

RESOLUTION NO. 136352 (AMENDS RESOLUTION NO. 113647)
GENERAL CONDITIONS, SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS AND AGREEMENT
FOR BELOW GROUND PROJECTS OR ABOVE GROUND PUBLIC WORKS
PROJECTS AS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS
DESIGNEE

I. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

SECTION 1. BID FORM

A. General

(1) Sealed bids will be received in the office of the Department of Purchasing, 200 Derbigny Street, Suite 4400, General Government Building, Gretna, Louisiana 70053, until the date and hour specified on Page 1 of the bid proposal, at which time they will be publicly opened. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

(2) All bids submitted are subject to these instructions and general conditions and any special conditions and specifications contained herein, all of which are made part of this bid proposal.

(3) Jefferson Parish reserves the right to reject any and all bids in whole or in part and to waive any and all formalities in the best interest of Jefferson Parish, pursuant to the law.

(4) ONLY BIDS WRITTEN IN INK OR TYPE WRITTEN AND PROPERLY SIGNED BY A MEMBER OF THE FIRM OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, WILL BE ACCEPTED. PENCIL AND/OR PHOTOSTATIC FIGURES OR SIGNATURES WILL DISQUALIFY BID. HOWEVER, ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AS DEFINED IN LSA – R.S. 9:2602(8) ARE ACCEPTABLE.

(5) For submission of bids, the only form used shall be the bid form provided by the Parish. Necessary copies of this form will be furnished for Bidding.

(a) All papers bound with or attached to the Bid Form are considered a part thereof and must not be detached or altered when the bid is submitted.

(b) The plans, specifications, and other documents designated in the bid form will be considered a part of the bid whether attached or not.

(c) Bid forms not submitted electronically must be made out in ink or typed. Illegibility or ambiguity therein may constitute justification for rejection of the bid.

(d) Resolution No. 113647 will be considered a part of the bid whether attached or not. A copy may be obtained from the Office of the Council Clerk, 200 Derbigny Street, Suite 6700, General Government Building, Gretna, Louisiana 70053.

(6) The purpose and intention of this invitation to bid is to afford all suppliers/contractors an equal opportunity to bid on construction, maintenance, repair, operating, services, supplies and/or equipment listed in this bid proposal. Jefferson Parish will accept one bid only from each vendor. Items bid on must meet or exceed specifications.

(7) USE OF BRAND NAMES AND STOCK NUMBERS. Where brand names, make, manufacturer or stock numbers are specified, it is for the purpose of establishing certain minimum standards of quality. Bids may be submitted for products of equal quality, style, type

and character provided brand names and stock numbers are specified. Complete product data may be required prior to award.

(8) The Parish, its engineers, architects or anyone distributing plans and specifications for Parish public works projects, equal to or over the contract limit as defined in LSA-R.S. 38:2212A(1)(d), shall furnish all prime bidders who request bid documents and who are properly licensed by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors with at least one set of complete bid documents. A deposit or fee may be charged on the documents as authorized by LSA-R.S. 38:2212A(1)(e).

(a) Plans and specifications shall be available to bidders on the day of the first advertisement and shall be available until twenty-four (24) hours before the bid opening date, LSA-R.S. 38:2212 A(3)(c). Bid proposal documents will not be issued within the twenty-four- hour period prior to bid opening.

(b) Addenda may be issued, as authorized by LSA-R.S. 38:2212C, by any of the following means:

(1) Certified mail, return receipt requested, sent to the address given by the bidder upon obtaining the bidding documents, the transmission of which shall be conclusive evidence of receipt of such notice by the bidder to whom it is addressed;

(2) First-class mail with a United States Postal Service Certificate of Mailing, sent to the address given by the bidder upon obtaining the bidding documents, the transmission of which shall be conclusive evidence of receipt of such notice by the bidder to whom it is addressed;

(3) Express mail sent to the address given by the bidder upon obtaining the bidding documents. Delivery of the addenda by express mail shall be conclusive evidence of receipt of the addenda by the bidder to whom it is addressed;

(4) Facsimile or telecopier transmission sent to the telecopier number given by the bidder upon obtaining the bidding documents, the transmission of which shall be conclusive evidence of receipt of such notice by the bidder to whom it is transmitted; or

(5) Electronic transmission sent to the e-mail address given by the bidder upon obtaining the bidding documents. Transmission of the addenda by e-mail shall be conclusive evidence of receipt of the addenda by the bidder to whom it was sent.

(6) Hand delivery to the address given by the bidder upon obtaining the bidding documents or if the bidder prefers to receive delivery at the Department of Purchasing, 200 Derbigny Street, Suite 4400, General Government Building.

(9) Each bidder shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors in accordance with existing state laws.

(10) Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside: the name of the Bidder, his address, and the name of the project for which the bid is submitted; and, if the bid is in the amount of \$50,000 or more, or for electrical and mechanical projects exceeding \$10,000, the state license number of the Bidder, unless otherwise excepted by law.

(11) Further, the Parish of Jefferson reserves the right to cancel this contract at anytime and for any reason by issuing a thirty (30) day written notice to contractor.

B. Price

(1) The price quoted for the work shall be stated in figures. In the event there is a difference in unit prices and totals the unit prices shall prevail. In the event there is a difference in unit prices, written unit prices shall prevail over numerical unit prices.

(2) The price quoted in Proposals to supply labor and materials to Jefferson Parish shall include all costs necessary for the complete performance of the work in full conformity with the conditions of the Contract Documents, and shall include all licenses and permit fees and all applicable Federal, State, County or Parish, Municipal, or other taxes due by the contractor. If the Contractor is to act as the Parish's Purchasing Agent for tax exempt purposes, the Parish shall specifically state so within this bid specification.

(3) The quantities listed on the bid form are prepared for comparison of bids and may be approximate. Payment to the contractor will be made in accordance with measurement and payment requirements for bid items and other requirements of the project specifications. Bid item quantities may be increased, decreased, or omitted as provided in the specifications.

(4) SALES TAXES. Jefferson Parish is exempt from paying sales taxes under LSA-R.S. 47:301(8)(c). All prices for purchases by Jefferson Parish of supplies and materials shall be quoted in the unit of measure specified and unless otherwise specified, shall be exclusive of State and Parish taxes. All quotations shall be based on F.O.B. Agency warehouse, or job site, anywhere within Jefferson Parish, as designated by the Purchasing Department.

(5) DISCOUNTS. Unless otherwise specified, our regular terms are 2%, 10 days from date of delivery. Time shall be counted from date of delivery at destination, or from date correct invoice is received from contractor, if later date is later than date of delivery.

C. Signing

(1) The Proposal shall be properly signed with ink by the Bidder unless submitted electronically. If the Bidder is an individual, his name and his post office address should be shown; if a firm or partnership, the name and post office address of each member of the firm or partnership should be shown; if a joint venture, the name and post office address of each member or officer of the firm represented by the joint venture should be shown; if a corporation, the name of the corporation and business address of its corporate officials should be shown; and if a limited liability company, the name and business address of each managing member should be shown.

(2) Evidence of agency, corporate, limited liability or partnership authority is required for submission of bid. Such fact shall be contained in the bid documents and proof shall be provided with the bid in accordance with the provisions of LSA-R.S. 38:2212 O. FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL RESULT IN BID BEING REJECTED.

The name and post office address of the bidder must be legibly shown. The Proposal shall be properly signed with ink by the Bidder, unless submitted electronically. If a firm, partnership, or other legal entity is submitting the bid, and if someone other than a corporate officer signs for the Bidder/Contractor, a copy of a corporate resolution or other signature authorization shall be required for submission of the bid. Failure to include a copy of the appropriate signature authorization, if required, may result in the rejection of the bid unless bidder has complied with La. R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(c) or RS 38:2212(O).

D. Insurance

Proof of insurance required under this resolution, for this particular project, should be supplied with bid. However, certificate of insurance shall be supplied within twelve (12) calendar days after receipt of notice of award of the Contract by the Owner.

E. Bid Guarantee

(1) When required, a Bid Guarantee in the proper amount and in the proper form must accompany the proposal. No bid will be considered unless it is so guaranteed. Cashier's check, certified check or money order must be made payable to the order of the Owner. Cash deposits will not be accepted. The Owner reserves the right to cash or deposit the cashier's check, certified check or money order.

(2) The amount of the bid guarantee shall be not less than five (5%) percent of the amount of the bid, including any alternatives, and at the option of the bidder may be a cashier's check, certified check, money order or a satisfactory bid bond attached to the bid form, unless, a project, funded in whole or in part by State and/or Federal Funds, is governed by State and/or Federal Regulations or Laws which require a bid guarantee in a different amount, in which event the State and/or Federal Regulations or Laws shall take precedence.

(3) Bid Guarantees of the three lowest bidders will be retained by the Owner until the Contract is executed or until final disposition is made of the bids submitted. Bid Guarantees of all other bidders will be returned within ten (10) days after the canvass of bids.

(4) Bids shall remain binding for at least forty-five (45) days after the date set for Bid Opening. In the event the Owner issues the Letter of Award during this period, the bid accepted shall continue to remain binding until the Execution of Contract. Jefferson Parish and the lowest responsible bidder, by mutual written consent, may agree to extend the deadline for award by one or more extensions of thirty (30) calendar days.

(5) The successful bidder, upon his failure or refusal to execute Contract with Owner and deliver performance and payment bonds and any other required submittal within a period of ten (10) calendar days after original date of Owner's Letter of Award, as defined in the General Specifications, shall forfeit to Owner, as liquidated damages for such failure or refusal, the security deposited with his bid.

(6) To the extent permitted by law, the Bond requirements as set forth herein are waived insofar as Community Development housing rehabilitation construction contracts are concerned for single family, owner-occupied dwellings. The Parish Attorney's office will omit the requirements in connection with Community Development housing rehabilitation construction contracts for single family, owner-occupied dwellings.

(7) **Maintenance, Repair and Supply Contracts Only** - In the event that the successful bidder cannot furnish a specific item or material and labor in the required time, Jefferson Parish may purchase on an emergency basis from the next lowest bidder, or available source, until such time the successful bidder has notified Jefferson Parish in writing that his stock or labor capability has been replenished. The difference in price will be charged against the successful bidder of this contract, and evidence of purchases and prices will be provided. **Contractor by bidding this proposal acknowledges and agrees to these provisions.**

F. Licensing Requirements (Ordinance No. 13574 as Amended)

(1) No person shall undertake, attempt, or submit a bid or offer to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, or in any manner assume charge of the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, or furnishing labor, material or equipment and installing same for any building, highway, road, railroad, sewer, grading, excavation, pipeline or public utility structure, project, development, improvement or any other undertaking within the jurisdiction of this parish where the cost of same is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) or more unless such person shall first have acquired a valid contractor's license from the state when required by R.S. 37:2150-37:2163.

(2) These provisions shall not apply to a residence to be occupied by not more than four families, provided however, that the definition shall include a four-family residence when the cost of construction exceeds \$75,000.00; provided, further, that the definition shall not include architects duly licensed by the State Board of Architects and Examiners or engineers duly licensed by the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors whose only financial interest in the project shall be the professional fee for preparing plans and specifications, supervision, and normal and ordinary engineering services (that is, usual architectural and/or engineering services), and that they shall not be liable for any other fees, licenses, or assessments than those provided by the laws of the State of Louisiana, or an architect or engineer who receives an additional fee for employment and direction of labor, purchase of materials, and sub-letting parts of the undertaking.

(3) There are excepted from the provisions of this article any person acting as a contractor, submitting bids or proposals to construct highways, highway bridges, overpasses or any other project incidental to the construction of highways or any other project, building, structure or public work when such projects are federal aid projects, are financed with federal funds and the provisions of this article shall not apply to any public utility subject to regulation by the state public service commission, nor to any work performed by or for such public utility in furnishing its authorized service; provided, however, that any successful bidder on any such project, or projects, shall comply with provisions of R.S. 37:2150-2163.

(4) No building permit shall be issued to any owner or contractor for work within the parish on any project which requires a licensed contractor for all or any part of such work, within the definition and requirements of this article and the provisions of R.S. 37:2150-2163 unless and until the permit applicant furnishes to the permit official of the parish, the license number of all such contractors required to be licensed hereunder.

SECTION 2. WITHDRAWAL OR REVISION OF BIDS

A. A bid may be withdrawn at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids, provided a request in writing, executed by the Bidder or his duly authorized representative, is filed with the Owner prior to that time. When such a request is received, the bid will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

B. Written communications, over the signature of the Bidder, to modify bids will be accepted and the bids corrected in accordance therewith if received by the Owner prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids. Oral, telephonic, telegraphic modifications will not be considered.

C. No bid can be modified or corrected after the hour set for opening such bids.

D. No bid can be withdrawn after the hour set for opening such bid except as provided in

LSA-R.S. 38:2214C, i.e. bids containing patently obvious, unintentional, and substantial mechanical, clerical, or mathematical errors, or errors of unintentional omission of a substantial quantity of work, labor, material, or services made directly in the compilation of the bid, may be withdrawn by the contractor if clear and convincing sworn, written evidence of such errors is furnished to the Department of Purchasing, 200 Derbigny Street, Suite 4400, General Government Building, Gretna, Louisiana 70053 within forty-eight (48) hours of the bid opening excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. Such errors must be clearly shown by objective evidence drawn from inspection of the original work papers, documents, or material used in the preparation of the bid sought to be withdrawn. If the Parish of Jefferson determines that the error is a patently obvious mechanical, clerical, or mathematical error, or unintentional omission of a substantial quantity of work, labor, material, or service, as opposed to a judgment error, and that the bid was submitted in good faith it shall accept the withdrawal and return the bid security to the contractor. A contractor who attempts to withdraw a bid under these provisions shall not be allowed to resubmit a bid on the project (LSA-R.S. 38:2214D).

SECTION 3. INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

A. No oral interpretation will be made to any Bidder as to the meaning of the drawings, specifications, or contract documents. Every request for such interpretation shall be made in writing and addressed and forwarded to the Engineer, Architect or person distributing plans and specifications. No inquiry received within five (5) days prior to the day fixed for opening of the bids will be given consideration. Every interpretation made to the Bidder shall be in the form of an addendum to the Specifications and shall be issued as set forth above in Section 1A(8)(b). All such addenda shall become a part of the Contract Documents. Failure of any Bidder to receive any such interpretation shall not relieve any Bidder from any obligation under his Bid as submitted without modification.

B. The specifications and plans are complementary of each other and all work called for or reasonably implied by either shall be performed as if called for by both. In case of conflict between the requirements of the specifications and plans, the specifications shall take precedence. Figured dimensions shall take precedence over scale dimensions, and larger scale details shall take precedence over smaller scale details in the general work drawings.

SECTION 4. REJECTION OF BIDS

A. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive informalities, and to make award as it may elect, to the maximum extent which may be allowed under state law. Incomplete, informal, or unbalanced Bids may be rejected. Reasonable grounds for belief that any one Bidder is concerned, directly or indirectly, with more than one Bid will cause rejections of all Bids wherein such Bidder is concerned. If required, a Bidder shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his competence and ability to perform the work stipulated in his Proposal. If satisfactory evidence of competence to perform work is not furnished, the bid shall be rejected.

B. Additionally, bids may be considered irregular and be rejected for any of the following, but is not limited to the following circumstances;

(1) If the bid form is on a form other than that furnished by the Parish or if the form is altered or any part thereof is detached.

(2) If **affidavits** included in bid form and/or required by law are not returned with the bid, or ten (10) days after opening, as the requirement may be, or are not properly executed and notarized.

- (3) If there are unauthorized additions, conditional or alternate bids or irregularities which alter the general terms and conditions, the plans or specifications, or make the bid incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning.
- (4) If the bidder adds provisions reserving the right to accept or reject the award or to enter into the contract pursuant to the award.
- (5) If an owner or a principal officer of the bidding firm is an owner or a principal officer of a firm which has been declared by the Parish to be ineligible to bid.
- (6) If the proposed bid guaranty does not meet the requirements of Section 1E Bid Guaranty.
- (7) If more than one proposal for the same work, services, materials or supplies is received from an individual, partner, firm, corporation, joint venture, other legal entity, or combination thereof under the same or a different name.
- (8) The bid is not properly signed or the authority of the signature person submitting the bid is deemed insufficient or unacceptable.
- (9) If the bidder does not possess the proper license(s) required as noted in the specifications.
- (10) Any other reasons for rejection set forth by State or Parish laws, ordinances or resolutions.

SECTION 5. FAMILIARITY WITH LAWS AND ORDINANCES

A. Bidders shall familiarize themselves with and shall comply with all applicable Federal and State Laws, parish/municipal ordinances, resolutions, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project, which may directly or indirectly affect the work or its prosecution.

B. These laws and/or ordinances will be deemed to be included in the contract, the same as though herein written in full.

C. In case of conflict between the requirements of these specifications and any State and/or Federal Regulations or Laws, the State and/or Federal Regulations or Laws shall take precedence in all cases in which State and/or Federal Funding of the contract, in whole or in part, depends upon compliance with said State and/or Federal Regulations or Laws.

SECTION 6. EXAMINATION OF SITE, DRAWINGS, ETC.

A. Prior to submitting a bid each Bidder shall visit the site of the proposed work and fully acquaint himself with all surface and subsurface conditions as they may exist so that he may fully understand the facilities, difficulties, and restrictions attending the execution of the Work under this Contract. Bidders shall also thoroughly examine and be familiar with Drawings, Specifications, and Contract Documents. The failure or omission of any Bidder to receive or examine any form, instrument, drawing, or document or to visit the site and acquaint himself with conditions there existing, shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to his Bid and the responsibility in the premises rests with him. Submission of a bid shall be considered prima facie evidence that the bidder has made such examination and is satisfied as

to the conditions to be encountered in performing the work and as to requirements of the plans, project specifications, Resolution No. 105530, and contract forms.

B. Any pre-bid test and boring data in connection with subsurface conditions which have been completed by the Parish or its engineers and furnished to the bidder shall not be considered as fully representative of subsurface conditions existing throughout the area tested nor shall they in any way be binding upon the Parish, it being understood that said data is furnished the bidder for his convenience only and the bidder shall be solely responsible for conducting his own boring explorations he deems necessary in preparing his bid. Any prospective bidder wishing to conduct boring explorations on Parish property must obtain written permission from Jefferson Parish (department?) prior to such explorations.

C. No claims shall be made against the Parish for additional compensation due to unforeseen subsurface conditions arising during progress of the work and which might be in variance with the Parish's pre-bid boring data.

SECTION 7. COMMUNIST COUNTRY PROHIBITIONS

In awarding contracts for materials and supplies, Jefferson Parish shall reject the lowest bid if received from a bidder domiciled in a Communist country, or if the materials or supplies are manufactured in a Communist country, including but not limited to the China, North Korea and Vietnam and to award the contract to the next lowest bidder. This Section shall not apply to any country having established trade relations agreements or approvals from the government of the United States. (LSA-R.S. 38:2212.3)

SECTION 8. AWARD OF CONTRACT

A. The award of the Contract, if it be awarded, will be by the Owner to the lowest responsible Bidder whose Proposal shall have complied with all the requirements necessary to render it formal. The successful Bidder will be notified by telegram or letter mailed to the address shown on the Proposal that his bid has been accepted and that he has been awarded the Contract. No contract shall be executed with any Contractor until their certificates of insurance, performance bonds, labor and materials payment bonds, or any other bonds required are made satisfactory to the Owner.

B. Jefferson Parish reserves the right to award contracts or place orders on a lump sum or individual item basis, or such combination as shall, in its judgment, be in the best interest of Jefferson Parish. Every contract or order shall be awarded to the LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, taking into consideration the CONFORMITY WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS, and the DELIVERY AND/OR COMPLETION DATE.

C. Preference will be given, to bidders requesting a preference in their bid in accordance with LSA-R.S. 38:2251, to materials, supplies, and provisions, produced, manufactured or grown in Louisiana, quality being equal to articles offered by competitors outside the State of Louisiana.

SECTION 9. DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

1. The causes for disqualification from consideration for award of a contract with Jefferson Parish are as follows (Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 2-914):

A. Conviction for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract;

B. Conviction under state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously, and directly affects responsibility as a parish contractor;

C. Conviction under state or federal antitrust statutes arising out of the submission of bids or proposals;

D. Violation of contract provisions, as set forth below, of a character which is regarded by the Chief Buyer for Jefferson Parish to be serious as to justify disqualification:

(1) Deliberate failure without good cause to perform in accordance with the specifications or within the time limit provided in the contract; or

(2) A recent record of failure to perform or of unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of one or more contracts; provided that failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor shall not be considered to be a basis for disqualification;

E. Any other cause the Chief Buyer determines to be so serious and compelling as to affect responsibility as a parish contractor, including debarment by another governmental entity for any cause;

F. Violation of the State Code of Ethics or the ethical standards set forth in the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances;

G. Failure to secure and/or maintain necessary licenses and/or permits;

H. Failure to comply with the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances and/or the Jefferson Parish Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance; or Failure to comply with or meet bid specifications and or failure to be a responsible bidder.

I. A bid which is not responsive to, or does not meet bid specifications, will be rejected as being non-responsive, but that bidder will not be disqualified from future Parish bids, nor will that bidder be given a hearing pursuant to Section 9.2.

2. The procedures for disqualification from consideration for award of a contract with Jefferson Parish are as follows:

A. Step 1 - Prior to making a recommendation to the Council regarding a bid acceptance, the Department head shall send a Notice of Disqualification to the disqualified low bidder. This letter shall contain the reasons for disqualification and shall be sent Certified Mail with Return Receipt Requested. At the same time, a copy of said letter shall be sent to the Bid Disqualification Review Committee Chairman and the Parish Attorney's Office. When the postal receipt is returned to the Department head, he/she then proceeds with step 2 below.

B. Step 2- Prepare the normal recommendation packet to the Council, with the following exceptions:

(1) The letter to the Council Chairman shall indicate the low bidder was disqualified,

(2) The letter to the Council Chairman shall include a copy of the Notice of Disqualification together with the postal receipt, indicating delivery to the low bidder, and

(3) Attach a resolution accepting the lowest responsible bidder. The acceptance, however, shall be contingent upon the disqualification being affirmed or dismissed by the Bid Disqualification Review Committee.

C. Step 3 - If a bid disqualification review hearing is requested by a disqualified bidder, the Bid Disqualification Review Committee Chairman shall be notified and he will schedule the hearing.

D. The above procedure will allow the bid disqualification review process to take place simultaneously with the recommendation packet being routed for Administration approval and Council action.

SECTION 10. EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

The successful Bidder shall execute the Contract with the Owner in the form of the Contract included in the Specifications, a copy of which is annexed hereto, in such number of counterparts as the Owner may request within twelve (12) days after receipt of notice of award of the Contract by the Owner. One copy of the executed contract with all documents forming a part thereof shall be filed at the expense of the Contractor, with the Recorder of Mortgages in Jefferson Parish.

SECTION 11. MISCELLANEOUS

A. If your company is unable to bid on this project, please state the reason on the bid form and return it to the Department of Purchasing, 200 Derbigny Street, Suite 4400, General Government Building, Gretna, Louisiana 70053 before bid opening date. Failure to comply may result in the removal of your company from the Parish's vendor list.

B. Bids will be posted on the bulletin board inside the Department of Purchasing, 200 Derbigny Street, Suite 4400, General Government Building, Gretna, Louisiana 70053 for a period of five (5) working days after bid opening date. Advertised bids will be tabulated and a copy thereof forwarded to each responding bidder.

C. The successful bidder may be required to furnish a statement of the origin, composition, and manufacture of materials to be used in construction of the work together with samples, which samples may be subjected to testing to determine their quality and fitness for the work, as specified.

D. Bidders are not to exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination under any program or activity, any person in the United States on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex or religion except that any exemption from such prohibition against discrimination on the basis of religion as provided in the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, or Title VI and VII of the Act of April 11, 1968 shall also apply, as amended; nor discriminate on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; nor with respect to an otherwise qualified handicapped individual as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. This assurance includes compliance with the administrative requirements of the Revenue Sharing final handicapped discrimination provisions contained in Section 51.55 (c), (d), (e), and (k) (5) of the Regulations.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

1.01 *Defined Terms*

A. Wherever used in the Contract Documents and printed with initial or all capital letters, the terms listed below will have the meanings indicated which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof.

1. *Addenda*--Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the opening of Bids which clarify, correct, or change the Bidding Requirements or the Contract Documents.

2. *Agreement*--The written instrument which is evidence of the agreement between OWNER and CONTRACTOR covering the Work.

3. *Application for Payment*--The form acceptable to ENGINEER which is to be used by CONTRACTOR during the course of the Work in requesting progress or final payments and which is to be accompanied by such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents.

4. *Asbestos*--Any material that contains more than one percent asbestos and is friable or is releasing asbestos fibers into the air above current action levels established by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

5. *Bid*--The offer or proposal of a bidder submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the prices for the Work to be performed.

6. *Bidding Documents*--The Bidding Requirements and the proposed Contract Documents (including all Addenda issued prior to receipt of Bids).

7. *Bidding Requirements*--The Advertisement or Invitation to Bid,

Instructions to Bidders, Bid security form, if any, and the Bid form with any supplements.

8. *Bonds*--Performance and payment bonds and other instruments of security.

9. *Change Order*--A document recommended by ENGINEER 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, subject to and in accordance with the applicable Laws and Regulations and issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement.

10. *Claim*--A demand or assertion by OWNER or CONTRACTOR seeking an adjustment of Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, or other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract. A demand for money or services by a third party is not a Claim.

11. *Contract*--The entire and integrated written agreement between the OWNER and CONTRACTOR concerning the Work. The Contract supersedes prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, whether written or oral.

12. *Contract Documents*--The Contract Documents establish the rights and obligations of the parties and include the Agreement, Addenda (which pertain to the Contract Documents), CONTRACTOR's Bid (including documentation accompanying the Bid and any post Bid documentation submitted prior to the Notice of Award) when attached as an exhibit to the Agreement, the Notice to Proceed, the Bonds, these General Conditions, the Supplementary Conditions, the Specifications and the Drawings as the same are more specifically identified in the Agreement, together with all Written Amendments, Change Orders, Work Change Directives, Field Orders, and ENGINEER's written interpretations and

clarifications issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement. Approved Shop Drawings and the reports and drawings of subsurface and physical conditions are not Contract Documents. Only printed or hard copies of the items listed in this paragraph are Contract Documents. Files in electronic media format of text, data, graphics, and the like that may be furnished by OWNER to CONTRACTOR are not Contract Documents.

13. *Contract Price*--The moneys payable by OWNER to CONTRACTOR for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents as stated in the Agreement (subject to the provisions of paragraph 11.03 in the case of Unit Price Work).

14. *Contract Times*--The number of days or the dates stated in the Agreement to: (i) achieve Substantial Completion; and (ii) complete the Work so that it is ready for final payment as evidenced by ENGINEER's written recommendation of final payment.

15. *CONTRACTOR*--The individual or entity with whom OWNER has entered into the Agreement.

16. *Cost of the Work*--See paragraph 11.01.A for definition.

17. *Drawings*--That part of the Contract Documents prepared or approved by ENGINEER which graphically shows the scope, extent, and character of the Work to be performed by CONTRACTOR. Shop Drawings and other CONTRACTOR submittals are not Drawings as so defined.

18. *Effective Date of the Agreement*--The date indicated in the Agreement on which it becomes effective, but if no such date is indicated, it means the date on which the Agreement is signed and delivered by the last of the two parties to sign and deliver.

19. *ENGINEER*--The individual or entity named as such in the Agreement.

20. *ENGINEER's Consultant*--An individual or entity having a contract with ENGINEER to furnish services as ENGINEER's independent professional associate or consultant with respect to the Project and who is identified as such in the Supplementary Conditions.

21. *Field Order*--A written order issued by ENGINEER which requires minor changes in the Work but which does not involve a change in the Contract Price or the Contract Times.

22. *General Requirements*--Sections of Division 1 of the Specifications. The General Requirements pertain to all sections of the Specifications.

23. *Hazardous Environmental Condition*--The presence at the Site of Asbestos, PCBs, Petroleum, Hazardous Waste, or Radioactive Material in such quantities or circumstances that may present a substantial danger to persons or property exposed thereto in connection with the Work.

24. *Hazardous Waste*--The term Hazardous Waste shall have the meaning provided in Section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 USC Section 6903) as amended from time to time.

25. *Laws and Regulations; Laws or Regulations*--Any and all applicable laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, and orders of any and all governmental bodies, agencies, authorities, and courts having jurisdiction.

26. *Liens*--Charges, security interests, or encumbrances upon Project funds, real property, or personal property.

27. *Milestone*--A principal event specified in the Contract Documents relating to an intermediate completion date

or time prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work.

28. *Notice of Award*--The written notice by OWNER to the apparent successful bidder stating that upon timely compliance by the apparent successful bidder with the conditions precedent listed therein, OWNER, if OWNER decides to proceed with the Work, will sign and deliver the Agreement to the successful bidder. However, the Notice of Award shall not be construed as an agreement, meeting of the minds, contract, or any other legal obligation between the OWNER and CONTRACTOR. Until the CONTRACTOR receives a Notice to Proceed from the OWNER, the CONTRACTOR has no right or remedy against the OWNER.

29. *Notice to Proceed*--A written notice given by OWNER to CONTRACTOR (with a copy to ENGINEER) fixing the date on which the Contract Times will commence to run and on which CONTRACTOR shall start to perform CONTRACTOR's obligations and the Work under the Contract Documents.

30. *OWNER*--The individual, entity, public body, or authority with whom CONTRACTOR has entered into the Agreement and for whom the Work is to be performed.

31. *Partial Utilization*--Use by OWNER of a substantially completed part of the Work for the purpose for which it is intended (or a related purpose) prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work.

32. *PCBs*--Polychlorinated biphenyls.

33. *Petroleum*--Petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof which is liquid at standard conditions of temperature and pressure (60 degrees Fahrenheit and 14.7 pounds per square inch absolute), such as oil, petroleum, fuel oil, oil sludge, oil refuse, gasoline, kerosene, and oil mixed with other non-Hazardous Waste and crude oils.

34. *Project*--The total construction of which the Work to be performed under the Contract Documents may be the whole, or a part as may be indicated elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

35. *Project Manual*--The bound documentary information prepared for bidding and constructing the Work. A listing of the contents of the Project Manual, which may be bound in one or more volumes, is contained in the table(s) of contents.

36. *Radioactive Material*--Source, special nuclear, or byproduct material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 USC Section 2011 et seq.) as amended from time to time.

37. *Resident Project Representative*--The authorized representative of ENGINEER, OWNER, or an independent contractor who may be assigned to the Site or any part thereof.

38. *Samples*--Physical examples of materials, equipment, or workmanship that are representative of some portion of the Work and which establish the standards by which such portion of the Work will be judged.

39. *Shop Drawings*--All drawings, diagrams, illustrations, schedules, and other data or information which are specifically prepared or assembled by or for CONTRACTOR and submitted by CONTRACTOR to illustrate some portion of the Work.

40. *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 for access thereto, and such other lands furnished by OWNER which are designated for the use of CONTRACTOR.

41. *Specifications*--That part of the Contract Documents consisting of written technical descriptions of materials, equipment, systems, standards, and workmanship as applied to the Work and certain administrative details applicable thereto.

42. *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 at the Site.

43. *Substantial Completion*--The time at which the Work (or a specified part thereof) has progressed to the point where, in the opinion of ENGINEER, as evidenced by ENGINEER's issued and signed definitive Certificate of Substantial Completion, 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 thereof.

44. *Supplementary Conditions*--That part of the Contract Documents which amends or supplements these General Conditions.

45. *Supplier*--A manufacturer, fabricator, supplier, distributor, materialman, 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 any Subcontractor.

46. *Underground Facilities*--All underground pipelines, conduits, ducts, cables, wires, manholes, vaults, tanks, tunnels, or other such facilities or attachments, and any encasements containing such facilities, including those that convey electricity, gases, steam, liquid petroleum products, telephone or other

communications, cable television, water, wastewater, storm water, other liquids or chemicals, or traffic or other control systems.

47. *Unit Price Work*--Work to be paid for on the basis of unit prices.

48. *Work*--The entire completed 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, and furnishing, installing, and incorporating all materials and equipment into such construction, all as required by the Contract Documents.

49. *Work Change Directive*--A written statement to CONTRACTOR issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement and recommended by ENGINEER and signed by OWNER and ~~recommended by ENGINEER~~ ordering an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work, or responding to differing or unforeseen subsurface or physical conditions under which the Work is to be performed or to emergencies. A Work Change Directive will not change the Contract Price or the Contract Times but is evidence that the parties expect that the change ordered or documented by a Work Change Directive will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order following negotiations by the parties as to its effect, if any, on the Contract Price or Contract Times.

50. *Written Amendment*--A written statement modifying the Contract Documents, signed by OWNER and CONTRACTOR on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement and normally dealing with the nonengineering or nontechnical rather than strictly construction-related aspects of the Contract Documents.

1.02 Terminology

A. Intent of Certain Terms or Adjectives

1. Whenever in the Contract Documents the terms “as allowed,” “as approved,” or terms of like effect or import are used, or 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 action or determination will be solely to evaluate, in general, the completed Work for compliance with the requirements of and information in the Contract Documents and conformance with the design concept of the completed 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 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 paragraph 9.10 or any other provision of the Contract Documents.

B. Day

1. The word “day” shall constitute a calendar day of 24 hours measured from midnight to the next midnight.

C. Defective

1. The word “defective,” when modifying the word “Work,” refers to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty, or deficient in that it does not conform to the Contract Documents or does not meet the requirements of any inspection, reference standard, test, or approval referred to in the Contract Documents, or 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 14.04 or 14.05).

D. Furnish, Install, Perform, Provide

1. The word “furnish,” when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, shall mean 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, shall mean 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, shall mean to furnish and install said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.

4. When “furnish,” “install,” “perform,” or “provide” is not used in connection with services, materials, or equipment in a context clearly requiring an obligation of CONTRACTOR, “provide” is implied.

E. Unless stated otherwise in the Contract Documents, words or phrases which 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 AND CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

2.01 Delivery of Bonds

A. When CONTRACTOR delivers the executed Agreements to OWNER, CONTRACTOR shall also deliver to OWNER such Bonds as CONTRACTOR may be required to furnish. CONTRACTOR shall also

deliver to the OWNER, with copies to each additional insured identified herein or in the Supplementary Conditions, certificates of insurance (and other evidence of insurance which OWNER or any additional insured may reasonably request) which CONTRACTOR is required to purchase and maintain in accordance with paragraph 5.04.

2.02 Copies of Documents

A. OWNER shall furnish to CONTRACTOR ~~up to ten~~ six copies of the Contract Documents. Additional copies will be furnished upon request at the cost of reproduction.

2.03 Commencement of Contract Times; Notice to Proceed

~~A. The Contract Times will commence to run on the thirtieth day after the Effective Date of the Agreement 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 Agreement. In no event will the Contract Times commence to run later than the sixtieth day after the day of Bid opening or the thirtieth day after the Effective Date of the Agreement, whichever date is earlier. The Contract Times will commence to run on the day indicated in the Notice to Proceed. The OWNER shall issue a Notice to Proceed in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2215. In no event will OWNER have any obligations or duties to CONTRACTOR under the Agreement until the Notice to Proceed is given to CONTRACTOR. In no event will the Contract Times commence to run later than the one hundred twentieth day after the day of Bid opening or the thirtieth day after the Effective Date of Agreement, whichever date is later, unless the parties otherwise agree.~~

2.04 Starting the Work

A. CONTRACTOR shall start to perform the Work ~~on~~ within ten days from the date when the Contract Times commence to run. No Work shall be done at the Site prior to the

date on which the Contract Times commence to run.

2.05 Before Starting Construction

~~A. CONTRACTOR's Review of Contract Documents:—Before undertaking each part of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents and check and verify pertinent figures therein and all applicable field measurements. CONTRACTOR shall promptly report in writing to ENGINEER any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy which CONTRACTOR may discover and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from ENGINEER before proceeding with any Work affected thereby; however, 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 knew or reasonably should have known thereof.~~

The grades, elevations, dimensions, locations, and field measurements or any drawings or specifications issued by the ENGINEER, or the Work installed by other contractors, are not guaranteed by the ENGINEER or the OWNER. Before undertaking each part of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents and check and verify the accuracy of all grades, elevations, dimensions, locations, and field measurements. In all cases of the interconnection of Work with existing or other Work, CONTRACTOR shall verify at the Site all dimensions relating to such existing or other Work. CONTRACTOR shall promptly report in writing to ENGINEER any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy which CONTRACTOR may discover and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from ENGINEER before proceeding with any Work affected thereby. Any errors due to the CONTRACTOR's failure to verify all such grades, elevations, locations, dimensions, or field measurements shall be promptly rectified by CONTRACTOR without any additional

costs to OWNER or extensions of Contract Times.

B. *Preliminary Schedules:* Within ten days after the Effective Date of the Agreement (unless otherwise specified in the General Requirements), CONTRACTOR shall submit to ENGINEER for its 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 Documents;

2. a preliminary schedule of Shop Drawing and Sample submittals which will list each required submittal and the times for submitting, reviewing, and processing such submittal; 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.

4. The construction schedule shall be in a detailed precedence-style critical path method (CPM) or prima vera type format satisfactory to the OWNER and the ENGINEER, and shall also: (1) provide a graphic representation of all activities and events that will occur during the performance of the Work; (2) identify each phase of construction and occupancy; and (3) set forth dates that are critical in insuring the timely and orderly completion of the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents (hereinafter referred to as Milestone Dates). Upon review and acceptance by the OWNER and the ENGINEER of the Milestone Dates, the construction schedule shall

be deemed part of the Contract Documents and attached to the agreement as Exhibit. If not accepted, the construction schedule shall be promptly revised by the CONTRACTOR in accordance with the recommendations of the OWNER and the ENGINEER and resubmitted for acceptance

C. *Evidence of Insurance:* ~~Before any Work at the Site is started, CONTRACTOR and OWNER shall each deliver to the other, with copies to each additional insured identified in the Supplementary Conditions, certificates of insurance (and other evidence of insurance which either of them or any additional insured may reasonably request) which CONTRACTOR and OWNER respectively are required to purchase and maintain in accordance with Article 5.~~

CONTRACTOR shall not start any Work at the Site unless and until CONTRACTOR has in place and in full force and effect all of the insurance and Bonds which the CONTRACTOR is required to obtain by the Agreement, the Contract, or the Supplementary Conditions. Any delay in obtaining confirmation of the existence of the insurance, Bonds, and other security required by this Contract and compliance with the terms of the Contract therefor shall be counted as workdays if the start of Work is delayed beyond the time set forth in paragraph 2.04.A. The Contract shall not be in force or binding on OWNER until satisfactory Bonds and insurance have been provided in accordance with the Contract Documents.

D. In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, one complete copy of the executed Contract Documents, including Specifications and Drawings, shall be filed with the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages for Jefferson Parish promptly, but in any event before starting any Work, at CONTRACTOR'S expense, which expense may be deducted from any application for

payment if not paid for directly by CONTRACTOR.

2.06 *Preconstruction Conference*

A. ~~Within 20 days after~~ After the effective date of the Agreement and prior to the time the Contract Times start to run, but and before any Work at the Site is started, a conference attended by CONTRACTOR, OWNER, 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 2.05.B, procedures for handling Shop Drawings and other submittals, processing Applications for Payment, and maintaining required records.

2.07 *Initial Acceptance of Schedules*

A. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, at least ten days before submission of the first Application for Payment a conference attended by CONTRACTOR, ENGINEER, and others as appropriate will be held to review for acceptability to ENGINEER as provided below the schedules submitted in accordance with paragraph 2.05.B. CONTRACTOR shall have an additional ten days to make corrections and adjustments and to complete and resubmit the schedules. No progress payment shall 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 any specified Milestones and 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 Shop Drawing and Sample 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 component parts of the Work.

ARTICLE 3 - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: INTENT, AMENDING, REUSE

3.01 *Intent*

A. The Contract Documents are complementary; what is called for by one is as binding as if called for 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. Any labor, documentation, services, materials, or equipment that may reasonably be inferred from the Contract Documents or from prevailing custom or trade usage as being required to produce the intended result will be provided whether or not specifically called for at no additional cost to OWNER.

C. Clarifications and interpretations of the Contract Documents shall be issued by ENGINEER as provided in Article 9.

D. In the event of an inconsistency in the Contract Documents, the order of precedence shall be as follows:

- A. Agreement
- B. Addenda/Change Orders/Written Amendment
- C. CONTRACTOR's Bid
- D. Supplementary Conditions
- E. General Conditions
- F. Invitation to Bid
- G. Instructions to Bidders
- H. Technical Provisions

I. Referenced Standard Specifications

J. Drawings

With reference to the Drawings, the order of precedence is as follows: Figures govern over scaled dimensions; detail drawings over general drawings; addenda/change order drawings govern over standard drawings and shop drawings.

E. OWNER makes no warranties, express or implied, with respect to the fitness of the Drawings or Specifications prepared by the ENGINEER or any other person, and CONTRACTOR waives any claims against OWNER arising out of any implied or express warranties of the fitness of the Drawings or Specifications for their intended purpose.

3.02 *Reference Standards*

A. *Standards, Specifications, Codes, Laws, and Regulations*

1. Reference to standards, specifications, manuals, or codes of any technical society, organization, or association, or to Laws or Regulations, whether such reference be specific or by implication, shall mean the standard, specification, manual, code, or Laws or Regulations in effect at the time of opening of Bids (or on the Effective Date of the Agreement 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 or code, or any instruction of a Supplier shall be effective to change the duties or responsibilities of OWNER, CONTRACTOR, or ENGINEER, or any of their subcontractors, consultants, agents, or employees from those set forth in the Contract Documents, nor shall any such provision or instruction be effective to assign to OWNER, ENGINEER, or any of ENGINEER's Consultants, agents, or employees 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 Contract Documents.

3.03 *Reporting and Resolving Discrepancies*

A. *Reporting Discrepancies*

1. If, during the performance of the Work, CONTRACTOR discovers any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy within the Contract Documents or between the Contract Documents and any provision of any Law or Regulation applicable to the performance of the Work or of any standard, specification, manual or code, or of any instruction of any Supplier, CONTRACTOR shall report it to ENGINEER in writing at once. CONTRACTOR shall not proceed with the Work affected thereby (except in an emergency as required by paragraph 6.16.A) until an amendment or supplement to the Contract Documents has been issued by one of the methods indicated in paragraph 3.04; provided, however, that CONTRACTOR shall not be liable to OWNER or ENGINEER for failure to report any such conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy unless CONTRACTOR knew or reasonably should have known thereof.

B. *Resolving Discrepancies*

1. Except as may be otherwise specifically stated in the Contract Documents, the provisions of the Contract Documents shall take precedence in resolving any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy between the provisions of the Contract Documents and:

a. the provisions of any standard, specification, manual, code, or instruction (whether or not specifically incorporated by reference in the Contract Documents); 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 *Amending and Supplementing Contract Documents*

A. The Contract Documents ~~may~~ can only be amended to provide for additions, deletions, and revisions in the Work or to modify the terms and conditions thereof in one or more of the following ways: (i) a Written Amendment; (ii) a Change Order; or (iii) a Work Change Directive.

B. The requirements of the Contract Documents may be supplemented, and minor variations and deviations in the Work may be authorized, by one or more of the following ways: (i) a Field Order; (ii) ENGINEER's approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample; or (iii) ENGINEER's written interpretation or clarification. Any variations and deviations in the Work arising from any of the methods set forth in paragraph 3.04.B. will not authorize an amendment to the Contract Price or Contract Times. The sole method to amend the Contract Price or Contract Times is pursuant to paragraph 3.04.A.

3.05 *Reuse of Documents*

A. CONTRACTOR and any Subcontractor or Supplier or other individual or entity performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct or indirect contract with OWNER: (i) shall not 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 ENGINEER's Consultant, including electronic media editions; and (ii) shall not reuse any of 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 adoption by ENGINEER. This prohibition will survive final payment, completion, and acceptance of the Work, or termination or completion of the Contract.

Nothing herein shall preclude CONTRACTOR from retaining copies of the Contract Documents for record purposes.

ARTICLE 4 - AVAILABILITY OF LANDS; SUBSURFACE AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS; REFERENCE POINTS

4.01 *Availability of Lands*

A. OWNER shall furnish the Site. OWNER shall notify CONTRACTOR of any encumbrances or restrictions not of general application but specifically related to use of the Site with which CONTRACTOR must comply in performing the Work. OWNER will obtain in a timely manner and pay for easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing facilities. If CONTRACTOR and OWNER are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, as a result of any delay in OWNER's furnishing the Site, CONTRACTOR may make a Claim therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05.

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 the Work is to be performed 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.

4.02 *Subsurface and Physical Conditions*

A. *Reports and Drawings:* The Supplementary Conditions identify:

1. those reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or

contiguous to the Site that ENGINEER has used in preparing the Contract Documents; and

2. those drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at or contiguous to the Site (except Underground Facilities) that ENGINEER has used in preparing the Contract Documents.

B. *Limited Reliance by CONTRACTOR on Technical Data Authorized:* CONTRACTOR may rely upon the general accuracy of the "technical data" contained in such reports and drawings, but such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents. Such "technical data" is identified in the Supplementary Conditions. Except for such reliance on such "technical data," CONTRACTOR may not rely upon or make any Claim against OWNER, ENGINEER, or any of ENGINEER'S Consultants 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; or

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.

F. The CONTRACTOR and each Subcontractor shall evaluate and satisfy themselves as to the Site conditions and limitations under which the Work is to be performed, including, without limitation, (1) the location, condition, layout, and nature of the Project Site and surrounding areas; (2) generally prevailing climactic conditions; (3) anticipated labor, supply, and costs; (4)

availability and cost of materials, tools, and equipment; and (5) other similar issues. The OWNER assumes no responsibility or liability for the physical condition or safety of the Project Site or any improvements located on the Project Site. Except as set forth in Article 4, the CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for providing a safe place for the performance of the Work. The OWNER shall not be required to make adjustments in either the Contract Price or Contract Times arising from a failure by the CONTRACTOR or any Subcontractor to comply with the requirements of this paragraph.

4.03 *Differing Subsurface or Physical Conditions*

A. *Notice:* If CONTRACTOR believes discovers or should have discovered that any subsurface or physical condition at or contiguous to the Site that is uncovered or revealed either:

1. is of such a nature as to establish that any "technical data" on which CONTRACTOR is entitled to rely as provided in paragraph 4.02 is materially inaccurate; or

2. is of such a nature as to require a change in the Contract Documents; or

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~~ immediately and in any event within 48 hours after the time the CONTRACTOR discovers and before further disturbing the subsurface or physical conditions or performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as required by paragraph 6.16.A), notify OWNER and ENGINEER in writing about such

condition. CONTRACTOR shall not further disturb such condition or perform any Work in connection therewith (except as aforesaid) until receipt of written order to do so.

B. *ENGINEER's Review:* After receipt of written notice as required by paragraph 4.03.A, ENGINEER will promptly review the pertinent condition, determine the necessity of OWNER's obtaining additional exploration or tests with respect thereto, and advise OWNER in writing (with a copy to CONTRACTOR) of ENGINEER's findings and conclusions.

C. *Possible Price and Times Adjustments*

1. The Contract Price or the Contract Times, or both, will be equitably adjusted to the extent that the existence of such differing subsurface or physical condition 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 meet any one or more of the categories described in paragraph 4.03.A; and

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 paragraphs 9.08 and 11.03.

2. CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times if:

a. CONTRACTOR knew of the existence of such conditions at the time CONTRACTOR made a final commitment to OWNER in respect of Contract Price and Contract Times by the submission of a Bid or becoming bound under a negotiated contract; or

b. the existence of such condition could reasonably have been discovered or revealed as a result of any examination, investigation, exploration,

test, or study of the Site and contiguous areas required by the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents to be conducted by or for CONTRACTOR prior to CONTRACTOR's making such final commitment; or

c. CONTRACTOR failed to give the written notice within the time and as required by paragraph 4.03.A.

3. If OWNER and CONTRACTOR are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, a Claim may be made therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05. However, OWNER, ENGINEER, and ENGINEER's Consultants shall not be liable to CONTRACTOR for any claims, costs, losses, or 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) sustained by CONTRACTOR on or in connection with any other project or anticipated project.

4.04 *Underground Facilities*

A. *Shown or Indicated:* The information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the Site is based on information and data furnished to OWNER or ENGINEER by the owners of such Underground Facilities, including OWNER, or by others. Unless it is otherwise expressly provided in the Supplementary Conditions:

1. OWNER and ENGINEER shall not be responsible for the accuracy or completeness of any such information or data; and

2. the cost of all of the following will be included in the Contract Price, and CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility for:

a. reviewing and checking all such information and data,

b. locating all Underground Facilities shown or indicated in the Contract Documents,

c. coordination of the Work with the owners of such Underground Facilities, including OWNER, during construction, and

d. the safety and protection of all such Underground Facilities and repairing any damage thereto resulting from the Work.

B. Not Shown or Indicated

1. If an Underground Facility is uncovered or revealed at or contiguous to the Site which was not shown or indicated, or not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy in the Contract Documents, CONTRACTOR shall, immediately and in any event within 24 hours after CONTRACTOR discovers ~~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 6.16.A), identify the owner of such Underground Facility and give written notice to that owner and to OWNER and ENGINEER. ENGINEER will promptly review the Underground Facility and determine the extent, if any, to which a change is required in the Contract Documents to reflect and document the consequences of the existence or location of the Underground Facility. During such time, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the safety and protection of such Underground Facility.

2. If ENGINEER concludes that a change in the Contract Documents is required, a Work Change Directive or a Change Order will be issued to reflect and document such consequences. An equitable adjustment shall be made in the Contract Price of Contract Times, or both,

to the extent that they are attributable to the existence or location of any Underground Facility that was not shown or indicated or not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy in the Contract Documents and that CONTRACTOR did not know of and could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of or to have anticipated. If OWNER and CONTRACTOR are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any such adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, OWNER or CONTRACTOR may make a Claim therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05. However, OWNER, ENGINEER, and ENGINEER's Consultants shall not be liable to CONTRACTOR for any claims, costs, losses, or damages incurred or sustained by CONTRACTOR on or in connection with any other project or anticipated project.

4.05 Reference Points

A. ~~OWNER~~ ENGINEER 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.

4.06 Hazardous Environmental Condition at Site

A. *Reports and Drawings:* Reference is made to the Supplementary Conditions for the identification of those reports and drawings

relating to a Hazardous Environmental Condition identified at the Site, if any, that have been utilized by the ENGINEER in the preparation of the Contract Documents.

B. *Limited Reliance by CONTRACTOR on Technical Data Authorized:* CONTRACTOR may rely upon the general accuracy of the “technical data” contained in such reports and drawings, but such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents. Such “technical data” is identified in the Supplementary Conditions. Except for such reliance on such “technical data,” CONTRACTOR may not rely upon or make any Claim against OWNER, ENGINEER or any of ENGINEER’s Consultants 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; or
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 any Hazardous Environmental Condition uncovered or revealed at the Site which was not shown or indicated in Drawings or Specifications or identified in the Contract Documents to be within the scope of the Work. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for a Hazardous Environmental Condition created with any materials brought to the Site by CONTRACTOR, Subcontractors, Suppliers, or anyone else for whom CONTRACTOR is responsible.~~

CONTRACTOR must take all precautions to discover and locate any Hazardous

Environmental Condition at the Site that may present a substantial danger to persons or property exposed thereto in connection with the Work at the Site. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for any damages arising out of or caused by a Hazardous Environmental Condition created on the Site by CONTRACTOR, a Subcontractor, Supplier, or anyone else for whom CONTRACTOR is responsible. Within 24 hours of the time CONTRACTOR discovers the Hazardous Environmental Condition, CONTRACTOR shall follow the procedures set forth in paragraph 4.06.D.

D. If CONTRACTOR encounters a Hazardous Environmental Condition or if CONTRACTOR or anyone for whom CONTRACTOR is responsible creates a Hazardous Environmental Condition, CONTRACTOR shall immediately: (I) secure or otherwise isolate such condition; (ii) stop all Work in connection with such condition and in any area affected thereby (except in an emergency as required by paragraph 6.16); and (iii) 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.

E. CONTRACTOR shall not be required to resume Work in connection with such condition or in any affected area until after OWNER has obtained any required permits related thereto and delivered to CONTRACTOR written notice: (I) specifying that such condition and any affected area is or has been rendered safe for the resumption of Work; or (ii) specifying any special conditions under which such Work may be resumed safely. 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, or both, as a result of such Work stoppage or such special conditions under which Work is agreed to be resumed by CONTRACTOR, either party may make a

Claim therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05.

~~F. 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. If OWNER and CONTRACTOR cannot agree as to entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times as a result of deleting such portion of the Work, then either party may make a Claim therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05. OWNER may have such deleted portion of the Work performed by OWNER's own forces or others in accordance with Article 7.~~

~~G. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, OWNER shall indemnify and hold harmless CONTRACTOR, Subcontractors, ENGINEER, ENGINEER's Consultants and the officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, other 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 a Hazardous Environmental Condition, provided that such Hazardous Environmental Condition: (i) was not shown or indicated in the Drawings or Specifications or identified in the Contract Documents to be included within the scope of the Work, and (ii) was not created by CONTRACTOR or by anyone for whom CONTRACTOR is responsible. Nothing in this paragraph 4.06.E shall obligate OWNER to indemnify any individual or entity from and against the consequences of that individual's or entity's own negligence.~~

H. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless OWNER,

ENGINEER, ENGINEER's Consultants, and the officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, other 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 a Hazardous Environmental Condition created by CONTRACTOR or by anyone for whom CONTRACTOR is responsible. Nothing in this paragraph 4.06.F shall obligate CONTRACTOR to indemnify any individual or entity from and against the consequences of that individual's or entity's own negligence.

I. The provisions of paragraphs 4.02, 4.03, and 4.04 are not intended to apply to a Hazardous Environmental Condition uncovered or revealed at the Site.

ARTICLE 5 - BONDS AND INSURANCE

5.01 Performance, Payment, and Other Bonds

A. CONTRACTOR shall purchase and furnish performance and payment Bonds, each in an amount at least equal to 100 percent of the Contract Price including, but not limited to, the obligations for actual damages and liquidated damages in accordance with the provisions in the Agreement regarding delay in completion of the Work within the Contract Times as security for the faithful performance and payment of all CONTRACTOR's obligations under the Contract Documents. These Bonds shall remain in effect at least until one year after the date when final payment becomes due, except as provided otherwise by Laws or Regulations or by the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR shall also furnish such other Bonds as are required by the Contract Documents.

B. All Bonds shall be in the form prescribed by the Contract Documents except

as provided otherwise by Laws or Regulations, and shall be executed only by such sureties as are named in the current list of “Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies” as published in Circular 570 (amended) by the Financial Management Service, Surety Bond Branch, U.S. Department of the Treasury meeting the requirements set forth in La. R.S. 38:2218 and 2219 and any other requirements and qualifications set forth in the Supplementary Conditions. All Bonds signed by an agent must be accompanied by a certified copy of such agent’s authority to act.

C. If the surety on any Bond furnished by CONTRACTOR is declared bankrupt or becomes insolvent or its right to do business is terminated in any state where any part of the Project is located or it ceases to meet the requirements of paragraph 5.01.B, CONTRACTOR shall within 20 days thereafter substitute another Bond and surety, both of which shall comply with the requirements of paragraphs 5.01.B and 5.02.

D. Performance Bond

Any surety bond written for a Jefferson Parish Public Works project shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policyholder's surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide or by a surety company that complies with the requirements of LSA-R.S. 38:2219.

No surety will be accepted from a bondsman which does not have a permanent agent or representative in the State upon whom notices referred to in the General Conditions may be served. Service of said notice on said agent or representative in the

State shall be equal to service of notice on the president of the surety, or such other officer as may be concerned. Should the CONTRACTOR's surety, even though approved and accepted by the OWNER, subsequently remove its agency or representative from the State or terminates its residency or license in this State or become insolvent, bankrupt, or otherwise fail, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately furnish a new bond from another company approved by the OWNER, at no additional cost to the OWNER. The new bond shall be executed upon the same terms and conditions as the original bond.

E. Alternative Security

The Owner may in its discretion accept alternative security pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Louisiana public contract law (LSA-R.S. 38:2181 et seq.).

F. Scope of the Bond and Obligation of the Surety

The CONTRACTOR's surety shall obligate itself to all the terms and covenants of the Contract Documents covering the Work to be performed hereunder. The OWNER reserves the right to order extra work or make changes by altering, adding to, or deducting from the Work under the conditions and in the manner hereinbefore described without notice to the CONTRACTOR's surety and without in any manner affecting the liability of bondsman or releasing it from any of its obligations hereunder.

The Bond shall also secure for the OWNER the faithful performance of the Contract in strict accordance with the plans and specifications and Contract Documents. It shall protect the OWNER against all lien laws of the State and shall provide for payment of reasonable attorney's fees for enforcement of the Contract and institution of concursus proceedings, if such proceedings become necessary. Likewise, it shall provide that if the ENGINEER is put to labor or

expense by enforcement of the Contract and institution of concursus proceedings or through delinquency or insolvency of the Contract they shall be equitably paid for such extra expense and services involved.

The surety of the CONTRACTOR shall be and does hereby declare and acknowledge itself by acceptance to be bound to the OWNER as guarantor jointly and in solido with the CONTRACTOR for fulfillment of the foregoing terms including, but not limited to, any provisions for actual or liquidated damages.

5.02 *Licensed Sureties and Insurers*

A. All Bonds and insurance required by the Contract Documents to be purchased and maintained by ~~OWNER or~~ CONTRACTOR shall be obtained from surety or insurance companies that are duly licensed or authorized in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located to issue Bonds or insurance policies for the limits and coverages so required. Such surety and insurance companies shall also meet such additional requirements and qualifications as may be provided in the Supplementary Conditions.

B. Insurance Coverage is required to be provided by companies authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with an A.M. Best rating of no less than A:VI. This requirement will be waived for workers' compensation coverage only for those contractors whose workers' compensation coverage is placed with companies who participate in the State of Louisiana Workers' Compensation Assigned Risk Pool or the Louisiana Worker's Compensation Corporation.

5.03 *Certificates of Insurance*

A. CONTRACTOR shall, at the same time as CONTRACTOR returns the signed copies of the agreement to OWNER, deliver to OWNER, with copies to each additional insured identified herein or in the Supplementary Conditions, certificates of insurance (and

other evidence of insurance requested by OWNER or any other additional insured) which CONTRACTOR is required to purchase and maintain and each such certificate shall include the Project name, the Project number, proposal number, and OWNER's address as identified in the Agreement. ~~OWNER shall deliver to CONTRACTOR, with copies to each additional insured identified in the Supplementary Conditions, certificates of insurance (and other evidence of insurance requested by CONTRACTOR or any other additional insured) which OWNER is required to purchase and maintain.~~

5.04 *CONTRACTOR's Liability Insurance*

A. **CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain such liability and other insurance as is required herein, by Article 5, Article 6, Section 6.20 and the Supplementary Conditions. Pursuant to La. R.S. 9:2780.1, the cost of such insurance shall be included in the Contract price.** CONTRACTOR shall purchase and maintain such liability and other insurance ~~as is provided herein or in the Supplementary Conditions, as is~~ appropriate for the Work being performed and as will provide protection from claims set forth below which may arise out of or result from CONTRACTOR's performance of the Work and CONTRACTOR's other obligations under the Contract Documents, whether it is to be performed by CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor or Supplier, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable:

1. claims under workers' compensation, disability benefits, and other similar employee benefit acts;

2. claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of CONTRACTOR's employees;

3. claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death

of any person other than CONTRACTOR's employees;

4. claims for damages insured by reasonably available personal injury liability coverage which are sustained: (i) by any person as a result of an offense directly or indirectly related to the employment of such person by CONTRACTOR, or (ii) by any other person for any other reason;

5. claims for damages, other than to the Work itself, because of injury to or destruction of tangible property wherever located, including loss of use resulting therefrom; and

6. claims for damages because of bodily injury or death of any person or property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of any motor vehicle.

B. The policies of insurance so required by this paragraph 5.04 to be purchased and maintained shall:

~~1. with respect to insurance required by paragraphs 5.04.A.3 through 5.04.A.6 inclusive, include as additional insureds (subject to any customary exclusion in respect of professional liability) OWNER, ENGINEER, ENGINEER's Consultants, and any other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions, all of whom shall be listed as additional insureds, and include coverage for the respective officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, and other consultants and subcontractors of each and any of all such additional insureds, and the insurance afforded to these additional insureds shall provide primary coverage for all claims covered thereby;~~

with respect to comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, and umbrella liability, name OWNER as an additional insured, be primary to any insurance carried by the OWNER, and with respect to workers' compensation

only, include a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the OWNER and any principals for whom the OWNER is working, including any co-lessors of such principals; and, with respect to all of the foregoing, be subject to the approval of the OWNER;

2. include at least the specific coverages and be written for not less than the limits of liability provided herein or in the Supplementary Conditions or required by Laws or Regulations, whichever is greater;

3. include completed operations insurance;

4. include contractual liability insurance covering CONTRACTOR's indemnity obligations under paragraphs 6.07, 6.11, and 6.20;

5. contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled, materially changed or renewal refused until at least thirty days prior written notice has been given by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to OWNER and CONTRACTOR and to each other additional insured identified herein or in the Supplementary Conditions to whom a certificate of insurance has been issued (and the certificates of insurance furnished by the CONTRACTOR pursuant to paragraph 5.03 will so provide);

6. remain in effect at least until final payment and at all times thereafter when CONTRACTOR may be correcting, removing, or replacing defective Work in accordance with paragraph 13.07; and

7. with respect to completed operations insurance, and any insurance coverage written on a claims-made basis, remain in effect for at least two years after final payment (and CONTRACTOR shall furnish OWNER and each other additional insured identified herein or in the

Supplementary Conditions, to whom a certificate of insurance has been issued, evidence satisfactory to OWNER and any such additional insured of continuation of such insurance at final payment and one year thereafter); and

8. include a provision which requires that any communication regarding the insurance, including any communication under 5.04 B.5. above, include the Project name, Project number, proposal number, and OWNER's address, as identified in the Agreement.

C. The limits of liability for the insurance required by paragraph 5.4 of the General Conditions shall provide the following coverage for not less than the following amounts or greater where required by Laws and Regulations, and any Jefferson Parish resolutions:

1. Workers' Compensation, etc. under the General Conditions:

The CONTRACTOR shall take out and maintain during the life of this contract, Worker's Compensation Insurance for all his employees in any way engaged in this project. As required by Louisiana State Statute exception: employer's liability shall be \$1,000,000 per occurrence when work is to be over water and involves maritime exposures, otherwise this limit shall be no less than \$500,000 per occurrence.

2. CONTRACTOR's Comprehensive General Liability Insurance under the General Conditions which shall also include completed operations and product liability coverage:

The CONTRACTOR shall take out and maintain during the life of this contract Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with a combined Single Limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. This

insurance shall include coverage for bodily injury and property damage, and indicate on the certificate of insurance the following:

- 1) Premises - operations;
- 2) Broad form contractual liability;
- 3) Products and completed operations;
- 4) Use of contractors and sub-contractors;
- 5) Personal Injury;
- 6) Broad form property damage;
- 7) Explosion, collapse and underground [XCU] coverage.

NOTE: On the certificate of insurance, under the description of operations, the following wording is required: The aggregate loss limit applies to each project or a copy of ISO Form CG 25 03 [ed. 11-85 or latest form] shall be submitted.

COMBINED SINGLE LIMITS [CSL] - AMOUNT OF INSURANCE REQUIRED

CONTRACTS UP TO \$1,000,000:

General contracts - each occurrence/ minimum limits \$500,000.00,

New construction/renovations - each occurrence/minimum limits \$500,000.00*** [depending on building value],

CONTRACTS OVER \$1,000,000:

General contracts - each occurrence/ minimum limits \$1,000,000.00,

New construction/renovations - each occurrence/minimum limits \$1,000,000.00*** [depending on building value],

*** WHILE THE MINIMUM COMBINED SINGLE LIMITS OF \$500,000 IS REQUIRED FOR ALL RENOVATION, THE VALUE OF THE BUILDING SHALL BE MULTIPLIED BY 10% AND THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE INCREASED AT \$1,000,000 INTERVALS AND ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST MILLION.

EXAMPLE: RENOVATIONS ON A THIRTY-THREE MILLION DOLLAR BUILDING WOULD REQUIRE THREE MILLION DOLLARS, [\$3,000,000] MINIMUM COMBINED SINGLE LIMITS OF COVERAGE

The CONTRACTOR shall take out and maintain a policy of Umbrella Liability Coverage in excess of the primary insurance afforded above and including all operations of the CONTRACTOR, with minimum limits of \$1,000,000.00.

3. The CONTRACTOR shall take out and maintain during the life of this contract Business Automobile Liability Insurance with a Combined Single Limit of \$1,000,000 per Occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, unless otherwise indicated. This insurance shall include for bodily injury and property damage the following coverage:

- 1) Any automobiles;
- 2) Owned automobiles;
- 3) Hired automobiles;
- 4) Non-owned automobiles.

4. OWNER's Protective Liability.

The CONTRACTOR shall take out and maintain a policy of OWNER's Protective Liability for the same limits of liability for bodily injury and property damage liability and conditions as provided hereinabove under "Comprehensive General Liability Insurance".

The cost of this coverage is at the CONTRACTOR's expense.

5. Builder's Risk Insurance

The CONTRACTOR shall take out and maintain Builder's Risk Insurance at his expense, to insure both the OWNER and CONTRACTOR as their interest may appear. These policies must cover for such amount of the work as is

determined by the ENGINEER and/or Architect and shall be the all-risk type of coverage. Although the insurance takes account of payments during the course of the construction from the OWNER to the CONTRACTOR, it is understood that the work shall be at the risk of the CONTRACTOR until finally accepted by the OWNER as a whole pursuant to the provisions of the General Conditions. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Parish Attorney's Office with the concurrence of the Director of Risk Management ~~Loss Control~~ is authorized to omit in whole or part the insurance requirements of this section in connection with such contracts.

6. Miscellaneous

(a) Deductibles. No insurance required under this contract shall include a deductible in excess of \$10,000.00 unless otherwise approved by the Parish Attorney's Office with the concurrence of the Director Of Risk Management and based upon the company's most recent financial audit, such increase in the deductible must be approved in writing prior to the bid opening date. The cost of all deductible amounts shall be borne by the CONTRACTOR.

(b) If at any time any of the said policies shall be or becomes unsatisfactory to the OWNER as to form or substance; or if a company issuing any such policy shall be or become unsatisfactory to the OWNER, the CONTRACTOR/Subcontractors shall promptly obtain a new policy, submit the same to the OWNER for approval and submit a certificate thereof as provided above.

Upon failure of a CONTRACTOR/Subcontractor to furnish to deliver and maintain such insurance as above provide this

Contract, at the election of the OWNER, may be forthwith declared suspended, discontinued or terminated. Failure of the CONTRACTOR/Subcontractor to take out and/or to maintain insurance shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR/Subcontractor from any liability under the contract, nor shall the insurance requirements be construed to conflict with the obligation of the CONTRACTOR/Subcontractor concerning indemnification.

(c) **WAIVER.** Except as otherwise provided by law, the coverage requirements of this section may be waived in whole or part on contracts under \$100,000.00 and the Chairman of the Council is authorized to use his discretion in regard to insurance requirements for such contracts. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Parish Attorney's Office with the concurrence of the Director of Risk Management ~~Loss Control~~ is authorized to omit in whole or part the insurance requirements of this section in connection with such contracts.

D. The policies of insurance so required by paragraph 5.04 to be purchased and maintained by CONTRACTOR shall indicate the project number, proposal number, and OWNER's address as identified in the Agreement and shall also include the following clauses:

1. The CONTRACTOR/Sub-contractor insurers will have no right of recovery or subrogation against the OWNER, it being the intention of the parties that the insurance policy so affected shall protect both parties and be the primary coverage for any and all losses covered by the below described insurance.

2. The OWNER shall be named as additional insured as regards to negligence by the CONTRACTOR [ISO

Forms CG 20 10 (Form B) or latest applicable ISO form], or equivalent.

3. The insurance companies issuing the policy or policies shall have no recourse against the OWNER for payment of any premiums or for assessments under any form of policy.

4. Any and all deductibles in the insurance policies shall be assumed by and be for the amount of \$10,000.00 unless increased as set forth in section 5.04 C6(a) and at the sole risk of the CONTRACTOR/Sub-contractor.

5. Any and all communications regarding the insurance shall include the Project name, Project number, proposal number, and OWNER's address, as identified in the Agreement.

5.05 *OWNER's Liability Insurance*

A. In addition to the insurance required to be provided by CONTRACTOR under paragraph 5.04, OWNER, at OWNER's option, may purchase and maintain at OWNER's expense OWNER's own liability insurance as will protect OWNER against claims which may arise from operations under the Contract Documents.

5.06 *Property Insurance*

~~A. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, OWNER shall purchase and maintain property insurance upon the Work at the Site in the amount of the full replacement cost thereof (subject to such deductible amounts as may be provided in the Supplementary Conditions or required by Laws and Regulations). This insurance shall:~~

~~1. include the interests of OWNER, CONTRACTOR, Subcontractors, ENGINEER, ENGINEER's Consultants, and any other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions, and the officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, and other consultants~~

~~and subcontractors of each and any of them, each of whom is deemed to have an insurable interest and shall be listed as an additional insured;~~

~~2. be written on a Builder's Risk "all-risk" or open peril or special causes of loss policy form that shall at least include insurance for physical loss or damage to the Work, temporary buildings, false work, and materials and equipment in transit, and shall insure against at least the following perils or causes of loss: fire, lightning, extended coverage, theft, vandalism and malicious mischief, earthquake, collapse, debris removal, demolition occasioned by enforcement of Laws and Regulations, water damage, and such other perils or causes of loss as may be specifically required by the Supplementary Conditions;~~

~~3. include expenses incurred in the repair or replacement of any insured property (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers and architects);~~

~~4. cover materials and equipment stored at the Site or at another location that was agreed to in writing by OWNER prior to being incorporated in the Work, provided that such materials and equipment have been included in an Application for Payment recommended by ENGINEER;~~

~~5. allow for partial utilization of the Work by OWNER;~~

~~6. include testing and startup; and~~

~~7. be maintained in effect until final payment is made unless otherwise agreed to in writing by OWNER, CONTRACTOR, and ENGINEER with 30 days written notice to each other additional insured to whom a certificate of insurance has been issued.~~

~~B. OWNER shall purchase and maintain such boiler and machinery insurance or additional property insurance as may be required by the Supplementary Conditions or Laws and Regulations which will include the~~

~~interests of OWNER, CONTRACTOR, Subcontractors, ENGINEER, ENGINEER's Consultants, and any other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions, each of whom is deemed to have an insurable interest and shall be listed as an insured or additional insured.~~

~~C. All the policies of insurance (and the certificates or other evidence thereof) required to be purchased and maintained in accordance with paragraph 5.06 will contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled or materially changed or renewal refused until at least 30 days prior written notice has been given to OWNER and CONTRACTOR and to each other additional insured to whom a certificate of insurance has been issued and will contain waiver provisions in accordance with paragraph 5.07.~~

~~D. OWNER shall not be responsible for purchasing and maintaining any property insurance specified in this paragraph 5.06 to protect the interests of CONTRACTOR, Subcontractors, or others in the Work to the extent of any deductible amounts that are identified herein or in the Supplementary Conditions. The risk of loss within such identified deductible amount will be borne by CONTRACTOR, Subcontractors, or others suffering any such loss, and if any of them wishes property insurance coverage within the limits of such amounts, each may purchase and maintain it at the purchaser's own expense.~~

~~E. If CONTRACTOR requests in writing that other special insurance be included in the property insurance policies provided under paragraph 5.06, OWNER shall, if possible, include such insurance, and the cost thereof will be charged to CONTRACTOR by appropriate Change Order or Written Amendment. Prior to commencement of the Work at the Site, OWNER shall in writing advise CONTRACTOR whether or not such other insurance has been procured by OWNER.~~

5.07 *Waiver of Rights*

~~A. OWNER and CONTRACTOR intend that all policies purchased in accordance with paragraph 5.06 will protect OWNER, CONTRACTOR, Subcontractors, ENGINEER, ENGINEER's Consultants, and all other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions to be listed as insureds or additional insureds (and the officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, and other consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them) in such policies and will provide primary coverage for all losses and damages caused by the perils or causes of loss covered thereby. All such policies shall contain provisions to the effect that in the event of payment of any loss or damage the insurers will have no rights of recovery against any of the insureds or additional insureds thereunder. OWNER and CONTRACTOR waive all rights against each other and their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, and other consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them for all losses and damages caused by, arising out of or resulting from any of the perils or causes of loss covered by such policies and any other property insurance applicable to the Work; and, in addition, waive all such rights against Subcontractors, ENGINEER, ENGINEER's Consultants, and all other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions to be listed as insureds or additional insureds (and the officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, and other consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them) under such policies for losses and damages so caused. None of the above waivers shall extend to the rights that any party making such waiver may have to the proceeds of insurance held by OWNER as trustee or otherwise payable under any policy so issued.~~

~~B. OWNER waives all rights against CONTRACTOR, Subcontractors, ENGINEER, ENGINEER's Consultants, and the officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, and other consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them for:~~

~~1. loss due to business interruption, loss of use, or other consequential loss extending beyond direct physical loss or damage to OWNER's property or the Work caused by, arising out of, or resulting from fire or other peril whether or not insured by OWNER; and~~

~~2. loss or damage to the completed Project or part thereof caused by, arising out of, or resulting from fire or other insured peril or cause of loss covered by any property insurance maintained on the completed Project or part thereof by OWNER during partial utilization pursuant to paragraph 14.05, after Substantial Completion pursuant to paragraph 14.04, or after final payment pursuant to paragraph 14.07.~~

~~C. Any insurance policy maintained by OWNER covering any loss, damage or consequential loss referred to in paragraph 5.07.B shall contain provisions to the effect that in the event of payment of any such loss, damage, or consequential loss, the insurers will have no rights of recovery against CONTRACTOR, Subcontractors, ENGINEER, or ENGINEER's Consultants and the officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, and other consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them.~~

5.08 *Receipt and Application of Insurance Proceeds*

A. Any insured loss under the policies of insurance required by paragraph 5.06 will be adjusted with OWNER and made payable to OWNER as fiduciary for the insureds, as their interests may appear, subject to the requirements of any applicable mortgage clause and of paragraph 5.08.B. OWNER shall deposit in a separate account any money so received and shall distribute it in accordance with such agreement as the parties in interest may reach. If no other special agreement is reached, the damaged Work shall be repaired or replaced, the moneys so received applied on account

thereof, and the Work and the cost thereof covered by an appropriate Change Order or Written Amendment.

B. OWNER as fiduciary shall have power to adjust and settle any loss with the insurers unless one of the parties in interest shall object in writing within 15 days after the occurrence of loss to OWNER's exercise of this power. ~~If such objection be made, OWNER as fiduciary shall make settlement with the insurers in accordance with such agreement as the parties in interest may reach. If no such agreement among the parties in interest is reached, OWNER as fiduciary shall adjust and settle the loss with the insurers. and, if required in writing by any party in interest, OWNER as fiduciary shall give bond for the proper performance of such duties.~~

5.09 *Acceptance of Bonds and Insurance; Option to Replace*

A. If ~~either~~ OWNER ~~or~~ CONTRACTOR has any objection to the coverage afforded by or other provisions of the Bonds or insurance required to be purchased and maintained by ~~the other party in~~ CONTRACTOR in accordance with Article 5 on the basis of non-conformance with the Contract Documents, ~~the objecting party~~ OWNER shall so notify the ~~other party~~ CONTRACTOR in writing within 40 thirty days after receipt of the certificates (or other evidence requested) required by paragraph 2.05.C. OWNER and CONTRACTOR shall each provide to the other such additional information in respect of insurance provided as the other may reasonably request. If ~~either party~~ CONTRACTOR does not purchase or maintain all of the Bonds and insurance required ~~of such party~~ by the Contract Documents, ~~such party~~ the OWNER shall notify the ~~other party~~ CONTRACTOR 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. Without prejudice to any other right or remedy, including, without limitation, termination for default in light of the material importance of the Bonds to OWNER, the

~~other party~~ OWNER may elect to obtain equivalent Bonds or insurance to protect ~~such other party's~~ the OWNER's interests at the expense of the ~~party~~ CONTRACTOR who was required to provide such coverage, and a Change Order shall be issued to adjust the Contract Price accordingly.

5.10 *Partial Utilization, Acknowledgment of Property Insurer*

A. If OWNER finds it necessary to occupy or use a portion or portions of the Work prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work as provided in paragraph 14.05, no such use or occupancy shall commence before the insurers providing the property insurance pursuant to paragraph 5.06 have acknowledged notice thereof and in writing effected any changes in coverage necessitated thereby. The insurers providing the property insurance shall consent by endorsement on the policy or policies, but the property insurance shall not be canceled or permitted to lapse on account of any such partial use or occupancy.

ARTICLE 6 - CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

6.01 *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. CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction, but CONTRACTOR shall not be responsible for the negligence of OWNER or ENGINEER in the design or specification of a specific means, method, technique, sequence, or procedure of construction which is shown or indicated in and expressly required by the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to see that the completed

Work complies accurately with the Contract Documents.

B. At all times during the progress of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall assign a competent resident superintendent thereto who shall not be replaced without written notice to OWNER and ENGINEER except under extraordinary circumstances. The superintendent will be CONTRACTOR's representative at the Site and shall have authority to act on behalf of CONTRACTOR. All communications given to or received from the superintendent shall be binding on CONTRACTOR.

For purposes of giving or receiving notice, directives, Change Orders, or any other information from ENGINEER or OWNER to CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR shall designate one person as Project Manager to receive such notice directives, Change Orders, or other information. If the person so identified by CONTRACTOR is not present on the job Site during normal working hours for any consecutive 48 hour period, the CONTRACTOR shall in writing, addressed to ENGINEER and OWNER identify the individual who is acting as Project Manager. CONTRACTOR may designate the resident superintendent as the Project Manager.

6.02 Labor; Working Hours

A. CONTRACTOR shall provide competent, suitably qualified personnel to survey, lay out, and construct the Work as required by the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR shall at all times maintain good discipline and order at the Site.

B. 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 shall be performed during regular working hours, and CONTRACTOR will not permit overtime work or the performance of Work on Saturday, Sunday, or any legal holiday without

OWNER's written consent (which will not be unreasonably withheld) given after prior written notice to ENGINEER. For purposes of the foregoing sentence and this Contract "regular working hours" shall mean between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Emergency work may be performed without prior permission. CONTRACTOR shall establish a normal work schedule which does not exceed 40 hours per week. Overtime shall be scheduled only after CONTRACTOR obtains written permission from OWNER.

6.03 Services, Materials, and Equipment

A. Unless otherwise specified in the General Requirements, 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. All construction equipment and machinery used by CONTRACTOR to perform its obligations under the CONTRACT shall be operational and maintained in good repair during the Contract as necessary for the CONTRACTOR's timely performance, testing, start-up, and completion of the Work.

B. All materials and equipment incorporated into the Work shall be as specified or, if not specified, shall be of good quality and new, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. All warranties and guarantees specifically called for by the Specifications shall 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. All materials and equipment shall 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. The

CONTRACTOR agrees to assign to the OWNER at the time of final completion of the Work any and all manufacturer's warranties relating to equipment, machinery, materials and labor used and incorporated in the Work and CONTRACTOR further agrees to perform the Work in such a manner to preserve any and all manufacturer's warranties.

6.04 *Progress Schedule*

A. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to the progress schedule established in accordance with paragraph 2.07 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 2.07) proposed adjustments in the progress schedule that will not result in changing the Contract Times (or Milestones). Such adjustments will conform generally to the progress schedule then in effect and additionally will comply with any provisions of the General Requirements applicable thereto.

2. Proposed adjustments in the progress schedule that will change the Contract Times (or Milestones) shall be submitted in accordance with the requirements of Article 12. Such adjustments may only be made by a Change Order or Written Amendment in accordance with Article 12.

6.05 *Substitutes and "Or-Equals"*

A. Whenever an item of material or equipment is specified or described in the Contract Documents by using the name of a proprietary item or the name of a particular Supplier, the specification or description 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 or no substitution is permitted, other items of material or equipment or material or

equipment of other Suppliers may be submitted to ENGINEER for review under the circumstances described below.

1. "*Or-Equal*" Items: If in ENGINEER's sole discretion an item of material or equipment proposed by CONTRACTOR is functionally equal to that named and sufficiently similar so that no change in related Work will be required, it may be considered by ENGINEER as an "or-equal" item, in which case review and approval of the proposed item may, in ENGINEER's sole discretion, be accomplished without compliance with some or all of the requirements for approval of proposed substitute items. For the purposes of this paragraph 6.05.A.1, a proposed item of material or equipment will be considered functionally equal to an item so named if:

a. in the exercise of reasonable judgment ENGINEER determines that: (i) it is at least equal in quality, durability, appearance, strength, and design characteristics; (ii) it will reliably perform at least equally well the function imposed by the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole, and;

b. CONTRACTOR certifies that: (i) there is no increase in cost to the OWNER; and (ii) it will conform substantially, even with deviations, to the detailed requirements of the item named in the Contract Documents.

2. *Substitute Items*

a. If in ENGINEER's sole discretion an item of material or equipment proposed by CONTRACTOR does not qualify as an "or-equal" item under paragraph 6.05.A.1, it will be considered a proposed substitute item.

b. CONTRACTOR shall submit sufficient information as provided below to allow ENGINEER to determine that

the item of material or equipment proposed is essentially equivalent to that named and an acceptable substitute therefor. Requests for review of proposed substitute items of material or equipment will not be accepted by ENGINEER from anyone other than CONTRACTOR.

c. The procedure for review by ENGINEER will be as set forth in paragraph 6.05.A.2.d, as supplemented in the General Requirements and as ENGINEER may decide is appropriate under the circumstances.

d. CONTRACTOR shall first make written application to ENGINEER for review of a proposed substitute item of material or equipment that CONTRACTOR seeks to furnish or use. The application shall certify that the proposed substitute item will perform adequately the functions and achieve the results called for by the general design, be similar in substance to that specified, and be suited to the same use as that specified. The application will state the extent, if any, to which the use of the proposed substitute item will prejudice CONTRACTOR's achievement of Substantial Completion on time, whether or not 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 work on the Project) to adapt the design to the proposed substitute item and whether or not incorporation or use of the proposed substitute item in connection with the Work is subject to payment of any license fee or royalty. All variations of the proposed substitute item from that specified will be identified in the application, and available engineering, sales, maintenance, repair, and replacement services will be indicated. The application will also contain an itemized estimate of all

costs or credits that will result directly or indirectly from use of such substitute item, including costs of redesign and claims of other contractors affected by any resulting change, all of which will be considered by ENGINEER in evaluating the proposed substitute item. ENGINEER may require CONTRACTOR to furnish additional data about the proposed substitute item.

B. Substitute Construction Methods or Procedures: If a specific means, method, technique, sequence, or procedure of construction is shown or indicated in and expressly required by the Contract Documents, CONTRACTOR may furnish or utilize a substitute means, method, technique, sequence, or procedure of construction approved by ENGINEER. CONTRACTOR shall submit sufficient information to allow ENGINEER, in ENGINEER's sole discretion, to determine that the substitute proposed is equivalent to that expressly called for by the Contract Documents. The procedure for review by ENGINEER will be similar to that provided in subparagraph 6.05.A.2.

C. Engineer's Evaluation: ENGINEER will be allowed a reasonable time within which to evaluate each proposal or submittal made pursuant to paragraphs 6.05.A and 6.05.B. ENGINEER will be the sole judge of acceptability. No "or-equal" or substitute will be ordered, installed or utilized until ENGINEER's review is complete, which will be evidenced by either a Change Order for a substitute or an approved Shop Drawing for an "or equal." ENGINEER will advise CONTRACTOR in writing of any negative determination.

D. Special Guarantee: OWNER may require CONTRACTOR to furnish at CONTRACTOR's expense a special performance guarantee or other surety with respect to any substitute.

E. ENGINEER's Cost Reimbursement: ENGINEER will record time required by ENGINEER and ENGINEER's Consultants in evaluating substitute proposed or submitted

by CONTRACTOR pursuant to paragraphs 6.05.A.2 and 6.05.B and in making changes in the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with OWNER for work on the Project) occasioned thereby. Whether or not ENGINEER approves a substitute item so proposed or submitted by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall reimburse OWNER for the charges of ENGINEER and ENGINEER's Consultants for evaluating each such proposed substitute.

F. *CONTRACTOR's Expense:* CONTRACTOR shall provide all data in support of any proposed substitute or "or-equal" at CONTRACTOR's expense.

6.06 *Concerning Subcontractors, Suppliers, and Others*

A. CONTRACTOR shall not employ any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity (including those acceptable to OWNER as indicated in paragraph 6.06.B), whether initially or as a replacement, against whom OWNER may have reasonable objection. CONTRACTOR shall not be required to employ any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity to furnish or perform any of the Work against whom CONTRACTOR has reasonable objection. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CONTRACTOR shall not award any work to any Subcontractor without prior written approval of the OWNER, which approval will not be given until CONTRACTOR submits the information required regarding Subcontractors in the Bid Instructions or Supplementary Conditions. statement shall contain such information as the Owner may require. Such consent shall not be withheld unless a legal ground exists, such as, but not limited to, a subcontractor who has been disqualified from Parish projects.

If such consent is given, the CONTRACTOR will be permitted to sublet a portion of the work, but shall perform with his own organization work amounting to at least

50 percent of the total contract cost. Any items designated in the Contract as "specialty items" may be performed by subcontract and the costs of such may be deducted from the total cost before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the CONTRACTOR with his own organization.

Except as provided by law, this provision requiring at least 50 percent of the Work or services to be performed by the Contractor may be waived in whole or in part on Building Construction contracts by resolution, and the Chairman of the Council is authorized to use his discretion in regard to waiving this requirement. Additionally, except as otherwise provided by law, the Parish Attorney's Office is authorized to omit from Building Construction contracts in whole or in part the provision requiring at least 50 percent of the Work or services to be performed by the Contractor. Determination to waive requirement in whole or in part that at least 50 percent of the Work or services to be performed by the Contractor must be set forth in the bid specifications or addenda.

An approved Subcontractor shall not subcontract any portion of the authorized work. However, except as provided by law, this provision may be waived in whole or in part by resolution, and the Chairman of the Council is authorized to use his discretion in regard to waiving this requirement.

If the CONTRACTOR shall sublet any part of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall be as fully responsible to the OWNER for the acts and omissions of his Subcontractor and of any persons either directly or indirectly employed by his Subcontractor as he is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by himself.

B. If the Supplementary Conditions or the Bid Instructions require the identity of certain Subcontractors, Suppliers, or other individuals or entities to be submitted to OWNER in advance for acceptance by OWNER by a specified date prior to the Effective Date of the Agreement, and if CONTRACTOR has

submitted a list thereof in accordance with the Supplementary Conditions, or the Bid Instructions, OWNER's written acceptance ~~(either in writing or by failing to make written objection thereto by the date indicated for acceptance or objection in the Bidding Documents or the Contract Documents)~~ of any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity so identified may be revoked on the basis of reasonable objection after due investigation. be revoked on the basis of reasonable objection after due investigation. Revocation must be based on a legal ground, such as, but not limited to a subcontractor who has been disqualified from Parish projects. Contractor shall submit an acceptable replacement for the rejected CONTRACTOR shall submit an acceptable replacement for the rejected Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity, and the Contract Price will be adjusted by the difference in the cost occasioned by such replacement, and an appropriate Change Order will be issued or Written Amendment signed. No acceptance by OWNER of any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity, whether initially or as a replacement, shall constitute a waiver of any right of OWNER or ENGINEER to reject defective Work.

C. CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible to OWNER and ENGINEER for all acts and omissions of the Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other individuals or entities performing or furnishing any of the Work just as CONTRACTOR is responsible for CONTRACTOR's own acts and omissions. Nothing in the Contract Documents shall create for the benefit of any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity any contractual relationship between OWNER or ENGINEER and any such Subcontractor, Supplier or other individual or entity, nor shall it create any obligation on the part of OWNER or ENGINEER to pay or to see to the payment of any moneys due any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity except as may otherwise be required by Laws and Regulations.

D. CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for scheduling and coordinating the Work of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other individuals or entities performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct or indirect contract with CONTRACTOR.

E. CONTRACTOR shall require all Subcontractors, Suppliers, and such other individuals or entities performing or furnishing any of the Work to communicate with ENGINEER through CONTRACTOR.

F. The divisions and sections of the Specifications and the identifications of any Drawings shall not control CONTRACTOR in dividing the Work among Subcontractors or Suppliers or delineating the Work to be performed by any specific trade.

G. All Work performed for CONTRACTOR by a Subcontractor or Supplier will be pursuant to an appropriate agreement between CONTRACTOR and the Subcontractor or Supplier which specifically binds the Subcontractor or Supplier to the applicable terms and conditions of the Contract Documents for the benefit of OWNER and ENGINEER. ~~Whenever any such agreement is with a Subcontractor or Supplier who is listed as an additional insured on the property insurance provided in paragraph 5.06, the agreement between the CONTRACTOR and the Subcontractor or Supplier will contain provisions whereby the Subcontractor or Supplier waives all rights against OWNER, CONTRACTOR, ENGINEER, ENGINEER's Consultants, and all other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions to be listed as insureds or additional insureds (and the officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, and other consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them) for all losses and damages caused by, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from any of the perils or causes of loss covered by such policies and any other property insurance applicable to the Work. If the insurers on any such policies require separate waiver forms to~~

~~be signed by any Subcontractor or Supplier, CONTRACTOR will obtain the same.~~

6.07 *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 a particular 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 shall be disclosed by OWNER in the Contract Documents. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless OWNER, ENGINEER, ENGINEER's Consultants, and the officers, directors, partners, employees or agents, and other consultants 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.

6.08 *Permits*

A. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, CONTRACTOR shall obtain and pay for all construction permits and licenses. 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 opening of Bids., ~~or, if there are~~

~~no Bids, on the Effective Date of the Agreement.~~ CONTRACTOR shall pay all charges of utility owners for connections to the Work, and OWNER shall pay all charges of such utility owners for capital costs related thereto, such as plant investment fees.

6.09 *Laws and Regulations*

A. CONTRACTOR shall give all notices and comply with all Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Except where otherwise expressly required by applicable Laws and Regulations, neither OWNER nor ENGINEER shall be responsible for monitoring CONTRACTOR's compliance with any Laws or Regulations.

B. If CONTRACTOR performs any Work knowing or having reason to know that it is contrary to Laws or Regulations, CONTRACTOR shall bear 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; however, it shall not be CONTRACTOR's primary responsibility to make certain that the Specifications and Drawings are in accordance with Laws and Regulations, but this shall not relieve CONTRACTOR of CONTRACTOR's obligations under paragraph 3.03.

C. Changes in Laws or Regulations not known at the time of opening of Bids ~~(or, on the Effective Date of the Agreement if there were no Bids)~~ having an effect on the cost or time of performance of the Work may be the subject of an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times. If OWNER and CONTRACTOR are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any such adjustment, a Claim may be made therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05.

D. Pursuant to LSA-R.S. 38:2196, with respect to public contracts involving the state or a political subdivision of the state, when the

Work is to be done in this state (Louisiana), or the services are to be provided or the materials are to be supplied in this state, provisions in such agreements requiring

disputes arising thereunder to be resolved in a forum outside of this state or requiring their interpretation to be governed by the laws of another jurisdiction are inequitable and against the public policy of this state.

6.10 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.

6.11 Use of Site and Other Areas

A. Limitation on Use of Site and Other Areas

1. CONTRACTOR shall confine construction equipment, the storage of materials and equipment, and the operations of workers to the Site and other areas permitted by Laws and Regulations, and shall not unreasonably encumber the Site and other areas with construction equipment or other materials or equipment. CONTRACTOR shall assume full responsibility for any damage to any such land or area, or to the owner or occupant thereof, or of any adjacent land or areas resulting from the performance of the Work.

2. Should any claim be made by any such owner or occupant because of the performance of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall promptly settle with such other party by negotiation or otherwise resolve the claim by arbitration or other dispute resolution proceeding or at law.

3. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless

OWNER, ENGINEER, ENGINEER's Consultant, and the officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, and other consultants 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 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 by or based upon CONTRACTOR's performance of the Work.~~

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

C. *Cleaning:* Prior to Substantial Completion of the Work CONTRACTOR shall clean the Site and make it ready for utilization by OWNER. At the completion of the Work CONTRACTOR shall remove from the Site 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 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 property to stresses or pressures that will endanger it.

6.12 Record Documents

A. CONTRACTOR shall maintain in a safe place at the Site one record copy of all Drawings, Specifications, Addenda, Written

Amendments, Change Orders, Work Change Directives, Field Orders, and written interpretations and clarifications in good order and annotated to show changes made during construction. These record documents together with all approved Samples and a counterpart of all approved Shop Drawings will be available to ENGINEER for reference. Upon completion of the Work, these record documents, Samples, and Shop Drawings will be delivered to ENGINEER for OWNER.

6.13 *Safety and Protection*

A. CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. 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, utilities, and Underground Facilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of construction.

B. 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. CONTRACTOR shall notify owners of adjacent property and of Underground Facilities and other utility owners when prosecution of the Work may affect them, and shall cooperate with them in the protection, removal, relocation, and replacement of their property. All damage,

injury, or loss to any property referred to in paragraph 6.13.A.2 or 6.13.A.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 (except damage or loss attributable to the fault of Drawings or Specifications or to the acts or omissions of OWNER or ENGINEER or ENGINEER's Consultant, 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). CONTRACTOR's duties and responsibilities for safety and for protection of the Work shall continue until such time as all the Work is completed and ENGINEER has issued a notice to OWNER and CONTRACTOR in accordance with paragraph 14.07.B that the Work is acceptable (except as otherwise expressly provided in connection with Substantial Completion).

6.14 *Safety Representative*

A. CONTRACTOR shall designate a qualified and experienced safety representative at the Site whose duties and responsibilities shall be the prevention of accidents and the maintaining and supervising of safety precautions and programs.

6.15 *Hazard Communication Programs*

A. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for coordinating any exchange of 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.

6.16 *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 threatened damage, injury, or loss. CONTRACTOR shall give ENGINEER ~~prompt written notice~~ notice immediately but in no event more than 24 hours after the alleged emergency if CONTRACTOR believes that any significant changes in the Work or variations from the Contract Documents have been caused thereby or are required as a result thereof. If ENGINEER determines that a change in the Contract Documents is required because of the action taken by CONTRACTOR in response to such an emergency, a Work Change Directive or Change Order will be issued.

6.17 Shop Drawings and Samples

A. CONTRACTOR shall submit Shop Drawings to ENGINEER for review and approval in accordance with the acceptable schedule of Shop Drawings and Sample submittals. All submittals will be identified as ENGINEER may require and in the number of copies specified in the General Requirements. The data shown on the Shop Drawings will 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 6.17.E.

B. CONTRACTOR shall also submit Samples to ENGINEER for review and approval in accordance with the acceptable schedule of Shop Drawings and Sample submittals. Each Sample will be identified clearly as to material, Supplier, pertinent data such as catalog numbers, and the use for which intended and otherwise as ENGINEER may require to enable ENGINEER to review the submittal for the limited purposes required by paragraph 6.17.E. The numbers of each

Sample to be submitted will be as specified in the Specifications.

C. Where a Shop Drawing or Sample is required by the Contract Documents or the schedule of Shop Drawings and Sample submittals acceptable to ENGINEER as required by paragraph 2.07, 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.

D. Submittal Procedures

1. Before submitting each Shop Drawing or Sample, CONTRACTOR shall have determined and verified:

a. all field measurements, quantities, dimensions, specified performance criteria, installation requirements, materials, catalog numbers, and similar information with respect thereto;

b. all materials with respect to intended use, fabrication, shipping, handling, storage, assembly, and installation pertaining to the performance of the Work;

c. all information relative to means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction and safety precautions and programs incident thereto; and

d. CONTRACTOR shall also have reviewed and coordinated each Shop Drawing or Sample with other Shop Drawings and Samples and with the requirements of the Work and the Contract Documents.

2. Each submittal shall bear a stamp or specific written indication that CONTRACTOR has satisfied CONTRACTOR's obligations under the Contract Documents with respect to CONTRACTOR's review and approval of that submittal.

3. At the time of each submittal, CONTRACTOR shall give ENGINEER specific written notice of such variations, if any, that the Shop Drawing or Sample submitted may have from the requirements of the Contract Documents, such notice to be in a written communication separate from the submittal; and, in addition, shall cause a specific notation to be made on each Shop Drawing and Sample submitted to ENGINEER for review and approval of each such variation.

E. *ENGINEER's Review*

1. ENGINEER will timely review and approve Shop Drawings and Samples in accordance with the schedule of Shop Drawings and Sample submittals acceptable to ENGINEER. 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, conform to the information given in 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 (except where a particular means, method, technique, sequence, or procedure of construction is specifically and expressly called for by the Contract Documents) or to safety precautions or programs incident thereto. The review and approval of a separate item as such will not indicate approval of the assembly in which the item functions.

3. ENGINEER's review and approval of Shop Drawings or Samples shall not relieve CONTRACTOR from responsibility for any variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents unless CONTRACTOR has in writing called ENGINEER's attention to each such variation at the time of each submittal as required by paragraph 6.17.D.3 and ENGI-

NEER has given written approval of each such variation by specific written notation thereof incorporated in or accompanying the Shop Drawing or Sample approval; nor will any approval by ENGINEER relieve CONTRACTOR from responsibility for complying with the requirements of paragraph 6.17.D.1.

F. *Resubmittal Procedures*

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.

6.18 *Continuing the Work*

A. CONTRACTOR shall carry on the Work and adhere to the progress schedule during all disputes or disagreements with OWNER. No Work shall be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, except as permitted by paragraph 15.04 or as OWNER and CONTRACTOR may otherwise agree in writing.

6.19 *CONTRACTOR's General Warranty and Guarantee*

A. CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees to OWNER, ENGINEER, and ENGINEER's Consultants that all Work will be in accordance with the Contract Documents and will not be defective. CONTRACTOR's warranty and guarantee hereunder excludes defects or damage caused by:

1. abuse, modification, or improper 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.

B. CONTRACTOR's obligation to perform and complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents shall be absolute. None of the following will constitute an acceptance of Work that is not in accordance with the Contract Documents or a release of CONTRACTOR's obligation to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents:

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 acceptance by OWNER or any failure to do so;
6. any review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample submittal or the issuance of a notice of acceptability by ENGINEER;
7. any inspection, test, or approval by others; or
8. any correction of defective Work by OWNER.

6.20 Indemnification

A. ~~To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless OWNER, ENGINEER, ENGINEER's Consultants, and the officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, and other 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 performance of the Work, provided that any such claim, cost, loss, or damage:~~

~~1. is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), including the loss of use resulting therefrom; and~~

~~2. is caused in whole or in part 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, regardless of whether or not caused in part by any negligence or omission of an individual or entity indemnified hereunder or whether liability is imposed upon such indemnified party by Laws and Regulations regardless of the negligence of any such individual or entity.~~

To the fullest extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and save the OWNER, ENGINEER, ENGINEER Consultants, its agents, officials, employees, servants, including volunteers, or any firm, company, organization, or individual, or their contractors, or subcontractors with whom the OWNER may be contracted, harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, loss or destruction of property, actions, and causes of action of every kind and character including but not limited to claims based on negligence, strict liability, and absolute liability which may arise in favor of any person or persons on account of illness, disease, loss of property, services, wages, death or personal injuries resulting from operations contemplated by this Contract, regardless of whether others may be wholly, concurrently, partially or solely negligent, or strictly liable, or absolutely liable or otherwise at fault, and regardless of any defect in the premises, equipment, or materials, irrespective of whether same

preexisted this Agreement, except damages arising out of injuries to or property claims of third parties caused by the sole negligence of OWNER, its employees or agents. Further, CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to indemnify the OWNER for all reasonable expenses including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or other dispute resolution costs incurred by or imposed upon the OWNER in connection therewith for any such loss, damage, injury or other casualty. CONTRACTOR further agrees to pay all reasonable expenses and attorneys' fees incurred by the OWNER in establishing the right to indemnity pursuant to the provisions in this section."

For contracts for purchase and installation and/or maintenance of equipment, or purchase of materials, supplies, or services, the following provision shall apply:

To the fullest extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and save the OWNER its agents, officials, employees, volunteers or any firm, company, organization, or individual, or their contractors, or subcontractors with whom the OWNER may be contracted to, harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of every kind and character including but not limited to claims based on negligence, strict liability, and absolute liability which may arise in favor of any person or persons on account of illness, disease, loss of property, services, wages, death or personal injuries resulting from acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees, assigns, or subcontractors during the operations contemplated by this Contract.

This indemnity does not extend to the sole negligence of the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR shall not be liable to the OWNER for its lost profits or revenue or consequential damages except claims advanced in tort and/or claims advanced in contract due to the bad faith of CONTRACTOR. Bad faith shall mean a

breach of some motive or interest of ill will on the part of the CONTRACTOR.

Further, CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to indemnify the OWNER for all reasonable expenses and fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or other dispute resolution costs incurred by or imposed upon the OWNER in connection therewith for any such loss, damage, injury or other casualty. CONTRACTOR further agrees to pay all reasonable expenses and attorneys' fees incurred by the OWNER in establishing the right to indemnity pursuant to the provisions in this agreement.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 9:2780.1 and Article 6.20, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that CONTRACTOR is required to obtain insurance for the purpose of insuring its obligation to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Indemnitees as described above, and CONTRACTOR acknowledges that CONTRACTOR has recovered the cost of such insurance in the Contract Price.

B. In any and all claims against OWNER or ENGINEER or any of their respective consultants, agents, officers, directors, partners, or employees 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 6.20.A shall 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.

C. The indemnification obligations of CONTRACTOR under paragraph 6.20.A shall not extend to the liability of ENGINEER and ENGINEER's Consultants or to the officers,

directors, partners, employees, agents, and other consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them arising out of:

1. the preparation or approval of, or the failure to prepare or approve, maps, Drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, Change Orders, designs, or Specifications; or
2. giving directions or instructions, or failing to give them, if that is the primary cause of the injury or damage.

ARTICLE 7 - OTHER WORK

7.01 *Related Work at Site*

A. OWNER may perform other work related to the Project at the Site by OWNER's employees, or let other direct contracts therefor, or have other work performed by utility owners. If such other work is not noted in the Contract Documents, then:

1. written notice thereof will be given to CONTRACTOR prior to starting any such other work; and
2. if OWNER and CONTRACTOR are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times that should be allowed as a result of such other work, a Claim may be made therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05.

B. CONTRACTOR shall afford each other contractor who is a party to such a direct contract and each utility owner (and OWNER, if OWNER is performing the other work with OWNER's employees) proper and safe access to the Site and a reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of such other work and shall properly coordinate the Work with theirs. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, 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 their work and will only cut or alter their work with the written consent of ENGINEER and the others whose work will be affected. The duties and responsibilities of CONTRACTOR under this paragraph are for the benefit of such utility owners and other contractors to the extent that there are comparable provisions for the benefit of CONTRACTOR in said direct contracts between OWNER and such utility owners and other contractors.

C. If the proper execution or results of any part of CONTRACTOR's Work depends upon work performed by others under this Article 7, 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.

7.02 *Coordination*

A. If OWNER intends to contract with others for the performance of other work on the Project at the Site, the following will be set forth in Supplementary Conditions:

1. the individual or entity who will have authority and responsibility for coordination of the activities among the various contractors will be identified;
2. the specific matters to be covered by such authority and responsibility will be itemized; and
3. the extent of such authority and responsibilities will be provided.

B. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, OWNER shall have sole authority and responsibility for such coordination.

ARTICLE 8 - OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

8.01 *Communications to Contractor*

A. Except as otherwise provided in these General Conditions, OWNER shall issue all communications to CONTRACTOR through ENGINEER.

8.02 *Replacement of ENGINEER*

A. In case of termination of the employment of ENGINEER, OWNER shall appoint an engineer to whom CONTRACTOR makes no reasonable objection, whose status under the Contract Documents shall be that of the former ENGINEER.

8.03 *Furnish Data*

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

8.04 *Pay Promptly When Due*

A. OWNER shall make payments to CONTRACTOR promptly when they are due as provided in paragraphs 14.02.C and 14.07.C.

8.05 *Lands and Easements; Reports and Tests*

A. OWNER's duties in respect of providing lands and easements and providing engineering surveys to establish reference points are set forth in paragraphs 4.01 and 4.05. Paragraph 4.02 refers to OWNER's identifying and making available to CONTRACTOR copies of reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions and drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at or contiguous to the Site that have been utilized by ENGINEER in preparing the Contract Documents.

8.06 *Insurance*

~~A. OWNER's responsibilities, if any, in respect to purchasing and maintaining liability and property insurance are set forth in Article 5.~~

8.07 *Change Orders*

A. OWNER is obligated to execute Change Orders as indicated in paragraph 10.03.

8.08 *Inspections, Tests, and Approvals*

A. OWNER's responsibility in respect to certain inspections, tests, and approvals is set forth in paragraph 13.03.B.

8.09 *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.

8.10 *Undisclosed Hazardous Environmental Condition*

A. OWNER's responsibility in respect to an undisclosed Hazardous Environmental Condition is set forth in paragraph 4.06.

8.11 *Evidence of Financial Arrangements*

~~A. If and to the extent OWNER has agreed to furnish CONTRACTOR reasonable evidence that financial arrangements have been made to satisfy OWNER's obligations under the Contract Documents, OWNER's responsibility in respect thereof will be as set forth in the Supplementary Conditions.~~

ARTICLE 9 - ENGINEER'S STATUS DURING CONSTRUCTION

9.01 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 Documents and will not be changed without written consent of OWNER and ENGINEER.

B. The ENGINEER shall identify a specific individual to serve as liaison between the OWNER and CONTRACTOR and between the ENGINEER and CONTRACTOR. The ENGINEER will notify the OWNER and CONTRACTOR of the name of an acting replacement as ENGINEER representative whenever the person so designated is not available. Whenever the CONTRACTOR or OWNER requires information, direction, or assistance, the CONTRACTOR or OWNER shall notify the individual designated by the ENGINEER.

9.02 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 9.10, and 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.

9.03 Project Representative

A. If OWNER and ENGINEER agree, ENGINEER will furnish a Resident Project Representative to assist ENGINEER in providing more extensive observation of the Work. The responsibilities and authority and limitations thereon of any such Resident Project Representative and assistants will be as provided in paragraph 9.10 and in the Supplementary Conditions. If OWNER designates another representative or agent to represent OWNER at the Site who is not ENGINEER's Consultant, agent or employee, the responsibilities and authority and limitations thereon of such other individual or entity will be as provided in the Supplementary Conditions.

9.04 Clarifications and Interpretations

A. ENGINEER will issue with reasonable promptness such written clarifications or interpretations of the requirements of the Contract Documents as ENGINEER may determine necessary, which shall be consistent with the intent of and reasonably inferable from the Contract Documents. Such written clarifications and interpretations will be binding on OWNER and CONTRACTOR. If OWNER and CONTRACTOR are unable to

agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, that should be allowed as a result of a written clarification or interpretation, a Claim may be made therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05.

9.05 *Authorized Variations in Work*

A. ENGINEER may authorize minor variations in the Work from the requirements of the Contract Documents which 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. These may be accomplished by a Field Order and will be binding on OWNER and also on CONTRACTOR, who shall perform the Work involved promptly. ~~IF OWNER and CONTRACTOR are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, as a result of a Field Order, a Claim may be made therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05. ENGINEER will promptly obtain the signature of the CONTRACTOR on all Field Orders. This signature confirms the CONTRACTOR's acknowledgment that the CONTRACTOR is not entitled to any change in the Contract Price or the Contract Times. The ENGINEER will obtain the signature of the CONTRACTOR on all Field Orders on a weekly basis.~~

9.06 *Rejecting Defective Work*

A. ENGINEER will have authority to disapprove or reject Work which ENGINEER believes to be defective, or that ENGINEER believes will not produce a completed Project that conforms to the Contract Documents or that will prejudice the integrity of the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole as indicated by the Contract Documents. ENGINEER will also have authority to require special inspection or testing of the Work as provided in paragraph

13.04, whether or not the Work is fabricated, installed, or completed.

9.07 *Shop Drawings, Change Orders and Payments*

A. In connection with ENGINEER's authority as to Shop Drawings and Samples, see paragraph 6.17.

B. In connection with ENGINEER's authority as to Change Orders, see Articles 10, 11, and 12.

C. In connection with ENGINEER's authority as to Applications for Payment, see Article 14.

9.08 *Determinations for Unit Price Work*

A. 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, subject to the provisions of paragraph 10.05.

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

A. ENGINEER will be the initial interpreter of the requirements of the Contract Documents and judge of the acceptability of the Work thereunder. Claims, disputes and other matters relating to the acceptability of the Work, the quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work, the interpretation of the requirements of the Contract Documents pertaining to the performance of the Work, and Claims seeking changes in the Contract Price or Contract Times will be referred initially to ENGINEER in writing, in

accordance with the provisions of paragraph 10.05, with a request for a formal decision.

B. When functioning as interpreter and judge under this paragraph 9.09, ENGINEER will not show partiality to OWNER or CONTRACTOR and will not be liable in connection with any interpretation or decision rendered in good faith in such capacity. The rendering of a decision by ENGINEER pursuant to this paragraph 9.09 with respect to any such Claim, dispute, or other matter (except any which have been waived by the making or acceptance of final payment as provided in paragraph 14.07) will be a condition precedent to any exercise by OWNER or CONTRACTOR of such rights or remedies as either may otherwise have under the Contract Documents or by Laws or Regulations in respect of any such Claim, dispute, or other matter.

9.10 Limitations on ENGINEER's Authority and Responsibilities

A. Neither ENGINEER's authority or responsibility under this Article 9 or under any other provision of the Contract Documents 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 shall 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 paragraph 14.07.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 9.10 shall also apply to ENGINEER's Consultants, Resident Project Representative, and assistants.

F. The duties, responsibilities, and limitations of authority of the Resident Project Representative are as further defined in the Supplementary Conditions and Exhibit A, which is attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

ARTICLE 10 - CHANGES IN THE WORK; CLAIMS

10.01 Authorized Changes in the Work

A. Without invalidating the Agreement and without notice to any surety, OWNER may, at any time or from time to time, order additions, deletions, or revisions in the Work by a Written Amendment, a Change Order, or a Work Change Directive. Upon receipt of any such document, CONTRACTOR shall promptly proceed with the Work involved which will be performed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents (except

as otherwise specifically provided). A change in the Contract Price or the Contract Times shall be accomplished only by a Written Amendment, a Change Order, or a Work Change Directive. Accordingly, no course of conduct or dealings between the parties, no express or implied acceptance of alterations or additions to the Work, and no claim that the OWNER has been unjustly enriched by any alterations or additions to the Work shall be the basis of any claim for an increase in any amount due under the Contract Documents or a change in any time period provided for in the Contract Documents.

B. If OWNER and CONTRACTOR are unable to agree on entitlement to, or on the amount or extent, if any, of an adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, that should be allowed as a result of a Work Change Directive, a Claim may be made therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05.

10.02 *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 as provided in paragraph 3.04, except in the case of an emergency as provided in paragraph 6.16 or in the case of uncovering Work as provided in paragraph 13.04.B.

10.03 *Execution of Change Orders*

A. OWNER and CONTRACTOR shall execute appropriate Change Orders recommended by ENGINEER (or Written Amendments) covering:

1. changes in the Work which are: (I) ordered by OWNER pursuant to paragraph 10.01.A, (ii) required because of acceptance of defective Work under paragraph 13.08.A or OWNER's correction of defective Work under paragraph 13.09, or (iii) agreed to by the parties;

2. changes in the 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; and

3. changes in the Contract Price or Contract Times which embody the substance of any written decision rendered by ENGINEER pursuant to paragraph 10.05; provided that, in lieu of executing any such Change Order, an appeal may be taken from any such decision in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents and applicable Laws and Regulations, but during any such appeal, CONTRACTOR shall carry on the Work and adhere to the progress schedule as provided in paragraph 6.18.A. Agreements on any Change Order shall constitute a final settlement of all matters relating to the change in the Work that is the subject of the Change Order, including, but not limited to, all direct and indirect costs associated with such change and any and all adjustments to the Contract Price and the Contract Times. In the event a Change Order increases the Contract Price, the CONTRACTOR shall include the Work covered by such Change Order in applications for payments as if such Work were originally part of the Contract Documents.

10.04 *Notification to Surety*

A. If notice 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) is required by the provisions of any Bond to be given to a surety, 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.

10.05 *Claims and Disputes*

A. *Notice:* Written notice stating the general nature of each Claim, dispute, or other matter shall be delivered by the claimant to ENGINEER and the other party to the Contract promptly (but in no event later than 30 days) after the start of the event giving rise thereto. Notice of the amount or extent of the Claim, dispute, or other matter with supporting data shall be delivered to the ENGINEER and the other party to the Contract within 60 days after the start of such event (unless ENGINEER allows additional time for claimant to submit additional or more accurate data in support of such Claim, dispute, or other matter). A Claim for an adjustment in Contract Price shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 12.01.B. A Claim for an adjustment in Contract Time shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 12.02.B. Each Claim shall be accompanied by claimant's written statement that the adjustment claimed is the entire adjustment to which the claimant believes it is entitled as a result of said event. The opposing party shall submit any response to ENGINEER and the claimant within 30 days after receipt of the claimant's last submittal (unless ENGINEER allows additional time).

B. *ENGINEER's Decision:* ENGINEER will render a formal decision in writing within 30 days after receipt of the last submittal of the claimant or the last submittal of the opposing party, if any. ENGINEER's written decision on such Claim, dispute, or other matter will be final and binding upon OWNER and CONTRACTOR unless:

1. an appeal from ENGINEER's decision is taken within the time limits and in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures set forth in Article 16; or
2. if no such dispute resolution procedures have been set forth in Article 16, a written notice of intention to appeal from ENGINEER's written decision is delivered by OWNER or CONTRACTOR to the other and to ENGINEER within 30

days after the date of such decision, and a formal proceeding is instituted by the appealing party in a forum of competent jurisdiction within 60 days after the date of such decision or within 60 days after Substantial Completion, whichever is later (unless otherwise agreed in writing by OWNER and CONTRACTOR), to exercise such rights or remedies as the appealing party may have with respect to such Claim, dispute, or other matter in accordance with applicable Laws and Regulations.

C. If ENGINEER does not render a formal decision in writing within the time stated in paragraph 10.05.B, a decision denying the Claim in its entirety shall be deemed to have been issued 31 days after receipt of the last submittal of the claimant or the last submittal of the opposing party, if any.

D. No Claim for an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times (or Milestones) will be valid if not submitted in accordance with this paragraph 10.05.

ARTICLE 11 - COST OF THE WORK; CASH ALLOWANCES; UNIT PRICE WORK

11.01 *Cost of the Work*

A. *Costs Included:* The term Cost of the Work means the sum of all costs necessarily incurred and paid by CONTRACTOR in the proper performance of the Work. When the value of any Work covered by a Change Order or when a Claim for an adjustment in Contract Price is determined on the basis of Cost of the Work, the costs to be reimbursed to CONTRACTOR will be only those additional or incremental costs required because of the change in the Work or because of the event giving rise to the Claim. Except as otherwise may be agreed to in writing by OWNER, such costs shall be in amounts no higher than those prevailing in the locality of the Project, shall include only the following items, and shall not include any of the costs itemized in paragraph 11.01.B.

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. Such employees shall include without limitation superintendents, foremen, and other personnel employed full time at the Site. Payroll costs for employees not employed full time on the Work shall be apportioned on the basis of their time spent on the Work. Payroll costs shall include, but not be limited to, salaries and wages plus the cost of fringe benefits, which shall include social security contributions, unemployment, excise, and payroll taxes, workers' compensation, health and retirement benefits, bonuses, sick leave, vacation and holiday pay applicable thereto. The expenses of performing Work outside of regular working hours, on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holidays, shall be included in the above to the extent authorized by OWNER in writing.

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 shall accrue to CONTRACTOR unless OWNER deposits funds with CONTRACTOR with which to make payments, in which case the cash discounts shall accrue to OWNER. All trade discounts, rebates and refunds and returns from sale of surplus materials and equipment shall 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, who 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 shall be determined in the same manner as CONTRACTOR's Cost of the Work and fee as provided in this paragraph 11.01.

4. Costs of special consultants (including but not limited to engineers, architects, testing laboratories, surveyors, attorneys, and accountants) employed for services specifically related to the Work, but only to the extent authorized and approved in writing by ENGINEER.

5. Supplemental costs including 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, and hand tools not owned by the workers, 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.

c. Rentals of all construction equipment and machinery, and the parts thereof whether rented from CONTRACTOR or others in accordance with rental agreements approved by OWNER with the advice of ENGINEER, and the costs of transportation, loading, unloading, assembly, dismantling, and removal thereof. All such costs shall be in accordance with the terms of said rental agreements. The rental of any

such equipment, machinery, or parts shall cease when the use thereof is no longer necessary for the Work.

d. Sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes related to the Work, and for which CONTRACTOR is liable, 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 property insurance established in accordance with paragraph 5.06.D~~), 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 shall include settlements made with the written consent and approval of OWNER. No such losses, damages, and expenses shall 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 telegrams, long distance telephone calls, telephone service at the Site, expressage, and similar petty cash items in connection with the Work.

i. When the Cost of the Work is used to determine the value of a Change Order or of a Claim, the cost of premiums for additional Bonds and insurance required because of the changes in the Work or caused by the event giving rise to the Claim.

~~j. When all the Work is performed on the basis of cost plus, the costs of premiums for all Bonds and insurance CONTRACTOR is required by the Contract Documents to purchase and maintain.~~

B. *Costs Excluded:* The term Cost of the Work shall not include any of the following items:

1. Payroll costs and other compensation of CONTRACTOR's officers, executives, principals (of partnerships and sole proprietorships), 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 11.01.A.1 or specifically covered by paragraph 11.01.A.4, all of which are to be considered administrative costs covered by the CONTRACTOR's fee.

2. Expenses of CONTRACTOR's principal and branch offices other than CONTRACTOR's office at the Site.

3. Any part of CONTRACTOR's capital expenses, including interest on CONTRACTOR's capital employed for the Work and charges against CONTRACTOR for delinquent payments.

4. 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.

5. Other overhead or general expense costs of any kind and the costs of any item not specifically and expressly included in paragraphs 11.01.A and 11.01.B.

C. *CONTRACTOR's Fee:* ~~When all the Work is performed on the basis of cost plus, CONTRACTOR's fee shall be determined as set forth in the Agreement.~~ When the value of any Work covered by a Change Order or when a Claim for an adjustment in Contract Price is determined on the basis of Cost of the Work, CONTRACTOR's fee shall be determined as set forth in paragraph 12.01.C.

D. *Documentation:* Whenever the Cost of the Work for any purpose is to be determined pursuant to paragraphs 11.01.A and 11.01.B, CONTRACTOR will establish and maintain records thereof in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and submit in a form acceptable to ENGINEER an itemized cost breakdown together with supporting data.

11.02 Cash Allowances

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 as may be acceptable to OWNER and ENGINEER. CONTRACTOR agrees that:

1. the 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 costs, overhead, profit, and other expenses contemplated for the allowances have been included in the Contract Price and not in the allowances, and no demand for additional payment on account of any of the foregoing will be valid.

B. Prior to final payment, an appropriate Change Order will be issued as recommended by ENGINEER to reflect actual amounts due CONTRACTOR on account of Work covered by allowances, and the Contract Price shall be correspondingly adjusted.

11.03 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. 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. Determinations of the actual quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work performed by CONTRACTOR will be made by ENGINEER subject to the provisions of paragraph 9.08.

B. 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.

~~C. OWNER or CONTRACTOR may make a Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price in accordance with paragraph 10.05 if:~~

~~1. the quantity of any item of Unit Price Work performed by CONTRACTOR differs materially and significantly from the~~

~~estimated quantity of such item indicated in the Agreement; and~~

~~2. there is no corresponding adjustment with respect any other item of Work; and~~

~~3. if CONTRACTOR believes that CONTRACTOR is entitled to an increase in Contract Price as a result of having incurred additional expense or OWNER believes that OWNER is entitled to a decrease in Contract Price and the parties are unable to agree as to the amount of any such increase or decrease.~~

The unit price of an item of Unit Price Work shall be subject to reevaluation and adjustment under the following conditions:

(1) if the total cost of a particular item of Unit Price Work amounts to ten (10) percent or more of the Contract Price and the variation in the quantity twenty-five (25) percent from the estimated quantity of such item indicated in the Agreement; and

(2) if there is no corresponding adjustment with respect to any other item of Work; and

(3) if CONTRACTOR believes that CONTRACTOR has incurred additional expense as a result thereof; or if OWNER believes that the quantity variation entitles OWNER to an adjustment in the unit price, either OWNER or CONTRACTOR may make a claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price in accordance with paragraph 10.05 if the parties are unable to agree as to the effect of any such variations in the quantity of Unit Price Work performed.

ARTICLE 12 - CHANGE OF CONTRACT PRICE; CHANGE OF CONTRACT TIMES

12.01 *Change of Contract Price*

A. The Contract Price may only be changed by a Change Order or by a Written Amendment. Any Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price shall be based on written notice submitted by the party making the Claim to the ENGINEER and the other party to the Contract in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 10.05.

B. The value of any Work covered by a Change Order or of any Claim for 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, by application of such unit prices to the quantities of the items involved (subject to the provisions of paragraph 11.03); or

2. where the Work involved is not covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, by a mutually agreed lump sum (which may include an allowance for overhead and profit not necessarily in accordance with paragraph 12.01.C.2); or

~~3. where the Work involved is not covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents and agreement to a lump sum is not reached under paragraph 12.01.B.2, on the basis of the Cost of the Work (determined as provided in paragraph 11.01) plus a CONTRACTOR's fee for overhead and profit (determined as provided in paragraph 12.01.C).~~

C. *CONTRACTOR's Fee:* The CONTRACTOR's fee for overhead and profit shall 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 11.01.A.1 and 11.01.A.2, the CONTRACTOR's fee shall be 15 percent;~~

~~b. for costs incurred under paragraph 11.01.A.3, the CONTRACTOR's fee shall be five 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 paragraph 12.01.C.2.a is that the Subcontractor who actually performs the Work, at whatever tier, will be paid a fee of 15 percent of the costs incurred by such Subcontractor under paragraphs 11.01.A.1 and 11.01.A.2 and that any higher tier Subcontractor and CONTRACTOR will each be paid a fee of five percent of the amount paid to the next lower tier Subcontractor;~~

~~d. no fee shall be payable on the basis of costs itemized under paragraphs 11.01.A.4, 11.01.A.5, and 11.01.B;~~

~~e. the amount of credit to be allowed by CONTRACTOR to OWNER for any change which results in a net decrease in cost will be the amount of the actual net decrease in cost plus a deduction in CONTRACTOR's fee by an amount equal to five percent of such net decrease; and~~

~~f. when both additions and credits are involved in any one change, the adjustment in CONTRACTOR's fee shall be computed on the basis of the net change in accordance with paragraphs 12.01.C.2.a through 12.01.C.2.e, inclusive.~~

12.02 *Change of Contract Times*

A. The Contract Times (or Milestones) may only be changed by a Change Order or by a Written Amendment. Any Claim for an

adjustment in the Contract Times (or Milestones) shall be based on written notice submitted by the party making the claim to the ENGINEER and the other party to the Contract in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 10.05.

B. Any adjustment of the Contract Times (or Milestones) covered by a Change Order or of any Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Times (or Milestones) will be determined in accordance with the provisions of this Article 12. No claims for an adjustment in the Contract Times (or Milestones) will be valid unless submitted and determined in accordance with the provisions of this Article 12.

C. All time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Agreement. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that failure by the CONTRACTOR will cause significant damage to the OWNER both in direct damages as well as delay damages, including but not limited to the damages specified in the Agreement as actual damages and as liquidated damages.

12.03 *Delays Beyond CONTRACTOR's Control*

A. Where CONTRACTOR is prevented from completing any part of the Work within the Contract Times (or Milestones) due to delay beyond the control of CONTRACTOR, the Contract Times (or Milestones) will be extended in an amount equal to the time lost due to such delay if a Claim is made therefor as provided in paragraph 12.02.A. Delays beyond the control of CONTRACTOR shall include, but not be limited to, acts or neglect by OWNER, acts or neglect of utility owners or other contractors performing other work as contemplated by Article 7, fires, floods, epidemics, abnormal weather conditions, or acts of God.

12.04 *Delays Within CONTRACTOR's Control*

A. The Contract Times (or Milestones) will not be extended due to delays within the control of CONTRACTOR. Delays attributable to and within the control of a Subcontractor or Supplier shall be deemed to be delays within the control of CONTRACTOR.

12.05 *Delays Beyond OWNER's and CONTRACTOR's Control*

A. Where CONTRACTOR is prevented from completing any part of the Work within the Contract Times (or Milestones) due to delay beyond the control of both OWNER and CONTRACTOR, an extension of the Contract Times (or Milestones) in an amount equal to the time lost due to such delay shall be CONTRACTOR's sole and exclusive remedy for such delay.

12.06 *Delay Damages*

~~A. In no event shall OWNER or ENGINEER be liable to CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any other person or organization, or to any surety for or employee or agent of any of them, for damages arising out of or resulting from:~~

~~1. delays caused by or within the control of CONTRACTOR; or~~

~~2. delays beyond the control of both OWNER and CONTRACTOR including but not limited to fires, floods, epidemics, abnormal weather conditions, acts of God, or acts or neglect by utility owners or other contractors performing other work as contemplated by Article 7.~~

A. Apart from extension of time for unavoidable delays and the waiving of any applicable liquidated damages, in no event shall OWNER or ENGINEER be liable to the CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor, and Supplier, or any other person or organization, or any surety for or any employee or agent of any of them, and no payment or allowance of any kind shall be made to the CONTRACTOR as compensation for damages because of

hindrance or delay for any cause in the progress of Work, whether such delay be avoidable or unavoidable. Time limitations required by OWNER shall be for the benefit of OWNER and contractors under other contracts who have entered into such contracts with OWNER in reliance on the time limitations set forth in these Contract Documents. Any claim by CONTRACTOR for damages due to delay by another contractor shall be asserted against that contractor. CONTRACTOR shall accept the risk of any delays caused by the rate of progress of the Work to be performed under the Contract or other contract.

~~B. Nothing in this paragraph 12.06 bars a change in Contract Price pursuant to this Article 12 to compensate CONTRACTOR due to delay, interference, or disruption directly attributable to actions or inactions of OWNER or anyone for whom OWNER is responsible.~~

ARTICLE 13 - TESTS AND INSPECTIONS; CORRECTION, REMOVAL OR ACCEPTANCE OF DEFECTIVE WORK

13.01 *Notice of Defects*

A. Prompt notice of all defective Work of which OWNER or ENGINEER has actual knowledge will be given to CONTRACTOR. All defective Work may be rejected, corrected, or accepted as provided in this Article 13.

13.02 *Access to Work*

A. OWNER, ENGINEER, ENGINEER's Consultants, other representatives and personnel of OWNER, independent testing laboratories, and governmental agencies with jurisdictional interests will have access to the Site and the Work at reasonable times for their observation, inspecting, and testing. CONTRACTOR shall provide them proper and safe conditions for such access and advise them of CONTRACTOR's Site safety procedures and programs so that they may comply therewith as applicable.

13.03 *Tests and Inspections*

A. CONTRACTOR shall give ENGINEER timely notice of readiness of the Work for all required inspections, tests, or approvals and shall cooperate with inspection and testing personnel to facilitate required inspections or tests.

B. OWNER shall employ and pay for the services of an independent testing laboratory to perform all inspections, tests, or approvals required by the Contract Documents except:

1. for inspections, tests, or approvals covered by paragraphs 13.03.C and 13.03.D below;

2. that costs incurred in connection with tests or inspections conducted pursuant to paragraph 13.04.B shall be paid as provided in said paragraph 13.04.B; and

3. as otherwise specifically provided in the Contract Documents.

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 and obtaining and shall pay all costs in connection with any inspections, tests, or approvals required for OWNER's and ENGINEER's acceptance of materials or equipment to be incorporated in the Work; or acceptance of materials, mix designs, or equipment submitted for approval prior to CONTRACTOR's purchase thereof for incorporation in the Work. Such inspections, tests, or approvals shall be performed by

organizations acceptable to OWNER and ENGINEER.

E. 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, it must, if requested by ENGINEER, be uncovered for observation.

F. Uncovering Work as provided in paragraph 13.03.E shall be at CONTRACTOR's expense unless CONTRACTOR has given ENGINEER timely notice of CONTRACTOR's intention to cover the same and ENGINEER has not acted with reasonable promptness in response to such notice.

13.04 *Uncovering Work*

A. If any Work is covered contrary to the written request of ENGINEER, it must, if requested by ENGINEER, be uncovered for ENGINEER's observation and replaced at CONTRACTOR's expense.

B. If ENGINEER considers it necessary or advisable that covered Work be observed by ENGINEER or inspected or tested by others, 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, furnishing all necessary labor, material, and equipment. If it is found that such Work is defective, CONTRACTOR shall pay 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 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 OWNER shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the Contract Price. If the parties are unable to agree as to the amount thereof, OWNER may

make a Claim therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05. If, however, such Work is not found to be defective, CONTRACTOR shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times (or Milestones), or both, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, testing, replacement, and reconstruction, unless CONTRACTOR fails to provide written notice as required by paragraph 13.03.F. If the parties are unable to agree as to the amount or extent thereof, CONTRACTOR may make a Claim therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05.

13.05 *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, 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 shall 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.

13.06 *Correction or Removal of Defective Work*

A. CONTRACTOR shall correct all defective Work, whether or not fabricated, installed, or completed, or, if the Work has been rejected by ENGINEER, remove it from the Project and replace it with Work that is not defective. CONTRACTOR shall pay 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 correction or removal (including but not limited to all costs of repair or replacement of work of others).

13.07 *Correction Period*

A. If within one year after the date of Substantial Completion or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by Laws or Regulations or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents or by any specific provision of the Contract Documents, any Work is found to be defective, or if the repair of any damages to the land or areas made available for CONTRACTOR's use by OWNER or permitted by Laws and Regulations as contemplated in paragraph 6.11.A is found to be defective, CONTRACTOR shall promptly, without cost to OWNER and in accordance with OWNER's written instructions: (i) repair such defective land or areas, or (ii) correct such defective Work or, if the defective Work has been rejected by OWNER, remove it from the Project and replace it with Work that is not defective, and (iii) satisfactorily correct or repair or remove and replace any damage to other Work, to the work of others or other land or areas resulting therefrom. If CONTRACTOR does not promptly comply with the terms of such 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, and 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 correction or repair or such removal and replacement (including but not limited to all costs of repair or replacement of work of others) will be paid by CONTRACTOR.

B. In special circumstances where a particular item of equipment is placed in continuous service for the benefit of OWNER 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 or by Written Amendment.

C. Where defective Work (and damage to other Work resulting therefrom) has been corrected or removed and replaced under this paragraph 13.07, 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.

D. CONTRACTOR's obligations under this paragraph 13.07 are in addition to any other obligation or warranty. The provisions of this paragraph 13.07 shall not be construed as a substitute for or a waiver of the provisions of any applicable statute of limitation or repose.

13.08 *Acceptance of Defective Work*

A. If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, OWNER (and, prior to ENGINEER's recommendation of final payment, ENGINEER) prefers to accept it, OWNER may do so. CONTRACTOR shall pay 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) attributable to OWNER's evaluation of and determination to accept such defective Work (such costs to be approved by ENGINEER as to reasonableness) and the diminished value of the Work to the extent not otherwise paid by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this sentence. If any such acceptance occurs prior to ENGINEER's recommendation of final payment, a Change Order will be issued incorporating the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents with respect to the Work, and OWNER shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the Contract Price, reflecting the diminished value of Work so accepted. If the parties are unable to agree as to the amount thereof, OWNER may make a Claim therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05. If the acceptance occurs after such recommendation, an appropriate amount will be paid by CONTRACTOR to OWNER.

13.09 *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 rejected Work as required by ENGINEER in accordance with paragraph 13.06.A, or if CONTRACTOR fails to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, or if CONTRACTOR fails to comply with any other provision of the Contract Documents, OWNER may, after seven days written notice to CONTRACTOR, correct and remedy any such deficiency.

B. In exercising the rights and remedies under this paragraph, OWNER shall proceed expeditiously. In connection with such corrective and 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, take possession of CONTRACTOR's tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery at the Site, 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 (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) incurred or sustained by OWNER in exercising the rights and remedies under this paragraph 13.09 will be charged against CONTRACTOR, and a Change Order will be issued incorporating the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents with respect to the Work; and OWNER shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the Contract Price. If the parties are unable to agree as to the amount of the adjustment, OWNER may

make a Claim therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05. 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 (or Milestones) 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 13.09.

ARTICLE 14 - PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR AND COMPLETION

14.01 *Schedule of Values*

A. The schedule of values established as provided in paragraph 2.07.A will serve as the basis for progress payments and will be incorporated into a form of Application for Payment acceptable to ENGINEER. Progress payments on account of Unit Price Work will be based on the number of units completed.

14.02 *Progress Payments*

A. *Applications for Payments*

1. At least 20 days before the date established 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. 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 shall also be accompanied by a bill of sale,

invoice, or other documentation warranting that OWNER has received the materials and equipment free and clear of all Liens and evidence that the materials and equipment are covered by appropriate property insurance or other arrangements to protect OWNER's interest therein, all of which must be satisfactory to OWNER.

2. Beginning with the second Application for Payment, each Application shall include an affidavit of CONTRACTOR stating that all previous progress payments received on account of the Work have been applied on account to discharge CONTRACTOR's legitimate obligations associated with prior Applications for Payment.

3. The amount of retainage with respect to progress payments will be as stipulated in the Agreement.

4. CONTRACTOR shall also comply with the following specific requirements:

a. The aggregate cost of materials stored offsite shall not at any time, without written approval of the OWNER, exceed the amount identified in the Supplementary Conditions.

b. Title to such materials shall be vested in the OWNER, as evidenced by documentation satisfactory in form and substance to the OWNER, including, without limitation, recorded financing statements, UCC filings, and UCC searches.

c. With each application for payment, the CONTRACTOR shall submit to the OWNER a written list identifying each location where materials are stored off the Project Site and

the value of materials at each location. The CONTRACTOR shall procure insurance satisfactory to the OWNER for materials stored off the Project Site in an amount not less than the total value thereof.

d. The consent of any Surety shall be obtained to the extent required prior to payment for any materials stored off the Project Site.

e. Representatives of the OWNER shall have the right to make inspections of the storage areas at any time.

f. Such materials shall be (1) protected from diversion, destruction, theft and damage to the satisfaction of the OWNER; (2) specifically marked for use on the Project; and (3) segregated from other materials at the storage facility.

B. *Review of Applications*

1. ENGINEER will, within 10 days after receipt of each Application for Payment, 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 on the Site 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, to the results of any subsequent tests called for in the Contract Documents, to a final determination of quantities and classifications for Unit Price Work under paragraph 9.08, and to 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: (i) 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 Documents; or (ii) that 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 to supervise, direct, or control the Work or

for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to CONTRACTOR's performance of the Work. Additionally, said review or recommendation will not impose responsibility on ENGINEER to make any examination to ascertain how or for what purposes CONTRACTOR has used the moneys paid on account of the Contract Price, or 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 referred to in paragraph 14.02.B.2. ENGINEER may also refuse to recommend any such payment or, because of subsequently discovered evidence or the results of subsequent inspections or tests, revise or revoke any such payment recommendation previously made, to such extent as may be necessary in ENGINEER's opinion to protect OWNER from loss because:

- a. the Work is defective, or completed Work has been damaged, requiring correction or replacement;
- b. the Contract Price has been reduced by Written Amendment or Change Orders;
- c. OWNER has been required to correct defective Work or complete Work in accordance with paragraph 13.09; or
- d. ENGINEER has actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the events enumerated in paragraph 15.02.A.

e. ENGINEER has knowledge that CONTRACTOR has failed to pay Subcontractors or Suppliers or for labor;

f. CONTRACTOR has failed to make submittals in accordance with the accepted schedules or otherwise failed to comply with paragraph 2.07;

g. CONTRACTOR owes or may owe OWNER liquidated damages, actual damages, or both, in accordance with the provisions in the Agreement regarding delay in completion of the Work within the Contract Times.

C. *Payment Becomes Due*

1. ~~For~~ Thirty days after presentation of the Application for Payment to OWNER with ENGINEER's recommendation, the amount recommended will (subject to the provisions of paragraph 14.02.D) become due, and when due will be paid by OWNER to CONTRACTOR.

D. *Reduction in Payment*

1. OWNER may refuse to make payment of the full amount recommended by ENGINEER because:

- a. claims have been made against OWNER on account of CONTRACTOR's performance or furnishing of the Work;
- b. 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;
- c. there are other items entitling OWNER to a set-off against the amount recommended; or

d. OWNER has actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the events enumerated in paragraphs 14.02.B.5.a through 14.02.B.5.c and 14.02.B.5.e. through 14.02.B.5.g. or paragraph 15.02.A.

e. Punch lists generated during a construction project shall include the cost estimates for the particular items of work the design professional has developed based on the mobilization, labor, materials and equipment costs of correcting each punch list item. The Owner shall withhold from payment the value of the punch list as per LSA-R.S. 38:2248 B.

2. If OWNER refuses to make payment of the full amount recommended by ENGINEER, OWNER must give CONTRACTOR immediate written notice (with a copy to ENGINEER) stating the reasons for such action 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, when CONTRACTOR corrects to OWNER's satisfaction the reasons for such action.

3. If it is subsequently determined that OWNER's refusal of payment was not justified, the amount wrongfully withheld shall be treated as an amount due as determined by paragraph 14.02.C.1.

14.03 *CONTRACTOR's Warranty of Title*

A. CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees that title to all Work, materials, and equipment covered by any Application for Payment, whether incorporated in the Project or not, will pass to OWNER no later than the time of payment free and clear of all Liens.

14.04 *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 (except for items specifically listed by CONTRACTOR as incomplete) and request that ENGINEER issue a certificate of Substantial Completion. Promptly thereafter, 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. If ENGINEER considers the Work substantially complete, ENGINEER will prepare and deliver to OWNER a tentative certificate of Substantial Completion which shall fix the date of Substantial Completion. There shall be attached to the certificate a tentative list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment. OWNER shall have seven days after receipt of the tentative certificate during which to make written objection to ENGINEER as to any provisions of the certificate or attached list. If, after considering such objections, ENGINEER concludes that the Work is not substantially complete, ENGINEER will within 14 days after submission of the tentative certificate to OWNER notify CONTRACTOR in writing, stating the reasons therefor. If, after consideration of OWNER's objections, ENGINEER considers the Work substantially complete, ENGINEER will within said 14 days execute and deliver to OWNER and CONTRACTOR a definitive certificate of Substantial Completion (with a revised tentative list of items to be completed or corrected) reflecting such changes from the tentative certificate as ENGINEER believes justified after consideration of any objections from OWNER. At the time of delivery of the tentative certificate of Substantial Completion ENGINEER will deliver to OWNER and CONTRACTOR a written recommendation as to division of responsibilities pending final payment between OWNER and CONTRACTOR with respect to security, operation, safety, and protection of the Work,~~

~~maintenance, heat, utilities, insurance, and warranties and guarantees. Unless OWNER and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing and so inform ENGINEER in writing prior to ENGINEER's issuing the definitive certificate of Substantial Completion, ENGINEER's aforesaid recommendation will be binding on OWNER and CONTRACTOR until final payment.~~

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 (except for items specifically listed by CONTRACTOR as incomplete) and request that ENGINEER issue a certificate of Substantial Completion. Promptly thereafter, 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 therefore. If ENGINEER considers the Work substantially complete, ENGINEER will prepare and deliver to OWNER a tentative certificate of Substantial Completion which shall fix the date of Substantial Completion. There shall be attached to the certificate a tentative list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment, along with cost estimates as required by law. OWNER shall have seven days after receipt of the tentative certificate during which to make written objection to ENGINEER as to any provisions of the certificate or attached list. If, after considering such objections, ENGINEER concludes that the Work is not substantially complete, ENGINEER will within 14 days after submission of the tentative certificate to OWNER notify CONTRACTOR in writing, stating the reasons therefore. If, after consideration of OWNER's objections, ENGINEER considers the Work substantially complete, ENGINEER will within said 14 days execute and deliver to OWNER and CONTRACTOR a definitive certificate of Substantial Completion (with a revised tentative

list of items, including cost estimates, to be completed or corrected) reflecting such changes from the tentative certificate as ENGINEER believes justified after consideration of any objections from OWNER. At the time of delivery of the tentative certificate of Substantial Completion ENGINEER will deliver to OWNER and CONTRACTOR a written recommendation as to division of responsibilities pending final payment between OWNER and CONTRACTOR with respect to security, operation, safety, and protection of the Work, maintenance, heat, utilities, insurance, and warranties and guarantees. Unless OWNER and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing and so inform ENGINEER in writing prior to ENGINEER's issuing the definitive certificate of Substantial Completion, ENGINEER's aforesaid recommendation will be binding on OWNER and CONTRACTOR until final payment

B. OWNER shall have the right to exclude CONTRACTOR from the Site after the date of Substantial Completion, but OWNER shall allow CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete or correct items on the tentative list.

C. Upon issuance of the definitive certificate of Substantial Completion, OWNER, through its governing authority, shall adopt a resolution accepting the work as substantially complete, which CONTRACTOR shall file with the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages. CONTRACTOR may also apply at the appropriate time for payment of retainage following the procedure for progress payments. In accordance with the Public Contract Law, OWNER shall withhold from any payment made, an amount equal to the value established by the ENGINEER of the cost of the incomplete items contained on the punch list of items to be completed or corrected

that was prepared by the ENGINEER in accordance with paragraph 14.07.A, and an amount to cover the cost of any known claims of materialmen, laborers, suppliers or subcontractors, and any other amounts which OWNER is permitted to deduct by law or pursuant to any provisions of the Contract Documents.

14.05 *Partial Utilization*

A. Use by OWNER at OWNER's option of 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, may be accomplished prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work subject to the following conditions.

1. OWNER at any time may request CONTRACTOR in writing to permit OWNER to use any such part of the Work which OWNER believes to be ready for its intended use and substantially complete. If CONTRACTOR agrees that such part of the Work is substantially complete, CONTRACTOR will certify to OWNER and ENGINEER that such part of the Work is substantially complete and request ENGINEER to issue a certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Work. CONTRACTOR at any time may notify OWNER and ENGINEER in writing that CONTRACTOR considers any such part of the Work ready for its intended use and substantially complete and request ENGINEER to issue a certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Work. 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 14.04 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.

2. No occupancy or separate operation of part of the Work may occur prior to compliance with the requirements of paragraph 5.10 regarding property insurance.

3. OWNER may at any time request CONTRACTOR in writing to permit OWNER to take over operation of any such part of the Work although it is not substantially complete. A copy of such request will be sent to ENGINEER and within a reasonable time thereafter OWNER, CONTRACTOR and ENGINEER shall make an inspection of that part of the Work to determine its status of completion and will prepare a list of the items remaining to be completed or corrected thereon before final payment. If CONTRACTOR does not object in writing to OWNER and ENGINEER that such part of the Work is not ready for separate operation by OWNER, ENGINEER will finalize the list of items to be completed or corrected and will deliver such lists to OWNER and CONTRACTOR together with a written recommendation as to the division of responsibilities pending final payment between OWNER and CONTRACTOR with respect to security, operation, safety, maintenance, utilities, insurance, warranties and guarantees for that part of the Work which will become binding upon OWNER and CONTRACTOR at the time when OWNER takes over such operation (unless they shall have otherwise agreed in writing and so informed ENGINEER).

During such operation and prior to Substantial Completion of such part of the Work, OWNER shall allow CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete or correct items on said list and to complete other related Work.

14.06 *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 is incomplete or defective. CONTRACTOR shall immediately take such measures as are necessary to complete such Work or remedy such deficiencies.

14.07 *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, marked-up record documents (as provided in paragraph 6.12), and other documents, CONTRACTOR may make application for final payment following the procedure for progress payments.

2. The final Application for Payment shall be accompanied (except as previously delivered) by: (i) all documentation called for in the Contract Documents, including but not limited to the evidence of insurance required by subparagraph 5.04.B.7; (ii) consent of the surety, if any, to final payment.; ~~and (iii) complete and legally effective releases or waivers (satisfactory to OWNER) of all Lien rights arising out of or Liens filed in connection with the Work.~~

~~3. In lieu of the releases or waivers of Liens specified in paragraph 14.07.A.2 and as approved by OWNER, CONTRACTOR may furnish receipts or releases in full and an affidavit of CONTRACTOR that: (i) the releases and receipts include all labor, services, material, and equipment for which a Lien could be filed; and (ii) all payrolls, material and equipment bills, and other indebtedness connected with the Work for which OWNER or OWNER's property might in any way be responsible 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.~~

B. *Review of Application and Acceptance*

1. 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 Documents have been fulfilled, ENGINEER will, within ten days after receipt of the final Application for Payment, indicate in writing ENGINEER's recommendation of payment and present the Application for Payment to OWNER for payment. At the same time ENGINEER will also give written notice to OWNER and CONTRACTOR that the Work is acceptable subject to the provisions of paragraph 14.09. 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. *Payment Becomes Due*

1. ~~Thirty days~~ After the presentation to OWNER of the Application for Payment and accompanying documentation, the amount recommended by ENGINEER will become due and, when due, will be paid by OWNER to CONTRACTOR in accordance with the Louisiana Public Contract Statute.

2. Following acceptance of the Work by OWNER, CONTRACTOR shall file the acceptance with the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages.

3. Release and payment of Retainage, or balance due, will become due and will be paid by OWNER to CONTRACTOR thirty days after receipt of Application for Retainage Payment (which must include a clear lien and privilege certificate secured from the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages dated no less than forty-five (45) days after the filing of the acceptance and other documentation as required by the Contract Documents), and recommendation of payment by ENGINEER.

14.08 *Final Completion Delayed*

A. If, through no fault of CONTRACTOR, final completion of the Work is significantly delayed, and if ENGINEER so confirms, OWNER shall, upon receipt of CONTRACTOR's final Application for Payment and recommendation of ENGINEER, and without terminating the Agreement, make payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted. If the remaining balance to be held by OWNER for Work not fully completed or corrected is less than the retainage stipulated in the Agreement, and if Bonds have been furnished as required in paragraph 5.01, the written consent of the surety to the payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted shall be submitted by CON-

TRACTOR to ENGINEER with the Application for such payment. Such payment shall be made under the terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a waiver of Claims. The completion of the various items may not be a requirement for Substantial Completion.

14.09 *Waiver of Claims*

A. The making and acceptance of final payment will constitute:

1. a waiver of all Claims by OWNER against CONTRACTOR, except Claims arising from unsettled Liens, from defective Work appearing after final inspection pursuant to paragraph 14.06, from failure to comply with the Contract Documents or the terms of any special guarantees specified therein, or from CONTRACTOR's continuing obligations under the Contract Documents; and

2. a waiver of all Claims by CONTRACTOR against OWNER other than those previously made in writing which are still unsettled.

ARTICLE 15 - SUSPENSION OF WORK AND TERMINATION

15.01 *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 notice in writing to CONTRACTOR and ENGINEER which will fix the date on which Work will be resumed. CONTRACTOR shall resume the Work on the date so fixed. CONTRACTOR shall be allowed an adjustment in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times, or both, directly attributable to any such suspension if CONTRACTOR makes a Claim therefor as provided in paragraph 10.05.

15.02 *OWNER May Terminate for Cause*

A. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events will 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 established under paragraph 2.07 as adjusted from time to time pursuant to paragraph 6.04);
2. CONTRACTOR's disregard of Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction;
3. CONTRACTOR's disregard of the authority of ENGINEER; or
4. CONTRACTOR's violation in any substantial way of any provisions of the Contract Documents.

B. If one or more of the events identified in paragraph 15.02.A occur, OWNER may, after giving CONTRACTOR (and the surety, if any) seven days written notice, terminate the services of CONTRACTOR, exclude CONTRACTOR from the Site, and take possession of the Work and of all CONTRACTOR's tools, appliances, construction equipment, and machinery at the Site, and use the same to the full extent they could be used by CONTRACTOR (without liability to CONTRACTOR for trespass or conversion), 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 finish the Work as OWNER may deem expedient. In such case, CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Work is finished. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds 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) sustained by OWNER

arising out of or relating to completing the Work, such excess will be paid to CONTRACTOR. If such claims, costs, losses, and damages exceed 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.

C. 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. Any retention or payment of moneys due CONTRACTOR by OWNER will not release CONTRACTOR from liability.

15.03 OWNER May Terminate For Convenience

A. Upon seven days written notice to CONTRACTOR and ENGINEER, OWNER may, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of OWNER, elect to terminate the Contract. In such case, CONTRACTOR shall be paid (without duplication of any items):

1. for 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. for 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;

3. for 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) incurred in settlement of terminated contracts with Subcontractors, Suppliers, and others; and

4. for reasonable expenses directly attributable to termination.

B. CONTRACTOR shall not be paid on account of loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss arising out of or resulting from such termination.

15.04 *CONTRACTOR May Stop Work or Terminate*

A. If, through no act or fault of CONTRACTOR, the Work is suspended for more than 90 consecutive days by OWNER or under an order of court or other public authority, or ENGINEER fails to act on any Application for Payment within 30 days after it is submitted, or OWNER fails for 30 days to pay CONTRACTOR any sum finally determined to be due, then CONTRACTOR may, upon seven days written notice to OWNER and ENGINEER, and provided OWNER or ENGINEER do 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 15.03. In lieu of terminating the Contract and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, if ENGINEER has failed to act on an Application for Payment within 30 days after it is submitted, or OWNER has failed for 30 days to pay CONTRACTOR any sum finally determined to be due, CONTRACTOR may, seven 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 15.04 are not intended to preclude CONTRACTOR from making a Claim under paragraph 10.05 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 16 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION~~

~~16.01 *Methods and Procedures*~~

~~A. Dispute resolution methods and procedures, if any, shall be as set forth in the Supplementary Conditions. If no method and procedure has been set forth, and subject to the provisions of paragraphs 9.09 and 10.05, OWNER and CONTRACTOR may exercise such rights or remedies as either may otherwise have under the Contract Documents or by Laws or Regulations in respect of any dispute.~~

ARTICLE 17 - MISCELLANEOUS

17.01 *Giving Notice*

A. Whenever any provision of the Contract Documents requires the giving of written notice, it will be deemed to have been validly given if delivered in person to the individual or to a member of the firm or to an officer of the corporation for whom it is intended, or if delivered at or sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the last business address known to the giver of the notice.

17.02 *Computation of Times*

A. When any period of time is referred to in the Contract Documents 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.

17.03 *Cumulative Remedies*

A. The duties and obligations imposed by these General Conditions and the rights and remedies available hereunder to the parties hereto and, in particular but without limitation,

the warranties, guarantees, and obligations imposed upon CONTRACTOR hereunder and all of the rights and remedies available to OWNER and ENGINEER thereunder 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 Documents, and 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.

17.04 *Survival of Obligations*

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

B. Nothing herein, in the Agreement, or any of the other Contract Documents shall be construed as a waiver, modification, or alteration of the CONTRACTOR's or its surety's obligations under La. R.S. 38:2189. Nothing in this paragraph or any other provision in the General Conditions or other Contract Documents concerning any specific time periods shall establish a period of limitation with respect to any other obligation which CONTRACTOR has under the Contract Documents. The establishment of time periods relates only to the specific obligations of CONTRACTOR to correct the Work, and has no relationship to the time within which CONTRACTOR's obligations under the Contract Documents may be sought to be enforced, nor to the time within which the proceedings may be commenced to establish CONTRACTOR's liability with respect to CONTRACTOR's obligations other than specifically to correct the Work.

17.05 *Controlling Law*

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

SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS

These Supplementary Conditions amend or supplement the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract (EJCDC No. 1910-8) (1996 Edition) as edited for Jefferson Parish (9/97) and other provisions of the Contract Documents as indicated below. All Provisions of the Standard General Conditions which have not been amended or supplemented as indicated by strikeout or underlining in the text of the Standard General Conditions or which are not so amended or supplemented herein remain in full force and effect:

SC-1. Definitions

The terms used in these Supplementary Conditions which are defined in the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract (EJCDC No. 1910-8) (1996 Edition) as edited for Jefferson Parish (9/97) have the meanings assigned to them in the General Conditions. Additional terms used in these Supplementary Conditions have the meanings indicated below which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof. Articles, Paragraphs, Subparagraphs or clauses modified have the same numerical designation as those occurring in the General Conditions.

SC-4.01.

The CONTRACTOR is advised that access to any or all of the following portions of the Project may be delayed by as much as six months from the date on which the Contract Times will commence to run. The areas are:

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(include specific location
identifications)

The CONTRACTOR must adjust his schedule of operations accordingly. No additional monetary compensation will be granted to the CONTRACTOR resulting from this delay. The Contract Times will be adjusted accordingly, as provided in Article 12 of the General Conditions.

SC-4.02.

Add the following new paragraphs after paragraph 4.02.B and before paragraph 4.02.F:

C. In the preparation of the Drawings and Specifications, ENGINEER or ENGINEER's Consultants relied upon the following reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at the Site:

Report dated _____, 20 ____ prepared by _____ (name)

_____ (city/state), entitled: _____ (title of report) consisting of _____ pages. The technical data contained in such report upon which CONTRACTOR may rely is _____.

Report dated _____, 20 ____ prepared by _____ (name)
_____ (city/state), entitled: _____ (title of report) consisting of _____ pages. The technical data contained in such report upon which CONTRACTOR may rely is _____.

D. In preparation of the Drawings and Specifications, ENGINEER or ENGINEER'S consultant relied upon the following drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface and subsurface structures (except Underground Facilities) which are at or contiguous to the Site:

Drawings dated _____, 20 _____, prepared by _____ (name) _____, (city/state) _____, entitled: _____ (title of drawings) _____, consisting of _____ sheets, numbered _____ to _____, inclusive. All of the information in such drawings constitutes technical data appearing on drawing No. _____ and appearing on Drawing No. _____.

E. Copies of reports and drawings itemized in SC-4.02.C and D that are not included with Bidding Documents may be examined at _____ during regular business hours. These reports and drawings are not part of the Contract Documents, but the technical data contained therein upon which CONTRACTOR is entitled to rely as identified and established above are incorporated therein by reference. CONTRACTOR is not entitled to rely upon other information and data utilized by ENGINEER and ENGINEER's Consultants in the preparation of Drawings and Specifications.

SC-5.0.4.

In accordance with the provisions of 5.04(C)(5) and 5.04(C)(6)(c) the following modifications or waivers of the coverage requirements of 5.04 are authorized pursuant to those provisions.

SC-14.02.A.4.

Pursuant to the reference in paragraph 14.02.A.4.a of the Standard General Conditions, the aggregate cost of materials stored offsite shall not at any time exceed \$_____, without the written approval of the OWNER.

SC-18. Non-Work Days

Non-work days shall be defined as days in which the CONTRACTOR worked less than four (4) hours due to inclement weather conditions.

SC-19. Time Extensions for Weather Conditions

The CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that weather conditions shall not be an automatic cause for time extension. The Contract Times specified in the Bidding Documents and Contract Documents include an allowance as stated in those documents for inclement weather. In order to document and claim days lost to inclement weather conditions, the CONTRACTOR shall, on a semi-monthly basis, submit a report to the ENGINEER, stating the time lost to inclement weather, within seven (7) days of the end of the report period. The ENGINEER will review the report for submittal to the OWNER within seven days of receipt of the report and make recommendations for either acceptance or rejection of each claimed time period lost to inclement weather. The OWNER will then instruct the ENGINEER to approve or reject the report. There shall be no additional compensation due the CONTRACTOR for inclement weather days allowed hereunder.

The report for lost days due to inclement weather shall account for all days during the reporting period, including weekends and holidays. Claims for lost days on either weekends or holidays will not be considered unless the CONTRACTOR can show that the inclement weather affected work production on the following workday. The reporting periods shall be from the first day of

the month through and including the last day of the month. Lost time accounting shall be in one-half day increments.

Lost time shall be considered only if the weather occurrence is in excess of the normal weather patterns as established by the nearest office of the National Weather Service, U.S. Department of Commerce. When the Contract utilizes critical path method scheduling (C.P.M.), the ENGINEER will determine if the days lost due to weather conditions actually affected the critical path activities. If weather conditions did not affect the progress of the critical path activities, no time extension will be granted.

SC-20 REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF STRUCTURES AND OBSTRUCTIONS

A. General

The CONTRACTOR shall remove any existing structure or part of structure, fence, building, or other encumbrances or obstructions that interfere in any way with the new construction. Compensation for the removal of any structure not listed as a pay item in the Proposal and with a Contract Bid Price shall be included in the Contract unit prices bid for the pay items of the Work.

B. Privately and Publicly Owned Materials

If called for in the Special Conditions, all privately and publicly owned materials in structures removed shall be salvaged without damage and shall be piled neatly and in an acceptable manner upon the premises if it belongs to an abutting property owner, otherwise at accessible points along the improvements. Material in structures which is property of the OWNER or property of any public body, private body, or individual which is fit for use elsewhere, shall remain property of the original owner. It shall be carefully removed without damage, in sections, which may be readily transported, and shall be piled neatly in an accessible point by the CONTRACTOR. When materials of OWNER, State, Municipality, or Parish are stored on or beyond the right of way, the CONTRACTOR will be held responsible for their care and preservation for a period of ten (10) days following the day the last or final portion of the materials stored at a particular location are placed thereon. When privately owned materials are stored beyond the right of way, the CONTRACTOR will be held responsible for their care and preservation for a period of ten (10) days (computed as set forth above); provided, however, that as of the day the ten (10) days responsibility period for care and preservation of the materials begins, the CONTRACTOR must furnish the ENGINEER with evidence satisfactory to the latter that the proper owner of the materials has been duly notified by the CONTRACTOR that the said owner must assume responsibility for his materials on the date following the CONTRACTOR's ten (10) day responsibility.

SC-21 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND SAFETY

A. Care of Traffic

No road shall be closed by the CONTRACTOR to the public except by written permission of the Engineer and/or Architect, and except while so closed, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain traffic over, through, or around the work included in his Contract, with the maximum practical convenience, for the full twenty-four hours of each day of the Contract, whether or not work has ceased temporarily. The CONTRACTOR shall notify the ENGINEER at the earliest possible date after the Contract has been executed, and in any case before the starting of any construction that might in any way inconvenience or endanger traffic, so that the necessary arrangements may be determined.

B. General Public

The convenience of the general public and of residents along the Work shall be provided for in a reasonable adequate and satisfactory manner. Where existing roads are not available for use as detours, unless otherwise provided, all traffic shall be permitted to pass through the Work. In such cases the vehicles of the traveling public shall have precedence over CONTRACTOR's vehicles to the end that the traveling public's vehicles shall not be unduly delayed for the convenience of the CONTRACTOR. In order that all unnecessary delay to the traveling public may be avoided, where ordered by the ENGINEER, the CONTRACTOR shall provide and station competent flagmen whose sole duties shall consist of directing and controlling the movement of public traffic either through or around the Work.

C. Temporary Roads, Driveways, etc.

The CONTRACTOR shall provide and maintain, in a manner approved and deemed practicable by the ENGINEER, such temporary roads as may be necessary to provide convenient access to driveways, houses, buildings, or other property abutting the work. Where temporary bridges are necessary for traffic and pedestrians, these bridges shall be constructed at the expense of the CONTRACTOR as directed by the ENGINEER.

D. Arranging the Work

The CONTRACTOR shall arrange his work so that no undue or prolonged blocking of business establishments will occur.

E. Storage of Materials

Materials and equipment stored on the right of way or Project Site shall be so placed and the Work at all times shall be so conducted as to insure minimum danger and obstruction to the traveling public.

F. Control During Work

During grading operations where traffic is being permitted to pass through construction, the CONTRACTOR shall provide a smooth, even surface that will provide a satisfactory passageway for use of traffic. The roadbed shall be sprinkled with water if necessary to prevent a dust nuisance, provided the dust nuisance is a result of the Work.

G. Fire Protection

Fire hydrants shall be accessible at all times to the Fire Department. No material or other obstructions shall be placed closer to a fire hydrant than permitted by ordinances, rules, or regulations or within fifteen (15') feet of a fire hydrant, in the absence of such ordinances, rules, or regulations.

SC-22 STRUCTURES AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS

A. Notification

No Work of any character shall be commenced on railroad right of way until the Railroad Company has issued a permit to the OWNER and has been duly notified by the CONTRACTOR in writing (with a copy forwarded to the ENGINEER) of the date he proposes to begin work, and

until an authorized representative of the Railroad Company is present, unless the Railroad Company waives such requirement.

B. Inspection by Railroad Company

All Work performed by the CONTRACTOR within the right of way limits of the railroad shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the chief engineer of the Railroad Company, or his authorized representative and any precautions considered necessary by said chief engineer to safeguard the property, equipment, employees, and passengers of the Railroad Company shall be taken by the CONTRACTOR without extra compensation.

C. Cooperation with Railroad Company

The CONTRACTOR shall, without extra compensation, take such precautions and erect and maintain such telltale or warning devices as the Railroad Company considers necessary to safeguard the operation of its trains. The temporary vertical and horizontal clearances specified by the chief engineer of the Railroad Company in approving these shall be maintained at all times. No steel, brick, pipe, or any other loose material shall be left on the ground in the immediate vicinity of the railway tracks.

D. Insurance

Before any Work is done within Railroad right of way, the CONTRACTOR shall provide and pay all costs of any special insurance requirements of the Railroad.

SC-23 PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF PROPERTY AND LANDSCAPE

A. CONTRACTOR's Responsibility

The CONTRACTOR shall not enter upon private property for any purpose without first obtaining permission from the owners and lessees. The CONTRACTOR shall use every precaution necessary for the preservation of all public and private property, monuments, highway signs, telephone lines, other utilities, etc., along and adjacent to the Work; shall use every precaution necessary to prevent damage to pipes, conduits, and other underground structures; and shall protect carefully from disturbance or damage all land monuments and property marks until an authorized agent has witnessed or otherwise referenced their location and shall not remove them until directed. The street and highway signs and markers that are to be affected by the Work shall be carefully removed when the Work begins and stored in a manner to keep them clean and dry. The CONTRACTOR must obtain all necessary information in regard to existing utilities, and shall give notice in writing to the owners or the proper authorities in charge of streets, gas, water, pipes, electric, sewers, and other underground structures, including conduits, railways, poles and pole lines, manholes, catch basins, fixtures, appurtenances, and all other property that may be affected by the CONTRACTOR's operations, at least forty-eight (48) hours before his operations will affect such property. The CONTRACTOR shall not hinder or interfere with any person in the protection of such work or with the operation of utilities, at any time. When property or the operation of railways, telephone lines, telegraph lines, or other public utilities are endangered, the CONTRACTOR shall, at his own expense, maintain flagmen or watchmen and any other necessary precautions to avoid interruption of service or damage to life or property, and he shall promptly repair, restore, or make good any injury or damage caused by his negligent operations in an acceptable manner. The CONTRACTOR must also obtain all necessary information in regard to the installation of new cables, conduits, and transformers, and make proper provision and give proper notifications, so that these can be installed at the proper time without delay to the CONTRACTOR or unnecessary inconvenience to the OWNER.

B. Undercutting Buildings

Where provided in Special Conditions, when the work involves the undercutting of any buildings along the Work, the CONTRACTOR must give property owners and lessees due and sufficient notice of the undercutting and the CONTRACTOR shall adequately support such buildings. The CONTRACTOR and his Surety shall hold the OWNER and their representatives harmless from any damages resulting from undercutting any such buildings.

C. Trees, Shrubs, Plants, or Grass

The CONTRACTOR shall not remove, injure, cut, or destroy trees, shrubs, plants, or grass that are to remain in the streets or those which are privately owned, without proper authority. Unless otherwise provided in the Special Provisions or the Proposal, the CONTRACTOR shall replace and replant all plants, shrubs, and grass and restore the grounds back to its original good condition to the satisfaction of the OWNER and property owner. The CONTRACTOR shall assume the responsibility of replanting and guarantees that plants, shrubs, and grass will be watered, fertilized, and cultivated until they are in a growing condition. No direct payment will be made for removing and replanting of trees, shrubs, plants, or grass unless such items are set forth in the Proposal.

D. Reparation

When or where any direct damage or injury is done to public or private property by or on account of any negligent act, omission, neglect, or otherwise of the CONTRACTOR, he shall make good such damage or injury in an acceptable manner. In case of failure on the part of the Contractor to restore such property or make good such damage, the Owner may upon forty-eight (48) hours notice proceed to repair, rebuild, or otherwise restore such property as may be deemed necessary, and the cost thereof will be deducted from any monies due or which may become due under the Contract. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Owner, or the Design Professional acting in behalf of the Owner, from all suits and actions that may be brought against it by reason of any injury, or alleged injury, to the person or property of another resulting from negligence or carelessness in the execution of the Work, or on account of any negligent act or omission, or from improper methods or means of construction on the part of the Contractor, his representatives, or employees. The Contractor shall have the sole responsibility of determining the best and proper method or means of construction and the Owner, or the Design Professional acting on behalf of the Owner, shall not be held responsible for determining or suggesting a method or means of construction, except as expressly indicated in the Contract Documents

SC-24 BARRICADES, DANGER, WARNING, AND DETOUR SIGNS

A. General

The CONTRACTOR shall, without extra compensation, provide, erect, paint, and maintain all necessary barricades. Also without extra compensation, the CONTRACTOR shall provide suitable and sufficient lights, torches, reflectors, or other danger signals and signs, provide a sufficient number of watchmen and flagmen, and take all necessary precautions for the protection of the Work and safety of the public.

B. Warning Signs, Painting, Illumination

The CONTRACTOR shall erect warning signs beyond the limits of the Project, sufficiently in advance of any place on the Project where operations interfere with the use of the road by traffic, including all intermediate points where the new Work crosses or coincides with the existing road. Barricades shall be kept well painted and suitable warning signs shall be placed thereon. All barricades and obstructions shall be illuminated at night and all lights or devices for this purpose shall be kept burning from sunset to sunrise.

C. Hazards and Compensation

Whenever traffic is maintained through or over any part of the project, the CONTRACTOR shall clearly mark all traffic hazards. No direct payment will be made for barricades, signs, and illumination therefor, or for watchmen or flagmen.

SC-25 AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING THAT PUBLIC CONTRACT NOT SECURED THROUGH EMPLOYMENT OR PAYMENT OF SOLICITOR (LSA R.S. 38:2224)

The CONTRACTOR warrants that (1) he has not employed or retained any person, corporation, firm, association, company or other organization, either directly or indirectly, to secure this Contract, other than persons regularly employed by the CONTRACTOR and whose services were in the regular course of their duties for the CONTRACTOR and (2) that no part of the Contract Price received by CONTRACTOR was paid or will be paid to any person, corporation, firm, association, company or other organization, either directly or indirectly any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration, contingent upon

or resulting from the award or making of this Contract or to solicit or secure this Contract, other than the payment of their normal compensation to persons regularly employed by the CONTRACTOR whose services in connection with this Contract were in the regular course of their duties for CONTRACTOR. For breach or violation of this warranty, the OWNER shall have the right to annul this Contract without liability.

SC-26 ARBITRATION

It is agreed and understood that the OWNER does not submit to arbitration and any provision(s) to the contrary shall be null and void.

SC-27 HISTORICAL OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL DEPOSITS

If, during the course of construction, evidence of deposits of historical or archaeological interest is found, CONTRACTOR shall cease operations affecting the find and shall notify OWNER, who shall notify the State Historic Preservation Officer. No further disturbance of the deposits shall ensue until CONTRACTOR has been notified by OWNER that he may proceed. OWNER will issue a notice to proceed only after the state official has surveyed the find and made a determination to the OWNER. Compensation to CONTRACTOR, if any, for lost time or changes in construction to avoid the find, shall be determined in accordance with changed conditions or Change Order provisions of the Contract Documents.

SC-28 ADDITIONAL LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

In accordance with ARTICLE VII of the Agreement, the following amounts shall be due the OWNER pursuant to determinations made under ARTICLES VI and VII for each of the following items:

- (1) Extended architectural and/or engineering fees \$_____;
- (2) Extended Resident Project Representative fees \$_____;
- (3) Extended construction management fees \$_____;
- (4) Extended OWNER'S overhead and personnel expenses \$_____; and
- (5) Owner's other costs directly related to the delay in completion beyond the Contract

Times.

SC-29 REMOVAL/RELOCATION OF TREES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

The Director of the Jefferson Parish Parkways Department shall be contacted and advised of trees that are on public property prior to the removal/relocation of such trees by the Contractor. Furthermore, the Department of Parkways shall be given a reasonable period of time to respond and when necessary remove the trees.

SC-30 ROAD CLOSURE

In the event that it becomes necessary to close any roadway or partially close any major road due to scheduled construction work being performed by contractor the public must be notified and made aware of the closure in a timely manner.

In order to utilize both the print and electronic media to disseminate this information to the public, the Jefferson Parish Public Information Office must receive pertinent information from the contractors concerning the closure.

Notice of a road closure or partial road closure of a major road must be sent to Jefferson Parish in care of its Public Information Officer, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Suite 1002, Jefferson, Louisiana 70123.

THAT NOTIFICATION MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED CLOSURE:

- a.) Name of the contractor, engineer, etc., involved in the work/project who is responsible for the action.
- b.) A brief description of the project (Example: "...drain line installation," "...to remove and replace concrete slabs," etc.)
- c.) The date and time the action will take place and when re-opening is scheduled. (Example. "...will be closed from 6 a.m. on Friday, July 23, 1999 to 8 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 1999.")
- d.) The exact location of action. (Example: "...closed on David Drive from W. Napoleon Avenue to Veterans Memorial Boulevard," or "...the 900 block of David Drive")
- e.) Define the action that will be taken. (Example: eastbound, westbound, inside or outside lanes or both, etc.)
- f.) If the roadway will be closed completely to traffic and a detour will be in effect, a map illustrating the detour route must accompany the information.
- g.) Contact person for additional information.

EXHIBIT A

Duties, Responsibilities and Limitations of Authority of Resident Project Representative

ENGINEER shall furnish a Resident Project Representative ("RPR"), assistants and other field staff to assist ENGINEER in observing progress and quality of the work of CONTRACTOR.

Through more extensive on-site observations of the Work in progress and field checks of materials and equipment by the RPR and assistants, ENGINEER shall endeavor to provide further protection for OWNER against defects and deficiencies in the work of CONTRACTOR. However, ENGINEER shall not, during such visits or as a result of such observations of CONTRACTOR's work in progress, supervise, direct, or have control over CONTRACTOR's work nor shall ENGINEER have authority over or responsibility for the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures selected by CONTRACTOR, for safety precautions and programs incident to the work of CONTRACTOR, for any failure of CONTRACTOR to comply with laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes or orders applicable to CONTRACTOR's performing and furnishing the work, or responsibility of construction for CONTRACTOR's failure to furnish and perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

The duties and responsibilities of the RPR are limited to those of ENGINEER in ENGINEER's agreement with the OWNER and in the construction Contract Documents, and are further limited and described as follows:

A. General

RPR is ENGINEER's agent at the Site, will act as directed by and under the supervision of ENGINEER, and will confer with ENGINEER regarding RPR's actions. RPR's dealings in matters pertaining to the on-site Work shall in general be with ENGINEER and CONTRACTOR, keeping OWNER advised as necessary. RPR's dealings with Subcontractors shall only be through or with the full knowledge and approval of CONTRACTOR. RPR shall generally communicate with OWNER with the knowledge of and under the direction of ENGINEER.

B. Duties and Responsibilities of RPR

1. *Schedules:* Review the progress schedule, schedule of Shop Drawing submittals and schedule of values prepared by CONTRACTOR and consult with ENGINEER concerning acceptability.
2. *Conferences and Meetings:* Attend meetings with CONTRACTOR, such as preconstruction conferences, progress meetings, job conferences and other project-related meetings, and prepare and circulate copies of minutes thereof.
3. *Liaison:*
 - a. Serve as ENGINEER's liaison with CONTRACTOR, working principally through CONTRACTOR's superintendent and assist in understanding the intent of Contract Documents; and assist ENGINEER in serving as OWNER's liaison with CONTRACTOR when CONTRACTOR's operations affect OWNER's on-site operations.
 - b. Assist in obtaining from OWNER additional details or information, when required for proper execution of the Work.

4. *Shop Drawings and Samples:*

- a. Record date of receipt of Shop Drawings and Samples.
- b. Receive Samples, which are furnished at the Site by CONTRACTOR, and notify ENGINEER of availability of Samples for examination.
- c. Advise ENGINEER and CONTRACTOR of the commencement of any Work requiring a Shop Drawing or Sample if the submittal has not been approved by ENGINEER.

5. *Review of Work, Rejection of Defective Work, Inspections and Tests:*

- a. Conduct on-site observations of the Work in progress to assist ENGINEER in determining if the Work is in general proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- b. Report to ENGINEER whenever RPR believes that any Work will not produce a completed Project that conforms generally to the Contract Documents or will prejudice the integrity of the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole as indicated in the Contract Documents, or has been damaged, or does not meet the requirements of any inspection, test or approval required to be made; and advise ENGINEER of Work that RPR believes should be corrected or rejected or should be uncovered for observation, or requires special testing, inspection or approval.
- c. Verify that tests, equipment and systems start-ups and operating and maintenance training are conducted in the presence of appropriate personnel, and that CONTRACTOR maintains adequate records thereof; and observe, record and report to ENGINEER appropriate details relative to the test procedures and start-ups.
- d. Accompany visiting inspectors representing public or other agencies having jurisdiction over the Project, record the results of these inspections and report to ENGINEER.

6. *Interpretation of Contract Documents:* Report to ENGINEER when clarifications and interpretations of the Contract Documents are needed and transmit to CONTRACTOR clarifications and interpretations as issued by ENGINEER.

7. *Modifications:* Consider and evaluate CONTRACTOR's suggestions for modifications in Drawings or Specifications and report with RPR's recommendations to ENGINEER. Transmit to CONTRACTOR in writing decisions as issued by ENGINEER.

8. *Records:*

a. Maintain at the job Site orderly files for correspondence, reports of job conferences, Shop Drawings and Samples, reproductions of original Contract Documents including all Work Change Directives, Addenda, Change Orders, Field Orders, additional Drawings issued subsequent to the execution of the Contract, ENGINEER's clarifications and interpretations of the Contract Documents, progress reports, Shop Drawing submittals received from and delivered to CONTRACTOR and other Project related documents.

b. Prepare a daily report or keep a diary or log book, recording CONTRACTOR's hours on the job site, weather conditions, data relative to questions of Work Change Directives, Change Orders or changed conditions, list of job Site visitors, daily activities, decisions,

observations in general, and specific observations in more detail as in the case of observing test procedures; and send copies to ENGINEER.

c. Record names, addresses and telephone numbers of all contractors, subcontractors and major suppliers of materials and equipment.

9. *Reports:*

a. Furnish to ENGINEER periodic reports as required of progress of the Work and of CONTRACTOR's compliance with the progress schedule and schedule of Shop Drawing and Sample submittals.

b. Consult with ENGINEER in advance of scheduled major tests, inspections or start of important phases of the Work.

c. Draft proposed Change Orders and Work Change Directives, obtaining backup material from CONTRACTOR and recommend to ENGINEER Change Orders, Work Change Directives, and Field Orders.

d. Report immediately to ENGINEER and OWNER the occurrence of any accident.

10. *Payment Requests:* Review Applications for Payment with CONTRACTOR for compliance with the established procedure for their submission and forward with recommendations to ENGINEER, noting particularly the relationship of the payment requested to the schedule of values, Work completed and materials and equipment delivered at the Site but not incorporated in the Work.

11. *Certificates, Maintenance and Operation Manuals:* During the course of the Work, verify that certificates, maintenance and operation manuals and other data required to be assembled and furnished by CONTRACTOR are applicable to the items actually installed and in accordance with the Contract Documents, and have this material delivered to ENGINEER for review and forwarding to OWNER prior to final payment for the Work.

12. *Completion:*

a. Before ENGINEER issues a Certificate of Substantial Completion, submit to CONTRACTOR a list of observed items requiring completion or correction.

b. Observe whether CONTRACTOR has had performed inspections required by laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, or orders applicable to the Work, including but not limited to those to be performed by public agencies having jurisdiction over the Work.

c. Conduct a final inspection in the company of ENGINEER, OWNER and CONTRACTOR and prepare a final list of items to be completed or corrected.

d. Observe whether all items on final list have been completed or corrected and make recommendations to ENGINEER concerning acceptance and issuance of the Notice of Acceptability of the Work.

C. Limitations on Authority of RPR

Resident Project Representative:

1. Shall not authorize any deviation from the Contract Documents or substitution of materials or equipment (including "or-equal" items), unless authorized by ENGINEER.
2. Shall not exceed limitations of ENGINEER's authority as set forth in the Agreement or the Contract Documents.
3. Shall not undertake any of the responsibilities of CONTRACTOR, Subcontractor, Suppliers, or CONTRACTOR's superintendent.
4. Shall not advise on, issue directions relative to or assume control over any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction unless such advice or directions are specifically required by the Contract Documents.
5. Shall not advise on, issue directions regarding or assume control over safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work.
6. Shall not accept Shop Drawing or Sample submittals from anyone other than CONTRACTOR.
7. Shall not authorize OWNER to occupy the Project in whole or in part.
8. Shall not participate in specialized field or laboratory tests or inspections conducted by others except as specifically authorized by ENGINEER.

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made the _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the Jefferson Parish Council, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, referred to in these Contract Documents as "OWNER" acting, as the context requires, either on its own behalf or as the governing authority of the political subdivision which has the legal authority and responsibility for this agreement and for whom the Work is being performed, and acting through its Council Chairman and his authorized agents, duly authorized to act by virtue of Resolution No. _____, and (CONTRACTOR's legal name) referred to in these Contract Documents as "CONTRACTOR" (the "Agreement"):

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, in accordance with law, OWNER has caused the Contract Documents to be prepared and an Invitation to Bid to be published for and in connection with the Project No. _____, Proposal No. _____.

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR, in response to the Invitation to Bid, has submitted to OWNER, in the manner and at the time specified, a sealed bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders; and

WHEREAS, OWNER, in the manner prescribed by law, has publicly opened, examined, and canvassed the bids submitted, and has determined CONTRACTOR to be entitled to the award for the Work in accordance with the law and has duly awarded to CONTRACTOR a contract therefor, for the sum or sums named in CONTRACTOR's bid.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the compensation to be paid to CONTRACTOR and of the mutual agreements herein contained, the parties to these presents have agreed and hereby agree, OWNER, for itself and its successors, and CONTRACTOR for itself, and its successors and assigns, as follows:

ARTICLE I.

A. Owner, through The Chairman of the Jefferson Parish Council, , by virtue of Resolution No. _____, does hereby grant and confirm unto CONTRACTOR the Contract to perform the Work under Project No. _____, Proposal No. _____, in accordance with the CONTRACTOR's written bid proposal dated _____, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

B. The CONTRACTOR shall perform all Work, including the assumption of all obligations, duties and responsibilities necessary to the successful completion of the Contract and the furnishing of all materials and equipment required to be incorporated in and to form a permanent part of the Work; tools, equipment, supplies, transportation, facilities, labor, superintendence and services required to perform the Work; and Bond, insurance and submittals; all as indicated or specified in the Contract Documents to be performed or furnished by CONTRACTOR for the Work included in and covered by OWNER's official award of this Contract to CONTRACTOR; such award being based on the acceptance by OWNER of CONTRACTOR's bid.

ARTICLE II.

The Project has been designed by _____ who is hereinafter called ENGINEER and who is to act as OWNER's representative, to assume all duties and responsibilities and to have the rights and authority assigned to ENGINEER in the Contract Documents in connection with completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE III.

A. All notices, letters, and other communications directed to OWNER shall be delivered or addressed and mailed (along with three copies), postage prepaid to the ENGINEER at the address in the Invitation to Bid, with four additional copies addressed and mailed to:

[person or position]
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Suite
Harahan, Louisiana 70123

B. In addition, four copies of all correspondence directed to the ENGINEER shall be sent to the OWNER. The business address of CONTRACTOR given in this Agreement and CONTRACTOR's office in the vicinity of the Work are both hereby designated as the places to which all notices, letters, and other communications to CONTRACTOR will be mailed or delivered. CONTRACTOR shall notify ENGINEER and OWNER of any change of address immediately.

ARTICLE IV.

That OWNER shall pay to CONTRACTOR for performance of the Work embraced in this Contract, in accordance with the Contract Documents, and CONTRACTOR shall accept as full compensation therefor, the sum (subject to adjustment as provided in the Contract Documents) of _____ Dollars (\$_____) for all Work covered by and included in the Contract award and designated in the foregoing Article I; payment thereof to be made in current funds in the manner provided in the Contract Documents.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that, pursuant to the applicable Laws and Regulations, this Agreement is subject to an annual appropriation dependency requirement to the effect that the renewal and/or continuation of this Agreement is contingent upon the appropriation of funds to fulfill the requirements of the Agreement. If the OWNER fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for payments under this Agreement, the Agreement shall terminate on the last day of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. This ground for termination is in addition to any other grounds that are identified in the General Conditions or the Supplementary Conditions.

As provided in Paragraph 11.03 of the General Conditions, estimated quantities are not guaranteed, and determinations of actual quantities and classification are to be made by ENGINEER as provided in Paragraph 9.08 of the General Conditions. Unit prices have been computed as provided in Paragraph 11.03.B of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE V.

The Work will be substantially completed within _____ days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run as provided in Paragraph 2.03 of the General Conditions ("Substantial Completion"), and completed and ready for final acceptance in accordance with Paragraph 14.07.B. of the General Conditions within _____ days after the date when

the Contract Times commence to run. This time allocation allows for _____ days of lost production due to inclement weather.

ARTICLE VI.

A. OWNER and CONTRACTOR recognize and agree that time is of the essence of this Agreement and that the Work must be completed in every respect appropriate within the applicable time limits set forth in the Contract Documents, commencing from the date specified in the Contract Documents. OWNER and CONTRACTOR further understand and agree that it is difficult at this time to estimate the damage which the delay in completion of the Work would cause the OWNER and that, accordingly, if the CONTRACTOR shall neglect, fail, or refuse to complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Times specified in the Contract Documents, or any extension thereof granted by the OWNER in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Contract Documents then, in addition to the other stipulated damages provided for in Article VII below, the CONTRACTOR agrees, as a part of the consideration for the award of this Contract, that OWNER shall be entitled to receive the amount or amounts per day set forth in paragraph B below from CONTRACTOR, not as a penalty but as stipulated ("liquidated") damages for delay for such breach of contract, such amounts being specifically herein agreed upon in advance as the measure of damages to the OWNER on account of such delay in the completion of the Work.

B. The CONTRACTOR shall owe OWNER liquidated damages in the amount of _____ dollars (\$ _____) for each and every calendar day after the time specified in Article V for Substantial Completion of the Work until the Work is determined to be substantially complete in accordance with the Contract Documents. After Substantial Completion, if the CONTRACTOR shall neglect, fail, or refuse to complete the Work within the time specified in Article V for final completion, or any proper extension thereof granted by the OWNER, CONTRACTOR shall owe OWNER liquidated damages in the amount of _____ dollars (\$ _____) for each day after the time specified in Article V for final completion until the Work is determined to be finally completed in every respect in accordance with the Contract Documents.

C. The number of calendar days in default shall be calculated exclusive of the day on which the applicable completion time was specified and shall include each and every other calendar day up to and including the day that the CONTRACTOR has been determined to satisfy its obligation for the applicable degree of completion under the Contract Documents.

D. CONTRACTOR further agrees that the expiration of the Contract Time shall, ipso facto, constitute a putting in default where CONTRACTOR has failed to complete the Work in accordance with the applicable Contract Times, and OWNER need not formally place the CONTRACTOR in default, the CONTRACTOR hereby expressly waiving any and all notices of default.

E. CONTRACTOR agrees and consents that the liquidated damages may be deducted from progress payments payable to CONTRACTOR pursuant to the Contract Documents and that CONTRACTOR shall accept the Contract Price, reduced by the aggregate amount of the liquidated damages so deducted, in full satisfaction of all Work executed under the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE VII.

In addition to and not in lieu of the liquidated damages provided above, OWNER shall also be entitled to recover from CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR's Surety additional liquidated damages arising out of the breach of contract for delay in completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Times for the same amount of time calculated pursuant to ARTICLE VI above. These additional liquidated damages, the amounts of each of which are applicable to the Contract having been set forth in the Supplementary Conditions, may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Extended architectural and/or engineering fees \$_____;
 - (2) Extended Resident Project Representative fees \$_____;
 - (3) Extended construction management fees \$_____;
 - (4) Extended OWNER'S overhead and personnel expenses \$_____;
- and
- (5) Owner's other costs directly related to the delay in completion beyond the Contract Times.

CONTRACTOR agrees and consents that the additional liquidated damages may be deducted from progress payments payable to CONTRACTOR pursuant to the Contract Documents and that CONTRACTOR shall accept the Contract Price, reduced by the aggregate amount of the additional liquidated damages so deducted, in full satisfaction of all Work executed under the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE VIII.

CONTRACTOR shall submit Applications for Payment in accordance with Article 14 of the General Conditions. Applications for Payment will be processed by ENGINEER as provided in the General Conditions.

OWNER shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Price on the basis of CONTRACTOR's Applications for Payment as recommended by ENGINEER, as provided below. All such payments will be measured by the schedule of values established pursuant to Paragraph 2.07 of the General Conditions (and in the case of Unit Price Work based on the number of units completed) or, in the event there is no schedule of values, as provided in the General Requirements.

Upon receipt of the Final Application for Payment, OWNER shall pay the remainder of the Contract Price as recommended by ENGINEER as provided in Paragraph 14.07.C.3. of the General Conditions and any relevant Supplementary Conditions.

Pursuant to LSA-R.S. 38:2248, OWNER shall retain the following percentages of each progress payment until payment is due under the terms and conditions governing retainage payment:

<u>CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>	<u>RETAINAGE</u>
\$0 - \$499,999.99	10%
\$500,000 or greater	5%

ARTICLE IX.

The Contract Documents, which comprise the agreement between OWNER and CONTRACTOR, concerning the Work, consist of the documents listed in the Table of Contents, if any, and the documents identified below:

1. This Agreement (pages 1 to _____, inclusive).
2. Exhibits to this Agreement (pages _____ to _____, inclusive).
3. Performance, Payment, and other Bonds, consisting of _____ pages.
4. Notice to Proceed.
5. General Conditions (pages _____ to _____, inclusive).
6. Supplementary Conditions (pages _____ to _____, inclusive).
7. Specifications bearing the title _____ and consisting of divisions and _____ pages.
8. Drawings consisting of a cover sheet and sheets numbered _____ through _____, inclusive with each sheet bearing the following general title:
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9. Addenda numbers _____ to _____, inclusive
10. CONTRACTOR's Bid (pages _____ to _____, inclusive).
11. Documentation submitted by CONTRACTOR prior to Notice of Award: (pages _____ to _____ inclusive).
12. The following which may be delivered or issued after the Effective Date of the Agreement and are not attached hereto: All Written Amendments and other documents amending, modifying or supplementing the Contract Documents pursuant to Paragraph 3.04 of the General Conditions.

The documents listed above are attached to this Agreement (except as expressly noted otherwise above).

ARTICLE X.

In order to induce OWNER to enter into this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR makes the following representations:

1. CONTRACTOR has visited the Site, has familiarized himself with and is satisfied as to the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, Work, locality, and as to all general, local and Site conditions and federal, state, and local Laws, and Regulations, which may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work.
2. CONTRACTOR has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents (including the Addenda listed in Article IX) and the other related data identified in the Bidding Documents including "technical data."
3. CONTRACTOR has carefully studied all (1) reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or contiguous to the Site and all drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at or contiguous to the Site (except Underground Facilities) which have been identified in the Supplementary Conditions as

provided in Paragraph 4.02.A. of the General Conditions and (2) reports and drawings of a Hazardous Environmental Condition, if any, at the Site which has been identified in the Supplementary Conditions as provided in Paragraph 4.02.A. of the General Conditions. CONTRACTOR accepts the determination set forth in Paragraph SC-4.02 of the Supplementary Conditions of the extent of the "technical data" contained in such reports and drawings upon which CONTRACTOR is entitled to rely as provided in Paragraph 4.02 of the General Conditions. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents and may not be complete for CONTRACTOR's purpose. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that OWNER and ENGINEER do not assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the Site. CONTRACTOR has obtained and carefully studied (or assumes responsibility for having done so) all such additional supplementary examinations, investigations, explorations, test, studies and data concerning conditions (surface, subsurface and Underground Facilities) at or contiguous to the Site or otherwise which may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work or which relate to any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction to be employed by CONTRACTOR and safety precautions and programs incident thereto. CONTRACTOR does not consider that any additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies or data are necessary for the performance and furnishing of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Times and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

4. CONTRACTOR 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 Contract Documents.
5. CONTRACTOR has correlated the information known to CONTRACTOR, information and observations obtained from visits to the Site, reports and drawings identified in the Contract Documents and all additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies and data with the Contract Documents.
6. CONTRACTOR has given ENGINEER written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities or discrepancies that CONTRACTOR has discovered in the Contract Documents and the written resolution thereof by ENGINEER is acceptable to CONTRACTOR, and the Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey an understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.

ARTICLE XI.

Terms used in this Agreement which are defined in Article 1 of the General Conditions will have the meanings indicated in the General Conditions unless otherwise defined herein or the context otherwise requires.

No assignment, sublet or transfer by a party hereto of any rights under or interest in the Contract Documents will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and, specifically but without limitation, moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), nor without the consent of the surety unless the surety has waived its right to notice of assignment 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 Documents.

OWNER and CONTRACTOR each binds itself, its partners, successors, assigns, legal representatives, sureties, or guarantors, if any, to the other party hereto, its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and for all purposes shall be interpreted in its entirety in accordance with the laws of said State. The contractor hereby agrees and consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Louisiana over its person. The parties hereto agree that the sole and exclusive venue of any suit or proceeding brought pursuant to this contract shall be the 24th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana.

Any provision or part of the Contract Documents held to be void or unenforceable under any Law or Regulation shall be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and binding upon OWNER and CONTRACTOR, who agree that the Contract Documents shall 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written in the presence of the undersigned witnesses and each signatory warrants by its signature that it has the appropriate authority to sign this Agreement.

(CONTRACTOR)

By _____ (SEAL & ATTEST)

Title _____ Witness

Date _____

Address for giving notices _
_____ Witness

License No. _____

PARISH OF JEFFERSON
STATE OF LOUISIANA
JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL

(OWNER)

By _____ (SEAL & ATTEST)

Chairman, Jefferson Parish Council

Witness

Witness