UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION - DETROIT

IN THE MATTER OF:

Fieldstone A&E, LLC, *d/b/a* Fieldstone Engineering, *d/b/a* Fieldstone A & E, *d/b/a* Fieldstone Architecture, *d/b/a* Fieldstone Architecture & Engineering, Debtor.	Bankruptcy Case No. 26-48494-tjt Hon. Thomas J. Tucker Chapter 11 *Subchapter V*

FIRST DAY APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 156(C) AND FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 2002 AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA GLOBAL AS NOTICING, CLAIMS, AND BALLOTING AGENT

NOW COMES Fieldstone A&E, LLC, *d/b/a* Fieldstone Architecture & Engineering, *d/b/a* Fieldstone A&E, *d/b/a* Fieldstone Engineering, *d/b/a* Fieldstone Architecture (the "Debtor"), as Debtor and Debtor in possession, by and through its counsel, Stevenson & Bullock, P.L.C., and who hereby requests that this Court enter an Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

The Debtor, in support of its First Day Application for Entry of an Order Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) and Federal Bankruptcy Rule 2002 Authorizing the Employment, and Retention of Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC, *d/b/a* Verita Global as Noticing, Claims, and Balloting Agent ("Application") states:

JURISDICTION

1. The Court has jurisdiction over this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.

2. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).

3. Venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409(a).

BACKGROUND

4. On July 30, 2026, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition (the "Petition Date") in this Court for relief under chapter 11, subchapter V, of Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1330, as amended (the "Bankruptcy Code").

5. The Debtor continues to manage and operate its business as debtor-in-possession pursuant to § 1184 of the Bankruptcy Code.

6. A subchapter V Trustee has not yet been appointed or designated in this case.

7. Ryan Rasmussen is the responsible person for the Debtor.

8. The factual background relating to the Debtor's commencement of the chapter 11 case is set forth in detail in the Declaration of Ryan Rasmussen in Support of First Day Pleadings (the "Rasmussen Declaration"), which is being filed contemporaneously herewith and is incorporated herein by reference.

REQUESTED RELIEF

9. The Debtor is seeking entry of an order authorizing the Debtor to retain and employ Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC, *d/b/a* Verita Global ("Verita") as its noticing, claims, and balloting agent (the "Claims Agent") to perform the following services, among other things, at the discretion of the Debtor: (i) serve as the Court's noticing agent to mail certain notices to the Debtor's creditors and parties in interest; (ii) provide claims, claims objection, and balloting services and maintain a claims register; and (iii) provide expertise, consultation, and assistance in claim and ballot processing, and other administrative information and functions related to the Debtor's bankruptcy case.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

10. The Debtor proposes to engage Verita on the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement for services attached as **Exhibit 3** (the "Agreement for Services").

11. The Debtor believe that Verita is well qualified and able to represent it in this chapter 11 case in a professional, competent, efficient, and beneficial manner.

12. Within the scope of its employment, as more fully set forth in the Agreement for Services, Verita would serve as Claims Agent, and would perform,

at the request of the Debtor or the Bankruptcy Court's Clerk's Office (the "Clerk's Office"), the following services:

a. Prepare and serve required notices in this chapter 11 case, including, as necessary, notice of the commencement of this chapter 11 case and the bar date established by the Court and notice of any hearings on a disclosure statement and confirmation of a chapter 11 plan;

b. After service of a particular notice—whether by regular mail, overnight or hand delivery, email, or facsimile service—prepare and file with the Clerk's Office the required certificate or affidavit of service;

c. Maintain copies of all proofs of claim and proofs of interest filed;

d. Maintain an official claims register by docketing all proofs of claim and proofs of interest on a register containing relevant information;

e. Create and administer a claims database;

f. Maintain original proofs of claim, and protect the integrity of these original documents from theft and/or alteration;

g. Implement necessary security measures to ensure the completeness and integrity of the claims register;

h. Transmit to the Clerk's Office a copy of the claims register on a monthly basis (unless requested on a more or less frequent basis) or, in the alternative, make available the Proof of Claim docket online to the Clerk's Office;

i. Maintain an up to date mailing list of all entities that have requested service of pleadings in this case and all entities that have filed a proof of claim or proof of interest, which lists shall be available upon request of the Clerk's Office;

j. Provide access to the public for examination of copies of the proofs of claim or proofs of interest filed in this case without charge during regular business hours;

k. Record all transfers of claims pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e) and provide notice of such transfers as required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e);

l. Comply with applicable federal, state, municipal, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and other requirements;

m. Provide an electronic interface for filing proofs of claim;

n. If and as requested by the Debtor, provide balloting services in connection with the solicitation process for any chapter 11 plan;

o. Provide such other claims processing, noticing, balloting, and related administrative services as may be requested from time to time by the Debtor, the Court, or the Clerk's Office; and

p. Promptly comply with such further conditions and requirements as the Clerk's Office or the Court may at any time prescribe.

13. In connection with its appointment as Claims Agent, Verita represents, among other things, that:

a. Verita will not consider itself employed by the United States and shall not seek any compensation from the United States in its capacity as the Claims Agent in this chapter 11 case;

b. By accepting appointment in this chapter 11 case, Verita waives any rights to receive compensation from the United States in its capacity as the Claims Agent in this chapter 11 case;

c. In its capacity as the Claims Agent in this chapter 11 case, Verita will not be an agent of the United States and will not act on behalf of the United States;

d. In its capacity as the Claims Agent in this chapter 11 case, Verita will not misrepresent any fact to any person; and

e. Verita will not employ any past or present employees of the Debtor in connection with its work as the Claims Agent in this Chapter 11 case.

14. Due to numerous filings and notices that may be served on creditors and parties in interest in this case, including but not limited to a 341 hearing notice, the Debtor seeks approval of this Application on a First Day basis in order to avoid any unnecessary duplication of efforts between the Clerk's office and Verita, should Verita's employment be approved.

15. Verita shall be compensated for services rendered as the Debtor's Claims Agent in accordance with the Agreement for Services.

16. In support of this Application, the Debtor submits the Declaration of Darlene Calderon, a Corporate Restructuring Director of Verita (the "Declaration"), attached as **Exhibit 2.**

BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

17. Under Bankruptcy Rule 2002, the Court may direct that a person other than the Clerk of the Court serve notices upon creditors and parties in interest. Moreover, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c), the Court is empowered to utilize outside agents and facilities to send notices and perform other tasks, provided that the costs of these facilities and services are paid out of the assets of the Debtor's estate. The employment and retention of Verita as the Claims Agent is therefore expressly authorized by federal statute and the Bankruptcy Rules.

18. There are over 500 noticing parties involved in the Debtor's chapter 11 case. Therefore, it appears that the noticing of court papers would be unduly time

consuming and burdensome for the Debtor and the Clerk's office.

19. Verita has substantial experience in the matters upon which it is to be engaged. It is one of the country's leading chapter 11 claims management, consultants, and administrators with vast experience in noticing, claims processing, claims reconciliation, balloting, and distributions.

20. Verita specializes in noticing, claims agent, and balloting services, and has a proprietary claims management system in which claims are effectively managed for the Clerk of the Court.

21. The Debtor has selected Verita as its Claims Agent because of the firm's experience in serving in such capacity in this chapter 11 case and the reasonableness of its fees.

22. The Debtor believes that Verita is well-qualified to provide such services, expertise, consultation, and assistance. As stated in the Declaration, Verita has provided identical or substantially similar services in other chapter 11 cases in a variety of jurisdictions.

23. By appointing Verita as the Claims Agent in this chapter 11 case, parties in interest will benefit from Verita's significant experience and the efficient and cost-effective methods that it has developed.

24. With respect to Verita's compensation, the Debtor request authority to compensate and reimburse Verita in accordance with the payment terms of the

Agreement for Services for all services rendered and expenses incurred in connection with the Debtor's chapter 11 case. The Debtor and Verita have agreed (subject to the Court's authorization hereof) that Verita shall invoice the Debtor monthly for services rendered to the Debtor during the preceding month. The Debtor believes that such terms are reasonable and appropriate for services of this nature and comparable to those charged by other providers for similar services.

25. In an effort to reduce the administrative expenses related to Verita's retention, the Debtor seeks authorization to pay Verita's fees and expenses, as set forth in the Agreement for Services, as administrative expenses of the estate and without the necessity of Verita filing formal fee applications; provided, however, that the United States Trustee shall be provided copies of all of Verita's invoices and shall have a period of 10 days to object to the amount of such invoice prior to the Debtor's payment of such amounts or such shorter time as agreed to by the United States Trustee.

26. If any dispute arises between the Debtor and Verita with respect to fees and expenses, such dispute shall be presented to the Court for resolution.

27. Verita acknowledges that it will perform its duties if it is retained in the Debtor's chapter 11 case regardless of payment, and to the extent that Verita requires redress, it will seek appropriate relief from the Court.

28. Courts in this jurisdiction as in other jurisdictions have recognized the

efficacy of appointing noticing, claims, and balloting agents, and approved similar relief in other chapter 11 cases. *See*, *e.g.*, *In re BillNat Corporation,* Case No. 17-54357 (Bank. E.D. Mich., filed October 13, 2017) [Dkt. No. 172]; *In re Frank W. Kerr Company,* Case No. 16-51724 [Dkt. No. 137] (Bank. E.D. Mich., filed August 23, 2016); *In re LSC Liquidation, Inc.*, Case No. 15-45784 [Dkt. No. 103] (Bankr. E.D Mich. May 6, 2015); *In re Greektown Holdings, LLC*, Case No. 08-53104 [Dkt. No. 211] (Bankr. E.D. Mich. July 10, 2008); *In re Plastech Engineered Prods., Inc.*, Case No. 08-42417 [Dkt. No. 101] (Bankr. E.D. Mich. Feb. 6, 2008).

29. Accordingly, the Debtor seeks the entry of an Order authorizing the employment and retention of Verita as the Claims Agent to perform the services as described herein and in the Agreement for Services.

DISINTERESTEDNESS

30. To the best of Debtor's knowledge, and except as disclosed in the Declaration, neither Verita nor any of its officers or employees (i) holds or represents any interest materially adverse to the Debtor, the Debtor's creditors, or any other party in interest or their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee or any person employed in the United States Trustee's Office with respect to the services described herein and in the Agreement for Services, and (ii) does not hold or represent an interest materially adverse to the Debtor's estate.

31. To the best of Debtor's knowledge, Verita is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.

32. The Debtor has been advised that Verita will conduct an ongoing review of its files to ensure that no conflicts or other disqualifying circumstances exist or arise. If any new relevant facts or circumstances are discovered, Verita will supplement its disclosure to the Court.

33. The Debtor has been advised that, other than with its own affiliates, partners, members, officers, and employees, Verita has agreed not to share with any person or firm the compensation to be paid for professional services rendered in connection with this case.

34. The Debtor has been advised by Verita that it will be responsive to all constituencies, including, without limitation, the Court, the Clerk's Office, the United States Trustee, the Debtor's attorneys, the subchapter V Trustee, and the claimants themselves.

NOTICE

35. Notice of this Application has been served on the following parties or, in lieu thereof, to their counsel, if known: (i) the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Michigan; (ii) those creditors listed on the Debtor's List of Creditors Holding 20 Largest Unsecured Claims; and (iii) the Debtor's prepetition

secured lenders. In light of the nature of the relief requested herein, the Debtor submits that no other or further notice need be given.

NO PRIOR REQUEST

36. No previous motion for the requested relief sought herein has been made to this or any other court.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Debtor respectfully requests that the Court enter an order, substantially in the form attached as **Exhibit 1**, granting the relief requested in the Application and such additional relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,
STEVENSON & BULLOCK, P.L.C.

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Dated: July 30, 2026

EXHIBIT 1

PROPOSED ORDER

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION - DETROIT

IN THE MATTER OF:

Fieldstone A&E, LLC, *d/b/a* Fieldstone Engineering, *d/b/a* Fieldstone A & E, *d/b/a* Fieldstone Architecture, *d/b/a* Fieldstone Architecture & Engineering, Debtor.	Bankruptcy Case No. 26-48494-tjt Hon. Thomas J. Tucker Chapter 11 *Subchapter V*

ORDER PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 156(C) AND FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 2002 AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT, AND RETENTION OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA GLOBAL AS NOTICING, CLAIMS, AND BALLOTING AGENT

This matter having come before the Court on the First Day Application for Entry of an Order Pursuant To 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) and Federal Bankruptcy Rule 2002 Authorizing the Employment, And Retention of Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global as Noticing, Claims, and Balloting Agent ("Application")[1] and the Declaration of Darlene S. Calderon filed in support of the Application; the Court having found that: (a) jurisdiction to consider the Application is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (b) venue is proper before this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; (c) notice of the Application was properly provided; and (d) good

[1] Capitalized terms used but not defined have the meanings given to them in the Application.

cause exists to grant the relief requested in the Application; and the Court being fully advised in the premises and having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Application is GRANTED**.**

2. Except to the extent modified herein, the Application and the Agreement for Services are approved and the Debtor is authorized to employ and retain Verita as the Claims Agent, rendering services through its professionals as well as its electronic, internet and computer-based methods and systems, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein.

3. The Debtor is authorized to pay Verita's fees and expenses without Verita having to file fee applications and without further order of this Court upon the submission by Verita of monthly invoices to the Debtor describing, in reasonable detail, the services for which compensation is sought, in accordance with the Agreement for Services attached to the Application; provided, however, that the United States Trustee shall be provided copies of all of Verita's invoices and shall have a period of 10 days to object to the amount of such invoice prior to the Debtor's payment of such amounts or such shorter time as agreed to by the United States Trustee.

4. Pursuant to section 503(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, the fees and

expenses of Verita incurred pursuant to the Agreement for Services shall be an administrative expense of the Debtor's estate.

5. The Debtor is authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary to implement the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Application.

6. If Verita's retention is terminated pursuant to the terms of the Agreement for Services or an order of this Court, Verita shall cooperate with any successor claims agent and the Clerk's Office to ensure the proper transfer of claims and other engagement-related data. Nothing herein or in the Agreement for Services shall obligate a successor chapter 7 trustee or chapter 11 trustee to retain Verita.

7. Any dispute with respect to the fees and expenses of Verita shall be brought before this Court for a final determination.

8. Notwithstanding any provision of the Application or the Agreement for Services to the contrary, the Court retains jurisdiction with respect to any controversy claim arising out of or relating to the Agreement for Service during the pendency of the Debtor's Chapter 11 case.

9. Notwithstanding the possible applicability of Bankruptcy Rules 6004, 7062, and 9014, the terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

10. Upon completion of administration of the bankruptcy case, the Claims Agent must:

a. deliver to the Clerk of the Court electronic images of the claims register maintained by the Claims Agent and electronic images of all claims and supporting documentation for such claims received by the Claims Agent;

b. file in the bankruptcy case in which the Claims Agent was appointed, an affidavit:

i. attesting that the electronic images delivered to the Clerk of the Court are true and correct copies of the claims register, claims and supporting documentation;

ii. stating the location and the contact information of the individual or entity in possession of the claims register, claims and supporting documentation; and

iii. retain the claims register, claims and supporting documentation, and must not deliver them to the clerk or destroy them, unless and until specifically authorized to do so by the Court in the case in which the Claims Agent was appointed.

11. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

12. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all matters arising from or related to the interpretation or enforcement of this Order.

EXHIBIT 2

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION - DETROIT

IN THE MATTER OF:

Fieldstone A&E, LLC, *d/b/a* Fieldstone Architecture & Engineering, *d/b/a* Fieldstone A & E, *d/b/a* Fieldstone Engineering, *d/b/a* Fieldstone Architecture, Debtor.	Bankruptcy Case No. 26-48494-tjt Hon. Thomas J. Tucker Chapter 11 *Subchapter V*

DECLARATION OF EVAN GERSHBEIN IN SUPPORT OF FIRST DAY APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 156(C) AND FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 2002 AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT, AND RETENTION OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA GLOBAL AS NOTICING, CLAIMS, AND BALLOTING AGENT

Evan Gershbein makes this Declaration pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and states:

1. I am an Executive Vice President of Corporate Restructuring at Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC *d/b/a* Verita Global ("Verita"), a firm whose services include a specialization in claims management and the administration of large bankruptcy cases with offices located at 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3rd Floor, El Segundo, California 90245.

2. I submit this declaration ("Declaration") in support of the above captioned Debtor's First Day Application for Entry of an Order Pursuant To 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) and Federal Bankruptcy Rule 2002 Authorizing the Employment,

And Retention of Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC *d/b/a* Verita Global as Noticing, Claims, and Balloting Agent (the "Application") pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Application and the Agreement for Services attached as **Exhibit 3** to the Application, Except as otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.

3. The services Verita proposes to render as Claims Agent are described in the Application and the Agreement for Services, which are incorporated herein by reference.

4. Verita is one of the country's leading chapter 11 administrators with experience in providing claims management and related services to chapter 11 debtors in connection with the administration of a chapter 11 case, solicitation, and tabulation of votes to accept or reject plans of reorganization, and noticing to parties in interest in a chapter 11 case. Verita also specializes and has expertise in serving as outside claims agent to the United States Bankruptcy Court with respect to all aspects of claims administration, including docketing and storage of claims, maintenance of claims registers, and related noticing services.

5. Verita has provided identical or substantially similar services to other chapter 11 debtors in other cases. Accordingly, I believe Verita is well-qualified to act as the claims agent in this chapter 11 case.

6. The compensation arrangement provided for in the Agreement for

Services, including Verita's rates, is consistent with and typical of arrangements entered into by Verita and other such firms with respect to rendering similar services in other chapter 11 cases.

7. In connection with the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses, it is Verita's policy to charge its clients for direct expenses incurred in connection with providing client services. These expenses and charges include, but are not limited to, postage, long distance telephone charges, hand delivery and other delivery charges, travel expenses, overtime meals and travel, computerized research, transcription costs, and photocopying charges.

8. In connection with its appointment as the claims agent, Verita represents, among other things, that:

a. Verita will not consider itself employed by the United States and shall not seek any compensation from the United States in its capacity as the Claims Agent in this chapter 11 case;

b. By accepting appointment in these chapter 11 case, Verita waives any rights to receive compensation from the United States in its capacity as the Claims Agent in this chapter 11 case;

c. In its capacity as the Claims Agent in this chapter 11 case, Verita will not be an agent of the United States and will not act on behalf of the United States;

d. In its capacity as the Claims Agent in this chapter 11 case, Verita will not misrepresent any fact to any person; and

e. Verita will not employ any past or present employees of the Debtor in connection with its work as the Claims Agent in this chapter 11 case.

9. Although the Debtor does not propose to retain Verita under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code, Verita has nonetheless reviewed its electronic database to determine whether it has any relationships with the entities provided by the Debtor. At this time, we are not aware of any relationship which would present a disqualifying conflict of interest. Should Verita discover any new relevant facts or relationships bearing on the matters described herein during the period of its retention, Verita will use reasonable efforts to file promptly a supplemental affidavit.

10. On May 1, 2023, funds affiliated with GCP Capital Partners LLC ("GCP") indirectly acquired a controlling equity interest in Verita (the "Acquisition"). Pursuant to the Acquisition, an indirect, non-controlling, beneficial minority interest in Verita was acquired by funds affiliated with J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc. ("JPMIM"). GCP is a middle-market private equity investment firm based in New York. GCP has made investments in a number of industries, including tech-enabled business services, payments, and select financials. JPMIM is a U.S. registered investment adviser. Designees of GCP are members of the Board of Managers (the "Board") of Verita's ultimate parent company, KCC Parent LLC ("Parent"). Parent wholly owns Verita Intermediate, LLC, which in turn wholly owns Verita Global, LLC, which in turn wholly owns Verita Global Services, LLC, which in turn wholly owns Verita. One representative

of JPMIM is entitled to attend and observe (but not vote) at all meetings of the Board, but no designee of JPMIM is a member of the Board.

11. Verita searched all entities listed in the list of Potential Parties in Interest against an internal database that includes (i) Verita's parent entities, affiliates, and subsidiaries and (ii) GCP, GCP's funds, and each such fund's respective portfolio companies and investments as set forth in the list most recently provided to Verita by GCP. Based solely on the foregoing search, Verita has determined, to the best of its knowledge, that there are no material connections.

12. To the extent Verita learns of any other connections between the funds or investments included in the above-described conflicts search and the Debtor, Verita will promptly file a supplemental disclosure. In addition, Verita may have had, may currently have, or may in the future have business relationships unrelated to the Debtor with one or more GCP or JPMIM entities including, among others, portfolio companies of GCP.

13. To the best of my knowledge, and based solely upon information provided to me by the Debtor, neither Verita, nor any employee thereof, has any connection with the Debtor, its creditors or any other party in interest herein.

14. Verita personnel may have relationships with some of the Debtor's creditors or other parties in interest. However, to the best of my knowledge, such relationships, to the extent they exist, are of a personal nature and completely

unrelated to this chapter 11 case. Verita has and will continue to represent clients in matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case. Verita is not aware of any relationship that would present a disqualifying conflict of interest. Verita has had and will continue to have relationships in the ordinary course of its business with certain vendors, professionals, and other parties in interest that may be involved in the Debtor's case in matters unrelated to the chapter 11 case. Verita may also provide professional services to entities or persons that may be creditors or parties in interest in this chapter 11 case, which services do not directly relate to, or have any direct connection with this chapter 11 case or the Debtor. To the best of my knowledge, neither Verita, nor any employees thereof, represents any interest materially adverse to the Debtor's estate with respect to any matter upon which Verita is to be engaged. Based on the foregoing, I believe that Verita is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.

15. Although the Debtor does not propose to retain Verita under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code, Verita has nonetheless reviewed its electronic database to determine whether it has any relationships with the entities provided by the Debtor. At this time, we are not aware of any relationship which would present a disqualifying conflict of interest. Should Verita discover any new relevant facts or relationships bearing on the matters described herein during the period of its retention, Verita will use reasonable efforts to file promptly a supplemental

affidavit.

16. The Debtor does not owe Verita any amount for services performed or expenses incurred prior to the Petition Date.

17. Except with respect to its affiliates, members, officers, and employees, there is no agreement or understanding between Verita and any other person or entity for sharing compensation received or to be received for services rendered by Verita in connection with this chapter 11 case.

I declare under penalty and perjury that the forgoing is true and correct and that I executed this Declaration on July 28, 2026.

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Evan J. Gershbein
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Evan Gershbein
Executive Vice President, Corporate Restructuring

EXHIBIT 3

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

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VERITA AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

This Agreement is entered into as of the 7th day of July 2026, between Fieldstone A&E LLC(together with its affiliates and subsidiaries, the "Company"),[1] and Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global (together with its affiliates and subcontractors, "Verita"). In consideration of the premises set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Terms and Conditions

I. SERVICES

A. Verita agrees to provide the Company with consulting services regarding noticing, claims management and reconciliation, plan solicitation, balloting, disbursements and any other services agreed upon by the parties or otherwise required by applicable law, government regulations or court rules or orders.

B. Verita further agrees to provide (i) computer software support and training in the use of the support software, (ii) Verita's standard reports as well as consulting and programming support for the Company requested reports, (iii) program modifications, (iv) data base modifications, and/or (v) other features and services in accordance with the fees outlined in a pricing schedule provided to the Company (the "Verita Fee Structure").

C. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Verita may, upon request by the Company, (i) provide a communications plan including, but not limited to, preparation of communications materials, dissemination of information and a call center staffed by Verita and/or (ii) provide confidential on-line workspaces or virtual data rooms and publish documents to such workspaces or data rooms (which publication shall not be deemed to violate the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement).

D. The price listed for each service in the Verita Fee Structure represents a bona fide proposal for such services, which may be accepted in whole or in part. Services will be provided when requested by the Company or required by applicable law, government regulations or court rules or orders. Services are mutually exclusive and are deemed delivered and accepted by the Company when provided by Verita.

E. The Company acknowledges and agrees that Verita will often take direction from the Company's representatives, employees, agents and/or professionals (collectively, the "Company Parties") with respect to the services being provided under this Agreement. The parties agree that Verita may rely upon, and the Company agrees to be bound by, any requests, advice or information provided by the Company Parties to the same extent as if such requests, advice or information were provided by the Company. The Company agrees and understands that Verita shall not provide the Company or any other party with any legal advice.

II. PRICES, CHARGES AND PAYMENT

A. Verita agrees to charge and the Company agrees to pay Verita for its services at the rates and prices set by Verita that are in effect as of the date of this Agreement and in accordance with the Verita Fee Structure. Verita's prices are generally adjusted periodically to reflect changes in the business and economic environment and are inclusive of all charges. Verita reserves the right to reasonably increase its

[1] The term Company shall include, to the extent applicable, the Company, as debtor and debtor in possession in its chapter 11 case, together with any affiliated debtors and debtors in possession whose chapter 11 cases are jointly administered with the Company's chapter 11 case.

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prices, charges and rates; provided, however, that if any such increase exceeds 15%, Verita will give thirty (30) days written notice to the Company.

B. In addition to fees and charges for services, the Company agrees to pay Verita's reasonable transportation, lodging, and meal expenses incurred in connection with services provided under this Agreement.

C. In addition to all fees for services and expenses hereunder, the Company shall pay to Verita (i) any fees and charges related to, arising out of, or as a result of any error or omission made by the Company or the Company Parties, as mutually determined by Verita and the Company, and (ii) all taxes that are applicable to this Agreement or that are measured by payments made under this Agreement and are required to be collected by Verita or paid by Verita to a taxing authority.

D. Where the Company requires services that are unusual or beyond the normal business practices of Verita, or are otherwise not provided for in the Verita Fee Structure, the cost of such services shall be charged to the Company at a competitive rate.

E. Verita agrees to submit its invoices to the Company monthly and the Company agrees that the amount invoiced is due and payable upon the Company's receipt of the invoice. Verita's invoices will contain reasonably detailed descriptions of charges for both hourly (fees) and non-hourly (expenses) case specific charges. Where total invoice amounts are expected to exceed $10,000 in any single month and Verita reasonably believes it will not be paid, Verita may require advance payment from the Company due and payable upon demand and prior to the performance of services hereunder. If any amount is unpaid as of thirty (30) days from the receipt of the invoice, the Company further agrees to pay a late charge, calculated as two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) of the total amount unpaid every thirty (30) days. In the case of a dispute in the invoice amount, the Company shall give written notice to Verita within ten (10) days of receipt of the invoice by the Company. The undisputed portion of the invoice will remain due and payable immediately upon receipt of the invoice. Late charges shall not accrue on any amounts in dispute or any amounts unable to be paid due to Court order or applicable law. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the fees for print notice and media publication (including commissions) must be paid at least three (3) days in advance of those fees and expenses being incurred.

F. In the event that the Company files for protection pursuant to chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (a "Chapter 11 Filing"), the parties intend that Verita shall be employed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) to the extent possible and otherwise in accordance with applicable Bankruptcy law and that all amounts due under this Agreement shall, to the extent possible, be paid as administrative expenses of the Company's chapter 11 estate. As soon as practicable following a Chapter 11 Filing (and otherwise in accordance with applicable law and rules and orders of the Bankruptcy Court), the Company shall cause pleadings to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court seeking entry of an order or orders approving this Agreement (the "Retention Order"). The form and substance of the pleadings and the Retention Order shall be reasonably acceptable to Verita. If any Company chapter 11 case converts to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, Verita will continue to be paid for its services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The parties recognize and agree that if there is a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Retention Order, the terms of the Retention Order shall govern during the chapter 11 or other proceeding.

G. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Verita shall receive a retainer in the amount of $50,000 (the "Retainer") that may be held by Verita as security for the Company's payment obligations under the Agreement. The Retainer is due upon execution of this Agreement. In the event of a Chapter 11 Filing,

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Verita will first apply the Retainer to all pre-petition invoices, and thereafter, will have the Retainer replenished to the original amount. Verita shall be entitled to hold the Retainer until the termination of the Agreement. Following termination of the Agreement, Verita shall return to the Company any amount of the Retainer that remains following application of the Retainer to the payment of unpaid invoices.

III. RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP

A. The parties understand that the software programs and other materials furnished by Verita pursuant to this Agreement and/or developed during the course of this Agreement by Verita are the sole property of Verita. The term "program" shall include, without limitation, data processing programs, specifications, applications, routines, and documentation. The Company agrees not to copy or permit others to copy the source code from the support software or any other programs or materials furnished pursuant to this Agreement.

B. The Company further agrees that any ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques relating to data processing or Verita's performance of its services developed or utilized during the term of this Agreement by Verita shall be the exclusive property of Verita. Fees and expenses paid by the Company do not vest in the Company any rights in such property, it being understood that such property is only being made available for the Company's use during and in connection with the services provided by Verita under this Agreement.

IV. NON-SOLICITATION

The Company agrees that neither it nor its subsidiaries or other affiliated companies shall directly or indirectly solicit for employment, employ or otherwise retain employees of Verita during the term of this Agreement and for a period of twelve (12) months after termination of this Agreement unless Verita provides prior written consent to such solicitation or retention.

V. CONFIDENTIALITY

Each of Verita and the Company, on behalf of themselves and their respective employees, agents, professionals and representatives, agrees to keep confidential all non-public records, systems, procedures, software and other information received from the other party in connection with the services provided under this Agreement; provided, however, that if either party reasonably believes that it is required to produce any such information by order of any governmental agency or other regulatory body it may, upon not less than five (5) business days' written notice to the other party, release the required information.

VI. SUSPENSION OF SERVICE AND TERMINATION

A. This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated or suspended by either party (i) upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party or (ii) immediately upon written notice for Cause (defined herein). As used herein, the term "Cause" means (i) gross negligence or willful misconduct of Verita that causes serious and material harm to the Company's reorganization under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) the failure of the Company to pay Verita invoices for more than sixty (60) days from the date of invoice, or (iii) the accrual of invoices or unpaid services in excess of the retainer held by Verita where Verita reasonably believes it will not be paid.

B. In the event that this contract is terminated, regardless of the reason for such termination, Verita shall coordinate with the Company and, to the extent applicable, the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, to

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maintain an orderly transfer of record keeping functions and Verita shall provide all necessary staff, services and assistance required for an orderly transfer. The Company agrees to pay for such services in accordance with Verita's then existing prices for such services. If such termination occurs following entry of the Retention Order, the Company shall immediately seek entry of an order (in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Verita) that discharges Verita from service and responsibility in the Company's bankruptcy case.

C. Any data, programs, storage media or other materials furnished by the Company to Verita or received by Verita in connection with the services provided under the terms of this Agreement may be retained by Verita until the services provided are paid for, or until this Agreement is terminated with the services paid in full. The Company shall remain liable for all fees and expenses imposed under this Agreement as a result of data or physical media maintained or stored by Verita. Verita shall dispose of the data and media in the manner requested by the Company. The Company agrees to pay Verita for reasonable expenses incurred as a result of the disposition of data or media. If the Company has not utilized Verita's services under this Agreement for a period of at least ninety (90) days, Verita may dispose of the data or media, and be reimbursed by the Company for the expense of such disposition, after giving the Company thirty (30) days' notice. Notwithstanding any term herein to the contrary, following entry of the Retention Order, the disposition of any data or media by Verita shall be in accordance with any applicable instructions from the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, local Bankruptcy Court rules and orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

VII. SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Verita strives to provide continuous improvements in the quality of service to its clients. Verita, therefore, reserves the right to make changes in operating procedure, operating systems, programming languages, general purpose library programs, application programs, time period of accessibility, types of terminal and other equipment and the Verita data center serving the Company, so long as any such changes do not materially interfere with ongoing services provided to the Company in connection with the Company's chapter 11 case.

VIII. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

A. The Company shall indemnify and hold Verita, its affiliates, members, directors, officers, employees, consultants, subcontractors and agents (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, judgments, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) (collectively, "Losses") resulting from, arising out of or related to Verita's performance under this Agreement. Such indemnification shall exclude Losses resulting from Verita's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Losses include any liabilities resulting from claims by any third-parties against any Indemnified Party. The Company shall notify Verita in writing promptly upon the assertion, threat or commencement of any claim, action, investigation or proceeding that the Company becomes aware of with respect to the services provided by Verita under this Agreement. The Company's indemnification obligations hereunder shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

B. Except as provided herein, Verita's liability to the Company or any person making a claim through or under the Company for any Losses of any kind, even if Verita has been advised of the possibility of such Losses, whether direct or indirect and unless due to gross negligence or willful misconduct of Verita, shall be limited to the total amount billed or billable to the Company for the portion of the particular work which gave rise to the alleged Loss. In no event shall Verita be liable for any indirect, special or consequential damages such as loss of anticipated profits or other economic loss in connection with or arising out of the

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services provided for in this Agreement. In no event shall Verita's liability to the Company for any Losses, whether direct or indirect, arising out of this Agreement exceed the total amount billed to the Company and actually paid to Verita for the services contemplated under the Agreement; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to the Company during any chapter 11 case in which the Company is a debtor.

C. The Company is responsible for the accuracy of the programs, data and information it or any Company Party submits for processing to Verita and for the output of such information. Verita does not verify information provided by the Company and, with respect to the preparation of schedules and statements, all decisions are at the sole discretion and direction of the Company. The Company reviews and approves all schedules and statements filed on behalf of, or by, the Company; Verita bears no responsibility for the accuracy or contents therein. The Company agrees to initiate and maintain backup files that would allow the Company to regenerate or duplicate all programs and data submitted by the Company to Verita.

D. The Company agrees that except as expressly set forth herein, Verita makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, including, but not limited to, any implied or express warranty of merchantability, fitness or adequacy for a particular purpose or use, quality, productiveness or capacity.

IX. FORCE MAJEURE

Verita will not be liable for any delay or failure in performance when such delay or failure arises from circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation acts of God, acts of government in its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of public enemy or terrorists, acts of civil or military authority, war, riots, civil strife, terrorism, blockades, sabotage, rationing, embargoes, epidemics, pandemics, outbreaks of infectious diseases or any other public health crises, earthquakes, fire, flood, other natural disaster, quarantine or any other employee restrictions, power shortages or failures, utility or communication failure or delays, labor disputes, strikes, or shortages, supply shortages, equipment failures, or software malfunctions.

X. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

The Company and Verita are and shall be independent contractors of each other and no agency, partnership, joint venture or employment relationship shall arise, directly or indirectly, as a result of this Agreement.

XI. NOTICES

All notices and requests in connection with this Agreement shall be given or made upon the respective parties in writing and shall be deemed as given as of the third day following the day it is deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid or on the day it is given if sent by facsimile or electronic mail or on the day after the day it is sent if sent by overnight courier to the appropriate address set forth below:

KCC/Verita Global, LLC	
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3rd Floor	
El Segundo, CA 90245	
Attn: Drake D. Foster	
Tel: (310) 823-9000	
Fax: (310) 823-9133	
E-Mail: dfoster@veritaglobal.com	
Company	Fieldstone A&E LLC
Address	3400 Auburn Rd., Suite 200
City, ST Zip	Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Attn:	Ryan Rasmussen
Email:	rrasmussen@fieldstoneae.com
Tel:	(313) 572-1390
Fax:	

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Or to such other address as the party to receive the notice or request so designates by written notice to the other.

XII. APPLICABLE LAW

The validity, enforceability, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

XIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT/ MODIFICATIONS

Each party acknowledges that it has read this Agreement, understands it, and agrees to be bound by its terms and further agrees that it is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the parties, which supersedes and merges all prior proposals, understandings, other agreements, and communications oral and written between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. The Company represents that it has the authority to enter into this Agreement, and the Agreement is non-dischargeable under any applicable statute or law. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall in no way be affected or impaired thereby. This Agreement may be modified only by a written instrument duly executed by an authorized representative of the Company and an officer of Verita.

XIV. COUNTERPARTS; EFFECTIVENESS

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement will become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties, which delivery may be made by exchange of copies of the signature page by facsimile or electronic mail.

XV. ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement and the rights and duties hereunder shall not be assignable by the parties hereto except upon written consent of the other, with the exception that this Agreement can be assigned without written consent by Verita to a wholly-owned subsidiary or affiliate of Verita.

XVI. ATTORNEYS' FEES

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In the event that any legal action, including an action for declaratory relief, is brought to enforce the performance or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the parties agree to reimburse the prevailing party's reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, and all other related expenses, which may be set by the court in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose, in addition to any other relief to which the prevailing party may be entitled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement effective as of the first date mentioned above.

Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global

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BY: Evan Gershbein DATE: 16-Jul-2026 | 1:50:39 PM EDT
TITLE: EVP, Corporate Restructuring Services

FIELDSTONE A&E LLC

BY: Ryan Rasmussen DATE: 07 / 09 / 2026
TITLE: Shareholder and President

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