

## **RQP Code of Ethics**

### **Preamble**

Registered Qualified Professional, an Engineer by profession in the field of Trenchless Technologies, is expected to exhibit the highest standards of honesty and integrity. Since their profession has a direct impact on the quality of life for all people, it is of vital importance for them to practice highest degree of honesty, impartiality, fairness and equity. It is also expected that these professionals must be dedicated to the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. And therefore they must perform under a standard of professional behavior that requires adherence to the highest principles of ethical conduct.

Registered Qualified Professional, in the fulfillment of their professional duties, shall;

- be cognizant that their first and foremost responsibility is to the public welfare,
- approve only those documents that are in conformity with applicable standards and safeguards the life, health, property, and welfare of the public,
- notify to the appropriate body when their professional judgment is overruled under circumstances where the life, health, property, or welfare of the public is endangered,
- notify to the appropriate body the violations of any of these Code of Ethics and provide the information and assistance necessary to make the final determination of such violation,
- not reveal facts, data, or information obtained in a professional capacity without the prior consent of the client or employer except as authorized or required by law,
- not solicit or accept financial or other valuable consideration, directly or indirectly, in connection with the work for which they are responsible,
- not offer, give, solicit, or receive, either directly or indirectly, any commission, or gift, or other valuable consideration in order to secure work, and shall not make any political contribution with the intent to influence the award of work,
- make full prior disclosures of potential conflicts of interest or other circumstances which could influence or appear to influence their judgment or the quality of their service,
- not permit the use of their name or associate in business ventures with any person or firm that they believe are engaged in fraudulent or dishonest enterprise,
- avoid all conduct or practice that deceives the public,
- not falsify or permit misrepresentation of their, or their associates', academic or professional qualifications,
- not attempt to injure, maliciously or falsely, directly or indirectly, the professional reputation, prospects, practice, or employment of other professionals,
- undertake assignments only in the areas of their competence,
- be objective and truthful in professional reports, statements, or testimony. They shall include all relevant and pertinent information in such reports, statements, or testimony, which should bear the date indicating when it was current.

- not affix their signatures to any plans or documents dealing with subject matter in which they lack competence, nor to any plan or document not prepared under their direction and control,
- report any violation of the standard procedures to appropriate professional body and cooperate with the proper authorities in furnishing such information or assistance as may be required.