection	Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection
9	CONCRETE		
Special Inspections			
Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection	Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection
CBC 1705/1705A	Post-Installed Anchors	CBC 1705/1705A	Shotcrete
CBC 1705/1705A & ACI 318	Pre-Stressed Concrete	CBC 1705/1705A & ACI 318	Reinforced Cast-In-Place Concrete
CBC 1705/1705A & ACI 318	Reinforced Pre-Cast Concrete	CBC 1705/1705A & AWS D1.4	Rebar Welding
CBC 1705/1705A and ASTM C94	Batch Plant		
Special Inspections that are in the lab's scope but are not listed above should be provided in the space(s) below.			
Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection	Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection
10	MASONRY		
Special Inspections			
Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection	Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection
CBC 1705/1705A & AWS D1.4	Rebar Welding	CBC 1705/1705A & TMS 602	Masonry Placement
Special Inspections that are in the lab's scope but are not listed above should be provided in the space(s) below.			
Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection	Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection
11	STEEL		
Special Inspections			
Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection	Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection
CBC 1705/1705A	Fireproofing (Spray Applied)	CBC 1705/1705A	Structural Cold-Formed Steel
CBC 1705/1705A, AISC 360 & 341	High Strength Bolts	CBC 1705/1705A, AISC 360 & 341	Steel Fabrication & Erection
CBC 1705/1705A, AWS QC1, AISC 360 & 341	Welding		



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11	STEEL		
Special Inspections			
Special Inspections that are in the lab's scope but are not listed above should be provided in the space(s) below.			
Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection	Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection
12	WOOD AND ROOF ASSEMBLIES		
Special Inspections			
Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection	Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection
Special Inspections that are in the lab's scope but are not listed above should be provided in the space(s) below.			
Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection	Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection
13	NONSTRUCTURAL COMPONENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL INSPECTIONS		
Special Inspections			
Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection	Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection
Special Inspections that are in the lab's scope but are not listed above should be provided in the space(s) below.			
Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection	Code/Standard	Field and Types of Inspection

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14	SPECIAL INSPECTORS				
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Inspector's Name	Certification/ License type	Certification/ Licensing Agency	Certification/ License Number	Expiration Date*	Indicate Full Time, Part Time, or Consultant
Erik Bezanson	Structural Welding Special Inspector	ICC	5308543	03/02/2027	Full-Time
Erik Bezanson	Structural Steel and Bolting Special Inspector	ICC	5308543	03/02/2027	Full-Time
Erik Bezanson	Structural Masonry Special Inspector	ICC	5308543	03/02/2027	Full-Time
Erik Bezanson	Soils Special Inspector	ICC	5308543	03/02/2027	Full-Time
Erik Bezanson	Spray Applied Fire Proofing Special Inspector	ICC	5308543	03/02/2027	Full-Time
Erik Bezanson	Reinforced Concrete Special Inspector	ICC	5308543	03/02/2027	Full-Time
Erik Bezanson	Master of Special Inspections	ICC	5308543	03/02/2027	Full-Time
Erik Bezanson	California Commercial Building Inspector	ICC	5308543	03/02/2027	Full-Time
Grant Coe	Structural Steel and Bolting Special Inspector	ICC	5242590	02/14/2027	Full-Time
Grant Coe	Structural Welding Special Inspector	ICC	5242590	02/14/2027	Full-Time
Grant Coe	Structural Masonry Special Inspector	ICC	5242590	02/14/2027	Full-Time
Grant Coe	California Commercial Building Inspector	ICC	5242590	02/14/2027	Full-Time
Grant COE	Reinforced Concrete Special Inspector	ICC	5242590	02/14/2027	Full-Time
Grant Coe	Soils Special Inspector	ICC	5242590	01/04/2027	Full-Time
Razmik Davidian	Master of Special Inspection	ICC	5312036	12/22/2028	Full-Time
Razmik Davidian	Reinforced Concrete Special Inspector	ICC	5312036	12/22/2028	Full-Time
Razmik Davidian	Prestressed Concrete Special Inspector	ICC	5312036	12/22/2028	Full-Time

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Razmik Davidian	Spray Applied Fire Proofing Special Inspector	ICC	5312036	12/22/2028	Full-Time
Razmik Davidian	Soils Special Inspector	ICC	5312036	12/22/2028	Full-Time
Razmik Davidian	Structural Steel and Bolting Special Inspector	ICC	5312036	12/22/2028	Full-Time
Razmik Davidian	Structural Masonry Special Inspector	ICC	5312036	12/22/2028	Full-Time
Razmik Davidian	Structural Welding Special Inspector	ICC	5312036	12/22/2028	Full-Time
Razmik Davidian	California Commercial Building Inspector	ICC	5312036	12/22/2028	Full-Time
Razmik Davidian	Certified Welding Inspector (CWI)	AWS	11030641	03/01/2029	Full-Time
Matthew Lewin	California Commercial Building Inspector	ICC	8023351	08/26/2027	Full-Time
Matthew Lewin	Soils Special Inspector	ICC	8023351	09/01/2029	Full-Time
Special Inspectors with expired license shall not be permitted to perform Tests.					



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15	SUMMARY OF AGENCY'S TESTING AND SPECIAL INSPECTION SERVICES	
Structural Tests & Special Inspections		
Structural Tests		Structural Special Inspections
Aggregate		Batch Plant
Concrete		Deep Foundations
High-Strength Bolts and other Fasteners		Earthwork
Masonry		High-Strength Bolts and other Fasteners
Post-Installed Anchors		Masonry
Reinforcing Steel		Nonstructural Components, Supports and Attachments
Shotcrete		Post-Installed Anchors
Soil		Pre-Cast Concrete
Steel		Pre-Stressed Concrete
		Reinforced Concrete
		Shotcrete
		Spray Applied Fireproofing
		Steel Welding
Tests and Special Inspections that are in the Agency's scope but are not listed above should be provided in the space(s) below.		
HCAI Approval (For Office Use Only)		
Print Name:	Chris Davis	Approval Date: 09/28/2026
Title:	District Structural Engineer	Approval Expiration Date: 05/29/2028
Condition of approval (if applicable):		