

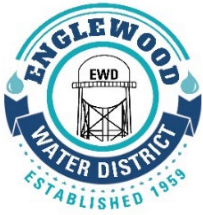


REQUEST FOR BIDS

RFB 2023-133

SOUTH WRF HEADWORKS PROJECT

ENGLEWOOD
WATER
DISTRICT



ENGLEWOOD WATER DISTRICT

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REQUEST FOR BID NO. 2023-133

South WRF Headworks Project

The Englewood Water District (also known as the “District”) is requesting sealed bids to secure the services of an experienced, professional, licensed, and qualified Utility Contractor capable of providing services in accordance with the specifications for the construction of a new headworks at the South Water Reclamation Facility. Sealed bids should be mailed or hand delivered to **Bee Ling Wheaton, Purchasing Manager, at 201 Selma Avenue, Englewood, FL 34223 by 2:15 p.m. (EST), December 16 (Fri), 2022.**

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: December 2 (Fri), 2022 at 9:00 a.m. (EST)
South WRF, 140 Telman Rd, Rotonda West, FL 33947.**

**BID OPENING: December 16 (Fri), 2022 at 2:30 p.m. (EST)
Englewood Water District, 201 Selma Ave, Englewood, FL 34223**

Any bids received after the deadline will not be opened and will be returned to the Bidder, if requested, at Bidder’s expense. The District will not consider any bids from a Contractor that has been barred from bidding in any public section project in the last three (3) years.

The scope of the work is summarized as:

Construction of a new headworks facility including a drying bed at the South Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). The headworks includes the following:

- Headworks concrete structure,
- District supplied mechanical screen,
- Stainless steel bar screens,
- Master influent lift station and manhole,
- District supplied submersible pumps,
- Piping and valves,
- District supplied grit chamber and removal system,
- Grit removal structure and piping,
- Odor control FRP piping,
- Relocation of existing Bio-Air odor control unit,
- Prefabricated electrical building, electrical conduit, ducts and wiring,
- Concrete sludge drying bed, and
- On site piping and valves.

The project will include all pipes, manholes, valves, concrete structures, lift station, and related electrical, instrumentation, power and controls, shell drive, all testing and related material and procedures as outlined in the construction plans and specifications.

All bids must contain a **manual** signature of the authorized representative of the Bidder's company on the Bid Form. The successful Bidder shall have current, applicable licensure to perform the work as described in the Technical Specifications in this bid package.

The District shall award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder who fulfills all criteria and specifications with consideration to favorable references and whose evaluation by the District indicates that the award will be in the best interest of the District.

Bid Guarantee – Each bidder shall furnish a bid guarantee equivalent to five percent of the bid price. If a bid bond is provided, the contractor shall utilize a surety company which is authorized to do business in Florida.

The bid package and any associated addenda, may be viewed and downloaded from the District's as well as DemandStar's websites. If you have any questions, concerns, or problems accessing the bid package using the link, please contact **Bee Ling Wheaton, Purchasing Manager**, at (941) 460-1014. Request for additional information or clarification regarding the specifications must be sent via email to **Bee Ling Wheaton, bwheaton@englewoodwater.com**. All questions and clarifications must be submitted via e-mail by **4:00 p.m. (EST) on December 8 (Thu), 2022. Verbal requests will not be entertained.**

The District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family or religious status in administration of its programs, activities or services.

The Bid will remain subject to acceptance for 90 days after the Bid opening, or for such longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of Owner, for the purpose of reviewing bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY POSTED ON: November 17, 2022, on www.englewoodwater.com and www.demandstar.com
PUBLISH DATE: November 17, 2022 – THE DAILY SUN

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STATEMENT OF NON-SUBMITTAL

Please return this form, only if you do not intend to bid on this service. Please check any and all applicable reasons.

We the undersigned have declined to submit a bid on the requested service

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for the following reason(s):

- ☐ Insufficient time to respond to the Request for Bid.
- ☐ We do not offer the product/service that is requested.
- ☐ Does not fit into our schedule.
- ☐ Bond/insurance requirements cannot be met.
- ☐ Specifications are vague (explain below).
- ☐ OTHER (please specify below).

Reasons _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

Note: "Statement of Non Submittal" may be e-mailed to Bee Ling Wheaton, Purchasing Manager, at bwheaton@englewoodwater.com.

SECTION 1

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

ARTICLE 1 – QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS

- 1.1 The District intends to award this Contract to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder, qualified by experience and solvency, with proven reliability and the ability to provide the services or items/services required under this bid, within a reasonable time frame acceptable to the District. At the discretion of the District, requests may be made to the Bidder to provide information in writing, prior to award of bids, in order to verify any requirements.
- 1.2 To demonstrate Bidder's qualifications to perform the Work, Bidder shall submit with its Bid (a) written evidence establishing its qualifications such as financial data, previous experience, present commitments, and (b) the following additional information:
 - A. Evidence of the Bidder's authority to do business in the state of Florida.
 - B. Completed Qualifications Statement form.

A Bidder's failure to submit required qualification information within the times indicated may disqualify Bidder from receiving and award of the Contract.
- 1.3 Bidder is advised to carefully review those portions of the Bid Form requiring Bidder's representations and certifications.

ARTICLE 2 – EXAMINATION OF BID DOCUMENTS

- 2.1 Prior to the submission of a bid, Bidders will carefully examine the Instructions to Bidders, General Provisions, Special Provisions, Insurance Requirements, Technical Specifications, and all other related bid documents, including any and all modifications, incorporated into the bid package. Bidder should also fully inform themselves as to all existing conditions and limitations that affect the scope of work performed under this Contract.
- 2.2 The bid package will be posted on www.demandstar.com. It is the Bidder's responsibility to view the bid package on Demand Star and download all issued addenda or to contact the District to determine if addenda were issued.

ARTICLE 3 – EXISTING SITE AND SITE CONDITIONS; EXAMINATION OF SITE; OWNER'S SAFETY PROGRAM

- 3.01 Site and Other Areas
 - A. The Site is identified in the Bidding Documents. By definition, the Site includes rights-of-way, easements, and other lands furnished by Owner for the use of the Contractor. Any additional lands required for temporary construction facilities, construction equipment, or storage of materials and equipment, and any access needed for such additional lands, are to be obtained and paid for by Contractor.
- 3.02 Existing Site Conditions
 - A. Subsurface and Physical Conditions

1. Bidder is responsible for any interpretation or conclusion Bidder draws from any Technical Data or any other data, interpretations, opinions, or information contained in reports or shown or indicated in such drawings.
2. Geotechnical Baseline Report: The Bidding Documents contain a Geotechnical Baseline Report (GBR). The GBR describes certain select subsurface conditions that are anticipated to be encountered by Contractor during construction in specified locations ("Baseline Conditions"). The GBR is a Contract Document.

The Baseline Conditions in the GBR are intended to reduce uncertainty and the degree of contingency in submitted Bids. However, Bidders cannot rely solely on the Baseline Conditions. Bids should be based on a comprehensive approach that includes an independent review and analysis of the GBR, all other Contract Documents, Technical Data, other available information, and observable surface conditions. Not all potential subsurface conditions are baselined.

Nothing in the GBR is intended to relieve Bidders of the responsibility to make their own determinations regarding construction costs, bidding strategies, and Bid prices, nor of the responsibility to select and be responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction, and for safety precautions and programs incident thereto.

- B. Underground Facilities: Information and data shown or indicated in the Bidding Documents with respect to existing underground facilities at or contiguous to the Site is based upon information and data furnished to Owner and Engineer by owners of such Underground Facilities, including Owner, or others.

3.03 Owner's Safety Program

- A. Site visits and work at the Site may be governed by an Owner safety program. As the General Conditions indicate, if an Owner safety program exists, it will be noted in the Supplementary Conditions.

ARTICLE 4 – BIDDER'S REPRESENTATIONS

4.01 It is the responsibility of each Bidder before submitting a Bid to:

- A. Examine and carefully study the Bidding Documents, and any data and reference items identified in the Bidding Documents;
- B. Visit the Site, conduct a thorough, alert visual examination of the Site and adjacent areas, and become familiar with and satisfy itself as to the general, local, and Site conditions that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work;
- C. become familiar with and satisfy itself as to all Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work;
- D. consider the information known to Bidder itself; information commonly known to contractors doing business in the locality of the Site; information and observations obtained from visits to the Site; and the Bidding Documents, with respect to the effect of such information, observations, and documents on (1) the cost, progress, and performance of the Work; (2) the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Bidder; and (3) Bidder's safety precautions and programs;
- E. agree, based on the information and observations referred to in the preceding paragraph, that at the time of submitting its Bid no further examinations, investigations, explorations,

tests, studies, or data are necessary for the determination of its Bid for performance of the Work at the price bid and within the times required, and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents;

- F. become aware of the general nature of the work to be performed by Owner and others at the Site that relates to the Work as indicated in the Bidding Documents;
- G. promptly give Engineer written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Bidder discovers in the Bidding Documents and confirm that the written resolution thereof by Engineer is acceptable to Bidder;
- H. determine that the Bidding Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for the performance and furnishing of the Work; and
- I. agree that the submission of a Bid will constitute an incontrovertible representation by Bidder that Bidder has complied with every requirement of this Article, that without exception the Bid and all prices in the Bid are premised upon performing and furnishing the Work required by the Bidding Documents.

ARTICLE 5 – PRE-BID CONFERENCE

- 5.01 A mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled to be held in person at the District South WRF, 140 Telman Road, Rotonda West, FL 33947, at **9:00 a.m. (EST) on December 2 (Fri), 2022**. Bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference. Owner will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda as Engineer considers necessary in response to questions arising at the meeting. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

ARTICLE 6 – INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA

- 6.01 All questions about the meaning or intent of the Bidding Documents are to be submitted in writing. Questions to be e-mailed to **Bee Ling Wheaton**, Purchasing Manager at the District at bwheaton@englewoodwater.com, before **4:00 p.m. EST on December 8 (Thu), 2022**. Questions received after the deadline will not be answered.
- 6.02 Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary by Owner and Engineer in response to such questions will be issued by addenda delivered to all parties recorded as having received the Bidding Documents. Only questions answered by Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.
- 6.03 Addenda may be issued to clarify, correct, supplement, or change the Bidding Documents.

ARTICLE 7 – BID SECURITY

- 7.01 A Bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to Owner in an amount of five (5) percent of Bidder's maximum Bid price (determined by adding the base bid and all alternates) and in the form of a Cashier's check or Bid Bond on the form included in the Bidding Documents.
- 7.02 The Bid security of the apparent Successful Bidder will be retained until Owner awards the contract to such Bidder, and such Bidder has executed the Contract Documents, furnished the required contract security, and met the other conditions of the Notice of Award, whereupon the Bid security will be released. If the Successful Bidder fails to execute and deliver the Contract Documents and furnish the required contract security within ten (10) calendar days

after the Notice of Award, Owner may consider Bidder to be in default, annul the Notice of Award, and the Bid security of that Bidder will be forfeited. Such forfeiture shall be Owner's exclusive remedy if Bidder defaults.

- 7.03 The Bid security of other Bidders may be retained by Owner until seven (7) days after the Effective Date of the Contract or returned earlier, at the Owner's sole discretion,

ARTICLE 8 – SUBSTITUTE AND “OR-EQUAL” ITEMS

- 8.01 The Contract for the Work, as awarded, will be on the basis of materials and equipment specified or described in the Bidding Documents without consideration during the bidding and Contract award process of possible substitute or “or-equal” items. In cases in which the Contract allows the Contractor to request that Engineer authorize the use of a substitute or “or-equal” item of material or equipment, application for such acceptance may not be made to and will not be considered by Engineer until after the Effective Date of the Contract.
- 8.02 All prices that Bidder sets forth in its Bid shall be based on the presumption that the Contractor will furnish the materials and equipment specified or described in the Bidding Documents, as supplemented by Addenda. Any assumptions regarding the possibility of post-Bid approvals of “or-equal” or substitution requests are made at Bidder's sole risk.

ARTICLE 9 – SUBCONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS, AND OTHERS

- 9.01 A Bidder shall be prepared to retain specific Subcontractors, Suppliers, or other individuals or entities for the performance of the Work if required by the Bidding Documents (most commonly in the Specifications) to do so. If a prospective Bidder objects to retaining any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity, and the concern is not relieved by an Addendum, then the prospective Bidder should refrain from submitting a Bid.
- 9.02 Subsequent to the submittal of the Bid, Owner may not require the Successful Bidder or Contractor to retain any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity against which Contractor has reasonable objection.
- 9.03 All Bidders are required to submit together with the Bid, a list of the Subcontractors or Suppliers proposed for the following portions of the Work.
- 9.04 Such list shall be accompanied by an experience statement with pertinent information regarding similar projects and other evidence of qualification for each such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity. If Owner or Engineer, after due investigation, has reasonable objection to any proposed Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity, Owner may, before the Notice of Award is given, request apparent Successful Bidder to submit an acceptable substitute, in which case apparent Successful Bidder shall submit a substitute, Bidder's Bid price will be increased (or decreased) by the difference in cost occasioned by such substitution, and Owner may consider such price adjustment in evaluating Bids and making the Contract award.
- 9.05 If apparent Successful Bidder declines to make any such substitution, Owner may award the Contract to the next lowest Bidder that proposes to use acceptable Subcontractors, Suppliers, or other individuals or entities. Declining to make requested substitutions will constitute grounds for forfeiture of the Bid security of any Bidder. Any Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity so listed and against which Owner or Engineer makes no written objection prior to the giving of the Notice of Award will be deemed acceptable to Owner and Engineer subject to subsequent revocation of such acceptance as provided in the General Conditions.

ARTICLE 10 – PREPARATION OF BID

10.01 The Bid Form is included with the Bidding Documents.

- A. All blanks on the Bid Form shall be completed in ink and the Bid Form signed in ink. Erasures or alterations shall be initialed in ink by the person signing the Bid Form. A Bid price shall be indicated for each section, Bid item, alternate, adjustment unit price item, and unit price item listed therein.
- B. If the Bid Form expressly indicates that submitting pricing on a specific alternate item is optional, and Bidder elects to not furnish pricing for such optional alternate item, then Bidder may enter the words “No Bid” or “Not Applicable.”
- C. A Bid by a corporation shall be executed in the corporate name by a corporate officer (whose title must appear under the signature), accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. The corporate address and state of incorporation shall be shown.
- D. A Bid by a limited liability company shall be executed in the name of the firm by a member or other authorized person and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. The state of formation of the firm and the official address of the firm shall be shown.
- E. A Bid by an individual shall show the Bidder’s name and official address.
- F. A Bid by a joint venture shall be executed by an authorized representative of each joint venturer. The official address of the joint venture shall be shown.
- G. All names shall be printed in ink below the signatures.
- H. The Bid shall contain an acknowledgment of receipt of all Addenda, the numbers of which shall be filled in on the Bid Form.
- I. Postal and e-mail addresses and telephone number for communications regarding the Bid shall be shown.
- J. The Bid shall contain evidence of Bidder’s authority and qualification to do business in the state of Florida. Bidder’s state contractor license number, if any, shall also be shown on the Bid Form.

ARTICLE 11 – BASIS OF BID

11.01 Base Bid with Additive Alternates

- A. Bidders shall submit a Bid on a lump sum basis for the base Bid and include a separate price for each alternate described in the Bidding Documents and as provided for in the Bid Form. The price for each alternate will be the amount added to or deleted from the base Bid if Owner selects the alternate.
- B. In the comparison of Bids, alternates will be applied in the same order of priority as listed in the Bid Form.

11.02 Unit Price

- A. Bidders shall submit a Bid on a unit price basis for each item of Work listed in the unit price section of the Bid Form.
- B. The “Bid Price” (sometimes referred to as the extended price) for each unit price Bid item will be the product of the “Estimated Quantity” (which Owner or its representative has set forth in the Bid Form) for the item and the corresponding “Bid Unit Price” offered by the Bidder. The total of all unit price Bid items will be the sum of these “Bid Prices”; such total will be used by Owner for Bid comparison purposes. The final quantities and Contract Price will be determined in accordance with Paragraph 13.03 of the General Conditions.
- C. Discrepancies between the multiplication of units of Work and unit prices will be resolved in favor of the unit prices. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum.

ARTICLE 12 – SUBMITTAL OF BID

- 12.01 The Bidder will furnish one (1) bound original and one (1) bound copy of the completed Bid offer and one electronic copy in pdf format on a USB drive, and the Bid Security.
- 12.02 A Bid shall be received no later **December 16, 2022, by 2:15 p.m. (EST)** and shall be enclosed in a plainly marked package with the Project title (and, if applicable, the designated portion of the Project for which the Bid is submitted), the name and address of Bidder, and shall be accompanied by the Bid security and other required documents. If a Bid is sent by mail or other delivery system, the sealed envelope containing the Bid shall be enclosed in a separate package plainly marked on the outside with the notation “BID ENCLOSED.” A mailed Bid shall be addressed to Englewood Water District, Attention: Bee Ling Wheaton, Purchasing Manager, 201 Selma Ave, Englewood, FL 34223.
- 12.03 Bids received after the date and time prescribed for the opening of bids, or not submitted at the correct location or in the designated manner, will not be accepted and will be returned to the Bidder unopened at Bidder’s request and expense within seven (7) days of the Bid closing. If no request is received, Bids will be discarded unopened.

ARTICLE 13 – MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BID

- 13.01 A Bid may be withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed in the same manner that a Bid must be executed and delivered to the place where Bids are to be submitted prior to the date and time for the opening of Bids. Upon receipt of such notice, the unopened Bid will be returned to the Bidder at Bidder’s expense.
- 13.02 If a Bidder wishes to modify its Bid prior to Bid opening, Bidder must withdraw its initial Bid in the manner specified in Paragraph 15.01 and submit a new Bid prior to the date and time for the opening of Bids. Such amended bids must be a **complete** replacement for a previously submitted bid.

ARTICLE 14 – OPENING OF BIDS

- 14.01 Bids will be opened in the District’s Board Room, on **December 16, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. (EST)**, with the amounts of base Bids and additive alternates, if any read aloud publicly. An abstract of the amounts of the base Bids and additive alternates, if any, will be made available to Bidders after the opening of Bids.

ARTICLE 15 – BIDS TO REMAIN SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE

- 15.01 Bids will remain subject to acceptance for the period of time stated in the Bid Form, but Owner may, in its sole discretion, release any Bid and return the Bid security prior to the end of this period.

ARTICLE 16 – EVALUATION OF BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT

- 16.01 Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, including without limitation, nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalances, or conditional Bids. Owner will reject the Bid of any Bidder that Owner finds, after reasonable inquiry and evaluation, to not be responsible. If Bidder purports to add terms or conditions to its Bid, takes exception to any provision of the Bidding Documents, or attempts to alter the contents of the Contract Documents for purposes of the Bid, then the Owner will reject the Bid as nonresponsive; provided that Owner also reserves the right to waive all minor informalities not involving price, time, or changes in the Work.

16.02 Evaluation of Bids

- A. In evaluating Bids, Owner will consider whether or not the Bids comply with the prescribed requirements, and such alternatives, unit prices, and other data, as may be requested in the Bid Form prior issuing to the Notice of Intent to Award.
 - B. In the comparison of Bids, alternates will be applied in the same order of priority as listed in the Bid Form. After determination of the successful Bidder based on this comparative process and on the responsiveness, responsibility, and other factors set forth in these Instructions, the award may be made to said successful Bidder on its base Bid and any combination of its additive alternate Bids for which Owner determines funds will be available at the time of award.
 - C. Errors: For the initial evaluation of bids, the following will be utilized in resolving arithmetic discrepancies found on the Bid form as submitted by the Bidders:
 - i. Obviously misplaced decimal points will be corrected;
 - ii. In case of discrepancy between unit price and extended price, the unit price will govern. Apparent errors in extensions will be corrected;
 - iii. Apparent errors in addition of lump sum and extended prices will be corrected;
 - iv. For the purpose of the bid evaluation, the District will proceed on the assumption that the Bidder intends for his/her bid to be evaluated on the basis of the unit prices, extensions, and totals arrived at by resolution of arithmetic discrepancies as provided above and the bid will be so reflected on the tabulation of bids.
- 16.03 In evaluating whether a Bidder is responsible, Owner will consider the qualifications of the Bidder and may consider the qualifications and experience of Subcontractors and Suppliers proposed for those portions of the Work for which the identity of Subcontractors and Suppliers must be submitted as provided in the Bidding Documents.
- 16.04 Award of Bid: Within sixty (60) calendar days after Bid opening, the Owner shall award the Bid to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder who fulfills all criteria and specifications with consideration to favorable references and whose evaluation by the Owner indicates that the award will be in the best interest of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to reject the Bid

of any Bidder who has previously failed to perform properly, or on time, on contracts of similar nature, or who is not in a position to satisfactorily perform the contract. In addition, the Bid evaluation may consider previous performance, reliability and reference checks.

A Notice of Intent to Award will be posted on DemandStar and on the District's website. It will also be emailed to the successful Bidder. Final award will be subject to approval by District's Board of Supervisors at the District's Board meeting on **January 5 (Thu), 2023**. After final approval has been obtained, the winning Bidder will be emailed a Notice of Award along with a pdf copy of the contract. Bidder will indicate acceptance of the award by returning two (2) original copies of the signed contract with wet signatures, with the required insurances, Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) calendar days of the Notice of Award letter.

In the event of failure of the lowest, responsive, responsible Bidder to sign the Contract and provide an acceptable Performance Bond, Payment Bond and required insurances, the Owner may award the Contract to the next lowest, responsible, responsible Bidder. Such award, if made, will be made within seventy-five (75) days after the Bid opening.

ARTICLE 17 – SIGNING OF AGREEMENT

- 17.01 The successful Bidder will return to the Owner, two (2) signed copies of the contract, together with a pdf copy within ten (10) calendar days of receiving the Notice of Award including any bonds and insurance documentation required to be delivered by the Contract Documents. The Owner shall deliver one fully executed counterpart of the Agreement to successful Bidder, together with an electronic copy of the Contract Documents as stated in Paragraph 2.02 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE 18 – SALES AND USE TAXES

- 18.01 The Owner is exempt from sales and use tax on real property rented, transient rental property rented, tangible personal property purchased or rented, or services purchased. Taxes payable on account of the work performed and materials furnished under the award, shall be paid by the bidder and deemed to have been included in the bid. The Laws of the State of Florida provide that sales and use taxes are payable by the bidder upon the tangible personal property incorporated in the work and such taxes shall be paid by the bidder and be deemed to have been included in the bid.

The bid offer shall not include sales tax to be collected from the Owner. The Owner's sales tax exemption is not available to the Bidder for items Bidder purchases, regardless of whether these items will be transferred to the Owner.

ARTICLE 19 – FREIGHT

- 19.01 The bid shall include any freight, handling, delivery, surcharges or other incidental charges. Unless otherwise specified in the bid package, prices quoted shall be F.O.B. Destination.

ARTICLE 20 – NO BID

- 20.01 A respondent who is on the bid notification list and decides not to submit a response is requested to complete the Statement of Non-Submittal Form and return it to the District by e-mail to bwheaton@englewoodwater.com.

ARTICLE 21 - DISTRICT RIGHTS

- 21.01 The District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission with or without cause and/or to accept the bid that, in its judgement, will be in the best interest of the District. Also, the District reserves the right to accept all or any part of the bid, and to increase or decrease quantities post award to meet additional or reduced requirement of the District. In the event that the District receives only one response; the bid may be either accepted or rejected by the District depending on available competition and the timely needs of the District.

ARTICLE 22 - FORM OF CONTRACT

- 22.01 The Contract documents consist of the Request for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Technical Specifications, Bid Form, the Contract agreement and all other related documents, including all modifications thereof incorporated in the documents before their execution. The Bidder shall be required to perform according to the Bidder's submitted Bid Form and the District's bid package when a purchase order issued by the District is transmitted to the successful Bidder. The transmitted purchase order shall serve as a Notice to Proceed to the Bidder. Upon receipt of the purchase order, the successful Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of same by e-mail, and shall commence processing the order so that the agreed upon delivery date will be satisfied. Failure to comply with the conditions set forth in the purchase order shall be deemed a breach of contract subjecting the Bidder to forfeiture of the bid bond or other posted security and other possible penalties.

ARTICLE 23 - EXCEPTIONS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS WITHIN THE BID

- 23.01 If the Bidder desires to take exception(s) to any portion of the terms and conditions of this bid, the exception(s) must be taken during the question and answer period. Exceptions noted within the bid submittal will cause the bid to be deemed non-responsive.

END OF SECTION

SECTION 2

GENERAL CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 1—DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

1.01 *Defined Terms*

- A. Wherever used in the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents, a term printed with initial capital letters, including the term's singular and plural forms, will have the meaning indicated in the definitions below. In addition to terms specifically defined, terms with initial capital letters in the Contract Documents include references to identified articles and paragraphs, and the titles of other documents or forms.
1. *Addenda*—Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the opening of Bids which clarify, correct, or change the Bidding Requirements or the proposed Contract Documents.
 2. *Agreement*—The written instrument, executed by Owner and Contractor, that sets forth the Contract Price and Contract Times, identifies the parties and the Engineer, and designates the specific items that are Contract Documents.
 3. *Application for Payment*—The document prepared by Contractor, in a form acceptable to Engineer, to request progress or final payments, and which is to be accompanied by such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents.
 4. *Bid*—The offer of a Bidder submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the prices for the Work to be performed.
 5. *Bidder*—An individual or entity that submits a Bid to Owner.
 6. *Bidding Documents*—The Bidding Requirements, the proposed Contract Documents, and all Addenda.
 7. *Bidding Requirements*—The Advertisement or invitation to bid, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Bond or other Bid security, if any, the Bid Form, and the Bid with any attachments.
 8. *Change Order*—A document which is signed by Contractor and Owner and authorizes an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times, or other revision to the Contract, issued on or after the Effective Date of the Contract.
 9. *Change Proposal*—A written request by Contractor, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth herein, seeking an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times; contesting an initial decision by Engineer concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents or the acceptability of Work under the Contract Documents; challenging a set-off against payments due; or seeking other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract.
 10. *Claim*
 - a. A demand or assertion by Owner directly to Contractor, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth herein, seeking an adjustment of Contract Price or Contract Times; contesting an initial decision by Engineer concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents or the acceptability of Work under the

- Contract Documents; contesting Engineer's decision regarding a Change Proposal; seeking resolution of a contractual issue that Engineer has declined to address; or seeking other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract.
- b. A demand or assertion by Contractor directly to Owner, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth herein, contesting Engineer's decision regarding a Change Proposal, or seeking resolution of a contractual issue that Engineer has declined to address.
 - c. A demand or assertion by Owner or Contractor, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth herein, made pursuant to Paragraph 12.01.A.4, concerning disputes arising after Engineer has issued a recommendation of final payment.
 - d. A demand for money or services by a third party is not a Claim.
- 11. *Constituent of Concern*—Asbestos, petroleum, radioactive materials, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), lead-based paint (as defined by the HUD/EPA standard), hazardous waste, and any substance, product, waste, or other material of any nature whatsoever that is or becomes listed, regulated, or addressed pursuant to Laws and Regulations regulating, relating to, or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning, any hazardous, toxic, or dangerous waste, substance, or material.
 - 12. *Contract*—The entire and integrated written contract between Owner and Contractor concerning the Work.
 - 13. *Contract Documents*—Those items so designated in the Agreement, and which together comprise the Contract.
 - 14. *Contract Price*—The money that Owner has agreed to pay Contractor for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
 - 15. *Contract Times*—The number of days or the dates by which Contractor shall: (a) achieve Milestones, if any; (b) achieve Substantial Completion; and (c) complete the Work.
 - 16. *Contractor*—The individual or entity with which Owner has contracted for performance of the Work.
 - 17. *Cost of the Work*—See Paragraph 13.01 for definition.
 - 18. *Drawings*—The part of the Contract that graphically shows the scope, extent, and character of the Work to be performed by Contractor.
 - 19. *Effective Date of the Contract*—The date, indicated in the Agreement, on which the Contract becomes effective.
 - 20. *Electronic Document*—Any Project-related correspondence, attachments to correspondence, data, documents, drawings, information, or graphics, including but not limited to Shop Drawings and other Submittals, that are in an electronic or digital format.
 - 21. *Electronic Means*—Electronic mail (email), upload/download from a secure Project website, or other communications methods that allow: (a) the transmission or communication of Electronic Documents; (b) the documentation of transmissions, including sending and receipt; (c) printing of the transmitted Electronic Document by the recipient; (d) the storage and archiving of the Electronic Document by sender and recipient; and (e) the use by recipient of the Electronic Document for purposes permitted

by this Contract. Electronic Means does not include the use of text messaging, or of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or similar social media services for transmission of Electronic Documents.

22. *Engineer*—The individual or entity named as such in the Agreement.
23. *Field Order*—A written order issued by Engineer which requires minor changes in the Work but does not change the Contract Price or the Contract Times.
24. *Hazardous Environmental Condition*—The presence at the Site of Constituents of Concern in such quantities or circumstances that may present a danger to persons or property exposed thereto.
 - a. The presence at the Site of materials that are necessary for the execution of the Work, or that are to be incorporated into the Work, and that are controlled and contained pursuant to industry practices, Laws and Regulations, and the requirements of the Contract, is not a Hazardous Environmental Condition.
 - b. The presence of Constituents of Concern that are to be removed or remediated as part of the Work is not a Hazardous Environmental Condition.
 - c. The presence of Constituents of Concern as part of the routine, anticipated, and obvious working conditions at the Site, is not a Hazardous Environmental Condition.
25. *Laws and Regulations; Laws or Regulations*—Any and all applicable laws, statutes, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, and binding decrees, resolutions, and orders of any and all governmental bodies, agencies, authorities, and courts having jurisdiction.
26. *Liens*—Charges, security interests, or encumbrances upon Contract-related funds, real property, or personal property.
27. *Milestone*—A principal event in the performance of the Work that the Contract requires Contractor to achieve by an intermediate completion date, or by a time prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work.
28. *Notice of Award*—The written notice by Owner to a Bidder of Owner's acceptance of the Bid.
29. *Notice to Proceed*—A written notice by Owner to Contractor fixing the date on which the Contract Times will commence to run and on which Contractor shall start to perform the Work.
30. *Owner*—The individual or entity with which Contractor has contracted regarding the Work, and which has agreed to pay Contractor for the performance of the Work, pursuant to the terms of the Contract.
31. *Progress Schedule*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, describing the sequence and duration of the activities comprising Contractor's plan to accomplish the Work within the Contract Times.
32. *Project*—The total undertaking to be accomplished for Owner by engineers, contractors, and others, including planning, study, design, construction, testing, commissioning, and start-up, and of which the Work to be performed under the Contract Documents is a part.

33. *Resident Project Representative*—The authorized representative of Engineer assigned to assist Engineer at the Site. As used herein, the term Resident Project Representative (RPR) includes any assistants or field staff of Resident Project Representative.
34. *Samples*—Physical examples of materials, equipment, or workmanship that are representative of some portion of the Work and that establish the standards by which such portion of the Work will be judged.
35. *Schedule of Submittals*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, of required submittals and the time requirements for Engineer’s review of the submittals.
36. *Schedule of Values*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, allocating portions of the Contract Price to various portions of the Work and used as the basis for reviewing Contractor’s Applications for Payment.
37. *Shop Drawings*—All drawings, diagrams, illustrations, schedules, and other data or information that are specifically prepared or assembled by or for Contractor and submitted by Contractor to illustrate some portion of the Work. Shop Drawings, whether approved or not, are not Drawings and are not Contract Documents.
38. *Site*—Lands or areas indicated in the Contract Documents as being furnished by Owner upon which the Work is to be performed, including rights-of-way and easements, and such other lands or areas furnished by Owner which are designated for the use of Contractor.
39. *Specifications*—The part of the Contract that consists of written requirements for materials, equipment, systems, standards, and workmanship as applied to the Work, and certain administrative requirements and procedural matters applicable to the Work.
40. *Subcontractor*—An individual or entity having a direct contract with Contractor or with any other Subcontractor for the performance of a part of the Work.
41. *Submittal*—A written or graphic document, prepared by or for Contractor, which the Contract Documents require Contractor to submit to Engineer, or that is indicated as a Submittal in the Schedule of Submittals accepted by Engineer. Submittals may include Shop Drawings and Samples; schedules; product data; Owner-delegated designs; sustainable design information; information on special procedures; testing plans; results of tests and evaluations, source quality-control testing and inspections, and field or Site quality-control testing and inspections; warranties and certifications; Suppliers’ instructions and reports; records of delivery of spare parts and tools; operations and maintenance data; Project photographic documentation; record documents; and other such documents required by the Contract Documents. Submittals, whether or not approved or accepted by Engineer, are not Contract Documents. Change Proposals, Change Orders, Claims, notices, Applications for Payment, and requests for interpretation or clarification are not Submittals.
42. *Substantial Completion*—The time at which the Work (or a specified part thereof) has progressed to the point where, in the opinion of Engineer, the Work (or a specified part thereof) is sufficiently complete, in accordance with the Contract Documents, so that the Work (or a specified part thereof) can be utilized for the purposes for which it is intended. The terms “substantially complete” and “substantially completed” as applied to all or part of the Work refer to Substantial Completion of such Work.

43. *Successful Bidder*—The Bidder to which the Owner makes an award of contract.
44. *Supplementary Conditions*—The part of the Contract that amends or supplements these General Conditions.
45. *Supplier*—A manufacturer, fabricator, supplier, distributor, or vendor having a direct contract with Contractor or with any Subcontractor to furnish materials or equipment to be incorporated in the Work by Contractor or a Subcontractor.
46. *Technical Data*
- a. Those items expressly identified as Technical Data in the Supplementary Conditions, with respect to either (1) existing subsurface conditions at or adjacent to the Site, or existing physical conditions at or adjacent to the Site including existing surface or subsurface structures (except Underground Facilities) or (2) Hazardous Environmental Conditions at the Site.
 - b. If no such express identifications of Technical Data have been made with respect to conditions at the Site, then Technical Data is defined, with respect to conditions at the Site under Paragraphs 5.03, 5.04, and 5.06, as the data contained in boring logs, recorded measurements of subsurface water levels, assessments of the condition of subsurface facilities, laboratory test results, and other factual, objective information regarding conditions at the Site that are set forth in any geotechnical, environmental, or other Site or facilities conditions report prepared for the Project and made available to Contractor.
 - c. Information and data regarding the presence or location of Underground Facilities are not intended to be categorized, identified, or defined as Technical Data, and instead Underground Facilities are shown or indicated on the Drawings.
47. *Underground Facilities*—All active or not-in-service underground lines, pipelines, conduits, ducts, encasements, cables, wires, manholes, vaults, tanks, tunnels, or other such facilities or systems at the Site, including but not limited to those facilities or systems that produce, transmit, distribute, or convey telephone or other communications, cable television, fiber optic transmissions, power, electricity, light, heat, gases, oil, crude oil products, liquid petroleum products, water, steam, waste, wastewater, storm water, other liquids or chemicals, or traffic or other control systems. An abandoned facility or system is not an Underground Facility.
48. *Unit Price Work*—Work to be paid for on the basis of unit prices.
49. *Work*—The entire construction or the various separately identifiable parts thereof required to be provided under the Contract Documents. Work includes and is the result of performing or providing all labor, services, and documentation necessary to produce such construction; furnishing, installing, and incorporating all materials and equipment into such construction; and may include related services such as testing, start-up, and commissioning, all as required by the Contract Documents.
50. *Work Change Directive*—A written directive to Contractor issued on or after the Effective Date of the Contract, signed by Owner and recommended by Engineer, ordering an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work.

1.02 Terminology

- A. The words and terms discussed in Paragraphs 1.02.B, C, D, and E are not defined terms that require initial capital letters, but, when used in the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents, have the indicated meaning.
- B. *Intent of Certain Terms or Adjectives:* The Contract Documents include the terms “as allowed,” “as approved,” “as ordered,” “as directed” or terms of like effect or import to authorize an exercise of professional judgment by Engineer. In addition, the adjectives “reasonable,” “suitable,” “acceptable,” “proper,” “satisfactory,” or adjectives of like effect or import are used to describe an action or determination of Engineer as to the Work. It is intended that such exercise of professional judgment, action, or determination will be solely to evaluate, in general, the Work for compliance with the information in the Contract Documents and with the design concept of the Project as a functioning whole as shown or indicated in the Contract Documents (unless there is a specific statement indicating otherwise). The use of any such term or adjective is not intended to and shall not be effective to assign to Engineer any duty or authority to supervise or direct the performance of the Work, or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility contrary to the provisions of Article 10 or any other provision of the Contract Documents.
- C. *Day:* The word “day” means a calendar day of 24 hours measured from midnight to the next midnight.
- D. *Defective:* The word “defective,” when modifying the word “Work,” refers to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty, or deficient in that it:
 - 1. does not conform to the Contract Documents;
 - 2. does not meet the requirements of any applicable inspection, reference standard, test, or approval referred to in the Contract Documents; or
 - 3. has been damaged prior to Engineer’s recommendation of final payment (unless responsibility for the protection thereof has been assumed by Owner at Substantial Completion in accordance with Paragraph 15.03 or Paragraph 15.04).
- E. *Furnish, Install, Perform, Provide*
 - 1. The word “furnish,” when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, means to supply and deliver said services, materials, or equipment to the Site (or some other specified location) ready for use or installation and in usable or operable condition.
 - 2. The word “install,” when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, means to put into use or place in final position said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.
 - 3. The words “perform” or “provide,” when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, means to furnish and install said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.
 - 4. If the Contract Documents establish an obligation of Contractor with respect to specific services, materials, or equipment, but do not expressly use any of the four words “furnish,” “install,” “perform,” or “provide,” then Contractor shall furnish and install said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.

- F. *Contract Price or Contract Times*: References to a change in “Contract Price or Contract Times” or “Contract Times or Contract Price” or similar, indicate that such change applies to (1) Contract Price, (2) Contract Times, or (3) both Contract Price and Contract Times, as warranted, even if the term “or both” is not expressed.
- G. Unless stated otherwise in the Contract Documents, words or phrases that have a well-known technical or construction industry or trade meaning are used in the Contract Documents in accordance with such recognized meaning.

ARTICLE 2—PRELIMINARY MATTERS

2.01 *Delivery of Performance and Payment Bonds; Evidence of Insurance*

- A. *Performance and Payment Bonds*: When Contractor delivers the signed counterparts of the Agreement to Owner, Contractor shall also deliver to Owner the performance bond and payment bond (if the Contract requires Contractor to furnish such bonds).
- B. *Evidence of Contractor’s Insurance*: When Contractor delivers the signed counterparts of the Agreement to Owner, Contractor shall also deliver to Owner, with copies to each additional insured (as identified in the Contract), the certificates, endorsements, and other evidence of insurance required to be provided by Contractor in accordance with Article 6.
- C. *Evidence of Owner’s Insurance*: After receipt of the signed counterparts of the Agreement and all required bonds and insurance documentation, Owner shall promptly deliver to Contractor, with copies to each additional insured (as identified in the Contract), the certificates and other evidence of insurance required to be provided by Owner under Article 6.

2.02 *Copies of Documents*

- A. Owner shall furnish to Contractor one (1) printed copy of the fully signed Contract, and one copy in electronic portable document format (PDF). Additional printed copies will be furnished upon request at the cost of reproduction.
- B. Owner shall maintain and safeguard at least one original printed record version of the Contract, including Drawings and Specifications signed and sealed by Engineer and other design professionals. Owner shall make such original printed record version of the Contract available to Contractor for review. Owner may delegate the responsibilities under this provision to Engineer.

2.03 *Before Starting Construction*

- A. *Preliminary Schedules*: Within 10 days after the Effective Date of the Contract (or as otherwise required by the Contract Documents), Contractor shall submit to Engineer for timely review:
 - 1. a preliminary Progress Schedule indicating the times (numbers of days or dates) for starting and completing the various stages of the Work, including any Milestones specified in the Contract;
 - 2. a preliminary Schedule of Submittals; and
 - 3. a preliminary Schedule of Values for all of the Work which includes quantities and prices of items which when added together equal the Contract Price and subdivides the Work into component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during performance of the Work. Such prices will include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work.

2.04 *Preconstruction Conference; Designation of Authorized Representatives*

- A. Before any Work at the Site is started, a conference attended by Owner, Contractor, Engineer, and others as appropriate will be held to establish a working understanding among the parties as to the Work, and to discuss the schedules referred to in Paragraph 2.03.A, procedures for handling Shop Drawings, Samples, and other Submittals, processing Applications for Payment, electronic or digital transmittals, and maintaining required records.
- B. At this conference Owner and Contractor each shall designate, in writing, a specific individual to act as its authorized representative with respect to the services and responsibilities under the Contract. Such individuals shall have the authority to transmit and receive information, render decisions relative to the Contract, and otherwise act on behalf of each respective party.

2.05 *Acceptance of Schedules*

- A. At least 10 days before submission of the first Application for Payment a conference, attended by Contractor, Engineer, and others as appropriate, will be held to review the schedules submitted in accordance with Paragraph 2.03.A. No progress payment will be made to Contractor until acceptable schedules are submitted to Engineer.
 - 1. The Progress Schedule will be acceptable to Engineer if it provides an orderly progression of the Work to completion within the Contract Times. Such acceptance will not impose on Engineer responsibility for the Progress Schedule, for sequencing, scheduling, or progress of the Work, nor interfere with or relieve Contractor from Contractor's full responsibility therefor.
 - 2. Contractor's Schedule of Submittals will be acceptable to Engineer if it provides a workable arrangement for reviewing and processing the required submittals.
 - 3. Contractor's Schedule of Values will be acceptable to Engineer as to form and substance if it provides a reasonable allocation of the Contract Price to the component parts of the Work.
 - 4. If a schedule is not acceptable, Contractor will have an additional 10 days to revise and resubmit the schedule.

2.06 *Electronic Transmittals*

- A. Except as otherwise stated elsewhere in the Contract, the Owner, Engineer, and Contractor may send, and shall accept, Electronic Documents transmitted by Electronic Means.
- B. If the Contract does not establish protocols for Electronic Means, then Owner, Engineer, and Contractor shall jointly develop such protocols.
- C. Subject to any governing protocols for Electronic Means, when transmitting Electronic Documents by Electronic Means, the transmitting party makes no representations as to long-term compatibility, usability, or readability of the Electronic Documents resulting from the recipient's use of software application packages, operating systems, or computer hardware differing from those used in the drafting or transmittal of the Electronic Documents.

ARTICLE 3—CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: INTENT, REQUIREMENTS, REUSE

3.01 Intent

- A. The Contract Documents are complementary; what is required by one Contract Document is as binding as if required by all.
- B. It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete Project (or part thereof) to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- C. Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, if there is a discrepancy between the electronic versions of the Contract Documents (including any printed copies derived from such electronic versions) and the printed record version, the printed record version will govern.
- D. The Contract supersedes prior negotiations, representations, and agreements, whether written or oral.
- E. Engineer will issue clarifications and interpretations of the Contract Documents as provided herein.
- F. Any provision or part of the Contract Documents held to be void or unenforceable under any Law or Regulation will be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions will continue to be valid and binding upon Owner and Contractor, which agree that the Contract Documents will be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision that comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.
- G. Nothing in the Contract Documents creates:
 - 1. any contractual relationship between Owner or Engineer and any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity performing or furnishing any of the Work, for the benefit of such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity; or
 - 2. any obligation on the part of Owner or Engineer to pay or to see to the payment of any money due any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity, except as may otherwise be required by Laws and Regulations.

3.02 Reference Standards

- A. *Standards Specifications, Codes, Laws and Regulations*
 - 1. Reference in the Contract Documents to standard specifications, manuals, reference standards, or codes of any technical society, organization, or association, or to Laws or Regulations, whether such reference be specific or by implication, means the standard specification, manual, reference standard, code, or Laws or Regulations in effect at the time of opening of Bids (or on the Effective Date of the Contract if there were no Bids), except as may be otherwise specifically stated in the Contract Documents.
 - 2. No provision of any such standard specification, manual, reference standard, or code, and no instruction of a Supplier, will be effective to change the duties or responsibilities of Owner, Contractor, or Engineer from those set forth in the part of the Contract Documents prepared by or for Engineer. No such provision or instruction shall be effective to assign to Owner or Engineer any duty or authority to supervise or direct the performance of the Work, or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility

inconsistent with the provisions of the part of the Contract Documents prepared by or for Engineer.

3.03 Reporting and Resolving Discrepancies

A. Reporting Discrepancies

1. *Contractor's Verification of Figures and Field Measurements:* Before undertaking each part of the Work, Contractor shall carefully study the Contract Documents, and check and verify pertinent figures and dimensions therein, particularly with respect to applicable field measurements. Contractor shall promptly report in writing to Engineer any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy that Contractor discovers, or has actual knowledge of, and shall not proceed with any Work affected thereby until the conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy is resolved by a clarification or interpretation by Engineer, or by an amendment or supplement to the Contract issued pursuant to Paragraph 11.01.
2. *Contractor's Review of Contract Documents:* If, before or during the performance of the Work, Contractor discovers any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy within the Contract Documents, or between the Contract Documents and (a) any applicable Law or Regulation, (b) actual field conditions, (c) any standard specification, manual, reference standard, or code, or (d) any instruction of any Supplier, then Contractor shall promptly report it to Engineer in writing. Contractor shall not proceed with the Work affected thereby (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15) until the conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy is resolved, by a clarification or interpretation by Engineer, or by an amendment or supplement to the Contract issued pursuant to Paragraph 11.01.
3. Contractor shall not be liable to Owner or Engineer for failure to report any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy in the Contract Documents unless Contractor had actual knowledge thereof.

B. Resolving Discrepancies

1. Except as may be otherwise specifically stated in the Contract Documents, the provisions of the part of the Contract Documents prepared by or for Engineer take precedence in resolving any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy between such provisions of the Contract Documents and:
 - a. the provisions of any standard specification, manual, reference standard, or code, or the instruction of any Supplier (whether or not specifically incorporated by reference as a Contract Document); or
 - b. the provisions of any Laws or Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work (unless such an interpretation of the provisions of the Contract Documents would result in violation of such Law or Regulation).

3.04 Requirements of the Contract Documents

- A. During the performance of the Work and until final payment, Contractor and Owner shall submit to the Engineer in writing all matters in question concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents (sometimes referred to as requests for information or interpretation—RFIs), or relating to the acceptability of the Work under the Contract Documents, as soon as possible after such matters arise. Engineer will be the initial interpreter of the requirements of the Contract Documents, and judge of the acceptability of the Work.

- B. Engineer will, with reasonable promptness, render a written clarification, interpretation, or decision on the issue submitted, or initiate an amendment or supplement to the Contract Documents. Engineer's written clarification, interpretation, or decision will be final and binding on Contractor, unless it appeals by submitting a Change Proposal, and on Owner, unless it appeals by filing a Claim.
- C. If a submitted matter in question concerns terms and conditions of the Contract Documents that do not involve (1) the performance or acceptability of the Work under the Contract Documents, (2) the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), or (3) other engineering or technical matters, then Engineer will promptly notify Owner and Contractor in writing that Engineer is unable to provide a decision or interpretation. If Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on resolution of such a matter in question, either party may pursue resolution as provided in Article 12.

3.05 *Reuse of Documents*

- A. Contractor and its Subcontractors and Suppliers shall not:
 - 1. have or acquire any title to or ownership rights in any of the Drawings, Specifications, or other documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the seal of Engineer or its consultants, including electronic media versions, or reuse any such Drawings, Specifications, other documents, or copies thereof on extensions of the Project or any other project without written consent of Owner and Engineer and specific written verification or adaptation by Engineer; or
 - 2. have or acquire any title or ownership rights in any other Contract Documents, reuse any such Contract Documents for any purpose without Owner's express written consent, or violate any copyrights pertaining to such Contract Documents.
- B. The prohibitions of this Paragraph 3.05 will survive final payment, or termination of the Contract. Nothing herein precludes Contractor from retaining copies of the Contract Documents for record purposes.

ARTICLE 4—COMMENCEMENT AND PROGRESS OF THE WORK

4.01 *Commencement of Contract Times; Notice to Proceed*

- A. The Contract Times will commence to run on the 30th day after the Effective Date of the Contract or, if a Notice to Proceed is given, on the day indicated in the Notice to Proceed. A Notice to Proceed may be given at any time within 30 days after the Effective Date of the Contract. In no event will the Contract Times commence to run later than the 60th day after the day of Bid opening or the 30th day after the Effective Date of the Contract, whichever date is earlier.

4.02 *Starting the Work*

- A. Contractor shall start to perform the Work on the date when the Contract Times commence to run. No Work may be done at the Site prior to such date.

4.03 *Reference Points*

- A. Owner shall provide engineering surveys to establish reference points for construction which in Engineer's judgment are necessary to enable Contractor to proceed with the Work. Contractor shall be responsible for laying out the Work, shall protect and preserve the

established reference points and property monuments, and shall make no changes or relocations without the prior written approval of Owner. Contractor shall report to Engineer whenever any reference point or property monument is lost or destroyed or requires relocation because of necessary changes in grades or locations, and shall be responsible for the accurate replacement or relocation of such reference points or property monuments by professionally qualified personnel.

4.04 Progress Schedule

- A. Contractor shall adhere to the Progress Schedule established in accordance with Paragraph 2.05 as it may be adjusted from time to time as provided below.
 - 1. Contractor shall submit to Engineer for acceptance (to the extent indicated in Paragraph 2.05) proposed adjustments in the Progress Schedule that will not result in changing the Contract Times.
 - 2. Proposed adjustments in the Progress Schedule that will change the Contract Times must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of Article 11.
- B. Contractor shall carry on the Work and adhere to the Progress Schedule during all disputes or disagreements with Owner. No Work will be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, or during any appeal process, except as permitted by Paragraph 16.04, or as Owner and Contractor may otherwise agree in writing.

4.05 Delays in Contractor's Progress

- A. If Owner, Engineer, or anyone for whom Owner is responsible, delays, disrupts, or interferes with the performance or progress of the Work, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times.
- B. Contractor shall not be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times for delay, disruption, or interference caused by or within the control of Contractor. Delay, disruption, and interference attributable to and within the control of a Subcontractor or Supplier shall be deemed to be within the control of Contractor.
- C. If Contractor's performance or progress is delayed, disrupted, or interfered with by unanticipated causes not the fault of and beyond the control of Owner, Contractor, and those for which they are responsible, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in Contract Times. Such an adjustment will be Contractor's sole and exclusive remedy for the delays, disruption, and interference described in this paragraph. Causes of delay, disruption, or interference that may give rise to an adjustment in Contract Times under this paragraph include but are not limited to the following:
 - 1. Severe and unavoidable natural catastrophes such as fires, floods, epidemics, and earthquakes;
 - 2. Abnormal weather conditions;
 - 3. Acts or failures to act of third-party utility owners or other third-party entities (other than those third-party utility owners or other third-party entities performing other work at or adjacent to the Site as arranged by or under contract with Owner, as contemplated in Article 8); and
 - 4. Acts of war or terrorism.

- D. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of Contract Times or Contract Price is limited as follows:
1. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is conditioned on the delay, disruption, or interference adversely affecting an activity on the critical path to completion of the Work, as of the time of the delay, disruption, or interference.
 2. Contractor shall not be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price for any delay, disruption, or interference if such delay is concurrent with a delay, disruption, or interference caused by or within the control of Contractor. Such a concurrent delay by Contractor shall not preclude an adjustment of Contract Times to which Contractor is otherwise entitled.
 3. Adjustments of Contract Times or Contract Price are subject to the provisions of Article 11.
- E. Each Contractor request or Change Proposal seeking an increase in Contract Times or Contract Price must be supplemented by supporting data that sets forth in detail the following:
1. The circumstances that form the basis for the requested adjustment;
 2. The date upon which each cause of delay, disruption, or interference began to affect the progress of the Work;
 3. The date upon which each cause of delay, disruption, or interference ceased to affect the progress of the Work;
 4. The number of days' increase in Contract Times claimed as a consequence of each such cause of delay, disruption, or interference; and
 5. The impact on Contract Price, in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 11.07.
- Contractor shall also furnish such additional supporting documentation as Owner or Engineer may require including, where appropriate, a revised progress schedule indicating all the activities affected by the delay, disruption, or interference, and an explanation of the effect of the delay, disruption, or interference on the critical path to completion of the Work.
- F. Delays, disruption, and interference to the performance or progress of the Work resulting from the existence of a differing subsurface or physical condition, an Underground Facility that was not shown or indicated by the Contract Documents, or not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy, and those resulting from Hazardous Environmental Conditions, are governed by Article 5, together with the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D and 4.05.E.
- G. Paragraph 8.03 addresses delays, disruption, and interference to the performance or progress of the Work resulting from the performance of certain other work at or adjacent to the Site.

ARTICLE 5—SITE; SUBSURFACE AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS; HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

5.01 Availability of Lands

- A. Owner shall furnish the Site.
- B. Upon reasonable written request, Owner shall furnish Contractor with a current statement of record legal title and legal description of the lands upon which permanent improvements are

to be made and Owner's interest therein as necessary for giving notice of or filing a mechanic's or construction lien against such lands in accordance with applicable Laws and Regulations.

- C. Contractor shall provide for all additional lands and access thereto that may be required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment.

5.02 Use of Site and Other Areas

A. Limitation on Use of Site and Other Areas

1. Contractor shall confine construction equipment, temporary construction facilities, the storage of materials and equipment, and the operations of workers to the Site, adjacent areas that Contractor has arranged to use through construction easements or otherwise, and other adjacent areas permitted by Laws and Regulations, and shall not unreasonably encumber the Site and such other adjacent areas with construction equipment or other materials or equipment. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for (a) damage to the Site; (b) damage to any such other adjacent areas used for Contractor's operations; (c) damage to any other adjacent land or areas, or to improvements, structures, utilities, or similar facilities located at such adjacent lands or areas; and (d) for injuries and losses sustained by the owners or occupants of any such land or areas; provided that such damage or injuries result from the performance of the Work or from other actions or conduct of the Contractor or those for which Contractor is responsible.
2. If a damage or injury claim is made by the owner or occupant of any such land or area because of the performance of the Work, or because of other actions or conduct of the Contractor or those for which Contractor is responsible, Contractor shall (a) take immediate corrective or remedial action as required by Paragraph 7.13, or otherwise; (b) promptly attempt to settle the claim as to all parties through negotiations with such owner or occupant, or otherwise resolve the claim by arbitration or other dispute resolution proceeding, or in a court of competent jurisdiction; and (c) to the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them, from and against any such claim, and against all costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to any claim or action, legal or equitable, brought by any such owner or occupant against Owner, Engineer, or any other party indemnified hereunder to the extent caused directly or indirectly, in whole or in part by, or based upon, Contractor's performance of the Work, or because of other actions or conduct of the Contractor or those for which Contractor is responsible.

- B. *Removal of Debris During Performance of the Work:* During the progress of the Work the Contractor shall keep the Site and other adjacent areas free from accumulations of waste materials, rubbish, and other debris. Removal and disposal of such waste materials, rubbish, and other debris will conform to applicable Laws and Regulations.

- C. *Cleaning:* Prior to Substantial Completion of the Work Contractor shall clean the Site and the Work and make it ready for utilization by Owner. At the completion of the Work Contractor shall remove from the Site and adjacent areas all tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery, and surplus materials and shall restore to original condition all property not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents.

- D. *Loading of Structures:* Contractor shall not load nor permit any part of any structure to be loaded in any manner that will endanger the structure, nor shall Contractor subject any part of the Work or adjacent structures or land to stresses or pressures that will endanger them.

5.03 *Subsurface and Physical Conditions*

A. *Reports and Drawings:*

1. Those reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or adjacent to the Site that contain Technical Data;
2. Those drawings of existing physical conditions at or adjacent to the Site, including those drawings depicting existing surface or subsurface structures at or adjacent to the Site (except Underground Facilities), that contain Technical Data; and
3. Technical Data contained in such reports and drawings.

- B. *Underground Facilities:* Underground Facilities are shown or indicated on the Drawings, pursuant to Paragraph 5.05, and not in the drawings referred to in Paragraph 5.03.A. Information and data regarding the presence or location of Underground Facilities are not intended to be categorized, identified, or defined as Technical Data.

- C. *Reliance by Contractor on Technical Data:* Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of the Technical Data expressly identified in the Supplementary Conditions with respect to such reports and drawings, but such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents. If no such express identification has been made, then Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of the Technical Data as defined in Paragraph 1.01.A.46.b.

- D. *Limitations of Other Data and Documents:* Except for such reliance on Technical Data, Contractor may not rely upon or make any claim against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, with respect to:

1. the completeness of such reports and drawings for Contractor's purposes, including, but not limited to, any aspects of the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto;
2. other data, interpretations, opinions, and information contained in such reports or shown or indicated in such drawings;
3. the contents of other Site-related documents made available to Contractor, such as record drawings from other projects at or adjacent to the Site, or Owner's archival documents concerning the Site; or
4. any Contractor interpretation of or conclusion drawn from any Technical Data or any such other data, interpretations, opinions, or information.

5.04 *Differing Subsurface or Physical Conditions*

- A. *Notice by Contractor:* If Contractor believes that any subsurface or physical condition that is uncovered or revealed at the Site:

1. is of such a nature as to establish that any Technical Data on which Contractor is entitled to rely as provided in Paragraph 5.03 is materially inaccurate;
2. is of such a nature as to require a change in the Drawings or Specifications;

3. differs materially from that shown or indicated in the Contract Documents; or
4. is of an unusual nature, and differs materially from conditions ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in the Contract Documents;

then Contractor shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before further disturbing the subsurface or physical conditions or performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15), notify Owner and Engineer in writing about such condition. Contractor shall not further disturb such condition or perform any Work in connection therewith (except with respect to an emergency) until receipt of a written statement permitting Contractor to do so.

- B. *Engineer's Review:* After receipt of written notice as required by the preceding paragraph, Engineer will promptly review the subsurface or physical condition in question; determine whether it is necessary for Owner to obtain additional exploration or tests with respect to the condition; conclude whether the condition falls within any one or more of the differing site condition categories in Paragraph 5.04.A; obtain any pertinent cost or schedule information from Contractor; prepare recommendations to Owner regarding the Contractor's resumption of Work in connection with the subsurface or physical condition in question and the need for any change in the Drawings or Specifications; and advise Owner in writing of Engineer's findings, conclusions, and recommendations.
- C. *Owner's Statement to Contractor Regarding Site Condition:* After receipt of Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations, Owner shall issue a written statement to Contractor (with a copy to Engineer) regarding the subsurface or physical condition in question, addressing the resumption of Work in connection with such condition, indicating whether any change in the Drawings or Specifications will be made, and adopting or rejecting Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations, in whole or in part.
- D. *Early Resumption of Work:* If at any time Engineer determines that Work in connection with the subsurface or physical condition in question may resume prior to completion of Engineer's review or Owner's issuance of its statement to Contractor, because the condition in question has been adequately documented, and analyzed on a preliminary basis, then the Engineer may at its discretion instruct Contractor to resume such Work.
- E. *Possible Price and Times Adjustments*
 1. Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, to the extent that the existence of a differing subsurface or physical condition, or any related delay, disruption, or interference, causes an increase or decrease in Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of the Work; subject, however, to the following:
 - a. Such condition must fall within any one or more of the categories described in Paragraph 5.04.A;
 - b. With respect to Work that is paid for on a unit price basis, any adjustment in Contract Price will be subject to the provisions of Paragraph 13.03; and,
 - c. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D and 4.05.E.

2. Contractor shall not be entitled to any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times with respect to a subsurface or physical condition if:
 - a. Contractor knew of the existence of such condition at the time Contractor made a commitment to Owner with respect to Contract Price and Contract Times by the submission of a Bid or becoming bound under a negotiated contract, or otherwise;
 - b. The existence of such condition reasonably could have been discovered or revealed as a result of any examination, investigation, exploration, test, or study of the Site and contiguous areas expressly required by the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents to be conducted by or for Contractor prior to Contractor's making such commitment; or
 - c. Contractor failed to give the written notice required by Paragraph 5.04.A.
3. If Owner and Contractor agree regarding Contractor's entitlement to and the amount or extent of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, then any such adjustment will be set forth in a Change Order.
4. Contractor may submit a Change Proposal regarding its entitlement to or the amount or extent of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, no later than 30 days after Owner's issuance of the Owner's written statement to Contractor regarding the subsurface or physical condition in question.
- F. *Underground Facilities; Hazardous Environmental Conditions:* Paragraph 5.05 governs rights and responsibilities regarding the presence or location of Underground Facilities. Paragraph 5.06 governs rights and responsibilities regarding Hazardous Environmental Conditions. The provisions of Paragraphs 5.03 and 5.04 are not applicable to the presence or location of Underground Facilities, or to Hazardous Environmental Conditions.

5.05 *Underground Facilities*

- A. *Contractor's Responsibilities:* Unless it is otherwise expressly provided in the Supplementary Conditions, the cost of all of the following are included in the Contract Price, and Contractor shall have full responsibility for:
 1. reviewing and checking all information and data regarding existing Underground Facilities at the Site;
 2. complying with applicable state and local utility damage prevention Laws and Regulations;
 3. verifying the actual location of those Underground Facilities shown or indicated in the Contract Documents as being within the area affected by the Work, by exposing such Underground Facilities during the course of construction;
 4. coordination of the Work with the owners (including Owner) of such Underground Facilities, during construction; and
 5. the safety and protection of all existing Underground Facilities at the Site, and repairing any damage thereto resulting from the Work.
- B. *Notice by Contractor:* If Contractor believes that an Underground Facility that is uncovered or revealed at the Site was not shown or indicated on the Drawings, or was not shown or indicated on the Drawings with reasonable accuracy, then Contractor shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before further disturbing conditions affected thereby or

performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15), notify Owner and Engineer in writing regarding such Underground Facility.

C. *Engineer's Review:* Engineer will:

1. promptly review the Underground Facility and conclude whether such Underground Facility was not shown or indicated on the Drawings, or was not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy;
2. identify and communicate with the owner of the Underground Facility; prepare recommendations to Owner (and if necessary issue any preliminary instructions to Contractor) regarding the Contractor's resumption of Work in connection with the Underground Facility in question;
3. obtain any pertinent cost or schedule information from Contractor; determine the extent, if any, to which a change is required in the Drawings or Specifications to reflect and document the consequences of the existence or location of the Underground Facility; and
4. advise Owner in writing of Engineer's findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

During such time, Contractor shall be responsible for the safety and protection of such Underground Facility.

D. *Owner's Statement to Contractor Regarding Underground Facility:* After receipt of Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations, Owner shall issue a written statement to Contractor (with a copy to Engineer) regarding the Underground Facility in question addressing the resumption of Work in connection with such Underground Facility, indicating whether any change in the Drawings or Specifications will be made, and adopting or rejecting Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations in whole or in part.

E. *Early Resumption of Work:* If at any time Engineer determines that Work in connection with the Underground Facility may resume prior to completion of Engineer's review or Owner's issuance of its statement to Contractor, because the Underground Facility in question and conditions affected by its presence have been adequately documented, and analyzed on a preliminary basis, then the Engineer may at its discretion instruct Contractor to resume such Work.

F. *Possible Price and Times Adjustments*

1. Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, to the extent that any existing Underground Facility at the Site that was not shown or indicated on the Drawings, or was not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy, or any related delay, disruption, or interference, causes an increase or decrease in Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of the Work; subject, however, to the following:
 - a. With respect to Work that is paid for on a unit price basis, any adjustment in Contract Price will be subject to the provisions of Paragraph 13.03;
 - b. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D and 4.05.E; and
 - c. Contractor gave the notice required in Paragraph 5.05.B.

2. If Owner and Contractor agree regarding Contractor's entitlement to and the amount or extent of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, then any such adjustment will be set forth in a Change Order.
3. Contractor may submit a Change Proposal regarding its entitlement to or the amount or extent of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, no later than 30 days after Owner's issuance of the Owner's written statement to Contractor regarding the Underground Facility in question.
4. The information and data shown or indicated on the Drawings with respect to existing Underground Facilities at the Site is based on information and data (a) furnished by the owners of such Underground Facilities, or by others, (b) obtained from available records, or (c) gathered in an investigation conducted in accordance with the current edition of ASCE 38, Standard Guideline for the Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data, by the American Society of Civil Engineers. If such information or data is incorrect or incomplete, Contractor's remedies are limited to those set forth in this Paragraph 5.05.F.

5.06 Hazardous Environmental Conditions at Site

A. Reports and Drawings: The Supplementary Conditions identify:

1. those reports known to Owner relating to Hazardous Environmental Conditions that have been identified at or adjacent to the Site;
2. drawings known to Owner relating to Hazardous Environmental Conditions that have been identified at or adjacent to the Site; and
3. Technical Data contained in such reports and drawings.

B. Reliance by Contractor on Technical Data Authorized: Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of the Technical Data expressly identified in the Supplementary Conditions with respect to such reports and drawings, but such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents. If no such express identification has been made, then Contractor may rely on the accuracy of the Technical Data as defined in Paragraph 1.01.A.46.b. Except for such reliance on Technical Data, Contractor may not rely upon or make any claim against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, with respect to:

1. the completeness of such reports and drawings for Contractor's purposes, including, but not limited to, any aspects of the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto;
2. other data, interpretations, opinions, and information contained in such reports or shown or indicated in such drawings; or
3. any Contractor interpretation of or conclusion drawn from any Technical Data or any such other data, interpretations, opinions or information.

C. Contractor shall not be responsible for removing or remediating any Hazardous Environmental Condition encountered, uncovered, or revealed at the Site unless such removal or remediation is expressly identified in the Contract Documents to be within the scope of the Work.

- D. Contractor shall be responsible for controlling, containing, and duly removing all Constituents of Concern brought to the Site by Contractor, Subcontractors, Suppliers, or anyone else for whom Contractor is responsible, and for any associated costs; and for the costs of removing and remediating any Hazardous Environmental Condition created by the presence of any such Constituents of Concern.
- E. If Contractor encounters, uncovers, or reveals a Hazardous Environmental Condition whose removal or remediation is not expressly identified in the Contract Documents as being within the scope of the Work, or if Contractor or anyone for whom Contractor is responsible creates a Hazardous Environmental Condition, then Contractor shall immediately: (1) secure or otherwise isolate such condition; (2) stop all Work in connection with such condition and in any area affected thereby (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15); and (3) notify Owner and Engineer (and promptly thereafter confirm such notice in writing). Owner shall promptly consult with Engineer concerning the necessity for Owner to retain a qualified expert to evaluate such condition or take corrective action, if any. Promptly after consulting with Engineer, Owner shall take such actions as are necessary to permit Owner to timely obtain required permits and provide Contractor the written notice required by Paragraph 5.06.F. If Contractor or anyone for whom Contractor is responsible created the Hazardous Environmental Condition in question, then Owner may remove and remediate the Hazardous Environmental Condition, and impose a set-off against payments to account for the associated costs.
- F. Contractor shall not resume Work in connection with such Hazardous Environmental Condition or in any affected area until after Owner has obtained any required permits related thereto, and delivered written notice to Contractor either (1) specifying that such condition and any affected area is or has been rendered safe for the resumption of Work, or (2) specifying any special conditions under which such Work may be resumed safely.
- G. If Owner and Contractor cannot agree as to entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, as a result of such Work stoppage, such special conditions under which Work is agreed to be resumed by Contractor, or any costs or expenses incurred in response to the Hazardous Environmental Condition, then within 30 days of Owner's written notice regarding the resumption of Work, Contractor may submit a Change Proposal, or Owner may impose a set-off. Entitlement to any such adjustment is subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D, 4.05.E, 11.07, and 11.08.
- H. If, after receipt of such written notice, Contractor does not agree to resume such Work based on a reasonable belief it is unsafe, or does not agree to resume such Work under such special conditions, then Owner may order the portion of the Work that is in the area affected by such condition to be deleted from the Work, following the contractual change procedures in Article 11. Owner may have such deleted portion of the Work performed by Owner's own forces or others in accordance with Article 8.
- I. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them, from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to the failure to control, contain, or remove a Constituent of Concern brought to the Site by Contractor or by anyone for whom Contractor is responsible, or to a Hazardous Environmental Condition created by Contractor or by anyone

for whom Contractor is responsible. Nothing in this Paragraph 5.06.J obligates Contractor to indemnify any individual or entity from and against the consequences of that individual's or entity's own negligence.

- J. The provisions of Paragraphs 5.03, 5.04, and 5.05 do not apply to the presence of Constituents of Concern or to a Hazardous Environmental Condition uncovered or revealed at the Site.

ARTICLE 6—BONDS AND INSURANCE

6.01 *Performance & Payment Bonds*

- A. Within ten (10) calendar days of receiving the Notice of Award, the successful Bidder shall provide the District a Performance Bond and Payment Bond on the form bound herewith, or on a form provided by the Surety that is acceptable to the District, each in the full amount of the Contract price in accordance with the requirements of Florida Statutes Section 255.05 or 713.23, as applicable, as security for the faithful performance of the Contract and the payment of all persons supplying labor and materials for the construction of the work, and to cover all guarantees against defective workmanship or materials, or both, during the warranty period following the date of final acceptance of the work by the District. The Surety furnishing this bond shall have a sound financial standing and a record of service satisfactory to the District, shall be authorized to do business in the State of Florida, and shall be listed on the current U.S. Department of Treasury Number 570, or amendments thereto in the Federal Register, of acceptable Sureties for federal projects.

The Contractor shall be responsible for all costs associated to record Performance and Payment Bond with the relevant County Clerk's office. Receipt of said recording and a certified copy of the bond shall be provided to the District at the pre-construction meeting. The District may immediately award the bid to the next lowest, responsive and responsible bidder and recover from the original successful bidder the difference in cost between the original winning bid and the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder if the original winning bidder defaults in this section after accepting the award.

These bonds must remain in effect until one year after the date when final payment becomes due or until completion of the correction period specified in Paragraph 15.08, whichever is later, except as provided otherwise by Laws or Regulations, the terms of a prescribed bond form, the Supplementary Conditions, or other provisions of the Contract.

- B. *Power of Attorney*

The Attorney-in-Fact (Resident Agent) who executes this Performance and Payment Bond on behalf of the Surety must attach a notarized copy of his power-of-attorney as evidence of his authority to bind the Surety on the date of execution of the bond. All Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds and respective powers-of-attorney will have the same date.

FAILURE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT OR FURNISH BONDS – The Bidder who has a Contract awarded and who fails to promptly and properly execute the Contract or furnish requested information, or the required Bonds shall forfeit the bid security that accompanied the bid, and the bid security shall be retained as liquidated damages by the District, and it is agreed that this said sum is a fair estimate of the amount of damages the District will sustain in case the Bidder fails to enter into a Contract or furnish the required bonds. Bid security deposited in the form of cash, a certified check, or cashier's check shall be subject to the same requirement as a Bid Bond.

If the Surety Company for any Bond furnished by the Contractor files for bankruptcy, has a receiver appointed, is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent, has an assignment made for the benefit of creditors, has its right to do business terminated in the State of Florida, or ceases to meet the requirements imposed by the contract documents, the Contractor shall within five (5) calendar days substitute another Bond and Surety Company, both of which will be subject to the District's approval.

- C. If Contractor has failed to obtain a required bond, Owner may exclude the Contractor from the Site and exercise Owner's termination rights under Article 16.
- D. Upon request to Owner from any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other person or entity claiming to have furnished labor, services, materials, or equipment used in the performance of the Work, Owner shall provide a copy of the payment bond to such person or entity.
- E. Upon request to Contractor from any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other person or entity claiming to have furnished labor, services, materials, or equipment used in the performance of the Work, Contractor shall provide a copy of the payment bond to such person or entity.

6.02 Insurance Requirements

- A. Contractor and subcontractors shall procure and maintain until all of their obligations have been discharged, including any warranty periods under this Contract are satisfied, insurance against claims for injury to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

The insurance requirements herein are minimum requirements for this Contract and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained in this Contract. The District in no way warrants that the minimum limits contained herein are sufficient to protect the Contractor from liabilities that might arise out of the performance of the work under this Contract by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors. Contractor is free to purchase such additional insurance as may be determined necessary.

- B. **LIMITS OF INSURANCE** - Contractor shall provide coverage with limits of liability not less than those stated below. An excess liability policy or umbrella liability policy may be used to meet the minimum liability requirements provided that the coverage is written on a "following form" basis.

Requirements:

1. Commercial General Liability – Occurrence Form (CG 00 01)

Policy shall include bodily injury, property damage, broad form contractual liability and Explosion, Collapse and Underground (XCU) coverage. The general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. The Contractor shall procure and maintain, and require all subcontractors to procure and maintain a comprehensive general liability policy, including, but not limited to

- General Aggregate \$2,000,000
- Each Occurrence \$1,000,000
- products and completed ops \$1,000,000
- damage to rented premises \$100,000

- a) The policy shall be endorsed to include the following additional insured language: "The Englewood Water District and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers" shall be named as an additional insured with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by, or on behalf of the Contractor.
- b) Contractor's subcontractors shall be subject to the same minimum requirements identified above.
- c) Policy shall be endorsed for a waiver of subrogation against the Englewood Water District.

2. Commercial Automobile Liability

Bodily injury and property damage for any owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used in the performance of this Contract. Automobile liability must be written on a standard ISO form (CA 00 01) covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired (Code 8) and non-owned (Code 9) autos.

- Combined Single Limit (CSL) (Ea Accident) \$1,000,000
- Bodily Injury (per person) \$1,000,000
- Bodily Injury (per accident) \$1,000,000
- Property Damage (per accident) \$1,000,000
- The policy shall be endorsed to include the following additional insured language: "The Englewood Water District and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers" shall be named as an additional insured with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by, or on behalf of the Contractor, including automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor".
- Contractor's sub-contractors shall be subject to the same minimum requirements identified in this section.
- Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the Englewood Water District.

3. Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability (PER CHAPTER 440. FLORIDA STATUTES)

The Contractor shall procure and maintain Worker's Compensation insurance for all his employees to be engaged in work on the project under this Contract and, in case any such work is sublet, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation insurance for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by protection afforded by the Contractor's Workers Compensation insurance. For additional information contact the Department of Financial Services, Workers' Compensation Division at 850.413.1601 or on the web at www.fldfs.com. In case any class of employees engaged in hazardous work on the project under this Contract is not protected under the Worker's Compensation Statute, the Contractor shall provide, and shall cause each subcontractor to provide, Employer's Liability Insurance for the protection of such of his employees not otherwise protected under such provisions. The minimum liability limits of such insurance shall not be less than herein specified or in that amount specified by law for that type of damage claim.

Proof of such insurance shall be filed by the Contractor with the District within ten (10) days

after the receipt of Notice of Award.

Workers' Compensation Employers' Liability

- Each Accident, each employee, bodily injury or disease \$1,000,000
 - a. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the Englewood Water District.
 - b. Contractor's sub-contractors shall be subject to the same minimum requirements identified in this section.
 - c. If the contractor has no employees, the contractor must submit to the District the Workers Compensation Exemption from the State of Florida.

4. Builder's Risk Insurance:

The Contractor, prior to notice to proceed or commencement of work, whichever occurs first, shall obtain Builder's Risk insurance providing coverage to protect the interests of the District, Contractor, and Subcontractors. Coverage shall be written on an All-Risk, Replacement Cost, and Completed Value Form basis in an amount at least equal to 100% of the projected completed value of the Project as well as subsequent modifications of that sum. The Contractor shall endorse the policy with a manuscript endorsement eliminating the automatic termination of coverage in the event the building is occupied in whole or in part, or put to its intended use, or partially accepted by the District. The manuscript endorsement shall amend the automatic termination clause to only terminate coverage if the policy expires, is cancelled, the District's interest in the building ceases, or the building is accepted or insured by the District.

The Contractor shall endorse the District as Additional Insured, or Loss Payee, and have a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement against the District on the Builder's Risk policy.

C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. **ADDITIONAL INSURED:** The Englewood Water District is to be named additional insured on **Comprehensive Commercial General Liability Policy, Auto Policy and Builder's Risk Policy**. All certificates of insurance must be forwarded to and approved by the District before commencement of any work activities under this Contract.

This provision must include list as additional insureds Owner and Engineer, and any individuals or entities identified that may be listed as additional insureds in the Supplementary Conditions;

- i) include coverage for the respective officers, directors, members, partners, employees, and consultants of all such additional insureds;
- ii) afford primary coverage to these additional insureds for all claims covered thereby (including as applicable those arising from both ongoing and completed operations);
- iii) not seek contribution from insurance maintained by the additional insured; and
- iv) as to commercial general liability insurance, apply to additional insureds with respect to liability caused in whole or in part by Contractor's acts or omissions, or the acts and omissions of those working on Contractor's behalf, in the performance of Contractor's operations.

Any and all deductibles to the above referenced policies are to be the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor's insurance is considered primary for any loss regardless of any insurance maintained by the District. The Contractor is responsible for all insurance policy premiums, deductibles, or SIR (self-insured retentions) or any loss or portion of any loss that is not covered by any available insurance policy.

All insurance policies must be issued by companies of recognized responsibility licensed to do business in Florida and must contain a provision that prohibits cancellation unless the District is provided notice as stated within the policy. It is the Contractor's responsibility to provide notice to the District.

2. WAIVER OF SUBROGATION: All required insurance policies, with the exception of Workers Compensation, are to be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation. The insurance companies, by proper endorsement or thru other means, agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the District, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers, and the District's insurance carriers, for losses paid under the terms of these policies that arises from the contractual relationship or work performed by the Contractor for the District. It is the Contractor's responsibility to notify their insurance company of the Waiver of Subrogation and request written authorization or the proper endorsement. Additionally, the Contractor, its officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, and any Subcontractors, agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the District and its insurance carriers for any losses paid, sustained or incurred, but not covered by insurance, that arise from the contractual relationship or work performed. This waiver also applies to any deductibles or self-insured retentions the Contractor or its agents may be responsible for.

3. POLICY FORM:

- i) All policies, required by this Contract, **with the exception of Workers Compensation**, are to be **written on an occurrence basis**, shall name the Englewood Water District, its Commissioners, officers, agents, employees and volunteers as additional insured as their interest may appear under this Contract. Insurer(s), with the exception of Professional Liability and Workers Compensation, shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Englewood Water District, its Commissioners, officers, agents, employees, or volunteers.
- ii) Insurance requirements itemized in this Contract, and required of the Contractor, shall be provided by or on behalf of all subcontractors to cover their operations performed under this Contract. The Contractor shall be held responsible for any modifications, deviations, or omissions in these insurance requirements as they apply to subcontractors.
- iii) Each insurance policy required by this Contract shall:
 - a. Apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made and suit is brought, except with respect to limits of the insurer's liability.
 - b. Be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided or cancelled by either party except after notice is delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. The Contractor is to notify the District's Purchasing department by written notice via certified mail, return receipt requested.
- iv) The District shall retain the right to review, at any time, coverage, form, and amount of insurance.

- v) The procuring of required policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit Contractor's liability nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Contract. The extent of Contractor's liability for indemnity of the District shall not be limited by insurance coverage or lack thereof, or unreasonably delayed for any reason, including but not limited to, insurance coverage disputes between the Contractor and its carrier.
- vi) The Contractor shall be solely responsible for payment of all premiums for insurance contributing to the satisfaction of this Contract and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles and retentions to which such policies are subject, whether or not the District is an insured under the policy.
- D. Failure of Owner or Contractor to demand such certificates or other evidence of the other party's full compliance with these insurance requirements, or failure of Owner or Contractor to identify a deficiency in compliance from the evidence provided, will not be construed as a waiver of the other party's obligation to obtain and maintain such insurance.
- E. Contractor shall require:
 - 1. Subcontractors to purchase and maintain worker's compensation, commercial general liability, and other insurance that is appropriate for their participation in the Project, and to name as additional insureds Owner and Engineer (and any other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions as additional insureds on Contractor's liability policies) on each Subcontractor's commercial general liability insurance policy; and
 - 2. Suppliers to purchase and maintain insurance that is appropriate for their participation in the Project.
- F. If either party does not purchase or maintain the insurance required of such party by the Contract, such party shall notify the other party in writing of such failure to purchase prior to the start of the Work, or of such failure to maintain prior to any change in the required coverage.
- G. If Contractor has failed to obtain and maintain required insurance, Contractor's entitlement to enter or remain at the Site will end immediately, and Owner may impose an appropriate set-off against payment for any associated costs (including but not limited to the cost of purchasing necessary insurance coverage), and exercise Owner's termination rights under Article 16.
- H. Without prejudice to any other right or remedy, if a party has failed to obtain required insurance, the other party may elect (but is in no way obligated) to obtain equivalent insurance to protect such other party's interests at the expense of the party who was required to provide such coverage, and the Contract Price will be adjusted accordingly.
- I. Owner does not represent that insurance coverage and limits established in this Contract necessarily will be adequate to protect Contractor or Contractor's interests. Contractor is responsible for determining whether such coverage and limits are adequate to protect its interests, and for obtaining and maintaining any additional insurance that Contractor deems necessary.
- J. The insurance and insurance limits required herein will not be deemed as a limitation on Contractor's liability, or that of its Subcontractors or Suppliers, under the indemnities granted to Owner and other individuals and entities in the Contract or otherwise.

- K. All the policies of insurance required to be purchased and maintained under this Contract will contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled, or renewal refused, until at least 10 days prior written notice has been given to the purchasing policyholder. Within three days of receipt of any such written notice, the purchasing policyholder shall provide a copy of the notice to each other insured and Engineer.

ARTICLE 7—CONTRACTOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES

7.01 Contractor’s Means and Methods of Construction

- A. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction.
- B. If the Contract Documents note, or Contractor determines, that professional engineering or other design services are needed to carry out Contractor’s responsibilities for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures, or for Site safety, then Contractor shall cause such services to be provided by a properly licensed design professional, at Contractor’s expense. Such services are not Owner-delegated professional design services under this Contract, and neither Owner nor Engineer has any responsibility with respect to (1) Contractor’s determination of the need for such services, (2) the qualifications or licensing of the design professionals retained or employed by Contractor, (3) the performance of such services, or (4) any errors, omissions, or defects in such services.

7.02 Supervision and Superintendence

- A. Contractor shall supervise, inspect, and direct the Work competently and efficiently, devoting such attention thereto and applying such skills and expertise as may be necessary to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- B. At all times during the progress of the Work, Contractor shall assign a competent resident superintendent who speaks English who will not be replaced without written notice to Owner and Engineer except under extraordinary circumstances.

7.03 Labor; Working Hours

- A. Contractor shall provide competent, suitably qualified personnel to survey and lay out the Work and perform construction as required by the Contract Documents. Contractor shall maintain good discipline and order at the Site.
- B. Contractor shall be fully responsible to Owner and Engineer for all acts and omissions of Contractor’s employees; of Suppliers and Subcontractors, and their employees; and of any other individuals or entities performing or furnishing any of the Work, just as Contractor is responsible for Contractor’s own acts and omissions.
- C. Except as otherwise required for the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Site or adjacent thereto, and except as otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, all Work at the Site will be performed during regular working hours, Monday through Friday. Contractor will not perform Work on a Saturday, Sunday, or any legal holiday. Contractor may perform Work at overtime rates approved by the District, outside regular working hours or on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays only with Owner’s written consent, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

7.04 Services, Materials, and Equipment

- A. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall provide and assume full responsibility for all services, materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, light, heat, telephone, water, sanitary facilities, temporary facilities, and all other facilities and incidentals necessary for the performance, testing, start up, and completion of the Work, whether or not such items are specifically called for in the Contract Documents.
- B. All materials and equipment incorporated into the Work must be new and of good quality, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. All special warranties and guarantees required by the Specifications will expressly run to the benefit of Owner. If required by Engineer, Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence (including reports of required tests) as to the source, kind, and quality of materials and equipment.
- C. All materials and equipment must be stored, applied, installed, connected, erected, protected, used, cleaned, and conditioned in accordance with instructions of the applicable Supplier, except as otherwise may be provided in the Contract Documents.

7.05 "Or Equals"

- A. *Contractor's Request; Governing Criteria:* Whenever an item of equipment or material is specified or described in the Contract Documents by using the names of one or more proprietary items or specific Suppliers, the Contract Price has been based upon Contractor furnishing such item as specified. The specification or description of such an item is intended to establish the type, function, appearance, and quality required. Unless the specification or description contains or is followed by words reading that no like, equivalent, or "or equal" item is permitted, Contractor may request that Engineer authorize the use of other items of equipment or material, or items from other proposed Suppliers, under the circumstances described below.
 - 1. If Engineer in its sole discretion determines that an item of equipment or material proposed by Contractor is functionally equal to that named and sufficiently similar so that no change in related Work will be required, Engineer will deem it an "or equal" item. For the purposes of this paragraph, a proposed item of equipment or material will be considered functionally equal to an item so named if:
 - a. in the exercise of reasonable judgment Engineer determines that the proposed item:
 - 1) is at least equal in materials of construction, quality, durability, appearance, strength, and design characteristics;
 - 2) will reliably perform at least equally well the function and achieve the results imposed by the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole;
 - 3) has a proven record of performance and availability of responsive service; and
 - 4) is not objectionable to Owner.
 - b. Contractor certifies that, if the proposed item is approved and incorporated into the Work:
 - 1) there will be no increase in cost to the Owner or increase in Contract Times; and
 - 2) the item will conform substantially to the detailed requirements of the item named in the Contract Documents.

- B. *Contractor's Expense*: Contractor shall provide all data in support of any proposed "or equal" item at Contractor's expense.
- C. *Engineer's Evaluation and Determination*: Engineer will be allowed a reasonable time to evaluate each "or-equal" request. Engineer may require Contractor to furnish additional data about the proposed "or-equal" item. Engineer will be the sole judge of acceptability. No "or-equal" item will be ordered, furnished, installed, or utilized until Engineer's review is complete and Engineer determines that the proposed item is an "or-equal," which will be evidenced by an approved Shop Drawing or other written communication. Engineer will advise Contractor in writing of any negative determination.
- D. *Effect of Engineer's Determination*: Neither approval nor denial of an "or-equal" request will result in any change in Contract Price. The Engineer's denial of an "or-equal" request will be final and binding, and may not be reversed through an appeal under any provision of the Contract.
- E. *Treatment as a Substitution Request*: If Engineer determines that an item of equipment or material proposed by Contractor does not qualify as an "or-equal" item, Contractor may request that Engineer consider the item a proposed substitute pursuant to Paragraph 7.06.

7.06 Substitutes

- A. *Contractor's Request; Governing Criteria*: Unless the specification or description of an item of equipment or material required to be furnished under the Contract Documents contains or is followed by words reading that no substitution is permitted, Contractor may request that Engineer authorize the use of other items of equipment or material under the circumstances described below. To the extent possible such requests must be made before commencement of related construction at the Site.
 - 1. Contractor shall submit sufficient information as provided below to allow Engineer to determine if the item of material or equipment proposed is functionally equivalent to that named and an acceptable substitute therefor. Engineer will not accept requests for review of proposed substitute items of equipment or material from anyone other than Contractor.
 - 2. The requirements for review by Engineer will be as set forth in Paragraph 7.06.B, as supplemented by the Specifications, and as Engineer may decide is appropriate under the circumstances.
 - 3. Contractor shall make written application to Engineer for review of a proposed substitute item of equipment or material that Contractor seeks to furnish or use. The application:
 - a. will certify that the proposed substitute item will:
 - 1) perform adequately the functions and achieve the results called for by the general design;
 - 2) be similar in substance to the item specified; and
 - 3) be suited to the same use as the item specified.
 - b. will state:
 - 1) the extent, if any, to which the use of the proposed substitute item will necessitate a change in Contract Times;

- 2) whether use of the proposed substitute item in the Work will require a change in any of the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with Owner for other work on the Project) to adapt the design to the proposed substitute item; and
 - 3) whether incorporation or use of the proposed substitute item in connection with the Work is subject to payment of any license fee or royalty.
 - c. will identify:
 - 1) all variations of the proposed substitute item from the item specified; and
 - 2) available engineering, sales, maintenance, repair, and replacement services.
 - d. will contain an itemized estimate of all costs or credits that will result directly or indirectly from use of such substitute item, including but not limited to changes in Contract Price, shared savings, costs of redesign, and claims of other contractors affected by any resulting change.
- B. *Engineer's Evaluation and Determination:* Engineer will be allowed a reasonable time to evaluate each substitute request, and to obtain comments and direction from Owner. Engineer may require Contractor to furnish additional data about the proposed substitute item. Engineer will be the sole judge of acceptability. No substitute will be ordered, furnished, installed, or utilized until Engineer's review is complete and Engineer determines that the proposed item is an acceptable substitute. Engineer's determination will be evidenced by a Field Order or a proposed Change Order accounting for the substitution itself and all related impacts, including changes in Contract Price or Contract Times. Engineer will advise Contractor in writing of any negative determination.
- C. *Special Guarantee:* Owner may require Contractor to furnish at Contractor's expense a special performance guarantee or other surety with respect to any substitute.
- D. *Reimbursement of Engineer's Cost:* Engineer will record Engineer's costs in evaluating a substitute proposed or submitted by Contractor. Whether or not Engineer approves a substitute so proposed or submitted by Contractor, Contractor shall reimburse Owner for the reasonable charges of Engineer for evaluating each such proposed substitute. Contractor shall also reimburse Owner for the reasonable charges of Engineer for making changes in the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with Owner) resulting from the acceptance of each proposed substitute.
- E. *Contractor's Expense:* Contractor shall provide all data in support of any proposed substitute at Contractor's expense.
- F. *Effect of Engineer's Determination:* If Engineer approves the substitution request, Contractor shall execute the proposed Change Order and proceed with the substitution. The Engineer's denial of a substitution request will be final and binding, and may not be reversed through an appeal under any provision of the Contract. Contractor may challenge the scope of reimbursement costs imposed under Paragraph 7.06.D, by timely submittal of a Change Proposal.

7.07 Concerning Subcontractors and Suppliers

- A. Contractor may retain Subcontractors and Suppliers for the performance of parts of the Work. Such Subcontractors and Suppliers must be acceptable to Owner. The Contractor's retention

of a Subcontractor or Supplier for the performance of parts of the Work will not relieve Contractor's obligation to Owner to perform and complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

- B. Contractor shall retain specific Subcontractors and Suppliers for the performance of designated parts of the Work if required by the Contract to do so.
- C. Subsequent to the submittal of Contractor's Bid or final negotiation of the terms of the Contract, Owner may not require Contractor to retain any Subcontractor or Supplier to furnish or perform any of the Work against which Contractor has reasonable objection.
- D. Prior to entry into any binding subcontract or purchase order, Contractor shall submit to Owner the identity of the proposed Subcontractor or Supplier (unless Owner has already deemed such proposed Subcontractor or Supplier acceptable during the bidding process or otherwise). Such proposed Subcontractor or Supplier shall be deemed acceptable to Owner unless Owner raises a substantive, reasonable objection within 5 days.
- E. Owner may require the replacement of any Subcontractor or Supplier. Owner also may require Contractor to retain specific replacements; provided, however, that Owner may not require a replacement to which Contractor has a reasonable objection. If Contractor has submitted the identity of certain Subcontractors or Suppliers for acceptance by Owner, and Owner has accepted it (either in writing or by failing to make written objection thereto), then Owner may subsequently revoke the acceptance of any such Subcontractor or Supplier so identified solely on the basis of substantive, reasonable objection after due investigation. Contractor shall submit an acceptable replacement for the rejected Subcontractor or Supplier.
- F. If Owner requires the replacement of any Subcontractor or Supplier retained by Contractor to perform any part of the Work, then Contractor shall be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, with respect to the replacement; and Contractor shall initiate a Change Proposal for such adjustment within 30 days of Owner's requirement of replacement.
- G. No acceptance by Owner of any such Subcontractor or Supplier, whether initially or as a replacement, will constitute a waiver of the right of Owner to the completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- H. On a monthly basis, Contractor shall submit to Engineer a complete list of all Subcontractors and Suppliers having a direct contract with Contractor, and of all other Subcontractors and Suppliers known to Contractor at the time of submittal.
- I. Contractor shall be solely responsible for scheduling and coordinating the work of Subcontractors and Suppliers.
- J. The divisions and sections of the Specifications and the identifications of any Drawings do not control Contractor in dividing the Work among Subcontractors or Suppliers, or in delineating the Work to be performed by any specific trade.
- K. All Work performed for Contractor by a Subcontractor or Supplier must be pursuant to an appropriate contractual agreement that specifically binds the Subcontractor or Supplier to the applicable terms and conditions of the Contract for the benefit of Owner and Engineer.

- L. Owner may furnish to any Subcontractor or Supplier, to the extent practicable, information about amounts paid to Contractor for Work performed for Contractor by the Subcontractor or Supplier.
- M. Contractor shall restrict all Subcontractors and Suppliers from communicating with Engineer or Owner, except through Contractor or in case of an emergency, or as otherwise expressly allowed in this Contract.

7.08 Patent Fees and Royalties

- A. Contractor shall pay all license fees and royalties and assume all costs incident to the use in the performance of the Work or the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product, or device which is the subject of patent rights or copyrights held by others. If an invention, design, process, product, or device is specified in the Contract Documents for use in the performance of the Work and if, to the actual knowledge of Owner or Engineer, its use is subject to patent rights or copyrights calling for the payment of any license fee or royalty to others, the existence of such rights will be disclosed in the Contract Documents.
- B. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them, from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to any infringement of patent rights or copyrights incident to the use in the performance of the Work or resulting from the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product, or device not specified in the Contract Documents.

7.09 Permits

- A. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall obtain and pay for all construction permits, licenses, and certificates of occupancy. Owner shall assist Contractor, when necessary, in obtaining such permits and licenses. Contractor shall pay all governmental charges and inspection fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work which are applicable at the time of the submission of Contractor's Bid (or when Contractor became bound under a negotiated contract). Owner shall pay all charges of utility owners for connections for providing permanent service to the Work.

7.10 Taxes

- A. Contractor shall pay all sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes required to be paid by Contractor in accordance with the Laws and Regulations of the place of the Project which are applicable during the performance of the Work.

7.11 Laws and Regulations

- A. Contractor shall give all notices required by and shall comply with all Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Neither Owner nor Engineer shall be responsible for monitoring Contractor's compliance with any Laws or Regulations.
- B. If Contractor performs any Work or takes any other action knowing or having reason to know that it is contrary to Laws or Regulations, Contractor shall bear all resulting costs and losses, and shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of

them, from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such Work or other action. It is not Contractor's responsibility to make certain that the Work described in the Contract Documents is in accordance with Laws and Regulations, but this does not relieve Contractor of its obligations under Paragraph 3.03.

- C. Owner or Contractor may give written notice to the other party of any changes after the submission of Contractor's Bid (or after the date when Contractor became bound under a negotiated contract) in Laws or Regulations having an effect on the cost or time of performance of the Work, including but not limited to changes in Laws or Regulations having an effect on procuring permits and on sales, use, value-added, consumption, and other similar taxes. If Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times resulting from such changes, then within 30 days of such written notice Contractor may submit a Change Proposal, or Owner may initiate a Claim.

7.12 Record Documents

- A. Contractor shall maintain in a safe place at the Site one printed record copy of all Drawings, Specifications, Addenda, Change Orders, Work Change Directives, Field Orders, written interpretations and clarifications, and approved Shop Drawings. Contractor shall keep such record documents in good order and annotate them to show changes made during construction. These record documents, together with all approved Samples, will be available to Engineer for reference. Upon completion of the Work, Contractor shall deliver these record documents to Engineer.

7.13 Safety and Protection

- A. Contractor shall be solely responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. Such responsibility does not relieve Subcontractors of their responsibility for the safety of persons or property in the performance of their work, nor for compliance with applicable safety Laws and Regulations.
- B. Contractor shall designate a qualified and experienced safety representative whose duties and responsibilities are the prevention of Work-related accidents and the maintenance and supervision of safety precautions and programs.
- C. Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to:
 - 1. all persons on the Site or who may be affected by the Work;
 - 2. all the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Site; and
 - 3. other property at the Site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, other work in progress, utilities, and Underground Facilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of construction.
- D. All damage, injury, or loss to any property referred to in Paragraph 7.13.C.2 or 7.13.C.3 caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by Contractor, any Subcontractor, Supplier, or any other individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform

any of the Work, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, shall be remedied by Contractor at its expense (except damage or loss attributable to the fault of Drawings or Specifications or to the acts or omissions of Owner or Engineer or anyone employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, and not attributable, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the fault or negligence of Contractor or any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them).

- E. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Laws and Regulations relating to the safety of persons or property, or to the protection of persons or property from damage, injury, or loss; and shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for such safety and protection.
- F. Contractor shall notify Owner; the owners of adjacent property; the owners of Underground Facilities and other utilities (if the identity of such owners is known to Contractor); and other contractors and utility owners performing work at or adjacent to the Site, in writing, when Contractor knows that prosecution of the Work may affect them, and shall cooperate with them in the protection, removal, relocation, and replacement of their property or work in progress.
- G. Contractor shall comply with the applicable requirements of Owner's safety programs, if any. Any Owner's safety programs that are applicable to the Work are identified or included in the Supplementary Conditions or Specifications.
- H. Contractor shall inform Owner and Engineer of the specific requirements of Contractor's safety program with which Owner's and Engineer's employees and representatives must comply while at the Site.
- I. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for safety and protection will continue until all the Work is completed, Engineer has issued a written notice to Owner and Contractor in accordance with Paragraph 15.06.C that the Work is acceptable, and Contractor has left the Site (except as otherwise expressly provided in connection with Substantial Completion).
- J. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for safety and protection will resume whenever Contractor or any Subcontractor or Supplier returns to the Site to fulfill warranty or correction obligations, or to conduct other tasks arising from the Contract Documents.

7.14 Hazard Communication Programs

- A. Contractor shall be responsible for coordinating any exchange of safety data sheets (formerly known as material safety data sheets) or other hazard communication information required to be made available to or exchanged between or among employers at the Site in accordance with Laws or Regulations.

7.15 Emergencies

- A. In emergencies affecting the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Site or adjacent thereto, Contractor is obligated to act to prevent damage, injury, or loss. Contractor shall give Engineer prompt written notice if Contractor believes that any significant changes in the Work or variations from the Contract Documents have been caused by an emergency, or are required as a result of Contractor's response to an emergency. If Engineer determines that a change in the Contract Documents is required because of an emergency or Contractor's response, a Work Change Directive or Change Order will be issued.

7.16 Submittals

A. Shop Drawing and Sample Requirements

1. Before submitting a Shop Drawing or Sample, Contractor shall:
 - a. review and coordinate the Shop Drawing or Sample with other Shop Drawings and Samples and with the requirements of the Work and the Contract Documents;
 - b. determine and verify:
 - 1) all field measurements, quantities, dimensions, specified performance and design criteria, installation requirements, materials, catalog numbers, and similar information with respect to the Submittal;
 - 2) the suitability of all materials and equipment offered with respect to the indicated application, fabrication, shipping, handling, storage, assembly, and installation pertaining to the performance of the Work; and
 - 3) all information relative to Contractor's responsibilities for means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto;
 - c. confirm that the Submittal is complete with respect to all related data included in the Submittal.
2. Each Shop Drawing or Sample must bear a stamp or specific written certification that Contractor has satisfied Contractor's obligations under the Contract Documents with respect to Contractor's review of that Submittal, and that Contractor approves the Submittal.
3. With each Shop Drawing or Sample, Contractor shall give Engineer specific written notice of any variations that the Submittal may have from the requirements of the Contract Documents. This notice must be set forth in a written communication separate from the Submittal; and, in addition, in the case of a Shop Drawing by a specific notation made on the Shop Drawing itself.

B. Submittal Procedures for Shop Drawings and Samples: Contractor shall label and submit Shop Drawings and Samples to Engineer for review and approval in accordance with the accepted Schedule of Submittals.

1. Shop Drawings

- a. Contractor shall submit the number of copies required in the Specifications.
- b. Data shown on the Shop Drawings must be complete with respect to quantities, dimensions, specified performance and design criteria, materials, and similar data to show Engineer the services, materials, and equipment Contractor proposes to provide, and to enable Engineer to review the information for the limited purposes required by Paragraph 7.16.C.

2. Samples

- a. Contractor shall submit the number of Samples required in the Specifications.
- b. Contractor shall clearly identify each Sample as to material, Supplier, pertinent data such as catalog numbers, the use for which intended and other data as Engineer may

require to enable Engineer to review the Submittal for the limited purposes required by Paragraph 7.16.C.

3. Where a Shop Drawing or Sample is required by the Contract Documents or the Schedule of Submittals, any related Work performed prior to Engineer's review and approval of the pertinent submittal will be at the sole expense and responsibility of Contractor.

C. *Engineer's Review of Shop Drawings and Samples*

1. Engineer will provide timely review of Shop Drawings and Samples in accordance with the accepted Schedule of Submittals. Engineer's review and approval will be only to determine if the items covered by the Submittals will, after installation or incorporation in the Work, comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents, and be compatible with the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole as indicated by the Contract Documents.
2. Engineer's review and approval will not extend to means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or to safety precautions or programs incident thereto.
3. Engineer's review and approval of a separate item as such will not indicate approval of the assembly in which the item functions.
4. Engineer's review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample will not relieve Contractor from responsibility for any variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents unless Contractor has complied with the requirements of Paragraph 7.16.A.3 and Engineer has given written approval of each such variation by specific written notation thereof incorporated in or accompanying the Shop Drawing or Sample. Engineer will document any such approved variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents in a Field Order or other appropriate Contract modification.
5. Engineer's review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample will not relieve Contractor from responsibility for complying with the requirements of Paragraphs 7.16.A and B.
6. Engineer's review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample, or of a variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents, will not, under any circumstances, change the Contract Times or Contract Price, unless such changes are included in a Change Order.
7. Neither Engineer's receipt, review, acceptance, or approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample will result in such item becoming a Contract Document.
8. Contractor shall perform the Work in compliance with the requirements and commitments set forth in approved Shop Drawings and Samples, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 7.16.C.4.

D. *Resubmittal Procedures for Shop Drawings and Samples*

1. Contractor shall make corrections required by Engineer and shall return the required number of corrected copies of Shop Drawings and submit, as required, new Samples for review and approval. Contractor shall direct specific attention in writing to revisions other than the corrections called for by Engineer on previous Submittals.
2. Contractor shall furnish required Shop Drawing and Sample submittals with sufficient information and accuracy to obtain required approval of an item with no more than two resubmittals. Engineer will record Engineer's time for reviewing a third or subsequent

resubmittal of a Shop Drawing or Sample, and Contractor shall be responsible for Engineer's charges to Owner for such time. Owner may impose a set-off against payments due Contractor to secure reimbursement for such charges.

3. If Contractor requests a change of a previously approved Shop Drawing or Sample, Contractor shall be responsible for Engineer's charges to Owner for its review time, and Owner may impose a set-off against payments due Contractor to secure reimbursement for such charges, unless the need for such change is beyond the control of Contractor.

E. Submittals Other than Shop Drawings, Samples, and Owner-Delegated Designs

1. The following provisions apply to all Submittals other than Shop Drawings, Samples, and Owner-delegated designs:
 - a. Contractor shall submit all such Submittals to the Engineer in accordance with the Schedule of Submittals and pursuant to the applicable terms of the Contract Documents.
 - b. Engineer will provide timely review of all such Submittals in accordance with the Schedule of Submittals and return such Submittals with a notation of either Accepted or Not Accepted. Any such Submittal that is not returned within the time established in the Schedule of Submittals will be deemed accepted.
 - c. Engineer's review will be only to determine if the Submittal is acceptable under the requirements of the Contract Documents as to general form and content of the Submittal.
 - d. If any such Submittal is not accepted, Contractor shall confer with Engineer regarding the reason for the non-acceptance, and resubmit an acceptable document.
2. Procedures for the submittal and acceptance of the Progress Schedule, the Schedule of Submittals, and the Schedule of Values are set forth in Paragraphs 2.03, 2.04, and 2.05.

F. Owner-delegated Designs: Submittals pursuant to Owner-delegated designs are governed by the provisions of Paragraph 7.19.

7.17 Contractor's General Warranty and Guarantee

- A. Contractor warrants and guarantees to Owner that all Work will be in accordance with the Contract Documents and will not be defective. Engineer is entitled to rely on Contractor's warranty and guarantee.
- B. Owner's rights under this warranty and guarantee are in addition to, and are not limited by, Owner's rights under the correction period provisions of Paragraph 15.08. The time in which Owner may enforce its warranty and guarantee rights under this Paragraph 7.17 is limited only by applicable Laws and Regulations restricting actions to enforce such rights; provided, however, that after the end of the correction period under Paragraph 15.08:
 1. Owner shall give Contractor written notice of any defective Work within 60 days of the discovery that such Work is defective; and
 2. Such notice will be deemed the start of an event giving rise to a Claim under Paragraph 12.01.B, such that any related Claim must be brought within 30 days of the notice.

- C. Contractor's warranty and guarantee hereunder excludes defects or damage caused by:
 - 1. abuse, or improper modification, maintenance, or operation, by persons other than Contractor, Subcontractors, Suppliers, or any other individual or entity for whom Contractor is responsible; or
 - 2. normal wear and tear under normal usage.
- D. Contractor's obligation to perform and complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents is absolute. None of the following will constitute an acceptance of Work that is not in accordance with the Contract Documents, a release of Contractor's obligation to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, or a release of Owner's warranty and guarantee rights under this Paragraph 7.17:
 - 1. Observations by Engineer;
 - 2. Recommendation by Engineer or payment by Owner of any progress or final payment;
 - 3. The issuance of a certificate of Substantial Completion by Engineer or any payment related thereto by Owner;
 - 4. Use or occupancy of the Work or any part thereof by Owner;
 - 5. Any review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample submittal;
 - 6. The issuance of a notice of acceptability by Engineer;
 - 7. The end of the correction period established in Paragraph 15.08;
 - 8. Any inspection, test, or approval by others; or
 - 9. Any correction of defective Work by Owner.
- E. If the Contract requires the Contractor to accept the assignment of a contract entered into by Owner, then the specific warranties, guarantees, and correction obligations contained in the assigned contract will govern with respect to Contractor's performance obligations to Owner for the Work described in the assigned contract.

7.18 Indemnification

- A. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, and in addition to any other obligations of Contractor under the Contract or otherwise, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them, from losses, damages, costs, and judgments (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals, and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising from third-party claims or actions relating to or resulting from the performance or furnishing of the Work, provided that any such claim, action, loss, cost, judgment or damage is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or to damage to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), including the loss of use resulting therefrom, but only to the extent caused by any negligent act or omission of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.
- B. In any and all claims against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, by any employee (or the survivor

or personal representative of such employee) of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under Paragraph 7.18.A will not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for Contractor or any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

7.19 Delegation of Professional Design Services

- A. Owner may require Contractor to provide professional design services for a portion of the Work by express delegation in the Contract Documents. Such delegation will specify the performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy, and the Submittals that Contractor must furnish to Engineer with respect to the Owner-delegated design.
- B. Contractor shall cause such Owner-delegated professional design services to be provided pursuant to the professional standard of care by a properly licensed design professional, whose signature and seal must appear on all drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications, and Submittals prepared by such design professional. Such design professional must issue all certifications of design required by Laws and Regulations.
- C. If a Shop Drawing or other Submittal related to the Owner-delegated design is prepared by Contractor, a Subcontractor, or others for submittal to Engineer, then such Shop Drawing or other Submittal must bear the written approval of Contractor's design professional when submitted by Contractor to Engineer.
- D. Owner and Engineer shall be entitled to rely upon the adequacy, accuracy, and completeness of the services, certifications, and approvals performed or provided by the design professionals retained or employed by Contractor under an Owner-delegated design, subject to the professional standard of care and the performance and design criteria stated in the Contract Documents.
- E. Pursuant to this Paragraph 7.19, Engineer's review, approval, and other determinations regarding design drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications, and other Submittals furnished by Contractor pursuant to an Owner-delegated design will be only for the following limited purposes:
 - 1. Checking for conformance with the requirements of this Paragraph 7.19;
 - 2. Confirming that Contractor (through its design professionals) has used the performance and design criteria specified in the Contract Documents; and
 - 3. Establishing that the design furnished by Contractor is consistent with the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents.
- F. Contractor shall not be responsible for the adequacy of performance or design criteria specified by Owner or Engineer.
- G. Contractor is not required to provide professional services in violation of applicable Laws and Regulations.

ARTICLE 8—OTHER WORK AT THE SITE

8.01 *Other Work*

- A. In addition to and apart from the Work under the Contract Documents, the Owner may perform other work at or adjacent to the Site. Such other work may be performed by Owner's employees, or through contracts between the Owner and third parties. Owner may also arrange to have third-party utility owners perform work on their utilities and facilities at or adjacent to the Site.
- B. If Owner performs other work at or adjacent to the Site with Owner's employees, or through contracts for such other work, then Owner shall give Contractor written notice thereof prior to starting any such other work. If Owner has advance information regarding the start of any third-party utility work that Owner has arranged to take place at or adjacent to the Site, Owner shall provide such information to Contractor.
- C. Contractor shall afford proper and safe access to the Site to each contractor that performs such other work, each utility owner performing other work, and Owner, if Owner is performing other work with Owner's employees, and provide a reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of such other work.
- D. Contractor shall do all cutting, fitting, and patching of the Work that may be required to properly connect or otherwise make its several parts come together and properly integrate with such other work. Contractor shall not endanger any work of others by cutting, excavating, or otherwise altering such work; provided, however, that Contractor may cut or alter others' work with the written consent of Engineer and the others whose work will be affected.
- E. If the proper execution or results of any part of Contractor's Work depends upon work performed by others, Contractor shall inspect such other work and promptly report to Engineer in writing any delays, defects, or deficiencies in such other work that render it unavailable or unsuitable for the proper execution and results of Contractor's Work. Contractor's failure to so report will constitute an acceptance of such other work as fit and proper for integration with Contractor's Work except for latent defects and deficiencies in such other work.
- F. The provisions of this article are not applicable to work that is performed by third-party utilities or other third-party entities without a contract with Owner, or that is performed without having been arranged by Owner. If such work occurs, then any related delay, disruption, or interference incurred by Contractor is governed by the provisions of Paragraph 4.05.C.3.

8.02 *Coordination*

- A. If Owner intends to contract with others for the performance of other work at or adjacent to the Site, to perform other work at or adjacent to the Site with Owner's employees, or to arrange to have utility owners perform work at or adjacent to the Site, the following will be set forth in the Supplementary Conditions or provided to Contractor prior to the start of any such other work:
 - 1. The identity of the individual or entity that will have authority and responsibility for coordination of the activities among the various contractors;

2. An itemization of the specific matters to be covered by such authority and responsibility; and
 3. The extent of such authority and responsibilities.
- B. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, Owner shall have sole authority and responsibility for such coordination.

8.03 Legal Relationships

- A. If, in the course of performing other work for Owner at or adjacent to the Site, the Owner's employees, any other contractor working for Owner, or any utility owner that Owner has arranged to perform work, causes damage to the Work or to the property of Contractor or its Subcontractors, or delays, disrupts, interferes with, or increases the scope or cost of the performance of the Work, through actions or inaction, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times. Contractor must submit any Change Proposal seeking an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times under this paragraph within 30 days of the damaging, delaying, disrupting, or interfering event. The entitlement to, and extent of, any such equitable adjustment will take into account information (if any) regarding such other work that was provided to Contractor in the Contract Documents prior to the submittal of the Bid or the final negotiation of the terms of the Contract, and any remedies available to Contractor under Laws or Regulations concerning utility action or inaction. When applicable, any such equitable adjustment in Contract Price will be conditioned on Contractor assigning to Owner all Contractor's rights against such other contractor or utility owner with respect to the damage, delay, disruption, or interference that is the subject of the adjustment. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times or Contract Price is subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D and 4.05.E.
- B. Contractor shall take reasonable and customary measures to avoid damaging, delaying, disrupting, or interfering with the work of Owner, any other contractor, or any utility owner performing other work at or adjacent to the Site.
1. If Contractor fails to take such measures and as a result damages, delays, disrupts, or interferes with the work of any such other contractor or utility owner, then Owner may impose a set-off against payments due Contractor, and assign to such other contractor or utility owner the Owner's contractual rights against Contractor with respect to the breach of the obligations set forth in this Paragraph 8.03.B.
 2. When Owner is performing other work at or adjacent to the Site with Owner's employees, Contractor shall be liable to Owner for damage to such other work, and for the reasonable direct delay, disruption, and interference costs incurred by Owner as a result of Contractor's failure to take reasonable and customary measures with respect to Owner's other work. In response to such damage, delay, disruption, or interference, Owner may impose a set-off against payments due Contractor.
- C. If Contractor damages, delays, disrupts, or interferes with the work of any other contractor, or any utility owner performing other work at or adjacent to the Site, through Contractor's failure to take reasonable and customary measures to avoid such impacts, or if any claim arising out of Contractor's actions, inactions, or negligence in performance of the Work at or adjacent to the Site is made by any such other contractor or utility owner against Contractor, Owner, or Engineer, then Contractor shall (1) promptly attempt to settle the claim as to all parties through negotiations with such other contractor or utility owner, or otherwise resolve

the claim by arbitration or other dispute resolution proceeding or at law, and (2) indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against any such claims, and against all costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such damage, delay, disruption, or interference.

ARTICLE 9—OWNER’S RESPONSIBILITIES

9.01 *Communications to Contractor*

- A. Except as otherwise provided in these General Conditions, Owner shall issue all communications to Contractor through Engineer.

9.02 *Replacement of Engineer*

- A. Owner may at its discretion appoint an engineer to replace Engineer, provided Contractor makes no reasonable objection to the replacement engineer. The replacement engineer’s status under the Contract Documents will be that of the former Engineer.

9.03 *Furnish Data*

- A. Owner shall promptly furnish the data required of Owner under the Contract Documents.

9.04 *Pay When Due*

- A. Owner shall make payments to Contractor when they are due as provided in the Agreement.

9.05 *Lands and Easements; Reports, Tests, and Drawings*

- A. Owner’s duties with respect to providing lands and easements are set forth in Paragraph 5.01.
- B. Owner’s duties with respect to providing engineering surveys to establish reference points are set forth in Paragraph 4.03.
- C. Article 5 refers to Owner’s identifying and making available to Contractor copies of reports of explorations and tests of conditions at the Site, and drawings of physical conditions relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at the Site.

9.06 *Insurance*

- A. Owner’s responsibilities, if any, with respect to purchasing and maintaining liability and property insurance are set forth in Article 6.

9.07 *Change Orders*

- A. Owner’s responsibilities with respect to Change Orders are set forth in Article 11.

9.08 *Inspections, Tests, and Approvals*

- A. Owner’s responsibility with respect to certain inspections, tests, and approvals is set forth in Paragraph 14.02.B.

9.09 *Limitations on Owner’s Responsibilities*

- A. The Owner shall not supervise, direct, or have control or authority over, nor be responsible for, Contractor’s means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or

the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Owner will not be responsible for Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

9.10 *Undisclosed Hazardous Environmental Condition*

- A. Owner's responsibility in respect to an undisclosed Hazardous Environmental Condition is set forth in Paragraph 5.06.

9.11 *Evidence of Financial Arrangements*

- A. Upon request of Contractor, Owner shall furnish Contractor reasonable evidence that financial arrangements have been made to satisfy Owner's obligations under the Contract (including obligations under proposed changes in the Work).

9.12 *Safety Programs*

- A. While at the Site, Owner's employees and representatives shall comply with the specific applicable requirements of Contractor's safety programs of which Owner has been informed.
- B. Owner shall furnish copies of any applicable Owner safety programs to Contractor.

ARTICLE 10—ENGINEER'S STATUS DURING CONSTRUCTION

10.01 *Owner's Representative*

- A. Engineer will be Owner's representative during the construction period. The duties and responsibilities and the limitations of authority of Engineer as Owner's representative during construction are set forth in the Contract.

10.02 *Visits to Site*

- A. Engineer will make visits to the Site at intervals appropriate to the various stages of construction as Engineer deems necessary in order to observe, as an experienced and qualified design professional, the progress that has been made and the quality of the various aspects of Contractor's executed Work. Based on information obtained during such visits and observations, Engineer, for the benefit of Owner, will determine, in general, if the Work is proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents. Engineer will not be required to make exhaustive or continuous inspections on the Site to check the quality or quantity of the Work. Engineer's efforts will be directed toward providing for Owner a greater degree of confidence that the completed Work will conform generally to the Contract Documents. On the basis of such visits and observations, Engineer will keep Owner informed of the progress of the Work and will endeavor to guard Owner against defective Work.
- B. Engineer's visits and observations are subject to all the limitations on Engineer's authority and responsibility set forth in Paragraph 10.07. Particularly, but without limitation, during or as a result of Engineer's visits or observations of Contractor's Work, Engineer will not supervise, direct, control, or have authority over or be responsible for Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work.

10.03 *Resident Project Representative*

- A. If Owner and Engineer have agreed that Engineer will furnish a Resident Project Representative to represent Engineer at the Site and assist Engineer in observing the progress and quality of the Work, then the authority and responsibilities of any such Resident Project Representative will be as provided in the Supplementary Conditions, and limitations on the responsibilities thereof will be as provided in the Supplementary Conditions and in Paragraph 10.07.
- B. If Owner designates an individual or entity who is not Engineer's consultant, agent, or employee to represent Owner at the Site, then the responsibilities and authority of such individual or entity will be as provided in the Supplementary Conditions.

10.04 *Engineer's Authority*

- A. Engineer has the authority to reject Work in accordance with Article 14.
- B. Engineer's authority as to Submittals is set forth in Paragraph 7.16.
- C. Engineer's authority as to design drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications and other Submittals from Contractor in response to Owner's delegation (if any) to Contractor of professional design services, is set forth in Paragraph 7.19.
- D. Engineer's authority as to changes in the Work is set forth in Article 11.
- E. Engineer's authority as to Applications for Payment is set forth in Article 15.

10.05 *Determinations for Unit Price Work*

- A. Engineer will determine the actual quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor as set forth in Paragraph 13.03.

10.06 *Decisions on Requirements of Contract Documents and Acceptability of Work*

- A. Engineer will render decisions regarding the requirements of the Contract Documents, and judge the acceptability of the Work, pursuant to the specific procedures set forth herein for initial interpretations, Change Proposals, and acceptance of the Work. In rendering such decisions and judgments, Engineer will not show partiality to Owner or Contractor, and will not be liable to Owner, Contractor, or others in connection with any proceedings, interpretations, decisions, or judgments conducted or rendered in good faith.

10.07 *Limitations on Engineer's Authority and Responsibilities*

- A. Neither Engineer's authority or responsibility under this Article 10 or under any other provision of the Contract, nor any decision made by Engineer in good faith either to exercise or not exercise such authority or responsibility or the undertaking, exercise, or performance of any authority or responsibility by Engineer, will create, impose, or give rise to any duty in contract, tort, or otherwise owed by Engineer to Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, any other individual or entity, or to any surety for or employee or agent of any of them.
- B. Engineer will not supervise, direct, control, or have authority over or be responsible for Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Engineer will not be responsible for Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

- C. Engineer will not be responsible for the acts or omissions of Contractor or of any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or of any other individual or entity performing any of the Work.
- D. Engineer's review of the final Application for Payment and accompanying documentation, and all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, certificates of inspection, tests and approvals, and other documentation required to be delivered by Contractor under Paragraph 15.06.A, will only be to determine generally that their content complies with the requirements of, and in the case of certificates of inspections, tests, and approvals, that the results certified indicate compliance with the Contract Documents.
- E. The limitations upon authority and responsibility set forth in this Paragraph 10.07 also apply to the Resident Project Representative, if any.

10.08 Compliance with Safety Program

- A. While at the Site, Engineer's employees and representatives will comply with the specific applicable requirements of Owner's and Contractor's safety programs of which Engineer has been informed.

ARTICLE 11—CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT

11.01 Amending and Supplementing the Contract

- A. The Contract may be amended or supplemented by a Change Order, a Work Change Directive, or a Field Order.
- B. If an amendment or supplement to the Contract includes a change in the Contract Price or the Contract Times, such amendment or supplement must be set forth in a Change Order.
- C. All changes to the Contract that involve (1) the performance or acceptability of the Work, (2) the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), or (3) other engineering or technical matters, must be supported by Engineer's recommendation. Owner and Contractor may amend other terms and conditions of the Contract without the recommendation of the Engineer.

11.02 Change Orders

- A. Owner and Contractor shall execute appropriate Change Orders covering:
 - 1. Changes in Contract Price or Contract Times which are agreed to by the parties, including any undisputed sum or amount of time for Work actually performed in accordance with a Work Change Directive;
 - 2. Changes in Contract Price resulting from an Owner set-off, unless Contractor has duly contested such set-off;
 - 3. Changes in the Work which are: (a) ordered by Owner pursuant to Paragraph 11.05, (b) required because of Owner's acceptance of defective Work under Paragraph 14.04 or Owner's correction of defective Work under Paragraph 14.07, or (c) agreed to by the parties, subject to the need for Engineer's recommendation if the change in the Work involves the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise) or other engineering or technical matters; and
 - 4. Changes that embody the substance of any final and binding results under: Paragraph 11.03.B, resolving the impact of a Work Change Directive; Paragraph 11.09,

concerning Change Proposals; Article 12, Claims; Paragraph 13.02.D, final adjustments resulting from allowances; Paragraph 13.03.D, final adjustments relating to determination of quantities for Unit Price Work; and similar provisions.

- B. If Owner or Contractor refuses to execute a Change Order that is required to be executed under the terms of Paragraph 11.02.A, it will be deemed to be of full force and effect, as if fully executed.

11.03 Work Change Directives

- A. A Work Change Directive will not change the Contract Price or the Contract Times but is evidence that the parties expect that the modification ordered or documented by a Work Change Directive will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order, following negotiations by the parties as to the Work Change Directive's effect, if any, on the Contract Price and Contract Times; or, if negotiations are unsuccessful, by a determination under the terms of the Contract Documents governing adjustments, expressly including Paragraph 11.07 regarding change of Contract Price.
- B. If Owner has issued a Work Change Directive and:
 - 1. Contractor believes that an adjustment in Contract Times or Contract Price is necessary, then Contractor shall submit any Change Proposal seeking such an adjustment no later than 30 days after the completion of the Work set out in the Work Change Directive.
 - 2. Owner believes that an adjustment in Contract Times or Contract Price is necessary, then Owner shall submit any Claim seeking such an adjustment no later than 60 days after issuance of the Work Change Directive.

11.04 Field Orders

- A. Engineer may authorize minor changes in the Work if the changes do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times and are compatible with the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole as indicated by the Contract Documents. Such changes will be accomplished by a Field Order and will be binding on Owner and also on Contractor, which shall perform the Work involved promptly.
- B. If Contractor believes that a Field Order justifies an adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, then before proceeding with the Work at issue, Contractor shall submit a Change Proposal as provided herein.

11.05 Owner-Authorized Changes in the Work

- A. Without invalidating the Contract and without notice to any surety, Owner may, at any time or from time to time, order additions, deletions, or revisions in the Work. Changes involving the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise) or other engineering or technical matters will be supported by Engineer's recommendation.
- B. Such changes in the Work may be accomplished by a Change Order, if Owner and Contractor have agreed as to the effect, if any, of the changes on Contract Times or Contract Price; or by a Work Change Directive. Upon receipt of any such document, Contractor shall promptly proceed with the Work involved; or, in the case of a deletion in the Work, promptly cease construction activities with respect to such deleted Work. Added or revised Work must be performed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents.

- C. Nothing in this Paragraph 11.05 obligates Contractor to undertake work that Contractor reasonably concludes cannot be performed in a manner consistent with Contractor's safety obligations under the Contract Documents or Laws and Regulations.

11.06 *Unauthorized Changes in the Work*

- A. Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times with respect to any work performed that is not required by the Contract Documents, as amended, modified, or supplemented, except in the case of an emergency as provided in Paragraph 7.15 or in the case of uncovering Work as provided in Paragraph 14.05.C.2.

11.07 *Change of Contract Price*

- A. The Contract Price may only be changed by a Change Order. Any Change Proposal for an adjustment in the Contract Price must comply with the provisions of Paragraph 11.09. Any Claim for an adjustment of Contract Price must comply with the provisions of Article 12.
- B. An adjustment in the Contract Price will be determined as follows:
 - 1. Where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, then by application of such unit prices to the quantities of the items involved (subject to the provisions of Paragraph 13.03);
 - 2. Where the Work involved is not covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, then by a mutually agreed lump sum (which may include an allowance for overhead and profit not necessarily in accordance with Paragraph 11.07.C.2); or
 - 3. Where the Work involved is not covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents and the parties do not reach mutual agreement to a lump sum, then on the basis of the Cost of the Work (determined as provided in Paragraph 13.01) plus a Contractor's fee for overhead and profit (determined as provided in Paragraph 11.07.C).
- C. *Contractor's Fee:* When applicable, the Contractor's fee for overhead and profit will be determined as follows:
 - 1. A mutually acceptable fixed fee; or
 - 2. If a fixed fee is not agreed upon, then a fee based on the following percentages of the various portions of the Cost of the Work:
 - a. For costs incurred under Paragraphs 13.01.B.1 and 13.01.B.2, the Contractor's fee will be 15 percent;
 - b. For costs incurred under Paragraph 13.01.B.3, the Contractor's fee will be 5 percent;
 - c. Where one or more tiers of subcontracts are on the basis of Cost of the Work plus a fee and no fixed fee is agreed upon, the intent of Paragraphs 11.07.C.2.a and 11.07.C.2.b is that the Contractor's fee will be based on: (1) a fee of 15 percent of the costs incurred under Paragraphs 13.01.B.1 and 13.01.B.2 by the Subcontractor that actually performs the Work, at whatever tier, and (2) with respect to Contractor itself and to any Subcontractors of a tier higher than that of the Subcontractor that actually performs the Work, a fee of 5 percent of the amount (fee plus underlying costs incurred) attributable to the next lower tier Subcontractor; provided, however, that for any such subcontracted Work the maximum total fee to be paid by Owner will be

no greater than 27 percent of the costs incurred by the Subcontractor that actually performs the Work;

- d. No fee will be payable on the basis of costs itemized under Paragraphs 13.01.B.4, 13.01.B.5, and 13.01.C;
- e. The amount of credit to be allowed by Contractor to Owner for any change which results in a net decrease in Cost of the Work will be the amount of the actual net decrease in Cost of the Work and a deduction of an additional amount equal to 5 percent of such actual net decrease in Cost of the Work; and
- f. When both additions and credits are involved in any one change or Change Proposal, the adjustment in Contractor's fee will be computed by determining the sum of the costs in each of the cost categories in Paragraph 13.01.B (specifically, payroll costs, Paragraph 13.01.B.1; incorporated materials and equipment costs, Paragraph 13.01.B.2; Subcontract costs, Paragraph 13.01.B.3; special consultants costs, Paragraph 13.01.B.4; and other costs, Paragraph 13.01.B.5) and applying to each such cost category sum the appropriate fee from Paragraphs 11.07.C.2.a through 11.07.C.2.e, inclusive.

11.08 *Change of Contract Times*

- A. The Contract Times may only be changed by a Change Order. Any Change Proposal for an adjustment in the Contract Times must comply with the provisions of Paragraph 11.09. Any Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Times must comply with the provisions of Article 12.
- B. Delay, disruption, and interference in the Work, and any related changes in Contract Times, are addressed in and governed by Paragraph 4.05.

11.09 *Change Proposals*

- A. *Purpose and Content:* Contractor shall submit a Change Proposal to Engineer to request an adjustment in the Contract Times or Contract Price; contest an initial decision by Engineer concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents or relating to the acceptability of the Work under the Contract Documents; challenge a set-off against payment due; or seek other relief under the Contract. The Change Proposal will specify any proposed change in Contract Times or Contract Price, or other proposed relief, and explain the reason for the proposed change, with citations to any governing or applicable provisions of the Contract Documents. Each Change Proposal will address only one issue, or a set of closely related issues.
- B. *Change Proposal Procedures*
 - 1. *Submittal:* Contractor shall submit each Change Proposal to Engineer within 30 days after the start of the event giving rise thereto, or after such initial decision.
 - 2. *Supporting Data:* The Contractor shall submit supporting data, including the proposed change in Contract Price or Contract Time (if any), to the Engineer and Owner within 15 days after the submittal of the Change Proposal.
 - a. Change Proposals based on or related to delay, interruption, or interference must comply with the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D and 4.05.E.

- b. Change proposals related to a change of Contract Price must include full and detailed accounts of materials incorporated into the Work and labor and equipment used for the subject Work.

The supporting data must be accompanied by a written statement that the supporting data are accurate and complete, and that any requested time or price adjustment is the entire adjustment to which Contractor believes it is entitled as a result of said event.

- 3. *Engineer's Initial Review:* Engineer will advise Owner regarding the Change Proposal, and consider any comments or response from Owner regarding the Change Proposal. If in its discretion Engineer concludes that additional supporting data is needed before conducting a full review and making a decision regarding the Change Proposal, then Engineer may request that Contractor submit such additional supporting data by a date specified by Engineer, prior to Engineer beginning its full review of the Change Proposal.
- 4. *Engineer's Full Review and Action on the Change Proposal:* Upon receipt of Contractor's supporting data (including any additional data requested by Engineer), Engineer will conduct a full review of each Change Proposal and, within 30 days after such receipt of the Contractor's supporting data, either approve the Change Proposal in whole, deny it in whole, or approve it in part and deny it in part. Such actions must be in writing, with a copy provided to Owner and Contractor. If Engineer does not take action on the Change Proposal within 30 days, then either Owner or Contractor may at any time thereafter submit a letter to the other party indicating that as a result of Engineer's inaction the Change Proposal is deemed denied, thereby commencing the time for appeal of the denial under Article 12.
- 5. *Binding Decision:* Engineer's decision is final and binding upon Owner and Contractor, unless Owner or Contractor appeals the decision by filing a Claim under Article 12.
- C. *Resolution of Certain Change Proposals:* If the Change Proposal does not involve the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), the acceptability of the Work, or other engineering or technical matters, then Engineer will notify the parties in writing that the Engineer is unable to resolve the Change Proposal. For purposes of further resolution of such a Change Proposal, such notice will be deemed a denial, and Contractor may choose to seek resolution under the terms of Article 12.
- D. *Post-Completion:* Contractor shall not submit any Change Proposals after Engineer issues a written recommendation of final payment pursuant to Paragraph 15.06.B.

11.10 *Notification to Surety*

- A. If the provisions of any bond require notice to be given to a surety of any change affecting the general scope of the Work or the provisions of the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, Contract Price or Contract Times), the giving of any such notice will be Contractor's responsibility. The amount of each applicable bond will be adjusted to reflect the effect of any such change.

ARTICLE 12—CLAIMS

12.01 *Claims*

- A. *Claims Process*: The following disputes between Owner and Contractor are subject to the Claims process set forth in this article:
1. Appeals by Owner or Contractor of Engineer's decisions regarding Change Proposals;
 2. Owner demands for adjustments in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or other relief under the Contract Documents;
 3. Disputes that Engineer has been unable to address because they do not involve the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), the acceptability of the Work, or other engineering or technical matters; and
 4. Subject to the waiver provisions of Paragraph 15.07, any dispute arising after Engineer has issued a written recommendation of final payment pursuant to Paragraph 15.06.B.
- B. *Submittal of Claim*: The party submitting a Claim shall deliver it directly to the other party to the Contract promptly (but in no event later than 30 days) after the start of the event giving rise thereto; in the case of appeals regarding Change Proposals within 30 days of the decision under appeal. The party submitting the Claim shall also furnish a copy to the Engineer, for its information only. The responsibility to substantiate a Claim rests with the party making the Claim. In the case of a Claim by Contractor seeking an increase in the Contract Times or Contract Price, Contractor shall certify that the Claim is made in good faith, that the supporting data are accurate and complete, and that to the best of Contractor's knowledge and belief the amount of time or money requested accurately reflects the full amount to which Contractor is entitled.
- C. *Review and Resolution*: The party receiving a Claim shall review it thoroughly, giving full consideration to its merits. The two parties shall seek to resolve the Claim through the exchange of information and direct negotiations. The parties may extend the time for resolving the Claim by mutual agreement. All actions taken on a Claim will be stated in writing and submitted to the other party, with a copy to Engineer.
- D. *Mediation*
1. At any time after initiation of a Claim, Owner and Contractor may mutually agree to mediation of the underlying dispute. The agreement to mediate will stay the Claim submittal and response process.
 2. If Owner and Contractor agree to mediation, then after 60 days from such agreement, either Owner or Contractor may unilaterally terminate the mediation process, and the Claim submittal and decision process will resume as of the date of the termination. If the mediation proceeds but is unsuccessful in resolving the dispute, the Claim submittal and decision process will resume as of the date of the conclusion of the mediation, as determined by the mediator.
 3. Owner and Contractor shall each pay one-half of the mediator's fees and costs.
- E. *Partial Approval*: If the party receiving a Claim approves the Claim in part and denies it in part, such action will be final and binding unless within 30 days of such action the other party invokes the procedure set forth in Article 17 for final resolution of disputes.

- F. *Denial of Claim:* If efforts to resolve a Claim are not successful, the party receiving the Claim may deny it by giving written notice of denial to the other party. If the receiving party does not take action on the Claim within 90 days, then either Owner or Contractor may at any time thereafter submit a letter to the other party indicating that as a result of the inaction, the Claim is deemed denied, thereby commencing the time for appeal of the denial. A denial of the Claim will be final and binding unless within 30 days of the denial the other party invokes the procedure set forth in Article 17 for the final resolution of disputes.
- G. *Final and Binding Results:* If the parties reach a mutual agreement regarding a Claim, whether through approval of the Claim, direct negotiations, mediation, or otherwise; or if a Claim is approved in part and denied in part, or denied in full, and such actions become final and binding; then the results of the agreement or action on the Claim will be incorporated in a Change Order or other written document to the extent they affect the Contract, including the Work, the Contract Times, or the Contract Price.

ARTICLE 13—COST OF THE WORK; ALLOWANCES; UNIT PRICE WORK

13.01 *Cost of the Work*

- A. *Purposes for Determination of Cost of the Work:* The term Cost of the Work means the sum of all costs necessary for the proper performance of the Work at issue, as further defined below. The provisions of this Paragraph 13.01 are used for two distinct purposes:
 - 1. To determine Cost of the Work when Cost of the Work is a component of the Contract Price, under cost-plus-fee, time-and-materials, or other cost-based terms; or
 - 2. When needed to determine the value of a Change Order, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other adjustment in Contract Price. When the value of any such adjustment is determined on the basis of Cost of the Work, Contractor is entitled only to those additional or incremental costs required because of the change in the Work or because of the event giving rise to the adjustment.
- B. *Costs Included:* Except as otherwise may be agreed to in writing by Owner, costs included in the Cost of the Work will be in amounts no higher than those commonly incurred in the locality of the Project, will not include any of the costs itemized in Paragraph 13.01.C, and will include only the following items:
 - 1. Payroll costs for employees in the direct employ of Contractor in the performance of the Work under schedules of job classifications agreed upon by Owner and Contractor in advance of the subject Work. Such employees include, without limitation, superintendents, foremen, safety managers, safety representatives, and other personnel employed full time on the Work. Payroll costs for employees not employed full time on the Work will be apportioned on the basis of their time spent on the Work. Payroll costs include, but are not limited to, salaries and wages plus the cost of fringe benefits, which include social security contributions, unemployment, excise, and payroll taxes, workers' compensation, health and retirement benefits, sick leave, and vacation and holiday pay applicable thereto. The expenses of performing Work outside of regular working hours, on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holidays, will be included in the above to the extent authorized by Owner.
 - 2. Cost of all materials and equipment furnished and incorporated in the Work, including costs of transportation and storage thereof, and Suppliers' field services required in

connection therewith. All cash discounts accrue to Contractor unless Owner deposits funds with Contractor with which to make payments, in which case the cash discounts will accrue to Owner. All trade discounts, rebates, and refunds and returns from sale of surplus materials and equipment will accrue to Owner, and Contractor shall make provisions so that they may be obtained.

3. Payments made by Contractor to Subcontractors for Work performed by Subcontractors. If required by Owner, Contractor shall obtain competitive bids from subcontractors acceptable to Owner and Contractor and shall deliver such bids to Owner, which will then determine, with the advice of Engineer, which bids, if any, will be acceptable. If any subcontract provides that the Subcontractor is to be paid on the basis of Cost of the Work plus a fee, the Subcontractor's Cost of the Work and fee will be determined in the same manner as Contractor's Cost of the Work and fee as provided in this Paragraph 13.01.
4. Costs of special consultants (including but not limited to engineers, architects, testing laboratories, surveyors, attorneys, and accountants) employed or retained for services specifically related to the Work.
5. Other costs consisting of the following:
 - a. The proportion of necessary transportation, travel, and subsistence expenses of Contractor's employees incurred in discharge of duties connected with the Work.
 - b. Cost, including transportation and maintenance, of all materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, appliances, office, and temporary facilities at the Site, which are consumed in the performance of the Work, and cost, less market value, of such items used but not consumed which remain the property of Contractor.
 - 1) In establishing included costs for materials such as scaffolding, plating, or sheeting, consideration will be given to the actual or the estimated life of the material for use on other projects; or rental rates may be established on the basis of purchase or salvage value of such items, whichever is less. Contractor will not be eligible for compensation for such items in an amount that exceeds the purchase cost of such item.
 - c. *Construction Equipment Rental*
 - 1) Rentals of all construction equipment and machinery, and the parts thereof, in accordance with rental agreements approved by Owner as to price (including any surcharge or special rates applicable to overtime use of the construction equipment or machinery), and the costs of transportation, loading, unloading, assembly, dismantling, and removal thereof. All such costs will be in accordance with the terms of said rental agreements. The rental of any such equipment, machinery, or parts must cease when the use thereof is no longer necessary for the Work.
 - 2) Costs for equipment and machinery owned by Contractor or a Contractor-related entity will be paid at a rate shown for such equipment in the equipment rental rate book. Commonly used rental rate books include the Rental Rate Blue Book for Construction Equipment, and the AED Green Book: Rental Rates & Specifications for Construction Equipment. An hourly rate will be computed by dividing the monthly rates by 176. These computed rates will include all operating costs.

- 3) With respect to Work that is the result of a Change Order, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other adjustment in Contract Price ("changed Work"), included costs will be based on the time the equipment or machinery is in use on the changed Work and the costs of transportation, loading, unloading, assembly, dismantling, and removal when directly attributable to the changed Work. The cost of any such equipment or machinery, or parts thereof, must cease to accrue when the use thereof is no longer necessary for the changed Work.
 - d. Sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes related to the Work, and for which Contractor is liable, as imposed by Laws and Regulations.
 - e. Deposits lost for causes other than negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, and royalty payments and fees for permits and licenses.
 - f. Losses and damages (and related expenses) caused by damage to the Work, not compensated by insurance or otherwise, sustained by Contractor in connection with the performance of the Work (except losses and damages within the deductible amounts of builder's risk or other property insurance established in accordance with Paragraph 6.04), provided such losses and damages have resulted from causes other than the negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable. Such losses include settlements made with the written consent and approval of Owner. No such losses, damages, and expenses will be included in the Cost of the Work for the purpose of determining Contractor's fee.
 - g. The cost of utilities, fuel, and sanitary facilities at the Site.
 - h. Minor expenses such as communication service at the Site, express and courier services, and similar petty cash items in connection with the Work.
 - i. The costs of premiums for all bonds and insurance that Contractor is required by the Contract Documents to purchase and maintain.
- C. *Costs Excluded:* The term Cost of the Work does not include any of the following items:
1. Payroll costs and other compensation of Contractor's officers, executives, principals, general managers, engineers, architects, estimators, attorneys, auditors, accountants, purchasing and contracting agents, expeditors, timekeepers, clerks, and other personnel employed by Contractor, whether at the Site or in Contractor's principal or branch office for general administration of the Work and not specifically included in the agreed upon schedule of job classifications referred to in Paragraph 13.01.B.1 or specifically covered by Paragraph 13.01.B.4. The payroll costs and other compensation excluded here are to be considered administrative costs covered by the Contractor's fee.
 2. The cost of purchasing, renting, or furnishing small tools and hand tools.
 3. Expenses of Contractor's principal and branch offices other than Contractor's office at the Site.
 4. Any part of Contractor's capital expenses, including interest on Contractor's capital employed for the Work and charges against Contractor for delinquent payments.

5. Costs due to the negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, including but not limited to, the correction of defective Work, disposal of materials or equipment wrongly supplied, and making good any damage to property.
6. Expenses incurred in preparing and advancing Claims.
7. Other overhead or general expense costs of any kind and the costs of any item not specifically and expressly included in Paragraph 13.01.B.

D. Contractor's Fee

1. When the Work as a whole is performed on the basis of cost-plus-a-fee, then:
 - a. Contractor's fee for the Work set forth in the Contract Documents as of the Effective Date of the Contract will be determined as set forth in the Agreement.
 - b. for any Work covered by a Change Order, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other adjustment in Contract Price on the basis of Cost of the Work, Contractor's fee will be determined as follows:
 - 1) When the fee for the Work as a whole is a percentage of the Cost of the Work, the fee will automatically adjust as the Cost of the Work changes.
 - 2) When the fee for the Work as a whole is a fixed fee, the fee for any additions or deletions will be determined in accordance with Paragraph 11.07.C.2.
2. When the Work as a whole is performed on the basis of a stipulated sum, or any other basis other than cost-plus-a-fee, then Contractor's fee for any Work covered by a Change Order, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other adjustment in Contract Price on the basis of Cost of the Work will be determined in accordance with Paragraph 11.07.C.2.

- E. Documentation and Audit:** Whenever the Cost of the Work for any purpose is to be determined pursuant to this Article 13, Contractor and pertinent Subcontractors will establish and maintain records of the costs in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

The Contractor shall maintain books, records, and other documents pertaining to, or connected with this contract. All records will be made available and accessible at the Contractor's offices for the purpose of inspection, audit and copying during normal business hours by the District, or any of its authorized representatives. Retention time for these records shall be for a minimum of five (5) years after the conclusion of this agreement.

Pertinent Subcontractors will afford such access to Owner, and preserve such documents, to the same extent required of Contractor.

13.02 Allowances (Not applicable to RFB 2023-133)

- A. It is understood that Contractor has included in the Contract Price all allowances so named in the Contract Documents and shall cause the Work so covered to be performed for such sums and by such persons or entities as may be acceptable to Owner and Engineer.
- B. **Cash Allowances:** Contractor agrees that:
 1. the cash allowances include the cost to Contractor (less any applicable trade discounts) of materials and equipment required by the allowances to be delivered at the Site, and all applicable taxes; and

2. Contractor's costs for unloading and handling on the Site, labor, installation, overhead, profit, and other expenses contemplated for the cash allowances have been included in the Contract Price and not in the allowances, and no demand for additional payment for any of the foregoing will be valid.
- C. *Owner's Contingency Allowance:* Contractor agrees that an Owner's contingency allowance, if any, is for the sole use of Owner to cover unanticipated costs.
- D. Prior to final payment, an appropriate Change Order will be issued as recommended by Engineer to reflect actual amounts due Contractor for Work covered by allowances, and the Contract Price will be correspondingly adjusted.

13.03 Unit Price Work

- A. Where the Contract Documents provide that all or part of the Work is to be Unit Price Work, initially the Contract Price will be deemed to include for all Unit Price Work an amount equal to the sum of the unit price for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work times the estimated quantity of each item as indicated in the Agreement.
- B. The estimated quantities of items of Unit Price Work are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids and determining an initial Contract Price. Payments to Contractor for Unit Price Work will be based on actual quantities.
- C. Each unit price will be deemed to include an amount considered by Contractor to be adequate to cover Contractor's overhead and profit for each separately identified item.
- D. Engineer will determine the actual quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor. Engineer will review with Contractor the Engineer's preliminary determinations on such matters before rendering a written decision thereon (by recommendation of an Application for Payment or otherwise). Engineer's written decision thereon will be final and binding (except as modified by Engineer to reflect changed factual conditions or more accurate data) upon Owner and Contractor, and the final adjustment of Contract Price will be set forth in a Change Order, subject to the provisions of the following paragraph.
- E. *Adjustments in Unit Price*
 1. Contractor or Owner shall be entitled to an adjustment in the unit price with respect to an item of Unit Price Work if:
 - a. the quantity of the item of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor differs materially and significantly from the estimated quantity of such item indicated in the Agreement; and
 - b. Contractor's unit costs to perform the item of Unit Price Work have changed materially and significantly as a result of the quantity change.
 2. The adjustment in unit price will account for and be coordinated with any related changes in quantities of other items of Work, and in Contractor's costs to perform such other Work, such that the resulting overall change in Contract Price is equitable to Owner and Contractor.
 3. Adjusted unit prices will apply to all units of that item.

ARTICLE 14—TESTS AND INSPECTIONS; CORRECTION, REMOVAL, OR ACCEPTANCE OF DEFECTIVE WORK

14.01 Access to Work

- A. Owner, Engineer, their consultants and other representatives and personnel of Owner, independent testing laboratories, and authorities having jurisdiction have access to the Site and the Work at reasonable times for their observation, inspection, and testing. Contractor shall provide them proper and safe conditions for such access and advise them of Contractor's safety procedures and programs so that they may comply with such procedures and programs as applicable.

14.02 Tests, Inspections, and Approvals

- A. Contractor shall give Engineer timely notice of readiness of the Work (or specific parts thereof) for all required inspections and tests, and shall cooperate with inspection and testing personnel to facilitate required inspections and tests.
- B. Owner shall retain and pay for the services of an independent inspector, testing laboratory, or other qualified individual or entity to perform all inspections and tests expressly required by the Contract Documents to be furnished and paid for by Owner, except that costs incurred in connection with tests or inspections of covered Work will be governed by the provisions of Paragraph 14.05.
- C. If Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction require any Work (or part thereof) specifically to be inspected, tested, or approved by an employee or other representative of such public body, Contractor shall assume full responsibility for arranging and obtaining such inspections, tests, or approvals, pay all costs in connection therewith, and furnish Engineer the required certificates of inspection or approval.
- D. Contractor shall be responsible for arranging, obtaining, and paying for all inspections and tests required:
 - 1. by the Contract Documents, unless the Contract Documents expressly allocate responsibility for a specific inspection or test to Owner;
 - 2. to attain Owner's and Engineer's acceptance of materials or equipment to be incorporated in the Work;
 - 3. by manufacturers of equipment furnished under the Contract Documents;
 - 4. for testing, adjusting, and balancing of mechanical, electrical, and other equipment to be incorporated into the Work; and
 - 5. for acceptance of materials, mix designs, or equipment submitted for approval prior to Contractor's purchase thereof for incorporation in the Work.

Such inspections and tests will be performed by independent inspectors, testing laboratories, or other qualified individuals or entities acceptable to Owner and Engineer.

- E. If the Contract Documents require the Work (or part thereof) to be approved by Owner, Engineer, or another designated individual or entity, then Contractor shall assume full responsibility for arranging and obtaining such approvals.
- F. If any Work (or the work of others) that is to be inspected, tested, or approved is covered by Contractor without written concurrence of Engineer, Contractor shall, if requested by Engineer, uncover such Work for observation. Such uncovering will be at Contractor's expense

unless Contractor had given Engineer timely notice of Contractor's intention to cover the same and Engineer had not acted with reasonable promptness in response to such notice.

14.03 Defective Work

- A. *Contractor's Obligation*: It is Contractor's obligation to assure that the Work is not defective.
- B. *Engineer's Authority*: Engineer has the authority to determine whether Work is defective, and to reject defective Work.
- C. *Notice of Defects*: Prompt written notice of all defective Work of which Owner or Engineer has actual knowledge will be given to Contractor.
- D. *Correction, or Removal and Replacement*: Promptly after receipt of written notice of defective Work, Contractor shall correct all such defective Work, whether or not fabricated, installed, or completed, or, if Engineer has rejected the defective Work, remove it from the Project and replace it with Work that is not defective.
- E. *Preservation of Warranties*: When correcting defective Work, Contractor shall take no action that would void or otherwise impair Owner's special warranty and guarantee, if any, on said Work.
- F. *Costs and Damages*: In addition to its correction, removal, and replacement obligations with respect to defective Work, Contractor shall pay all claims, costs, losses, and damages arising out of or relating to defective Work, including but not limited to the cost of the inspection, testing, correction, removal, replacement, or reconstruction of such defective Work, fines levied against Owner by governmental authorities because the Work is defective, and the costs of repair or replacement of work of others resulting from defective Work. Prior to final payment, if Owner and Contractor are unable to agree as to the measure of such claims, costs, losses, and damages resulting from defective Work, then Owner may impose a reasonable set-off against payments due under Article 15.

14.04 Acceptance of Defective Work

- A. If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, Owner prefers to accept it, Owner may do so (subject, if such acceptance occurs prior to final payment, to Engineer's confirmation that such acceptance is in general accord with the design intent and applicable engineering principles, and will not endanger public safety). Contractor shall pay all claims, costs, losses, and damages attributable to Owner's evaluation of and determination to accept such defective Work (such costs to be approved by Engineer as to reasonableness), and for the diminished value of the Work to the extent not otherwise paid by Contractor. If any such acceptance occurs prior to final payment, the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents with respect to the Work will be incorporated in a Change Order. If the parties are unable to agree as to the decrease in the Contract Price, reflecting the diminished value of Work so accepted, then Owner may impose a reasonable set-off against payments due under Article 15. If the acceptance of defective Work occurs after final payment, Contractor shall pay an appropriate amount to Owner.

14.05 Uncovering Work

- A. Engineer has the authority to require additional inspection or testing of the Work, whether or not the Work is fabricated, installed, or completed.

- B. If any Work is covered contrary to the written request of Engineer, then Contractor shall, if requested by Engineer, uncover such Work for Engineer's observation, and then replace the covering, all at Contractor's expense.
- C. If Engineer considers it necessary or advisable that covered Work be observed by Engineer or inspected or tested by others, then Contractor, at Engineer's request, shall uncover, expose, or otherwise make available for observation, inspection, or testing as Engineer may require, that portion of the Work in question, and provide all necessary labor, material, and equipment.
 - 1. If it is found that the uncovered Work is defective, Contractor shall be responsible for all claims, costs, losses, and damages arising out of or relating to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, and testing, and of satisfactory replacement or reconstruction (including but not limited to all costs of repair or replacement of work of others); and pending Contractor's full discharge of this responsibility the Owner shall be entitled to impose a reasonable set-off against payments due under Article 15.
 - 2. If the uncovered Work is not found to be defective, Contractor shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, testing, replacement, and reconstruction. If the parties are unable to agree as to the amount or extent thereof, then Contractor may submit a Change Proposal within 30 days of the determination that the Work is not defective.

14.06 Owner May Stop the Work

- A. If the Work is defective, or Contractor fails to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, or fails to perform the Work in such a way that the completed Work will conform to the Contract Documents, then Owner may order Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of Owner to stop the Work will not give rise to any duty on the part of Owner to exercise this right for the benefit of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, any other individual or entity, or any surety for, or employee or agent of any of them.

14.07 Owner May Correct Defective Work

- A. If Contractor fails within a reasonable time after written notice from Engineer to correct defective Work, or to remove and replace defective Work as required by Engineer, then Owner may, after 7 days' written notice to Contractor, correct or remedy any such deficiency.
- B. In exercising the rights and remedies under this Paragraph 14.07, Owner shall proceed expeditiously. In connection with such corrective or remedial action, Owner may exclude Contractor from all or part of the Site, take possession of all or part of the Work and suspend Contractor's services related thereto, and incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere. Contractor shall allow Owner, Owner's representatives, agents and employees, Owner's other contractors, and Engineer and Engineer's consultants access to the Site to enable Owner to exercise the rights and remedies under this paragraph.
- C. All claims, costs, losses, and damages incurred or sustained by Owner in exercising the rights and remedies under this Paragraph 14.07 will be charged against Contractor as set-offs against payments due under Article 15. Such claims, costs, losses and damages will include

but not be limited to all costs of repair, or replacement of work of others destroyed or damaged by correction, removal, or replacement of Contractor's defective Work.

- D. Contractor shall not be allowed an extension of the Contract Times because of any delay in the performance of the Work attributable to the exercise by Owner of Owner's rights and remedies under this Paragraph 14.07.

ARTICLE 15—PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR; SET-OFFS; COMPLETION; CORRECTION PERIOD

15.01 Progress Payments

- A. *Basis for Progress Payments:* The Schedule of Values established as provided in Article 2 will serve as the basis for progress payments and will be incorporated into a form of Application for Payment acceptable to Engineer. Progress payments for Unit Price Work will be based on the number of units completed during the pay period, as determined under the provisions of Paragraph 13.03. Progress payments for cost-based Work will be based on Cost of the Work completed by Contractor during the pay period.

B. *Applications for Payments*

1. At least 20 days before the date established in the Agreement for each progress payment (but not more often than once a month), Contractor shall submit to Engineer for review an Application for Payment filled out and signed by Contractor covering the Work completed as of the date of the Application and accompanied by such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents.
2. If payment is requested on the basis of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the Site or at another location agreed to in writing, the Application for Payment must also be accompanied by: (a) a bill of sale, invoice, copies of subcontract or purchase order payments, or other documentation establishing full payment by Contractor for the materials and equipment; (b) at Owner's request, documentation warranting that Owner has received the materials and equipment free and clear of all Liens; and (c) evidence that the materials and equipment are covered by appropriate property insurance, a warehouse bond, or other arrangements to protect Owner's interest therein, all of which must be satisfactory to Owner.
3. Beginning with the second Application for Payment, each Application must include an affidavit of Contractor stating that all previous progress payments received by Contractor have been applied to discharge Contractor's legitimate obligations associated with prior Applications for Payment.
4. The amount of retainage with respect to progress payments will be as stipulated in the Agreement.

C. *Review of Applications*

1. Engineer will, within 10 days after receipt of each Application for Payment, including each resubmittal, either indicate in writing a recommendation of payment and present the Application to Owner, or return the Application to Contractor indicating in writing Engineer's reasons for refusing to recommend payment. In the latter case, Contractor may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application.

2. Engineer's recommendation of any payment requested in an Application for Payment will constitute a representation by Engineer to Owner, based on Engineer's observations of the executed Work as an experienced and qualified design professional, and on Engineer's review of the Application for Payment and the accompanying data and schedules, that to the best of Engineer's knowledge, information and belief:
 - a. the Work has progressed to the point indicated;
 - b. the quality of the Work is generally in accordance with the Contract Documents (subject to an evaluation of the Work as a functioning whole prior to or upon Substantial Completion, the results of any subsequent tests called for in the Contract Documents, a final determination of quantities and classifications for Unit Price Work under Paragraph 13.03, and any other qualifications stated in the recommendation); and
 - c. the conditions precedent to Contractor's being entitled to such payment appear to have been fulfilled in so far as it is Engineer's responsibility to observe the Work.
3. By recommending any such payment Engineer will not thereby be deemed to have represented that:
 - a. inspections made to check the quality or the quantity of the Work as it has been performed have been exhaustive, extended to every aspect of the Work in progress, or involved detailed inspections of the Work beyond the responsibilities specifically assigned to Engineer in the Contract; or
 - b. there may not be other matters or issues between the parties that might entitle Contractor to be paid additionally by Owner or entitle Owner to withhold payment to Contractor.
4. Neither Engineer's review of Contractor's Work for the purposes of recommending payments nor Engineer's recommendation of any payment, including final payment, will impose responsibility on Engineer:
 - a. to supervise, direct, or control the Work;
 - b. for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto;
 - c. for Contractor's failure to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to Contractor's performance of the Work;
 - d. to make any examination to ascertain how or for what purposes Contractor has used the money paid by Owner; or
 - e. to determine that title to any of the Work, materials, or equipment has passed to Owner free and clear of any Liens.
5. Engineer may refuse to recommend the whole or any part of any payment if, in Engineer's opinion, it would be incorrect to make the representations to Owner stated in Paragraph 15.01.C.2.
6. Engineer will recommend reductions in payment (set-offs) necessary in Engineer's opinion to protect Owner from loss because:
 - a. the Work is defective, requiring correction or replacement;

- b. the Contract Price has been reduced by Change Orders;
- c. Owner has been required to correct defective Work in accordance with Paragraph 14.07, or has accepted defective Work pursuant to Paragraph 14.04;
- d. Owner has been required to remove or remediate a Hazardous Environmental Condition for which Contractor is responsible; or
- e. Engineer has actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the events that would constitute a default by Contractor and therefore justify termination for cause under the Contract Documents.

D. *Payment Becomes Due*

- 1. Applications for Payment to Owner (subject to any Owner set offs) are payable according to the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act (F.S. ch. 218).

E. *Reductions in Payment by Owner*

- 1. In addition to any reductions in payment (set-offs) recommended by Engineer, Owner is entitled to impose a set-off against payment based on any of the following:
 - a. Claims have been made against Owner based on Contractor's conduct in the performance or furnishing of the Work, or Owner has incurred costs, losses, or damages resulting from Contractor's conduct in the performance or furnishing of the Work, including but not limited to claims, costs, losses, or damages from workplace injuries, adjacent property damage, non-compliance with Laws and Regulations, and patent infringement;
 - b. Contractor has failed to take reasonable and customary measures to avoid damage, delay, disruption, and interference with other work at or adjacent to the Site;
 - c. Contractor has failed to provide and maintain required bonds or insurance;
 - d. Owner has been required to remove or remediate a Hazardous Environmental Condition for which Contractor is responsible;
 - e. Owner has incurred extra charges or engineering costs related to submittal reviews, evaluations of proposed substitutes, tests and inspections, or return visits to manufacturing or assembly facilities;
 - f. The Work is defective, requiring correction or replacement;
 - g. Owner has been required to correct defective Work in accordance with Paragraph 14.07, or has accepted defective Work pursuant to Paragraph 14.04;
 - h. The Contract Price has been reduced by Change Orders;
 - i. An event has occurred that would constitute a default by Contractor and therefore justify a termination for cause;
 - j. Liquidated or other damages have accrued as a result of Contractor's failure to achieve Milestones, Substantial Completion, or final completion of the Work;
 - k. Liens have been filed in connection with the Work, except where Contractor has delivered a specific bond satisfactory to Owner to secure the satisfaction and discharge of such Liens; or

- I. Other items entitle Owner to a set-off against the amount recommended.
2. If Owner imposes any set-off against payment, whether based on its own knowledge or on the written recommendations of Engineer, Owner will give Contractor immediate written notice (with a copy to Engineer) stating the reasons for such action and the specific amount of the reduction, and promptly pay Contractor any amount remaining after deduction of the amount so withheld. Owner shall promptly pay Contractor the amount so withheld, or any adjustment thereto agreed to by Owner and Contractor, if Contractor remedies the reasons for such action. The reduction imposed will be binding on Contractor unless it duly submits a Change Proposal contesting the reduction.
3. Upon a subsequent determination that Owner's refusal of payment was not justified, the amount wrongfully withheld will be treated as an amount due as determined by Paragraph 15.01.D.1 and subject to interest as provided in the Agreement.

15.02 Contractor's Warranty of Title

- A. Contractor warrants and guarantees that title to all Work, materials, and equipment furnished under the Contract will pass to Owner free and clear of (1) all Liens and other title defects, and (2) all patent, licensing, copyright, or royalty obligations, no later than 7 days after the time of payment by Owner.

15.03 Substantial Completion

- A. When Contractor considers the entire Work ready for its intended use Contractor shall notify Owner and Engineer in writing that the entire Work is substantially complete and request that Engineer issue a certificate of Substantial Completion. Contractor shall at the same time submit to Owner and Engineer an initial draft of punch list items to be completed or corrected before final payment.
- B. Promptly after Contractor's notification, Owner, Contractor, and Engineer shall make an inspection of the Work to determine the status of completion. If Engineer does not consider the Work substantially complete, Engineer will notify Contractor in writing giving the reasons therefor.
- C. If Engineer considers the Work substantially complete, Engineer will deliver to Owner a preliminary certificate of Substantial Completion which will fix the date of Substantial Completion. Engineer shall attach to the certificate a punch list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment. Owner shall have 7 days after receipt of the preliminary certificate during which to make written objection to Engineer as to any provisions of the certificate or attached punch list. If, after considering the objections to the provisions of the preliminary certificate, Engineer concludes that the Work is not substantially complete, Engineer will, within 14 days after submission of the preliminary certificate to Owner, notify Contractor in writing that the Work is not substantially complete, stating the reasons therefor. If Owner does not object to the provisions of the certificate, or if despite consideration of Owner's objections Engineer concludes that the Work is substantially complete, then Engineer will, within said 14 days, execute and deliver to Owner and Contractor a final certificate of Substantial Completion (with a revised punch list of items to be completed or corrected) reflecting such changes from the preliminary certificate as Engineer believes justified after consideration of any objections from Owner.
- D. At the time of receipt of the preliminary certificate of Substantial Completion, Owner and Contractor will confer regarding Owner's use or occupancy of the Work following Substantial

Completion, review the builder's risk insurance policy with respect to the end of the builder's risk coverage, and confirm the transition to coverage of the Work under a permanent property insurance policy held by Owner. Unless Owner and Contractor agree otherwise in writing, Owner shall bear responsibility for security, operation, protection of the Work, property insurance, maintenance, heat, and utilities upon Owner's use or occupancy of the Work.

- E. After Substantial Completion the Contractor shall promptly begin work on the punch list of items to be completed or corrected prior to final payment. In appropriate cases Contractor may submit monthly Applications for Payment for completed punch list items, following the progress payment procedures set forth above.
- F. Owner shall have the right to exclude Contractor from the Site after the date of Substantial Completion subject to allowing Contractor reasonable access to remove its property and complete or correct items on the punch list.

15.04 Partial Use or Occupancy

- A. Prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work, Owner may use or occupy any substantially completed part of the Work which has specifically been identified in the Contract Documents, or which Owner, Engineer, and Contractor agree constitutes a separately functioning and usable part of the Work that can be used by Owner for its intended purpose without significant interference with Contractor's performance of the remainder of the Work, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. At any time, Owner may request in writing that Contractor permit Owner to use or occupy any such part of the Work that Owner believes to be substantially complete. If and when Contractor agrees that such part of the Work is substantially complete, Contractor, Owner, and Engineer will follow the procedures of Paragraph 15.03.A through 15.03.E for that part of the Work.
 - 2. At any time, Contractor may notify Owner and Engineer in writing that Contractor considers any such part of the Work substantially complete and request Engineer to issue a certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Work.
 - 3. Within a reasonable time after either such request, Owner, Contractor, and Engineer shall make an inspection of that part of the Work to determine its status of completion. If Engineer does not consider that part of the Work to be substantially complete, Engineer will notify Owner and Contractor in writing giving the reasons therefor. If Engineer considers that part of the Work to be substantially complete, the provisions of Paragraph 15.03 will apply with respect to certification of Substantial Completion of that part of the Work and the division of responsibility in respect thereof and access thereto.
 - 4. No use or occupancy or separate operation of part of the Work may occur prior to compliance with the requirements of Paragraph 6.04 regarding builder's risk or other property insurance.

15.05 Final Inspection

- A. Upon written notice from Contractor that the entire Work or an agreed portion thereof is complete, Engineer will promptly make a final inspection with Owner and Contractor and will notify Contractor in writing of all particulars in which this inspection reveals that the Work, or

agreed portion thereof, is incomplete or defective. Contractor shall immediately take such measures as are necessary to complete such Work or remedy such deficiencies.

15.06 Final Payment

A. Application for Payment

1. After Contractor has, in the opinion of Engineer, satisfactorily completed all corrections identified during the final inspection and has delivered, in accordance with the Contract Documents, all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, certificates or other evidence of insurance, certificates of inspection, annotated record documents (as provided in Paragraph 7.12), and other documents, Contractor may make application for final payment.
2. The final Application for Payment must be accompanied (except as previously delivered) by:
 - a. all documentation called for in the Contract Documents;
 - b. consent of the surety, if any, to final payment;
 - c. satisfactory evidence that all title issues have been resolved such that title to all Work, materials, and equipment has passed to Owner free and clear of any Liens or other title defects, or will so pass upon final payment.
 - d. a list of all duly pending Change Proposals and Claims; and
 - e. complete and legally effective releases or waivers (satisfactory to Owner) of all Lien rights arising out of the Work, and of Liens filed in connection with the Work.
3. In lieu of the releases or waivers of Liens specified in Paragraph 15.06.A.2 and as approved by Owner, Contractor may furnish receipts or releases in full and an affidavit of Contractor that: (a) the releases and receipts include all labor, services, material, and equipment for which a Lien could be filed; and (b) all payrolls, material and equipment bills, and other indebtedness connected with the Work for which Owner might in any way be responsible, or which might in any way result in liens or other burdens on Owner's property, have been paid or otherwise satisfied. If any Subcontractor or Supplier fails to furnish such a release or receipt in full, Contractor may furnish a bond or other collateral satisfactory to Owner to indemnify Owner against any Lien, or Owner at its option may issue joint checks payable to Contractor and specified Subcontractors and Suppliers.

- B. Engineer's Review of Final Application and Recommendation of Payment:** If, on the basis of Engineer's observation of the Work during construction and final inspection, and Engineer's review of the final Application for Payment and accompanying documentation as required by the Contract Documents, Engineer is satisfied that the Work has been completed and Contractor's other obligations under the Contract have been fulfilled, Engineer will, within 10 days after receipt of the final Application for Payment, indicate in writing Engineer's recommendation of final payment and present the final Application for Payment to Owner for payment. Such recommendation will account for any set-offs against payment that are necessary in Engineer's opinion to protect Owner from loss for the reasons stated above with respect to progress payments. Otherwise, Engineer will return the Application for Payment to Contractor, indicating in writing the reasons for refusing to recommend final payment, in which case Contractor shall make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application for Payment.

- C. *Notice of Acceptability*: In support of its recommendation of payment of the final Application for Payment, Engineer will also give written notice to Owner and Contractor that the Work is acceptable, subject to stated limitations in the notice and to the provisions of Paragraph 15.07.
- D. *Completion of Work*: The Work is complete (subject to surviving obligations) when it is ready for final payment as established by the Engineer's written recommendation of final payment and issuance of notice of the acceptability of the Work.
- E. *Final Payment Becomes Due*: Upon receipt from Engineer of the final Application for Payment and accompanying documentation, Owner shall set off against the amount recommended by Engineer for final payment any further sum to which Owner is entitled, including but not limited to set-offs for liquidated damages and set-offs allowed under the provisions of this Contract with respect to progress payments. Owner shall pay the resulting balance due to Contractor within 30 days of Owner's receipt of the final Application for Payment from Engineer.

15.07 Waiver of Claims

- A. By making final payment, Owner waives its claim or right to liquidated damages or other damages for late completion by Contractor, except as set forth in an outstanding Claim, appeal under the provisions of Article 17, set-off, or express reservation of rights by Owner. Owner reserves all other claims or rights after final payment.
- B. The acceptance of final payment by Contractor will constitute a waiver by Contractor of all claims and rights against Owner other than those pending matters that have been duly submitted as a Claim, or appealed under the provisions of Article 17.

15.08 Correction Period

- A. If within one year after the date of Substantial Completion (or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by the Supplementary Conditions or the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents), Owner gives Contractor written notice that any Work has been found to be defective, or that Contractor's repair of any damages to the Site or adjacent areas has been found to be defective, then after receipt of such notice of defect Contractor shall promptly, without cost to Owner and in accordance with Owner's written instructions:
 - 1. correct the defective repairs to the Site or such adjacent areas;
 - 2. correct such defective Work;
 - 3. remove the defective Work from the Project and replace it with Work that is not defective, if the defective Work has been rejected by Owner, and
 - 4. satisfactorily correct or repair or remove and replace any damage to other Work, to the work of others, or to other land or areas resulting from the corrective measures.
- B. Owner shall give any such notice of defect within 60 days of the discovery that such Work or repairs is defective. If such notice is given within such 60 days but after the end of the correction period, the notice will be deemed a notice of defective Work under Paragraph 7.17.B.
- C. If, after receipt of a notice of defect within 60 days and within the correction period, Contractor does not promptly comply with the terms of Owner's written instructions, or in an

emergency where delay would cause serious risk of loss or damage, Owner may have the defective Work corrected or repaired or may have the rejected Work removed and replaced. Contractor shall pay all costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such correction or repair or such removal and replacement (including but not limited to all costs of repair or replacement of work of others). Contractor's failure to pay such costs, losses, and damages within 10 days of invoice from Owner will be deemed the start of an event giving rise to a Claim under Paragraph 12.01.B, such that any related Claim must be brought within 30 days of the failure to pay.

- D. In special circumstances where a particular item of equipment is placed in continuous service before Substantial Completion of all the Work, the correction period for that item may start to run from an earlier date if so provided in the Specifications.
- E. Where defective Work (and damage to other Work resulting therefrom) has been corrected or removed and replaced under this paragraph, the correction period hereunder with respect to such Work will be extended for an additional period of one year after such correction or removal and replacement has been satisfactorily completed.
- F. Contractor's obligations under this paragraph are in addition to all other obligations and warranties. The provisions of this paragraph are not to be construed as a substitute for, or a waiver of, the provisions of any applicable statute of limitation or repose.

ARTICLE 16—SUSPENSION OF WORK AND TERMINATION

16.01 *Owner May Suspend Work*

- A. At any time and without cause, Owner may suspend the Work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than 90 consecutive days by written notice to Contractor and Engineer. Such notice will fix the date on which Work will be resumed. Contractor shall resume the Work on the date so fixed. Contractor shall be entitled to an adjustment in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times directly attributable to any such suspension. Any Change Proposal seeking such adjustments must be submitted no later than 30 days after the date fixed for resumption of Work.

16.02 *Owner May Terminate for Cause*

- A. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events will constitute a default by Contractor and justify termination for cause:
 - 1. Contractor's persistent failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, or failure to adhere to the Progress Schedule);
 - 2. Failure of Contractor to perform or otherwise to comply with a material term of the Contract Documents;
 - 3. Contractor's disregard of Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction; or
 - 4. Contractor's repeated disregard of the authority of Owner or Engineer.

- B. If one or more of the events identified in Paragraph 16.02.A occurs, then after giving Contractor (and any surety) 30 days' written notice that Owner is considering a declaration that Contractor is in default and termination of the Contract, Owner may proceed to:
 - 1. declare Contractor to be in default, and give Contractor (and any surety) written notice that the Contract is terminated; and
 - 2. enforce the rights available to Owner under any applicable performance bond.
- C. Subject to the terms and operation of any applicable performance bond, if Owner has terminated the Contract for cause, Owner may exclude Contractor from the Site, take possession of the Work, incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere, and complete the Work as Owner may deem expedient.
- D. Owner may not proceed with termination of the Contract under Paragraph 16.02.B if Contractor within 10 days of receipt of notice of intent to terminate begins to correct its failure to perform and proceeds diligently to cure such failure.
- E. If Owner proceeds as provided in Paragraph 16.02.B, Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Work is completed. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds the cost to complete the Work, including all related claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals) sustained by Owner, such excess will be paid to Contractor. If the cost to complete the Work including such related claims, costs, losses, and damages exceeds such unpaid balance, Contractor shall pay the difference to Owner. Such claims, costs, losses, and damages incurred by Owner will be reviewed by Engineer as to their reasonableness and, when so approved by Engineer, incorporated in a Change Order. When exercising any rights or remedies under this paragraph, Owner shall not be required to obtain the lowest price for the Work performed.
- F. Where Contractor's services have been so terminated by Owner, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of Owner against Contractor then existing or which may thereafter accrue, or any rights or remedies of Owner against Contractor or any surety under any payment bond or performance bond. Any retention or payment of money due Contractor by Owner will not release Contractor from liability.
- G. If and to the extent that Contractor has provided a performance bond under the provisions of Paragraph 6.01.A, the provisions of that bond will govern over any inconsistent provisions of Paragraphs 16.02.B and 16.02.D.

16.03 Owner May Terminate for Convenience

- A. Upon 30 days' written notice to Contractor and Engineer, Owner may, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of Owner, terminate the Contract. In such case, Contractor shall be paid for (without duplication of any items):
 - 1. completed and acceptable Work executed in accordance with the Contract Documents prior to the effective date of termination, including fair and reasonable sums for overhead and profit on such Work;
 - 2. expenses sustained prior to the effective date of termination in performing services and furnishing labor, materials, or equipment as required by the Contract Documents in

connection with uncompleted Work, plus fair and reasonable sums for overhead and profit on such expenses; and

3. other reasonable expenses directly attributable to termination, including costs incurred to prepare a termination for convenience cost proposal.
- B. Contractor shall not be paid for any loss of anticipated profits or revenue, post-termination overhead costs, or other economic loss arising out of or resulting from such termination.

16.04 Contractor May Stop Work or Terminate

- A. If, through no act or fault of Contractor, (1) the Work is suspended for more than 90 consecutive days by Owner or under an order of court or other public authority, or (2) Owner fails to pay the Contractor's properly documented and submitted invoice within ninety (90) calendar days of the approval by the District, then Contractor may, upon 7 days' written notice to Owner and Engineer, and provided Owner or Engineer does not remedy such suspension or failure within that time, terminate the contract and recover from Owner payment on the same terms as provided in Paragraph 16.03.
- B. In lieu of terminating the Contract and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, if payment has not been made within ninety (90) calendar days of the District's approval of the invoice, Contractor may, 7 days after written notice to Owner and Engineer, stop the Work until payment is made of all such amounts due Contractor, including interest thereon. The provisions of this paragraph are not intended to preclude Contractor from submitting a Change Proposal for an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times or otherwise for expenses or damage directly attributable to Contractor's stopping the Work as permitted by this paragraph.

ARTICLE 17—DISPUTE RESOLUTION

17.01 All claims, disputes and other matters in question between the parties to this agreement, arising out of or relating to this agreement or the breach thereof, shall be resolved as follows:

- A. To the extent Chapter 558, F.S., is applicable, the parties expressly opt out of the requirements of Chapter 558, F.S., within the mean of section 558.005(1), F.S.
- B. In the event of a dispute or claim arising out of this agreement, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the dispute by direct discussion. If this is unsuccessful, the parties may enter into mediation in Sarasota County, Florida, with the parties sharing equally in the cost of such mediation.
- C. In the event mediation, if attempted, is unsuccessful in resolving a dispute, the parties may proceed to litigation as set for the below.
- D. Any dispute, action or proceeding arising out of or related to this Agreement will be exclusively commenced in the state courts of Sarasota County, Florida, or where subject matter jurisdiction exists in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Each party irrevocably submits and waives any objections to the exclusive personal jurisdiction and venue of such courts, including any objection based on forum non convenience.
- E. The parties agree to waive all rights to trial by jury for any litigation undertaken concerning this Agreement.

- F. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida without regard to its conflict of laws principles.
- G. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Consultant shall be required to continue its services and all other obligations under this Agreement during the pendency of claim or dispute including, but not limited to, actual period of mediation or judicial proceedings.

ARTICLE 18—MISCELLANEOUS

18.01 *Giving Notice*

- A. Whenever any provision of the Contract requires the giving of written notice to Owner, Engineer, or Contractor, it will be deemed to have been validly given only if delivered:
 - 1. in person, by a commercial courier service or otherwise, to the recipient's place of business;
 - 2. by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the recipient's place of business; or
 - 3. by e-mail to the recipient, with the words "Formal Notice" or similar in the e-mail's subject line.

18.02 *Computation of Times*

- A. When any period of time is referred to in the Contract by days, it will be computed to exclude the first and include the last day of such period. If the last day of any such period falls on a Saturday or Sunday or on a day made a legal holiday by the law of the applicable jurisdiction, such day will be omitted from the computation.

18.03 *Cumulative Remedies*

- A. The duties and obligations imposed by these General Conditions and the rights and remedies available hereunder to the parties hereto are in addition to, and are not to be construed in any way as a limitation of, any rights and remedies available to any or all of them which are otherwise imposed or available by Laws or Regulations, by special warranty or guarantee, or by other provisions of the Contract. The provisions of this paragraph will be as effective as if repeated specifically in the Contract Documents in connection with each particular duty, obligation, right, and remedy to which they apply.

18.04 *Limitation of Damages*

- A. With respect to any and all Change Proposals, Claims, disputes subject to final resolution, and other matters at issue, neither Owner nor Engineer, nor any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, shall be liable to Contractor for any claims, costs, losses, or damages sustained by Contractor on or in connection with any other project or anticipated project.

18.05 *No Waiver*

- A. A party's non-enforcement of any provision will not constitute a waiver of that provision, nor will it affect the enforceability of that provision or of the remainder of this Contract.

18.06 *Survival of Obligations*

- A. All representations, indemnifications, warranties, and guarantees made in, required by, or given in accordance with the Contract, as well as all continuing obligations indicated in the Contract, will survive final payment, completion, and acceptance of the Work or termination of the Contract or of the services of Contractor.

18.07 *Controlling Law*

- A. This Contract is to be governed by the law of the state in which the Project is located.

18.08 *Assignment of Contract*

- A. Unless expressly agreed to elsewhere in the Contract, no assignment by a party to this Contract of any rights under or interests in the Contract will be binding on the other party without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and, specifically but without limitation, money that may become due and money that is due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract.

18.09 *Successors and Assigns*

- A. Owner and Contractor each binds itself, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives to the other party hereto, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

18.10 *Headings*

- A. Article and paragraph headings are inserted for convenience only and do not constitute parts of these General Conditions.

SECTION 3

SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 1 – INTENT

- 1.01 The purpose of this project is to obtain a competent, experienced and responsible Contractor to construct the project in accordance with the plans and specifications, in an expeditious manner that reasonably protects the public and adjacent property from the construction of the project.
- 1.02 The Contract Documents comprise the entire agreement between District and Contractor concerning the work. The Contract Documents are complementary; what is called for by one is as binding as if called for by all. The Contract Documents will be construed in accordance with the law of the place of the project. The work specified herein shall consist of furnishing all supervision, labor, equipment, material and any incidentals required for the successful completion of all work as specified herein. All work shall conform within the limits as specified and shown and be in conformance with the appropriate Technical Specifications contained herein.
- 1.03 The plans, technical specifications, and other documents provided are intended to provide the Contractor with known conditions of the existing site and proposed work area. The Contractor is responsible to conduct any and all investigation, survey, or other activities required to fully understand the existing site and conditions that will be encountered during the project, and on which their bid will be based. Additional investigations may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out the construction project. The District will not consider or approve any claim for additional time or monetary compensation submitted by the Contractor caused by unknown site conditions or a failure by the Contractor to fully investigate and understand the full extent and nature of the work. This includes, but is not limited to, existing utilities as well as subsurface conditions.

ARTICLE 2 – EQUIPMENT

- 2.01 The Contractor shall only use equipment, machines, or combination of machines that are in good and safe working condition. The equipment shall produce results that meet or exceed the Technical Specifications stated herein.
- 2.02 Equipment incapable of providing this will not be acceptable for use on this Project. The Contractor shall not use equipment which is unsafe or in need of repair. Work completed with equipment, which is not properly functioning, shall be deemed unacceptable.

ARTICLE 3 - PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

- 3.01 A Pre-Construction Conference will be held, at which time the Contractor shall submit the following for the District's approval or acceptance:
- 3.02 A telephone list specifying the name, address, office phone number and cell phone numbers of all subcontractors or suppliers to be used on this project. If the Contractor proposes to subcontract any survey work that may be required, the Contractor shall include the registration number of the surveyor. The telephone list shall also include emergency telephone numbers. The Contractor shall include a 24-hour emergency telephone for the District's use, which the Contractor shall update as necessary throughout the project. The

Contractor shall request, in writing, any changes in subcontractors or suppliers.

3.03 No change in subcontractors or suppliers shall be made without written consent and approval from the District.

- In addition to the telephone and facsimile numbers, the Contractor shall provide an e-mail address where emails can be sent. The e-mail address must be monitored at least daily and capable of transferring electronic files.
- The Contractor shall submit for District approval a paper copy and electronic copy of a Construction Schedule prepared using District approved software, and a Schedule of Progress Payment Requests.
- The Contractor shall also submit all other materials or mix designs, which will be used by the Contractor for this Contract.

3.04 Mobilization may not start until all submittals have been accepted by the District and/or District's Representative. Once approved, no changes will be allowed without the written approval of the District and/or the District's Representative.

ARTICLE 4 - PROGRESS MEETING

4.01 For this project, progress meetings shall be bi-weekly, or as requested by the Contractor or the District. The Contractor shall designate a representative to attend Progress Meetings held at the Englewood Water District, 201 Selma Ave, Englewood, Florida. The Contractor shall submit, at each meeting, up-to-date schedule information, a written projected schedule for the next two weeks, written claims for additional compensation, written claims for weather days to extend the Contract, results of all testing and Value Engineering Proposals. The District will use the updated schedule information to monitor the Contractor's production rate. Upon written notice from the District, the Contractor shall dedicate additional resources to increase the production rate such that the Contractor will be back on schedule. Failure to comply with the approved Construction Schedule shall result in the Contractor being considered in default and subject to suspension of this Contract. Contractor may request progress meetings be on a different schedule than bi-weekly provided the District can confirm work is proceeding expeditiously. District may require a return to bi-weekly progress meetings at any time.

ARTICLE 5 - COOPERATION WITH UTILITIES

5.01 The Contractor shall notify all utility owner(s) affected by the construction prior to beginning work. Any expense of utility repair or other damage due to Contractor's operations shall be borne by the Contractor. Protection of utilities shall be the responsibility of the Contractor, who shall provide adequate protection to maintain proper service.

NOTE: The Contractor is to include within his bid prices, the costs to protect, and/or support, all above ground, overhead and underground utilities, which may be in conflict with the construction of this proposed project.

Attention is called to the Florida Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act defined in Florida Statute. This act provides for a "One Call Toll Free" telephone number to be used by all parties doing excavation, demolition or other underground construction.

ARTICLE 6 - CONTRACT TIME

6.01 The work will be substantially complete within 14 months of the date of Notice to Proceed;

with final completion within **30 calendar days** after attaining Substantial Completion as established by the District. The District shall provide the Contractor with a listing of items to be corrected or completed (punch list) after Substantial Completion is issued. The punch list will identify the remaining items that must be addressed to the satisfaction of the District by the Contractor to meet his/her obligations under the Contract. The Contractor shall complete all items on the punch lists to the satisfaction of the District prior to submittal of the application for final payment.

- 6.02 All extensions to the Contract time for permitted delays shall be by Change Order and signed by the District.

ARTICLE 7 - PROJECT COMPLETION

- 7.01 Project final completion shall be defined as “the stage in the progress of the Work where the Work is complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so that the District can begin to utilize the Work for its intended use, all punch list items are complete, and the Contractor has completely demobilized from the project area.” Project final completion shall be within **30 calendar days** after Substantial Completion has been issued.

ARTICLE 8 - LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- 8.01 The work shall be completed within the contract time as required by SC-7 “PROJECT COMPLETION.” The contract time shall include the preparation, submittal, review and approval of submittals, delivery of materials, and construction, assembly, adjustment and placement into service for beneficial use of all facilities covered under this Contract. The District shall issue a Notice of Completion when it has determined that the work identified in the contract has been completed per SC-7 “PROJECT COMPLETION.”
- 8.02 The District and the Contractor hereby agree that time is of the essence on this Contract and the District will suffer damages if the work is not completed within the contract time as required by SC-06 “CONTRACT TIME”. It is further recognized and agreed by the District and the Contractor that the determination of the exact value of the damages the District would suffer due to a delay in the Completion of the work would be a difficult, time consuming and costly process. It is therefore hereby agreed by the District and the Contractor that it is in their mutual interest to establish a figure **TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2400.00)** as Liquidated Damages (but not as a penalty) to be paid by the Contractor to the District for each calendar day that Completion is delayed beyond the Contract Time. It is mutually agreed by the District and the Contractor that neither shall make any claim to increase or reduce the amount to be paid under Liquidated Damages as the result of any calculation of actual damages suffered by the District as the result of delay in the Completion of the work.
- 8.03 For all contracts, regardless of whether the contract time is stipulated in calendar days or working days, the District will count default days in calendar days. If the Contractor or, in case of his default, the surety fails to complete the work within the time stipulated in the Contract, or within such extra time that the District may have granted the Contractor or, in case of his default, the surety shall pay to the District, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages, in the amount of **\$2400.00** per calendar day in which work is not completed.
- 8.04 The District has the right to apply, as payment on such liquidated damages, any money the District owes the Contractor.

- 8.05 The District does not waive its right to liquidated damages due under the Contract by allowing the Contractor to continue and finish the work, or any part of it, after the expiration of the Contract Time including granted time extensions.
- 8.06 In the case of default of the Contract and the completion of the work by the District, the Contractor and his surety are liable for the liquidated damages under the Contract, but the District will not charge liquidated damages for any delay in the final completion of the District's performance of the work due to any unreasonable action or delay on the part of the District.
- 8.07 The District considers the Contract complete when the Contractor has completed all work and the District has accepted the work. The District will then release the Contractor from further obligation except as set forth in his bond.

ARTICLE 9 – DAMAGES

- 9.01 Areas adjacent to the construction that are damaged shall be repaired at the Contractor's expense. Restoration of adjoining areas shall be equal to or better than original condition and to the satisfaction of the District. Protection of personal property, utilities, structures, access drives, conduits, pavement, curbs, sidewalks, trees, and shrubs shall be the responsibility of the Contractor, who shall provide adequate protection to maintain proper service.

ARTICLE 10 - CONTINUOUS PROSECUTION OF WORK

- 10.01 The Contractor shall continuously prosecute the work in accordance with the Contract Documents. Upon written direction from the District, the Contractor shall remove any personnel for the duration of the Contract, who fails to comply with the Contract Documents.
- 10.02 Once commencing the project, the operation must be continuously prosecuted during normal hours to its completion. At no time, shall the Contractor suspend work, for any reason for more than seven (7) calendar days, excluding delays granted for inclement weather. Should the Contractor fail to perform any work on the project for three (3) or more work days, the Contractor shall submit a written request to the District, no less than twenty- four (24) hours in advance of the restart of work, to allow the District to schedule the required inspection personnel. No work may restart, prior to the expiration of the twenty-four (24) hour notice without the District's approval.
- 10.03 Correction of safety concerns will be given priority and shall be corrected as soon as practicable, but not later than 24 hours after discovery by the District and notification to the Contractor. Failure to comply with these Provisions and/or Technical Specifications shall result in the Contractor being considered in default and subject to suspension of this contract.

ARTICLE 11 - SAFETY AND PROTECTION

- 11.01 Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the work. Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:
- i. All employees on the work and other persons or organizations who may be

- affected thereby.
- ii. All the work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site.
- 11.02 Other property at the site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, utilities, and underground facilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Laws and Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of person or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss; and shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for such safety and protection.
- 11.03 No open excavations are allowed on the project. Any pipe installation shall be backfilled properly the same day of work on such pipe area to allow safe passing of pedestrians and vehicles. The Contractor shall immediately remove any personnel who fail to conform to this requirement.
- 11.04 Contractor shall designate a responsible representative at the site whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. This person shall be the contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by Contractor to the District.

ARTICLE 12 - CHANGES IN THE WORK

- 12.01 The District, without invalidating the Contract, may order extra work or make changes by altering, adding to or deducting from the work, the Contract sum being adjusted accordingly. Such work will be an **amendment to the contract** and shall require approval by the Administrator prior to prosecution of the additional work. The change and amount of compensation must be agreed upon in writing in a document of equal dignity herewith prior to any deviation from the terms of this Contract. In giving instructions, the District shall have authority to make minor changes in the work, not involving extra cost, and not inconsistent with the purposes of the work. Except in an emergency endangering life or property, no extra work or change shall be made unless in pursuance of a written order by the District; and no claim for an addition to the Contract sum shall be valid, unless ordered.

ARTICLE 13 - COORDINATION OF THE SPECIFICATIONS

- 13.01 Where conflicts between the District's General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Technical Specifications and Construction Plans, references, should they exist, it is the responsibility of the bidding Contractor to bring those conflicts to the attention of Purchasing prior to the bid date. After bids, have been received, the contractor will be held to the most stringent requirement.

The Contractor shall take no advantage of any apparent error or omission in the plans or specifications. If the Contractor discovers such an error or omission, he shall immediately notify the District. The District will then make such corrections and interpretations as may be deemed necessary for fulfilling the intent of the plans and specifications.

ARTICLE 14 - CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

- 14.01 The FDEP permit for WRF modification has been applied for by the District. Contractor shall obtain, at their expense, all other permits and licenses necessary for the construction of the Work.

ARTICLE 15 - CONTRACTOR'S UNDERSTANDING

- 15.01 It is understood and agreed that the Contractor has, by careful examination, satisfied himself as to the nature and locations of the work, the conformation of the ground, the character, quality, and quantity of materials to be encountered, the character of equipment and facilities needed prior to and during prosecution of the work under this Contract. No verbal agreement or conversation with an officer, agent, or employee of the District, either before or after execution of this Contract, shall affect or modify the terms or obligations herein contained.

ARTICLE 16 - WORK HOURS

- 16.01 The Contractor shall conduct work between 7 A.M. and 5 P.M. Monday through Friday, which is defined as regular work hours. The Contractor shall not conduct work on Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays or holidays observed by the District. Work conducted outside of the regular work hours and days shall be permitted only with written permission from the District. Any additional cost incurred by the District and/or the Engineer of Record for work outside these hours will be paid by the Contractor.

ARTICLE 17 - QUALIFICATIONS/REFERENCES

- 17.01 Contractor shall submit all current projects of similar size and scope and all projects of similar size and scope within the past 5 years in the Qualifications Statement. Each project listed shall include a project description, project location, name and phone number of a contact person, total project amount, and completion date. The District reserves the right to reach out to any contacts listed, for a reference.

ARTICLE 18 - LICENSE(S) REQUIREMENT

- 18.01 Licensure requirement for this project is Certified General Contractor OR Certified Underground Utilities Contractor.

ARTICLE 19 - DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

- 19.01 Unless otherwise specifically provided in the Technical Specifications, if applicable, all equipment, parts, materials and articles incorporated in the work covered by this Contract are to be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the Technical specifications, reference to any equipment, part, material, article or patented process, by trade name, make or catalog number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition. If the Bidder wishes to make a substitution to the specifications, the Bidder shall furnish the District the name of the manufacturer, the model number and other identifying data and information necessary to aid in the District in evaluating the substitution. Such substitution shall be subject to District approval. Substitutions shall be approved only if determined by the District to be equivalent to the specifications. A bid containing substitution is subject to disqualification if the District does not approve the substitution.

ARTICLE 20 - PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- 20.01 Bidders are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of bid submittals will be available for public inspection after opening of bids in compliance with

Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, the Public Record Act. The Bidder should not submit any information in response to this bid which the Bidder considers proprietary or confidential. The submission of any information to the District in connection with this bid package shall be deemed conclusively to be a waiver of any protection from release of the submitted information unless such information is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, and such information is marked as exempt. Failure to mark a trade secret as exempt waives the exemption.

ARTICLE 21 - RULES, REGULATIONS & LICENSES

21.0 The Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to provision of goods and/or services specified in this bid package. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure compliance with OSHA, EPA, and/or other local, federal, or State of Florida rules, regulations or other requirements, as applicable.

ARTICLE 22 - CODE OF ETHICS

22.01 With respect to this bid, if any Bidder violates or is a party to a violation of the Florida Statutes, Chapter 112, Part III, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, such Bidder may be disqualified from furnishing the goods or services for which the bid is submitted and shall be further disqualified from submitting any future bids for goods or services for the District.

ARTICLE 23 – COLLUSION

23.01 By submitting this bid, the Bidder certifies that he/she has not divulged to, discussed or compared his/her bid with other Bidders and has not colluded with any other Bidder or parties to this bid whatsoever. Also, Bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to his/her own organization, that in connection with this bid: any prices and/or cost data submitted have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices and or cost data, with any other Bidder or with any competitor; any prices and/or data quoted for this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the Bidder and will not knowingly be closed by the Bidder prior to the scheduled opening directly or indirectly to any other Bidder or to any competitor; no attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder to induce any other person or firm to person or persons interested in this bid, principal or principals is/are named therein and that no person other than therein mentioned has any interest in this bid or in the Contract to be entered into; and no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee excepting bona fide employees of the Bidder.

ARTICLE 24 - PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

24.01 In accordance with Florida Statutes Sec. 287.133(2)(a), "A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a Contract to provide any goods/services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a Contract with a public entity for construction or repair of public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a Contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a Contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public

entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Sections 287.017, for Category Two, for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.” By submitting a bid, the Contractor certifies that the Contractor is not currently prohibited from transacting business with the District due to the above statute. The Contractor shall comply with the terms of this statute both before and during the term of this Contract.

ARTICLE 25 - DRUG FREE WORKPLACE PREFERENCE

25.01 The District has adopted a policy in observation of the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988. Therefore, it is unlawful to manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, or use any controlled substance in the District workplace.

The District requests that the attached Drug Free Workplace Form accompany the bid response. This form has been adopted by the District in accordance with the Drug Free Workplace Act. The District will not disqualify any Bidder who does not sign the form. The Drug Free Workplace Form is primarily used as a tie breaker when two or more separate entities have submitted bids at the same price, terms and conditions, with preference given to the Bidder who has signed the form.

ARTICLE 26 - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: DISTRICT OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES OR BOARD MEMBERS

26.01 The Florida Code of Ethics regulates the ability of the District to contract with its public officers (including board members), employees, and their immediate relatives. Respondents shall disclose any such potential conflicts on the provided Conflict of Interest Form. Respondents are responsible for reviewing Florida Statute §112.313 to determine whether they may have a conflict. If Respondent is in doubt as to their ability to contract with the District, they shall seek a conflict of interest opinion from the Administrator or his/her designated representative prior to submittal of a response.

ARTICLE 27 - TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATIONS CERTIFICATE

27.01 If applicable, execution and signature by the vendor of the Bid Form shall act as the execution of a truth-in-negotiation certificate certifying that the wage rates and costs used to determine the compensation provided for in this Contract are accurate, complete, and current as of the date of the Contract.

For professional service Contracts, the original Contract price and any additions thereto will be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the District determines the Contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs. The District shall exercise its rights under this “Certificate” within one (1) year following payment.

ARTICLE 28 - STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

28.01 Any Bidder required by Florida law to register to do business in this state shall either be registered or have applied for registration with the Florida Department of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 607, 608, 617, or 621, Florida Statutes, unless they are exempt. A copy of the registration/application may be required prior to award of a contract. Any partnership submitting a bid in response to this RFB shall have complied with the applicable provisions of Chapter 620, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 29 - PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

29.01 At the end of the Contract, the District may evaluate the successful Bidder's performance. This evaluation may become public record.

ARTICLE 30 - NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT

30.01 Award of this Contract shall not require the District to use the Contractor for all work of this type, if applicable, which may develop during the Contract term. This Contract is non-exclusive. The District reserves the right to concurrently Contract with other entities for similar work if it deems such action to be in the best interests of the District.

ARTICLE 31 - CONTACT PROHIBITION

31.01 All prospective Bidders are hereby instructed **NOT** to contact any board member of the District, or any District staff member other than the Authorized Contact Persons, identified in this Bid package regarding this solicitation package, Bidder's submittal package, the District's Intent to Award, or the District's Intent to Reject (if applicable) at any time prior to the formal award for this project. Any such contact shall be cause for rejection of your submittal.

ARTICLE 32 - CONTRACTING WITH DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR BOARD MEMBERS

32.01 Any District employee, Board member or member of his or her immediate family seeking to Contract with the District shall seek a conflict of interest opinion from the Administrator or their designated representative prior to submittal of a response or application of any type to Contract with the District. The affected employee or Board member shall disclose his or her assigned function within the District and interest or the interest of his or her immediate family in the proposed Contract and the nature of the intended Contract.

Florida Statute §112.313(12) Standards of Conduct for Public Officers, Employees of Agencies, And Local Government Attorneys controls contracting with The District employees or board members, and provides as follows:

(12) EXEMPTION --The requirements of subsections (3) and (7) as they pertain to persons serving on advisory boards may be waived in a particular instance by the body which appointed the person to the advisory board, upon a full disclosure of the transaction or relationship to the appointing body prior to the waiver and an affirmative vote in favor of waiver by two-thirds vote of that body. In instances in which appointment to the advisory board is made by an individual, waiver may be effected, after public hearing, by a determination by the appointing person and full disclosure of the transaction or relationship by the appointee to the appointing person. In addition, no person shall be held in violation of subsection

(3) or subsection (7) if:

(b) The business is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding to the lowest or best Bidder and:

1. The official or the official's spouse or child has in no way participated in the determination of the bid specifications or the determination of the lowest or best Bidder;

2. The official or the official's spouse or child has in no way used or attempted to use the official's influence to persuade the agency or any personnel thereof to enter such a contract other than by the mere submission of the bid; and

3. The official, prior to or at the time of the submission of the bid, has filed a statement with the Commission on Ethics, if the official is a state officer or employee, or with the supervisor of elections of the county in which the agency has its principal office, if the official is an officer or employee of a political subdivision, disclosing the official's interest, or the interest of the official's spouse or child, and the nature of the intended business.

ARTICLE 33 - DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORD

33.01 Pursuant to Florida Statute §119.071(1)(b)(2), all bid documents are exempt from public record until such time as the District provides notice of an intended decision or until thirty (30) days after opening the bids, whichever is earlier.

Per F.S. §119.07, Contractor shall comply with all public records laws, and shall specifically:

(a) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the District for the service to be performed.

(b) Provide the public with access to public records at the same terms and conditions that the District would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in chapter 119 or as otherwise provided by law.

(c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.

(d) Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the District all public records in possession of the Contractor upon termination of the Agreement and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the District.

Failure of the Contractor to comply with these requirements shall be a material breach of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 34 – VENDOR PROTEST

34.01 The Bidder must submit a notice of protest in writing to the Administrator within three (3) business days after the Notice of Intent to Award has been issued. The protest shall contain the name, address, and phone number of the petitioner, the solicitation number and title. The notice of protest shall describe the specific facts and statute upon which the protest of the proposed award is based, and shall include all pertinent documents and evidence. Only a Bidder whose bid was submitted in time and fully complies with all terms and conditions of the bid may protest an award. Upon receipt of a formal written protest, the District may stop award proceedings until resolution of the protest. However, the award proceedings shall not be stopped if the Administrator decides that the award must continue without delay to avoid an immediate and serious danger to public health, safety or welfare, or to comply with required regulations.

34.02 A protest shall be reviewed and evaluated administratively and a decision in writing shall be forwarded to the protesting firm. The decision of the Administrator shall be final. Any and all costs incurred by a protesting party associated with a protest shall be the sole responsibility of the protesting party.

ARTICLE 35 - FORCE MAJEURE

35.01 Should performance of any obligation created under this Agreement become illegal or impossible by reason of:

- (a) A strike or work stoppage, unless caused by a negligent act or omission of either party;
- (b) An act of God, tornado, hurricane, flood, sinkhole, fire, explosion, landslide, earthquake, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, pestilence, or extremely abnormal and excessively inclement weather;
- (c) An act of a public enemy, act of war, terrorism, effect of nuclear radiation, blockage, insurrection, riot, civil disturbance, state of martial law, or national or international calamity;
- (d) A declared emergency of the federal, state, or local government; or
- (e) Any other like event that is beyond the reasonable control of the non-performing party;

Then the performance of any such obligation is suspended during the period of, and only to the extent of, such prevention or hindrance, provided that:

- (f) The non-performing party provides written notice within five (5) days of the event of force majeure, describing the event in sufficient detail, including but not limited to: the nature of the occurrence, a good faith estimate of the duration of the delay; and continues to furnish timely reports of all actions required for it to commence or resume performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
- (g) The excuse of performance is no greater in scope or duration than required by the event of force majeure; and
- (h) No obligations of either party that arose before the force majeure are excused as a result of the event of force majeure; and
- (i) The non-performing party uses all reasonable diligence to remedy its inability to perform. Economic hardship of a party does not constitute an event of force majeure. A party will not be excused from performance due to forces that it could have reasonably prevented, removed, or remediated prior to, during, or immediately after their occurrence.
- (j) The non-performing party's affected obligations under this Agreement will be temporarily suspended during, but not longer than, the continuance of the event of force majeure and a reasonable time thereafter as may be required to commence or resume performance of its obligations. Notwithstanding the above performance shall not be excused under this section for a period of two (2) months, provided that in extenuating circumstances, the District may excuse performance for a longer term.

ARTICLE 36 - GOVERNING LAWS

36.01 The interpretation, effect, and validity of any Contract resulting from this RFB shall be governed by the laws and regulations of the State of Florida. Exclusive venue of any court action shall be in Sarasota County, Florida.

ARTICLE 37 - INDEMNIFICATION FOR TORT ACTIONS / LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

37.01 The provisions of Florida Statute 768.28 applicable to the District apply in full to this Contract. Any legal actions to recover monetary damages in tort for injury or loss of property, personal injury, or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the District acting within the scope of his/her office or employment are subject to the limitations specified in this statute.

No officer, employee or agent of the District acting within the scope of his/her employment or function shall be held personally liable in tort or named as a defendant in any action for any or damage suffered as a result of any act, event, or failure to act.

The District shall not be liable in tort for the acts or omissions of an officer, employee, or agent committed while acting outside the course and scope of his/her employment. This exclusion includes actions committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property.

ARTICLE 38 - REQUIRED DISCLOSURE

38.01 Bidder shall disclose with its bid submission all material facts pertaining to any felony indictments or convictions in the last ten (10) years, or any pending felony charges, anywhere in the United States against (i) Bidder, (ii) any business entity related to or affiliated with Bidder, or (iii) any present or former executive employee, senior management, key employee, officer, director, stockholder, partner or owner of Bidder or of any such related or affiliated entity, collectively referred to as "Bidder." This disclosure shall not apply to any person or entity who is, or was, solely a stockholder, owning less than 5% of the outstanding shares of a Bidder whose stock is publicly owned and traded.

Bidder shall disclose any civil citations, infractions, or convictions for any reason in the last ten (10) years involving Bidder, including all material facts.

Bidder shall disclose any civil litigation, administrative proceeding, or notice of default during the last five (5) years, anywhere in the United States, in which Bidder or any business controlled by or affiliated with Bidder is, or was, a party.

The District may reject, at its sole discretion, any Bidder if the District finds Bidder or its present or former executive employees, senior management, key employee, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, affiliates, or owners lack honesty, integrity, or moral responsibility. The District may also reject, at its sole discretion, any Bidder if it is in the District's best interest to do so. The District may base its findings on the disclosures required herein, the District's own investigation, public records, or any other reliable source of information. The District may also reject any Bidder that fails to make the disclosures required herein. By submitting a bid, Bidder recognizes and accepts that the District may reject any bid at its sole discretion and the Bidder waives any claim it might

have for damages or other relief arising from the rejection of its bid or resulting directly or indirectly from the rejection of its bid based on these grounds or from the disclosure of any information related to the reasons for rejection of its bid.

ARTICLE 39 - UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN WORKERS

39.01 The District will not intentionally award publicly-funded Contracts to any Contractor who knowingly employs unauthorized alien workers, constituting a violation of the employment provisions contained in 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a(e) [Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA")]. The District shall consider employment by any Contractor of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the INA. Such violation by the Contractor of the employment provisions contained in Section 274A(e) of the INA shall be grounds for termination of this Contract by the District.

ARTICLE 40 - E-VERIFY

40.01 The Contractor and every subcontractor shall register with and use the E-Verify system of the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify the work authorization status of all new employees as required by Section 448.095, Florida Statutes. A Contractor who enters into a contract with a subcontractor, must require that the subcontractor provides the Contractor a certification by affidavit stating that at the time of such certification and during the term of the contract, the subcontractor does not and will not employ, contract, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien, who is not authorized under federal law to be employed in the United States as described in 8 U.S.C. S. 1324(H)(3). The Contractor shall comply with all other federal laws pertaining to the subcontractor.

ARTICLE 41 – SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

41.01 As required by Section 287.135 (5), Florida Statutes, for contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, when submitting a bid or proposal, and prior to entering into a contract with the District, every person or entity shall certify on a form provided by the District, that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel.

41.02 As required by Section 287.35(5), Florida Statutes, for contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or more, when submitting a bid or proposal, and prior to entering into a contract with the District, every person or entity shall certify on a form provided by the District, that all of the following are true:

- (a) It is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel; and
- (b) It is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan list or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Petroleum Energy Sector list, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes; and
- (c) It is not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

41.03 PENALTY:

(a) If a false certification is submitted or the person or entity has been placed on one of the above-noted Lists of Scrutinized Companies or has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, the person or entity will be in breach of the Contract terms and the District may terminate the Contract.

(b) A person or entity that has been found to have provided a false certification may be subject to a civil penalty equal or greater of \$2 million or twice the amount of the Contract, plus all reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including any costs or investigations that led to the finding of the false certification; and

(c) A person or entity that has been found to have provided a false certification shall be ineligible to bid on any contract with the District for three (3) years after the date the District determined that a false certification has been submitted.

ARTICLE 42 – COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA TRENCH SAFETY ACT

42.01 The Bidder shall be solely responsible for complying with the Florida Trench Safety Act (553.60-553.64 Florida Statutes) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration excavation safety standards, 29 CFR 1926.650 (subpart P) as amended. All costs associated with complying with these requirements shall be included in the separate line items of the bid and shall be as detailed in the Compliance with the Florida Trench Safety Act. Bidder shall submit the Statement of Compliance with the Florida Trench Safety Act form provided herein with his bid or with each work assignment.

ARTICLE 43 - OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT (O.S.H.A.)

43.01 In instances where such is applicable due to the nature of the bid matter with which this bid package is concerned, all material, equipment, etc., as proposed and offered by Bidders must meet and conform to all O.S.H.A. requirements; the Bidder's signature upon the bid form being by this reference considered a certification of such fact.

ARTICLE 44 – OTHER FEDERAL PROVISIONS

44.01 In the event the Contract is paid in whole or in part from any federal government agency or source, the following specific terms, regulations, and requirements governing the disbursement of these funds shall be specified in the contract. To the extent of any conflict, the following terms, regulations, and requirements shall take precedence. CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT is required to fully comply with all requirements outlined in 2 CFR Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and the FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG).

This contract is subject to change based on guidance from the Federal funding source.

Equal Employment Opportunity

A. Standard. Except as otherwise provided under 41 C.F.R. Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 C.F.R. §60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 C.F.R. §60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity (30 Fed. Reg. 12319, 12935,

3 C.F.R. Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, Amending Executive Order 112246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity, and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 60 (Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor). See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II.

B. Key Definitions.

1. **Federally Assisted Construction Contract.** The regulation at 41 C.F.R. §60-1.3 defines a “federally assisted construction contract” as any agreement or modification thereof between any applicant and a person for construction work which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Government or borrowed on the credit of the Government pursuant to any Federal program involving a grant, contract loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract loan, insurance, or guarantee, or any application or modification thereof approved by the Government for a grant, contract loan, insurance, or guarantee under which the applicant itself participates in the construction work.
2. **Construction Work.** The regulation at 41 C.F.R. §60-1.3 defines “construction work” as the construction, rehabilitation, alteration, conversion, extension, demolition, or repair of buildings, highways, or other changes or improvements to real property, including facilities providing utility services. The term also includes the supervision, inspection, and other onsite functions incidental to the actual construction.
3. **Applicability.** This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.
4. The regulation at 41 C.F.R. Part 60-1.4(b) requires the insertion of the following contract clause:

“During the performance of this contract, the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT agrees as follows:

- a) The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting for the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- b) The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT will, in all solicitations or advertisement for employees placed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- c) The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers’ representatives of the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT’s commitments under this section and shall

- post copies of the notices in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- d) The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
 - e) The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT will furnish all information and reports required by Executive 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
 - f) In the event of the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
 - g) The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each SUBCONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT or vendor. The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: provided, however, that in the event a CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a SUBCONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States."

Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

- A. Applicability. This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- B. Where applicable (see 40 U.S.C. §3701), all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 1. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶.
- C. Under 40 U.S.C. §3702, each CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week.

- D. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. §3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
- E. The regulation at 29 C.F.R. §5.5(b) provides the required contract clause concerning compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act:

“Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

1. Overtime requirements. No CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT or SUBCONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT and any SUBCONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT and SUBCONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such district or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.
3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The Federal Emergency Management Agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT or SUBCONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT or SUBCONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section. Subcontracts. The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT or SUBCONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the SUBCONTRACTOR/CONSULTANTS to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT shall be responsible for compliance by any SUBCONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT or lower tier

SUBCONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through 94) of this section.

Rights to Inventions Made

For any federally assisted contract, awarded to a small business firm or nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 401.2 for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work, the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT, SUBCONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT, subrecipient agrees to all of the terms in 37 CFR 401.14(a) and regarding Patent Rights and The Allocation of Principal Rights.

Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act

Contracts of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶G.

A. Clean Air Act.

1. The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
2. The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT agrees to report each violation to the DISTRICT and understands and agrees that the DISTRICT will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State of Florida, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental protection Agency Regional Office.
3. The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

B. Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

1. The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
2. The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT agrees to report each violation to the DISTRICT and understands and agrees that the DISTRICT will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State of Florida, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
3. The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Procurement of Recovered Materials

- A. A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contracts must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act at 42 U.S.C. § 6962). See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶J; 2 C.F.R. § 200.322; PDAT Supplement, Chapter V, ¶7.

- B. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Act at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired by the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines.
1. In the performance of this contract, the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired-
 - a) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
 - b) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
 - c) At a reasonable price.
 2. Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designate items, is available at the Environmental Protection Agency's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

Small and Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Labor Surplus Area Firms

- A. Among the many federal funding requirements, 2 CFR §200.321 (or 45 C.F.R. §75.330 for Health and Human Services funds) mandates that the Prime CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT partakes in five “affirmative steps” designed to ensure that small and minority- owned, women-owned business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms have been, and for the duration of the project continue to be, afforded subcontracting opportunities. These affirmative steps are:
1. Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
 2. Assuring that small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
 3. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
 4. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and
 5. Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
- B. In order to adequately document that the proposer has fulfilled this requirement, the proposer shall complete the provided “Affidavit of Compliance with 2 CFR §200.321 Requirements”. The affidavit shall be notarized for this bid to be responsive.
- C. The proposer shall also attach to the affidavit documentation evidencing that affirmative steps 1 – 3 above were taken in the preparation and submission of this bid. Such evidence shall include:

1. Copies of announcements/postings in newspapers, emails, web-postings, or other media for specific contracting/subcontracting opportunities that target small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises.
2. Copies of announcements/postings of contracting/subcontracting opportunities in trade publications, minority, or women's media that target small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises.
3. Documentation of sources used to identify potential small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises. A suggestion would be searching through the SBA's Dynamic Small Business directory at the following internet address: <http://dsbs.sba.gov> to search for registered minority and small businesses.

Default and Remedy

If the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT materially defaults in its obligations under this contract and fails to cure the same within fifteen (15) days after the date the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT receives written notice of the default from the DISTRICT, then the DISTRICT shall have the right to:

1. Immediately terminate this contract by delivering written notice to the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT, and
2. Pursue any and all remedies available in law, equity, and under this contract.

Upon such termination, the DISTRICT shall pay the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT the full amount due and owing for all work performed through the date of contract termination.

Termination for Cause

This Contract may be terminated by the DISTRICT, in whole or in part, at any time, due to the failure of the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT to fulfill its obligations under this contract, subject to the cure period provided in (Default and Remedy), by delivering written notice to the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT. Upon receipt of such notice, the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT shall:

1. Immediately discontinue all work and deliver to the DISTRICT all data, reports, summaries, and any and all such other information and materials of whatever type or nature as may have been accumulated by the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT in performing the work under this contract, regardless of state of completion.
2. Unless in dispute, claim, or other remedy, the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT shall be paid for work completed to the date of termination.

Termination for Convenience

The DISTRICT, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the DISTRICT's best interest. If this contract is terminated, the DISTRICT shall be liable only for goods or services delivered and accepted. The DISTRICT's Notice of Termination shall provide the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT thirty (30) days prior notice before it becomes effective. A termination for convenience may apply to individual delivery orders, purchase orders or to the contract in its entirety.

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT's actions pertaining to this contract.

No Obligation by Federal Government

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

Florida Convicted/Suspended/Discriminatory Complaints

By submission of a proposal, Proposer affirms that it is not currently listed in the Florida Department of Management Services Convicted/Suspended/Discriminatory Complaint Vendor List.

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. §1352 (as amended)

CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANTS who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

Domestic Preferences for Procurements

- A. As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.
- B. For purposes of this section:
 - 1. "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
 - 2. "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

Contract Cost and Price

- A. The non-Federal entity must perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold including contract modifications. The method and degree of analysis is dependent on the facts surrounding the particular procurement situation, but as a starting point, the non-Federal entity must make independent estimates before receiving bids or proposals.
- B. The non-Federal entity must negotiate profit as a separate element of the price for each contract in which there is no price competition and in all where cost analysis is performed. To establish a fair and reasonable profit, consideration must be given to the complexity of

the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting, the quality of its record of past performance, and industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area for similar work.

- C. Costs or prices based on estimated costs for contracts under the Federal award are allowable only to the extent that costs incurred or cost estimates included in negotiated prices would be allowable for the non-Federal entity under subpart E of this part. The non-Federal entity may reference its own cost principles that comply with the Federal cost principles.

Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. §3141-3148)

When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)

A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

END OF SECTION

QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT

**THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS CONFIDENTIAL TO THE EXTENT
PERMITTED BY LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

1. SUBMITTED BY:

Official Name of Firm:

Address:

2. SUBMITTED TO:

3. SUBMITTED FOR:

Owner:

Project Name:

TYPE OF WORK:

4. CONTRACTOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Person:

Title:

Phone:

Email:

5. LICENSING

Jurisdiction: _____

Type of License: _____

License Number: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

Type of License: _____

License Number: _____

6. CERTIFICATIONS

CERTIFIED BY:

Disadvantage Business Enterprise: _____

Minority Business Enterprise: _____

Woman Owned Enterprise: _____

Small Business Enterprise: _____

Other (_____): _____

7. BONDING INFORMATION

Bonding Company: _____

Address: _____

Bonding Agent: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Aggregate Bonding Capacity: _____

Available Bonding Capacity as of date of this submittal: _____

8. CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE:

Current Experience:

List on **Schedule A** all uncompleted projects currently under contract (If Joint Venture list each participant's projects separately).

Previous Experience:

List on **Schedule B** all water and wastewater treatment plant projects completed within the last 5 Years (If Joint Venture list each participant's projects separately).

Has firm listed in Section 1 ever failed to complete a construction contract awarded to it?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES, attach as an Attachment details including Project Owner's contact information.

Has any Corporate Officer, Partner, Joint Venture participant or Proprietor ever failed to complete a construction contract awarded to them in their name or when acting as a principal of another entity?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES, attach as an Attachment details including Project Owner's contact information.

Are there any judgments, claims, disputes or litigation pending or outstanding involving the firm listed in Section 1 or any of its officers (or any of its partners if a partnership or any of the individual entities if a joint venture)?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES, attach as an Attachment details including Project Owner's contact information.

9. EQUIPMENT:

MAJOR EQUIPMENT:

List on **Schedule C** all pieces of major equipment available for use on Owner's Project.

10. SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS:

List of **Schedule D** all subcontractors and suppliers to be used for the Project.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED HERewith, INCLUDING ANY ATTACHMENTS, IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

DATED: _____

NOTARY ATTEST:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20__

NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF _____

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

1. Schedule A (Current Experience).
2. Schedule B (Previous Experience).
3. Schedule C (Major Equipment).
4. Schedule D (Subcontractors & Suppliers List).
5. Evidence of authority for individual(s) authorized to bind organization to an agreement.
6. Additional items as pertinent.

SCHEDULE A

CURRENT EXPERIENCE

Project Name	Owner's Contact Person	Design Engineer	Contract Date	Type of Work	Status	Cost of Work
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				

SCHEDULE B

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE (Include ALL WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT Projects Completed within last 5 years)

Project Name	Owner's Contact Person	Design Engineer	Contract Date	Type of Work	Status	Cost of Work
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				

SCHEDULE B

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE (Include ALL Projects Completed within last 5 years)

Project Name	Owner's Contact Person	Design Engineer	Contract Date	Type of Work	Status	Cost of Work
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				
	Name: Address: Telephone:	Name: Company: Telephone:				

SCHEDULE C - LIST OF MAJOR EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

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SECTION D – SOURCE OF SUBCONTRACTOR AND SUPPLIER LIST

The following sources of supply and subcontractors shall be used for the RFB 2023-133 South WRF Headworks Project.

If Bidder does not have a source of supply or subcontractor, insert “to be determined”.

When a source or subcontractor is determined, selection will be subject to District approval. (If not applicable, state N/A).

SUBCONTRACTOR(S) (PLEASE INCLUDE ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBER & E-MAIL)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

SUPPLIER(S)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

SECTION 5

BID FORM

The undersigned, as Bidder declares that he/she has read the Bid Documents comprising of Request for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, General Provisions, Special Provisions, Insurance Requirements, Technical Specifications, and other related documents included in this bid package for **RFB 2023-133 SOUTH WRF HEADWORKS PROJECT**, and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to enter into an Agreement with the Owner to perform all Work as specified in the Bid Documents, in accordance to the price submitted in this Bid Form and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents.

The Bid Documents, as listed above, are incorporated into the Bid Form and shall be defined as contract documents.

ARTICLE 1 – BID RECIPIENT

1.01 This Bid is submitted to:

**Englewood Water District, c/o Bee Ling Wheaton, Purchasing Manager, 201 Selma Avenue,
Englewood, FL 34223**

ARTICLE 2 – BIDDER’S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

2.01 Bidder accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Instructions to Bidders, including without limitation those dealing with the disposition of Bid security. This Bid will remain subject to acceptance for ninety (90) days after the Bid opening, or for such longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of Owner.

ARTICLE 3 – BIDDER’S REPRESENTATIONS

3.01 In submitting this Bid, Bidder represents that:

A. Bidder has examined and carefully studied the above mentioned Bidding Documents, other related data identified in the Bidding Documents, and the following Addenda, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum No.

Addendum Date

B. Bidder has visited the Site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local, and Site conditions that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.

C. Bidder is familiar with and is satisfied as to all Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.

- D. Bidder has carefully studied all reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or contiguous to the Site and all drawings of physical conditions relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at the Site (except Underground Facilities).
- E. Bidder has considered the information known to Bidder; information commonly known to contractors doing business in the locality of the Site; information and observations obtained from visits to the Site; the Bidding Documents; and the Site-related reports and drawings identified in the Bidding Documents, with respect to the effect of such information, observations, and documents on (1) the cost, progress, and performance of the Work; (2) the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Bidder, including applying the specific means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction expressly required by the Bidding Documents; and (3) Bidder's safety precautions and programs.
- F. Based on the information and observations referred to in Paragraph 3.01.E above, Bidder does not consider that further examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the determination of this Bid for performance of the Work at the price(s) bid and within the times required, and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents.
- G. Bidder is aware of the general nature of work to be performed by Owner and others at the Site that relates to the Work as indicated in the Bidding Documents.
- H. Bidder has given Engineer written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Bidder has discovered in the Bidding Documents, and the written resolution thereof by Engineer is acceptable to Bidder.
- I. The Bidding Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for the performance of the Work for which this Bid is submitted.

ARTICLE 4 – BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION

4.01 Bidder certifies that:

- A. This Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed individual or entity and is not submitted in conformity with any collusive agreement or rules of any group, association, organization, or corporation;
- B. Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid;
- C. Bidder has not solicited or induced any individual or entity to refrain from bidding;
- D. Bidder has not engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices in competing for the Contract. In accordance with Florida Statutes Sec. 287.133(2)(a):

“A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a Contract to provide any goods/services to a public entity may not submit a bid on a Contract with a public entity for construction or repair of public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a Contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a Contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Sections 287.017, for Category Two, for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.”

E. Bidder is not currently prohibited from transacting business with the Owner; and

F. Bidder shall comply with the terms of this statute before and during the term of the Contract.

ARTICLE 5 – BASIS OF BID

5.01 Bidder will complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents for the following price(s):

UNIT PRICE BID

Headworks

Item No.	Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Bid Unit Price	Bid Price
1	Mobilization and Demobilization	LS	1	\$	\$
2	General	LS	1	\$	\$
3	Site Piping, Fittings, Valves, and Appurtenances	LS	1	\$	\$
4	Concrete	LS	1	\$	\$
5	Headworks Screens	LS	1	\$	\$
6	Master Influent Lift Station	LS	1	\$	\$
7	Grit Removal System	LS	1	\$	\$
8	Disposal Area	LS	1	\$	\$
9	Odor Control System Relocation	LS	1	\$	\$
10	Electrical, Instrumentation and Controls	LS	1	\$	\$
11	Permitting Allowance	LS	1	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
Total of All Headworks Unit Price Bid Items					\$

Bidder acknowledges that estimated quantities are not guaranteed, and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids, and final payment for all unit price Bid items will be based on actual quantities, determined as provided in the Contract Documents.

LUMP SUM BID – ADDITIVE ALTERNATE A**Mulch Bed**

Item No.	Description	Lump Sum Bid Price
1	Mulch Bed including clearing and grubbing, rock, mulch, concrete, liner, 14-inch FRP, 10-inch perforated PVC, 4-inch drain and cleanout, and appurtenances, etc.	\$

LUMP SUM BID – ADDITIVE ALTERNATE B**Drying Bed**

Item No.	Description	Lump Sum Bid Price
1	Concrete drying bed including clearing and grubbing, shell drive, concrete bed and walls, screens, curb, 8-inch PVC drain pipe, 8-inch 316SS knife gate valve, hose bib and rack, 3-inch PVC water main, fittings, restraints, adapters, lighting, and lighting protection and grounding, etc.	\$

ARTICLE 6 – TIME OF COMPLETION

- 6.01 Bidder agrees that the Work will be substantially complete and will be completed and ready for final payment in accordance with Paragraph 14.07 of the General Conditions on or before the dates or within the timelines indicated in the Agreement.
- 6.02 Bidder accepts the provisions of the Agreement as to liquidated damages.

ARTICLE 7 – INSURANCE & SECURITY/BONDING REQUIREMENTS

- 7.01 The Bidder certifies that he/she has reviewed and is able to meet all the insurance security/bonding requirements, and if awarded the Contract, will provide all required insurance/bonding documents to the District, within ten (10) calendar days of Notice of Award.

ARTICLE 8 – DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORD

- 8.01 In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 119.071(1)(b)2: Sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by an agency pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from public record until such a time as the District provides notice of an intended decision or until thirty (30) days after opening the bids, whichever is earlier. Bid results will be posted on DemandStar. No information regarding the submittal will be divulged over the phone.

ARTICLE 9 – SUBMITTED DOCUMENTATION

Please indicate below, signed and completed documentation that have been included with your bid:

- ☐ This Bid Form
- ☐ Florida Bid Bond Form completed, and Bid Bond or Cashier's Check submitted
- ☐ Proof of Current Licensure;
- ☐ Required Bidder Qualification Statement with Supporting Data;
- ☐ Conflict of Interest Form
- ☐ Non-Collusive Affidavit
- ☐ Drug Free Workplace Form
- ☐ Public Entity Crime Information Form
- ☐ Statement of Organization Form

(Bidder must submit proof that the company is authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida, and currently has an active status. Bidder shall submit Registration Certificate from the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, establishing you company as eligible to conduct business in the State of Florida. Please refer to www.sunbiz.org for more information. For companies registered outside of Florida, bidder must also submit proof that their firm name is registered with their state or origin.)

- ☐ Florida Trench Safety Act Compliance Form
- ☐ Scrutinized Company Certification Form;
- ☐ Vendor's Certification for E-Verify System;
- ☐ Lobbying Certification

Name of Bidder's Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature of Authorized Personnel: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

State Contractor License No: _____

FLORIDA BID BOND

BOND NO: _____

BOND AMOUNT: _____

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that _____ hereinafter called the PRINCIPAL, and _____ a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of _____, having it principal place of business at _____ in the State of _____ and authorized to do business in the State of Florida, as SURETY are held and firmly bound unto _____ hereinafter called the OBLIGEE, in the sum of _____ DOLLARS (\$ _____) or the payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND IS SUCH THAT:

WHEREAS, the PRINCIPAL is herewith submitting his or its Bid Proposal for **RFB 2023-133 South WRF Headworks Project** _____ said Bid Proposal, by reference thereto, being hereby made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, the PRINCIPAL contemplates submitting or has submitted a bid to the _____ for the furnishing of all labor, materials, (except those to be specifically furnished by the Owner), equipment, machinery, tools, apparatus, means of transportation for, and the performance of the work covered in the Proposal and the detailed Drawings and Specifications, entitled: _____

WHEREAS, it was a condition precedent to the submission of said bid that a cashier's check, certified check, or bid bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid be submitted with said bid as a guarantee that the Bidder would, if awarded the Contract, enter into a written Contract with the Owner for the performance of said Contract, within ten (10) consecutive calendar days, after written notice having been given of the award of the Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation are such that if the PRINCIPAL within ten (10) consecutive calendar days after Notice of Award, or earlier if mutually agreed upon, with _____ and furnishes the Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the total awarded bid, satisfactory to the Owner, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise the sum herein stated shall be due and payable to Englewood Water District and the Surety herein agrees to pay said sum immediately upon demand of the Bid Bond in good and lawful money of the United States of America, as liquidated damages for failure thereof of said PRINCIPAL.

Signed and sealed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

By: _____
PRINCIPAL

PRINTED NAME

SURETY

As Attorney-In-Fact, SURETY

Attach proper Power of Attorney for Surety.

PRINTED NAME

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH BID

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

F.S. §112.313 places limitations on public officers (including advisory board members) and employees' ability to contract with the District either directly or indirectly. Therefore, please indicate if the following applies:

PART I.

- ☐ I am an employee, public officer or advisory board member of the District
_____ (List Position Or Board)
- ☐ I am the spouse or child of an employee, public officer or advisory board member of the District
Name: _____
- ☐ An employee, public officer or advisory board member of the District, or their spouse or child, is an officer, partner, director, or proprietor of Respondent or has a material interest in Respondent. "Material interest" means direct or indirect ownership of more than 5 percent of the total assets or capital stock of any business entity. For the purposes of [§112.313], indirect ownership does not include ownership by a spouse or minor child.
Name: _____
- ☐ Respondent employs or contracts with an employee, public officer or advisory board member of the District
Name: _____
- ☐ None of The Above

PART II.

Are you going to request an advisory board member waiver?

- ☐ I will request an advisory board member waiver under §112.313(12)
- ☐ I will NOT request an advisory board member waiver under §112.313(12)
- ☐ N/A

The District shall review any relationships which may be prohibited under the Florida Ethics Code and will disqualify any Bidders whose conflicts are not waived or exempt.

COMPANY: _____

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

DATE: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IF SUBMITTING BID

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

State of _____ }
County of _____ } SS

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared:

_____ who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. He/She is the _____ (Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent) of _____, the Respondent that has submitted the attached reply;
2. He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached reply and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such reply;
3. Such reply is genuine and is not a collusive or sham reply;
4. Neither the said Respondent nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, have in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other respondent, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham reply in connection with the work for which the attached reply has been submitted; or have in any manner, directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference with any respondent, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached reply or of any other respondent, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost elements of the reply price or the reply price of any other respondent, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against (Recipient), or any person interested in the reply work.

Signed, sealed and delivered this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

By: _____

(Printed Name)

(Title)

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of __physical presence or __online notarization this _____ day of, 20__, by _____ who is personally known to me or has produced his/her driver's license as identification.

Notary Public - State of Florida

Print Name: _____

Commission No: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IF SUBMITTING BID

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE FORM

The undersigned Respondent in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that

_____ does:
(Company Name)

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of this section.

Check one:

- ☐ As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with above requirements.
- ☐ As the person authorized to sign this statement, this firm **does not** comply fully with the above requirements.

Offeror's Signature & Name

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IF SUBMITTING BID

PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME INFORMATION FORM

As provided by F.S. §287.133, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a Contractor, Supplier, Subcontractor, or Consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of thirty six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

I, _____, being an authorized representative of the Respondent,
 _____, located at _____
 _____ City: _____ State: _____

_____ Zip Code: _____, have read and understand the contents above. I further
 certify that Respondent is not disqualified from replying to this solicitation because of F.S.

§287.133.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Federal ID #: _____

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of ___physical presence or ___online notarization
 this day of _____, 20_____, by ___ who's personally
 known to me or has produced his/her driver's license as identification.

 Notary Public - State of Florida

Print Name: _____

Commission No: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IF SUBMITTING BID

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION
(Information Sheet for Transactions and Conveyances Corporation Identification)

The following information will be provided to Englewood Water District for incorporation in legal documents. It is, therefore, vital all information is accurate and complete. Please be certain all spelling, and capitalization is exactly as registered with the state or federal government.

Name of Respondent: _____

DBA (if any): _____

Type of Entity (Sole Proprietor, Corp., LLC, LLP, Partnership, Joint Venture, etc): _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

E-Mail _____

Print Name and Title of person authorized to bind: _____

Federal Identification Number: _____

Signature: _____

Respondent shall submit proof that it is authorized to do business in the State of Florida unless registration is not required by law.

(Please Check One)

Is this a Florida Corporation: ☐ Yes or ☐ No

If not a Florida Corporation,

In what state was it created: _____

Name as spelled in that State: _____

What kind of corporation is it: ☐ "For Profit" or ☐ "Not for Profit"

Is it in good standing: ☐ Yes or ☐ No

Authorized to transact business

in Florida: ☐ Yes or ☐ No

State of Florida Department of State Certificate of Authority Document No.: _____

Does it use a registered fictitious name: ☐ Yes or ☐ No

Names of Officers:

President: _____ **Secretary:** _____

Vice President: _____ **Treasurer:** _____

Director: _____ **Director:** _____

Other: _____ **Other:** _____

Name of Corporation (As used in Florida):

(Spelled exactly as it is registered with the state or federal government)

Corporate Address:

Post Office Box: _____
City, State Zip: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of ___physical presence or ___online notarization this _____ day of ,
20____, by _____ who
is personally known to me or has produced his/her driver's license as identification.

Notary Public - State of Florida
Print Name: _____
Commission No: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IF SUBMITTING BID

**FLORIDA TRENCH SAFETY ACT COMPLIANCE FORM
FOR RFB 2023-133 SOUTH WRF HEADWORKS PROJECT**

1. The bidder acknowledges the existence of the Florida Trench Safety Act at §553.60 through 553.64, Florida Statutes (hereinafter called the "Act"), OSHA standard and the requirements established herein.
2. The bidder further acknowledges that the Act established the Federal excavation safety standards set forth at 29 CFR Part 1926, Subpart P as the Interim State standard applicable to this project with regards to trench safety.
3. The bidder will comply with all applicable trench safety standards, during all phases of the work, if awarded the contract, and will ensure that all subcontractors will also comply with the Act.
4. The bidder will consider the geotechnical information available from the District, from its own sources and all other relevant information in its design of the trench safety system it will employ on the subject project. The bidder acknowledges that the District is not obligated to provide such information, that bidder is not to rely solely on such information if provided, and that bidder is solely responsible for the selection of the data on which he relies in designing said safety system, as well as for the system itself.
5. The bidder assures that the entity will comply with the applicable Trench Safety Standards and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the District and Engineer, any of their agents or employees from any claims arising from the failure to comply with said standard.
6. The bidder acknowledges that included in the Total Price in the Bid Form are costs for complying with the Florida Trench Safety Act, which is in effect as of October 1, 1990. The undersigned further identifies the costs to be \$_____ per lineal foot.
7. The amount in Item 5 herein includes the following Trench Safety Compliance Methods and the units of each safety measure. The unit costs and the unit prices are shown solely for the purpose of compliance with the procedural requirements of the Act.

Trench Safety Compliance Method	Unit (LF, SY)	Quantity	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
A. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
B. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
C. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
D. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Use additional blank sheets to further itemize if more room is required.

8. Acceptance of the bid to which this certification and disclosure applies in no way represents that the District or its representatives have evaluated or determined that the above costs are adequate to comply with the applicable trench safety requirements, nor does it in anyway relieve the undersigned of his sole responsibility for complying with all applicable safety requirements.

Authorized Signature/Title

Sworn to and subscribed before me

Notary Public Signature

this _____
(date)

Notary Seal:

My Commission No. and Expiration:

PLEASE RETURN FORM IF SUBMITTING A BID.

SCRUTINIZED COMPANY CERTIFICATION FORM

Company Name: _____

Authorized Representative Name and Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

A company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter or renew a Contract with the Englewood Water District for goods or services of any amount if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such Contract, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Florida Statutes, section, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

A company is ineligible to, any may not bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a Contract with the Englewood Water District for goods or services of \$1 million or more if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such Contract, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Florida Statutes, section 215.473 or with companies engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

_____ This bid, proposal, Contract or Contract renewal is for goods or services of less than \$1 million. As the person authorized to sign on behalf of the above-named company, and as required by Florida Statutes, section 287.135(5), I hereby certify that the above-named company is not participating in a boycott of Israel.

_____ This bid, proposal, Contract or Contract renewal is for goods or services of \$1 million or more. As the person authorized to sign on behalf of the above-named company, and as required by Florida Statutes, section 287.135(5), I hereby certify that the above-named company is not participating in a boycott of Israel, is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, and it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria.

I understand that pursuant to Florida Statutes, section 287.135, the submission of a false certification may result in the termination of the Contract if one is entered into, and may subject the above-named company to civil penalties, attorney's fees and costs.

Certified By: _____ (Authorized Representative Signature)

Print Name and Title: _____

Date Certified: _____

Solicitation Number and Title: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IF SUBMITTING BID

VENDOR'S CERTIFICATION FOR E-VERIFY SYSTEM

The undersigned Vendor/Consultant/Contractor (Vendor), after being duly sworn, states the following:

1. Vendor is a person or entity that has entered into or is attempting to enter into a contract with the Englewood Water District (District) to provide labor, supplies, or services to the District in exchange for salary, wages or other remuneration.
2. Vendor has registered with and will use the E-Verify System of the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify the employment eligibility of:
 - a. All persons newly hired by the Vendor to perform employment duties within Florida during the term of the contract; and
 - b. All persons, including sub-contractors, sub-vendors or sub-consultants, assigned by the Vendor to perform work pursuant to the contract with the District.
3. If the Vendor becomes the successful Contractor who enters into a contract with the District, then the Vendor will comply with the requirements of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat. "Employment Eligibility", as amended from time to time.
4. Vendor will obtain an affidavit from all subcontractors attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien as defined in 8 United States Code, Section 1324A(H)(3).
5. Vendor will maintain the original affidavit of all subcontractors for the duration of the contract.
6. Vendor affirms that failure to comply with the state law requirements can result in the District's termination of the contract and other penalties as provided by law.

7. VENDOR: _____ (Vendor's Company Name)

_____ (Vendor signature)

_____ (Vendor's name printed)

_____ (Title)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of _____ physical
presence or _____ online notarization, this _____
_____ day of _____, 2022, by _____, as _____
_____. Notary Public

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IF SUBMITTING BID

LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

"The undersigned hereby certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that":

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

This _____ day _____ of 2022

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is the authorized representative of _____ (Name of the contractor, firm or individual), and that the vendor and any of its agents agree to have no contact or communication with, or discuss any matter related in any way to any active Englewood Water District solicitation, with any Englewood Water District elected officials, officers, their appointees or their agents or any other staff or outside individuals working with the District in respect to this request other than the designated Procurement Official Contact and to abide by the restrictions outlined in the General Terms and Conditions of the Solicitation. Technical questions directed to the project manager, is prohibited. These persons shall not be lobbied, either individually or collectively, regarding any questions for bid, proposal, qualification and/or any other solicitations released by the District. To do so is grounds for immediate disqualification from the selection process. The selection process is not considered final until such a time as the Commission has made a final and conclusive determination.

(a) No District's appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence either directly or indirectly an officer or employee of the District, the District's Board of Supervisors in connection with the awarding of any the District's Contract.

(b) If any funds other than the District's appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence a member of the District's Board of Supervisors or an officer or employee of the District's in connection with this contract, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

Signed, sealed and delivered this _____ day of _____, 2022.

By: _____

(Printed Name)

(Title)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of ___ physical presence or ___ online notarization this ___ day of _____, 2022, by _____ who is personally known to me or has produced his/her driver's license as identification.

Notary Public - State of _____

Print Name: _____

Commission No: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IF SUBMITTING BID

PAYMENT BOND FORM

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that - _____

(Insert full name and address or legal title of successful Bidder)

as Principal, hereinafter called Contractor, and _____,

(Name of Insurer)

as Surety, hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Englewood Water District, Sarasota County, Florida.

As Obligee, hereinafter called the District, in the amount of

(\$ _____), which is 100% of the total amount awarded, for the payment whereof, Contractor and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severably, firmly by the presents.

WHEREAS, Contractor has by written agreement dated _____, 20____, from Solicitation No. **RFB 2023-133 South WRF Headworks Project** with the District in accordance with the Solicitation specifications prepared by the District, which Contract is by reference made a part hereof and is hereinafter referred as the Contract, for the performance of the work per the referenced solicitation package.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that, if said Contractor and all subcontractors to whom any portion of the work provided for in said Contract is sublet and all assignees of said Contract and of such subcontractors shall promptly make payments to all persons supplying him or them with labor, products, services, or supplies for or in the prosecution of the work provided for in such Contract, or in any amendment or extension of or addition to said Contract, and for the payment of reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the claimants in suits on this bond, then the above obligation shall be void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

HOWEVER, this bond is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

a) Any person, firm or corporation that has furnished labor, products, or supplies for or in the prosecution of the work provided for in said Contract shall have a direct right of action against the Contractor and Surety on this bond, which right of action shall be asserted in a proceeding, instituted in the county in which the work provided for in said Contract is to be performed or in any county in which Contractor or Surety does business. Such right of action shall be asserted in proceedings instituted in the name of the claimant or claimants for his or their use and benefit against said Contractor and Surety or either of them (but not later than one year after the final settlement of said Contract) in which action such claim or claims shall be adjudicated and judgment rendered thereon.

b) The Principal and Surety hereby designate and appoint _____ as the agent of each of them

to receive and accept service of process or other pleading issued or filed in any proceeding instituted on this bond and hereby consent that such service shall be the same as personal service on the Contractor and/or Surety.

c) In no event shall the Surety be liable for a greater sum than the penalty of this bond, or subject to any suit, action or proceeding thereon that is instituted later than one year after the final settlement of said Contract.

d) This bond is given pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statutes, and all the provisions of the law referring to this character of bond as set forth in any sections or as may be hereinafter enacted, and these are hereby made a part hereof to the same extent as if set out herein in full.

Any suit under this bond must be instituted before the expiration of twenty-five (25) months from the date on which final payment under the Contract falls due.

No right of action shall accrue on this bond to or for the use of any person or corporation other than the District named herein or the heirs, executors, administrators, or successors of the District.

Signed and sealed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Witness)

(Principal) (Seal)

(Title)

(Name of Insurer) Surety (Seal)

(Witness)

By: _____
(Attorney-in-Fact)

PERFORMANCE BOND FORM

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that _____

(Insert full name and address or legal title of successful Bidder)

as Principal, hereinafter called Contractor, and _____,
(Name of Insurer)

as Surety, hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Englewood Water District, Sarasota County, Florida.

As Obligee, hereinafter called the District, in the amount of

(\$ _____), which is 100% of the total amount awarded, for the payment whereof, Contractor and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severably, firmly by the presents.

WHEREAS, Contractor has by written agreement dated _____, 20____, entered into a Contract associated with solicitation **RFB 2023-133 South WRF Headworks Project** with the District in accordance with the Solicitation specifications prepared by the District, which Contract is by reference made a part hereof and is hereinafter referred as the Contract, for the performance of the work per the referenced solicitation package.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that, if Contractor shall promptly and faithfully perform said Contract, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

The Surety hereby waives notice of any alteration or extension of time made by the District.

Whenever Contractor shall be and declared by the District to be in default under the Contract, the District having performed District's obligations thereunder, the Surety may promptly remedy the default or shall promptly:

- a. Complete the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions; or
- b. Obtain a Bid or Bids for completing the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, and upon determination by Surety of the most responsible Bidder, or if the District elects, upon determination by the District and the Surety jointly of the most responsible Bidder, arrange for a Contract between such Bidder and the District, and make available as work progresses (even though there should be a default or a succession of defaults under the contract or contracts of completion arranged under this paragraph) sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion less the balance of the contract price; but not exceeding, including other costs and damages for which the Surety may be liable hereunder, the amount set forth in the first paragraph hereof. The term "balance of the contract price", as used in this paragraph, shall mean the total amount payable by the District to Contractor under the contract and any amendments thereto, less the amount properly paid by the District to the Contractor.

Any suit under this bond must be instituted before the expiration of twenty-five (25) months from the date on which final payment under the Contract falls due.

No right of action shall accrue on this bond to or for the use of any person or corporation other than the District named herein or the heirs, executors, administrators, or successors of the District.

Signed and sealed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Witness)

(Principal) (Seal)

(Title)

(Name of Insurer) Surety (Seal)

(Witness)

By: _____
(Attorney-in-Fact)

SECTION 6

SAMPLE CONTRACT

This Contract ("Contract") is made this _____ day of _____, 2022, by and between the **Englewood Water District**, a special District of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "The District/EWD" and XXXXXXX, a Florida limited liability company, ADDRESS, CITY, Florida ZIP CODE, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor".

WITNESSETH

That the parties to this Contract, in consideration of their mutual agreements and promises hereinafter contained, bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the agreements and bid documents executed between the parties, and do hereby further agree as follows:

1. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONTRACTOR:

A. Responsibility for and Supervision: The Contractor shall supervise and direct the work to the best of his/her ability, give it all the attention necessary for such proper supervision and direction and not employ for work on the project any person without sufficient skill to perform the job for which the person was employed.

The Contractor assumes full responsibility for acts, negligence, or omissions of all his/her employees on the project, for those subcontractors and their employees, and for those of all other persons doing work under a contract with him/her. All contracts between the Contractor and any such subcontractor as the Contractor shall hire, shall conform to the provisions of the Contract and bid documents and shall incorporate in them the relevant portions of this Contract.

B. Furnishing of Labor and Materials: The Contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, and equipment, including tools, construction equipment and machinery, and all transportation and all other facilities and services necessary for the proper completion of the work in strict conformity with the provisions herein contained, and with the RFB 2023-133, South WRF Headworks Project including the plans and specifications, addendums and with the proposal submitted by the Contractor and on file with the District. The foregoing bid package including specifications, and proposal submitted by the Contractor, are hereby specifically made a part of this Contract and are incorporated herein.

The Contractor represents and warrants to the District that all equipment and materials used in the work, and made a part of the structures thereon, or placed permanently in connection therewith, will be new unless otherwise specified in the Contract and bid documents, of good quality, free of defects, and in conformity with the Contract and bid documents. It is understood between the parties thereto that all equipment and materials not in conformity are defective.

C. Incorporation of Bid Documents: The **RFB 2023-133** solicitation package including the plans, specifications, and addendums, and Contractor's response to RFB, are specifically made a part of this Contract and are incorporated herein. In the event of a conflict between or among the documents or any ambiguity or missing specifications or instruction, the following priority is established:

1. First, this Contract (Contract No. 2023-133) Approved by the District's Board of Supervisors, and any attachments
2. Second, Request for Bid, including any and all attachments and addenda
3. Third, Contractor's response to this solicitation.

D. Public Records Law: In accordance with Section 119.0701, Contractor shall comply with all public records laws, and shall specifically:

1. Keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service.
 - a. The timeframes and classifications for records retention requirements must be in accordance with the General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies.
(See <http://dos.state.fl.us/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>).
 - b. "Public records" means and includes those items specified in Florida Statutes 119.011(12), as amended from time to time, and currently defined as: All documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business with the District. Contractor's records under this Agreement include but are not limited to, supplier/subcontractor invoices and contracts, project documents, meeting notes, e-mails and all other documentation generated during this Agreement.
2. Upon request from the District's custodian of public records, provide the District, at no cost, with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided for by law. All records kept electronically must be provided to the District, upon request from the District's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the District.
3. Ensure that project records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and, if the Contractor does not transfer the records to District following completion of the contract, for the time period specified in General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies.
4. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the District all public records in Contractor's possession or keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the District upon completion of the contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon the completion of the contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records.
5. **IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, TERESA HERZOG, ENGLEWOOD WATER DISTRICT, 201 SELMA AVE, ENGLEWOOD, FL 34223 AT (941) 460-1003 OR E-MAIL: THERZOG@EWDFL.COM.**
6. Failure of the CONTRACTOR to comply with these requirements shall be a material breach of this Agreement. Further, Contractor may be subject to penalties under Florida Statutes 119.10.

2. CONTRACT PRICE:

In consideration of the foregoing services, work, labor and materials to be furnished by the contractor as per said plans, specifications and addendums, the District agrees to pay the Contractor \$XXX.

The **CONTRACT PRICE** is XXXXXX-XXX (\$XXXX).

3. PAYMENT:

The Contractor shall submit to the District, no more than once a month, an Application for Payment on a form approved by the District. The Application for Payment must be filled out and signed by the Contractor covering the work completed as of the date of the Application and accompanied by such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract documents. Article 15 in General Conditions sets forth requirements for payments to Contractors.

All invoices are payable according to the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act (F.S. ch. 218). Upon certification and approval by the District or its duly authorized agent, progress payments may be made to the Contractor upon its application for all services or work completed or materials furnished in accordance with the Contract.

Cost of cleanup and surface restorations will be considered to be the percentage retained. Complete payment will not be made until all Work has been accepted by the Owner and cleanup, restorations and as-builts are completed.

4. CONTRACT TIME:

The Contractor specifically agrees that it will commence operations within a mutually agreed upon time following notification by the District to commence work and that all work to be performed under the provisions of this Contract shall be completed in not more than fourteen **(14) months to substantial completion from Notice to Proceed**. Final completion of project will be within thirty **(30) calendar days** after attaining Substantial Completion as established by the District; subject only to delays caused through no fault of the Contractor or acts of God. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Contract.

5. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

The work shall be completed within the Contract time specified. The Contract time shall include the preparation, submittal, review and approval of submittals, delivery of materials, and construction, assembly, adjustment and placement into service for beneficial use of all facilities covered under this Contract.

The District shall issue a Notice of Substantial Completion when it has determined that the work identified in the Contract has been substantially completed; record drawings have been submitted and approved by the District and that the facility is operating satisfactorily. The Contract time also includes up to fourteen (14) calendar days for the review of submittals, excluding pay requests, by the District. The District shall provide the Contractor a punch list within two (2) calendar days after the Notice of Substantial Completion is issued. The punch list will identify the remaining items that must be addressed to the satisfaction of the District by the Contractor to meet his/her obligations under the Contract. The Contractor shall complete the items on the punch list to the satisfaction of the District within thirty (30) additional calendar days of the issuance of the Final Punch List or Notice of Substantial Completion, whichever is later, and prior to submittal of the application for reduction of retainage or final payment.

The District and the Contractor hereby agree that time is of the essence on this Contract and the District will suffer damages if the work is not substantially completed within the Contract time, plus any extensions thereof allowed by Change Order. It is further recognized and agreed by the District and the Contractor that the determination of the exact value of the damages the District would suffer due to a delay in the Substantial Completion of the work would be a difficult, time consuming and costly process. It is therefore hereby agreed by the District and the Contractor that it is in their mutual interest to establish a figure of **(\$2400.00)** as Liquidated Damages (but not as a penalty) to be paid by the Contractor to the District for each calendar day that Substantial Completion is delayed beyond the Contract Time.

It is mutually agreed by the District and the Contractor that neither shall make any claim to increase or reduce the amount to be paid under Liquidated Damages as the result of any calculation of actual damages suffered by the District as the result of delay in the Substantial Completion of the work.

6. BOND REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Bond Requirements:** The successful bidder shall provide the required performance and payment bonds to the District together with the signed Contract document, within **ten (10) calendar days of being awarded the bid. Failure by the successful bidder to provide the bonds within this timeline shall be considered a default.** Upon such default the District may immediately award the bid to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and recover from the original successful bidder the difference in cost between the original winning bid and the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Such default shall only be curable at the option of the District.

In addition, the Contractor shall be responsible and bear all costs associated to record the Performance and Payment Bond with Sarasota County Clerk's Office. The Contractor shall furnish the receipt of said recording and certified copy of the bond to Purchasing at the time of the pre-construction meeting. Such default shall only be curable at the option of the District.

- B. Performance and Payment Bond:** The Contractor shall provide a Performance and Payment Bond, in the form prescribed in Florida Statutes Section 255.05 in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract amount, the costs of which are to be paid by the Contractor. The bond will be acceptable to the District only if the Surety Company:

1. Is licensed to do business in the State of Florida;
2. Holds a certificate of authority authorizing it to write surety bonds in this state;
3. Has twice the minimum surplus and capital required by the Florida Insurance Code at the time the invitation to bid is issued;
4. Is otherwise in compliance with the provisions of the Florida Insurance Code;
5. Holds a currently valid certificate of authority issued by the United States Department of Treasury under 31 U.S.C. §§ 9304-9308;
6. A current rating of at least Excellent (A or A-) as reported in the most current Best Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company, Inc., of 75 Fulton Street, New York, New York 10038; and
7. With an underwriting limitation of at least two times the dollar amount of the contract.

If the Surety Company for any bond furnished by the Contractor files for bankruptcy, has a receiver appointed, is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent, has an assignment made for the benefit of creditors, has its right to do business terminated in the State of Florida, or ceases to meet the requirements imposed by the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall, within five (5) calendar days thereafter, substitute another Bond and Surety Company, both of which shall be subject to the District's approval.

By execution of this bond, the Surety Company acknowledges that it has read the surety qualifications and surety obligations imposed by the Contract documents and hereby satisfies those conditions.

7. INSURANCE:

The successful Bidder will provide the required insurances together with the payment and performance bonds and signed copy of this agreement, within ten (10) calendar days of the Notice of Award. Before performing any Contract work, the Contractor shall procure and maintain, during the life of this Contract, the following types of insurance coverage and shall

furnish certificates representing such insurance to the District. The policies of insurance shall be primary and written on forms acceptable to the District and placed with insurance carriers approved and licensed by the Insurance Department in the State of Florida and meet a minimum financial AM Best and Company rating of no less than "A- Excellent: FSC VII." No changes are to be made to these specifications without prior written approval by the Administrator or designee. The Administrator or designee may alter the amounts or types of insurance policies required by this Contract upon agreement with Contractor.

A. WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE (PER CHAPTER 440, FLORIDA STATUTES):

The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this Contract Worker's Compensation insurance for all his employees to be engaged in work on the project under this Contract and, in case any such work is sublet, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation insurance for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by protection afforded by the Contractor's Workers Compensation insurance. For additional information contact the Department of Financial Services, Workers' Compensation Division at 850.413.1601 or on the web at www.fldfs.com. In case any class of employees engaged in hazardous work on the project under this Contract is not protected under the Worker's Compensation Statute, the Contractor shall provide, and shall cause each subcontractor to provide, Employer's Liability Insurance for the protection of such of his employees not otherwise protected under such provisions. The minimum liability limits of such insurance shall not be less than herein specified or in that amount specified by law for that type of damage claim.

Proof of such insurance shall be filed by the Contractor with the District when accepting the award. Coverage is to apply for all employees in the statutory limits in compliance with the applicable state and federal laws. The policy must include Employers' Liability with a limit of \$1,000,000 for each accident; \$1,000,000 each employee; and \$1,000,000 policy limit for disease.

B. COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY: The Contractor shall procure and maintain, and require all subcontractors to procure and maintain during the life of this Contract, a comprehensive general liability policy, including, but not limited to, 1) Independent Contractor's liability; 2) products and completed operations liability; 3) contractual liability; 4) broad form property damage liability; and 5) personal injury liability. The minimum shall be no less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence; \$2,000,000 general aggregate; \$1,000,000 products and completed ops; and \$100,000 damage to rented premises. The District shall be named as an additional insured.

C. BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY: The Contractor shall procure and maintain, and require all subcontractors to procure and maintain, during the life of this Contract, automobile liability insurance including all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles. The minimum combined single limit per occurrence shall be no less than \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage liability. This shall include owned vehicles, hired, and non-owned vehicles, as well as employee's non-ownership. The District shall be named as additional insured.

D. BUILDER'S ALL RISK INSURANCE: The Contractor, prior to notice to proceed or commencement of work, whichever occurs first, shall obtain Builder's Risk insurance providing coverage to protect the interests of the District, Contractor, and Subcontractors. Coverage shall be written on an All-Risk, Replacement Cost, and Completed Value Form basis in an amount at least equal to 100% of the projected completed value of the Project as well as subsequent modifications of that sum. The Contractor shall endorse the policy with a manuscript endorsement eliminating the automatic termination of coverage in the event the building is occupied in whole or in part, or put to its intended use, or partially accepted by the District. The manuscript endorsement shall amend the automatic termination clause to only terminate coverage if the policy expires, is cancelled, the District's interest in the building ceases, or the building is accepted or insured by the District.

The Contractor shall endorse the District as Additional Insured, or Loss Payee, and have a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement on the Builder's Risk policy.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: The Commercial General Liability, and Business Auto policies shall name the “Englewood Water District”, a special District in Florida, as an “additional insured.” This MUST be written in the description of operations section of the insurance certificate, even if there is check-off- box on the insurance certificate. Any costs for adding the District as “additional insured” shall be at the Contractor’s expense. All certificates of insurance must be on file with and approved by the District before commencement of any work activities under this Contract.

Any and all deductibles to the above referenced policies are to be the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor’s insurance is considered primary for any loss regardless of any insurance maintained by the District. The Contractor is responsible for all insurance policy premiums, deductibles, SIR (self-insured retentions) or any loss or portion of any loss that is not covered by any available insurance policy.

All insurance policies must be issued by companies of recognized responsibility licensed to do business in Florida and must contain a provision that prohibits cancellation unless the District is provided notice as stated within the policy. It is the Contractor’s responsibility to provide notice to the District.

WAIVER OF SUBROGATION: All required insurance policies, with the exception of Workers Compensation, are to be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation. The insurance companies, by proper endorsement or thru other means, agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the District, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers, and the District’s insurance carriers, for losses paid under the terms of these policies that arises from the contractual relationship or work performed by the Contractor for the District. It is the Contractor’s responsibility to notify their insurance company of the Waiver of Subrogation and request written authorization or the proper endorsement. Additionally, the Contractor, its officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, and any subcontractors, agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the District and its insurance carriers for any losses paid, sustained or incurred, but not covered by insurance, that arise from the contractual relationship or work performed. This waiver also applies to any deductibles or self-insured retentions the Contractor or its agents may be responsible for.

POLICY FORM:

1. All policies, required by this Contract, with the exception of Workers Compensation, are to be written on an occurrence basis, shall name the Englewood Water District, its Board of Supervisors, officers, agents, employees and volunteers as additional insured as their interest may appear under this Contract. Insurer(s), with the exception of Professional Liability and Workers Compensation, shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Englewood Water District, its Board of Supervisors, officers, agents, employees, or volunteers.
2. Insurance requirements itemized in this Contract, and required of the Contractor, shall be provided by or on behalf of all subcontractors to cover their operations performed under this Contract. The Contractor shall be held responsible for any modifications, deviations, or omissions in these insurance requirements as they apply to subcontractors.
3. Each insurance policy required by this Contract shall:
 - a. Apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made and suit is brought, except with respect to limits of the insurer’s liability.
 - b. Be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided or cancelled by either party except after notice is delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. The Contractor is to notify the District’s Purchasing Office by written notice via certified mail, return receipt requested.
4. The District shall retain the right to review, at any time, coverage, form, and amount of insurance.
5. The procuring of required policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit Contractor’s liability nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Contract. The extent of Contractor’s liability for indemnity of the District shall not be limited by insurance coverage or lack thereof, or unreasonably delayed for any reason, including but not limited to, insurance coverage disputes between the Contractor and its carrier.

6. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for payment of all premiums for insurance contributing to the satisfaction of this Contract and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles and retention to which such policies are subject, whether or not the District is an insured under the policy.

8. INDEMNITY:

The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its Commissioners, officers, and employees, from and against any and all liabilities, damages, losses and costs (including attorneys' fees and court costs, whether such fees and costs are incurred in negotiations, collection of attorneys' fees or at the trial level or on appeal), which may arise out of any negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Contractor (or Contractor's Officers, subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, materialmen, or the employees, or agents of any one of them, if any) in the performance or the failure to perform under the terms of the Contract. In the event of a claim, the District shall promptly notify the Contractor in writing by prepaid certified mail (return receipt requested), or by delivery through any nationally recognized courier service (such as Federal Express or UPS) which provides evidence of delivery, at the address provided in Section 18. Notification may also be provided by fax transmission to the number provided in Section 18, if provided.

The District shall provide all available information and assistance that the Contractor may reasonably require regarding any claim. This agreement for indemnification shall survive termination or completion of this Contract. The insurance coverage and limits required in this Contract may or may not be adequate to protect the District and such insurance coverage shall not be deemed a limitation on the Contractor's liability under the indemnity provided in this section. In any proceedings between the parties arising out of or related to this Indemnity provision, the prevailing party shall be reimbursed all costs, expenses and reasonable attorney fees through all proceedings (at both trial and appellate levels).

9. CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVIT:

When all work contemplated by this Contract has been completed, and has been inspected and approved by the District, or its duly authorized agent, the Contractor shall furnish to the District, a Contractor's Affidavit in a form acceptable to the District. Signed affidavits of payment will also be required by the District from any and all subcontractors hired by the Contractor, unless payment is approved by the surety in accordance with F.S. §255.05(11). The affidavits shall state whether the subcontractor(s) has been paid in full or whether there are payments remaining. A list of all subcontractors shall be furnished to the District prior to any payments against the Contract.

10. TERMINATION AND DEFAULT:

The Administrator or designee shall have the right at any time upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Contractor to terminate the services of the Contractor and, in that event, the Contractor shall cease work and shall deliver to the District all documents (including but not limited to reports, designs, specifications, and all other data) prepared or obtained by the Contractor in connection with its services. Upon delivery of the documents, the District shall pay the Contractor in full settlement of all claims by it hereunder as the work actually completed bears to the entire work under the Contract, as determined by the District, less payments already made to the Contractor, and any amounts withheld by the District to settle claims against or to pay indebtedness of the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

A. Funding in Subsequent Fiscal Years: If applicable, it is expressly understood by the District and the Contractor that funding for any subsequent fiscal year of the Contract is contingent upon appropriation of monies by the District's Board of Supervisors. In the event that funds are not available or appropriated, the District reserves the right to terminate the Contract. The District will be responsible for payment of any outstanding invoices and work completed by the Contractor prior to such termination.

B. In the event that the Contractor has abandoned performance under this Contract, then the Administrator or

designee may terminate this Contract upon three (3) calendar days' written notice to the Contractor indicating its intention to do so. The written notice shall state the evidence indicating the Contractor's abandonment.

C. The Contractor shall have the right to terminate the Contract only in the event of the District failing to pay the Contractor's properly documented and submitted invoice within ninety (90) calendar days of the approval by the District's Administrator, or if the project is suspended by the District for a period greater than ninety (90) calendar days.

D. The Administrator or designee reserves the right to terminate and cancel this Contract in the event the Contractor shall be placed in either voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, a receiver is appointed for the Contractor or an assignment is made for the benefit of creditors.

E. In the event Contractor breaches this Contract, the District shall provide written notice of the breach and Contractor shall have ten (10) days from the date the notice is received to cure. If the Contractor fails to cure within the ten (10) days, the Administrator or designee shall have the right to immediately terminate the Contract and/or refuse to make any additional payment, in whole or in part, and, if necessary, may demand the return of a portion or the entire amount previously paid to Contractor due to:

1. The quality of a portion or all of the Contractor's work not being in accordance with the requirements of this Contract;
2. The quantity of the Contractor's work not being as represented in the Contractor's Payment Request, or otherwise;
3. The Contractor's rate of progress being such that, in the District's opinion, substantial or final completion, or both, may be inexcusably delayed;
4. The Contractor's failure to use Contract funds, previously paid the Contractor by the District, to pay Contractor's project related obligations including, but not limited to, subcontractors, laborers and material and equipment suppliers;
5. Claims made, or likely to be made, against the District or its property;
6. Loss caused by the Contractor;
7. The Contractor's failure or refusal to perform any of the obligations to the District, after written notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure as set forth above;
8. Violation of any local, state or federal law in the performance of this Contract shall constitute a material breach of this Contract;
9. In the event that the District makes written demand upon the Contractor for amounts previously paid by the District as contemplated in the clause, the Contractor shall promptly comply with such demand. The District's rights hereunder survive the term of this Agreement, and are not waived by final payment and/or acceptance.

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F. **Termination with or without Cause:** The performance of work under the Agreement may be terminated with or without cause by the Administrator in whole or in part or whenever the Administrator determines that termination is in the District's best interest. Any such termination shall be effected by the delivery to the Contractor of a written notice of termination at least (30) days before the date of termination, specifying the extent to which performance of the work under the Agreement is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. After receipt of a notice of termination, except as otherwise directed, the Contractor shall stop work on the date of receipt of the notice of termination or other date specified in the notice; place no further orders or subcontracts for material, services, or facilities except as necessary for completion of such portion of the work not terminated; terminate all vendors and subcontracts;

and settle all outstanding liabilities and claims. The Contractor will be paid only for such work performed and materials supplied up to the termination. Under no circumstances shall the District make any payment to the Contractor for services that have not been performed or that are performed subsequent to the termination date.

The District reserves the right to immediately terminate and cancel this Contract in the event Contractor shall be placed in either voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy and a Receiver is appointed for the Contractor or an assignment is made for the benefit of creditors.

11. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:

The Contractor is, and shall be, in the performance of all work, services and activities under this Contract, an independent contractor, and not an employee, agent or servant of the District. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this Contract shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the Contractor's sole direction, supervision, and control. The Contractor shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the Contractor's relationship and the relationship of its employees to the District shall be that of an independent contractor and not as employees or agents of the District. The Contractor does not have the power or authority to bind the District in any promise, agreement or representation other than as specifically provided for in this Contract. The Contractor shall not pledge the District's credit or make it a guarantor of payment of surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien or any form of indebtedness. The Contractor further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Contract.

12. SUBCONTRACTORS:

The Contractor agrees that his/her company is as fully responsible to the District for the acts and omissions of his Subcontractors and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them as he/she is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by him/her. Nothing contained in the Contract documents shall create any Contractual relationship between any Subcontractor and the District.

13. LICENSES AND PERMITS/LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

The Contractor shall pay all taxes required by law in connection with the activity in accordance with this Contract including sales, use, and similar taxes, and unless mutually agreed to in writing to the contrary, shall secure all licenses and permits necessary for proper completion of the work, paying any fees therefore. Violation of any local, state or federal law in the performance of this Contract shall constitute a material breach of this contract. The Contractor shall comply with all laws and ordinances, and the rules, regulations, and orders of all public authorities relating to the performance of the work herein. If any of the Contract documents are at variance therewith, the Contractor shall notify the District promptly on the discovery of such variance.

14. AMENDMENT:

This Contract constitutes the sole and complete understanding between the parties and supersedes all agreements between them, whether oral or written with respect to the subject matter. No amendment, change or addendum to this Contract is enforceable unless agreed to in writing by both parties and incorporated into this Contract. In the event the Contractor begins work on unauthorized changes to scope prior to receiving a signed Change Order by the Administrator or designee, the Contractor does so at its own expense and risk as unauthorized work shall not be paid for by the District.

The Administrator or designee may agree to amendments that increase compensation to the Contractor up to the threshold per the District's policy. The District's Board of Supervisors shall approve all other increases above threshold for additional compensation under this Contract.

15. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

The District, in accordance with the provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the Regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 CFR, Part 8) issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will ensure that in any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit replies in response to this advertisement and will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

16. NON-DISCRIMINATION:

The District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family or religious status in administration of its programs, activities or services. Pursuant to F.S. §287.134(2)(a), an entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a Contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity.

17. ASSIGNMENT:

The Contractor shall not assign any interest in this Contract and shall not transfer any interest in same (whether by assignment or novation) without prior written consent of the Administrator or designee, except that claims for the money due or to become due the Contractor from the District under this Contract may be assigned to a financial institution or to a trustee in bankruptcy. Notice shall be promptly given to the District.

18. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

All claims, disputes and other matters in question between the parties to this agreement, arising out of or relating to this agreement or the breach thereof, shall be resolved as follows:

- A. To the extent Chapter 558, F.S., is applicable, the parties expressly opt out of the requirements of Chapter 558, F.S., within the mean of section 558.005(1), F.S.
- B. In the event of a dispute or claim arising out of this agreement, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the dispute by direct discussion. If this is unsuccessful, the parties may enter into mediation in Sarasota County, Florida, with the parties sharing equally in the cost of such mediation.
- C. In the event mediation, if attempted, is unsuccessful in resolving a dispute, the parties may proceed to litigation as set for the below.
- D. Any dispute, action or proceeding arising out of or related to this Agreement will be exclusively commenced in the state courts of Sarasota County, Florida, or where subject matter jurisdiction exists in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Each party irrevocably submits and waives any objections to the exclusive personal jurisdiction and venue of such courts, including any objection based on forum non convenience.
- E. The parties agree to waive all rights to trial by jury for any litigation undertaken concerning this Agreement.
- F. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida without regard to its conflict of laws principles.
- G. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Consultant shall be required to continue its services and all other

obligations under this Agreement during the pendency of claim or dispute including, but not limited to, actual period of mediation or judicial proceedings.

18. NOTICES:

Any notice, demand, communication, or request required or permitted hereunder shall be sent by email, certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be mailed to:

As to the District: Keith Ledford, P.E. Technical Support Manager
Englewood Water District
201 Selma Ave
Englewood, FL 34223
Tel: (941) 460-1020
E-Mail: kledford@englewoodwater.com

As to CONTRACTOR:

19. WAIVER:

No delay or failure to enforce any breach of this Contract by either District or Contractor shall be binding upon the waiving party unless such waiver is in writing. In the event of a written waiver, such a waiver shall not affect the waiving party's rights with respect to any other or further breach. The making or acceptance of a payment by either party with knowledge of the existence of a default or breach shall not operate or be construed to operate as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach.

20. ATTORNEY'S FEES:

In any proceedings between the parties arising out of or related to this Contract, the prevailing party shall be reimbursed all costs, expenses and reasonable attorney fees through all proceedings, at both trial and appellate levels.

21. GOVERNING LAW, VENUE AND SEVERABILITY:

The rights, obligations and remedies of the parties under this Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and the exclusive venue for any legal or judicial proceedings in connection with the enforcement or interpretation of this Contract shall be in Sarasota County, Florida. The invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision of this Contract shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision of the contract. Any void provision shall be deemed severed from the Contract and the balance of the Contract shall be construed and enforced as if the Contract did not contain the particular portion or provision held to be void.

22. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES:

- A. As required by Florida Statutes, Section 287.135(5), for contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, the Contractor shall certify on a form provide by the District, that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 215.4725, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel.

- B. As required by Florida Statutes, Section 287.135(5), for contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or more, the Contractor shall certify on a form provided by the District, that all of the following are true:
1. It is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 215.4725, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel; and
 2. It is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan list or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Petroleum Energy Sector list, created pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 215.473; and
 3. It is not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.
- C. If the Contractor provides a false certification or has been placed on one of the above-noted Lists of Scrutinized Companies or has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, the Contractor will be in breach of this Contract and the District may terminate the Contract.
- D. PENALTY:
1. A Contractor that has been found to have provided a false certification may be subject to a civil penalty equal to the greater of \$2 million or twice the amount of the Contract, plus all reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including any costs for investigations that led to the finding of the false certification; and
 2. Shall be ineligible to bid on any contract with the District for three (3) years after the date the District determined that the Contractor submitted a false certification.

23. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT: The signature by any person to this Contract shall be deemed a personal warranty that the person has the full power and authority to bind any corporation, partnership, or any other business or governmental entity for which the person purports to act hereunder.

24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This Contract (with all the solicitation documents, referenced plans, attachments, addenda and provisions incorporated by reference) embodies the entire agreement of both parties, superseding all oral or written previous and contemporary agreements between the parties relating to matters set forth in this Contract. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Contract and the RFB or Contractor's bid, this signed Contract (excluding the RFB and Contractor's bid) shall take precedence, followed by the provisions of the RFB, and then by the terms of the Contractor's bid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereto caused the execution of these documents, the year and date first above written.

FOR THE CONTRACTOR

By: _____
SIGNATURE PRINT NAME AND TITLE

Date: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2022, by _____, who is personally known to me or who produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public

FOR ENGLEWOOD WATER DISTRICT

By: _____
RAY BURROUGHS, ADMINISTRATOR