

# Sample Engagement Agreement

A reference document explaining what an Avenridge engagement covers

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**Sample only.** This document is provided for prospective clients who want to see what an Avenridge engagement involves before scheduling a scoping conversation. The actual engagement agreement is finalized per project, with terms specific to the claim being evaluated, the system under test, and the publication treatment elected by the client.

## What this document is

The pages that follow are a complete template of the agreement signed at the start of an Avenridge engagement. It combines the engagement proposal (what work will be done, on what timeline, for what fee) and the service agreement (the binding terms governing the work) into a single document.

For engagements in the founding-client price range, one combined document is cleaner than separating them. For larger or more complex engagements, the proposal and the service agreement may be separated.

## What's locked, and what's negotiable

Three things about an Avenridge engagement are structural to the methodology and are not negotiated per client:

- **Pre-registration discipline.** The methodology is locked before any analysis touches the evaluation data. This is non-negotiable.
- **Single execution.** The locked methodology runs once on the evaluation data. Re-runs are permitted only for reproducibility verification, never to chase a different result.
- **No outcome-based fees.** Fees compensate the work performed, not the direction of the verdict. A null or unfavorable finding does not change the fee owed.

Everything else is shaped by the specific engagement:

- The claim being tested and the system under evaluation (§§ 3 and 4 of the agreement);
- The fee, scoped to the engagement category and complexity (§ 7);
- The timeline (§ 6);
- The publication treatment — public with named attribution, public anonymized, or private to the client (§ 8.3);

- Whether a separate non-disclosure agreement applies (§ 8.2);
- Any specific scope additions or exclusions (§ 10).

## **What the engagement produces**

Every engagement produces the same set of artifacts, listed in § 5 of the agreement:

- A pre-registration document (the locked methodology);
- A materialization manifest (cryptographic record of data and code);
- The executed analysis code;
- A result document with verdict and constrained interpretation;
- An executive summary suitable for non-technical stakeholders;
- A 30-minute findings call.

If the client elects public publication, the artifact chain is published openly. If the client elects private publication, the artifacts are delivered to the client only, with Avenridge retaining the right to reference the methodology and verdict category in aggregate but not the client's identity or engagement-specific details.

## **Payment structure**

Standard engagement fees follow a 50/50 split:

- 50% deposit, due upon signing the agreement;
- 50% balance, due upon delivery of the result document.

Invoicing is handled through Stripe. Work begins when the deposit clears. Specific fee amounts for each engagement category are listed on the Services page at [avenridgeinstitute.com/services](https://avenridgeinstitute.com/services).

## **What happens during scoping**

Before this agreement is signed, an Avenridge engagement begins with a 20-minute scoping call at no charge. The purpose of the call is to determine whether the claim the client wants tested is something Avenridge can evaluate cleanly under one of its methodologies, or whether the question falls outside the framework's current scope.

A scoping call may produce one of three outcomes:

- A written engagement proposal (delivered within five business days);
- An honest decline if the question falls outside the framework's scope, with a referral if a referral is available;
- A suggestion to refine the question and reconnect when it has been narrowed.

The scoping call is not a sales pitch. Its purpose is to determine fit on both sides.

## The published artifact chain

Every Avenridge engagement that publishes its result becomes part of the public artifact chain maintained at [github.com/earldixon310-max/dynametrix](https://github.com/earldixon310-max/dynametrix). Prospective clients can review prior evaluations in full — pre-registration, materialization manifest, executed code, and result document — to see exactly what a delivered engagement produces.

This transparency is part of the methodology’s discipline. A reader who wants to verify the framework’s claims doesn’t have to take Avenridge’s word for it; the chain is auditable directly.

## Questions before signing

Questions about the terms of the agreement, the structure of an engagement, or whether a specific question fits an Avenridge methodology can be directed to [earl\\_dixon@avenridgeinstitute.com](mailto:earl_dixon@avenridgeinstitute.com).

**What follows.** The next several pages contain the complete sample agreement template with placeholder fields. Bracketed fields ([LIKE THIS]) indicate values that are filled in during scoping for the specific engagement. The structure, language, and obligations of the agreement do not change between engagements; only the engagement-specific values do.