

Underground Boring, Trenching, and Cable Pulling for Electrical Conduit Installation Contract
IFB # 26-102

THIS CONTRACT for Electric Utility Underground Boring, Trenching, and Cable Pulling for Electrical Conduit Installation ("Contract") is entered on _____, by and between the **City of Lake Worth Beach**, a Florida municipal corporation ("City") and **WeDel LLC-dba Treasure Coast Infrastructure.**, a limited liability company authorized to do business in the State of Florida ("Contractor") with its principal office located at 1650 S Kanner Hwy, Suite 212 Stuart, FL 34994.

WHEREAS, the City issued Invitation for Bids # 26-101 for the Underground Boring, Trenching, and Cable Pulling for Electrical Conduit Installation construction of numerous project across the large are of the City ("IFB"); and

WHEREAS, the Contractor submitted its bid in response to the IFB; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to award the IFB to the Contractor on a non-exclusive basis for the Underground Boring, Trenching, and Cable Pulling for Electrical Conduit Installation and related services; and

WHEREAS, the City finds awarding the IFB to the Contractor as described herein serves a valid public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, the City hereby engages the services of the Contractor, and in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, the sufficient of which is hereby acknowledged by both parties, the parties agree as follows:

Article 1. GENERAL INFORMATION.

1.1 **Scope of Services/Work.** The Contractor shall provide the services and work requested by the City and required under a City approved work order as described herein. The general nature of the services and work to be provided by the Contractor under this Contract are the underground boring, trenching, and cable pulling for electrical conduit installation on large areas of the City on an as needed basis. Scope of work is subject to STANDARD GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, which are attached hereto as **Exhibit "D" ("General Conditions")**. The General Conditions may be amended by supplemental conditions with a City issued Work Order and/or Purchase Order (as described below). The City is deemed the "Owner" in the General Conditions.

1.2 **Contract Documents.** The Contract Documents are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in this Contract and comprise the entire agreement between the City and Contractor. The Contract Documents consist of this Contract (inclusive of all exhibits attached hereto), the IFB (including, but not limited to, the documents issued with the IFB as the scope and specifications, the drawings, addenda, attachments and exhibits); and, any duly executed and issued work orders, Purchase Orders, change orders and Contract amendments relating thereto (inclusive of all exhibits attached thereto). If, during the performance of the work, the Contractor finds an ambiguity, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall so notify the City, in writing, within five (5) business days and before proceeding shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification. Failure to obtain a written interpretation or clarification will be deemed a waiver of the ambiguity, error or discrepancy by the Contractor. The City will not be responsible for any oral instructions, clarifications, or other communications except those provided in writing in response to Contractor's request for clarification of an ambiguity, discrepancy or error.

In resolving conflicts in any of the Contract Documents, the order of precedence shall be as follows:

First Priority:	Fully executed Change Orders or Contract amendments
Second Priority:	This Contract (inclusive of all exhibits)
Third Priority:	Fully executed Work Orders and City issued Purchase Orders (inclusive of all exhibits thereto)
Fourth Priority:	IFB

1.3 **Contract Administrator.** Whenever the term Contract Administrator is used herein, it is intended to mean the City Manager or designee, City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida. In the administration of this Contract, all parties may rely upon instructions or determinations made by the Contract Administrator except that all requests and/or determinations that result in an increase in change in time of completion and/or an increase in the contract price shall require a formal change order or contract amendment executed by the City Manager or the City Commission (depending on the authority set forth in the City's Procurement Code).

1.4 **Work Orders.** This Contract does not guarantee that the City will utilize the Contractor in any capacity or for any services hereunder. When the City identifies a need for the Contractor's services, the City will request a proposal from the Contractor to provide the services requested. The City will provide the Contractor with plans and/or specifications in order for the Contractor to develop its proposal. The Contractor's proposal shall be submitted in the format of the sample work order, attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit "A"** along with a copy of the Contractor's proposal and shall be based on the Rate Schedule attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit "B"**. Upon receipt of the Contractor's proposed work order and proposal, the City shall decide in its sole discretion whether to award the work order to the Contractor. Depending on the lump sum amount of each work order, the work order may be awarded by the City Manager (if within City Manager's purchasing authority (currently not to exceed \$50,000)) or the City Commission. If the work order is approved by the City, the Contractor shall commence the identified services upon the City's approval of the work order for the services and issuance of a notice to proceed. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted by the Contractor. A City-approved work order shall include (by reference) the plans and/or specifications provided by the City to the Contractor.

1.5 **Purchase Orders.** Similar to the work order process set forth above, the City's ordering mechanism for individual project work in the amount of \$15,000 or less under this Contract will be by a City issued Purchase Order(s); however, the terms and conditions stated in a City Purchase Order(s) shall not apply; the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract Documents shall apply. Contractor shall not provide services under the Contract Documents without a City Purchase Order (or Work Order as set forth above) specifically for the stated services. Contractor shall provide the amount of requested services and price listed in each Purchase Order and not exceed amounts expressed on any Purchase Order. Contractor shall be liable for any excess services or costs not specifically stated in the Purchase Order(s). The City's Fiscal Year ends on September 30th of each calendar year. The City cannot authorize the purchase of services beyond September 30th of each calendar year, prior to the annual budget being approved by the City Commission. Additionally, the City must have budgeted appropriate funds for the goods and services in any subsequent Fiscal Year. If the budget is approved for said goods and services, the City will issue a new Purchase Order(s) each Fiscal Year for required and approved services.

1.6 **Term.** The term of this Contract shall be for three (3) years, with an option for two (2) additional one (1) year renewals upon the mutual agreement of both parties. The renewal term(s) may be approved by the City Manager on behalf of the CITY. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Contract may be terminated as set forth in the Contract Documents.

1.7 **Rate Schedule.** The Rate Schedule set forth as **Exhibit "B"** shall remain fixed for the first three (3) years of this Contract. If due to applicable price escalations and/or reductions which impact the Contractor's Rate Schedule, the City and Contractor may execute a written amendment to this Contract to establish new Rate Schedule for the renewal term(s). The City Manager may approve changes in the Rate Schedule based on

the recommendation of the City's Electric Utility Director or designee.

Article 2. CONTRACT TIME.

2.1 All services and work to be provided under a City-approved work order or City issued Purchase Order shall be provided in a timely manner as time is of the essence under this Contract.

2.2 The Contractor shall not be considered in default by reason of a delay in timely performance if such delay and failure arises out of causes reasonably beyond the control of the Contractor or its subcontractors (if authorized) and without the Contractor's or subcontractor's fault or negligence. Upon the Contractor's request, the City shall consider the facts and extent of any such delay and failure to timely perform the work for reason beyond the control of the Contractor and, if the Contractor's delay and failure to timely perform was without it or its subcontractors' fault or negligence, as reasonably determined by the City, the time of completion shall be extended for any reasonable time that the City may reasonably decide; subject to the City's rights to change, terminate, or stop any or all of the work at any time. If the Contractor is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by any act or neglect of the City or its employees, by an approved written change in the scope from the original Contract Documents, or by any other contractor employed by the City, or by changes ordered by the City or in an unusual delay in transportation, unavoidable casualties, or any causes beyond the Contractor's reasonable control, or by delay authorized by the City pending negotiation or by any cause which the City shall reasonably decide justifies the delay, then the time of completion shall be extended for any reasonable time the City may reasonably decide. The Contractor must provide the City with written notice of any delay claims and no extension of time shall be made for any delay occurring more than five (5) days before a claim therefore is made in writing to the City. In the case of continuing cause of delay, only one (1) claim is necessary. With the exception of an approved written change in the scope from the original Contract Documents, the Contractor's sole remedy for a delay in completion of the work for any reason will be an extension of time to complete the work and Contractor specifically waives any right to seek any monetary damages or losses for a delay in completion of the work, including, but not limited to, waiving any right to seek monetary amounts for lost profits, additional overhead, salaries, lost productivity, efficiency losses, or any other alleged monetary losses which may be allegedly suffered by Contractor due to a delay in completion of the work. Provided, however, and subject to sovereign immunity under section 768.28, Florida Statutes, that this provision shall not preclude recovery or damages by the Contractor for hindrances or delays due solely to fraud, bad faith or active interference on the part of the City. Otherwise, the Contractor shall be entitled only to extensions of the Contract Times as the sole and exclusive remedy for such resulting delay, in accordance with and to the extent specifically provided above.

Article 3. PAYMENT PROCEDURES

3.1 Generally. The Contractor shall submit invoices on a monthly basis detailing all emergency utility repair services completed and in place in the prior month. The Contractor's invoices shall be submitted to:

City of Lake Worth Beach
Attn: Financial Services Department/Procurement Division
7 N. Dixie Highway
Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460

3.2 The City's Contract Administrator will review each invoice submitted by the Contractor. If approved by the City's Contract Administrator and the Financial Services Department, the City will make payment in accordance with this Agreement. If not approved, the City will notify the Contractor within twenty (20) business days of the City's receipt and identify the action necessary to correct the invoice or a deficiency.

3.4 Payment to the Contractor shall be made pursuant Florida's Local Government Prompt Payment Act (for construction services), section 218.735, Florida Statutes, except as provided herein. Specifically, the City will retain five percent (5%) of each payment to the Contractor as retainage until fifty percent (50%) of the services are completed by the Contractor. After fifty percent (50%) of the services being completed, upon written request from the Contractor, the City's Contract Administrator may agree in writing with the Contractor to release a portion of the retainage not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total retainage amount. Within twenty (20) business days of the finalization of the punch-list described below and upon receipt of a payment request from the Contractor, the City will pay the Contractor all retainage held less an amount equal to 150% of the estimated cost to complete the items on the punch-list. Upon completion of all items on the finalized punch-list, the Contractor may submit a request for release of all retainage.

3.5 In accordance with section 218.735(7), Florida Statutes (2023), as soon as possible, but no later than ten (10) business days prior to reaching substantial completion, the Contractor shall create a proposed punch-list of items that must be completed by the Contractor prior to the Contractor submitting its final payment request. The Contractor's proposed punch-list must include all items of services which remain to be completed and the estimated cost to complete each item on the list. Upon receipt of the Contractor's proposed punch-list, the City will have five (5) business days to review, make modifications, or agree to the proposed punch-list and estimated cost. If the City does not make any modifications to the Contractor's proposed punch-list within five (5) business days of receipt, the proposed punch-list will be deemed accepted by the City. The City's Contract Administrator or designee will resolve any disputes in the punch-list and determine the final punch-list for the parties no later than five (5) days after the City's review and deliver the same to the Contractor. Once the punch-list is finalized and delivered to the Contractor, the Contractor shall have thirty (30) days to complete all items on the punch-list or until the time set for final completion of the services (if the final completion date provides for more time). The failure of either party to include any corrective services or pending items on the finalized punch-list does not alter the responsibility of the Contractor to complete all services. The Contractor's proposed punch-list and modifications by the City may be by informal written notice (e.g., email, fax, or hand-delivery); however, proof of delivery shall be kept by the party providing the informal written notice to the other party.

3.6 Final Payment. Upon final completion and acceptance of the services in accordance with issued Work Order or Purchase Order (including all punch-list items) and final inspection by all appropriate agency with jurisdiction over the project (if other than the City), the Contractor shall submit a "final invoice" to the City. In order for both parties to close their books and records, the Contractor will clearly state "FINAL" on the Contractor's final invoice. This certifies that all services under the applicable Work Order or Purchase Order have been properly completed and all charges have been invoiced to the City. Since this account will thereupon be closed, any and other further charges if not properly included in this final invoice are waived by the Contractor. If the Contractor's Final Invoice is approved as set forth above, the City shall pay the remainder of the Work Order or Purchase Order price including any amount held as retainage.

3.7 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City shall not be required to pay or release any amount of retainage that is subject of a good faith dispute made in writing, the subject of a claim brought pursuant to section 255.05, Florida Statutes, or otherwise the subject of a written claim or demand by the City.

3.8 Final payment shall not become due until the Contractor and all of its subcontractors submit to the City releases and waivers of liens, and data establishing payment or satisfaction of obligations, such as receipts, claims, security interests or encumbrances arising out of the applicable Work Order, Purchase Order, or is Agreement.

3.9 Acceptance of final payment by the Contractor or a subcontractor shall constitute a waiver of claims by that payee except those previously made in writing and identified by that payee as unsettled at the time of final invoice.

Article 4. SUBCONTRACTS

The Contractor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the services under this Contract. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the City. All of the services required hereunder shall be performed by the Contractor or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in performing the services shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under state and local law to perform such services. The Contractor shall furnish services in a manner consistent with industry standards and to a level of professional skill generally acceptable in the industry with regard to services of this kind. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws in the provision of services under this Contract. The Contractor agrees that it is fully responsible to the City for the acts and omissions of subcontractors and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor. Nothing contained herein shall create any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the City. All of the Contractor's personnel (and all subcontractors) while on City premises, will comply with all City requirements governing conduct, safety, and security. The City reserves the right to request replacement of any of subcontractor or subcontractor's personnel furnished by the Contractor upon written notice by City to Contractor of the cause for such replacement. All work performed by a subcontractor will be at cost to the City without any mark-up by the Contractor. All subcontractors must provide the same level and type of insurance as required of the Contractor under this Contract prior to commencing any services. The Contractor shall submit the subcontractors' proof of insurance upon receipt of a notice to proceed.

Article 5. INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE.

The Contractor agrees to assume liability for and indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the City, its commissioners, mayor, officers, employees, agents, and attorneys of, from, and against all liability and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, in connection with any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, and suits in equity of whatever kind or nature, including claims for personal injury, property damage, equitable relief, or loss of use, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Contractor, its agents, officers, Contractors, subcontractors, employees, or anyone else utilized by the Contractor in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor's liability hereunder shall include all attorney's fees and costs incurred by the City in the enforcement of this indemnification provision. This includes claims made by the employees of the Contractor against the City and the Contractor hereby waives its entitlement, if any, to immunity under Section 440.11, Florida Statutes. The obligations contained in this provision shall survive termination of this Contract and shall not be limited by the amount of any insurance required to be obtained or maintained under this Contract.

Subject to the limitations set forth in this Section, Contractor shall assume control of the defense of any claim asserted by a third party against the City and, in connection with such defense, shall appoint lead counsel, in each case at the Contractor's expense. The City shall have the right, at its option, to participate in the defense of any third party claim, without relieving Contractor of any of its obligations hereunder. If the Contractor assumes control of the defense of any third party claim in accordance with this paragraph, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written consent of the City before entering into any settlement of such claim. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, the Contractor shall not assume or maintain control of the defense of any third party claim, but shall pay the fees of counsel retained by the City and all expenses, including experts' fees, if (i) an adverse determination with respect to the third party claim would, in the good faith judgment of the City, be detrimental in any material respect to the City's reputation; (ii) the third party claim seeks an injunction or equitable relief against the City; or (iii) the Contractor has failed or is failing to prosecute or defend vigorously the third party claim. Each party shall cooperate, and cause its agents to cooperate, in the defense or prosecution of any third party claim and shall furnish or cause to be furnished such records and information, and attend such conferences, discovery proceedings, hearings, trials, or appeals, as may be reasonably requested in connection therewith.

It is the specific intent of the parties hereto that the foregoing indemnification complies with Section 725.06, Florida Statutes, as amended. The Contractor expressly agrees that it will not claim, and waives any claim, that this indemnification violates Section 725.06, Florida Statutes. Nothing contained in the foregoing indemnification or any other provision in the Contract Documents shall be construed as a waiver of any immunity or limitation of liability the City may have under the doctrine of sovereign immunity or Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

INSURANCE: Prior to commencing any work, the Contractor shall provide proof of insurance coverage as required in the IFB. All such insurance policies may not be modified or terminated without the express written authorization of the City. Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements shall not relieve the Contractor of its liability and obligations under this Contract. Each party will promptly notify the other of any complaint, claim, suit or cause of action threatened or commenced against it which arises out of or relates, in any manner, to the Contract Documents and/or performance of the work. Each party agrees to cooperate with the other in any investigation either may conduct, the defense of any claim or suit in which either party is named, and shall do nothing to impair or invalidate any applicable insurance coverage.

Article 6. REIMBURSEMENT OF ENGINEER EXPENSES.

Should the completion of a work order be delayed beyond the specified or adjusted time limit, Contractor shall reimburse the City for all expenses of engineering and inspection incurred by the City during the period between said specified or adjusted time and the actual date of final completion. All such expenses for engineering and inspection incurred by the City will be charged to Contractor and be deducted from payments due Contractor as provided by this Contract. Said expenses shall be further defined as engineer charges associated with the construction contract administration, including resident project representative costs. All such expenses shall be separate from and in addition to any Liquidated Damages as provided for in an applicable Work Order.

Article 7. PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION BOND.

7.1 It is anticipated that the emergency utility repair services awarded under this Agreement may require a public construction bond under section 255.05, Florida Statutes. Due to the likelihood of services having to be performed on an emergency basis, the Contractor must provide the City with a public construction bond in amount of \$200,000 at the beginning of the hurricane season (no later than June 1 of each year) which is in accordance with section 255.05, Florida Statutes. Said bond shall remain in place until December 1 of each year. The bond must be recorded in the Official Records in and for Palm Beach County and a copy of the recorded bond must be provided to the City prior to the Contractor providing any services under this Agreement.

7.2 If the City approves a Purchase Order or a Work Order which exceeds \$200,000 in total cost, the Contractor must provide the City with an amendment to the bond which covers the amount in excess of \$200,000. Said bond amendment must be recorded in the Official Records in and for Palm Beach County and a copy of the recorded bond amendment must be provided to the City prior to the Contractor providing any services under the Purchase Order or Work Order. The City reserves the right to request a separate public construction bond for any Purchase Order or Work Order which is less than \$200,000. The cost of the public construction bond(s) as required under this section shall be a direct pass through cost to the City without any mark-up by the Contractor.

7.3 The public construction bond shall be on forms attached hereto as **Exhibit "E"** or substantially similar as approved by the City and shall incorporate by reference the terms of this Agreement in its entirety. To be acceptable to the City, a Surety Company shall comply with the following provisions:

(a) The Surety Company shall have a currently valid Certificate of Authority, issued by the State of Florida Department of Insurance, authorizing it to write surety bonds in the State of Florida.

- (b) The Surety Company shall have a currently valid Certificate of Authority issued by the United States Department of Treasury under Sections 9304 to 9308 of Title 31 of the United States Code.
- (c) The Surety Company shall be in full compliance with the provisions of the Florida Insurance Code.
- (d) The Surety Company shall have at least twice the minimum surplus and capital required by the Florida Insurance Code at the time the Contractor submits its proposal for City approval.
- (e) The Surety Company shall have at least the ratings of A-/Class V in the latest issue of Best's Key Rating Guide.
- (f) The Surety Company shall not expose itself to any loss on any one risk in an amount exceeding ten (10) percent of its surplus to policyholders, provided:
 - 1. Any risk or portion of any risk being reinsured shall be deducted in determining the limitation of the risk as prescribed in this section. These minimum requirements shall apply to the reinsuring carrier providing authorization or approval by the State of Florida, Department of Insurance to do business in this state have been met.
 - 2. In the case of the surety insurance company, in addition to the deduction for reinsurance, the amount assumed by any co-surety, the value of any security deposited, pledged or held subject to the consent of the surety and for the protection of the surety shall be deducted.

Article 8. TERMINATION.

8.1 **TERMINATION BY CITY:** The City may terminate any work order, the Contract and/or the Contract Documents if the Contractor is in default as follows:

- (a) refuses or fails to supply enough properly skilled workers or proper materials to timely and competently complete the work;
- (b) fails to make payment to subcontractors for materials or labor in accordance with the respective agreements between the Contractor and the subcontractors;
- (c) disregards or takes action contrary to any laws, ordinances, or rules, regulations or orders of a public authority having jurisdiction;
- (d) takes action, short of declaring bankruptcy, evidencing insolvency;
- (e) fails to prosecute the services or work in a timely manner and reasonably be unable to reach substantial completion and/or final completion within the timeframe(s) required;
- (e) fails or refuses to provide and/or maintain insurance or proof of insurance as required by the Contract Documents; **or,**
- (f) otherwise is in breach of a provision of the Contract Documents.

When any of the above reasons exist, the City, may without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the City and after giving the Contractor and the Contractor's surety (if applicable), written notice and five (5) days to cure, terminate the work order, Contract and/or Contract Documents and may:

- (a) take possession of the site and of all materials, equipment, tools, and construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by or paid for by the City; and,
- (b) finish the work by whatever reasonable method the City may deem expedient.

The Contractor and its surety (if any) shall be liable for any damage to the City, including additional attorney and engineering/architectural fees, resulting from the Contractor's termination under this provision by the City, including but not limited to, and any increased costs incurred by the City in completing the work.

When the City terminates the Contract for one of the reasons stated above, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive further payment, if any, until the work is finished.

Should it be determined by a mediator or a court of competent jurisdiction that the City wrongfully terminated the Contract, then the Contractor agrees to treat such termination as a termination for convenience.

8.2 TERMINATION BY THE CITY FOR CONVENIENCE

The City may, at any time, terminate the Contract and Contract Documents for the City's convenience and without cause. Upon receipt of written notice from the City of such termination for the City's convenience, the Contractor shall:

- (a) cease operations as directed by the City in the notice;
- (b) take actions necessary, or that the City may direct, for the protection and preservation of the work; and
- (c) except for work directed to be performed prior to the effective date of termination stated in the notice, terminate all existing subcontracts and purchase orders and enter into no further subcontracts and purchase orders.

In case of such termination for the City's convenience, the Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment for work executed, and costs incurred by reason of such termination including termination payments to subcontractors and demobilization costs.

Article 9. TAXES AND DIRECT PURCHASES.

9.1 TAXES: The City is exempt from payment of Florida State Sales and Use Tax. The Contractor is not authorized to use the City's Tax Exemption Number unless approved in writing.

9.2 DIRECT PURCHASES: For certain projects, the City may seek to make direct purchases of equipment or materials to be used by the Contractor. Pursuant to Section 212.08(6), Florida Statutes, and the Fla. Admin. Code Ann. R. 12A-1.094 and 12A-1.038, the Parties agree to the following procedure regarding the City's direct-purchase from vendors of certain equipment and materials to be used in specific projects:

9.2.1 The City reserves the right, at the City's option, to direct purchase equipment and materials involved in a specific project, including subcontracts, if any so as to save the sales tax which would otherwise have been due with regard to the same. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with the City's direct purchase procedures, including but not limited to those listed below.

9.2.2 As specifically set forth in a City issued work order, within 30 days (or other time as specified in the work order), the Contractor will present a list of direct purchase equipment for the City's consideration which will include the recommended vendors' name; the price quotes from all vendors provided to the Contractor; and, any terms and conditions the Contractor has negotiated with the recommended vendors. The City will then inform the Contractor as to which equipment it will direct purchase. In the event the City fails to exercise its option to direct purchase equipment and identify which equipment is to be purchased by the City within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the list from the Contractor, the City shall waive its right to direct purchase any and all equipment to be used in completion of the work under the applicable work order.

9.2.3 The Contractor is responsible for selecting each direct purchase vendor, subject to City approval. The Contractor is responsible for specifications, equipment receipt, inspecting shipments, and assuring that the equipment is in accordance with the work order and the Contractor's specifications. The Contractor is also responsible for providing the City with enough advance notice of when the direct purchase equipment will need to be ordered and delivered. In absence of the Contractor's receipt of a written notice of City's disapproval of a vendor within thirty (30) calendar

days of City's receipt of the vendor/material list referenced in 9.2.2, the City shall be deemed to have waived any and all objections thereto.

9.2.4 The Contractor shall retain all responsibility for installing all equipment relating to the work and for maintaining the construction schedule so long as the City timely orders and pays for the correct direct purchase equipment. The City's direct purchase mechanism to effectuate tax savings in no way effects the obligation of the Contractor to meet all of the terms and conditions and all provisions and technical specifications of the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall be responsible for insuring all equipment once the equipment is in its care, custody and control, regardless of whether directly purchased by City.

9.2.5 The City will issue a direct purchase order to the vendor of the direct purchase equipment at the price proposed in the Contractor's or its subcontractor's bid, less sales tax. The City will promptly send a copy of the issued purchaser order to the Contractor.

9.2.6 It will be the Contractor's primary responsibility to properly expedite and follow up on direct purchase orders, thereby assuring delivery of the equipment as ordered and at the time and place needed by the Contractor to complete the work in accordance with the work order and construction schedule. To the extent required by the Contractor, the City shall cooperate with all requests of the Contractor related to the expedition of and follow up on direct purchase orders.

9.2.7 The Contractor shall take delivery, unload, and install the equipment purchased on the direct purchase order in accordance with the work order and the Contract Documents with the vendor to repair, replace, and make good any defect without cost to the City, until such time as the work has been completed and accepted by City in accordance with the Contract Documents. The City, with assistance from the Contractor, will be responsible for undertaking and completing any returns of direct purchase equipment as requested by the Contractor and working with the vendor to effectuate any credits or warranties for the returned equipment (if applicable). Any returns not replaced shall be credited to City and acknowledged by a supplement to the direct purchase order and, if applicable, amendment to the Contract Sum. The Contractor shall not be responsible for warranting the direct purchase equipment to the City; however, the Contractor shall be responsible for facilitating the vendor's warranty of the direct purchase equipment and the Contractor shall be responsible for warranting the work to install and/or incorporate the equipment. The Contractor shall maintain records of all direct purchases received and incorporated into the work and provide the City with a monthly accounting until all direct purchase items that are received and accepted for inclusion in the specific project.

9.2.8 When delivery of a direct purchase order is complete, or a payment is to be made on a partial shipment, the Contractor will timely submit to City the documentation supporting the equipment received. Invoices for direct purchase orders will be sent by the direct purchase vendor directly to City's Finance Department, with all such invoices addressed to and in the name of the City. The City's Finance Department will forward invoices to the City's Contract Administrator. The City's Contract Administrator will forward the invoices to the Contractor to verify delivery and sign the invoice and associated documentation supporting the amount of the payment. The City will make timely payment to all vendors in compliance with each vendor's payment procedures. The City will take title to all equipment ordered through direct purchase upon or at the time of purchase. The Contractor will assist City in assuring prompt payment by supplying the vendor's FEI numbers, addresses, phone numbers, etc. All payments will be made in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act.

Article 10. CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS AND AGREEMENTS.

In order to induce the City to enter into this Contract, the Contractor makes the following representations:

10.1 Contractor has or will familiarize itself with the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, work, site, locality, and all local conditions and laws and regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the work prior to commencing the work under an applicable Work Order. All work shall be performed consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

10.2 Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for compliance with all applicable environmental regulations, for any liability arising from non-compliance with the regulations and to reimburse the City for any loss incurred in connection therewith. This compliance provision specifically includes the Contractor's compliance with all applicable standards, orders or regulations including, without limitation, those issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387).

10.3 Contractor agrees to utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Contractor during the term of this Contract.

10.4 The Contractor represents and warrants that it has and will continue to maintain all licenses and approvals required to conduct its business and provide the work required under the Contract Documents. Proof of such licenses and approvals shall be submitted to the City upon request.

Article 11. INFRINGEMENT INDEMNITY.

11.1 The Contractor will defend or settle at its expense a claim or suit brought by a third party against the City arising out of a claim asserting that the services, work, repair, materials or other deliverables ("deliverables" hereafter) provided by the Contractor under the Contract Documents (if any) infringes any U.S. copyright or any U.S. patent or misappropriates a trade secret. The Contractor will indemnify and hold harmless the City against and from damages, costs, and attorneys' fees, if any and at all levels of trial and appeal or mediation or arbitration, finally awarded in such suit or the amount of the settlement thereof; provided that (i) the Contractor is promptly notified in writing of such claim or suit, (ii) the Contractor will have the sole control of the defense and settlement thereof, and (iii) City furnishes the Contractor, on reasonable request, information available to City for such defense. The City will not admit any such claim without prior consent of the Contractor.

a. In the event of a claim of infringement, the Contractor shall, at its option:

1. procure for City the right to continue using the deliverables provided under the Contract Documents; or
2. replace or modify the deliverables so that the same becomes non-infringing but substantially equivalent in functionality and performance.
3. If neither of the above actions is reasonably feasible, the Contractor will refund to City the fee actually paid by City under the Contract Documents (as amortized on a straight-line basis over the time in which the City was able to use the deliverables.

b. The Contractor will have no obligation under this section for infringement if and to the extent that such claim arises from:

1. modification of the deliverables other than by the Contractor or by its recommendation; or
2. combination of the deliverables with products other than those supplied by the Contractor;

and,

3. the alleged infringement or misappropriation relates to such modification or combination.

c. The Contractor will also not have any indemnification obligation with respect to a claim: (i) if it has provided City with reasonable changes that would have avoided the problem and the reasonable changes are not fully implemented by City within a reasonable time or (ii) arising out use of the deliverables not in accordance with the Contract Documents.

d. The Contractor's obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless shall remain in effect and shall be binding upon the Contractor whether such injury or damage shall accrue, or may be discovered, before or after termination or expiration of the Contract Documents.

Article 12. MISCELLANEOUS.

12.1 The City and Contractor each binds itself, its partners, its successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto, its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives in respect of all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

12.2 Additional work and/or changes to a work order's price and/or time, is subject to the City's prior written approval. Only the City Manager and City Commission (based on the procurement code) have the authority to approve such additional work and changes.

12.3 The headings contained in this Contract are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be a part or control or affect the meaning hereof.

12.4 This Contract may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which shall be deemed to be an original, but each of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

12.5 This Contract (together with the other Contract Documents) supersedes any and all prior negotiations and oral or written agreements heretofore made relating to the subject matter hereof and, except for written agreements, if any, executed and delivered simultaneously with or subsequent to the date of this Contract, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. This Contract may not be altered or amended except by a writing signed by the parties hereto. No waiver of any of the terms or conditions of this Contract shall be effective unless in writing and executed by the party to be changed therewith. No waiver of any condition or of the breach of any term, covenant, representation, warranty or other provision hereof shall be deemed to be construed as a further or continuing waiver of any such condition or breach or a waiver of any other condition or of any breach of any other term, covenant, representation, warranty or other provision contained in this Contract.

12.6 This Contract shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

12.7 This Contract shall be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Each of the parties hereto (a) irrevocably submit itself to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Palm Beach County, Florida for state actions and jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Palm Beach Division, for the purposes of any suit, action or other proceeding arising out of, or relating to, this Contract; (b) waives and agrees not to assert against any party hereto, by way of motion, as a defense of otherwise, in any suit, action or other proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts for any reason

whatsoever; and (c) to the extent permitted by applicable law, any claim that such suit, action or proceeding by any part hereto is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper or that this Contract or the subject matter hereof may not be enforced in or by such courts.

12.8 This Contract shall create no rights or claims whatsoever in any third party.

12.9 If any one or more of the provisions of the Contract shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

12.10 The effective date of this Contract is the date the Contract is approved by the City Commission.

12.11 Public Records: The Contractor shall comply with Florida's Public Records Act, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and, if determined to be acting on behalf of the City as provided under section 119.011(2), Florida Statutes, specifically agrees to:

- (a) Keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service.
- (b) Upon request from the City's custodian of public records or designee, provide the City with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Contract and following completion of this Contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the City.
- (d) Upon completion of this Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records or designee, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS OR DESIGNEE AT: ATTENTION CITY CLERK, (561) 586-1662 OR CITYCLERK@LAKEWORTHBEACHFL.GOV OR 7 NORTH DIXIE HIGHWAY, LAKE WORTH BEACH, FL 33460.

12.12 This Contract shall not be construed more strongly against either party regardless of who was more responsible for its preparation.

12.13 In accordance with Palm Beach County ordinance number 2011-009, the Contractor acknowledges that this Contract may be subject to investigation and/or audit by the Palm Beach County Inspector General. The

Contractor has reviewed Palm Beach County ordinance number 2011-009 and is aware of its rights and/or obligations under such ordinance.

12.14 If any legal action or other proceeding is brought for the enforcement of this Contract or the Contract Documents, or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any provisions of this Contract or the Contract Documents, each party shall be responsible for their own attorney's fees at all levels. EACH PARTY ALSO AGREES AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL ARISING OUT OF ALLEGED DISPUTE, BREACH, DEFAULT, MISREPRESENTATION OR ANY OTHER CLAIM IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING FROM ANY PROVISION OF THIS CONTRACT OR THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

12.15 Each of the parties agrees to perform its obligations under the Contract Documents in conformance with all laws, regulations and administrative instructions that relate to the parties' performance of the work and under the Contract Documents.

12.16 All documents, including but not limited to drawings, specifications, plans, reports, other items and data or programs stored in hard-copy, electronically or otherwise (collectively referred to as "Documents" hereafter), prepared by the Contractor or its subcontractors under this Contract shall be considered a "Work for Hire" and the exclusive property of the City. To the extent such Documents may not be deemed a "Work for Hire" under applicable law, Contractor and Contractor's Subcontractors will assign to the City all right, title and interest in and to Contractor and/or Contractor's Subcontractors' copyright(s) for such Documents. Contractor shall execute and deliver to City such instruments of transfer and take such other action that City may reasonable request, including, without limitation, executing and filing, at City's expense, copyright applications, assignments and other documents required for the protection of City's right to such Documents. The Contractor shall retain copies of the Documents for a period of three (3) years from the date of completion of the Program. The City grants to the Contractor and Contractor's subcontractors the right and/or limited license to use a portion of the Documents prepared by the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors in future projects of the Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors with said right and/or limited license to use a portion at Contractor's or Contractor's subcontractor's own risk and without any liability to City. Any modifications made by the City to any of the Contractor's Documents, or any use, partial use or reuse of the Documents without written authorization or adaptation by the Contractor will be at the City's sole risk and without liability to the Contractor.

12.17 Any provision of this Contract which is of a continuing nature or imposes an obligation which extends beyond the term of this Contract shall survive its expiration or earlier termination.

12.18 Any notice required to be given under the Contract Documents shall be sent by certified mail (return receipt requested) or by nationally recognized overnight courier as follows to the City:

City of Lake Worth Beach
Attn: City Manager/Finance Department/Procurement Division
7 N. Dixie Highway
Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460

and to the Contractor as follows:

WcDel LLC-dba Treasure Coast Infrastructure
1650 S Kanner Hwy, Suite 212 Stuart, FL 34994
Attn: William Deluca, CEO

Either party may amend this provision by written notice to the other party.

12.19 The Contractor represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, as provided for in Section 112.311, Florida Statutes. The Contractor further represents that no person having any such conflicting interest shall be employed for said performance. The Contractor shall promptly notify the City's representative, in writing, of all potential conflicts of interest for any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance which may influence or appear to influence the Contractor's judgment or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the Contractor may undertake and request an opinion of the City as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the City, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the Contractor. The City agrees to notify the Contractor of its opinion within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification by the Contractor. If, in the opinion of the City, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the Contractor, the City shall so state in the notification and the Contractor shall, at its option, enter into said association, interest or circumstance and it shall be deemed not in conflict of interest with respect to services provided to the City by the Contractor under the terms of this Contract.

12.20 The Contractor warrants and represents that all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, political affiliation, marital status, handicap, or sexual orientation. Further, Contractor shall not discriminate or permit discrimination against any employee or an applicant for employment on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, political affiliation, natural origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation or handicap.

12.21 This Contract is not intended to be and shall not be construed as an exclusive agreement, and the City may employ additional or other contractors to perform services contemplated by this Contract without liability to the City.

12.22 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier or sub-contractor under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. The Contractor will promptly advise the City if it becomes aware of any violation of this statute.

12.21 PURSUANT TO SECTION 558.005, FLORIDA STATUTES, ANY CLAIMS FOR CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE NOTICE AND CURE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 558, FLORIDA STATUTES.

12.22 The Contract shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the performance of all services and work. This includes being responsible for all precautions for safety of, and reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to employees performing the services and work and other persons who may be affected thereby; the work, materials and equipment incorporated therein; and other property, equipment or materials at the site or adjacent thereto including, without limitation, trees, shrubs, lawns, sidewalks, pavements, roadways or structures and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of the work. The Contractor shall comply with and give all notices required by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations bearing on safety of persons or property, or their protection from damage, injury or loss. The Contractor shall implement, erect and maintain reasonable safeguards for safety and protection, including posting danger signs and other

warnings against hazards reasonably related to the work or which could arise therefrom. The Contractor shall promptly remedy damage and loss (other than covered by applicable insurance) caused in whole or in part by the Contractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of the work, which is not attributable to the City's negligence.

12.23 The Contractor agrees that, in all matters relating to this Contract, it will be acting as an independent contractor with exclusive control of the manner and means of performing the work, its obligations and tasks in accordance with the requirements of this Contract and the Contract Documents. The Contractor has no authority to act or make any agreements or representations on behalf of the City. This Contract is not intended, and shall not be construed to create, between the City and the Contractor, the relationship of principal and agent, joint-venturers, co-partners or any other such relationship, the existence of which is hereby expressly denied. No employee or agent of Contractor shall be, or shall be deemed to be, an employee or agent of City.

Article 13. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

13.1 Contractor certifies that it and its subcontractors are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List and are not engaged in the boycott of Israel. Pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the City may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if Contractor or any of its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if Contractor or any of its subconsultants, are placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or are engaged in a boycott of Israel during the term of this Contract.

13.2 If this Contract is for one million dollars or more, Contractor certifies that it and its subconsultants are also not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria as identified in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to Section 287.135, the City may immediately terminate this Contract at its sole option if Contractor, or any of its subconsultants are found to have submitted a false certification; or if Contractor or any of its subconsultants are placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or has been placed on a list created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes, relating to scrutinized active business operations in Iran, or are or have been engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria during the term of this Contract.

Article 14. E-VERIFY

14.1 Pursuant to Section 448.095(5) Florida Statutes, the Contractor shall:

- (a) Register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees and require all subcontractors (providing services or receiving funding under this Contract) to register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all the subcontractors' newly hired employees;
- (b) Secure an affidavit from all subcontractors (providing services or receiving funding under this Agreement) stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, Contract with, or subcontract with an "unauthorized alien" as defined in Section 448.095(1)(k), Florida Statutes;
- (c) Maintain copies of all subcontractor affidavits for the duration of this Contract and provide the same to the City upon request;
- (d) Comply fully, and ensure all of its subcontractors comply fully, with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes;
- (e) Be aware that a violation of Section 448.09, Florida Statutes (Unauthorized aliens; employment prohibited) shall be grounds for termination of this Contract; and,
- (f) Be aware that if the City terminates this Contract under Section 448.095(5)(c), Florida Statutes, the Contractor may not be awarded a contract for at least 1 year after the date on which this Contract is terminated and will be liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of the termination of this Contract.

Article 15. SECTION 787.06 COMPLIANCE

15.1 The Contractor by signing this Contract as set forth below, attests that the Contractor does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in section 787.06, Florida Statutes.

Article 16. SURVIVABILITY

16.1 Any provision of this Contract which is of a continuing nature or imposes an obligation which extends beyond the term of this Contract shall survive its expiration or earlier termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and Contractor have caused this Contract for Underground Boring, Trenching, and Cable Pulling for Electrical Conduit Installation to be executed the day and year above.

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

By: _____
Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk

By: _____
Betty Resch, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

APPROVED FOR FINANCIAL
SUFFICIENCY:

By: _____
Glen J. Torcivia, City Attorney

By: _____
Yannick Ngendahayo, Financial Services Director

CONTRACTOR:

WcDel LLC-dba Treasure Coast Infrastructure

By: Wc Deluca

Print Name: WILLIAM C DeLuca

[Corporate Seal]

STATE OF FL
COUNTY OF MARTIN

THE FOREGOING instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization on this 25 day of JULY 2026, by WILLIAM DeLuca, as the CEO [title] of **WcDel LLC-dba Treasure Coast Infrastructure** a limited liability company authorized to do business in the State of Florida, who is ☒ personally known to me or ☐ who has produced X as identification, and who did take an oath under penalty of perjury that the facts stated with regard to section 787.06, Florida Statutes, are true and correct, and that he or she is duly authorized to execute the foregoing instrument and bind **WcDel LLC-dba Treasure Coast Infrastructure** to the same.

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Notary Public Signature

Notary Seal:

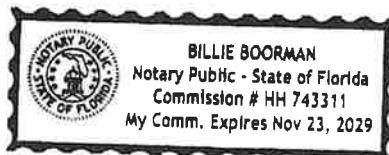


EXHIBIT "A"
SAMPLE WORK ORDER

**UNDERGROUND BORING, TRENCHING, AND CABLE PULLING FOR ELECTRICAL CONDUIT
INSTALLATION CONTRACT
IFB # 26-102**

WORK ORDER NO. _____

THIS WORK ORDER for Underground Boring, Trenching, and Cable Pulling for Electrical Conduit Installation ("Work Order") is made on the _____, between the **City of Lake Worth Beach**, a Florida municipal corporation located at 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, Florida 33460 ("City") and **WcDel LLC-dba Treasure Coast Infrastructure**, a limited liability company authorized to do business in State of Florida ("Contractor").

1.0 Project Description:

The City desires the Contractor to provide all goods, services, materials and equipment as identified herein related to the Underground Boring, Trenching, and Cable Pulling for Electrical Conduit Installation project generally described as: _____
("Project"). The Project is more specifically described in the plans prepared by _____, dated _____, and which are incorporated herein by reference.

2.0 Scope

Under this Work Order, the Contractor will provide the City of Lake Worth Beach with construction services for the Project as specified in the **Contractor's proposal attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "1"**.

3.0 Schedule and Liquidated Damages

Substantial completion of all services and work under this Work Order shall be within _____ **calendar days** from the Effective Date of this Work Order. Final completion of all services and work (and all punch-list items (if any)) under this Work Order shall be within _____ **calendar days** from the Effective Date of this Work Order. The Effective Date of this Work Order is the date following the parties' execution of this Work Order and the City's delivery of a Notice to Proceed to the Contractor via e-mail, facsimile or other form of delivery as documented by the City. Substantial completion occurs when the services and work has progressed to the point where, in the opinion of the City, the work is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents and this Work Order, so that the Project can be utilized for the purposes for which it is intended. Final completion occurs when all services and work (including punch-list items) has been completed and the project becomes fully operational and accepted by the City.

Liquidated Damages. The City and Contractor recognize that time is of the essence under this Work Order and the Contract Documents, and that the City will suffer financial loss if the services and work described in this Work Order and the Contract Documents are not completed within the times specified in this Work Order. The City and Contractor recognize, agree and acknowledge that it would be impractical and extremely difficult to ascertain and fix the actual damages that the City would suffer in the event Contractor neglects, refuses, or otherwise fails to complete the services and work within the time specified. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof, the City and Contractor agree that as liquidated damages for delay (but not as a

penalty) Contractor shall pay the City _____ hundred dollars (\$_____.00) for each day that expires after the time specified in this Work Order.

4.0 Compensation and Direct Purchases

This Work Order is issued for a lump sum, not to exceed amount of \$_____
(_____). The attached proposal identifies all costs and expenses included in the lump sum, not to exceed amount.

The following Direct Purchases are to be made under this Work Order by the City: _____

_____.

5.0 Project Manager

The Project Manager for the Contractor is _____,
phone:_____; email: _____; and, the Project Manager for the City
is _____, phone:_____;
email:_____.

6.0 Progress Meetings

The Contractor shall schedule periodic progress review meetings with the City Project Manager as necessary but every 30 days as a minimum.

7.0 Contractor's Representations

In order to induce the City to enter into this Work Order, the Contractor makes the following representations:

7.1 Contractor has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the Contract Documents including this Work Order, work, site, locality, and all local conditions and laws and regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the work.

7.2 Contractor has obtained at his/her own expense and carefully studied, or assumes responsibility for obtaining and carefully studying, soil investigations, explorations, and test reports which pertain to the subsurface conditions at or contiguous to the site or otherwise may affect the cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the work as Contractor considers necessary for the performance or furnishing of the work at the stated work order price within the Work Order stated time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents, including specifically the provisions of the IFB; and no additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports, studies or similar information or data are or is deemed necessary by Contractor for such purposes.

7.3 Contractor has reviewed and checked all information and data shown or indicated on the Contract Documents with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the site and assumes responsibility for the accurate location of said Underground Facilities. No additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports, studies or similar information or data in respect of said Underground Facilities are or is deemed necessary by the Contractor in order to perform and furnish the work under this Work Order price, within the Work Order time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

7.4 Contractor has correlated the results of all such observations, examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports and studies with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

7.5 Contractor has given the City's Contract Administrator written notice of all conflicts, errors or discrepancies that he or she has discovered in the Contract Documents and the written resolution thereof by City or its designee is acceptable to the Contractor.

8.0 Warranty. The Contractor warrants and guarantees to the City that all services and work provided under this Work Order will be in accordance with this Work Order and the other Contract Documents. The Contractor warrants that (a) all materials and parts supplied under this Work Order shall be free from defects for one (1) year from the final completion of all work (unless a longer manufacturer warranty applies); (b) all services and work performed under this Work Order will be free from defects for one (1) year from the final completion of all work and the project shall be fully operational without unreasonable downtime or failures; and (c) that the services and work will conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents. If, at any time prior to the expiration of the one (1) year warranty period, the City discovers any failure or breach of the Contractor's warranties or the Contractor discovers any failure or breach of the Contractor's warranties, the Contractor will, upon written notice from City or of its own accord, at the Contractor's sole cost and expense, promptly correct such failure or breach (which corrective action must include, without limitation, any necessary removal, disassembly, reinstallation, repair, replacement, reassembly, retesting, and/or re-inspection of any part or portion of the work and any other property damaged or affected by such failure, breach, or corrective action). The Contractor will remedy any such failure or breach so, to the extent possible, to avoid unnecessary disruptions to the operations of City or its systems. In the event the Contractor fails to initiate and diligently pursue corrective action within five (5) days of the Contractor's receipt of the City's notice or the Contractor's discovery of the same, the City may undertake such corrective action at the Contractor's expense.

9.0 Supplemental Conditions. This Work Order is subject to the Supplemental Conditions set forth in **Exhibit "2"**, which is attached hereto.

10.0 Authorization

This Work Order is issued pursuant to the Underground Boring, Trenching, and Cable Pulling for Electrical Conduit Installation Contract for between the City of Lake Worth Beach and the Contractor, dated _____, ("Contract" hereafter). If there are any conflicts between the terms and conditions of this Work Order and the Contract, the terms and conditions of the Contract shall prevail.

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this **Work Order** as of the day and year set forth above.

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

By: _____
Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk

By: DO NOT SIGN – SAMPLE ONLY _____
Betty Resch, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

APPROVED FOR FINANCIAL
SUFFICIENCY:

By: _____
Glen J. Torcivia, City Attorney

By: _____
Yannick Ngendahayo, Financial Services Director

CONTRACTOR: **WcDel LLC-dba Treasure Coast Infrastructure**

By: DO NOT SIGN – SAMPLE ONLY _____

[Corporate Seal]

Print Name: _____

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____)

THE FOREGOING instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization on this ____ day of _____ 202_, by _____, as the _____ [title] of **WcDel LLC-dba Treasure Coast Infrastructure** a limited liability company authorized to do business in the State of Florida, who is ☐ personally known to me or ☐ who has produced _____ as identification, and who did take an oath under penalty of perjury that the facts stated with regard to section 787.06, Florida Statutes, are true and correct, and that he or she is duly authorized to execute the foregoing instrument and bind **Bellmore Enterprises, Inc..** to the same.

Notary Public Signature

Notary Seal:

Exhibit “1” To Work Order
Contractor’s Proposal

Exhibit “2” To Work Order

SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS TO STANDARD GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

These Supplementary Conditions amend or supplement the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract and other provisions of the Contract Documents as indicated below. All provisions which are not so amended or supplemented remain in full force and effect. The General Conditions may also be supplemented elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

The terms used in these Supplementary Conditions have the meanings assigned to them in the General Conditions.

PART 1 - MODIFICATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTS TO GENERAL CONDITIONS

SC-2.1 Delivery of Bonds and Insurance

Delete paragraph 2.1.C of the General Conditions in its entirety and insert the following in its place:

C. This subsection requiring delivery of the Owner’s evidence of insurance is not needed.

SC-4.1 Commencement of Contract Time; Notice to Proceed

Delete the last sentence of paragraph 4.1.A of the General Conditions and insert the following in its place:

In no event will the Contract Time commence to run later than the [REDACTED] the day after the day of the Owner’s issuance of a Notice to Proceed or the [REDACTED] day after the day the City approves a Work Order or issues a Purchase Order (whichever is later).

SC-5.3 Subsurface and Physical Conditions

Delete paragraphs 5.3.A and 5.3.B in of the General Conditions in their entirety and insert the following in their place:

5.3 Subsurface and Physical Conditions [Currently states as follows]:

A. Reports and Drawings: Division 1: General Requirements of the Specifications shall identify those reports known to Owner of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or adjacent to the site and drawings known to Owner of physical conditions relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at the site that have been utilized by Engineer in preparation of the Contract Documents. Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of any Technical Data contained in such reports that is specifically referenced in Division 1: General Requirements as Technical Data that can be relied on by Contractor. Except as indicated above, Contractor shall have full responsibility with respect to subsurface and physical conditions at the site.

B. Contractor may rely on the technical data as set forth in subsection A above, but such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents. Except for such reliance on Technical Data, Contractor may not rely upon or make any claim against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, with respect to:

1. The completeness of such reports and drawings for Contractor’s purposes, including, but not limited to, any aspects of the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto; 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.

SC-5.6 Hazardous Environmental Conditions at Site

Delete paragraphs 5.6A, 5.6.B, and 5.6.I in of the General Conditions in their entirety and insert the following in their place:

- A. No reports or drawings related to Hazardous Environmental Conditions at the Site are known to Owner.
- B. This subsection is not needed.
- I. This subsection is not needed. [Should always be included in Supplemental Conditions unless otherwise applicable]

SC-6.2 Insurance – General Provisions

Add the following language at the end of Paragraph 6.2.C:

Contractor shall deliver the required certificates of insurance by the time set forth in the City issued Work Order or Purchase or no later than the commencement of any Work or services. All of the policies of insurance (or the certificates or other evidence thereof) required to be purchased and maintained by Contractor shall be on an “occurrence” form and contain the name of the Project.

SC-6.3 Contractor’s Insurance

Delete the following language in Paragraph 6.3.G:

G. *Additional insureds:* The Contractor’s commercial general liability, automobile liability, umbrella or excess, and pollution liability policies shall include and list as additional insureds Owner and Engineer, and any individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions; include coverage for the respective officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, 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 (including as applicable those arising from both ongoing and completed operations) on a non-contributory basis. Contractor shall obtain all necessary endorsements to support these requirements.

Add the following new paragraph immediately after Paragraph 6.3.J:

K. The limits of liability for the insurance required by Paragraph 6.3 of the General Conditions shall provide coverage for not less than the following amounts or greater where required by Laws and Regulations:

1. Workers’ Compensation, and related coverages under Paragraphs 6.3.A.1. and 6.3.A.2. of the General Conditions:

State:	<u>Statutory</u>
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Applicable Federal (e.g. Longshoreman's and Harbor Workers' Compensation, Maritime, Jones Act, etc.):	<u>Statutory</u>
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Employer’s liability:

Bodily injury, each accident	\$1,000,000
Bodily injury by disease, each employee	\$1,000,000
Bodily injury/disease aggregate	\$1,000,000

2. Contractor’s Commercial General Liability under paragraphs 6.3.B and 6.3.C of the General Conditions:

General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products and Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
Each Occurrence (Bodily Injury and Property Damage)	\$1,000,000
3. Automobile Liability under paragraph 6.3.D of the General Conditions:	
Combined Single Limit of	\$1,000,000
4. Excess or Umbrella Liability under paragraph 6.3.E of the General Conditions:	
Per Occurrence	\$If applicable
General Aggregate	\$If applicable

SC-6.4 Owner's Liability Insurance

Delete paragraphs 6.04 A. and 6.04 B. of the General Conditions in their entirety and insert the following in their place:

- A. This Subsection is not needed.
- B. This subsection is not needed.

SC-6.5 Property Insurance

Add the following language at the end of paragraph 6.5.C:

The maximum deductible amount for All Other Perils required under paragraph 6.5 shall be **\$5,000.00.**

SC-7.8 Permits

Add the following language at the end of paragraph 7.8.A:

Contractor shall obtain and pay for the following permits, as applicable:

- 1. City of Lake Worth Beach Building Permit. Include in the bid amount a 3-percent of appropriate items permit fee based on the bid cost. This permit fee amount will be adjusted based on the actual fee charged and the difference credited, as applicable.
- 2. **[Any other applicable permits].**

PART 2 - ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS

1. ATTACHMENTS:

The following forms included in the Project Manual shall be used by Contractor for submittals required by the Contract Documents (unless Owner accepts other form):

- a. Contractor's Affidavit to Owner (00670).
- b. Form of Application for Payment (00680).

END OF SECTION

**EXHIBIT “B”
CONTRACTOR’S RATE SCHEDULE**

(B4)

IFB #26-102

Underground Boring, Trenching, and Cable Pulling for Electrical Conduit Installation

SCHEDULE OF UNIT PRICES

In order to evaluate the bid submissions, each Bidder must identify the unit prices for the work set forth in the Scope of Work. All prices must include all labor, materials (except where noted otherwise) overhead, profit, etc. In the event additional work is added to the contract by Change Order, the following unit prices will be utilized (as applicable).

1.1 Open Trench Installation

Item Description	Unit	Unit Price (\$)
8" conduit installation via open trench per conduit	per ft	21.50
6" conduit installation via open trench per conduit	per ft	16.50
4" conduit installation via open trench per conduit	per ft	11.50
3" conduit installation via open trench per conduit	per ft	8.50
2" conduit installation via open trench per conduit	per ft	7.50
Concrete encasement	per ft	22.00

1.2 Directional Bore Installation

Item Description	Unit	Unit Price (\$)
8" conduit installation via directional bore per conduit	per ft	32.00
6" conduit installation via directional bore per conduit	per ft	26.00
4" conduit installation via directional bore per conduit	per ft	20.00
3" conduit installation via directional bore per conduit	per ft	17.00
2" conduit installation via directional bore per conduit	per ft	13.00
Discount for multiple at one time (e.g. 6 – 6" pulled at the same time)	per ft	-5.00 p/ft

1.3 MOT & Restoration

Item Description	Unit	Unit Price (\$)
MOT daytime	per day	700.00
Sod restoration	per sq ft	2.00
Asphalt restoration	per sq ft	8.50
Concrete restoration	per sq ft	10.50
Rock restoration (gravel)	per cubic yard	55.00

1.4 Materials to Provide - Conduit

Item Description	Unit	Unit Price (\$)
2" Sch40 PVC conduit	per ft	2.50
3" Sch40 PVC conduit	per ft	3.50
4" Sch40 PVC conduit	per ft	4.50
6" Sch40 PVC conduit	per ft	7.50
8" Sch40 PVC conduit	per ft	14.50
2" Sch80 PVC conduit	per ft	3.00
3" Sch80 PVC conduit	per ft	3.00
4" Sch80 PVC conduit	per ft	5.50
6" Sch80 PVC conduit	per ft	11.50
8" Sch80 PVC conduit	per ft	25.00
2" flex conduit	per ft	2.50
3" flex conduit	per ft	4.00
4" flex conduit	per ft	6.00
6" flex conduit	per ft	11.00
8" flex conduit	per ft	20.00
PVC-PVC Couplings	per unit	20.00
HDPE-PVC Couplings	per unit	16.00
Large Radius Sweeps based on 6" conduit	per unit	80.00

1.5 Cable Pulling

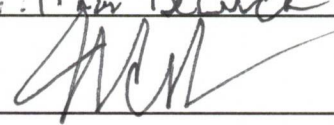
Item Description	Unit	Unit Price (\$)
Cable pulling through conduit	per ft	4.00

Bidder: WCDel LLC DBA Treasure Coast Infrastructure

Address: 1650 S Kanner Hwy City: Stuart ST FL Zip 34997

Phone: (407) 689 1038 Email: WCDeluca@gmail.com

Print Name: William Deluca Title: CEO

SIGNATURE:  Date: 12/2/25

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PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION BOND

Prepared by and return to:

PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION BOND
(Pursuant to sec. 255.05, Florida Statutes)

Surety Bond No. _____

Any singular reference to Contractor, Surety, Owner or other party shall be considered plural where applicable.

PRINCIPAL/CONTRACTOR:

Name:

[Principal Business Address]

Telephone Number:

SURETY:

Name:

[Principal Business Address]

Telephone Number:

OWNER:

CONTRACT:

Date:

Amount:

Description (Name and Location):

BOND:

Date (Not earlier than Contract Date):

Amount:

This Bond is issued in favor of the _____, as Owner and Obligee, and conditioned on the full and faithful performance of the Contract.

1. Principal/Contractor has entered into a contract with _____ for the project generally identified as the “_____” (“Contract”), with conditions and provisions as are further described in the aforementioned Contract, which Contract, including all of its attachments, exhibits, and incorporated documents (hereinafter, collectively, the “Contract Documents”) is incorporated by reference and made a part hereof in its entirety.

2. Principal and Surety are bound to the Owner and Obligee in the sum of the Contract Amount set forth above for payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally.

3. THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND is that if Principal:

a. Performs the Work required of and in accordance with the Contract Documents at the times and in the manner prescribed in the Contract Documents, which are made a part of this bond by reference; and

b. In accordance with Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, promptly makes payments to all claimants, as defined in Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, supplying Principal with labor, materials, or supplies, used directly or indirectly by Principal in the prosecution of the work provided for in the Contract Documents; and

c. Pays Owner all losses, damages (including liquidated damages), expenses, costs, and professional fees, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, including all trial and appellate proceedings, that the Owner sustains because of a default by Principal under the Contract Documents; and

d. Performs the warranty and guarantee of all work and materials furnished under the Contract Documents for the time specified in the Contract Documents, then this bond is void; otherwise it remains in full force.

If the Owner declares Contractor in default, the Owner shall notify the Surety if the Owner seeks the Surety to complete the project in accordance with the Contract Documents and the Surety may promptly remedy the default, or shall promptly complete the project in accordance with the Contract Documents.

4. Any changes in or under the Contract Documents and compliance or noncompliance with any formalities connected with the Contract Documents or the changes do not affect Surety's obligation under this bond and Surety waives notice of such changes. Any increase in the Contract Amount as authorized by the Owner shall accordingly increase the Surety's obligation by the same dollar amount of said increase. Principal/Contractor shall be responsible for notification to Surety of all changes to the Contract Amount. The Owner reserves the right to request an addendum or rider to this Bond for any increase in the Contract Amount, and if requested the same shall be provided by the Principal/Contractor and Surety. If the Contract Amount is increased above **twenty-five percent (25%)**, the Principal/Contractor shall promptly obtain an addendum or rider from the Surety for the increased Contract Amount and record the same in the official records. A copy of the recorded addendum or rider shall be provided to the Owner.

5. Principal and Surety expressly acknowledge and agree to be bound by all terms and conditions of the Contract Documents related to liquidated, delay, and time or impact-related damages. Surety shall be bound by the warranty or warranties contained in the Contract Documents and shall be responsible for any and all warranty obligations or damages as a result of latent defects or deficiencies in the work performed under the Contract Documents. The Surety waives all rights against Owner and its agents and employees for damages or other causes of loss by the Surety's performance of its obligations under this Bond, including claims by Surety against the Owner for costs it asserts were not warranted by the Contract Documents, excluding only such rights as the Surety shall have to proceeds of such insurance held by Owner as fiduciary (if any). Principal and Surety acknowledge that any such provisions lie within their obligations and within the policy coverage's and limitations of this instrument.

6. Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, as amended, together with all notice and time provisions contained therein, is incorporated herein, by reference, in its entirety. Any action instituted by a claimant under this bond for payment must be in accordance with the notice and time limitation provisions in Sections 255.05(2) and 255.05(10), Florida Statutes. This instrument regardless of its form, shall be construed and deemed a statutory bond issued in accordance with Section 255.05, Florida Statutes.

Surety and Contractor, intending to be legally bound hereby, subject to the terms included herein and as required under Florida Statutes, do each cause this Bond to be duly executed on its behalf by its authorized officer, agent, or representative.

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

Witness
Address: _____

Principal

Title

(Corporate Seal)

Witness
Address: _____

Surety

Attorney-in-Fact
(Attach Power of Attorney)

Print Name

(Corporate Seal)

IMPORTANT: Surety companies executing bonds must appear and remain on the U.S. Treasury Department's most current list (Federal Register) during construction, guarantee, and warranty periods, and be authorized to transact business in the State of Florida.

BOND MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURES. NO COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

EXHIBIT “D”

STANDARD GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

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STANDARD GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

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ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

1.1 *Defined Terms*

- A. Wherever used in the Contract Documents (which include the Bidding Requirements), a term printed with initial capital letters, including the term's singular and plural forms, will have the meaning indicated in the definitions below. In addition to terms specifically defined, terms with initial capital letters in the Contract Documents include references to identified articles and paragraphs, and the titles of other documents or forms.
1. *Addenda*—Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the opening of Bids which clarify, correct, or change the Bidding Requirements or the proposed Contract Documents.
 2. *Agreement*—The written instrument, executed by Owner and Contractor, that sets forth the Contract Price and Contract Times, identifies the parties and the Engineer, and designates the specific items that are Contract Documents.
 3. *Application for Payment*—The 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. *Bid*—The offer of a Bidder submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the prices for the Work to be performed.
 5. *Bidder*—An individual or entity that submits a Bid to Owner.
 6. *Bidding Documents*—The Bidding Requirements, the proposed Contract Documents, and all Addenda.
 7. *Bidding Requirements*—The advertisement or invitation to bid, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Bond or other Bid security, if any, the Bid Form, and the Bid with any attachments, which is part of the Contract Documents.
 8. *Change Order*—A document which is signed by Contractor and Owner and authorizes an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times, or other revision to the Contract, issued on or after the Effective Date of the Contract.
 9. *Change Proposal*—A written request by Contractor, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth in the Contract, seeking an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, or both; contesting an initial decision by Engineer concerning the requirements of the Contract or the acceptability of Work under the Contract Documents; challenging a set-off against payments due; or seeking other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract.
 10. *Claim*—(a) A demand or assertion by Owner directly to Contractor, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth in the Contract: seeking an adjustment of Contract Price or Contract Times, or both; contesting an initial decision by Engineer concerning the requirements of the Contract or the acceptability of Work under the Contract Documents; contesting Engineer's decision regarding a Change Proposal; seeking resolution of a contractual issue that Engineer has declined to address; or seeking other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract; or (b) a demand or assertion by Contractor directly to Owner, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth in the Contract, contesting Engineer's decision regarding a Change Proposal; or seeking resolution of a contractual issue that Engineer has declined to address. A demand for money or services by a third party is not a Claim.

11. *Constituent of Concern*—Asbestos, petroleum, radioactive materials, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), hazardous waste, and any substance, product, waste, or other material of any nature whatsoever that is or becomes listed, regulated, or addressed pursuant to (a) the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§9601 et seq. (“CERCLA”); (b) the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. §§5101 et seq.; (c) the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. §§6901 et seq. (“RCRA”); (d) the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. §§2601 et seq.; (e) the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§1251 et seq.; (f) the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.; or (g) any other federal, state, or local statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, resolution, code, order, or decree regulating, relating to, or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning, any hazardous, toxic, or dangerous waste, substance, or material.
12. *Contract*—The entire and integrated written contract between the Owner and Contractor concerning the Work.
13. *Contract Documents*—Those items so designated in the Agreement, and which together comprise the Contract.
14. *Contract Price*—The money that Owner has agreed to pay Contractor for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
15. *Contract Times*—The number of days or the dates by which Contractor shall: (a) achieve Milestones, if any; (b) achieve Substantial Completion; and (c) complete the Work.
16. *Contractor*—The individual or entity with which Owner has contracted for performance of the Work.
17. *Cost of the Work*—See Paragraph 13.1 for definition.
18. *Drawings*—The part of the Contract that graphically shows the scope, extent, and character of the Work to be performed by Contractor.
19. *Effective Date of the Contract*—The date, indicated in the Agreement, on which the Contract becomes effective.
20. *Engineer*—The individual or entity named as such in the Agreement.
21. *Field Order*—A written order issued by Engineer which requires minor changes in the Work but does not change the Contract Price or the Contract Times.
22. *Hazardous Environmental Condition*—The presence at the Site of Constituents of Concern in such quantities or circumstances that may present a danger to persons or property exposed thereto. The presence at the Site of materials that are necessary for the execution of the Work, or that are to be incorporated in the Work, and that are controlled and contained pursuant to industry practices, Laws and Regulations, and the requirements of the Contract, does not establish a Hazardous Environmental Condition.
23. *Laws and Regulations; Laws or Regulations*—Any and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, and orders of any and all governmental bodies, agencies, authorities, and courts having jurisdiction.

24. *Liens*—Charges, security interests, or encumbrances upon Contract-related funds, real property, or personal property.
25. *Milestone*—A principal event in the performance of the Work that the Contract requires Contractor to achieve by an intermediate completion date or by a time prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work.
26. *Notice of Award*—The written notice by Owner to a Bidder of Owner's acceptance of the Bid.
27. *Notice to Proceed*—A written notice by Owner to Contractor fixing the date on which the Contract Times will commence to run and on which Contractor shall start to perform the Work.
28. *Owner*—The individual or entity with which Contractor has contracted regarding the Work, and which has agreed to pay Contractor for the performance of the Work, pursuant to the terms of the Contract.
29. *Progress Schedule*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, describing the sequence and duration of the activities comprising the Contractor's plan to accomplish the Work within the Contract Times.
30. *Project*—The total undertaking to be accomplished for Owner by engineers, contractors, and others, including planning, study, design, construction, testing, commissioning, and start-up, and of which the Work to be performed under the Contract Documents is a part.
31. *Project Manual*—The written documents prepared for, or made available for, procuring and constructing the Work, including but not limited to the Bidding Documents or other construction procurement documents, geotechnical and existing conditions information, the Agreement, bond forms, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, and Specifications. The contents of the Project Manual may be bound in one or more volumes.
32. *Resident Project Representative*—The authorized representative of Engineer assigned to assist Engineer at the Site. As used herein, the term Resident Project Representative or "RPR" includes any assistants or field staff of Resident Project Representative.
33. *Samples*—Physical examples of materials, equipment, or workmanship that are representative of some portion of the Work and that establish the standards by which such portion of the Work will be judged.
34. *Schedule of Submittals*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, of required submittals and the time requirements for Engineer's review of the submittals and the performance of related construction activities.
35. *Schedule of Values*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, allocating portions of the Contract Price to various portions of the Work and used as the basis for reviewing Contractor's Applications for Payment.
36. *Shop Drawings*—All drawings, diagrams, illustrations, schedules, and other data or information that are specifically prepared or assembled by or for Contractor and submitted by Contractor to illustrate some portion of the Work. Shop Drawings, whether approved or not, are not Drawings and are not Contract Documents.

37. *Site*—Lands or areas indicated in the Contract Documents as being furnished by Owner upon which the Work is to be performed, including rights-of-way and easements, and such other lands furnished by Owner which are designated for the use of Contractor.
38. *Specifications*—The part of the Contract that consists of written requirements for materials, equipment, systems, standards, and workmanship as applied to the Work, and certain administrative requirements and procedural matters applicable to the Work.
39. *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.
40. *Substantial Completion*—The time at which the Work (or a specified part thereof) has progressed to the point where, in the opinion of Engineer, the Work (or a specified part thereof) is sufficiently complete, in accordance with the Contract Documents, so that the Work (or a specified part thereof) can be utilized for the purposes for which it is intended. The terms “substantially complete” and “substantially completed” as applied to all or part of the Work refer to Substantial Completion thereof.
41. *Successful Bidder*—The Bidder whose Bid the Owner accepts, and to which the Owner makes an award of contract, subject to stated conditions.
42. *Supplementary Conditions*—The part of the Contract that amends or supplements these General Conditions.
43. *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 a Subcontractor.
44. *Technical Data*—Those items expressly identified as Technical Data in the Supplementary Conditions, with respect to either (a) subsurface conditions at the Site, or physical conditions relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at the Site (except Underground Facilities) or (b) Hazardous Environmental Conditions at the Site. If no such express identifications of Technical Data have been made with respect to conditions at the Site, then the data contained in boring logs, recorded measurements of subsurface water levels, laboratory test results, and other factual, objective information regarding conditions at the Site that are set forth in any geotechnical or environmental report prepared for the Project and made available to Contractor are hereby defined as Technical Data with respect to conditions at the Site under Paragraphs 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6.
45. *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 but not limited to those that convey electricity, gases, steam, liquid petroleum products, telephone or other communications, fiber optic transmissions, cable television, water, wastewater, storm water, other liquids or chemicals, or traffic or other control systems.
46. *Unit Price Work*—Work to be paid for on the basis of unit prices. If Unit Price Work is based on installation linear footage or other measurement, the Unit Price Work must be verified by the Engineer of Record or the Owner.
47. *Work*—The entire construction or the various separately identifiable parts thereof required to be provided under the Contract Documents. Work includes and is the result of performing or providing all labor, services, and documentation necessary to produce such construction; furnishing, installing, and incorporating all materials and equipment into such construction; and may include related services such as testing, start-up, and commissioning, all as required by the Contract Documents.

48. *Work Change Directive*—A written directive to Contractor issued on or after the Effective Date of the Contract, signed by Owner and recommended by Engineer, ordering an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work.

1.2 *Terminology*

- A. The words and terms discussed in the following paragraphs are not defined but, when used in the Contract Documents, have the indicated meaning.
- B. *Intent of Certain Terms or Adjectives:*
1. The Contract Documents include the terms “as allowed,” “as approved,” “as ordered,” “as directed” or terms of like effect or import to authorize an exercise of professional judgment by Engineer. In addition, the adjectives “reasonable,” “suitable,” “acceptable,” “proper,” “satisfactory,” or adjectives of like effect or import are used to describe an action or determination of Engineer as to the Work. It is intended that such exercise of professional judgment, action, or determination will be solely to evaluate, in general, the Work for compliance with the information in the Contract Documents and with the design concept of the Project as a functioning whole as shown or indicated in the Contract Documents (unless there is a specific statement indicating otherwise). The use of any such term or adjective is not intended to and shall not be effective to assign to Engineer any duty or authority to supervise or direct the performance of the Work, or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility contrary to the provisions of Article 10 or any other provision of the Contract Documents.
- C. *Day:*
1. The word “day” means a calendar day of 24 hours measured from midnight to the next midnight.
- D. *Defective:*
1. The word “defective,” when modifying the word “Work,” refers to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty, or deficient in that it:
 - a. does not conform to the Contract; or
 - b. does not meet the requirements of any applicable inspection, reference standard, test, or approval referred to in the Contract; or
 - c. has been damaged prior to Engineer’s recommendation of final payment (unless responsibility for the protection thereof has been assumed by Owner at Substantial Completion in accordance with Paragraph 15.3 or 15.4).
- E. *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. If the Contract Documents establish an obligation of Contractor with respect to specific services, materials, or equipment, but do not expressly use any of the four words “furnish,” “install,” “perform,” or “provide,” then Contractor shall furnish and install said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.
- F. Unless stated otherwise in the Contract Documents, words or phrases that have a well-known technical or construction industry or trade meaning are used in the Contract Documents in accordance with such recognized meaning.

ARTICLE 2 – PRELIMINARY MATTERS

2.1 *Delivery of Bonds and Evidence of Insurance*

- A. *Public Construction Bond:* When Contractor delivers the executed counterparts of the Agreement to Owner, Contractor shall pursuant to section 255.05, Florida Statutes, also deliver to Owner a certified copy of the Public Construction Bond as recorded in the Official Records for Palm Beach County or such other bonds as Contractor may be required to furnish. The Supplemental Conditions contain the specific requirements for the Public Construction Bond and Bond Form.
- B. *Evidence of Contractor’s Insurance:* When Contractor delivers the executed counterparts of the Agreement to Owner, Contractor shall also deliver to Owner, with copies to each named insured and additional insured (as identified in the Supplementary Conditions or elsewhere in the Contract), the certificates and other evidence of insurance required to be provided by Contractor in accordance with Article 6.
- C. *Evidence of Owner’s Insurance:* After receipt of the executed counterparts of the Agreement and all required bonds and insurance documentation, Owner shall promptly deliver to Contractor, with copies to each named insured and additional insured (as identified in the Supplementary Conditions or otherwise), the certificates and other evidence of insurance required to be provided by Owner under Article 6.
- D. *Termination for failure to provide bonds and insurance.* If the Contractor fails to provide the required bonds (including a certified copy of the Public Construction Bond as recorded in the Official Records for Palm Beach County) within fifteen (15) calendar days after the Contractor’s and Owner’s execution of the Agreement, the Owner may immediately terminate the Agreement upon written notice to the Contractor and the Owner shall have no further obligation to the Contractor under the Contract. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall also forfeit its Bid Bond to the Owner

2.2 *Copies of Documents.* Engineer shall furnish to Contractor one (1) copy of Contract for execution. Additional copies will be furnished upon request electronically (if available) and hard copy at the Contractor’s expense.

2.3 *Before Starting Construction*

- A. *Preliminary Schedules:* Within 10 days after the Effective Date of the Contract (or as otherwise specifically required by the Contract Documents), Contractor shall submit to Engineer for timely review:
 1. a preliminary Progress Schedule indicating the times (numbers of days or dates) for starting and completing the various stages of the Work, including any Milestones specified in the Contract;
 2. a preliminary Schedule of Submittals; and

3. a preliminary Schedule of Values for all of the Work which includes quantities and prices of items which when added together equal the Contract Price and subdivides the Work into component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during performance of the Work. Such prices will include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work.

2.4 *Preconstruction Conference; Designation of Authorized Representatives*

- A. Before any Work at the Site is started, a conference attended by Owner, Contractor, Engineer, and others as appropriate will be held to establish a working understanding among the parties as to the Work and to discuss the schedules referred to in Paragraph 2.3.A, procedures for handling Shop Drawings, Samples, and other submittals, processing Applications for Payment, electronic or digital transmittals, and maintaining required records.
- B. At this conference Owner and Contractor each shall designate, in writing, a specific individual to act as its authorized representative with respect to the services and responsibilities under the Contract. Such individuals shall have the authority to transmit and receive information, render decisions relative to the Contract, and otherwise act on behalf of each respective party.

2.5 *Initial Acceptance of Schedules*

- A. At least 10 days before submission of the first Application for Payment a conference, attended by Contractor, Engineer, and others as appropriate, will be held to review for acceptability to Engineer as provided below the schedules submitted in accordance with Paragraph 2.3.A. Contractor shall have an additional 10 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 the Contract Times. Such acceptance will not impose on Engineer responsibility for the Progress Schedule, for sequencing, scheduling, or progress of the Work, nor interfere with or relieve Contractor from Contractor's full responsibility therefor.
 2. Contractor's Schedule of Submittals will be acceptable to Engineer if it provides a workable arrangement for reviewing and processing the required submittals.
 3. Contractor's Schedule of Values will be acceptable to Engineer as to form and substance if it provides a reasonable allocation of the Contract Price to the component parts of the Work.

2.6 *Electronic Transmittals*

- A. Except as otherwise stated elsewhere in the Contract, the Owner, Engineer, and Contractor may transmit, and shall accept, Project-related correspondence, text, data, documents, drawings, information, and graphics, including but not limited to Shop Drawings and other submittals, in electronic media or digital format, either directly, or through access to a secure Project website.
- B. If the Contract does not establish protocols for electronic or digital transmittals, then Owner, Engineer, and Contractor shall jointly develop such protocols.
- C. When transmitting items in electronic media or digital format, the transmitting party makes no representations as to long term compatibility, usability, or readability of the items resulting from the recipient's use of software application packages, operating systems, or

computer hardware differing from those used in the drafting or transmittal of the items, or from those established in applicable transmittal protocols.

ARTICLE 3 – DOCUMENTS: INTENT, REQUIREMENTS, REUSE

3.1 *Intent*

- A. The Contract Documents are complementary; what is required by one is as binding as if required by all.
- B. It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete project (or part thereof) to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- C. Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, if there is a discrepancy between the electronic or digital versions of the Contract Documents (including any printed copies derived from such electronic or digital versions) and the printed record version, the printed record version shall govern.
- D. The Contract supersedes prior negotiations, representations, and agreements, whether written or oral.
- E. Engineer will issue clarifications and interpretations of the Contract Documents as provided herein.

3.2 *Reference Standards*

- A. Standards Specifications, Codes, Laws and Regulations
 - 1. Reference in the Contract Documents to standard specifications, manuals, reference standards, or codes of any technical society, organization, or association, or to Laws or Regulations, whether such reference be specific or by implication, shall mean the standard specification, manual, reference standard, code, or Laws or Regulations in effect at the time of opening of Bids (or on the Effective Date of the Contract if there were no Bids), except as may be otherwise specifically stated in the Contract Documents.
 - 2. No provision of any such standard specification, manual, reference standard, or code, 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 part of the Contract Documents prepared by or for Engineer. No such provision or instruction shall be effective to assign to Owner, Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, any duty or authority to supervise or direct the performance of the Work or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility inconsistent with the provisions of the part of the Contract Documents prepared by or for Engineer.

3.3 *Reporting and Resolving Discrepancies*

- A. *Reporting Discrepancies:*
 - 1. *Contractor's Verification of Figures and Field Measurements:* Before undertaking each part of the Work, Contractor shall carefully study the Contract Documents, and check and verify pertinent figures and dimensions therein, particularly with respect to applicable field measurements. Contractor shall promptly report in writing to Engineer any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy that Contractor discovers, or has actual knowledge of, and shall not proceed with any Work affected thereby until the conflict,

error, ambiguity, or discrepancy is resolved, by a clarification or interpretation by Engineer, or by an amendment or supplement to the Contract Documents issued pursuant to Paragraph 11.1.

2. *Contractor's Review of Contract Documents:* If, before or during the performance of the Work, Contractor discovers any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy within the Contract Documents, or between the Contract Documents and (a) any applicable Law or Regulation, (b) actual field conditions, (c) any standard specification, manual, reference standard, or code, or (d) any instruction of any Supplier, then Contractor shall promptly report it to Engineer in writing. Contractor shall not proceed with the Work affected thereby (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15) until the conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy is resolved, by a clarification or interpretation by Engineer, or by an amendment or supplement to the Contract Documents issued pursuant to Paragraph 11.1.
3. Contractor shall not be liable to Owner or Engineer for failure to report any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy in the Contract Documents unless Contractor had actual knowledge thereof or unless Contractor reasonably should have known of such conflict, error, ambiguity or discrepancy.

B. *Resolving Discrepancies:*

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

3.4 *Requirements of the Contract Documents*

- A. During the performance of the Work and until final payment, Contractor and Owner shall submit to the Engineer all matters in question concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents (sometimes referred to as requests for information or interpretation—RFIs), or relating to the acceptability of the Work under the Contract Documents, as soon as possible after such matters arise. Engineer will be the initial interpreter of the requirements of the Contract Documents, and judge of the acceptability of the Work thereunder.
- B. Engineer will, with reasonable promptness, render a written clarification, interpretation, or decision on the issue submitted, or initiate an amendment or supplement to the Contract Documents. Engineer's written clarification, interpretation, or decision will be final and binding on Contractor, unless it appeals by submitting a Change Proposal, and on Owner, unless it appeals by filing a Claim.
- C. If a submitted matter in question concerns terms and conditions of the Contract Documents that do not involve (1) the performance or acceptability of the Work under the Contract Documents, (2) the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), or (3) other engineering or technical matters, then Engineer will promptly give written notice to Owner and Contractor that Engineer is unable to provide a decision or interpretation. If Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on resolution of such a matter in question, either party may pursue resolution as provided in Article 12.

3.5 *Reuse of Documents*

- A. Contractor and its Subcontractors and Suppliers shall not:
 - 1. have or acquire any title to or ownership rights in any of the Drawings, Specifications, or other documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the seal of Engineer or its consultants, including electronic media editions, or reuse any such Drawings, Specifications, other documents, or copies thereof on extensions of the Project or any other project without written consent of Owner and Engineer and specific written verification or adaptation by Engineer; or
 - 2. have or acquire any title or ownership rights in any other Contract Documents, reuse any such Contract Documents for any purpose without Owner's express written consent, or violate any copyrights pertaining to such Contract Documents.
- B. The prohibitions of this Paragraph 3.5 will survive final payment, or termination of the Contract. Nothing herein shall preclude Contractor from retaining copies of the Contract Documents for record purposes.

ARTICLE 4 – COMMENCEMENT AND PROGRESS OF THE WORK

4.1 *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 Contract. 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.

4.2 *Starting the Work*

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

4.3 *Reference Points*

- A. Owner shall provide engineering surveys to establish reference points for construction which in Engineer's judgment are necessary to enable Contractor to proceed with the Work. Contractor shall be responsible for laying out the Work, shall protect and preserve the established reference points and property monuments, and shall make no changes or relocations without the prior written approval of Owner. Contractor shall report to Engineer whenever any reference point or property monument is lost or destroyed or requires relocation because of necessary changes in grades or locations, and shall be responsible for the accurate replacement or relocation of such reference points or property monuments by professionally qualified personnel.

4.4 *Progress Schedule*

- A. Contractor shall adhere to the Progress Schedule established in accordance with Paragraph 2.5 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 2.5) proposed adjustments in the Progress Schedule that will not result in changing the Contract Times.

2. Proposed adjustments in the Progress Schedule that will change the Contract Times shall be submitted in accordance with the requirements of Article 11.
- B. Contractor shall carry on the Work and adhere to the Progress Schedule during all disputes or disagreements with Owner. No Work shall be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, or during any appeal process, except as permitted by Paragraph 16.4, or as Owner and Contractor may otherwise agree in writing.

4.5 *Delays in Contractor's Progress*

- A. If Owner, Engineer, or anyone for whom Owner is responsible, delays, disrupts, or interferes with the performance or progress of the Work, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in the Contract Times and Contract Price. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is conditioned on such adjustment being essential to Contractor's ability to complete the Work within the Contract Times.
- B. Contractor shall not be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times for delay, disruption, or interference caused by or within the control of Contractor. Delay, disruption, and interference attributable to and within the control of a Subcontractor or Supplier shall be deemed to be within the control of Contractor.
- C. If Contractor's performance or progress is delayed, disrupted, or interfered with by unanticipated causes not the fault of and beyond the control of Owner, Contractor, and those for which they are responsible, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in Contract Times. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is conditioned on such adjustment being essential to Contractor's ability to complete the Work within the Contract Times. Such an adjustment shall be Contractor's sole and exclusive remedy for the delays, disruption, and interference described in this paragraph. Causes of delay, disruption, or interference that may give rise to an adjustment in Contract Times under this paragraph include but are not limited to the following:
 1. severe and unavoidable natural catastrophes such as fires, floods, epidemics, and earthquakes;
 2. abnormal weather conditions;
 3. acts or failures to act of utility owners (other than those performing other work at or adjacent to the Site by arrangement with the Owner, as contemplated in Article 8); and
 4. acts of war or terrorism.
- D. Delays, disruption, and interference to the performance or progress of the Work resulting from the existence of a differing subsurface or physical condition, an Underground Facility that was not shown or indicated by the Contract Documents, or not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy, and those resulting from Hazardous Environmental Conditions, are governed by Article 5.
- E. Paragraph 8.3 governs delays, disruption, and interference to the performance or progress of the Work resulting from the performance of certain other work at or adjacent to the Site.
- F. Contractor shall not be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times for any delay, disruption, or interference if such delay is concurrent with a delay, disruption, or interference caused by or within the control of Contractor.

- G. Contractor must submit any Change Proposal seeking an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times under this paragraph within 30 days of the commencement of the delaying, disrupting, or interfering event.

ARTICLE 5 – AVAILABILITY OF LANDS; SUBSURFACE AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS; HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

5.1 *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.
- B. Upon reasonable written request, Owner shall furnish Contractor with a current statement of record legal title and legal description of the lands upon which permanent improvements are to be made and Owner's interest therein. If lands are not owned by Owner, Owner shall upon request by Contractor provide such information 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. Failure of Contractor to obtain all such additional lands and access prior to commencement of the Work shall be at Contractor's sole expense.

5.2 *Use of Site and Other Areas*

A. *Limitation on Use of Site and Other Areas:*

- 1. Contractor shall confine construction equipment, temporary construction facilities, the storage of materials and equipment, and the operations of workers to the Site, adjacent areas that Contractor has arranged to use through construction easements or otherwise, and other adjacent areas permitted by Laws and Regulations, and shall not unreasonably encumber the Site and such other adjacent areas with construction equipment or other materials or equipment. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for (a) damage to the Site; (b) damage to any such other adjacent areas used for Contractor's operations; (c) damage to any other adjacent land or areas; and (d) for injuries and losses sustained by the owners or occupants of any such land or areas; provided that such damage or injuries result from the performance of the Work or from other actions or conduct of the Contractor or those for which Contractor is responsible.
- 2. If a damage or injury claim is made by the owner or occupant of any such land or area because of the performance of the Work, or because of other actions or conduct of the Contractor or those for which Contractor is responsible, Contractor shall (a) take immediate corrective or remedial action as required by Paragraph 7.12, or otherwise; (b) promptly attempt to settle the claim as to all parties through negotiations with such owner or occupant, or otherwise resolve the claim by arbitration or other dispute resolution proceeding, or at law; and (c) to the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against any such claim, and against all costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to any claim or action, legal or equitable, brought by any such owner or occupant against Owner, Engineer, or any other party indemnified hereunder to the extent caused directly or indirectly, in whole or in part

by, or based upon, Contractor's performance of the Work, or because of other actions or conduct of the Contractor or those for which Contractor is responsible.

- B. *Removal of Debris During Performance of the Work:* During the progress of the Work the Contractor shall keep the Site and other adjacent areas free from accumulations of waste materials, rubbish, and other debris. Removal and disposal of such waste materials, rubbish, and other debris shall conform to applicable Laws and Regulations.
- C. *Cleaning:* Prior to Substantial Completion of the Work Contractor shall clean the Site and the Work and make it ready for utilization by Owner. At the completion of the Work Contractor shall remove from the Site and adjacent areas all tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery, and surplus materials and shall restore to original condition all property not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents.
- D. *Loading of Structures:* Contractor shall not load nor permit any part of any structure to be loaded in any manner that will endanger the structure, nor shall Contractor subject any part of the Work or adjacent structures or land to stresses or pressures that will endanger them.

5.3 *Subsurface and Physical Conditions*

- A. *Reports and Drawings:* Division 1: General Requirements of the Specifications shall identify those reports known to Owner of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or adjacent to the site and drawings known to Owner of physical conditions relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at the site that have been utilized by Engineer in preparation of the Contract Documents. Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of any Technical Data contained in such reports that is specifically referenced in Division 1: General Requirements as Technical Data that can be relied on by Contractor. Except as indicated above, Contractor shall have full responsibility with respect to subsurface and physical conditions at the site.
- B. Contractor may rely on the technical data as set forth in subsection A above, but such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents. Except for such reliance on Technical Data, Contractor may not rely upon or make any claim against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, with respect to:
 - 1. The completeness of such reports and drawings for Contractor's purposes, including, but not limited to, any aspects of the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto; 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.

5.4 *Differing Subsurface or Physical Conditions*

- A. *Notice by Contractor:* If Contractor believes that any subsurface or physical condition that is uncovered or revealed at the Site 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 5.3 is materially inaccurate; or
 2. is of such a nature as to require a change in the Drawings or Specifications; 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 and before further disturbing the subsurface or physical conditions or performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15), notify Owner and Engineer in writing about such condition. Contractor shall not further disturb such condition or perform any Work in connection therewith (except with respect to an emergency) until receipt of a written statement permitting Contractor to do so.

- B. *Engineer's Review:* After receipt of written notice as required by the preceding paragraph, Engineer will promptly review the subsurface or physical condition in question; determine the necessity of Owner's obtaining additional exploration or tests with respect to the condition; conclude whether the condition falls within any one or more of the differing site condition categories in Paragraph 5.4.A above; obtain any pertinent cost or schedule information from Contractor; prepare recommendations to Owner regarding the Contractor's resumption of Work in connection with the subsurface or physical condition in question and the need for any change in the Drawings or Specifications; and advise Owner in writing of Engineer's findings, conclusions, and recommendations.
- C. *Owner's Statement to Contractor Regarding Site Condition:* After receipt of Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations, Owner shall issue a written statement to Contractor (with a copy to Engineer) regarding the subsurface or physical condition in question, addressing the resumption of Work in connection with such condition, indicating whether any change in the Drawings or Specifications will be made, and adopting or rejecting Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations, in whole or in part.
- D. *Possible Price and Times Adjustments:*
1. Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, to the extent that the existence of a differing subsurface or physical condition, or any related delay, disruption, or interference, causes an increase or decrease in Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of the Work; subject, however, to the following:
 - a. such condition must fall within any one or more of the categories described in Paragraph 5.4.A;
 - b. with respect to Work that is paid for on a unit price basis, any adjustment in Contract Price will be subject to the provisions of Paragraph 13.3; and,

- c. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is conditioned on such adjustment being essential to Contractor's ability to complete the Work within the Contract Times.
2. Contractor shall not be entitled to any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times with respect to a subsurface or physical condition if:
 - a. Contractor knew of the existence of such condition at the time Contractor made a commitment to Owner with respect to Contract Price and Contract Times by the submission of a Bid or becoming bound under a negotiated contract, or otherwise; or
 - b. the existence of such condition reasonably could have been discovered or revealed as a result of any examination, investigation, exploration, test, or study of the Site and contiguous areas expressly required by the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents to be conducted by or for Contractor prior to Contractor's making such commitment; or
 - c. Contractor failed to give the written notice as required by Paragraph 5.4.A.
3. If Owner and Contractor agree regarding Contractor's entitlement to and the amount or extent of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, then any such adjustment shall be set forth in a Change Order.
4. Contractor may submit a Change Proposal regarding its entitlement to or the amount or extent of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, no later than 30 days after Owner's issuance of the Owner's written statement to Contractor regarding the subsurface or physical condition in question.

5.5 *Underground Facilities*

- A. *Contractor's Responsibilities:* The information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or adjacent 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 do not warrant or guarantee the accuracy or completeness of any such information or data provided by others; 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 information and data regarding existing Underground Facilities at the Site;
 - b. locating all Underground Facilities shown or indicated in the Contract Documents as being at the Site;
 - c. coordination of the Work with the owners (including Owner) of such Underground Facilities, during construction; and
 - d. the safety and protection of all existing Underground Facilities at the Site, and repairing any damage thereto resulting from the Work.
- B. *Notice by Contractor:* If Contractor believes that an Underground Facility that is uncovered or revealed at the Site was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents, or was not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy, then Contractor shall, promptly after

becoming aware thereof and before further disturbing conditions affected thereby or performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15), identify the owner of such Underground Facility and give written notice to that owner and to Owner and Engineer.

- C. *Engineer's Review:* Engineer will promptly review the Underground Facility and conclude whether such Underground Facility was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents, or was not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy; obtain any pertinent cost or schedule information from Contractor; prepare recommendations to Owner regarding the Contractor's resumption of Work in connection with the Underground Facility in question; determine the extent, if any, to which a change is required in the Drawings or Specifications to reflect and document the consequences of the existence or location of the Underground Facility; and advise Owner in writing of Engineer's findings, conclusions, and recommendations. During such time, Contractor shall be responsible for the safety and protection of such Underground Facility.
- D. *Owner's Statement to Contractor Regarding Underground Facility:* After receipt of Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations, Owner shall issue a written statement to Contractor (with a copy to Engineer) regarding the Underground Facility in question, addressing the resumption of Work in connection with such Underground Facility, indicating whether any change in the Drawings or Specifications will be made, and adopting or rejecting Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations in whole or in part.
- E. *Possible Price and Times Adjustments:*
 - 1. Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, to the extent that any existing Underground Facility at the Site that was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents, or was not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy, or any related delay, disruption, or interference, causes an increase or decrease in Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of the Work; subject, however, to the following:
 - a. Contractor did not know of and could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of or to have anticipated the existence or actual location of the Underground Facility in question;
 - b. With respect to Work that is paid for on a unit price basis, any adjustment in Contract Price will be subject to the provisions of Paragraph 13.3;
 - c. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is conditioned on such adjustment being essential to Contractor's ability to complete the Work within the Contract Times; and
 - d. Contractor gave the notice required in Paragraph 5.5.B.
 - 2. If Owner and Contractor agree regarding Contractor's entitlement to and the amount or extent of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, then any such adjustment shall be set forth in a Change Order.
 - 3. Contractor may submit a Change Proposal regarding its entitlement to or the amount or extent of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, no later than 30 days after Owner's issuance of the Owner's written statement to Contractor regarding the Underground Facility in question.

5.6 *Hazardous Environmental Conditions at Site*

- A. *Reports and Drawings*: The Supplementary Conditions identify:
1. those reports and drawings known to Owner relating to Hazardous Environmental Conditions that have been identified at or adjacent to the Site; and
 2. Technical Data contained in such reports and drawings.
- B. *Reliance by Contractor on Technical Data Authorized*: Contractor may reasonably rely upon the accuracy of the Technical Data expressly identified in the Supplementary Conditions with respect to such reports and drawings, but such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents. If no such express identification has been made, then Contractor may reasonably rely on the accuracy of the Technical Data (as defined in Article 1) contained in any geotechnical or environmental report prepared for the Project and made available to Contractor. Except for such reliance on Technical Data, Contractor may not rely upon or make any claim against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors with respect to:
1. the completeness of such reports and drawings for Contractor's purposes, including, but not limited to, any aspects of the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor and safety precautions and programs incident thereto; 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 removing or remediating any Hazardous Environmental Condition encountered, uncovered, or revealed at the Site unless such removal or remediation is expressly identified in the Contract Documents to be within the scope of the Work.
- D. Contractor shall be responsible for controlling, containing, and duly removing all Constituents of Concern brought to the Site by Contractor, Subcontractors, Suppliers, or anyone else for whom Contractor is responsible, and for any associated costs; and for the costs of removing and remediating any Hazardous Environmental Condition created by the presence of any such Constituents of Concern.
- E. If Contractor encounters, uncovers, or reveals a Hazardous Environmental Condition whose removal or remediation is not expressly identified in the Contract Documents as being within the scope of the Work, or if Contractor or anyone for whom Contractor is responsible creates a Hazardous Environmental Condition, then Contractor shall immediately: (1) secure or otherwise isolate such condition; (2) stop all Work in connection with such condition and in any area affected thereby (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15); and (3) notify Owner and Engineer (and promptly thereafter confirm such notice in writing). Owner shall promptly consult with Engineer concerning the necessity for Owner to retain a qualified expert to evaluate such condition or take corrective action, if any. Promptly after consulting with Engineer, Owner shall take such actions as are necessary to permit Owner to timely obtain required permits and provide Contractor the written notice required by Paragraph 5.6.F. If Contractor or anyone for whom Contractor is responsible created the Hazardous Environmental Condition in question, then Owner may remove and remediate the Hazardous Environmental Condition, and impose a set-off against payments to account for the associated costs.

- F. Contractor shall not resume Work in connection with such Hazardous Environmental Condition or in any affected area until after Owner has obtained any required permits related thereto, and delivered written notice to Contractor either (1) specifying that such condition and any affected area is or has been rendered safe for the resumption of Work, or (2) specifying any special conditions under which such Work may be resumed safely.
- G. If Owner and Contractor cannot agree as to entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, as a result of such Work stoppage or such special conditions under which Work is agreed to be resumed by Contractor, then within 30 days of Owner's written notice regarding the resumption of Work, Contractor may submit a Change Proposal, or Owner may impose a set-off.
- H. If after receipt of such written notice Contractor does not agree to resume such Work based on a reasonable belief it is unsafe, or does not agree to resume such Work under such special conditions, then Owner may order the portion of the Work that is in the area affected by such condition to be deleted from the Work, following the contractual change procedures in Article 11. Owner may have such deleted portion of the Work performed by Owner's own forces or others in accordance with Article 8.
- I. Subject to the monetary limits set forth in section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and the Owner's right to sovereign immunity under Laws and Regulations, Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Contractor, Subcontractors, and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to a Hazardous Environmental Condition, provided that such Hazardous Environmental Condition (1) was not shown or indicated in the Drawings, Specifications, or other Contract Documents, identified as Technical Data entitled to limited reliance pursuant to Paragraph 5.6.B, or identified in the Contract Documents to be included within the scope of the Work; (2) was not created by Contractor or by anyone for whom Contractor is responsible; and, (3) was not reasonably known by the Owner. Nothing in this Paragraph 5.6.I shall obligate Owner to indemnify any individual or entity from and against the consequences of that individual's or entity's own negligence.
- J. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to the failure to control, contain, or remove a Constituent of Concern brought to the Site by Contractor or by anyone for whom Contractor is responsible, or to a Hazardous Environmental Condition created by Contractor or by anyone for whom Contractor is responsible. Nothing in this Paragraph 5.6.J shall obligate Contractor to indemnify any individual or entity from and against the consequences of that individual's or entity's own negligence.
- K. The provisions of Paragraphs 5.3, 5.4, and 5.5 do not apply to the presence of Constituents of Concern or to a Hazardous Environmental Condition uncovered or revealed at the Site.

ARTICLE 6 – BONDS AND INSURANCE

6.1 *Performance, Payment, and Other Bonds*

- A. Contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond (Public Construction Bond), each in an amount at least equal to the Contract Price, as security for the faithful performance and payment of all of Contractor's obligations under the Contract. These bonds shall remain in effect until one year after the date when final payment becomes due or until completion of the correction period specified in Paragraph 15.8, whichever is later, except as provided otherwise by Laws or Regulations, the Supplementary Conditions, or other specific provisions of the Contract. Contractor shall also furnish such other bonds as are required by the Supplementary Conditions or other specific provisions of the Contract.
- B. All bonds shall be in the form prescribed by the Contract and Supplemental Conditions except as provided otherwise by Laws or Regulations, and shall be executed by such sureties as are named in "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" as published in Circular 570 (as amended and supplemented) by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. A bond signed by an agent or attorney-in-fact must be accompanied by a certified copy of that individual's authority to bind the surety. The evidence of authority shall show that it is effective on the date the agent or attorney-in-fact signed the accompanying bond. All bonds shall be deemed to contain all of the conditions of section 255.05, Florida Statutes, even if such language is not directly contained within the bond and the Surety shall be licensed and qualified to do business in the State of Florida. Owner reserves the right to reject any surety.
- C. Contractor shall obtain the required bonds from surety companies that are duly licensed or authorized in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located to issue bonds in the required amounts.
- D. If the surety on a bond furnished by Contractor is declared bankrupt or becomes insolvent, or its right to do business is terminated in any state or jurisdiction where any part of the Project is located, or the surety ceases to meet the requirements above, then Contractor shall promptly notify Owner and Engineer and shall, within 20 days after the event giving rise to such notification, provide another bond and surety, both of which shall comply with the bond and surety requirements above.
- E. Contractor shall provide a copy of the bond to any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other person or entity claiming to have furnished labor or materials used in the performance of the Work.

6.2 *Insurance—General Provisions*

- A. Owner and Contractor shall obtain and maintain insurance as required in this Article and in the Supplementary Conditions.
- B. All insurance required by the Contract to be purchased and maintained by Owner or Contractor shall be obtained from insurance companies that are duly licensed or authorized, in the state or jurisdiction in which the Project is located, to issue insurance policies for the required limits and coverages. Unless a different standard is indicated in the Supplementary Conditions, all companies that provide insurance policies required under this Contract shall have an A.M. Best rating of A-VII or better.
- C. Contractor shall deliver to Owner, with copies to each named insured and additional insured (as identified in this Article, in the Supplementary Conditions, or elsewhere in the Contract), certificates of insurance establishing that Contractor has obtained and is

maintaining the policies, coverages, and endorsements required by the Contract. Upon request by Owner or any other insured, Contractor shall also furnish other evidence of such required insurance, including but not limited to copies of policies and endorsements, and documentation of applicable self-insured retentions and deductibles. Contractor may block out (redact) any confidential premium or pricing information contained in any policy or endorsement furnished under this provision. Contractor shall deliver the required certificates of insurance prior to the commencement of any Work at the site. All of the policies of insurance (or the certificates or other evidence thereof) required to be purchased and maintained by Contractor shall be “claims made” and contain the name of the Project.

- D. Owner shall deliver to Contractor, with copies to each named insured and additional insured (as identified in this Article, the Supplementary Conditions, or elsewhere in the Contract), certificates of insurance establishing that Owner has obtained and is maintaining the policies, coverages, and endorsements required of Owner by the Contract (if any). Upon request by Contractor or any other insured, Owner shall also provide other evidence of such required insurance (if any), including but not limited to copies of policies and endorsements, and documentation of applicable self-insured retentions and deductibles. Owner may block out (redact) any confidential premium or pricing information contained in any policy or endorsement furnished under this provision.
- E. Failure of Owner or Contractor to demand such certificates or other evidence of the other party’s full compliance with these insurance requirements, or failure of Owner or Contractor to identify a deficiency in compliance from the evidence provided, shall not be construed as a waiver of the other party’s obligation to obtain and maintain such insurance.
- F. If either party does not purchase or maintain all of the insurance required of such party by the Contract, such party shall notify the other party in writing of such failure to purchase prior to the start of the Work, or of such failure to maintain prior to any change in the required coverage.
- G. If Contractor has failed to obtain and maintain required insurance, Owner may exclude the Contractor from the Site, impose an appropriate set-off against payment, and exercise Owner’s termination rights under Article 16.
- H. Without prejudice to any other right or remedy, if a party has failed to obtain required insurance, the other party may elect to obtain equivalent insurance to protect such other party’s interests at the expense of the party who was required to provide such coverage, and the Contract Price shall be adjusted accordingly.
- I. Owner does not represent that insurance coverage and limits established in this Contract necessarily will be adequate to protect Contractor or Contractor’s interests.
- J. The insurance and insurance limits required herein shall not be deemed as a limitation on Contractor’s liability under the indemnities granted to Owner and other individuals and entities in the Contract.

6.3 *Contractor’s Insurance*

- A. *Workers’ Compensation:* Contractor shall purchase and maintain workers’ compensation and employer’s liability insurance for:
 - 1. claims under workers’ compensation, disability benefits, and other similar employee benefit acts.
 - 2. United States Longshoreman and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act and Jones Act coverage (if applicable).
 - 3. claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of Contractor’s employees (by stop-gap endorsement in monopolist worker’s compensation states).

4. Foreign voluntary worker compensation (if applicable).
- B. *Commercial General Liability—Claims Covered:* Contractor shall purchase and maintain commercial general liability insurance, covering all operations by or on behalf of Contractor, on an occurrence basis, against:
1. claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death of any person other than Contractor's employees.
 2. claims for damages insured by reasonably available personal injury liability coverage.
 3. 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.
- C. *Commercial General Liability—Form and Content:* Contractor's commercial liability policy shall be written on a 1996 (or later) ISO commercial general liability form (occurrence form) and include the following coverages and endorsements:
1. Products and completed operations coverage:
 - a. Such insurance shall be maintained for three years after final payment.
 - b. Contractor shall furnish Owner and each other additional insured (as identified in the Supplementary Conditions or elsewhere in the Contract) evidence of continuation of such insurance at final payment and three years thereafter.
 2. Blanket contractual liability coverage, to the extent permitted by law, including but not limited to coverage of Contractor's contractual indemnity obligations in Paragraph 7.18.
 3. Broad form property damage coverage.
 4. Severability of interest.
 5. Underground, explosion, and collapse coverage.
 6. Personal injury coverage.
 7. Additional insured endorsements that include both ongoing operations and products and completed operations coverage through ISO Endorsements CG 20 10 10 01 and CG 20 37 10 01 (together); or CG 20 10 07 04 and CG 20 37 07 04 (together); or their equivalent.
 8. For design professional additional insureds, ISO Endorsement CG 20 32 07 04, "Additional Insured—Engineers, Architects or Surveyors Not Engaged by the Named Insured" or its equivalent.
- D. *Automobile liability:* Contractor shall purchase and maintain automobile liability insurance against 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. The automobile liability policy shall be written on an occurrence basis.
- E. *Umbrella or excess liability:* Contractor shall purchase and maintain umbrella or excess liability insurance written over the underlying employer's liability, commercial general liability, and automobile liability insurance described in the paragraphs above. Subject to industry-standard exclusions, the coverage afforded shall follow form as to each and every one of the underlying policies.
- F. *Contractor's pollution liability insurance:* Contractor shall purchase and maintain a policy covering third-party injury and property damage claims, including clean-up costs, as a result

of pollution conditions arising from Contractor's operations and completed operations. This insurance shall be maintained for no less than three years after final completion.

- G. *Additional insureds*: The Contractor's commercial general liability, automobile liability, umbrella or excess, and pollution liability policies shall include and list as additional insureds Owner and Engineer, and any individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions; include coverage for the respective officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, 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 (including as applicable those arising from both ongoing and completed operations) on a non-contributory basis. Contractor shall obtain all necessary endorsements to support these requirements.
- H. *Contractor's professional liability insurance*: If Contractor will provide or furnish professional services under this Contract, through a delegation of professional design services or otherwise, then Contractor shall be responsible for purchasing and maintaining applicable professional liability insurance. This insurance shall provide protection against claims arising out of performance of professional design or related services, and caused by a negligent error, omission, or act for which the insured party is legally liable. It shall be maintained throughout the duration of the Contract and for a minimum of two years after Substantial Completion. If such professional design services are performed by a Subcontractor, and not by Contractor itself, then the requirements of this paragraph may be satisfied through the purchasing and maintenance of such insurance by such Subcontractor.
- I. *General provisions*: The policies of insurance required by this Paragraph 6.3 shall:
 - 1. include at least the specific coverages provided in this Article.
 - 2. be written for not less than the limits of liability provided in this Article and in the Supplementary Conditions, or required by Laws or Regulations, whichever is greater.
 - 3. contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled, materially changed, or renewal refused until at least 10 days prior written notice has been given to Contractor. Within three days of receipt of any such written notice, Contractor shall provide a copy of the notice to Owner, Engineer, and each other insured under the policy.
 - 4. remain in effect at least until final payment (and longer if expressly required in this Article) and at all times thereafter when Contractor may be correcting, removing, or replacing defective Work as a warranty or correction obligation, or otherwise, or returning to the Site to conduct other tasks arising from the Contract Documents.
 - 5. be appropriate for the Work being performed and provide protection from claims that 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.
- J. The coverage requirements for specific policies of insurance must be met by such policies, and not by reference to excess or umbrella insurance provided in other policies.

6.4 *Owner's Liability Insurance*

- A. In addition to the insurance required to be provided by Contractor under Paragraph 6.3, 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.
- B. Owner's liability policies, if any, operate separately and independently from policies required to be provided by Contractor, and Contractor cannot rely upon Owner's liability policies for any of Contractor's obligations to the Owner, Engineer, or third parties.

6.5 *Property Insurance*

- A. *Builder's Risk:* Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions or agreed by Owner by written amendment to the Contract Documents, Contractor shall purchase and maintain builder's risk insurance upon the Work on a completed value basis, in the amount of the full insurable 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 Owner and Contractor as named insureds, and all Subcontractors, and any individuals or entities required by the Supplementary Conditions to be insured under such builder's risk policy, as insureds or named insureds. For purposes of the remainder of this Paragraph 6.5, Paragraphs 6.6 and 6.7, and any corresponding Supplementary Conditions, the parties required to be insured shall collectively be referred to as "insureds."
 - 2. be written on a builder's risk "all risk" policy form that shall at least include insurance for physical loss or damage to the Work, temporary buildings, falsework, and materials and equipment in transit, and shall insure against at least the following perils or causes of loss: fire; lightning; windstorm; riot; civil commotion; terrorism; vehicle impact; aircraft; smoke; theft; vandalism and malicious mischief; mechanical breakdown, boiler explosion, and artificially generated electric current; earthquake; volcanic activity, and other earth movement; flood; collapse; explosion; debris removal; demolition occasioned by enforcement of Laws and Regulations; water damage (other than that caused by flood); and such other perils or causes of loss as may be specifically required by the Supplementary Conditions. If insurance against mechanical breakdown, boiler explosion, and artificially generated electric current; earthquake; volcanic activity, and other earth movement; or flood, are not commercially available under builder's risk policies, by endorsement or otherwise, such insurance may be provided through other insurance policies acceptable to Owner and Contractor.
 - 3. cover, as insured property, at least the following: (a) the Work and all materials, supplies, machinery, apparatus, equipment, fixtures, and other property of a similar nature that are to be incorporated into or used in the preparation, fabrication, construction, erection, or completion of the Work, including Owner-furnished or assigned property; (b) spare parts inventory required within the scope of the Contract; and (c) temporary works which are not intended to form part of the permanent constructed Work but which are intended to provide working access to the Site, or to the Work under construction, or which are intended to provide temporary support for the Work under construction, including scaffolding, form work, fences, shoring, falsework, and temporary structures.
 - 4. cover expenses incurred in the repair or replacement of any insured property (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers and architects).

5. extend to cover damage or loss to insured property while in temporary storage at the Site or in a storage location outside the Site (but not including property stored at the premises of a manufacturer or Supplier).
 6. extend to cover damage or loss to insured property while in transit.
 7. allow for partial occupation or use of the Work by Owner, such that those portions of the Work that are not yet occupied or used by Owner shall remain covered by the builder's risk insurance.
 8. allow for the waiver of the insurer's subrogation rights, as set forth below.
 9. provide primary coverage for all losses and damages caused by the perils or causes of loss covered.
 10. not include a co-insurance clause.
 11. include an exception for ensuing losses from physical damage or loss with respect to any defective workmanship, design, or materials exclusions.
 12. include performance/hot testing and start-up.
 13. be maintained in effect, subject to the provisions herein regarding Substantial Completion and partial occupancy or use of the Work by Owner, until the Work is complete.
- B. *Notice of Cancellation or Change:* All the policies of insurance (and the certificates or other evidence thereof) required to be purchased and maintained in accordance with this Paragraph 6.5 will contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled or materially changed or renewal refused until at least 10 days prior written notice has been given to the purchasing policyholder. Within three days of receipt of any such written notice, the purchasing policyholder shall provide a copy of the notice to each other insured.
- C. *Deductibles:* The purchaser of any required builder's risk or property insurance shall pay for costs not covered because of the application of a policy deductible.
- D. *Partial Occupancy or Use by Owner:* If Owner will occupy or use a portion or portions of the Work prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work as provided in Paragraph 15.4, then Owner (directly, if it is the purchaser of the builder's risk policy, or through Contractor) will provide notice of such occupancy or use to the builder's risk insurer. The builder's risk insurance shall not be canceled or permitted to lapse on account of any such partial use or occupancy; rather, those portions of the Work that are occupied or used by Owner may come off the builder's risk policy, while those portions of the Work not yet occupied or used by Owner shall remain covered by the builder's risk insurance.
- E. *Additional Insurance:* If Contractor elects to obtain other special insurance to be included in or supplement the builder's risk or property insurance policies provided under this Paragraph 6.5, it may do so at Contractor's expense.
- F. *Insurance of Other Property:* If the express insurance provisions of the Contract do not require or address the insurance of a property item or interest, such as tools, construction equipment, or other personal property owned by Contractor, a Subcontractor, or an employee of Contractor or a Subcontractor, then the entity or individual owning such property item will be responsible for deciding whether to insure it, and if so in what amount.

6.6 *Waiver of Rights*

- A. All policies purchased in accordance with Paragraph 6.5, expressly including the builder's risk policy, 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 insureds thereunder, or against Engineer or its consultants, or their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors. Owner and Contractor waive all rights against each other and the respective officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, 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 Engineer, its consultants, all Subcontractors, all individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions as insureds, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, 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 or Contractor as trustee or fiduciary, or otherwise payable under any policy so issued.
- B. Contractor shall be responsible for assuring that the agreement under which a Subcontractor performs a portion of the Work contains provisions whereby the Subcontractor waives all rights against Owner, Contractor, all individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions as insureds, the Engineer and its consultants, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, 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 builder's risk insurance and any other property insurance applicable to the Work.

6.7 *Receipt and Application of Property Insurance Proceeds*

- A. Any insured loss under the builder's risk and other policies of insurance required by Paragraph 6.5 will be adjusted and settled with the named insured that purchased the policy. Such named insured shall act as fiduciary for the other insureds, and give notice to such other insureds that adjustment and settlement of a claim is in progress. Any other insured may state its position regarding a claim for insured loss in writing within 15 days after notice of such claim.
- B. Proceeds for such insured losses may be made payable by the insurer either jointly to multiple insureds, or to the named insured that purchased the policy in its own right and as fiduciary for other insureds, subject to the requirements of any applicable mortgage clause. A named insured receiving insurance proceeds under the builder's risk and other policies of insurance required by Paragraph 6.5 shall distribute such proceeds in accordance with such agreement as the parties in interest may reach, or as otherwise required under the dispute resolution provisions of this Contract or applicable Laws and Regulations.
- C. If no other special agreement is reached, the damaged Work shall be repaired or replaced, the money so received applied on account thereof, and the Work and the cost thereof covered by Change Order, if needed.

ARTICLE 7 – CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1 *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.
- B. At all times during the progress of the Work, Contractor shall assign a competent resident

superintendent 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 the superintendent shall be as binding as if given to Contractor.

7.2 *Labor; Working Hours*

- A. Contractor shall provide competent, suitably qualified personnel to survey and lay out the Work and perform construction as required by the Contract Documents. Contractor shall 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, Monday through Friday. Contractor will not perform Work on a Saturday, Sunday, or any legal holiday. Contractor may perform Work outside regular working hours or on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays only with Owner's written consent, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

7.3 *Services, Materials, and Equipment*

- A. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall provide and assume full responsibility for all services, materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, light, heat, telephone, water, sanitary facilities, temporary facilities, and all other facilities and incidentals necessary for the performance, testing, start up, and completion of the Work, whether or not such items are specifically called for in the Contract Documents.
- B. All materials and equipment incorporated into the Work shall be of good quality and new, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. All special warranties and guarantees required 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.
- C. 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.

7.4 *"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 Contract Price has been based upon Contractor furnishing such item as specified. The specification or description of such an item is intended to establish the type, function, appearance, and quality required. Unless the specification or description contains or is followed by words reading that no like, equivalent, or "or equal" item is permitted, Contractor may request that Engineer authorize the use of other items of material or equipment, or items from other proposed suppliers under the circumstances described below.
 - 1. If Engineer in its sole discretion determines that 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, Engineer shall deem it an "or equal" item. For the purposes of this paragraph, 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:
 - 1) it is at least equal in materials of construction, quality, durability, appearance, strength, and design characteristics;
 - 2) it will reliably perform at least equally well the function and achieve the results imposed by the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole;

- 3) it has a proven record of performance and availability of responsive service;
and
 - 4) it is not objectionable to Owner.
- b. Contractor certifies that, if approved and incorporated into the Work:
- 1) there will be no increase in cost to the Owner or increase in Contract Times;
and
 - 2) it will conform substantially to the detailed requirements of the item named in the Contract Documents.
- B. *Contractor's Expense:* Contractor shall provide all data in support of any proposed "or equal" item at Contractor's expense.
- C. *Engineer's Evaluation and Determination:* Engineer will be allowed a reasonable time to evaluate each "or-equal" request. Engineer may require Contractor to furnish additional data about the proposed "or-equal" item. Engineer will be the sole judge of acceptability. No "or-equal" item will be ordered, furnished, installed, or utilized until Engineer's review is complete and Engineer determines that the proposed item is an "or-equal", which will be evidenced by an approved Shop Drawing or other written communication. Engineer will advise Contractor in writing of any negative determination.
- D. *Effect of Engineer's Determination:* Neither approval nor denial of an "or-equal" request shall result in any change in Contract Price. The Engineer's denial of an "or-equal" request shall be final and binding, and may not be reversed through an appeal under any provision of the Contract Documents.
- E. *Treatment as a Substitution Request:* If Engineer determines that an item of material or equipment proposed by Contractor does not qualify as an "or-equal" item, Contractor may request that Engineer consider the proposed item as a substitute pursuant to Paragraph 7.5.

7.5 Substitutes

- A. Unless the specification or description of an item of material or equipment required to be furnished under the Contract Documents contains or is followed by words reading that no substitution is permitted, Contractor may request that Engineer authorize the use of other items of material or equipment under the circumstances described below. To the extent possible such requests shall be made before commencement of related construction at the Site.
1. Contractor shall submit sufficient information as provided below to allow Engineer to determine if the item of material or equipment proposed is functionally equivalent to that named and an acceptable substitute therefor. Engineer will not accept requests for review of proposed substitute items of material or equipment from anyone other than Contractor.
 2. The requirements for review by Engineer will be as set forth in Paragraph 7.5.B, as supplemented by the Specifications, and as Engineer may decide is appropriate under the circumstances.
 3. Contractor shall make written application to Engineer for review of a proposed substitute item of material or equipment that Contractor seeks to furnish or use. The application:
 - a. shall certify that the proposed substitute item will:
 - 1) perform adequately the functions and achieve the results called for by the general design,
 - 2) be similar in substance to that specified, and
 - 3) be suited to the same use as that specified.
 - b. will state:

- 1) the extent, if any, to which the use of the proposed substitute item will necessitate a change in Contract Times,
 - 2) whether use of the proposed substitute item in the Work will require a change in any of the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with Owner for other work on the Project) to adapt the design to the proposed substitute item, and
 - 3) whether incorporation or use of the proposed substitute item in connection with the Work is subject to payment of any license fee or royalty.
- c. will identify:
- 1) all variations of the proposed substitute item from that specified, and
 - 2) available engineering, sales, maintenance, repair, and replacement services.
- d. shall contain an itemized estimate of all costs or credits that will result directly or indirectly from use of such substitute item, including but not limited to changes in Contract Price, shared savings, costs of redesign, and claims of other contractors affected by any resulting change.
- B. *Engineer's Evaluation and Determination:* Engineer will be allowed a reasonable time to evaluate each substitute request, and to obtain comments and direction from Owner. Engineer may require Contractor to furnish additional data about the proposed substitute item. Engineer will be the sole judge of acceptability. No substitute will be ordered, furnished, installed, or utilized until Engineer's review is complete and Engineer determines that the proposed item is an acceptable substitute. Engineer's determination will be evidenced by a Field Order or a proposed Change Order accounting for the substitution itself and all related impacts, including changes in Contract Price or Contract Times. Engineer will advise Contractor in writing of any negative determination.
- C. *Special Guarantee:* Owner may require Contractor to furnish at Contractor's expense a special performance guarantee or other surety with respect to any substitute.
- D. *Reimbursement of Engineer's Cost:* Engineer will record Engineer's costs in evaluating a substitute proposed or submitted by Contractor. Whether or not Engineer approves a substitute so proposed or submitted by Contractor, Contractor shall reimburse Owner for the reasonable charges of Engineer for evaluating each such proposed substitute. Contractor shall also reimburse Owner for the reasonable charges of Engineer for making changes in the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with Owner) resulting from the acceptance of each proposed substitute.
- E. *Contractor's Expense:* Contractor shall provide all data in support of any proposed substitute at Contractor's expense.
- F. *Effect of Engineer's Determination:* If Engineer approves the substitution request, Contractor shall execute the proposed Change Order and proceed with the substitution. The Engineer's denial of a substitution request shall be final and binding, and may not be reversed through an appeal under any provision of the Contract Documents. Contractor may challenge the scope of reimbursement costs imposed under Paragraph 7.5.D, by timely submittal of a Change Proposal.

7.6 *Concerning Subcontractors, Suppliers, and Others*

- A. Contractor may retain Subcontractors and Suppliers for the performance of parts of the Work. Such Subcontractors and Suppliers must be acceptable to Owner.
- B. Contractor shall retain specific Subcontractors, Suppliers, or other individuals or entities for the performance of designated parts of the Work if required by the Contract to do so.

- C. Subsequent to the submittal of Contractor's Bid or final negotiation of the terms of the Contract, Owner may not require Contractor to retain any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity to furnish or perform any of the Work against which Contractor has reasonable objection.
- D. Prior to entry into any binding subcontract or purchase order, Contractor shall submit to Owner the identity of the proposed Subcontractor or Supplier (unless Owner has already deemed such proposed Subcontractor or Supplier acceptable, during the bidding process or otherwise). Such proposed Subcontractor or Supplier shall be deemed acceptable to Owner unless Owner raises a substantive, reasonable objection within five days.
- E. Owner may require the replacement of any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity retained by Contractor to perform any part of the Work. Owner also may require Contractor to retain specific replacements; provided, however, that Owner may not require a replacement to which Contractor has a reasonable objection. If Contractor has submitted the identity of certain Subcontractors, Suppliers, or other individuals or entities for acceptance by Owner, and Owner has accepted it (either in writing or by failing to make written objection thereto), then Owner may subsequently revoke the acceptance of any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity so identified solely on the basis of substantive, reasonable objection after due investigation. Contractor shall submit an acceptable replacement for the rejected Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity.
- F. If Owner requires the replacement of any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity retained by Contractor to perform any part of the Work, then Contractor shall be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, with respect to the replacement; and Contractor shall initiate a Change Proposal for such adjustment within 30 days of Owner's requirement of replacement.
- G. No acceptance by Owner of any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity, whether initially or as a replacement, shall constitute a waiver of the right of Owner to the completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- H. On a monthly basis Contractor shall submit to Engineer a complete list of all Subcontractors and Suppliers having a direct contract with Contractor, and of all other Subcontractors and Suppliers known to Contractor at the time of submittal.
- I. Contractor shall be 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.
- J. Contractor shall be solely responsible for scheduling and coordinating the work of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and all other individuals or entities performing or furnishing any of the Work.
- K. Contractor shall restrict all Subcontractors, Suppliers, and such other individuals or entities performing or furnishing any of the Work from communicating with Engineer or Owner, except through Contractor or in case of an emergency, or as otherwise expressly allowed herein.
- L. 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.
- M. All Work performed for Contractor by a Subcontractor or Supplier shall be pursuant to an appropriate contractual agreement that specifically binds the Subcontractor or Supplier to the applicable terms and conditions of the Contract Documents for the benefit of Owner and Engineer.
- N. Owner may furnish to any Subcontractor or Supplier, to the extent practicable, information about amounts paid to Contractor on account of Work performed for Contractor by the

particular Subcontractor or Supplier.

O. Nothing in the Contract Documents:

1. 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
2. shall create any obligation on the part of Owner or Engineer to pay or to see to the payment of any money due any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity except as may otherwise be required by Laws and Regulations.

7.7 *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.
- B. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to any infringement of patent rights or copyrights incident to the use in the performance of the Work or resulting from the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product, or device not specified in the Contract Documents.

7.8 *Permits*

- A. Unless otherwise provided in the Instruction to Bidders or other Contract Documents, 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 the submission of Contractor's Bid (or when Contractor became bound under a negotiated contract). Owner shall pay all charges of utility owners for connections for providing permanent service to the Work.

7.9 *Taxes*

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

7.10 *Laws and Regulations*

- A. Contractor shall give all notices required by and shall comply with all Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. 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 or takes any other action knowing or having reason to know that it is contrary to Laws or Regulations, Contractor shall bear all resulting costs and losses, and shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of

them from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such Work or other action. It shall not be Contractor's responsibility to make certain that the Work described in the Contract Documents is in accordance with Laws and Regulations, but this shall not relieve Contractor of Contractor's obligations under Paragraph 3.3.

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

7.11 *Record Documents*

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

7.12 *Safety and Protection*

- A. Contractor shall be solely responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. Such responsibility does not relieve Subcontractors of their responsibility for the safety of persons or property in the performance of their work, nor for compliance with applicable safety Laws and Regulations. Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to:
 - 1. all persons on the Site or who may be affected by the Work;
 - 2. all the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Site; and
 - 3. other property at the Site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, other work in progress, utilities, and Underground Facilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of construction.
- 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 Owner; the owners of adjacent property, Underground Facilities, and other utilities; and other contractors and utility owners performing work at or adjacent to the Site, when prosecution of the Work may affect them, and shall cooperate with them in the protection, removal, relocation, and replacement of their property or work in progress.
- C. Contractor shall comply with the applicable requirements of Owner's safety programs, if any. The Supplementary Conditions identify any Owner's safety programs that are applicable to the Work.
- D. Contractor shall inform Owner and Engineer of the specific requirements of Contractor's safety program with which Owner's and Engineer's employees and representatives must comply while at the Site.

- E. All damage, injury, or loss to any property referred to in Paragraph 7.12.A.2 or 7.12.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 at its expense (except damage or loss attributable to the fault of Drawings or Specifications or to the acts or omissions of Owner or Engineer or anyone employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, and not attributable, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the fault or negligence of Contractor or any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them).
- F. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for safety and protection 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 15.6.B that the Work is acceptable (except as otherwise expressly provided in connection with Substantial Completion).
- G. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for safety and protection shall resume whenever Contractor or any Subcontractor or Supplier returns to the Site to fulfill warranty or correction obligations, or to conduct other tasks arising from the Contract Documents.

7.13 *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.

7.14 *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.

7.15 *Emergencies*

- A. In emergencies affecting the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Site or adjacent thereto, Contractor is obligated to act to prevent threatened damage, injury, or loss. Contractor shall give Engineer prompt written notice if Contractor believes that any significant changes in the Work or variations from the Contract Documents have been caused 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.

7.16 *Shop Drawings, Samples, and Other Submittals*

A. *Shop Drawing and Sample Submittal Requirements:*

1. Before submitting a Shop Drawing or Sample, Contractor shall have:
 - a. reviewed and coordinated the Shop Drawing or Sample with other Shop Drawings and Samples and with the requirements of the Work and the Contract Documents;
 - b. determined and verified all field measurements, quantities, dimensions, specified performance and design criteria, installation requirements, materials, catalog numbers, and similar information with respect thereto;
 - c. determined and verified the suitability of all materials and equipment offered with respect to the indicated application, fabrication, shipping, handling, storage, assembly, and installation pertaining to the performance of the Work; and
 - d. determined and verified all information relative to Contractor's responsibilities for means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto.

2. Each submittal shall bear a stamp or specific written certification that Contractor has satisfied Contractor's obligations under the Contract Documents with respect to Contractor's review of that submittal, and that Contractor approves the submittal.
 3. With each submittal, Contractor shall give Engineer specific written notice of any variations that the Shop Drawing or Sample may have from the requirements of the Contract Documents. This notice shall be set forth in a written communication separate from the Shop Drawings or Sample submittal; and, in addition, in the case of Shop Drawings by a specific notation made on each Shop Drawing submitted to Engineer for review and approval of each such variation.
- B. *Submittal Procedures for Shop Drawings and Samples:* Contractor shall submit Shop Drawings and Samples to Engineer for review and approval in accordance with the accepted Schedule of Submittals. Each submittal will be identified as Engineer may require.
1. *Shop Drawings:*
 - a. Contractor shall submit the number of copies required in the Specifications.
 - b. 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 7.16.D.
 2. *Samples:*
 - a. Contractor shall submit the number of Samples required in the Specifications.
 - b. Contractor shall clearly identify each Sample as to material, Supplier, pertinent data such as catalog numbers, the use for which intended and other data as Engineer may require to enable Engineer to review the submittal for the limited purposes required by Paragraph 7.16.D.
 3. Where a Shop Drawing or Sample is required by the Contract Documents or the Schedule of Submittals, any related Work performed prior to Engineer's review and approval of the pertinent submittal will be at the sole expense and responsibility of Contractor.
- C. *Other Submittals:* Contractor shall submit other submittals to Engineer in accordance with the accepted Schedule of Submittals, and pursuant to the applicable terms of the Specifications.
- D. *Engineer's Review:*
1. Engineer will provide timely review of Shop Drawings and Samples in accordance with the Schedule of 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 or to safety precautions or programs incident thereto.
 3. Engineer's review and approval of a separate item as such will not indicate approval of the assembly in which the item functions.
 4. Engineer's review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample shall not relieve Contractor from responsibility for any variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents unless Contractor has complied with the requirements of Paragraph 7.16.A.3 and Engineer has given written approval of each such variation by specific written notation thereof incorporated in or accompanying the Shop Drawing or Sample. Engineer

will document any such approved variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents in a Field Order.

5. Engineer's review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample shall not relieve Contractor from responsibility for complying with the requirements of Paragraph 7.16.A and B.

6. Engineer's review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample, or of a variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents, shall not, under any circumstances, change the Contract Times or Contract Price, unless such changes are included in a Change Order.

7. Neither Engineer's receipt, review, acceptance or approval of a Shop Drawing, Sample, or other submittal shall result in such item becoming a Contract Document.

8. Contractor shall perform the Work in compliance with the requirements and commitments set forth in approved Shop Drawings and Samples, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 7.16.D.4.

E. *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.

2. Contractor shall furnish required submittals with sufficient information and accuracy to obtain required approval of an item with no more than three submittals. Engineer will record Engineer's time for reviewing a fourth or subsequent submittal of a Shop Drawings, sample, or other item requiring approval, and Contractor shall be responsible for Engineer's charges to Owner for such time. Owner may impose a set-off against payments due to Contractor to secure reimbursement for such charges.

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

7.17 *Contractor's General Warranty and Guarantee*

A. Contractor warrants and guarantees to Owner that all Work will be in accordance with the Contract Documents and will not be defective. Engineer and its officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors shall be entitled to rely on Contractor's warranty and guarantee.

B. 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.

C. 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 review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample submittal;
 6. 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.
- D. If the Contract requires the Contractor to accept the assignment of a contract entered into by Owner, then the specific warranties, guarantees, and correction obligations contained in the assigned contract shall govern with respect to Contractor's performance obligations to Owner for the Work described in the assigned contract.

7.18 *Indemnification*

- A. The Contractor agrees to assume liability for and indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Owner, its officials, officers, employees, and agents of, from, and against all liability and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, in connection with any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, and suits in equity of whatever kind or nature, including claims for personal injury, property damage, equitable relief, or loss of use, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Contractor, its agents, officers, contractors, subcontractors, employees, or anyone else utilized by the Contractor in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor's liability hereunder shall include all attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Owner in the enforcement of this indemnification provision at all trial and appellate levels. This includes claims made by the employees of the Contractor against the Owner and the Contractor hereby waives its entitlement, if any, to immunity under Section 440.11, Florida Statutes. The obligations contained in this provision shall survive termination of this Contract and shall not be limited by the amount of any insurance required to be obtained or maintained under this Contract.
- B. Subject to the limitations set forth in this Article, Contractor shall assume control of the defense of any claim asserted by a third party against the Owner and, in connection with such defense, shall appoint lead counsel, in each case at the Contractor's expense. The Owner shall have the right, at its option, to participate in the defense of any third party claim, without relieving Contractor of any of its obligations hereunder. If the Contractor assumes control of the defense of any third party claim in accordance with this paragraph, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written consent of the Owner before entering into any settlement of such claim. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article, the Contractor shall not assume or maintain control of the defense of any third party claim, but shall pay the fees of counsel retained by the Owner and all expenses, including experts' fees, if (i) an adverse determination with respect to the third party claim would, in the good faith judgment of the Owner, be detrimental in any material respect to the Owner's reputation; (ii) the third party claim seeks an injunction or equitable relief against the Owner; or (iii) the Contractor has failed or is failing to prosecute or defend vigorously the third party claim. Each party shall cooperate, and cause its agents to cooperate, in the defense or prosecution of any third party claim and shall furnish or cause to be furnished such records and information, and attend such conferences, discovery proceedings, hearings, trials, or appeals, as may be reasonably requested in connection therewith.
- C. It is the specific intent of the parties hereto that the foregoing indemnification complies with Section 725.06, Florida Statutes, as amended. Contractor expressly agrees that it will not claim, and waives any claim, that this indemnification violates Section 725.06, Florida Statutes. Nothing contained in the foregoing indemnification shall be construed as a waiver of any immunity or limitation of liability the Owner may have under the doctrine of sovereign immunity or Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or applicable Laws.
- D. In any and all claims against Owner or any of its officials, officers, employees, and agents by

any employee (or the survivor or personal representative of such employee) of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under Paragraph 7.18.A 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.

7.19 *Delegation of Professional Design Services*

- A. Contractor will not be required to provide professional design services unless such services are specifically required by the Contract Documents for a portion of the Work or unless such services are required to carry out Contractor's responsibilities for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures. Contractor shall not be required to provide professional services in violation of applicable Laws and Regulations.
- B. If professional design services or certifications by a design professional related to systems, materials, or equipment are specifically required of Contractor by the Contract Documents, Owner and Engineer will specify all performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy. Contractor shall cause such services or certifications to be provided by a properly licensed professional, whose signature and seal shall appear on all drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications, and other submittals prepared by such professional. Shop Drawings and other submittals related to the Work designed or certified by such professional, if prepared by others, shall bear such professional's written approval when submitted to Engineer.
- C. Owner and Engineer shall be entitled to rely upon the adequacy, accuracy, and completeness of the services, certifications, or approvals performed by such design professionals, provided Owner and Engineer have specified to Contractor all performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy.
- D. Pursuant to this paragraph, Engineer's review and approval of design calculations and design drawings will be only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with performance and design criteria given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. Engineer's review and approval of Shop Drawings and other submittals (except design calculations and design drawings) will be only for the purpose stated in Paragraph 7.16.D.1.
- E. Contractor shall not be responsible for the adequacy of the performance or design criteria specified by Owner or Engineer.

ARTICLE 8 – OTHER WORK AT THE SITE

8.1 *Other Work*

- A. In addition to and apart from the Work under the Contract Documents, the Owner may perform other work at or adjacent to the Site. Such other work may be performed by Owner's employees, or through contracts between the Owner and third parties. Owner may also arrange to have third-party utility owners perform work on their utilities and facilities at or adjacent to the Site.
- B. If Owner performs other work at or adjacent to the Site with Owner's employees, or through contracts for such other work, then Owner shall give Contractor written notice thereof prior to starting any such other work. If Owner has advance information regarding the start of any utility work at or adjacent to the Site, Owner shall provide such information to Contractor.
- C. Contractor shall afford each other contractor that performs such other work, each utility owner performing other work, and Owner, if Owner is performing other work with Owner's employees, proper and safe access to the Site, and provide a reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of such other work.

Contractor shall do all cutting, fitting, and patching of the Work that may be required to properly connect or otherwise make its several parts come together and properly integrate with such other work. Contractor shall not endanger any work of others by cutting, excavating, or otherwise altering such work; provided, however, that Contractor may cut or alter others' work with the written consent of Engineer and the others whose work will be affected.

- D. If the proper execution or results of any part of Contractor's Work depends upon work performed by others under this Article 8, 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.

8.2 *Coordination*

- A. If Owner intends to contract with others for the performance of other work at or adjacent to the Site, to perform other work at or adjacent to the Site with Owner's employees, or to arrange to have utility owners perform work at or adjacent to the Site, the following will be set forth in the Supplementary Conditions or provided to Contractor prior to the start of any such other work:
 - 1. the identity of the individual or entity that will have authority and responsibility for coordination of the activities among the various contractors;
 - 2. an itemization of the specific matters to be covered by such authority and responsibility; and
 - 3. the extent of such authority and responsibilities.
- B. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, Owner shall have sole authority and responsibility for such coordination.

8.3 *Legal Relationships*

- A. If, in the course of performing other work at or adjacent to the Site for Owner, the Owner's employees, any other contractor working for Owner, or any utility owner for whom the Owner is responsible causes damage to the Work or to the property of Contractor or its Subcontractors, or delays, disrupts, interferes with, or increases the scope or cost of the performance of the Work, through actions or inaction, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times, or both. Contractor must submit any Change Proposal seeking an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times under this paragraph within 30 days of the damaging, delaying, disrupting, or interfering event. The entitlement to, and extent of, any such equitable adjustment shall take into account information (if any) regarding such other work that was provided to Contractor in the Contract Documents prior to the submittal of the Bid or the final negotiation of the terms of the Contract. When applicable, any such equitable adjustment in Contract Price shall be conditioned on Contractor assigning to Owner all Contractor's rights against such other contractor or utility owner with respect to the damage, delay, disruption, or interference that is the subject of the adjustment. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is conditioned on such adjustment being essential to Contractor's ability to complete the Work within the Contract Times.
- B. Contractor shall take reasonable and customary measures to avoid damaging, delaying, disrupting, or interfering with the work of Owner, any other contractor, or any utility owner performing other work at or adjacent to the Site. If Contractor fails to take such measures and as a result damages, delays, disrupts, or interferes with the work of any such other contractor or utility owner, then Owner may impose a set-off against payments due to Contractor, and assign to such other contractor or utility owner the Owner's contractual rights against

Contractor with respect to the breach of the obligations set forth in this paragraph.

- C. When Owner is performing other work at or adjacent to the Site with Owner's employees, Contractor shall be liable to Owner for damage to such other work, and for the reasonable direct delay, disruption, and interference costs incurred by Owner as a result of Contractor's failure to take reasonable and customary measures with respect to Owner's other work. In response to such damage, delay, disruption, or interference, Owner may impose a set-off against payments due to Contractor.
- D. If Contractor damages, delays, disrupts, or interferes with the work of any other contractor, or any utility owner performing other work at or adjacent to the Site, through Contractor's failure to take reasonable and customary measures to avoid such impacts, or if any claim arising out of Contractor's actions, inactions, or negligence in performance of the Work at or adjacent to the Site is made by any such other contractor or utility owner against Contractor, Owner, or Engineer, then Contractor shall (1) promptly attempt to settle the claim as to all parties through negotiations with such other contractor or utility owner, or otherwise resolve the claim by arbitration or other dispute resolution proceeding or at law, and (2) indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against any such claims, and against all costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such damage, delay, disruption, or interference.

ARTICLE 9 – OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

9.1 *Communications to Contractor:*

- A. Except as otherwise provided in these General Conditions or in the event of an emergent situation, Owner shall issue all communications to Contractor through Engineer.

9.2 *Replacement of Engineer*

- A. Owner may at its discretion appoint an engineer to replace Engineer. The replacement engineer's status under the Contract Documents shall be that of the former Engineer.

9.3 *Furnish Data*

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

9.4 *Pay When Due*

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

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

- A. Owner's duties with respect to providing lands and easements are set forth in Paragraph 5.1.
- B. Owner's duties with respect to providing engineering surveys to establish reference points are set forth in Paragraph 4.3.
- C. Article 5 refers to Owner's identifying and making available to Contractor copies of reports of explorations and tests of conditions at the Site, and drawings of physical conditions relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at the Site.

9.6 *Insurance*

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

9.7 *Change Orders*

- A. Owner's responsibilities with respect to Change Orders are set forth in the Agreement and Article 11.
- 9.8 *Inspections, Tests, and Approvals*
 - A. Owner's responsibility with respect to certain inspections, tests, and approvals is set forth in Paragraph 14.2.B.
- 9.9 *Limitations on Owner's Responsibilities*
 - A. The Owner shall not supervise, direct, or have control or authority over, nor be responsible for, Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Owner will not be responsible for Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- 9.10 *Undisclosed Hazardous Environmental Condition*
 - A. Owner's responsibility in respect to an undisclosed Hazardous Environmental Condition is set forth in Paragraph 5.6.
- 9.11 *Evidence of Financial Arrangements*
 - A. Upon reasonable request of Contractor, Owner shall furnish Contractor reasonable evidence that financial arrangements have been made to satisfy Owner's obligations under the Contract Documents (including obligations under proposed changes in the Work).
- 9.12 *Safety Programs*
 - A. While at the Site, Owner's employees and representatives shall comply with the specific applicable requirements of Contractor's safety programs of which Owner has been informed.
 - B. Owner shall furnish copies of any applicable Owner safety programs to Contractor.

ARTICLE 10 – ENGINEER'S STATUS DURING CONSTRUCTION

- 10.1 *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.
- 10.2 *Visits to Site*
 - A. Engineer will make visits to the Site at intervals appropriate to the various stages of construction as Engineer deems necessary in order to observe as an experienced and qualified design professional the progress that has been made and the quality of the various aspects of Contractor's executed Work. Based on information obtained during such visits and observations, Engineer, for the benefit of Owner, will determine, in general, if the Work is proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents. Engineer will not be required to make exhaustive or continuous inspections on the Site to check the quality or quantity of the Work. Engineer's efforts will be directed toward providing for Owner a greater degree of confidence that the completed Work will conform generally to the Contract Documents. On the basis of such visits and observations, Engineer will keep Owner informed of the progress of the Work and will endeavor to guard Owner against defective Work.
 - B. Engineer's visits and observations are subject to all the limitations on Engineer's authority and responsibility set forth in Paragraph 10.8. Particularly, but without limitation, during or as a result of Engineer's visits or observations of Contractor's Work, Engineer will not supervise, direct, control, or have authority over or be responsible for Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and

programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work.

10.3 *Project Representative*

- A. If Owner and Engineer have agreed that Engineer will furnish a Resident Project Representative to represent Engineer at the Site and assist Engineer in observing the progress and quality of the Work, then the authority and responsibilities of any such Resident Project Representative will be as provided in the Supplementary Conditions, and limitations on the responsibilities thereof will be as provided in Paragraph 10.8. 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.

10.4 *Rejecting Defective Work*

- A. Engineer has the authority to reject Work in accordance with Article 14. Engineer also has the authority to disapprove or reject Work which 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 also has the authority to disapprove or reject Work which 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. This authority may be assumed by the Owner if no Engineer is identified or Owner assumes role of Engineer.

10.5 *Shop Drawings, Change Orders and Payments*

- A. Engineer's authority, and limitations thereof, as to Shop Drawings and Samples, are set forth in Paragraph 7.16.
- B. Engineer's authority, and limitations thereof, as to design calculations and design drawings submitted in response to a delegation of professional design services, if any, are set forth in Paragraph 7.19.
- C. Engineer's authority as to Change Orders is set forth in Article 11.
- D. Engineer's authority as to Applications for Payment is set forth in Article 15.

10.6 *Determinations for Unit Price Work*

- A. **Engineer will determine the actual quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor as set forth in Paragraph 13.3.**

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

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

10.8 *Limitations on Engineer's Authority and Responsibilities*

- A. Neither Engineer's authority or responsibility under this Article 10 or under any other provision of the Contract, nor any decision made by Engineer in good faith either to exercise or not exercise such authority or responsibility or the undertaking, exercise, or performance of any authority or responsibility by Engineer, 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 15.6.A will only be to determine generally that their content complies with the requirements of, and in the case of certificates of inspections, tests, and approvals, that the results certified indicate compliance with the Contract Documents.
- E. The limitations upon authority and responsibility set forth in this Paragraph 10.8 shall also apply to the Resident Project Representative, if any.

10.9 *Compliance with Safety Program*

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

ARTICLE 11 – AMENDING THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS; CHANGES IN THE WORK

11.1 *Amending and Supplementing Contract Documents*

- A. The Contract Documents may be amended or supplemented by a Change Order, a Work Change Directive, or a Field Order.
 - 1. *Change Orders:*
 - a. If an amendment or supplement to the Contract Documents includes a change in the Contract Price or the Contract Times, such amendment or supplement must be set forth in a Change Order. A Change Order also may be used to establish amendments and supplements of the Contract Documents that do not affect the Contract Price or Contract Times.
 - b. Owner and Contractor may amend those terms and conditions of the Contract Documents that do not involve (1) the performance or acceptability of the Work, (2) the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), or (3) other engineering or technical matters, without the recommendation of the Engineer. Such an amendment shall be set forth in a Change Order.
 - 2. *Work Change Directives:* A Work Change Directive will not change the Contract Price or the Contract Times but is evidence that the parties expect that the modification ordered or documented by a Work Change Directive will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order, following negotiations by the parties as to the Work Change Directive's effect, if any, on the Contract Price and Contract Times; or, if negotiations are unsuccessful, by a determination under the terms of the Contract Documents governing adjustments, expressly including Paragraph 11.4 regarding change of Contract Price. Contractor must submit any Change Proposal seeking an adjustment of the Contract Price or the Contract Times, or both, no later than 30 days after the completion of the Work set out in the Work Change Directive. Owner must submit any Claim seeking an adjustment of the Contract Price or the Contract Times, or both, no later

than 60 days after issuance of the Work Change Directive.

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

11.2 *Owner-Authorized Changes in the Work*

- A. Without invalidating the Contract and without notice to any surety, Owner may, at any time or from time to time, order additions, deletions, or revisions in the Work. Such changes shall be supported by Engineer's recommendation, to the extent the change involves the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), or other engineering or technical matters. Such changes may be accomplished by a Change Order, if Owner and Contractor have agreed as to the effect, if any, of the changes on Contract Times or Contract Price; or by a Work Change Directive. Upon receipt of any such document, Contractor shall promptly proceed with the Work involved; or, in the case of a deletion in the Work, promptly cease construction activities with respect to such deleted Work. Added or revised Work shall be performed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents. Nothing in this paragraph shall obligate Contractor to undertake work that Contractor reasonably concludes cannot be performed in a manner consistent with Contractor's safety obligations under the Contract Documents or Laws and Regulations.

11.3 *Unauthorized Changes in the Work*

- A. Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times with respect to any work performed that is not required by the Contract Documents, as amended, modified, or supplemented, except in the case of an emergency as provided in Paragraph 7.15 or in the case of uncovering Work as provided in Paragraph 14.5.

11.4 *Change of Contract Price*

- A. The Contract Price may only be changed by a Change Order. Any Change Proposal for an adjustment in the Contract Price shall comply with the provisions of Paragraph 11.6. Any Claim for an adjustment of Contract Price shall comply with the provisions of Article 12.
- B. An adjustment in the Contract Price will be determined as follows:
 1. where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, then by application of such unit prices to the quantities of the items involved (subject to the provisions of Paragraph 13.3); or
 2. where the Work involved is not covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, then by a mutually agreed lump sum (which may include an allowance for overhead and profit not necessarily in accordance with Paragraph 11.4.C.2); or
 3. where the Work involved is not covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents and the parties do not reach mutual agreement to a lump sum, then on the basis of the Cost of the Work (determined as provided in Paragraph 13.1) plus a Contractor's fee for overhead and profit (determined as provided in Paragraph 11.4.C).
- C. *Contractor's Fee*: When applicable, 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 13.1.B.1 and 13.1.B.2, the Contractor's fee shall be 15 percent;
- b. for costs incurred under Paragraph 13.1.B.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 maximum allowable to Contractor on account of overhead and profit of all Subcontractors shall be fifteen percent;
- d. no fee shall be payable on the basis of costs itemized under Paragraphs 13.1.B.4, 13.1.B.5, and 13.1.C;
- 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 ten 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 11.4.C.2.a through 11.4.C.2.e, inclusive.

11.5 *Change of Contract Times*

- A. The Contract Times may only be changed by a Change Order. Any Change Proposal for an adjustment in the Contract Times shall comply with the provisions of Paragraph 11.6. Any Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Times shall comply with the provisions of Article 12.
- B. An adjustment of the Contract Times shall be subject to the limitations set forth in Paragraph 4.5, concerning delays in Contractor's progress.

11.6 *Change Proposals*

- A. Contractor shall submit a Change Proposal to Engineer to request an adjustment in the Contract Times or Contract Price; appeal an initial decision by Engineer concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents or relating to the acceptability of the Work under the Contract Documents; contest a set-off against payment due; or seek other relief under the Contract. The Change Proposal shall specify any proposed change in Contract Times or Contract Price, or both, or other proposed relief, and explain the reason for the proposed change, with citations to any governing or applicable provisions of the Contract Documents.
 1. *Procedures:* Contractor shall submit each Change Proposal to Engineer promptly (but in no event later than 30 days) after the start of the event giving rise thereto, or after such initial decision. The Contractor shall submit supporting data, including the proposed change in Contract Price or Contract Time (if any), to the Engineer and Owner within 15 days after the submittal of the Change Proposal. The supporting data shall be accompanied by a written statement that the supporting data are accurate and complete, and that any requested time or price adjustment is the entire adjustment to which Contractor believes it is entitled as a result of said event. Engineer will advise Owner regarding the Change Proposal, and consider any comments or response from Owner regarding the Change Proposal.
 2. *Engineer's Action:* Engineer will review each Change Proposal and, within 30 days after receipt of the Contractor's supporting data, either deny the Change Proposal in whole, approve it in whole, or deny it in part and approve it in part. Such actions shall be in writing, with a copy provided to Owner and Contractor. If Engineer does not take action on the Change Proposal within 30 days, then either Owner or Contractor may at any time thereafter submit a letter to the other party indicating that as a result of Engineer's inaction the Change Proposal is deemed denied, thereby commencing the time for appeal of the

denial under Article 12.

3. *Binding Decision:* Engineer's decision will be final and binding upon Owner and Contractor, unless Owner or Contractor appeals the decision by filing a Claim under Article 12.
- B. *Resolution of Certain Change Proposals:* If the Change Proposal does not involve the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), the acceptability of the Work, or other engineering or technical matters, then Engineer will notify the parties that the Engineer is unable to resolve the Change Proposal. For purposes of further resolution of such a Change Proposal, such notice shall be deemed a denial, and Contractor may choose to seek resolution under the terms of Article 12.

11.7 *Execution of Change Orders*

- A. Owner and Contractor shall execute appropriate Change Orders covering:
 1. 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;
 2. changes in Contract Price resulting from an Owner set-off, unless Contractor has duly contested such set-off;
 3. changes in the Work which are: (a) ordered by Owner pursuant to Paragraph 11.2, (b) required because of Owner's acceptance of defective Work under Paragraph 14.4 or Owner's correction of defective Work under Paragraph 14.7, or (c) agreed to by the parties, subject to the need for Engineer's recommendation if the change in the Work involves the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), or other engineering or technical matters; and
 4. changes in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or other changes, which embody the substance of any final and binding results under Paragraph 11.6, or Article 12.
- B. Each approved Change Order shall include the following language:

The Contractor and the Owner agree that this CHANGE ORDER represents the complete agreement of the parties with respect to the Work as modified herein as of the date of this CHANGE ORDER. By approving this Change Order, the Contractor releases any and all claims that it may have against the Owner under the subject Contract Documents including, but not limited to claims for equitable adjustments, which occurred or accrued prior to the effective date of this CHANGE ORDER except those claims made in writing to the Owner prior to the effective date of this CHANGE ORDER.
- C. If Owner or Contractor refuses to execute a Change Order that is required to be executed under the terms of this Paragraph 11.7, it shall be deemed to be of full force and effect, as if fully executed.

11.8 *Notification to Surety*

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

ARTICLE 12 – CLAIMS

12.1 *Claims*

- A. *Claims Process*: The following disputes between Owner and Contractor shall be submitted to the Claims process set forth in this Article:
1. Appeals by Owner or Contractor of Engineer's decisions regarding Change Proposals;
 2. Owner demands for adjustments in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or other relief under the Contract Documents; and
 3. Disputes that Engineer has been unable to address because they do not involve the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), the acceptability of the Work, or other engineering or technical matters.
- B. *Submittal of Claim*: The party submitting a Claim shall deliver it directly to the other party to the Contract promptly (but in no event later than 30 days) after the start of the event giving rise thereto; in the case of appeals regarding Change Proposals within 30 days of the decision under appeal. The party submitting the Claim shall also furnish a copy to the Engineer, for its information only. The responsibility to substantiate a Claim shall rest with the party making the Claim. In the case of a Claim by Contractor seeking an increase in the Contract Times or Contract Price, or both, Contractor shall certify that the Claim is made in good faith, that the supporting data are accurate and complete, and that to the best of Contractor's knowledge and belief the amount of time or money requested accurately reflects the full amount to which Contractor is entitled.
- C. *Review and Resolution*: The party receiving a Claim shall review it thoroughly, giving full consideration to its merits. The two parties shall seek to resolve the Claim through the exchange of information and direct negotiations. The parties may extend the time for resolving the Claim by mutual agreement. All actions taken on a Claim shall be stated in writing and submitted to the other party, with a copy to Engineer.
- D. *Mediation*:
1. At any time after initiation of a Claim, Owner and Contractor may mutually agree to mediation of the underlying dispute. The agreement to mediate shall stay the Claim submittal and response process.
 2. If Owner and Contractor agree to mediation, then after 60 days from such agreement, either Owner or Contractor may unilaterally terminate the mediation process, and the Claim submittal and decision process shall resume as of the date of the termination. If the mediation proceeds but is unsuccessful in resolving the dispute, the Claim submittal and decision process shall resume as of the date of the conclusion of the mediation, as determined by the mediator.
 3. Owner and Contractor shall each pay one-half of the mediator's fees and costs.
- E. *Partial Approval*: If the party receiving a Claim approves the Claim in part and denies it in part, such action shall be final and binding unless within 30 days of such action the other party invokes the procedure set forth in Article 17 for final resolution of disputes.
- F. *Denial of Claim*: If efforts to resolve a Claim are not successful, the party receiving the Claim may deny it by giving written notice of denial to the other party. If the receiving party does not take action on the Claim within 90 days, then either Owner or Contractor may at any time thereafter submit a letter to the other party indicating that as a result of the inaction, the Claim is deemed denied, thereby commencing the time for appeal of the denial. A denial of the Claim shall be final and binding unless within 30 days of the denial the other party invokes the procedure set forth in Article 17 for the final resolution of disputes.
- G. *Final and Binding Results*: If the parties reach a mutual agreement regarding a Claim, whether through approval of the Claim, direct negotiations, mediation, or otherwise; or if a Claim is approved in part and denied in part, or denied in full, and such actions become final and binding; then the results of the agreement or action on the Claim shall be incorporated in a

Change Order to the extent they affect the Contract, including the Work, the Contract Times, or the Contract Price.

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

13.1 *Cost of the Work*

- A. *Purposes for Determination of Cost of the Work:* The term Cost of the Work means the sum of all costs necessary for the proper performance of the Work at issue, as further defined below. The provisions of this Paragraph 13.1 are used for two distinct purposes:
1. To determine Cost of the Work when Cost of the Work is a component of the Contract Price, under cost-plus-fee, time-and-materials, or other cost-based terms; or
 2. To determine the value of a Change Order, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other adjustment in Contract Price. When the value of any such adjustment is determined on the basis of Cost of the Work, Contractor is entitled only to those additional or incremental costs required because of the change in the Work or because of the event giving rise to the adjustment.
- B. *Costs Included:* Except as otherwise may be agreed to in writing by Owner, costs included in the Cost of the Work shall be in amounts no higher than those prevailing in the locality of the Project, shall not include any of the costs itemized in Paragraph 13.1.C, and shall include only the following items:
1. Payroll costs for employees in the direct employ of Contractor in the performance of the Work under schedules of job classifications agreed upon by Owner and Contractor. Such employees shall include, without limitation, superintendents, foremen, and other personnel employed full time on the Work. 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, and 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.
 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 13.1.
 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.
 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, as imposed by Laws and Regulations.
- e. Deposits lost for causes other than negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, and royalty payments and fees for permits and licenses.
 - f. Losses and damages (and related expenses) caused by damage to the Work, not compensated by insurance or otherwise, sustained by Contractor in connection with the performance of the Work (except losses and damages within the deductible amounts of property insurance established in accordance with Paragraph 6.5), 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 communication service at the Site, express and courier services, and similar petty cash items in connection with the Work.
- i. The costs of premiums for all bonds and insurance that Contractor is required by the Contract Documents to purchase and maintain.

C. *Costs Excluded:* The term Cost of the Work 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, safety managers, engineers, architects, estimators, attorneys, auditors, accountants, purchasing and contracting agents, expeditors, timekeepers, clerks, and other personnel employed by Contractor, whether at the Site or in Contractor's principal or branch office for general administration of the Work and not specifically included in the agreed upon schedule of job classifications referred to in Paragraph 13.1.B.1 or specifically covered by Paragraph 13.1.B.4. The payroll costs and other compensation excluded here 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 Paragraph 13.1.B.
- D. *Contractor's Fee*: When the Work as a whole 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, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other 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 11.4.C.
- E. *Documentation*: Whenever the Cost of the Work for any purpose is to be determined pursuant to this Article 13, 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.

13.2 *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 and by such persons or entities as may be acceptable to Owner and Engineer.
- B. *Cash Allowances*: Contractor agrees that:
1. the cash allowances include the cost to Contractor (less any applicable trade discounts) of materials and equipment required by the allowances to be delivered at the Site, and all applicable taxes; and
 2. Contractor's costs for unloading and handling on the Site, labor, installation, overhead, profit, and other expenses contemplated for the cash allowances have been included in the Contract Price and not in the allowances, and no demand for additional payment on account of any of the foregoing will be valid.
- C. *Contingency Allowance*: Contractor agrees that a contingency allowance, if any, is for the sole use of Owner to cover unanticipated costs. The Owner shall have sole authority over use of the Contingency Allowance.
- D. Prior to final payment, an appropriate Change Order may 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. Use of the Contingency Allowance must receive prior written approval from the Owner.

13.3 *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 Bid Form, Agreement, or other Contract Documents.
- B. The estimated quantities of items of Unit Price Work are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids and determining an initial Contract Price. Payments to Contractor for Unit Price Work will be based on actual quantities which have been confirmed by the Engineer and/or Owner.
- C. Each unit price will be deemed to include an amount considered by Contractor to be adequate to cover Contractor's overhead and profit for each separately identified item.
- D. Engineer will determine the actual quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work performed

by Contractor. Engineer will review with Contractor the Engineer's preliminary determinations on such matters before rendering a written decision thereon (by recommendation of an Application for Payment or otherwise). Engineer's written decision thereon will be final and binding (except as modified by Engineer to reflect changed factual conditions or more accurate data or upon agreement of the Owner and Contractor), subject to the provisions of the following paragraph. Failure of Engineer to confirm actual quantities and classifications will result in the Owner only being required to pay the Unit Price Work estimated in the Bid Form unless Contractor has independent justification for additional Unit Price Work to be paid (e.g., photographic confirmation of installed linear footage), which Owner confirms.

- E. Contractor may not make a claim for additional expenses incurred as a result of a difference between final quantity of any item(s) of Unit Price Work and the estimated quantity of such item(s) in the Bid Form unless specifically allowed in the Agreement and supported by documentation of such final quantity of any item(s) of Unit Price.

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

14.1 *Access to Work*

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

14.2 *Tests, Inspections, and Approvals*

- A. Contractor shall give Engineer timely notice of readiness of the Work (or specific parts thereof) for all required inspections and tests, and shall cooperate with inspection and testing personnel to facilitate required inspections and tests.
- B. Owner shall retain and pay for the services of an independent inspector, testing laboratory, or other qualified individual or entity to perform all inspections and tests expressly required by the Contract Documents to be furnished and paid for by Owner, except that costs incurred in connection with tests or inspections of covered Work shall be governed by the provisions of Paragraph 14.5.
- C. If Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction require any Work (or part thereof) specifically to be inspected, tested, or approved by an employee or other representative of such public body, Contractor shall assume full responsibility for arranging and obtaining such inspections, tests, or approvals, pay all costs in connection therewith, and furnish Engineer the required certificates of inspection or approval.
- D. Contractor shall be responsible for arranging, obtaining, and paying for all inspections and tests required:
 - 1. by the Contract Documents, unless the Contract Documents expressly allocate responsibility for a specific inspection or test to Owner;
 - 2. to attain Owner's and Engineer's acceptance of materials or equipment to be incorporated in the Work;
 - 3. by manufacturers of equipment furnished under the Contract Documents;
 - 4. for testing, adjusting, and balancing of mechanical, electrical, and other equipment to be incorporated into the Work; and
 - 5. for acceptance of materials, mix designs, or equipment submitted for approval prior to

Contractor's purchase thereof for incorporation in the Work.

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

- E. If the Contract Documents require the Work (or part thereof) to be approved by Owner, Engineer, or another designated individual or entity, then Contractor shall assume full responsibility for arranging and obtaining such approvals.

F. If any Work (or the work of others) that is to be inspected, tested, or approved is covered by Contractor without written concurrence of Engineer, Contractor shall, if requested by Engineer, uncover such Work for observation. Such uncovering shall be at Contractor's expense unless Contractor had given Engineer timely notice of Contractor's intention to cover the same and Engineer had not acted with reasonable promptness in response to such notice.

14.3 *Defective Work*

- A. *Contractor's Obligation:* It is Contractor's obligation to assure that the Work is not defective. This includes but is not limited to coordinating and pursuing manufacturer warranties and remedies until Final Completion of the Project. Use of a manufacturer's warranty does not relieve the Contractor of obligations under the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall deliver to Owner all original manufacturer and trade warranties and guarantees, properly executed and assignable to the Owner, with effective dates not earlier than Substantial Completion (unless required for startup/commissioning).
- B. *Engineer's Authority:* Engineer has the authority to determine whether Work is defective, and to reject defective Work.
- C. *Notice of Defects:* Prompt notice of all defective Work of which Owner or Engineer has actual knowledge will be given to Contractor.
- D. *Correction, or Removal and Replacement:* Promptly after receipt of written notice of defective Work, Contractor shall correct all such defective Work, whether or not fabricated, installed, or completed, or, if Engineer has rejected the defective Work, remove it from the Project and replace it with Work that is not defective.
- E. *Preservation of Warranties:* When correcting defective Work, Contractor shall take no action that would void or otherwise impair Owner's special warranty and guarantee, if any, on said Work.
- F. *Costs and Damages:* In addition to its correction, removal, and replacement obligations with respect to defective Work, Contractor shall pay all claims, costs, losses, and damages arising out of or relating to defective Work, including but not limited to the cost of the inspection, testing, correction, removal, replacement, or reconstruction of such defective Work, fines levied against Owner by governmental authorities because the Work is defective, and the costs of repair or replacement of work of others resulting from defective Work. Prior to final payment, if Owner and Contractor are unable to agree as to the measure of such claims, costs, losses, and damages resulting from defective Work, then Owner may impose a reasonable set-off against payments due under Article 15.

14.4 *Acceptance of Defective Work*

- A. If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, Owner prefers to accept it, Owner may do so (subject, if such acceptance occurs prior to final payment, to Engineer's confirmation that such acceptance is in general accord with the design intent and applicable engineering principles, and will not endanger public safety). Contractor shall pay all claims, costs, losses, and damages attributable to Owner's evaluation of and determination to accept such defective Work (such costs to be approved by Engineer as to reasonableness), and for the diminished value of the Work to the extent not otherwise paid by Contractor. If any such acceptance occurs prior to final payment, the necessary revisions in

the Contract Documents with respect to the Work shall be incorporated in a Change Order. If the parties are unable to agree as to the decrease in the Contract Price, reflecting the diminished value of Work so accepted, then Owner may impose a reasonable set-off against payments due under Article 15. If the acceptance of defective Work occurs after final payment, Contractor shall pay an appropriate amount to Owner.

14.5 *Uncovering Work*

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

14.6 *Owner May Stop the Work*

- A. If the Work is defective, or Contractor fails to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, or fails to perform the Work in such a way that the completed Work will conform to the Contract Documents, then Owner may order Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of Owner to stop the Work 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.

14.7 *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, 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, then Owner may, after seven days written notice to Contractor, correct or remedy any such deficiency.
- B. In exercising the rights and remedies under this Paragraph 14.7, Owner shall proceed expeditiously. In connection with such corrective or remedial action, Owner may exclude Contractor from all or part of the Site, take possession of all or part of the Work and suspend Contractor's services related thereto, and incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere. Contractor shall allow Owner, Owner's representatives, agents and employees, Owner's other contractors, and Engineer and Engineer's consultants access to the Site to enable Owner to exercise the rights and remedies under this paragraph.

- C. All claims, costs, losses, and damages incurred or sustained by Owner in exercising the rights and remedies under this Paragraph 14.7 will be charged against Contractor as set-offs against payments due under Article 15. Such claims, costs, losses and damages will include but not be limited to all costs of repair, or replacement of work of others destroyed or damaged by correction, removal, or replacement of Contractor's defective Work.
- D. Contractor shall not be allowed an extension of the Contract Times because of any delay in the performance of the Work attributable to the exercise by Owner of Owner's rights and remedies under this Paragraph 14.7.

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

15.1 *Progress Payments*

- A. *Basis for Progress Payments:* The Schedule of Values established as provided in Article 2 will serve as the basis for progress payments and will be incorporated into a form of Application for Payment acceptable to Engineer. Progress payments on account of Unit Price Work will be based on the number of units completed during the pay period, as determined under the provisions of Paragraph 13.3. Progress payments for cost-based Work will be based on Cost of the Work completed by Contractor during the pay period.
- B. *Applications for Payments:*
 - 1. At least 20 days before the date established in the Agreement for each progress payment (but not more often than once a month), Contractor shall submit to Engineer for review an Application for Payment filled out and signed by Contractor covering the Work completed as of the date of the Application and accompanied by such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents. 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, a warehouse bond, 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.
- C. *Review of Applications:*
 - 1. Engineer will, within 10 days after receipt of each Application for Payment, including each resubmittal, either indicate in writing a recommendation of payment and present the Application to Owner, or return the Application to Contractor indicating in writing Engineer's reasons for refusing to recommend payment. In the latter case, Contractor may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application.
 - 2. Engineer's recommendation of any payment requested in an Application for Payment will constitute a representation by Engineer to Owner, based on Engineer's observations of the executed Work as an experienced and qualified design professional, and on Engineer's review of the Application for Payment and the accompanying data and

schedules, that to the best of Engineer's knowledge, information and belief:

- a. the Work has progressed to the point indicated;
 - b. the quality of the Work is generally in accordance with the Contract Documents (subject to an evaluation of the Work as a functioning whole prior to or upon Substantial Completion, the results of any subsequent tests called for in the Contract Documents, a final determination of quantities and classifications for Unit Price Work under Paragraph 13.3, and any other qualifications stated in the recommendation); and
 - c. the conditions precedent to Contractor's being entitled to such payment appear to have been fulfilled in so far as it is Engineer's responsibility to observe the Work.
3. By recommending any such payment Engineer will not thereby be deemed to have represented that:
- a. inspections made to check the quality or the quantity of the Work as it has been performed have been exhaustive, extended to every aspect of the Work in progress, or involved detailed inspections of the Work beyond the responsibilities specifically assigned to Engineer in the Contract; or
 - b. there may not be other matters or issues between the parties that might entitle Contractor to be paid additionally by Owner or entitle Owner to withhold payment to Contractor.
4. Neither Engineer's review of Contractor's Work for the purposes of recommending payments nor Engineer's recommendation of any payment, including final payment, will impose responsibility on Engineer:
- a. to supervise, direct, or control the Work, or
 - b. for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or
 - c. for Contractor's failure to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to Contractor's performance of the Work, or
 - d. to make any examination to ascertain how or for what purposes Contractor has used the money paid on account of the Contract Price, or
 - e. to determine that title to any of the Work, materials, or equipment has passed to Owner free and clear of any Liens.
5. Engineer may refuse to recommend the whole or any part of any payment if, in Engineer's opinion, it would be incorrect to make the representations to Owner stated in Paragraph 15.1.C.2.
6. Engineer will recommend reductions in payment (set-offs) necessary in Engineer's opinion to protect Owner from loss because:
- a. the Work is defective, requiring correction or replacement;
 - b. the Contract Price has been reduced by Change Orders;
 - c. Owner has been required to correct defective Work in accordance with Paragraph 14.7, or has accepted defective Work pursuant to Paragraph 14.4;
 - d. Owner has been required to remove or remediate a Hazardous Environmental Condition for which Contractor is responsible; or
 - e. Engineer has actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the events that would constitute a default by Contractor and therefore justify termination for cause under the Contract Documents.

D. *Payment Becomes Due:*

1. Ten days after presentation of the Application for Payment to Owner with Engineer's recommendation, the amount recommended (subject to any Owner set-offs) will become due, and when due will be paid by Owner to Contractor.

E. *Reductions in Payment by Owner:*

1. In addition to any reductions in payment (set-offs) recommended by Engineer, Owner is entitled to impose a set-off against payment based on any of the following:
 - a. claims have been made against Owner on account of Contractor's conduct in the performance or furnishing of the Work, or Owner has incurred costs, losses, or damages on account of Contractor's conduct in the performance or furnishing of the Work, including but not limited to claims, costs, losses, or damages from workplace injuries, adjacent property damage, non-compliance with Laws and Regulations, and patent infringement;
 - b. Contractor has failed to take reasonable and customary measures to avoid damage, delay, disruption, and interference with other work at or adjacent to the Site;
 - c. Contractor has failed to provide and maintain required bonds or insurance;
 - d. Owner has been required to remove or remediate a Hazardous Environmental Condition for which Contractor is responsible;
 - e. Owner has incurred extra charges or engineering costs related to submittal reviews, evaluations of proposed substitutes, tests and inspections, or return visits to manufacturing or assembly facilities;
 - f. the Work is defective, requiring correction or replacement;
 - g. Owner has been required to correct defective Work in accordance with Paragraph 14.7, or has accepted defective Work pursuant to Paragraph 14.4;
 - h. the Contract Price has been reduced by Change Orders;
 - i. an event that would constitute a default by Contractor and therefore justify a termination for cause has occurred;
 - j. liquidated damages have accrued as a result of Contractor's failure to achieve Milestones, Substantial Completion, or final completion of the Work;
 - k. Liens have been filed in connection with the Work, except where Contractor has delivered a specific bond satisfactory to Owner to secure the satisfaction and discharge of such Liens;
 - l. there are other items entitling Owner to a set off against the amount recommended.
2. If Owner imposes any set-off against payment, whether based on its own knowledge or on the written recommendations of Engineer, Owner will give Contractor immediate written notice (with a copy to Engineer) stating the reasons for such action and the specific amount of the reduction, and promptly pay Contractor any amount remaining after deduction of the amount so withheld. Owner shall promptly pay Contractor the amount so withheld, or any adjustment thereto agreed to by Owner and Contractor, if Contractor remedies the reasons for such action. The reduction imposed shall be binding on Contractor unless it duly submits a Change Proposal contesting the reduction.
3. Upon a subsequent determination that Owner's refusal of payment was not justified, the amount wrongfully withheld shall be treated as an amount due as determined by Paragraph 15.1.C.1 and subject to interest as provided in the Agreement.

15.2 *Contractor's Warranty of Title*

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

15.3 *Substantial Completion*

- A. Consistent with the provision in the Agreement, at least ten (10) days prior to when Contractor considers the entire Work ready for its intended use Contractor shall notify Owner and Engineer in writing that the entire Work is substantially complete and request that Engineer issue a certificate of Substantial Completion. Contractor shall at the same time submit to Owner and Engineer an initial draft of punch list items to be completed or corrected before final payment.
- B. The following items shall be completed prior to a request by the Contractor for inspection for Substantial Completion, subject to the punch list procedures set forth in the Contract Documents and/or as required by Section 281.735, Florida Statutes.
 - 1. Temporary Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Completion, as applicable, shall be obtained from the proper building official. If the Temporary Certificate expires before Final Completion is reached, the determination of Substantial Completion of the Work will be revoked until the final Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion is obtained.
 - 2. All general construction completed.
 - 3. All mechanical and electrical work complete, equipment and fixtures in place, connected, cleaned and ready for use.
 - 4. All electrical circuits shall be scheduled in panels, and all panels and disconnect switches properly labeled.
 - 5. All painting shall be completed; all signs installed.
 - 6. All Project components including floors, glass and metal work shall be cleaned.
 - 7. All finished hardware shall be installed, and all doors shall be in good working order. All keys and blanks shall have been provided.
 - 8. Project site shall be cleared of the Contractor's excess equipment, storage shacks, trailers, and/or building supplies. All temporary construction and utilities shall be removed.
 - 9. All mechanical and electrical systems including Fire Alarm and Security, shall be complete, fully functional, and demonstrated to the Owner. The Fire Alarm system must be 100% complete without exception.
 - 10. All HVAC testing and balancing reports shall have been submitted and approved.

If Substantial Completion is not obtained at the inspection, called by the Contractor, for reasons which are the fault of the Contractor, the cost of any subsequent inspections requested by the Contractor for the purpose of determining Substantial Completion shall be the responsibility of the Contractor and shall be assessed against the final payment application.

- C. Promptly after Contractor's notification, Owner, Contractor, and Engineer shall make an inspection of the Work to determine the status of completion. If Engineer does not consider the Work substantially complete, Engineer will notify Contractor in writing giving the reasons therefor.
- D. If Engineer considers the Work substantially complete, Engineer will deliver to Owner a preliminary certificate of Substantial Completion which shall fix the date of Substantial Completion. Engineer shall attach to the certificate a punch list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment consistent with the requirements of the Agreement. Owner shall have ten (10) days after receipt of the preliminary certificate during which to make written objection to Engineer as to any provisions of the certificate or attached punch list. If, after considering the objections to the provisions of the preliminary certificate, Engineer concludes that the Work is not substantially complete, Engineer will, within 14 days after

submission of the preliminary certificate to Owner, notify Contractor in writing that the Work is not substantially complete, stating the reasons therefor. If Owner does not object to the provisions of the certificate, then Engineer will, within said 14 days, execute and deliver to Owner and Contractor a final certificate of Substantial Completion (with a the final punch list of items to be completed or corrected) reflecting any changes from the preliminary certificate as Engineer believes justified after consideration of any objections from Owner. The Owner will ultimately resolve any disputes in the punch-list and determine the final punch-list for the parties no later than 30-days from the date the Contractor is determined to have reached substantial completion by the Engineer.

- E. At the time of receipt of the preliminary certificate of Substantial Completion, Owner and Contractor will confer regarding Owner's use or occupancy of the Work following Substantial Completion, review the builder's risk insurance policy with respect to the end of the builder's risk coverage, and confirm the transition to coverage of the Work under a permanent property insurance policy held by Owner. Unless Owner and Contractor agree otherwise in writing, Owner shall bear responsibility for security, operation, protection of the Work, property insurance, maintenance, heat, and utilities upon Owner's use or occupancy of the Work.
- F. After Substantial Completion the Contractor shall promptly begin work on the punch list of items to be completed or corrected prior to final payment. In appropriate cases, Contractor may submit monthly Applications for Payment for completed punch list items, following the progress payment procedures set forth above.
- G. Owner shall have the right to exclude Contractor from the Site after the date of Substantial Completion subject to allowing Contractor reasonable access to remove its property and complete or correct items on the punch list.

15.4 *Partial Use or Occupancy*

- A. Prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work, Owner may use or occupy any substantially completed part of the Work which has specifically been identified in the Contract Documents, or which Owner, Engineer, and Contractor agree constitutes a separately functioning and usable part of the Work that can be used by Owner for its intended purpose without significant interference with Contractor's performance of the remainder of the Work, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. At any time Owner may request in writing that Contractor permit Owner to use or occupy any such part of the Work that Owner believes to be substantially complete. If and when Contractor agrees that such part of the Work is substantially complete, Contractor, Owner, and Engineer will follow the procedures of Paragraph 1503.A through E for that part of the Work.
 - 2. At any time Contractor may notify Owner and Engineer in writing that Contractor considers any such part of the Work substantially complete and request Engineer to issue a certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Work.
 - 3. Within a reasonable time after either such request, Owner, Contractor, and Engineer shall make an inspection of that part of the Work to determine its status of completion. If Engineer does not consider that part of the Work to be substantially complete, Engineer will notify Owner and Contractor in writing giving the reasons therefor. If Engineer considers that part of the Work to be substantially complete, the provisions of Paragraph 15.3 will apply with respect to certification of Substantial Completion of that part of the Work and the division of responsibility in respect thereof and access thereto.
 - 4. No use or occupancy or separate operation of part of the Work may occur prior to compliance with the requirements of Paragraph 6.5 regarding builder's risk or other property insurance.

15.5 *Final Inspection*

- A. Upon written notice from Contractor that the entire Work or an agreed portion thereof is complete, Engineer will promptly make a final inspection with Owner and Contractor and will notify Contractor in writing of all particulars in which this inspection reveals that the Work, or agreed portion thereof, is incomplete or defective. Contractor shall immediately take such measures as are necessary to complete such Work or remedy such deficiencies.
- B. In order to have achieved Final Completion, the Contractor must have satisfied the following conditions and/or provided the Owner with the following:
 - 1. All operations and maintenance manuals for all equipment shall have been submitted.
 - 2. Manufacturers' certifications and warranties shall be delivered to Owner.
 - 3. All operations and maintenance training related literature, software, and back-up disks shall have been provided.
 - 4. All required spare parts as well as any special tools shall have been provided; and
 - 5. The Project record drawings and specifications shall be submitted in accordance with these General Conditions.

15.6 *Final Payment*

A. *Application for Payment:*

- 1. After Contractor has, in the opinion of Engineer, satisfactorily completed all corrections identified during the final inspection and has delivered, in accordance with the Contract Documents, all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, certificates or other evidence of insurance, certificates of inspection, annotated record documents (as provided in Paragraph 7.11), and other documents, Contractor may make application for final payment.
- 2. The final Application for Payment shall be accompanied (except as previously delivered) by:
 - a. all documentation called for in the Contract Documents;
 - b. consent of the surety, if any, to final payment;
 - c. satisfactory evidence that all title issues have been resolved such that title to all Work, materials, and equipment has passed to Owner free and clear of any Liens or other title defects, or will so pass upon final payment.
 - d. a list of all disputes that Contractor believes are unsettled; and
 - e. complete and legally effective releases or waivers (satisfactory to Owner) of all Lien rights arising out of the Work, and of Liens filed in connection with the Work.
- 3. In lieu of the releases or waivers of Liens specified in Paragraph 15.6.A.2 and as approved by Owner, Contractor may furnish receipts or releases in full and an affidavit of Contractor that: (a) the releases and receipts include all labor, services, material, and equipment for which a Lien could be filed; and (b) all payrolls, material and equipment bills, and other indebtedness connected with the Work for which Owner might in any way be responsible, or which might in any way result in liens or other burdens on Owner's property, have been paid or otherwise satisfied. If any Subcontractor or Supplier fails to furnish such a release or receipt in full, Contractor may furnish a bond or other collateral satisfactory to Owner to indemnify Owner against any Lien, or Owner at its option may issue joint checks payable to Contractor and specified Subcontractors and Suppliers.

B. *Engineer's Review of 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 have been fulfilled, Engineer will, within ten days after receipt of the final Application for Payment, indicate in writing Engineer's recommendation of final payment and present the Application for Payment to Owner for payment. Such recommendation shall account for any set-offs against payment that are necessary in Engineer's opinion to protect Owner from loss for the reasons stated above with respect to progress payments. 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 15.7. 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. *Completion of Work*: The Work is complete (subject to surviving obligations) when it is ready for final payment as established by the Engineer's written recommendation of final payment.
- D. *Payment Becomes Due*: Thirty days after the presentation to Owner of the final Application for Payment and accompanying documentation, the amount recommended by Engineer (less any further sum Owner is entitled to set off against Engineer's recommendation, including but not limited to set-offs for liquidated damages and set-offs allowed under the provisions above with respect to progress payments) will become due and shall be paid by Owner to Contractor.

15.7 *Waiver of Claims*

- A. The making of final payment will not constitute a waiver by Owner of claims or rights against Contractor. Owner expressly reserves claims and rights arising from unsettled Liens, from defective Work appearing after final inspection pursuant to Paragraph 15.5, from Contractor's failure to comply with the Contract Documents or the terms of any special guarantees specified therein, from outstanding Claims by Owner, or from Contractor's continuing obligations under the Contract Documents.
- B. The acceptance of final payment by Contractor will constitute a waiver by Contractor of all claims and rights against Owner other than those pending matters that have been duly submitted or appealed under the provisions of Article 17.

15.8 *Correction Period*

- A. If within one year after the date of Final Completion (or such longer period of time as may be prescribed 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 Site, adjacent areas that Contractor has arranged to use through construction easements or otherwise, and other adjacent areas used by Contractor as permitted by Laws and Regulations, is found to be defective, then Contractor shall promptly, without cost to Owner and in accordance with Owner's written instructions:
 - 1. correct the defective repairs to the Site or such other adjacent areas;
 - 2. correct such defective Work;
 - 3. if the defective Work has been rejected by Owner, remove it from the Project and replace it with Work that is not defective, and
 - 4. satisfactorily correct or repair or remove and replace any damage to other Work, to the work of others, or to other land or areas resulting therefrom.
- B. The Contractor shall commence Work to remedy or replace the defective Work within five (5) calendar days after receiving written (including transmittals by email) notice from the Owner. If the Contractor fails to remedy or remove or replace that Work or material which has been found to be defective, then the Owner may remedy or replace the defective or deficient Work at the Contractor's expense; provided, however, all repairs to natural gas, telephone, radio, computer security, water, electric, air conditioning services and all emergency services shall

be commenced within forty-eight (48) hours of notification, and the Contractor shall complete the repairs in an expeditious manner befitting the nature of the deficiency. The 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 repair or such removal and replacement (including but not limited to all costs of repair or replacement of work of others).

- C. In special circumstances where a particular item of equipment is placed in continuous service before Final 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. In the event that the Owner assumes partial utilization of portions of the Work prior to Final Completion of all Work, the Contractor's obligations under this paragraph 15.8 for that portion shall also extend for twelve months from Final Completion of that portion of the Work, if and only if the Owner has exclusive use of the area. If the Owner does not have exclusive use of the area, the Contractor's obligations under this paragraph 15.8 shall extend for twelve months from Final Completion of the last portion of the Work.
- D. Where defective Work (and damage to other Work resulting therefrom) has been corrected or removed and replaced under this paragraph, the correction period hereunder with respect to such Work will be extended for an additional period of one year after such correction or removal and replacement has been satisfactorily completed.
- E. Contractor's obligations under this paragraph are in addition to all other obligations and warranties. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed as a substitute for, or a waiver of, the provisions of any applicable statute of limitation or repose.

ARTICLE 16 – SUSPENSION OF WORK AND TERMINATION

16.1 *Owner May Suspend Work*

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

16.2 *Owner May Terminate for Cause*

- A. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events will constitute a default by Contractor and justify termination for cause:
 - 1. Contractor's persistent failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment or failure to adhere to the Progress Schedule);
 - 2. Failure of Contractor to perform or otherwise to comply with a material term of the Contract Documents;
 - 3. Contractor's disregard of Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction; or
 - 4. Contractor's repeated disregard of the authority of Owner or Engineer.
- B. If one or more of the events identified in Paragraph 16.2.A occurs, then after giving Contractor (and any surety) ten days written notice that Owner is considering a declaration that Contractor is in default and termination of the contract, Owner may proceed to:
 - 1. declare Contractor to be in default, and give Contractor (and any surety) notice that the Contract is terminated; and

2. enforce the rights available to Owner under any applicable performance bond.
- C. Subject to the terms and operation of any applicable performance bond, if Owner has terminated the Contract for cause, Owner may exclude Contractor from the Site, take possession of the Work, incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere, and complete the Work as Owner may deem expedient.
- D. Owner may not proceed with termination of the Contract under Paragraph 16.2.B if Contractor within seven days of receipt of notice of intent to terminate begins to correct its failure to perform and proceeds diligently to cure such failure.
 - E. If Owner proceeds as provided in Paragraph 16.2.B, Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Work is completed. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds the cost to complete the Work, including all related claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals) sustained by Owner, such excess will be paid to Contractor. If the cost to complete the Work including such related claims, costs, losses, and damages exceeds such unpaid balance, Contractor shall pay the difference to Owner. Such claims, costs, losses, and damages incurred by Owner will be reviewed by Engineer as to their reasonableness and, when so approved by Engineer, incorporated in a Change Order. When exercising any rights or remedies under this paragraph, Owner shall not be required to obtain the lowest price for the Work performed.
- F. Where Contractor's services have been so terminated by Owner, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of Owner against Contractor then existing or which may thereafter accrue, or any rights or remedies of Owner against Contractor or any surety under any payment bond or performance bond. Any retention or payment of money due Contractor by Owner will not release Contractor from liability.
- G. If and to the extent that Contractor has provided a performance bond under the provisions of Paragraph 6.1.A, the provisions of that bond shall govern over any inconsistent provisions of Paragraphs 16.2.B and 16.2.D.

16.3 *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, terminate the Contract. In such case, Contractor shall be paid for (without duplication of any items):
 1. completed and acceptable Work executed in accordance with the Contract Documents prior to the effective date of termination, including fair and reasonable sums for overhead and profit on such Work;
 2. expenses sustained prior to the effective date of termination in performing services and furnishing labor, materials, or equipment as required by the Contract Documents in connection with uncompleted Work, plus fair and reasonable sums for overhead and profit on such expenses; and
 3. other reasonable expenses directly attributable to termination, including costs incurred to prepare a termination for convenience cost proposal.
- B. Contractor shall not be paid on account of loss of anticipated overhead, profits, or revenue, or other economic loss arising out of or resulting from such termination. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that the Owner wrongfully terminated this Contract, then in such event, this Contract shall be deemed terminated for convenience as provided for in this paragraph, and the Contractor shall not be entitled to loss of anticipated overhead, profits, or revenue, or other economic loss arising out of or resulting from such termination but may be entitled to all items as authorized herein.

16.4 *Contractor May Stop Work or Terminate*

- A. If, through no act or fault of Contractor, (1) the Work is suspended for more than 90 consecutive days by Owner or under an order of court or other public authority, or (2) Engineer fails to act on any Application for Payment within 30 days after it is submitted, or (2) 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 16.3.
- B. 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 are not intended to preclude Contractor from submitting a Change Proposal for an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times or otherwise for expenses or damage directly attributable to Contractor's stopping the Work as permitted by this paragraph.

ARTICLE 17 – FINAL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

17.1 *Methods and Procedures*

- A. *Disputes Subject to Final Resolution:* The following disputed matters are subject to final resolution under the provisions of this Article:
 - 1. A timely appeal of an approval in part and denial in part of a Claim, or of a denial in full; and
 - 2. Disputes between Owner and Contractor concerning the Work or obligations under the Contract Documents, and arising after final payment has been made.
- B. *Final Resolution of Disputes:* For any dispute subject to resolution under this Article, Owner or Contractor may:
 - 1. elect in writing to invoke the dispute resolution process provided for in the Supplementary Conditions; or
 - 2. agree with the other party to submit the dispute to another dispute resolution process; or
 - 3. if no dispute resolution process is provided for in the Supplementary Conditions or mutually agreed to, give written notice to the other party of the intent to submit the dispute to a court of competent jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 18 – MISCELLANEOUS

18.1 *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:
 - 1. delivered in person, by a commercial courier service or otherwise, to the individual or to a member of the firm or to an officer of the corporation for which it is intended; or
 - 2. delivered at or sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the last business address known to the sender of the notice.

18.2 *Computation of Times*

- A. When any period of time is referred to in the Contract by days, it will be computed to exclude

the first and include the last day of such period. If the last day of any such period falls on a Saturday or Sunday or on a day made a legal holiday by the law of the applicable jurisdiction, such day will be omitted from the computation.

18.3 *Cumulative Remedies*

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

18.4 *Limitation of Damages*

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

18.5 *No Waiver*

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

18.6 *Survival of Obligations*

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

18.7 *Controlling Law*

- A. This Contract is governed by the laws of the State of Florida. The venue for any and all legal action necessary to enforce the Contract Documents will be exclusively in Palm Beach County, Florida.

18.8 *Headings*

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

18.9 *Public Records and Confidential Information.*

- A. Records Exempt from the Public Records Laws. The Florida Public Records Law provides for certain exemptions to Florida's Public Records Law to protect the security of specific governmental facilities, employees and visitors. For the same security reasons, the Owner has the statutory obligation to protect such records from public disclosure and only disclose confidential and/or exempt information to a licensed engineer, architect or and subcontractor. The purpose of this paragraph is to facilitate the Contractor's Work by making specific documents available to individuals/firms while implementing controls on the distribution of records or information which is confidential and/or exempt from the Florida Public Records Law.
- B. Confidential Information. For purposes of this Section, "Confidential Information" shall include all information or material that is confidential and/or exempt according to the Florida Public Records Law. The exemptions most relevant to the Contractor include, but are not limited to:

1. Plans, blueprints, drawings and diagrams which depict the internal layout and structural elements of a building or other structure, including communication system infrastructure, owned or operated by the Owner;
2. Security or fire safety system plans, including records, information, photographs, audio and visual representations, schematic diagrams, floor plans, surveys, as-built drawings, recommendations or consultations relating directly to the physical security or fire safety of the facility or revealing security or fire safety systems in whole or in part;
3. Geographical maps indicating the actual or proposed locations of communication system infrastructure, including towers, antennae, equipment or facilities used to provide Public Safety Radio communication structures or facilities owned and operated by the Owner;
4. Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (Network) information, where such information would reveal the design and operation of Network facilities; Network coverage, including geographical maps indicating actual or proposed locations of Network infrastructure or facilities; the capabilities of Network infrastructure and facilities; the functions of Network services; and the security, including cybersecurity, of the design and operation of the Network;
5. Threat assessments;
6. Emergency evacuation plans;
7. Sheltering arrangements; or
8. Manuals for security or fire safety personnel, emergency equipment, security or fire safety training; or otherwise containing narrative and/or graphic content of a security nature.

C. Obligations.

1. Maintain the Confidentiality of the Confidential Information. The Contractor has an obligation to maintain the confidential status of Confidential Information. The DB shall hold and maintain the Confidential Information in the strictest confidence for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Owner. The Contractor shall restrict access to Confidential Information to: 1) the Contractor's employees, and/or; 2) other Subcontractors or Consultants of the Contractor (Third Parties) for the sole purpose of providing contractual services for the Project. Prior to releasing any Confidential Information to a Third Party, the Contractor shall require those Third Parties to execute nondisclosure restrictions at least as protective as those in this paragraph, and maintain a list of any Third Party to which the Contractor has distributed Confidential Information. **Other than as authorized above, the Contractor shall not, without prior written approval of the Owner, publish, copy, or otherwise disclose to others any Confidential Information.**
2. Disclosure Warning. If Confidential Information is in written form, the Contractor shall label or stamp the materials as they are created with the Disclosure Warning described below on each and every sheet of plans, documents or reports that contain exempt information. If the Contractor is distributing Confidential Information to authorized recipients, the materials and the correspondence related thereto should contain the following disclosure warning:
DISCLOSURE WARNING. THIS DOCUMENT IS EXEMPT AND CONFIDENTIAL UNDER SEC. 119.071, FLORIDA STATUTES. ANY ENTITY OR PERSONS RECEIVING SUCH INFORMATION SHALL MAINTAIN THE EXEMPT STATUS OF THE INFORMATION UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER. THESE DOCUMENTS SHALL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED, LOANED OR COPIED WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE OWNER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA LAW. THE OWNER MUST BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY AS TO ANY CHANGES IN CUSTODIAN FROM THOSE PERSONS LISTED IN CORRESPONDENCE FOR ORIGINAL DISTRIBUTION,

IF THE DOCUMENTS ARE LOST OR STOLEN, OR IF THERE IS IMPROPER DISCLOSURE OR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE INFORMATION IN THE DOCUMENT. UPON COMPLETION OF USE, WORK, PROJECT, OR CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, THE SUBCONTRACTOR SHALL SHRED OR BURN ANY DUPLICATE RECORDS.

3. Identifying Correspondence that May Contain Exempt or Confidential Information. In order to assist in the identification of electronic records, i.e., email, which may be exempt from Public Records Requests and protect information that is exempt from disclosure, the Contractor (as either the writer or receiver of an electronic document which may contain confidential and/or exempt information) must use the letters "PREX" (in caps) as the first four letters of the subject line of the electronic document. The PREX identifier should be used if the email contains confidential and/or exempt information in the body and/or an attachment.
 4. Notification of Improper Disclosure. Owner must be notified immediately if the Confidential Information is lost or stolen or of any improper disclosure or unauthorized use of the Confidential Information. The Contractor shall make a report to the Owner not more than seven (7) business days after the Contractor learns of such an improper disclosure or unauthorized use of the Confidential Information. The Contractor's report shall identify, to the extent known, the nature of the improper disclosure or unauthorized use, the Confidential Information disclosed or used, who made the disclosure of or used the information, what the Contractor has done or shall do to mitigate any harmful effects of the improper disclosure or unauthorized use, and what corrective action the Contractor has taken or shall take to prevent future similar unauthorized use or improper disclosure. The Contractor shall provide any other such information about the unauthorized use or improper disclosure as reasonably requested by the Owner. The Contractor shall take all steps the Owner deems advisable to mitigate, resolve and/or prevent the unauthorized use or improper disclosure of the Confidential Information.
- D. Survival. For avoidance of doubt, the nondisclosure provisions of this paragraph shall survive the termination of the Contract Documents. The Contractor's duty to hold Confidential Information in confidence shall remain in effect until Owner sends the DB written notice releasing the DB from the provisions of this paragraph.
- E. Enforcement. The Contractor understands that non-compliance with the terms of this paragraph may result in being found in default as well as subject the Contractor to any other remedies available to the Owner in law or equity.