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General Conditions of the Contract for Construction

for the following PROJECT:

(Name and location or address)

Nueces County Courthouse ADA Interior Improvements
901 Leopard St.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

THE OWNER:

(Name, legal status and address)

Nueces County
901 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

THE ARCHITECT:

(Name, legal status and address)

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The use of the term "Architect" throughout this Agreement shall apply to the professional services of Architects or Engineers authorized by law to perform the services described in this Agreement.

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ARTICLE 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1.1 Basic Definitions

§ 1.1.1 The Contract Documents

The Contract Documents are enumerated in the Agreement between the Owner and Contractor (hereinafter the Agreement) and consist of the Agreement, Conditions of the Contract (General, Supplementary and other Conditions), Drawings, Specifications, Addenda issued prior to execution of the Contract, other documents listed in the Agreement, and Modifications issued after execution of the Contract. A Modification is (1) a written amendment to the Contract signed by both parties, (2) a Change Order, (3) a Construction Change Directive, or (4) a written order for a minor change in the Work issued by the Architect or the Owner. All sections of the Project Manual shall be a part of the Contract Documents. The solicitation documents used by the Owner, including advertisement or Requests for bids or Proposals, Instructions to Bidders, other information furnished by the Owner in anticipation of receiving bids or proposals, and Addenda relating to such solicitation documents, except to the extent that the proposal has been modified by the terms of the Contract shall be a part of the Contract Documents. Any reference to any Contract Documents shall mean the document as amended and/or supplemented for this Project.

§ 1.1.2 The Contract

The Contract Documents form the Contract for Construction and are as fully a part of the Contract as if attached hereto or repeated herein. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. After execution of the original Contract Documents, the Contract may be amended or modified only by a Modification. The Contract Documents shall not be construed to create a contractual relationship of any kind (1) between the Contractor and the Architect or the Architect's consultants, (2) between the Owner and a Subcontractor or a Sub-subcontractor, (3) between the Owner and the Architect or the Architect's consultants, or (4) between any persons or entities other than the Owner and the Contractor. The Architect shall, however, be entitled to performance and enforcement of obligations under the Contract intended to facilitate performance of the Architect's duties.

§ 1.1.3 The Work

The term "Work" means the construction and services required by the Contract Documents, whether completed or partially completed, and includes all other labor, materials, equipment, and services provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor's obligations. The Work may constitute the whole or a part of the Project.

§ 1.1.4 The Project

The Project is the total construction of which the Work performed under the Contract Documents may be the whole or a part and which may include construction by the Owner and by Separate Contractors.

§ 1.1.5 The Drawings

The Drawings are the graphic and pictorial portions of the Contract Documents showing the design, location and dimensions of the Work, generally including plans, elevations, sections, details, schedules, and diagrams.

§ 1.1.6 The Specifications

The Specifications are that portion of the Contract Documents consisting of the written requirements for materials, equipment, systems, standards and workmanship for the Work, and performance of related services.

§ 1.1.7 Instruments of Service

Instruments of Service are representations, in any medium of expression now known or later developed, of the tangible and intangible creative work performed by the Architect and the Architect's consultants under their respective professional services agreements. Instruments of Service may include, without limitation, studies, surveys, models, sketches, drawings, specifications, and other similar materials.

§ 1.1.8 Initial Decision Maker

The Initial Decision Maker is the person identified in the Agreement to render initial decisions or recommendations on Claims in accordance with Section 15.2. The Initial Decision Maker shall not show partiality to the Owner or Contractor and shall not be liable for results of interpretations or decisions rendered in good faith.

§ 1.1.9 Agreement Between Owner And Architect

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The term "agreement between Owner and Architect" means the agreement for professional services for this Project between the Owner and Architect.

§ 1.1.10 The Owner and Contractor agree that the Contract Documents may not be free from errors, inconsistencies, or omissions, and further agree that the Owner makes no warranty as to the completeness or accuracy of the Contract Documents, either express or implied. Execution of the Contract by the Contractor is a representation that the Contractor has thoroughly reviewed and become familiar with the Contract Documents and that the Contractor is not aware of any errors, inconsistencies or omissions in the Contract Documents which would delay the Contractor in the performance of the Contract Work.

§ 1.1.11 The terms "bids" or "bidding" shall include any kind of competitive purchasing under the Texas Government Code Chapter 2269.

§ 1.1.12 Critical Path

Sequence of activities that represents the longest path through a project, which determines the shortest possible duration.

§ 1.2 Correlation and Intent of the Contract Documents

§ 1.2.1 The intent of the Contract Documents is to include all items necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work by the Contractor. The Contract Documents are complementary, and what is required by one shall be as binding as if required by all; performance by the Contractor shall be required only to the extent consistent with the Contract Documents and reasonably inferable from them as being necessary to produce the indicated results. In the event of inconsistencies within or between parts of the Contract Documents, or between the Contract Documents and applicable standards, codes and ordinances, the Contractor shall (1) provide the better quality or greater quantity of Work or (2) comply with the more stringent requirement, either or both in accordance with the Owner's interpretation.

§ 1.2.1.1 The invalidity of any provision of the Contract Documents shall not invalidate the Contract or its remaining provisions. If it is determined that any provision of the Contract Documents violates any law, or is otherwise invalid or unenforceable, then that provision shall be revised to the extent necessary to make that provision legal and enforceable. In such case the Contract Documents shall be construed, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to give effect to the parties' intentions and purposes in executing the Contract.

§ 1.2.2 Organization of the Specifications into divisions, sections and articles, and arrangement of Drawings shall not control the Contractor in dividing the Work among Subcontractors or in establishing the extent of Work to be performed by any trade.

§ 1.2.3 Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, words that have well-known technical or construction industry meanings are used in the Contract Documents in accordance with such recognized meanings.

§ 1.2.4 Intent of Drawings

§ 1.2.4.1 Drawings are in part diagrammatic, and do not necessarily show complete details of construction, materials, or their performance, or installation, and do not necessarily show how construction details or other items of work or fixtures or equipment may affect any particular installation. These shall be ascertained by the Contractor from the Architect and correlated to bring the parts together to a complete whole.

§ 1.2.4.2 All dimensions shall be verified by field measurements and all work laid out to permit pipes, valves, ductwork, lights, panels, other items of construction, to be located as closely as possible to locations shown. All items shall be checked before installation to determine that they can be concealed properly, if appropriate, and that they clear any structural components, supports for other items, and cabinets and equipment or other mechanical, electrical or architectural items having fixed locations.

§ 1.2.4.3 Work shall be laid out to assure ready accessibility to valves, fittings, and other items requiring servicing, adjustment or checking.

§ 1.2.4.4 Actual physical dimensions of specified stock items shall govern over dimensions shown for work to receive stock items. Custom items or modified stock items shall be fabricated to dimensions shown, or to fit into other dimensioned work.

§ 1.2.4.5 If Work is required in a manner which makes it impossible to produce the specified quality of Work, or should errors, omissions, or discrepancies exist in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall request in writing an interpretation before proceeding with Work. If Contractor fails to make such a written request, no excuse or claim will thereafter be entertained for failure to carry out Work in a satisfactory manner as specified by Contract Documents. Should conflict occur in or between Drawings and Specifications which should reasonably have been ascertained by the Contractor, Contractor is deemed to have estimated and included in the Contract Sum the more expensive way of doing the Work.

§ 1.2.5 Diagrammatic indications of piping, ducts, conduit, and other similar items are subject to adjustment to obtain required grading, passage over, under or around obstructions, to avoid exposure to finished areas, or unsightly, obstructing conditions. Contractor shall be responsible for coordination of these adjustments and recommending alternate solutions whenever design details affect construction feasibility, costs, or schedules.

§ 1.2.6 All manufactured articles, materials, and equipment shall be incorporated into the Work in accordance with the manufacturer's written or printed directions and instructions unless otherwise indicated in the Contract Documents.

§ 1.2.7 **Relation of Specifications and Drawings:** The Drawings and specifications are correlative and have equal authority and priority. Should they disagree in themselves, or with each other, the proposals should be based on the most expensive combination of quality and quantity of work indicated. The appropriate method of performing the Work, in the event of the above mentioned disagreements, will be made by the Architect, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Owner. The Work is to be furnished if shown on the Drawings and not in the Specifications or vice versa.

§ 1.3 Capitalization

Terms capitalized in these General Conditions include those that are (1) specifically defined, (2) the titles of numbered articles, or (3) the titles of other documents published by the American Institute of Architects.

§ 1.4 Interpretation

In the interest of brevity the Contract Documents frequently omit modifying words such as "all" and "any" and articles such as "the" and "an," but the fact that a modifier or an article is absent from one statement and appears in another is not intended to affect the interpretation of either statement.

§ 1.5 Ownership and Use of Drawings, Specifications, and Other Instruments of Service

§ 1.5.1 The Architect and the Architect's consultants shall be deemed the authors and owners of their respective Instruments of Service, including the Drawings and Specifications, and retain all common law, statutory, and other reserved rights in their Instruments of Service, including copyrights, subject to any rights and/or licenses to or in the Instruments of Service granted to the Owner by the terms and provisions of the agreement between Owner and Architect. The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and suppliers shall not own or claim a copyright in the Instruments of Service. Submittal or distribution to meet official regulatory requirements or for other purposes in connection with the Project is not to be construed as publication in derogation of the Architect's or Architect's consultants' reserved rights. The Owner holds perpetual right to use all of the instruments of service for this project.

§ 1.5.2 The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and suppliers are authorized to use and reproduce the Instruments of Service provided to them, subject to any protocols established pursuant to Sections 1.7 and 1.8, solely and exclusively for execution of the Work. All copies made under this authorization shall bear the copyright notice, if any, shown on the Instruments of Service. The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and suppliers may not use the Instruments of Service on other projects or for additions to the Project outside the scope of the Work without the specific written consent of the Owner.

§ 1.6 Notice

§ 1.6.1 Except as otherwise provided in Section 1.6.2, where the Contract Documents require one party to notify or give notice to the other party, such notice shall be provided in writing to the designated representative of the party to whom the notice is addressed and shall be deemed to have been duly served if delivered in person, by mail, by courier, or by electronic transmission if a method for electronic transmission is set forth in the Agreement.

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§ 1.6.2 Notice of Claims as provided in Section 15.1.3 shall be provided in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly served only if delivered to the designated representative of the party to whom the notice is addressed by certified or registered mail, or by courier providing proof of delivery.

§ 1.7 Digital Data Use and Transmission

The parties shall agree upon protocols governing the transmission and use of Instruments of Service or any other information or documentation in digital form. The parties will use AIA Document E203™-2013, Building Information Modeling and Digital Data Exhibit, to establish the protocols for the development, use, transmission, and exchange of digital data.

§ 1.8 Building Information Models Use and Reliance

Any use of, or reliance on, all or a portion of a building information model shall be at the using or relying party's sole risk and without liability to the other party and its contractors or consultants, the authors of, or contributors to, the building information model, and each of their agents and employees.

§ 1.9 Day

The following days are referenced in the documents:

§ 1.9.1 Calendar Days: The days of the Gregorian calendar. The Contract Time is established in Calendar Days and extensions of time granted for Regular Work Days lost, if any, will be converted to Calendar Days.

§ 1.9.2 Holidays: The days officially recognized by the construction industry in this area as a holiday; limited to the observance days of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, and Christmas Day.

§ 1.9.3 Anticipated Adverse Weather Days: An allowance of Calendar Days established as probable days lost due to weather delays; said allowance to be included in the Contractor's Completion Time.

§ 1.9.4 Adverse Weather Days: Calendar Days when rain, flooding, snow, unusually high winds, excessively wet grounds, or similar circumstances prevent progress on Critical Path portions of the Work. The Contractor will be entitled to an extension of the Contract Time for the net additional time, if any, which results from deducting the amount of Anticipated Adverse Weather Days from the total amount of approved Adverse Weather Days.

§ 1.9.4.1 Further, Adverse Weather is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the following conditions within a twenty-four (24) hour day, when measured and verified by a weather station at the Project site, that prevents construction activity exposed to weather conditions or access to the site:

1. Precipitation (rain, snow, or ice) in excess of forty-five one hundredths of an inch (0.45") liquid measure, hereafter referred to as Standard Baseline.
2. Temperatures that do not rise above that required for the day's construction activity, if such temperature requirement is specified or accepted as standard industry practice.
3. Sustained wind in excess of forty-five (45) m.p.h.
4. "dry-out" or "mud" days resulting from precipitation that occur beyond the standard baseline; only if there is a hindrance to site access or sitework and Contractor has taken all reasonable accommodations to avoid such hindrance; and, at a rate no greater than 1 make-up day for each day or consecutive days of precipitation beyond the Anticipated Adverse Weather Days that total 1.0 inch or more, liquid measure.
5. Adverse weather prevents work on the project for fifty percent (50%) or more of the Contractor's scheduled work day and critical path construction activities were included in the day's schedule, including a weekend day or holiday if Contractor has scheduled construction activity that day.

§ 1.9.5 Net Weather Days: The difference in Calendar Days between Anticipated Adverse Weather Days and Adverse Weather Days.

ARTICLE 2 OWNER

§ 2.1 General

§ 2.1.1

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The term "Owner" means the Owner or the Owner's Authorized Representative
The Owner's Commissioners Court, by majority vote at a duly noticed and lawfully called public meeting, is the only representative of Owner, a Texas County organized under the laws of the State of Texas, having the power to enter into a contract, to execute a change order requiring an increase in the Contract Sum, or to agree to an extension to the contractual completion date, unless this authority is lawfully delegated. The Commissioners Court may designate in the Contract Documents an Authorized Representative to act on its behalf during the course of construction. Such Authorized Representative shall have authority to act on behalf of the Owner concerning decisions that do not require a majority vote of the Commissioners Court and shall have the authority to bind the Owner only to the extent expressly authorized and delegated by the Commissioners Court. The Authorized Representative shall have no implied authority. Such Authorized Representative shall also bring recommendations to the Commissioners Court on any matter requiring Court approval. In the event that changes in the scope of the Work are required before the Commissioners Court's next regularly scheduled meeting, or in order to facilitate and expedite the timely completion of the Work, the Owner's Authorized Representative shall have authority to approve construction changes that do not exceed the Allowance and Contingency amounts set forth in the Contract Documents. Any such change shall be confirmed in writing between the Contractor and the Owner's Authorized Representative and notice of such approved changes shall be given to the Commissioners Court at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Commissioners Court shall act as soon as reasonably possible to avoid unnecessary delays in the construction completion date. Except as expressly authorized by the Owner or the Contract Documents, the Architect does not have the authority to bind the Owner.

§ 2.1.2 The presence of the Owner, the Owner's representative(s) or Architect at the Work site does not imply acceptance or approval of the Work.

§ 2.2 Evidence of the Owner's Financial Arrangements

§ 2.2.1 Pursuant to the requirements of the Texas Business and Commerce Code section 56.054(e)(3), the Owner represents that funds are available and have been authorized for the full contract amount of the work.

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§ 2.2.4 Where the Owner has designated information furnished under this Section 2.2 as "confidential," the Contractor shall keep the information confidential and shall not disclose it to any other person. However, the Contractor may disclose "confidential" information, after seven (7) days' notice to the Owner, where disclosure is required by law, including a subpoena or other form of compulsory legal process issued by a court or governmental entity, or by court or arbitrator(s) order. The Contractor may also disclose "confidential" information to its employees, consultants, sureties, Subcontractors and their employees, Sub-subcontractors, and others who need to know the content of such information solely and exclusively for the Project and who agree to maintain the confidentiality of such information.

§ 2.3 Information and Services Required of the Owner

§ 2.3.1 Except for permits and fees that are the responsibility of the Contractor under the Contract Documents, including those required under Section 3.7.1, the Owner shall secure and pay for necessary approvals, easements, assessments and charges required for construction, use or occupancy of permanent structures or for permanent changes in existing facilities. Contractor shall pay for all permit fees and inspection fees required for performance of the Work other than inspection and testing fees which the Owner contracts for separately with a third party, and Certificates of Occupancy fees. All of such fees shall be considered Cost of the Work unless the Contractor is required to pay for them without reimbursement due to the Contractor's fault under other provisions of the Contract Documents.

§ 2.3.2 The Owner shall retain an architect lawfully licensed to practice architecture, or an entity lawfully practicing architecture, in the jurisdiction where the Project is located. That person or entity is identified as the Architect in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number.

§ 2.3.3 If the employment of the Architect terminates, the Owner shall employ a successor to whom the Contractor has no reasonable objection and whose status under the Contract Documents shall be that of the Architect.

§ 2.3.4 If requested in writing to do so by the Contractor prior to the start of the work, the Owner may, at the Owner's sole discretion, furnish surveys describing physical characteristics, legal limitations and utility locations for the site of

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the Project, and a legal description of the site. THE OWNER DOES NOT IN ANY WAY REPRESENT, WARRANT OR GUARANTY TO CONTRACTOR OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON THE RELIABILITY, CONSTRUCTABILITY, COMPLETENESS, OR ACCURACY OF ANY SURVEYS, REPORTS, STUDIES, TESTS, ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING PLANS, OR SIMILAR INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OWNER IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CONTRACT, NOR DOES THE OWNER REPRESENT, WARRANT OR GUARANTY THAT SUCH INFORMATION IS FREE FROM DEFECTS, ERRORS OR DEFICIENCIES, AND ALL SUCH REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND GUARANTIES ARE HEREBY EXPRESSLY DENIED AND DISCLAIMED. The Owner shall not be liable to the Contractor or any other person for breach of warranty or misrepresentation in the event of any errors or deficiencies in such information provided to the Contractor by the Owner. The Owner's provision of a survey will not relieve the Contractor from its obligations to examine the site or exercise proper precautions relating to the safe performance of the Work.

§ 2.3.5 The Owner shall furnish information or services required of the Owner by the Contract Documents with reasonable promptness. The Owner shall also furnish any other information or services under the Owner's control and relevant to the Contractor's performance of the Work with reasonable promptness after receiving the Contractor's written request for such information or services and the agreement by Owner to furnish such other information or services, provided that Owner shall not be required to expend any funds to obtain such information unless Owner agrees to do so.

§ 2.3.6 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Owner shall furnish to the Contractor one .pdf copy of the Contract Documents for purposes of making reproductions pursuant to Section 1.5.2. The cost of reproductions will be borne by the Contractor.

§ 2.4 Owner's Right to Stop the Work

If the Contractor, after written notice and opportunity to cure, but in no event longer than ten (10) days, fails to correct Work that is not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents as required by Section 12.2 or fails to carry out Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Owner may, at the Owner's discretion, issue a written order to the Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, the right of the Owner to stop the Work shall not give rise to a duty on the part of the Owner to exercise this right for the benefit of the Contractor or any other person or entity.

§ 2.5 Owner's Right to Carry Out the Work

If the Contractor defaults or neglects to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents and fails within a three-day period after receipt of notice from the Owner to commence and continue correction of such default or neglect with diligence and promptness, the Owner may, without prejudice to other remedies the Owner may have, correct such default or neglect. Such action by the Owner and amounts charged to the Contractor are both subject to prior approval of the Architect and the Owner or Architect may, pursuant to Section 9.5.1, withhold or nullify a Certificate for Payment in whole or in part, to the extent reasonably necessary to reimburse the Owner for the reasonable cost of correcting such deficiencies, including Owner's expenses and compensation for the Architect's additional services made necessary by such default, neglect, or failure. If current and future payments are not sufficient to cover such amounts, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner. If the Contractor disagrees with the actions of the Owner or the Architect, or the amounts claimed as costs to the Owner, the Contractor may file a Claim pursuant to Article 15.

ARTICLE 3 CONTRACTOR

§ 3.1 General

§ 3.1.1 The Contractor is the person or entity identified as such in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number. The Contractor shall be lawfully licensed, if required in the jurisdiction where the Project is located. The Contractor shall designate in writing a representative who shall have express authority to bind the Contractor with respect to all matters under this Contract. The term "Contractor" means the Contractor or the Contractor's authorized representative. If the Work is performed under a Construction Manager at Risk delivery method, the term "Contractor" shall include the Construction Manager or its authorized representative.

§ 3.1.2 The Contractor shall perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

§ 3.1.3 The Contractor shall not be relieved of its obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents either by activities or duties of the Architect in the Architect's administration of the Contract, or by tests, inspections or approvals required or performed by persons or entities other than the Contractor.

§ 3.1.4 The Contractor represents and warrants the following to the Owner (in addition to the other representations warranties contained in the Contract Documents), as an inducement to the Owner to execute this Contract, which representations and warranties shall survive the execution and delivery of the Contract and the Final Completion of the Work:

- .1 that it is financially solvent, able to pay its debts as they mature and possessed of sufficient working capital to complete the Work and perform its obligations under the Contract Documents:
- .2 that it is able to furnish the plant, tools materials, supplies, equipment and labor required to timely complete the Work and perform its obligations hereunder and has sufficient experience and competence to do so:
- .3 that it is authorized to do business in the State of Texas where the Project is located and properly licensed by all necessary governmental and public authorities having jurisdiction over it and over the Work and the site of the Project; and
- .4 that the execution of the Contract and its performance thereof are within its duly-authorized powers.

§ 3.2 Review of Contract Documents and Field Conditions by Contractor

§ 3.2.1 Execution of the Contract by the Contractor is a representation that the Contractor has visited the site, become generally familiar with local conditions under which the Work is to be performed, and correlated personal observations with requirements of the Contract Documents. Contractor also represents by its execution of the Contract, that the Contractor has thoroughly reviewed all of the Contract Documents and that based on such review and to the best knowledge of Contractor as a contractor, not as a design professional, that said Contract Documents are sufficient to enable the Contractor to determine the Contract Sum and that the Contract Documents are sufficient to enable it to perform the Work described in the Contract Documents, and otherwise to fulfill all its obligations hereunder in accordance with the terms of the Contract. The Contractor further acknowledges and declares that it has visited and examined the site (but only as to visible surface conditions or conditions ascertainable from the results of any subsurface tests required or provided in connection with this Project, or other reports and documents available to the Contractor) and reasonably examined the physical, legal and other conditions affecting the Work including, without limitation, all soil, subsurface, water, survey and engineering reports and studies delivered to or obtained by Contractor and the conditions described in this Section 3.2.1. In connection therewith, Contractor, by execution of the Contract will be representing and warranting to Owner that it has, by careful examination, satisfied itself as to the conditions and limitations under which the Work is to be performed, including, without limitation, (1) the location, layout and nature of the Project site and surrounding areas, (2) generally prevailing climatic and weather conditions, (3) anticipated labor supply and costs, (4) availability and cost of materials, tools and equipment and (5) other similar issues. In arriving at the Contract Sum, the Contractor has, as an experienced and prudent manager and contractor, exercised its reasonable judgment and expertise to include the impact of such circumstances upon the Contract Sum.

- .1 Claims for additional compensation or time because of the failure of the Contractor to familiarize itself with visible surface conditions at the site or other conditions under which the Work is to be performed will not be allowed.
- .2 The Owner assumes no responsibility or liability for the physical condition or safety of the Project site or any improvements located on the Project Site. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for providing a safe place for the performance of the Work. The Owner shall not be required to make any adjustment in the Contract Sum, Guaranteed Maximum Price, if applicable, or Contract Time in connection with any failure by the Contractor or any Subcontractor to comply with the requirements of this Section 3.2.
- .3 The Contractor represents that the Subcontractors, manufacturers and suppliers engaged or to be engaged by it are and will be familiar with the requirements for performance by them of their obligations. All contracts with subcontractors and suppliers shall be in writing, and shall reflect the terms of this Contract which directly or indirectly affect subcontractors or suppliers, including Owner's right to withhold payment, retainage requirements, and Owner's rights and liability on termination of this Contract. The Contractor shall require compliance with the terms and provisions of the Contract

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Documents applicable to them, including, without limitation, the requirement for subcontractors to comply with the prevailing wage rates established in the Contract, to maintain worker's compensation coverage on employees, and to provide certification of such coverage to Contractor.

§ 3.2.2 Because the Contract Documents are complementary, the Contractor shall, before starting each portion of the Work, carefully study and compare the various Contract Documents relative to that portion of the Work, as well as the information furnished by the Owner pursuant to Section 2.3.4, shall take field measurements of any existing conditions related to that portion of the Work, and shall observe any conditions at the site affecting it. These obligations are for the purpose of facilitating coordination and construction by the Contractor. In addition, as part of the Contractor's preconstruction services, in reviewing the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall endeavor to detect any errors, omissions, or inconsistencies in the design and other documents which affect the performance or constructability of the Work. The Contractor shall promptly report to the Architect and the Owner any errors, inconsistencies or omissions discovered by or made known to the Contractor as a request for information in such form as the Architect may require. It is recognized that the Contractor's review is made in the Contractor's capacity as a contractor and not as a licensed design professional, unless otherwise specifically provided in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall make a reasonable attempt to interpret the Contract Documents before asking the Architect for assistance in interpretation or initiating a Request for Information (RFI). The Contractor shall not ask the Architect for observation of Work prior to the Contractor's field superintendent's personal inspection of the Work. If, in the opinion of the Architect or the Owner, the Contractor does not make a reasonable effort to comply with the above requirements of the Contract Documents, and this causes the Architect or his Consultants to expend an unreasonable amount of time in the discharge of the duties imposed upon him by the Contract Documents, then the Contractor shall bear the cost of compensation for the Architect's additional services made necessary by such failure. The Architect will give the Contractor prior notice of intent to bill for additional services before additional services are performed

- .1 The exactness of grades, elevations, dimensions, or locations given on any Drawings issued by the Architect, or the work installed by other contractors, is not guaranteed by the Owner.
- .2 The Contractor shall, therefore, satisfy itself as to the accuracy of all grades, elevations, dimensions, and locations. In all cases of interconnection of its Work with existing or other work, it shall verify at the site all dimensions relating to such existing or other work. Any errors due to the Contractor's failure to so verify all such grades, elevations, dimensions, or locations shall be promptly rectified by the Contractor without any additional cost to the Owner.

§ 3.2.3 The Contractor is not required to ascertain that the Contract Documents are in accordance with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities, but the Contractor shall promptly report to the Architect and the Owner any nonconformity in the Contract Documents with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities that is discovered by or made known to the Contractor as a request for information in such form as the Architect or Owner may require. The Owner is not required to ascertain that the Contract Documents are in accordance with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities.

§ 3.2.4 If the Contractor believes that additional cost or time is involved because of clarifications or instructions the Architect issues in response to the Contractor's notices or requests for information pursuant to Sections 3.2.2 or 3.2.3, the Contractor shall notify the Owner prior to incurring such additional cost or expending such additional time, or if Contractor cannot reasonably provide notice prior to incurring costs or expending additional time, then as soon thereafter as reasonably possible, but not later than 10 Calendar Days, and may submit Claims as provided in Article 15. If the Contractor fails to perform the obligations of Sections 3.2.2 or 3.2.3, the Contractor shall pay such costs and damages to the Owner, subject to Section 15.1.7, as would have been avoided if the Contractor had performed such obligations including any extra efforts as required to bring the project back into alignment with the original schedule. If the Contractor performs those obligations, the Contractor shall not be liable to the Owner or Architect for damages resulting from errors, inconsistencies or omissions in the Contract Documents, for differences between field measurements or conditions and the Contract Documents, or for nonconformities of the Contract Documents to applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities unless (1) such errors, inconsistencies, omissions, differences, or nonconformities are the fault of Contractor, in whole or in part, (2) the Contractor failed to discover such errors, inconsistencies, omissions, differences, or nonconformities due to his failure to properly perform the obligations of Section 3.2.2 or 3.2.3, (3) the Contractor recognized such errors,

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inconsistencies, omissions, differences, or nonconformities and failed to report them to the Architect and the Owner, or (4) the Contractor should have detected such errors, inconsistencies, omissions, differences, or nonconformities as part of Contractor's performance of its obligations under the Contract Documents, including the performance of Contractor's preconstruction services.

§ 3.2.5 Notwithstanding the delivery of a survey or other documents by the Owner, Contractor shall use reasonable efforts to perform all work in such a manner so as to avoid damaging any utility lines, cables, pipes, or pipelines on the property. Contractor shall be responsible for, and shall repair at Contractor's own expense, any damage done to lines, cables, pipes, and pipelines identified to Contractor or that was caused by the Contractor's negligent conduct..

§ 3.3 Supervision and Construction Procedures

§ 3.3.1 The Contractor shall supervise and direct the Work, using the Contractor's best skill and attention. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for, and have control over, construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures, and for coordinating all portions of the Work under the Contract. If the Contract Documents give specific instructions concerning construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, the Contractor shall evaluate the jobsite safety thereof and shall be solely responsible for the jobsite safety of such means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures. If the Contractor determines that such means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures may not be safe, the Contractor shall give timely notice to the Owner and Architect, and shall propose alternative means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures. The Architect shall evaluate the proposed alternative solely for conformance with the design intent for the completed construction. Unless the Architect objects to the Contractor's proposed alternative, the Contractor shall perform the Work using its alternative means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures.

§ 3.3.2 The Contractor shall be responsible to the Owner for acts and omissions of the Contractor's employees, Subcontractors and their agents and employees, and other persons or entities performing portions of the Work for, or on behalf of, the Contractor or any of its Subcontractors.

§ 3.3.3 The Contractor shall be responsible for inspection of portions of Work already performed to determine that such portions are in proper condition to receive subsequent Work. Copies of inspection reports, photographs or other related records shall be made available to the Owner for review if requested. Reports and documentation shall be formatted and developed in a logical format indicating dates, time of day, findings and the person performing the inspection.

§ 3.3.4 It is understood and agreed that the relationship of the Contractor to the Owner shall be that of an independent contractor. Nothing contained herein or inferable herefrom shall be deemed or construed to (1) make the Contractor the agent, servant, or employee of the Owner, or (2) create any partnership, joint venture, or other association between the Owner and the Contractor. Any direction or instruction by the Owner in respect of the Work shall relate to the results the Owner desires to obtain from the Work, and shall in no way affect the Contractor's independent contractor status as described herein.

§ 3.3.5 The Contractor shall review subcontractor safety programs, procedures, and precautions in connection with performance of the Work. However, the Contractor's duties shall not relieve any subcontractor(s) or any other person or entity (e.g. a supplier) including any person or entity with whom the Contractor does not have a contractual relationship, of their responsibility or liability relative to compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances which shall include the obligation to provide for the safety of their employees, persons, and property and their requirements to maintain a work environment free of recognized hazards. The foregoing notwithstanding, the requirements of this paragraph are not intended to impose upon the Contractor any additional obligations that the Contractor would not have under any applicable state or federal laws including, but not limited to, any rules, regulations, or statutes pertaining to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

§ 3.3.6 The Contractor has the responsibility to ensure that all materials suppliers and Subcontractors, their agents, and employees adhere to the Contract Documents, and that they order materials on time, taking into account the current market and delivery conditions and that they provide materials on time. The Contractor shall coordinate its Work with that of all others on the Project including deliveries, storage, installations and construction utilities. The Contractor shall be responsible for the space requirements, locations, and routing of all materials and equipment required under the Agreement or other Contract Documents. In areas and locations where the proper and most effective space

requirements, locations, and routing cannot be made as indicated, the Contractor shall meet with all others involved, before installation, to plan the most effective and efficient method of overall installation.

§ 3.3.7 Contractor acknowledges that the Work may be performed in connection with a facility which may be currently occupied and in use. It is imperative that Contractor's operations and the performance of the Work not interfere with, interrupt, disturb, or disrupt Owner's normal operations or facilities. Contractor agrees to and shall comply with all rules, regulations and requirements of the Owner on which the Work is to be performed, and shall take all steps necessary to protect and guard the safety of the employees, and invitees of Owner. Contractor shall exercise the utmost skill and judgment to ensure that continuing construction activity will not interfere with the use, occupancy and quiet enjoyment of facilities in use on the site. Contractor recognizes that the ongoing activities in proximity with its construction activities shall result in the need for prompt and effective coordination of its services with those involved in the ongoing utilization of the premises. Such coordination and adequate site access shall be the responsibility of Contractor. When work occurs in existing facilities, Contractor understands and accepts the cost and schedule impacts associated with work in existing facilities and the potential delays and disruptions to the progress of the Work. The Contractor shall perform all the Work in such a manner as to cause minimum interference with the operations of the Owner and other Contractors and Subcontractors on the site, and shall take, and cause the Contractor's and its Subcontractor's employees, agents, licensees and permittees to take all necessary precautions to protect the Work and the site and all persons and property thereon from damage or injury. Contractor shall not request access to the project, or request the presence of the Owner or presence of Owner's Consultants during non-working times unless the Contractor has demonstrated full-time, fully staffed performance of the Work during Regular Work Days. Owner shall not be obligated to comply with properly submitted requests.

§ 3.3.8 Representatives of the Owner, Contractor, and Architect shall meet periodically at mutually agreed upon intervals, for the purpose of establishing procedures to facilitate cooperation, communication, and timely responses among the participants. By participating in this arrangement, the parties do not intend to create additional contractual obligations or modify the legal relationships which may otherwise exist.

§ 3.3.9 The Owner may require that the Contractor use and/or respond to certain Owner-furnished forms or inquiries during the course of the Project. From time to time, there may be future revisions, changes, additions or deletions to these forms. The fact that the Owner modifies and increases reasonable reporting requirements shall not serve as the basis for a claim for additional time or compensation by the Contractor.

§ 3.3.10 In the event Contractor shall fall behind schedule at any time, for any reason, Owner shall be entitled to direct acceleration or resequencing of the Work to bring the Work back on schedule. Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for such acceleration only (a) to the extent necessitated by excusable and compensable delays, and (b) to the extent of premium pay and additional equipment cost actually incurred by Contractor. In the event Contractor determines that the Scheduled Completion Date cannot be met by resequencing the Work, then Contractor shall immediately provide to the Owner, and in any event within seven (7) days after the date of receipt of any request by Owner for resequencing or acceleration, a plan to complete the Work in the shortest possible time. No approval by the Owner of any plan for resequencing or acceleration of the Work submitted by Contractor pursuant to this paragraph shall constitute a waiver by Owner of any damages or losses which Owner may suffer by reason of such resequencing or the failure of Contractor to meet the Scheduled Completion Date.

§ 3.4 Labor and Materials

§ 3.4.1 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall provide and pay for labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, water, heat, utilities, transportation, and other facilities and services necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work, whether temporary or permanent and whether or not incorporated or to be incorporated in the Work.

§ 3.4.2 Except in the case of minor changes in the Work approved by the Architect in accordance with Section 3.12.8 or ordered by the Architect in accordance with Section 7.4, the Contractor may make substitutions only with the consent of the Owner, after evaluation by the Architect and in accordance with a Change Order or Construction Change Directive.

- .1 Substitutions and alternates may be rejected without explanation and will be considered only under one or more of the following conditions: (i) the proposal is required for compliance with interpretation of code requirements or insurance regulations then existing; (ii) specified products are unavailable

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through no fault of the Contractor; and (iii) when, in the judgment of the Owner or the Architect, a substitution would be in the Owner's best interests in terms of cost, time, or other considerations.

- .2 The Contractor must submit to the Architect and the Owner (i) a full explanation of the proposed substitution and submittal of all supporting data, including technical information, catalog cuts, warranties, test results, installation instructions, operating procedures, and other like information necessary for a complete evaluation of the substitution; (ii) a written explanation of the reasons the substitution is necessary, including the benefits to the Owner and the Work in the event the substitution is acceptable; (iii) the adjustment, if any, in the Contract Sum; (iv) the adjustment, if any, in the time of completion of the Contract and the construction schedule; and (v) an affidavit stating the (a) the proposed substitution conforms to and meets all the requirements of the pertinent Specifications and the requirements shown on the Drawings, and (b) the Contractor accepts the warranty and correction obligations in connection with the proposed substitution as if originally specified by the Architect. Proposals for substitutions shall be submitted in triplicate to the Architect and the Owner in sufficient time to allow the Architect and the Owner no less than twenty-one (21) working days for review, unless a shorter time is agreed upon in writing. No substitutions will be considered or allowed without the Contractor's submittal of complete substantiating data and information as stated hereinbefore.
- .3 Whether or not any proposed substitution is accepted by the Owner or the Architect, the Contractor shall reimburse the Owner for any fees charged by the Architect or other consultants for evaluating each proposed substitute.

§ 3.4.3 The Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Contractor's employees and other persons carrying out the Work. The Contractor shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not properly skilled in tasks assigned to them. Contractor shall require all construction workers, whether Contractor's own forces or the forces of Contractor's subcontractors, while on Owner's property to refrain from the use of tobacco products of all types including electronic smoking devices, drinking alcoholic beverages, carrying weapons, speaking profane and/or offensive language, or engaging in any interactions of any nature whatsoever with occupants, including talking, touching, staring or otherwise contributing to a hostile or offensive environment. All areas of the site, other than the defined construction area, shall be off limits to Contractor's forces, unless their work assignment specifies otherwise. **THE CONTRACTOR RELEASES, INDEMNIFIES AND HOLDS HARMLESS THE OWNER FOR CONTRACTOR'S FORCES' NON-COMPLIANCE WITH OWNER'S DRUG-FREE, ALCOHOL-FREE, WEAPON-FREE, HARASSMENT-FREE AND TOBACCO-FREE ZONES, OR CONTRACTOR'S FORCES' NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CRIMINAL LAW, OR CONTRACTOR'S OR SUBCONTRACTOR'S FORCES' NON-COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION LAWS OR REGULATIONS.** Any individual found by Owner to have violated these restrictions is subject to permanent removal from the Project, at Owner's request. Contractor shall place similar language in its subcontract agreements, requiring its Subcontractors and Sub-subcontractors to be responsible for their own forces and Contractor shall cooperate with the Owner to ensure Subcontractor and Sub-subcontractor compliance.

§ 3.4.4 Prevailing Wages.

§ 3.4.4.1 The Contractor and each subcontractor who performs any portion of the Work must comply with all applicable state and federal laws, including but not limited to laws concerned with labor, equal employment opportunity, safety, minimum wage and prevailing wage rates requirements under Chapter 2258 of the Texas Government Code. The Contractor shall require all subcontractors to comply with the provisions of this Section 3.4.4 and its subparts.

§ 3.4.4.2 The Contractor and each subcontractor who performs any portion of the Work must pay not less than the prevailing wage rates attached as Exhibit "A" to this A201-2017 General Conditions document, as modified by the Owner, and incorporated herein as if fully set forth. In the event that a prevailing wage scale/schedule is not attached to the Agreement, the wage scale/schedule shall be the most recent scale/schedule adopted or determined by the United States Department of Labor for projects located in the County in which the project is located. Any workers not included in the schedule shall be properly classified and paid not less than the rate of wages prevailing in the locality of the Work at the time of construction.

- .1 A Contractor or subcontractor who violates the provisions of these Sections 3.4.4.1 and/or 3.4.4.2 shall pay to the Owner the sum of Sixty Dollars and no/100 (\$60.00) for each worker employed for each

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calendar day or part of the day that the worker is paid less than the wage rate stipulated in the scale of prevailing wages applicable to this Project.

§ 3.4.4.3 Records: The Contractor and each subcontractor shall keep a record showing

- .1 the name and occupation of each worker employed by the Contractor or subcontractor in the construction of the Work; and
- .2 the actual per diem wages paid to each worker.

The record shall be open at all reasonable hours to inspection by officers and agents of Owner.

Owner may request samples of Contractor's and Subcontractor's payrolls at its discretion. Contractor and Subcontractor shall deliver such samples promptly upon demand.

Payment greater than the prevailing wage is not prohibited.

§ 3.4.4.4 In the event of a complaint of a breach of the requirements in Sections 3.4.4, 3.4.4.1 or 3.4.4.2 above, or any of the Section subparts of § 3.4.4, the Owner shall have the right to make a determination as provided by law, and to retain any amount due under the Contract pending a final determination of the violation. Owner may conduct, at its discretion, wage-related interviews of any worker at the sites of the work without prior warning to the Contractor or Subcontractor.

§ 3.4.5 All employees and subcontractors of the Contractor shall be qualified by training and experience to perform their assigned tasks and shall be capable of working harmoniously with all trades, crafts, and any other individuals associated with the Project. At the written request of Owner or Architect, the Contractor shall not use in the performance of the Work any employee or subcontractor reasonably deemed by Owner to be incompetent, careless, unqualified to perform the Work assigned to him, or otherwise unsatisfactory to Owner. Contractor shall engage sufficient workers on the Project at all times to perform the Work in the time periods required by the Contract.

§ 3.4.6 In the event of a strike or stoppage of work resulting from a dispute involving or affecting the labor employed by the Contractor or any of its Subcontractors, Owner may, at its option and without any notice required by the Contract, terminate the Agreement and/or the Contract for default unless the Contractor remedies the strike of work or work stoppage or other disruption within twenty (20) calendar days after the dispute arises.

§ 3.4.7 The Contractor shall furnish Owner, on request, resumes of the Contractor's key personnel involved in the day-to-day Work on the Project.

§ 3.4.8 The Contractor shall furnish a list to the Owner, through the Architect, of all engineers, consultants, subcontractors and suppliers involved in construction.

§ 3.4.8.1 The Owner may reject or require removal of any engineer, consultant, or employee of the Contractor, Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor involved in the project.

§ 3.4.8.2 Contractor shall provide an adequate staff for the proper coordination and expedition of the Work. Owner reserves the right to require Contractor to dismiss from the Work any employee or employees that Owner may deem incompetent, careless, insubordinate, or in violation of any provision in these Contract Documents. This provision is applicable to Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors and their employees.

§ 3.4.8.3 The Owner reserves the right to utilize one or more of its employees to function in the capacity of the Owner's Inspector, whose primary function will be daily inspections, checking pay requests, construction timelines, and storage of supplies and materials.

§ 3.4.9 Identification of Employees. Contractor shall require all construction workers, whether Contractor's own forces, or the forces of Contractor's subcontractors, to wear identification tags on the front of their persons during all times that they are on Owner's property. Such identification tags shall have identification of the construction worker by number or other identifying medium in a typeface large enough to be seen from eight feet away if requested to do so.

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§ 3.5 Warranty

§ 3.5.1 The Contractor warrants to the Owner and Architect that materials and equipment furnished under the Contract will be of good quality and new unless the Contract Documents require or permit otherwise. The Contractor further warrants that the Work will conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents and will be free from defects, except for those inherent in the quality of the Work the Contract Documents require or permit. Work, materials, or equipment not conforming to these requirements may be considered defective. The Contractor's warranty excludes remedy for damage or defect caused by abuse, alterations to the Work not executed by the Contractor, improper or insufficient maintenance unless such maintenance is Contractor's responsibility, improper operation, or normal wear and tear and normal usage. If required by the Architect or the Owner, the Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment. The Contractor further warrants to the Owner and the Architect that the Work will be performed and completed in a good and workmanlike manner and in accordance with the Contract Documents, all applicable building codes and good engineering and construction practices befitting the Work as specified. The Contractor shall perform all work reasonably required, to correct Work with errors, omissions, defects or deviations from what is required by the Contract Documents, at no cost to Owner. The warranties set out in this subparagraph are not exclusive of any other warranties, remedies or guarantees set out in other places in the Contract Documents or implied under applicable law, but are in addition to and not in limitation of any other such warranties, remedies, or guarantees.

§ 3.5.2 The Contractor agrees to assign to the Owner at the time of Final Completion of the Work any and all manufacturer's warranties relating to materials, equipment, machinery, components and labor used in the Work and further agrees to perform the Work in such manner so as to preserve any and all such manufacturer's warranties. As a condition precedent to final payment, the Contractor shall submit to Owner a complete set of warranties on equipment, machinery, materials, components or labor from subcontractors, manufacturers, or suppliers, as appropriate, on the subcontractor's, manufacturer's, or supplier's approved forms and executed by Contractor as required, with a warranty commencement date as required by the Contract Documents. All warranties shall include labor and materials.

§ 3.5.3 The warranty(ies) provided in Section 3.5 and its subparts, including but not limited to Section 3.5.1, shall be interpreted to require Contractor to replace defective materials and equipment and re-execute defective Work which is disclosed to the Contractor by the Owner or discovered by the Owner within a period of one (1) year after Substantial Completion of the entire Work or, if latent defect, within one (1) year after discovery thereof by Owner. Upon written notice from the Owner of any defects covered by warranty, the Contractor shall promptly remedy any such defects. If Contractor does not respond to Owner's written notice, either by beginning corrective work or notifying Owner in writing stating when work will begin, within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice or such shorter time as required in the Contract Documents, the Owner may take measures to correct the defects and Contractor will be obligated to reimburse the Owner's costs. Any measures taken by Owner to correct defects due to Contractor's failure to timely respond to Owner's written notice shall not operate to void or otherwise alter any warranties issued by, for, or through the Contractor. If notice of defects covered by warranty is given in writing to the Contractor on a timely basis, the obligation to provide the warranty work will extend beyond the applicable warranty period until the warranty defect is remedied and accepted by the Owner. The provisions of this subparagraph shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other rights and remedies available to Owner.

§ 3.5.4 The Contractor shall issue in writing to the Owner as a condition precedent to final payment a "General Warranty" reflecting the terms and conditions of Sections 3.5.1, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, and 3.5.4 for all Work under the Contract Documents. This General Warranty shall be assignable.

§ 3.5.5 Except when a longer warranty time is called for in the Contract Documents or is otherwise provided by law, the General Warranty shall be for twelve (12) months and shall be in form and content otherwise satisfactory to the Owner. Each building, or approved phase of each building, shall have its own, separate, and independent date of Substantial Completion or Final Completion. Contractor shall maintain a complete and accurate schedule of the dates of Substantial Completion, dates upon which the one year warranty on each phase or building which is substantially complete will expire, and dates of Final Completion. Contractor agrees to provide notice of the warranty expiration date to Owner and Architect at least one month prior to the expiration of the one year warranty period on each building or each phase of the building which has been substantially completed. Prior to termination of the one year warranty

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period, Contractor shall accompany the Owner and Architect on re-inspection of the building and be responsible for correcting any deficiencies not caused by the Owner or by the use of the building which are observed or reported during the re-inspection. Additionally, for a period beginning at Substantial Completion of any phase of the work and extending twelve (12) months beyond Final Completion of any phase of the work, upon request of the Owner, the Contractor shall, not less than once a month, attend a meeting with the Owner to review the facility operations and performance to identify defects, warranty issues, and proposed corrections; and to make appropriate written recommendations to the Owner. For extended warranties required by various sections, i.e. roofing, compressors, mechanical equipment, Owner will notify the Contractor of deficiencies and Contractor shall start remedying these defects within three (3) days of initial notification from Owner. Contractor shall prosecute the work without interruption until accepted by the Owner and the Architect, even though such prosecution should extend beyond the limit of the warranty period. If Contractor fails to provide notice of the expiration of the one-year warranty period at least one month prior to the expiration date, Contractor's warranty obligations described in this paragraph shall continue until such inspection is conducted and any deficiencies found in the inspection are corrected.

§ 3.5.6 Warranties shall become effective on a date established by the Owner and Architect in accordance with the Contract Documents. This date shall be the Date of Substantial Completion of the entire Work, unless otherwise provided in any Certificate of Partial Substantial Completion approved by the parties, except for work to be completed or corrected after the date of Substantial Completion and prior to final payment. Warranties for work to be completed or corrected after the date of Substantial Completion and prior to final payment shall become effective on the later of the date the work is completed or corrected and accepted by the Owner and Architect or the date of final payment.

§ 3.5.7 In the event an item under warranty fails, the Contractor shall extend the original warranty period by a length of time equal to the elapsed time which occurs from the notification in writing by the Owner or a warranty claim until acknowledgement by the Owner that the claim has been resolved.

§ 3.5.8 The warranties of Contractor in this Section 3.5 and its subparts shall in no way limit or abridge the warranties of the suppliers or manufacturers of equipment or systems which are to comprise a portion of the Work, and all of such warranties shall be in form and substance as required by the Contract Documents. Contractor shall not engage in any act or conduct, whether by commission or omission that results in the termination or expiration of such third party warranties or which otherwise operates to prejudice the rights of Owner under such warranties.

§ 3.6 Taxes

§ 3.6.1 The Contractor shall pay sales, consumer, use and similar taxes for the Work provided by the Contractor that are legally enacted when bids are received or negotiations concluded, whether or not yet effective or merely scheduled to go into effect, but shall not include in the Contract Sum, Guaranteed Maximum Price, if applicable, or any Modification any amount for any taxes from which the Owner is exempt by virtue of its status as a governmental entity.

§ 3.6.2 Owner is an exempt entity under the tax laws of the State of Texas. The Owner represents that this Project is eligible for exemption for the State Sales Tax on tangible personal property and material incorporated in the project, provided that the Contractor fulfills the requirements of the Limited Sale, Excise and Use Tax Rules and Regulations. For the purpose of establishing exemption, it is understood and agreed that the Contractor may be required to segregate materials and labor costs at the time a Contract is awarded, and will accept a Certificate of Exemption from the Owner. Contractor shall obtain Certificates of Resale from their suppliers and shall make the Contractor or Sub-Contractor responsible for absorbing the tax, without compensation from Owner. Contractor hereby RELEASES, INDEMNIFIES AND HOLDS HARMLESS Owner from any and all claims and demands made as a result of the failure of Contractor or any Sub-Contractor to comply with the provisions of any or all such laws and regulations.

§ 3.7 Permits, Fees, Notices and Compliance with Laws

§ 3.7.1 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall secure and pay for the building permit as well as for other permits, fees, licenses, and inspections by government agencies necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work that are customarily secured after execution of the Contract and legally required at the time bids are received or negotiations concluded. The Contractor shall procure (as required by the Contract Documents) all certificates of inspection, use; occupancy, permits and licenses, pay all charges, deposits and fees and give all notices necessary and incidental to the due and lawful prosecution of the work, certificates of inspection, use and occupancy shall be delivered to the Architect upon completion of the Work in sufficient time for occupation of the Project in accordance with the approved schedule for the Work. The costs of such procurement, payment and delivery

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are included within the Contract Sum, and constitute Costs of Work unless otherwise provided by the Contract Documents.

§ 3.7.2 The Contractor shall comply with and give notices required by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities applicable to performance of the Work.

§ 3.7.3 If the Contractor performs Work knowing it to be contrary to applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities, the Contractor shall assume appropriate responsibility for such Work and shall bear the costs attributable to correction.

§ 3.7.4 Concealed or Unknown Conditions

If the Contractor encounters conditions at the site that are (1) subsurface or otherwise concealed physical conditions that differ materially from those indicated in the Contract Documents or (2) unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature that differ materially from those ordinarily found to exist and generally recognized as inherent in construction activities of the character provided for in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall promptly provide notice to the Owner and the Architect before conditions are disturbed and within forty-eight (48) hours after first observance of the conditions. The Architect will promptly investigate such conditions and, if the Architect determines that they differ materially and cause an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the Work, will recommend that an equitable adjustment be made in the Contract Sum or Contract Time, or both. If the Architect determines that the conditions at the site are not materially different from those indicated in the Contract Documents and that no change in the terms of the Contract is justified, the Architect shall promptly notify the Owner and Contractor, stating the reasons. The Owner will then consider the facts and the reports of the Architect and the Owner will make the final determination of action. If the Contractor disputes the Owner's determination, the Contractor may submit a Claim as provided in Article 15.

§ 3.7.5 If, in the course of the Work, the Contractor encounters human remains or recognizes the existence of burial markers, archaeological sites or wetlands not indicated in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall immediately suspend any operations that would affect them and shall notify the Owner and Architect. Upon receipt of such notice, the Owner shall promptly take any action necessary to obtain governmental authorization required to resume the operations. The Contractor shall continue to suspend such operations until otherwise instructed by the Owner but shall continue with all other operations that do not affect those remains or features. Requests for adjustments in the Contract Sum and Contract Time arising from the existence of such remains or features may be made as provided in Article 15.

§ 3.8 Allowances

§ 3.8.1 Items covered by allowances shall be supplied for such amounts and by such persons or entities as the Owner may direct. The inclusion of any Allowance or Contingency is solely for the benefit of the Owner. Expenditure of any Allowance or Contingency may only be made with prior written approval of the Owner, or the Owner's Authorized Representative as designated in the Agreement, and according to the procedures of Article 7 of these General Conditions. The Owner's Authorized Representative may approve an expenditure from Allowances or Contingency amount without further Commissioners Court approval. If the Allowances or Contingency amounts are not expended or not fully expended, then any unused portion shall belong to the Owner and shall be credited to the Owner in calculating final payment.

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Calculation of costs or credits for allowances shall be as described in article 7.1.4.

§ 3.8.3 Materials and equipment under an allowance shall be selected by the Owner with reasonable promptness.

§ 3.9 Superintendent

§ 3.9.1 The Contractor shall employ a competent superintendent and necessary assistants who shall be in attendance at the Project site during performance of the Work. The superintendent shall represent the Contractor, and communications given to the superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor.

§ 3.9.2 The Contractor, as soon as practicable after award of the Contract, shall notify the Owner and Architect of the name and qualifications of a proposed superintendent. Within 14 days of receipt of the information, the Architect may notify the Contractor, stating whether the Owner or the Architect (1) has reasonable objection to the proposed

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superintendent or (2) requires additional time for review. Failure of the Architect to provide notice within the 14-day period shall constitute notice of no reasonable objection at that time.

§ 3.9.3 The Contractor shall not employ a proposed superintendent to whom the Owner or Architect has made reasonable and timely objection. The Contractor shall not change the superintendent without the Owner's consent.

§ 3.9.4 The superintendent and all on-site supervisory staff shall be satisfactory to the Owner and Architect in all respects, and Owner and Architect shall have the right to reasonably require Contractor to remove from the Project any superintendent or on-site supervisor whose performance is not reasonably satisfactory to Owner and/or Architect, and to replace such superintendent or on-site supervisor with a superintendent or on-site supervisor reasonably satisfactory to Owner and Architect.

§ 3.9.5 The list of all supervisory personnel, including the project manager and superintendent, that the Contractor intends to use on the Project and a chain-of-command organizational chart shall be submitted to the Owner and Architect. The Contractor shall not engage supervisory personnel or utilize an organization and chain-of-command other than as approved by Owner and Architect, and shall not change such personnel or form of organization without the written approval of the Owner.

§ 3.10 Contractor's Construction and Submittal Schedules

§ 3.10.1 The Contractor, within 30 days after being awarded the Contract, contractor shall submit for the Owner's and Architect's review and approval a Contractor's construction schedule for the Work. The schedule shall be transmitted in the form of Microsoft Project or Primavera P6 in the native file format. The schedule shall contain detail appropriate for the Project, including (1) the date of commencement of the Work, interim schedule milestone dates, and the date of Substantial Completion; (2) an apportionment of the Work by construction activity; (3) the time required for completion of each portion of the Work; (4) predecessors and successors; (5) phases; (6) baseline start and stop dates; (7) actual start and stop dates; (8) current start and stop dates; (9) delays; (10) critical path; (11) submittals; (12) extensions of the Contract Time authorized by Changes, and (13) Owner activities. The schedule shall provide for the orderly progression of the Work to completion and shall not exceed time limits current under the Contract Documents. The schedule shall be revised at appropriate intervals as required by the conditions of the Work and Project and, upon such revision, shall be submitted to Architect and Owner for their review and approval. In no case will the schedule be updated less frequently than each application for payment. The Contractor's schedule may be considered when evaluating a request for additional time.

- .1 If any updated schedule exceeds the time limits set forth in the Contract Documents for completion of the Work, the Contractor shall include with the updated schedule a statement of the reasons for the anticipated delay in completion of the Work and the Contractor's planned course of action for completing the Work within the time limits, inclusive of previously accepted time extensions, set forth in the Contract Documents. If the Contractor asserts that the failure of the Owner or the Architect to provide information to the Contractor is the reason for anticipated delay in completion, the Contractor shall also specify what information is required from the Owner or Architect.

§ 3.10.2 The Contractor, within 30 days after being awarded the Contract and thereafter as necessary to maintain a current submittal schedule, shall submit a submittal schedule for the Architect's and Owner's approval. The Architect's approval shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld. The submittal schedule shall (1) be coordinated with the Contractor's construction schedule, and (2) allow the Architect and Owner reasonable time to review submittals. If the Contractor fails to submit a submittal schedule, or fails to provide submittals in accordance with the approved submittal schedule, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any increase in Contract Sum or extension of Contract Time based on the time required for review of submittals. The process of approving Contractor's schedules and updates to Contractor's schedule shall not constitute a warranty by the Owner that any non-Contractor milestones or activities will occur as set out on Contractor's schedule. Approval of a Contractor's schedule does not constitute a commitment by the Owner to furnish any Owner-furnished information or material any earlier than Owner would otherwise be obligated to furnish that information or material under the Contract Documents.

§ 3.10.3 The Contractor shall perform the Work in general accordance with the most recent schedules submitted to and approved by the Owner and Architect. Submission of any schedule under this Contract constitutes a representation by the Contractor that: (1) the schedule represents the sequence in which the Contractor intends to prosecute the remaining Work; (2) the schedule represents the actual sequence and durations used to prosecute the completed Work;

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(3) that to the best of its knowledge and belief the Contractor is able to complete the remaining Work in the sequence and time indicated; and, (4) that the Contractor intends to complete the remaining Work in the sequence and time indicated.

§ 3.10.4 If reasonably required by Owner, Contractor shall also prepare and furnish project cash flow projections, manning data for critical activities, and schedules for the purchase and delivery of all critical equipment and material, together with periodic updating thereof.

§ 3.10.5 The Contractor shall recommend to the Owner and to the Architect a schedule for procurement of long-lead time items which will constitute part of the Work as required to meet the project schedule.

§ 3.10.6 In addition to the requirements of the Contract Documents, the Contractor's submittal schedule shall include submittals required for substantial and Final Completion, as described by the Contract Documents, including but not limited to (1) individual specification section-required warranties, (2) certificates, (3) statements, (4) third-party tests.

§ 3.10.7 The Owner's need for delivery of completed Work, or portions thereof, is largely controlled by the necessities of the Owner's operations within the calendar year. Their needs are reflected in scheduled completion dates and milestone dates set out in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall perform the work in such a way as to not interfere with operations. The requirements of the Contract Documents to meet interim milestones and the Contractor's attainment of same does not relieve the Contractor from the obligation to attain the Substantial Completion and Final Completion dates set forth in the Agreement.

§ 3.11 Documents and Samples at the Site

§ 3.11.1 The Contractor shall maintain at the site for the Owner one record copy of the Drawings, Specifications, Addenda, Change Orders and other Modifications, in good order and marked currently to indicate field changes and selections made during construction, and one record copy of approved Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and similar required submittals. These shall be available to the Architect and shall be delivered to the Architect for submittal to the Owner upon completion of the Work as a record of the Work as constructed, and shall be signed by the Contractor certifying to Owner thereby that they show complete and "as-built" conditions, stating sizes, kinds of materials, vital piping, conduit locations, and similar matters.

§ 3.11.2 Contractor shall at all times maintain job records, including, but not limited to, invoices, payment records, applicable payroll records, daily reports, logs, diaries, and job meeting minutes, applicable to the project. Contractor shall make such reports and records available to inspection by the Owner, Architect, or their respective agents, within five (5) working days of request by Owner, Architect, or their respective agents.

§ 3.12 Shop Drawings, Product Data and Samples

§ 3.12.1 Shop Drawings are drawings, diagrams, schedules, and other data specially prepared for the Work by the Contractor or a Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor, manufacturer, supplier, or distributor to illustrate some portion of the Work.

§ 3.12.2 Product Data are illustrations, standard schedules, performance charts, instructions, brochures, diagrams, and other information furnished by the Contractor to illustrate materials or equipment for some portion of the Work.

§ 3.12.3 Samples are physical examples that illustrate materials, equipment, or workmanship, and establish standards by which the Work will be judged.

§ 3.12.4 Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, and similar submittals are not Contract Documents. Their purpose is to demonstrate how the Contractor proposes to conform to the information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents for those portions of the Work for which the Contract Documents require submittals. Review by the Architect is subject to the limitations of Section 4.2.7. Informational submittals upon which the Architect is not expected to take responsive action may be so identified in the Contract Documents. Submittals that are not required by the Contract Documents may be returned by the Architect without action.

§ 3.12.4.1 Submittals shall be submitted at the earliest possible time in order to expedite delivery of critical or long lead time items. For more complex systems and equipment (such as structural steel; doors, windows and hardware; casework; mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems and equipment; food service equipment; sound systems and

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the like), the Contractor shall schedule at least 10 business days for the Architect or their Consultants' review and submittals shall be sequenced logically in accordance with the schedule, required fabrication and installation time.

§ 3.12.4.2 Where colors are to be selected by the Architect, the Contractor shall submit all product color samples in adequate time to allow the Architect to prepare a complete selection schedule. In general, all submittals requiring color selection shall be submitted to the Architect within four weeks of the date of the Contract for Construction.

§ 3.12.5 The Contractor shall review for compliance with the Contract Documents, approve, and submit to the Architect and Owner, Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, and similar submittals required by the Contract Documents, in accordance with the submittal schedule approved by the Architect and Owner or, in the absence of an approved submittal schedule, with reasonable promptness and in such sequence as to cause no delay in the Work or in the activities of the Owner or of Separate Contractors.

§ 3.12.6 By submitting Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, and similar submittals, the Contractor represents to the Owner and Architect that the Contractor has (1) reviewed and approved them, (2) determined and verified materials, field measurements and field construction criteria related thereto, or will do so, and (3) checked and coordinated the information contained within such submittals with the requirements of the Work and of the Contract Documents. If, in the opinion of the Architect or Owner, the Shop Drawings are (a) incomplete, (b) indicate an inadequate understanding of the work covered by the Shop Drawings, or (c) indicate a lack of study and review by the Contractor prior to submittal to the Architect, the Shop Drawings will be returned, unchecked, to the Contractor for correction of these three deficiencies and subsequent resubmittal. Additional service charges as outlined in Section 3.2.6 may be charged by the Architect in this event.

§ 3.12.7 The Contractor shall perform no portion of the Work for which the Contract Documents require submittal and review of Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, or similar submittals, until the respective submittal has been approved by the Architect or Owner.

§ 3.12.8 The Work shall be in accordance with approved submittals except that the Contractor shall not be relieved of responsibility for deviations from the requirements of the Contract Documents by the Architect's or Owner's approval of Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, or similar submittals, unless the Contractor has specifically notified the Architect and Owner of such deviation at the time of submittal and (1) the Architect has given written approval to the specific deviation as a minor change in the Work, or (2) a Change Order or Construction Change Directive has been issued authorizing the deviation. The Contractor shall not be relieved of responsibility for errors or omissions in Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, or similar submittals, by the Architect's or Owner's approval thereof.

§ 3.12.9 The Contractor shall direct specific attention, in writing or on resubmitted Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, or similar submittals, to revisions other than those requested by the Architect on previous submittals. In the absence of such notice, the Architect's approval of a resubmission shall not apply to such revisions.

§ 3.12.10 The Contractor shall not be required to provide professional services that constitute the practice of architecture or engineering unless such services are specifically required by the Contract Documents for a portion of the Work or unless the Contractor needs to provide such services in order to carry out the Contractor's responsibilities for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures. The Contractor shall not be required to provide professional services in violation of applicable law.

§ 3.12.10.1 If professional design services or certifications by a design professional related to systems, materials, or equipment are specifically required of the Contractor by the Contract Documents, the Owner and the Architect will specify all performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy. The Contractor shall be entitled to rely upon the adequacy and accuracy of the performance and design criteria provided in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall cause such services or certifications to be provided by an appropriately licensed design professional, whose signature and seal shall appear on all drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications, Shop Drawings, 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 the Architect. The Owner and the Architect shall be entitled to rely upon the adequacy and accuracy of the services, certifications, and approvals performed or provided by such design professionals, provided the Owner and Architect have specified to the Contractor the performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy. Pursuant to this Section 3.12.10, the Architect will review and approve or take other appropriate action on submittals only for the

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limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents.

§ 3.12.10.2 If the Contract Documents require the Contractor's design professional to certify that the Work has been performed in accordance with the design criteria, the Contractor shall furnish such certifications to the Architect at the time and in the form specified by the Architect.

§ 3.13 Use of Site

§ 3.13.1 The Contractor shall confine operations at the site to areas permitted by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, lawful orders of public authorities, and the Contract Documents and shall not unreasonably encumber the site with materials or equipment.

§ 3.13.2 Only materials and equipment which are to be used directly in the Work shall be brought to and stored on the Project site by the Contractor. After equipment is no longer required for the Work, it shall be promptly removed from the Project site. Protection of construction material and equipment stored at the Project site from weather, theft, damage and all other adversity is solely the responsibility of the Contractor.

§ 3.13.3 The Contractor and any entity for whom the Contractor is responsible shall not erect any sign on the Project site without the prior consent of the Owner.

§ 3.13.4 Contractor shall ensure that the Work, at all times, is performed in a manner that affords the Owner reasonable access, both vehicular and pedestrian, to the site of the Work and all adjacent areas. The Work shall be performed, to the fullest extent possible, in such a manner that public areas adjacent to the site of the Work shall be free from all debris, building material and equipment likely to cause hazardous conditions. Without limitation of any other provision of the Contract Documents, Contractor shall use its best efforts to minimize any interference with the occupancy or beneficial use of any area and buildings adjacent to the site or the Work. Prior to the start of any work which may impact or otherwise affect beneficial use or occupancy of an existing facility, the Contractor shall provide a work plan for such work that identifies and controls any interruption for approval by the Owner. Work in this situation shall not proceed until an agreed plan of work is approved in writing by the Owner.

§ 3.13.5 Without prior approval of the Owner, the Contractor shall not permit any workers to use any existing facilities at the Project site, including, without limitation, lavatories, toilets, entrance and parking areas other than those designated by the Owner. Without limitation of any other provision of the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall use its best efforts to comply with all rules and regulations promulgated by the Owner in connection with the use and occupancy of the Project site.

§ 3.13.6 The Contractor will abide by all applicable rules and regulations of the Owner with respect to conduct, including parking of vehicles and entry into adjacent facilities. Contractor shall require all construction workers, whether Contractor's own forces or the forces of Contractor's subcontractors, to park their personal motor vehicles on Owner's property only in the parking places designated by the Owner. Any vehicles not parked in the appropriate locations shall be towed at the vehicle owner's sole expense.

§ 3.13.7 Contractor shall institute a theft deterrent program designed to restrict construction worker access to properties of Owner that are currently in use and to maintain supervision of Contractor's and Contractor's subcontractor's forces.

§ 3.14 Cutting and Patching

§ 3.14.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for cutting, fitting, or patching required to complete the Work or to make its parts fit together properly. All areas requiring cutting, fitting, or patching shall be restored to the condition existing prior to the cutting, fitting, or patching, unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents.

§ 3.14.2 The Contractor shall not damage or endanger a portion of the Work or fully or partially completed construction of the Owner or Separate Contractors by cutting, patching, or otherwise altering such construction, or by excavation. Structural members shall not be cut and air duct shapes, piping sizes and related system designed elements shall not be changed or modified except with written permission of the Architect. The Contractor shall not cut or otherwise alter construction by the Owner or a Separate Contractor except with written consent of the Owner and of

the Separate Contractor. Consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Contractor shall not unreasonably withhold, from the Owner or a Separate Contractor, its consent to cutting or otherwise altering the Work.

§ 3.14.3 After installation of the Work, Contractor shall carefully fit around, close up, repair, patch and paint such work to match adjoining surface by use of proper tools and materials using workers skilled in the required trades. All patching must include replacement or repair of any fire rated assembly to its full rating as required by current codes and standards at the point of work or as may be required by the building official.

§ 3.15 Cleaning Up

§ 3.15.1 The Contractor shall keep the premises and surrounding area free from accumulation of waste materials and rubbish caused by operations under the Contract and shall, not less than one time each week, clean up by removing rubbish, including old and surplus materials, to include dirt, debris, or trash. At no time shall trash, dirt or other debris be allowed to remain in any wall cavity, ceiling plenum, crawl space or concealed space. At completion of the Work, the Contractor shall remove waste materials, rubbish, the Contractor's tools, construction equipment, machinery, and surplus materials from and about the Project and shall clean, sweep, mop, brush and polish, as appropriate, the interior of the improvements or renovated areas, including but not limited to, any floors, carpeting, ducts, fixtures, and ventilation units operated during construction. Contractor shall clean exterior gutters, drainage, walkways, driveways and roofs of debris.

§ 3.15.2 If the Contractor fails to clean up as provided in the Contract Documents, the Owner, at its discretion, may perform the clean-up and withhold costs incurred from funds due to Contractor or, if the costs incurred are in excess of the funds due to the Contractor, may require the Contractor to reimburse the Owner for the costs incurred.

§ 3.16 Access to Work

The Contractor shall provide the Owner and Architect with access to the Work in preparation and progress wherever located. Upon request of the Architect or Owner, the Contractor shall accompany the Architect or Owner on an inspection of the Work.

§ 3.17 Royalties, Patents and Copyrights

The Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees. The Contractor shall defend suits or claims for infringement of copyrights and patent rights and shall hold the Owner and Architect harmless from loss on account thereof, but shall not be responsible for defense or loss when a particular design, process, or product of a particular manufacturer or manufacturers is required by the Contract Documents, or where the copyright violations are contained in Drawings, Specifications, or other documents prepared by the Owner or Architect. However, if an infringement of a copyright or patent is discovered by, or made known to, the Contractor, the Contractor shall be responsible for the loss unless the information is promptly furnished to the Architect.

§ 3.18 Indemnification

§ 3.18.1 TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS THE OWNER, PROGRAM MANAGER, ARCHITECT AND ARCHITECT'S CONSULTANTS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES (COLLECTIVELY, "PARTIES INDEMNIFIED") FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS AND SUITS FOR DAMAGES, INJURIES TO PERSONS (INCLUDING DEATH), PROPERTY DAMAGES, LOSSES (INCLUDING LOSS OF USE RESULTING THEREFROM), AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES, ARISING OUT OF, OR RESULTING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK UNDER THE CONTRACT, PROVIDED THAT ANY SUCH CLAIM OR SUIT FOR DAMAGES, INJURY TO PERSONS, PROPERTY DAMAGE, LOSS OR EXPENSE IS CAUSED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY (1) ANY INTENTIONAL OR NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION OF THE CONTRACTOR OR THE CONTRACTOR'S AGENT, EMPLOYEE OR SUBCONTRACTOR OF ANY TIER, (2) THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR OR THE CONTRACTOR'S AGENT, EMPLOYEE OR SUBCONTRACTOR OF ANY TIER, (3) THE BREACH OR VIOLATION OF A STATUTE, ORDINANCE, GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION, STANDARD, OR RULE BY THE CONTRACTOR OR THE CONTRACTOR'S AGENT, EMPLOYEE OR SUBCONTRACTOR OF ANY TIER, OR (4) THE BREACH OF CONTRACT OF THE CONTRACTOR OR THE CONTRACTOR'S AGENT, EMPLOYEE OR SUBCONTRACTOR OF ANY TIER. THE CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS UNDER THIS SECTION 3.18.1 SHALL BE IN EFFECT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT ANY SUCH CLAIM OR SUIT FOR DAMAGES, INJURY TO PERSONS, PROPERTY DAMAGE, LOSS OR EXPENSE IS CAUSED IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF A PARTY

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§ 3.18.2 TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS THE OWNER, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS AND ITS EMPLOYEES (COLLECTIVELY, "PARTIES INDEMNIFIED") FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS AND SUITS FOR BODILY INJURY OR DEATH OF AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CONTRACTOR, THE CONTRACTOR'S AGENT, OR THE CONTRACTOR'S SUBCONTRACTOR OF ANY TIER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT SUCH CLAIMS OR SUITS ARE BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART UPON THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE OWNER, ITS OFFICERS OR ITS EMPLOYEES. THE INDEMNITY REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH 3.18.2 IS IN ADDITION TO CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 3.18.1.

§ 3.18.3 In claims against any person or entity indemnified under this Section 3.18 by an employee of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, the indemnification obligation under Section 3.18.1 shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or a Subcontractor under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

§ 3.18.4 CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AND SHALL HOLD OWNER FREE AND HARMLESS FROM LIABILITY RESULTING FROM LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO CONTRACTOR'S OR ITS SUBCONTRACTOR'S CONSTRUCTION TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT AND RENTED ITEMS WHICH ARE USED OR INTENDED FOR USE IN PERFORMING THE WORK REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH LOSS OR DAMAGE IS CAUSED IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF OWNER OR ITS AGENTS, OFFICERS, OR EMPLOYEES. THIS PROVISION SHALL APPLY, WITHOUT LIMITATION, TO LOSS OR DAMAGE OCCURRING AT THE WORK SITE OR WHILE SUCH ITEMS ARE IN TRANSIT TO OR FROM THE WORK SITE AND IS IN ADDITION TO CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 3.18.1.

§ 3.18.5 The Contractor agrees to waive any and all claims it may have against the Owner, connected with, resulting from, or arising out of, claims and suits covered by the indemnification agreement contained herein and agrees that any insurance policy provide for the waiver of subrogation rights against the Owner.

§ 3.18.6 To the extent allowed by law, the Contractor agrees to insure the indemnity and hold harmless clauses contained in this Section 3.18, including its subparts, with insurance policies, approved by the Owner, and issued by a carrier authorized to do business in the State of Texas, in the minimum amounts set out in Article 11 and/or Section 11.2 of these General Conditions.

§ 3.18.7 The provisions of Section 3.18, including all of its subparts, shall survive the termination of the Agreement or the Contract, howsoever caused, and no payment, partial payment, nor issuance of a certificate of Substantial Completion nor a certificate of Final Completion nor acceptance of occupancy in whole or in part of the Work shall waive or release any of the provisions of Paragraph 3.18 and its subparts.

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§ 3.19 Record Drawings

§ 3.19.1 At the completion of the Project, the Contractor shall submit complete "as built" drawings, with all changes made during construction, including concealed mechanical, electrical and plumbing items inside of the facility and underground utilities at the site. The drawings shall be submitted in an editable CAD format agreed to at the beginning of the project along with (3) full sets of hard copy drawings and one digital copy in PDF format. These documents are to be considered part of the Work beyond the General Conditions. The documents shall not bear any professional seal or information other than project identification. This shall be completed and up to date within (30) working days from Substantial Completion.

ARTICLE 4 ARCHITECT

§ 4.1 General

§ 4.1.1 The Architect is the person or entity retained by the Owner pursuant to Section 2.3.2 and identified as such in the Agreement.

§ 4.1.2 The Owner shall notify the Contractor when Duties, responsibilities, and limitations of authority of the Architect have been modified.

§ 4.2 Administration of the Contract

§ 4.2.1 The Architect will provide administration of the Contract as described in the Contract Documents and will be an Owner's representative during construction until the date the Architect issues the final Certificate for Payment. The Architect will have authority to act on behalf of the Owner only to the extent provided in the Contract Documents or expressly authorized by the Owner.

§ 4.2.2 The Architect will visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction, or as otherwise agreed with the Owner, to become generally familiar with the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, to endeavor to guard the Owner against defects and deficiencies in the Work, and to determine in general if the Work observed is being performed in a manner indicating that the Work, when fully completed, will be in accordance with the Contract Documents. The Architect will promptly inform Contractor and Owner of any non-compliance observed. The Architect will exercise care and diligence when on site in discovering and properly reporting to the Owner any defects or deficiencies in the Work of the Contractor or any of its Subcontractors, or their agents or employees, or any other person performing any of the Work in the construction of the Project. However, the Architect will not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work. The Architect will not have control over, charge of, or responsibility for the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for the safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, since these are solely the Contractor's rights and responsibilities under the Contract Documents.

§ 4.2.3 On the basis of the site visits, the Architect will keep the Owner reasonably informed about the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and promptly report to the Owner (1) known deviations from the Contract Documents, (2) known deviations from the most recent construction schedule submitted by the Contractor, and (3) defects and deficiencies observed in the Work. The Architect will not be responsible for the Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Architect will not have control over or charge of, and will not be responsible for acts or omissions of, the Contractor, Subcontractors, or their agents or employees, or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

§ 4.2.4 Communications

Except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents or when direct communications have been specially authorized by the Owner or Architect, the Owner and Contractor shall endeavor to communicate with each other through the Architect about matters arising out of or relating to the Contract. Communications by and with the Architect's consultants shall be through the Architect. Communications by and with Subcontractors and suppliers shall be through the Contractor. Communications by and with Separate Contractors shall be through the Owner. The Contract Documents may specify other communication protocols.

§ 4.2.5 Based on the Architect's evaluations of the Work progress and quality of the Work and of the Contractor's Applications for Payment, the Architect will review and certify the amounts due the Contractor and will issue Certificates for Payment in such amounts, which shall be further subject to the Owner's review, modification, approval, or rejection.

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§ 4.2.6 The Architect and Owner each has authority to reject Work that does not conform to the Contract Documents. Whenever the Architect or the Owner considers it necessary or advisable, the Architect and/or the Owner will have authority to require inspection or testing of the Work in accordance with Sections 13.4.2 and 13.4.3, whether or not the Work is fabricated, installed or completed. However, neither this authority of the Architect or the Owner nor a decision made in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise such authority shall give rise to a duty or responsibility of the Architect or the Owner to the Contractor, Subcontractors, suppliers, their agents or employees, or other persons or entities performing portions of the Work, or constitute approval or acceptance of Work that is deficient or does not meet the requirements of the Contract Documents. In the event of a disagreement between the Architect and Contractor, the Owner will make the final determination after reviewing all of the information.

§ 4.2.7 The Architect will review and approve, or take other appropriate action upon, the Contractor's submittals such as Shop Drawings, Product Data, and Samples, but only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. The Architect's action will be taken in accordance with the submittal schedule approved by the Architect or, in the absence of an approved submittal schedule, with reasonable promptness while allowing sufficient time in the Architect's professional judgment to permit adequate review. Review of such submittals is not conducted for the purpose of determining the accuracy and completeness of other details such as dimensions and quantities, or for substantiating instructions for installation or performance of equipment or systems, all of which remain the responsibility of the Contractor as required by the Contract Documents. The Architect's review of the Contractor's submittals shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligations under Sections 3.3, 3.5, and 3.12. The Architect's review shall not constitute approval of safety precautions or of any construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures. The Architect's approval of a specific item shall not indicate approval of an assembly of which the item is a component.

§ 4.2.8 With the Owner's approval, the Architect will prepare Change Orders and Construction Change Directives, and may order minor changes in the Work as provided in Section 7.4. The Architect will investigate and make determinations and recommendations regarding concealed and unknown conditions as provided in Section 3.7.4. Any change affecting the Contract Sum or Contract Time must be approved in advance by the Owner in writing.

§ 4.2.9 The Architect will conduct inspections and, in consultation with the Owner, determine the date or dates of Substantial Completion and the date of Final Completion; issue Certificates of Substantial Completion pursuant to Section 9.8; receive and forward to the Owner, for the Owner's review and records, written warranties and related documents required by the Contract and assembled by the Contractor pursuant to Section 9.10; and issue a final Certificate for Payment pursuant to Section 9.10. In the event Architect is required to perform more than two inspection(s) to determine the date or dates of Substantial Completion or Final Completion due to Contractor's failure to meet the conditions for such completion, Contractor shall be responsible for paying or reimbursing Owner for the cost of any Additional Services charged by Architect or Consultants under the agreement between Owner and Architect.

§ 4.2.10 If the Owner and Architect agree, the Architect will provide one or more Project representatives to assist in carrying out the Architect's responsibilities at the site. The Owner shall notify the Contractor of any change in the duties, responsibilities and limitations of authority of the Project representatives.

§ 4.2.11 The Architect will interpret and make recommendations on matters concerning performance under, and requirements of, the Contract Documents on written request of either the Owner or Contractor, which shall be copied to the other. The Architect's response to such requests will be made in writing within any time limits agreed upon or otherwise with reasonable promptness. The Owner will make the final determination of all matters concerning performance after consultation with the Architect.

§ 4.2.12 Interpretations and recommendations of the Architect will be consistent with the intent of, and reasonably inferable from, the Contract Documents and will be in writing or in the form of drawings. When making such interpretations and decisions, the Architect will endeavor to secure faithful performance by both Owner and Contractor, will not show partiality to either, and will not be liable for results of interpretations or decisions rendered in good faith.

§ 4.2.13 The Architect's decisions on matters relating to aesthetic effect will be final if (a) they are consistent with the intent expressed in the Contract Documents, and (b) the Owner gives its consent.

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§ 4.2.14 The Architect will review and respond to requests for information about the Contract Documents. The Architect's response to such requests will be made in writing within any time limits agreed upon or otherwise with reasonable promptness. If appropriate, the Architect will prepare and issue supplemental Drawings and Specifications in response to the requests for information. In the event of a disagreement between the Architect and Contractor, the Owner will make the final determination after reviewing all of the information.

§4.2.15 The Contractor shall not cover up work without the Architect and Owner performing an observation of such work. The Contractor shall be responsible for any and all associated costs to allow for observation of the work, uncovered, by the Architect and Owner. If the Contractor covers work without either the consent of the Architect and Owner or without providing the Architect and Owner with reasonable opportunity to observe the work, whether or not such work is found to be acceptable by the Architect or Owner, the Contractor shall repair such work at no cost to the Owner.

ARTICLE 5 SUBCONTRACTORS

§ 5.1 Definitions

§ 5.1.1 A Subcontractor is a person or entity who has a direct contract with the Contractor to perform a portion of the Work at the site, away from the site, or otherwise to furnish labor or materials. The term "Subcontractor" is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and means a Subcontractor or an authorized representative of the Subcontractor. The term "Subcontractor" does not include a Separate Contractor or the subcontractors of a Separate Contractor. The term "Subcontractor" includes persons supplying materials or equipment for the Work.

§ 5.1.2 A Sub-subcontractor is a person or entity who has a direct or indirect contract with a Subcontractor to perform a portion of the Work at the site, away from the site, or otherwise to furnish labor or materials.. The term "Sub-subcontractor" is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and means a Sub-subcontractor or an authorized representative of the Sub-subcontractor. The term "Sub-subcontractor" includes persons supplying materials or equipment for the Work.

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§ 5.2 Award of Subcontracts and Other Contracts for Portions of the Work

§ 5.2.1 Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, the Contractor, as soon as practicable after award of the Contract, shall notify the Owner and Architect of the persons or entities proposed for each principal portion of the Work, including those who are to furnish materials or equipment fabricated to a special design. Within 14 days of receipt of the information, the Architect may notify the Contractor whether the Owner or the Architect (1) has reasonable objection to any such proposed person or entity or (2) requires additional time for review. Failure of the Architect to provide notice within the 14-day period shall constitute notice of no reasonable objection.

§ 5.2.2 The Contractor shall not contract with a proposed person or entity to whom the Owner or Architect has made reasonable and timely objection. The Contractor shall not be required to contract with anyone to whom the Contractor has made reasonable objection.

§ 5.2.3 If the Owner or Architect has reasonable objection to a person or entity proposed by the Contractor, the Contractor shall propose another to whom the Owner or Architect has no reasonable objection. If the proposed but rejected Subcontractor was reasonably capable of performing the Work and was rejected for a reason other than good cause, the Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be increased or decreased by the difference, if any, occasioned by such change, and an appropriate Change Order shall be issued before commencement of the substitute Subcontractor's Work. However, no increase in the Contract Sum or Contract Time shall be allowed for such change unless the Contractor has acted promptly and responsively in submitting names as required. "Good cause" shall include, but not be limited to, Owner or Architect's prior experience of unsatisfactory work performed by the Subcontractor or debarment of the Subcontractor.

§ 5.2.4 The Contractor shall not substitute a Subcontractor, person, or entity for one previously selected if the Owner or Architect makes reasonable objection to such substitution.

§ 5.2.5 The Owner may require the Contractor to change any subcontractor or supplier previously approved by it, if such a change is due to failure of subcontractor to perform in accordance with the requirements of the Contract. If Owner requires removal of a subcontractor for such failure to perform, and Contractor reasonably objects to such removal, then Owner will pay any actual increase in the cost between the new subcontractor and the subcontractor

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replaced incurred by Contractor, taking into account any amounts which Contractor withholds or recovers in damages from the replaced subcontractor. If Contractor requests such payment from Owner, Contractor shall provide Owner with satisfactory proof of such additional costs incurred by Contractor.

§ 5.2.6 Contractor shall be fully responsible for the performance of its subcontractors, including those selected or approved by the Owner.

§ 5.3 Subcontractual Relations

By appropriate written agreement, the Contractor shall require each Subcontractor, to the extent of the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor, to be bound to the Contractor by terms of the Contract Documents, and to assume toward the Contractor all the obligations and responsibilities, including the responsibility for safety of the Subcontractor's Work that the Contractor, by these Contract Documents, assumes toward the Owner and Architect. Each subcontract agreement shall preserve and protect the rights of the Owner and Architect under the Contract Documents with respect to the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor so that subcontracting thereof will not prejudice such rights, and shall allow to the Subcontractor, unless specifically provided otherwise in the subcontract agreement, the benefit of all rights, remedies, and redress against the Contractor that the Contractor, by the Contract Documents, has against the Owner. Where appropriate, the Contractor shall require each Subcontractor to enter into similar agreements with Sub-subcontractors. The Contractor shall make available to each proposed Subcontractor, prior to the execution of the subcontract agreement, copies of the Contract Documents to which the Subcontractor will be bound, and, upon written request of the Subcontractor, identify to the Subcontractor terms and conditions of the proposed subcontract agreement that may be at variance with the Contract Documents. Subcontractors will similarly make copies of applicable portions of such documents available to their respective proposed Sub-subcontractors.

§ 5.4 Contingent Assignment of Subcontracts

§ 5.4.1 Each subcontract agreement for a portion of the Work is assigned by the Contractor to the Owner, provided that

- .1 assignment is effective only after termination of the Contract by the Owner and only for those subcontract agreements that the Owner accepts by notifying the Subcontractor and Contractor;
- .2 assignment is subject to the prior rights of the surety, if any, obligated under bond relating to the Contract;
- .3 such assignment shall not constitute a waiver by Owner of any of its rights against Contractor, because of defaults, delays and defects for which a Subcontractor or material vendor may also be liable; and
- .4 the subcontractor provides bonds as required by law of prime contractors, and by Owner.

If the Owner accepts the assignment of a subcontract agreement, the Owner assumes the Contractor's rights and obligations under the subcontract, provided, however, that Owner does not assume Contractor's obligations or liabilities for defaults occurring prior to Owner's assumption, or for the payment to the subcontractor or supplier for Work, if payment for such Work has previously been made to Contractor. Such liabilities or obligations shall remain with Contractor.

§ 5.4.2 Upon such assignment, if the Work has been suspended for more than 30 days, the Subcontractor's compensation may be equitably adjusted for increases in cost resulting from the suspension.

§ 5.4.3 Upon assignment to the Owner under this Section 5.4, the Owner may further assign the subcontract to a successor contractor or other entity.

§ 5.4.4 All subcontracts shall state that they will be assignable to the Bond Trustee or his designee, if funding for the Project is obtained through bond proceeds.

ARTICLE 6 CONSTRUCTION BY OWNER OR BY SEPARATE CONTRACTORS

§ 6.1 Owner's Right to Perform Construction and to Award Separate Contracts

§ 6.1.1 The term "Separate Contractor(s)" shall mean other contractors retained by the Owner under separate agreements. The Owner reserves the right to perform construction or operations related to the Project with the Owner's own forces, and with Separate Contractors retained for the Project

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§ 6.1.2 When separate contracts are awarded for different portions of the Project or other construction or operations on the site, the term "Contractor" in the Contract Documents in each case shall mean the Contractor who executes each separate Owner-Contractor Agreement.

§ 6.1.3 The Owner shall provide for coordination of the activities of the Owner's own forces and of each Separate Contractor with the Work of the Contractor, who shall cooperate with them. The Contractor shall participate with any Separate Contractors and the Owner in reviewing their construction schedules. The Contractor shall make any revisions to its construction schedule deemed necessary after a joint review and mutual agreement and submit such revisions to the Owner for the Owner's approval. The construction schedules, if approved by the Owner, shall then constitute the schedules to be used by the Contractor, Separate Contractors, and the Owner until subsequently revised.

§ 6.1.4 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, when the Owner performs construction or operations related to the Project with the Owner's own forces or with Separate Contractors, the Owner or its Separate Contractors shall have the same rights that the Contractor has under the Conditions of the Contract.

§ 6.2 Mutual Responsibility

§ 6.2.1 The Contractor shall afford the Owner and Separate Contractors reasonable opportunity for introduction and storage of their materials and equipment and performance of their activities, and shall connect and coordinate the Contractor's construction and operations with theirs as required by the Contract Documents.

§ 6.2.2 If part of the Contractor's Work depends for proper execution or results upon construction or operations by the Owner or a Separate Contractor, the Contractor shall, prior to proceeding with that portion of the Work, promptly notify the Architect and Owner of apparent discrepancies or defects in the construction or operations by the Owner or Separate Contractor that would render it unsuitable for proper execution and results of the Contractor's Work. Failure of the Contractor to notify the Architect of apparent discrepancies or defects prior to proceeding with the Work shall constitute an acknowledgment that the Owner's or Separate Contractor's completed or partially completed construction is fit and proper to receive the Contractor's Work. The Contractor shall not be responsible for discrepancies or defects in the construction or operations by the Owner or Separate Contractor that are not apparent.

§ 6.2.3 The Contractor shall reimburse the Owner for costs the Owner incurs that are payable to a Separate Contractor because of the Contractor's delays, improperly timed activities or defective construction. The Owner shall reimburse the Contractor in the event that the Contractor incurs costs due to a Separate Contractor's delays, improperly timed activities or defective construction.

§ 6.2.4 The Contractor shall promptly remedy damage that the Contractor wrongfully causes to completed or partially completed construction or to property of the Owner or Separate Contractor as provided in Section 10.2.5.

§ 6.2.5 The Owner and each Separate Contractor shall have the same responsibilities for cutting and patching as are described for the Contractor in Section 3.14. If such separate contractor initiates a claim or legal or any other proceedings against the Owner on account of any damage alleged to have been caused by the Contractor, the Owner shall notify the Contractor, who shall defend such proceedings at its own expense, and if any judgment or award against the Owner arises therefrom, based on Contractor's act or omissions or the act or omissions of Contractor's employees, Subcontractor or parties for whom Contractor has liability, the Contractor shall pay or satisfy it and shall reimburse the Owner for all attorneys' fees and court or other costs which the Owner has incurred over and above those paid for directly by the Contractor.

§ 6.3 Owner's Right to Clean Up

If a dispute arises among the Contractor, Separate Contractors, and the Owner as to the responsibility under their respective contracts for maintaining the premises and surrounding area free from waste materials and rubbish, the Owner may clean up and then allocate the cost among those responsible.

ARTICLE 7 CHANGES IN THE WORK

§ 7.1 General

§ 7.1.1 Changes in the Work may be accomplished after execution of the Contract, and without invalidating the Contract, by Change Order, Construction Change Directive or order for a minor change in the Work, subject to the limitations stated in this Article 7 and elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

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§ 7.1.2 A Change Order shall be based upon agreement among the Owner, Contractor, and Architect. A Construction Change Directive requires the approval of the Owner and may or may not be agreed to by the Contractor. An order for a minor change in the Work may be issued, subject to the Owner's approval, by the Architect alone.

§ 7.1.3 Changes in the Work shall be performed under applicable provisions of the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall proceed promptly with changes in the Work, unless otherwise provided in the Change Order, Construction Change Directive, or order for a minor change in the Work.

§ 7.1.4 Calculation of costs or credits for Changes, minor changes, Proposals, Contingency expenditures and Allowance expenditures:

1. When calculating the Cost of the Work for Changes, minor changes, Proposals, Contingency expenditures and Allowances, the Contractor shall furnish and include substantiation to satisfaction of the Owner of the following from Subcontractors:

Description of Subcontractor Cost of the Work Element

- A Bare Material Costs
- B Labor Hours
- C Labor Costs (Direct only, no markup)
- D Labor Cost Markup (Benefits, employer taxes)
- E Equipment
- F Work performed by Sub-subcontractor (if any), where Sub-subcontractor Overhead and Profit shall not exceed 10%
- G Subcontractor's Overhead and Profit, which shall not exceed 10% of A through F
- H Contractor's Overhead and Profit, which shall not exceed 10% of A through G
- I Cost of the Work (Sum of A through H)

2. When Contractor self performs work, when calculating the Cost of the Work for Changes, minor changes, Proposals, Contingency expenditures and Allowances, the Contractor shall furnish and include substantiation to satisfaction of the Owner of the following:

Description of Contractor Cost of the Work Element

- A Bare Material Costs
- B Labor Hours
- C Labor Costs (Direct only, no markup)
- D Labor Cost Markup (Benefits, employer taxes)
- E Equipment
- F Contractor's Overhead and Profit, which shall not exceed 10% of A through E
- G Cost of the Work (Sum of A through F)

No additional Fee or General Conditions cost shall apply to self-performed work.

3. By Unit Prices stated in the Contract Documents or subsequently agreed upon. Additional mark-ups for overhead and profit will not be allowed in Unit Price work.

§ 7.1.4.1 The Contractor, upon receipt of written notification by the Owner or the Architect of a proposed item of change in the Work, shall prepare within 10 Calendar Days a Change Proposal in such form or forms as directed by the Owner or the Architect.

1. Each separate Change Proposal shall be numbered consecutively and shall include all cost related to the proposed Change in the Work, including any disruption or impact on performance.
2. The Subcontractor's itemized accounting shall be included with the Change Proposal;
3. If a change Proposal is returned to the Contractor for additional information or if the scope of the proposed Change in the Work is modified by additions, deletions or other revisions, the Contractor shall revise the

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- Change Proposal accordingly and resubmit the revised Change Proposal to the Architect and the Contractor;
- .4 A revised Change Proposal shall be the original Change Proposal number suffixed by the letter "R" to designate a revision in the original Change Proposal. If additional revisions to a revised Change Proposal are necessary, each subsequent revision shall be identified by an appropriate numeral suffix immediately following the "R" suffix;
 - .5 Upon written approval of a Change Proposal by Owner, the Architect and the Contractor, the Architect will prepare an Allowance Expenditure Authorization or Change Order authorizing such change in the Work; and
 - .6 The Contractor shall request extensions of Contract Time due to changes in the Work only at the time of submitting its Change Proposal. Contractor's failure to do so shall represent a waiver of any right to request a Contract Time extension. Any request for extensions of Contract Time must be substantiated through the demonstration of the impact of the proposed item of change in the work to the critical path schedule for the project.

§ 7.2 Change Orders

§ 7.2.1 A Change Order is a written instrument prepared by the Architect and signed by the Owner, Contractor, and Architect stating their agreement upon all of the following:

- .1 The change in the Work;
- .2 The amount of the adjustment, if any, in the Contract Sum; and
- .3 The extent of the adjustment, if any, in the Contract Time.

§7.2.2 No change in the Work shall be the basis of an addition to the Contract Sum or a change in the Contract Time unless and until such change has been authorized by a Change Order executed and issued by the Owner in accordance with the Contract Documents. Changes in the Work may be made without notice to Contractor's sureties and absence of such notice shall not relieve such sureties of any of their obligations to Owner.

§7.2.3 Acceptance of a Change Order by the Contractor shall constitute full accord and satisfaction for any and all Claims, whether direct or indirect, including but not limited to, impact or delay damages, arising from the subject matter of the Change Order; or attorney's fees and costs arising from a dispute with a Subcontractor over the Change Order.

§ 7.3 Construction Change Directives

§ 7.3.1 A Construction Change Directive is a written order prepared by the Architect and signed by the Owner and, if required by the Owner, the Architect, directing a change in the Work prior to agreement on adjustment, if any, in the Contract Sum or Contract Time, or both. The Owner may by Construction Change Directive, without invalidating the Contract, order changes in the Work within the general scope of the Contract consisting of additions, deletions, or other revisions, the Contract Sum and Contract Time being adjusted accordingly.

§ 7.3.2 A Construction Change Directive shall be used in the absence of total agreement on the terms of a Change Order.

§ 7.3.3 If the Construction Change Directive provides for an adjustment to the Contract Sum, the adjustment shall be based on one of the following methods:

- .1 Mutual acceptance of a lump sum properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data to permit evaluation;
- .2 Unit prices stated in the Contract Documents or subsequently agreed upon;
- .3 Cost determined using RS Means as the standard reference, and a mutually acceptable fixed or percentage fee; or
- .4 As provided in Section 7.3.4.

§ 7.3.4 If the Contractor does not respond promptly or disagrees with the method for adjustment in the Contract Sum, the Architect shall make a recommendation of the adjustment on the basis of reasonable expenditures and savings of those performing the Work attributable to the change, including, in case of an increase in the Contract Sum, an amount for overhead and profit as set forth in the Agreement, or if no such amount is set forth in the Agreement, a reasonable amount all subject to the approval of the Owner. In such case, and also under Section 7.3.3.3, the Contractor shall keep and present, in such form as the Architect or Owner may prescribe, an itemized accounting together with appropriate

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supporting data. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, costs for the purposes of this Section 7.3.4 shall be limited to the following:

- .1 Costs of labor, including applicable payroll taxes, fringe benefits required by agreement or custom, workers' compensation insurance, and other employee costs approved by the Architect;
- .2 Costs of materials, supplies, and equipment, including cost of transportation, whether incorporated or consumed;
- .3 Rental costs of machinery and equipment, exclusive of hand tools, whether rented from the Contractor or others at rates that are no greater than market rates in the locale of the Work at the time of the Work. Unless otherwise established in the Contract, the rental value of the Contractor's own equipment shall not be more than the normal local rental rate for similar equipment;
- .4 Costs of premiums for all bonds and insurance, permit fees, and sales, use, or similar taxes, directly related to the change Work, except that sales, use or similar taxes to which the Owner is exempt shall not be included in the calculation of costs; and
- .5 Additional costs of supervision and field office personnel directly attributable to the change.

§ 7.3.5 If the Contractor disagrees with the adjustment in the Contract Time, the Contractor may make a Claim in accordance with applicable provisions of Article 15.

§ 7.3.6 Upon receipt of a Construction Change Directive, the Contractor shall promptly proceed with the change in the Work involved regardless of the Contractor's agreement with or disagreement with the adjustment in the Contract Sum or Contract Time or the method for determining them, and shall promptly advise the Architect of the Contractor's agreement or disagreement with the method, if any, provided in the Construction Change Directive for determining the proposed adjustment in the Contract Sum or Contract Time.

§ 7.3.7 A Construction Change Directive signed by the Contractor indicates the Contractor's agreement therewith, including adjustment in Contract Sum and Contract Time or the method for determining them. Such agreement shall be effective immediately and shall be recorded as a Change Order.

§ 7.3.8 The amount of credit to be allowed by the Contractor to the Owner for a deletion or change that results in a net decrease in the Contract Sum shall be actual net cost as confirmed by the Architect. When both additions and credits covering related Work or substitutions are involved in a change, the allowance for overhead and profit shall be figured on the basis of net increase, if any, with respect to that change.

§ 7.3.9 Pending final determination of the total cost of a Construction Change Directive to the Owner, the Contractor may request payment for Work completed under the Construction Change Directive in Applications for Payment. The Architect will make an interim determination for purposes of monthly certification for payment for those costs and certify for payment the amount that the Architect determines, in the Architect's professional judgment, to be reasonably justified, which shall be further subject to the Owner's review, modification, approval, or rejection. The Architect's interim determination of cost, as modified and/or approved by the Owner, shall adjust the Contract Sum on the same basis as a Change Order, subject to the right of the Contractor to disagree and assert a Claim in accordance with Article 15.

§ 7.3.10 When the Owner and Contractor agree with a determination made by the Architect concerning the adjustments in the Contract Sum and Contract Time, or otherwise reach agreement upon the adjustments, such agreement shall be effective immediately and the Architect will prepare a Change Order. Change Orders may be issued for all or any part of a Construction Change Directive.

§ 7.4 Minor Changes in the Work

The Architect may, subject to Owner approval, order minor changes in the Work that are consistent with the intent of the Contract Documents and do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Sum or an extension of the Contract Time. The Architect's order for minor changes shall be in writing. If the Contractor believes that the proposed minor change in the Work will affect the Contract Sum, Allowances, Contingencies or Contract Time, the Contractor shall notify the Architect. If the Contractor performs the Work set forth in the Architect's order for a minor change without prior notice to the Architect that such change will affect the Contract Sum, Allowances, Contingencies or Contract Time, the Contractor waives any adjustment to the Contract Sum or extension of the Contract Time. The Owner shall also retain authority to order such minor changes in the Work.

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ARTICLE 8 TIME

§ 8.1 Definitions

§ 8.1.1 Unless otherwise provided, Contract Time is the period of time, including authorized adjustments, allotted in the Contract Documents for Substantial Completion of the Work.

§ 8.1.2 The date of commencement shall be as indicated in the Notice to Proceed from the Owner. The Notice to Proceed shall not be issued until the Agreement has been signed by the Contractor and the Owner.

§ 8.1.3 The date of Substantial Completion is the date certified by the Architect and approved by the Owner in accordance with Section 9.8. The date of Final Completion is the date certified by the Architect and Owner in accordance with Section 9.10. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Owner, the Contractor agrees that Final Completion shall occur not more than the time allotted in the Contract Documents after the date of Substantial Completion.

§ 8.1.4 The term "day" as used in the Contract Documents shall mean calendar day unless otherwise specifically defined.

§ 8.2 Progress and Completion

§ 8.2.1 Time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Contract. By executing the Agreement, the Contractor confirms that the Contract Time is a reasonable period for performing the Work.

§ 8.2.2 The Contractor shall not knowingly, except by agreement or instruction of the Owner in writing, commence the Work prior to the effective date of insurance required to be furnished by the Contractor and Owner's approval of such insurance.

§ 8.2.3 The Contractor shall proceed expeditiously with adequate forces and shall achieve Substantial Completion within the Contract Time.

§ 8.3 Delays and Extensions of Time

§ 8.3.1 If the Contractor is delayed at any time in the commencement or progress of the Work by (1) an act or neglect of the Owner or Architect, of an authorized employee of either, or of a Separate Contractor; (2) by changes ordered in the Work; (3) by labor disputes, fire, unavoidable casualties, adverse weather conditions documented in accordance with Section 15.1.6.2, or other causes beyond the Contractor's control or which do not arise through the action or inaction of Contractor or its Subcontractor or suppliers, could not have been reasonably anticipated and could not have been avoided through the exercise of reasonable care or prudent construction management by the Contractor; (4) by delay authorized by the Owner pending mediation then the Contract Time shall be extended for such reasonable time as the Architect may determine subject to the Owner's concurrence. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Contractor shall not be entitled to an extension of time for changes in the Work required due to Contractor fault, or which extend beyond the time extension provided in a Change Order. Nothing in this provision will limit the rights of Owner under other provisions of this Contract.

§ 8.3.2 Claims relating to time shall be made in accordance with applicable provisions of Article 15. A disagreement concerning time extensions shall not relieve the Contractor from performing the Work required by the Contract Documents and shall not be cause for the Contractor to suspend Work on the Project.

§ 8.3.3 This agreement does not permit the recovery of damages by the Contractor for delay or disruption or for extensions of time due to bad weather or acts of god. Owner's exercise of any of its rights under the contract documents, including without limitation, its rights under article 6, changes in the work, regardless of the extent or number of such changes or owner's exercise of any of its remedies of suspension of the work or requirement or correction or re-execution of any defective work, shall not, under any circumstances, be construed as interference with Contractor's performance of the work and shall not entitle the Contractor to any additional compensation.

§ 8.3.4 In the event of inexcusable delay by Contractor, Owner may direct that the Work be accelerated by means of overtime, additional crews or additional shifts or re-sequencing of the Work. All such acceleration shall be at no cost to Owner.

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§ 8.3.5 In the event that Contractor does not complete the Work within the Contract Time, then in addition to any other costs and damages (liquidated or otherwise) for which Contractor is responsible, Contractor will provide, at its expense, any bonds required by governmental authorities to enable Owner to secure a Certificate of Occupancy (if required) even though there are items of Work which are incomplete.

§ 8.3.6 The Contractor's claims related to time shall be made in accordance with applicable provisions of the Contract Documents or they shall be deemed waived.

§ 8.3.7 Any provision of the Contract Documents to the contrary notwithstanding, it is expressly agreed that the extension of the Contract Time shall be Contractor's sole remedy for any delay unless the same shall have been caused by acts constituting interference by the Owner which interfere with Contractor's performance of the work, and then only to the extent that such acts continue after Contractor's written notice to Owner of such interference. Owner's exercise of any of its rights under the Contract Documents or Owner's exercise of any of its remedies of suspension of the Work or requirement or correction or re-execution of any defective Work shall not, under any circumstances, be construed as interference with Contractor's performance of the Work.

§ 8.4 Liquidated Damages

§ 8.4.1 The Work to be performed pursuant to these General Conditions shall be substantially completed by the date stated in the Contract Documents or by such dates thereafter as may be established in any written extensions granted under Article 8 of these General Conditions.

§ 8.4.2 Because time is of the essence and actual and direct damages will be suffered by the Owner if the Contractor does not substantially or finally complete all Work called for in the Contract Documents by the specified dates, and because such damages are impracticable and extremely difficult to determine, the Owner may deduct from any payment(s) due to the Contractor a sum equal to the Liquidated Damages amounts as set forth in the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 9 PAYMENTS AND COMPLETION

§ 9.1 Contract Sum

§ 9.1.1 The Contract Sum, or if the Project is a Construction Manager at Risk Project, Guaranteed Maximum Price, is stated in the Agreement and, including authorized adjustments, is the total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor for performance of the Work under the Contract Documents.

§ 9.1.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract Documents, the Owner may withhold any payment to the Contractor hereunder if and for so long as the Contractor fails to perform any of its material obligations hereunder or otherwise is in default under any of the provisions of the Contract Documents, subject to the requirements of applicable law.

§ 9.1.3 If unit prices are stated in the Contract Documents or subsequently agreed upon, and if quantities originally contemplated are materially changed so that application of such unit prices to the actual quantities causes substantial inequity to the Owner or Contractor, the applicable unit prices shall be equitably adjusted.

§ 9.1.4 In the event that the Contract Time is extended in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Contract Sum shall be increased for additional General Conditions incurred therefrom. The specific amount will be calculated based on the General Conditions identified in the initial Schedule of Values by dividing the scheduled amount by the original Contract Time (in calendar days) and multiplying the result by the amount of Contract Time extension (in calendar days).

§ 9.2 Schedule of Values

Where the Contract is based on a stipulated sum or Guaranteed Maximum Price, the Contractor shall submit a schedule of values to the Architect and the Owner before the first Application for Payment, allocating the entire Contract Sum to the various portions of the Work. The schedule of values shall be prepared in the form, and supported by the data to substantiate its accuracy, required by the Architect and the Owner. This schedule, unless objected to by the Architect or Owner, shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Contractor's Applications for Payment. Any changes to the schedule of values shall be submitted to the Architect and supported by such data to substantiate its accuracy as the Architect may require, and unless objected to by the Architect, shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Contractor's subsequent Applications for Payment.

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§ 9.3 Applications for Payment

§ 9.3.1 At least ten days before the date established for each progress payment, the Contractor shall submit to the Architect an itemized Application for Payment prepared in accordance with the schedule of values, if required under Section 9.2, for completed portions of the Work. The application shall be notarized, if required, and supported by all data substantiating the Contractor's right to payment that the Owner or Architect require, such as copies of requisitions, and releases and waivers of liens from Subcontractors and suppliers, and shall reflect retainage if provided for in the Contract Documents.

§ 9.3.1.1 As provided in Section 7.3.9, such applications may include requests for payment on account of changes in the Work that have been properly authorized by Construction Change Directives, or by interim determinations of the Architect, but not yet included in Change Orders.

§ 9.3.1.2 Applications for Payment shall not include requests for payment for portions of the Work for which the Contractor does not intend to pay a Subcontractor or supplier, unless such Work has been performed by others whom the Contractor intends to pay.

§ 9.3.1.3 All progress payment requests shall be accompanied by (i) an itemization of all Subcontractors and material suppliers, the amounts due each and the amounts to be paid out of said progress payment to each of them and (ii) by unconditional lien waivers releasing all liens and lien rights with respect to Work for which Owner has made payment under a prior progress payment request in a form reasonably satisfactory to Owner from Contractor and all its subcontractors and material suppliers with contracts in excess of \$25,000.00 (Evidence of prior progress payment shall apply to progress payments 61-days or older). When Contractor submits its request for payment of retainage, Contractor shall submit "All Bills Paid" affidavits and unconditional final lien waivers fully releasing all liens and lien rights with respect to the Work in a form reasonably satisfactory to Owner from Contractor and all its Subcontractors and material suppliers with contracts in excess of \$25,000.00. Applications for Payment shall be certified as correct by Contractor. Each Application for Payment shall also be accompanied by Certified Payrolls and such other affidavits, certificates, information, data and schedules as Owner may reasonably require. The Owner is not required to make any payment to Contractor to the extent reasonably necessary to protect Owner. In addition to the other requirements of this Article, the initial Application for Payment shall be preceded or accompanied by the following:

1. List of subcontractors,
2. Schedule of values,
3. Contractor's construction schedule (preliminary if not final),
4. If applicable, Combined Contractor's construction schedule (preliminary if not final) incorporating Work of multiple contracts, with indication of acceptance of schedule by each Contractor,
5. Products list (preliminary if not final),
6. Schedule of unit prices,
7. Submittal schedule (preliminary if not final),
8. List of Contractor's staff assignments,
9. List of Contractor's principal consultants,
10. Copies of building permits,
11. Copies of authorizations and licenses from authorities having jurisdiction for performance of the Work,
12. Initial progress report,
13. Report of preconstruction conference,
14. Certificates of insurance and insurance policies,
15. Performance and payment bonds,
16. Data needed to acquire Owner's insurance, and
17. Initial settlement survey and damage report if required.

In addition to the other requirements of this Article, each subsequent Application for Payment shall be accompanied by:

1. Updated Microsoft Project or Primavera P6 schedule meeting the requirements of Section 3.10,
2. Log of weather days, including backup documentation,
3. Where Unit Costs are in use, measurements for payments will be made only for actual measured and/or computed length, area, solid contents, number, and weight, unless other provisions are made in the Contract Documents. Payment on a unit price basis will not be made for Work outside finished dimensions shown in

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the Contract Documents. Include costs for waste, overages and tolerances in the unit price for that line item, and

4. Measurements for unit price quantities will be verified by the Architect/Engineer in conjunction with the General Contractor via inspection of the Work prior to submittal of interim Applications for Payment.

§ 9.3.2 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, payments shall be made on account of materials and equipment delivered and suitably stored at the site for subsequent incorporation in the Work. If approved in advance by the Owner, payment may similarly be made for materials and equipment suitably stored off the site at a location agreed upon in writing. Payment for materials and equipment stored on or off the site shall be conditioned upon compliance by the Contractor with procedures satisfactory to the Owner to establish the Owner's title to such materials and equipment or otherwise protect the Owner's interest, and shall include the costs of applicable insurance, storage, and transportation to the site, for such materials and equipment stored off the site. The location must be a bonded warehouse. Upon payment by the Owner of the invoiced cost, title to all such materials and equipment shall irrevocably pass to the Owner. The Contractor warrants that title to all materials and equipment covered by an Application for Payment will pass to the Owner upon the receipt of payment by the Contractor. Such title shall be free and clear of all liens, claims, security interests or encumbrances. No work, material or equipment covered by an Application for Payment shall be subject to an agreement under which an interest is retained or an encumbrance is attached by the seller, the Contractor, or other party.

§ 9.3.3 The Contractor warrants that title to all Work covered by an Application for Payment will pass to the Owner no later than the time of payment. The Contractor further warrants that upon submittal of an Application for Payment all Work for which Certificates for Payment have been previously issued and payments received from the Owner shall, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, information, and belief, be free and clear of liens, claims, security interests, or encumbrances, in favor of the Contractor, Subcontractors, suppliers, or other persons or entities that provided labor, materials, and equipment relating to the Work.

§ 9.4 Certificates for Payment

§ 9.4.1 The Architect will, within seven days after receipt of the Contractor's Application for Payment, either (1) issue to the Owner a Certificate for Payment in the full amount of the Application for Payment, with a copy to the Contractor; or (2) issue to the Owner a Certificate for Payment for such amount as the Architect determines is properly due, and notify the Contractor and Owner of the Architect's reasons for withholding certification in part as provided in Section 9.5.1; or (3) withhold certification of the entire Application for Payment, and notify the Contractor and Owner of the Architect's reason for withholding certification in whole as provided in Section 9.5.1. The Owner shall have the right to reject, modify, or approve the Architect's Certificate for Payment in whole or in part, and shall have the right to make the final determination of the payment to be made to the Contractor.

§ 9.4.2 The issuance of a Certificate for Payment will constitute a representation by the Architect to the Owner, based on the Architect's evaluation of the Work and the data in the Application for Payment, that, to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information, and belief, the Work has progressed to the point indicated, the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, and that the Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount certified. The foregoing representations are subject to an evaluation of the Work for conformance with the Contract Documents upon Substantial Completion, to results of subsequent tests and inspections, to correction of minor deviations from the Contract Documents prior to completion, and to specific qualifications expressed by the Architect. However, the issuance of a Certificate for Payment will not be a representation that the Architect has (1) made exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work; (2) reviewed construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures; (3) reviewed copies of requisitions received from Subcontractors and suppliers and other data requested by the Owner to substantiate the Contractor's right to payment; or (4) made examination to ascertain how or for what purpose the Contractor has used money previously paid on account of the Contract Sum. Such examinations, and verifications, if required by the Owner, will be performed by the Owner's auditors, accountants or other representatives acting in the sole interest of the Owner. By submitting the Contractor's Applications for Payment, the Contractor is certifying that the information presented is true, correct, accurate and complete; that he has made the necessary detailed examinations and arithmetic verifications; that the submitted Work has been completed to the extent represented in the Applications for Payment; that the materials and supplies identified in the previous Applications for Payment have been purchased, paid for and received; that the subcontractors have been paid as identified in the previous Applications for Payment; and that he has made the necessary on-site inspections to confirm the accuracy of the Applications for Payment; that there are no known mechanic's or material men's liens outstanding at the date of requisition; that all due and payable bills with respect to

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the Work have been paid to date or are included in the amount requested in the current application; that except for such bills not paid but so included, there is no known basis for the filing of mechanic's or material men's liens; and that releases from all subcontractors and material men have been obtained in such form as to constitute an effective release of lien under the laws of the State of Texas causing all Work performed and for which payment has been made by the Owner to the Contractor. In certifying the Contractor's Applications for Payment, the Architect represents that he has observed the progress of the Work, critically evaluated, reviewed and certified that the amounts requested are valid and correct. The Contractor acknowledges that the Owner may authorize minor changes to the work and that those minor changes may be funded in full or in part from contingencies or allowances which are represented in Applications for Payment and supporting documents. The Owner will rely upon the accuracy of the Application for Payment and supporting documentation furnished by the Contractor in authorizing minor changes. Therefore, the Contractor agrees that any arithmetic error made by the Contractor in any Application for Payment and supporting documents such as contingency logs or allowance balances shall not create an obligation on the part of the Owner to pay additional sums to correct previously approved Applications for Payment. **CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD OWNER HARMLESS FROM ANY LIENS, CLAIMS, SECURITY INTERESTS OR ENCUMBRANCES FILED BY THE CONTRACTOR, SUBCONTRACTORS, OR ANYONE CLAIMING BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR FOR ITEMS COVERED BY PAYMENTS MADE BY THE OWNER TO CONTRACTOR.**

§ 9.4.3 The issuance of a Certificate for Payment shall constitute a recommendation to the Owner in respect to the amount to be paid and shall be a prerequisite to any payment being made by the Owner to the Contractor. The Certificate of Payment is not binding on the Owner, and the Owner may rely on other provisions of the Contract Documents, as well as the Architect's Certificate, and on other information known to the Owner to determine the amount to be paid to or withheld from the Contractor.

§ 9.5 Decisions to Withhold Certification

§ 9.5.1 The Architect may withhold a Certificate for Payment in whole or in part, to the extent reasonably necessary to protect the Owner, if in the Architect's opinion the representations to the Owner required by Section 9.4.2 cannot be made. If the Architect is unable to certify payment in the amount of the Application, the Architect will notify the Contractor and Owner as provided in Section 9.4.1. If the Contractor and Architect cannot agree on a revised amount, the Architect will promptly issue a Certificate for Payment for the amount for which the Architect is able to make such representations to the Owner. The Architect may also withhold a Certificate for Payment or, because of subsequently discovered evidence, may nullify the whole or a part of a Certificate for Payment previously issued, to such extent as may be necessary in the Architect's opinion to protect the Owner from loss for which the Contractor is responsible, including loss resulting from acts and omissions described in Section 3.3.2, because of

- .1 defective Work not remedied;
- .2 third party claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of such claims, unless security acceptable to the Owner is provided by the Contractor;
- .3 failure of the Contractor to make payments properly to Subcontractors or suppliers for labor, materials or equipment;
- .4 reasonable evidence that the Work cannot be completed for the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum;
- .5 damage to the Owner or a Separate Contractor;
- .6 reasonable evidence that the Work will not be completed within the Contract Time, and that the unpaid balance would not be adequate to cover actual or liquidated damages for the anticipated delay;
- .7 failure to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents; or
- .8 failure to provide any submittals or documentation required under the Contract Documents in a timely manner, including a schedule of values and a construction schedule.

§ 9.5.2 When either party disputes the Architect's decision regarding a Certificate for Payment under Section 9.5.1, in whole or in part, that party may submit a Claim in accordance with Article 15.

§ 9.5.3 When the reasons for withholding certification are removed, certification will be made for amounts previously withheld.

§ 9.5.4 If the Architect withholds certification for payment under Section 9.5.1.3, the Owner may, at its sole option, issue joint checks to the Contractor and to any Subcontractor or supplier to whom the Contractor failed to make payment for Work properly performed or material or equipment suitably delivered. If the Owner makes payments by

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joint check, the Owner shall notify the Architect and the Contractor shall reflect such payment on its next Application for Payment.

§ 9.5.5 The Owner shall not be deemed to be in breach of the Contract Documents by reason of the withholding of any payment which Owner is entitled to withhold pursuant to any provision of the Contract Documents or withholds in reliance on any such Contract Document provision in good faith, or withholds, in good faith, in reliance on information that has come to the attention of the Owner that Owner reasonably believes constitutes sufficient reason to withhold payment, and, no interest shall accrue in connection with the withheld payment(s) determined to have been properly withheld.

§ 9.6 Progress Payments

§ 9.6.1 After the Architect has issued a Certificate for Payment, the Owner shall review the Application for Payment and the Architect's Certificate and shall make payment or withhold payment in the manner and within the time provided in the Contract Documents, and shall so notify the Architect.

§ 9.6.2 The Contractor will receive the payments made by Owner and will hold such payments in trust to be applied first to the payment of Subcontractors and any other parties furnishing labor, materials, equipment or services for the Work in accordance with the provisions of their subcontracts. The Contractor shall pay each Subcontractor, no later than ten days after receipt of payment from the Owner, the amount to which the Subcontractor is entitled, reflecting percentages actually retained from payments to the Contractor on account of the Subcontractor's portion of the Work, and before using any part of the payment from the Owner for any other purpose. The Contractor shall, by appropriate agreement with each Subcontractor, require each Subcontractor to make payments to Sub-subcontractors in a similar manner. If the Contractor has failed to make payment promptly to the Contractor's subcontractors or for materials or labor used in the Work for which the Owner has made payment to the Contractor, the Owner shall be entitled to withhold payment to the Contractor in part or in whole to the extent necessary to protect the Owner.

§ 9.6.3 The Architect will, on request, furnish to a Subcontractor, if practicable, information regarding percentages of completion or amounts applied for by the Contractor and action taken thereon by the Architect and Owner on account of portions of the Work done by such Subcontractor.

§ 9.6.4 The Owner has the right to request written evidence from the Contractor that the Contractor has properly paid Subcontractors and suppliers amounts paid by the Owner to the Contractor for subcontracted Work. The Owner shall have the right at all times to contact Subcontractors and material and equipment suppliers to ascertain whether they have been properly paid. Progress payments may, in the discretion of Owner, be made in the form of checks payable jointly to the Contractor and such parties. In the event Owner receives any notices of non-payment from parties furnishing labor, materials, equipment or services for the Work, progress payments and/or final payment may, in the discretion of Owner, be made in the form of checks payable jointly to the Contractor and such parties for such amounts as the Contractor agrees or the Owner determines are due. Notwithstanding any other provision in the Contract Documents, neither the Owner nor Architect shall have an obligation to pay, or to see to the payment of money to, a Subcontractor or supplier, except as may otherwise be required by law.

§ 9.6.5 The Contractor's payments to suppliers shall be treated in a manner similar to that provided in Sections 9.6.2, 9.6.3 and 9.6.4.

§ 9.6.6 A Certificate for Payment, a progress payment, or partial or entire use or occupancy of the Project by the Owner shall not constitute acceptance of Work not in accordance with the Contract Documents.

§ 9.6.7 The Contractor shall, as a condition precedent to any obligation of the Owner under the Contract, provide to the Owner payment and performance bonds in the full penal amount of the Contract in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract Documents, including Article 11 herein, and in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2253. Payments received by the Contractor for Work properly performed by Subcontractors or provided by suppliers shall be held by the Contractor for those Subcontractors or suppliers who performed Work or furnished materials, or both, under contract with the Contractor for which payment was made by the Owner.

§ 9.6.8 Provided the Owner has fulfilled its payment obligations under the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall defend and indemnify the Owner from all loss, liability, damage or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees and

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litigation expenses, arising out of any lien claim or other claim for payment by any Subcontractor or supplier of any tier. Upon receipt of notice of a lien claim or other claim for payment, the Owner may notify the Contractor.

§ 9.7 Failure of Payment

§ 9.7.1 The Contractor shall have the right to stop work for Owner's failure to pay undisputed amounts only in accordance with the provisions of applicable law.

§ 9.7.2 If the Owner is entitled to reimbursement or payment from the Contractor under or pursuant to the Contract Documents, such payment shall be made promptly upon demand by the Owner. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Contract Documents to the contrary, if the Contractor fails to promptly make any payment due to Owner, or the Owner incurs any costs and expenses to cure any default of the Contractor or to correct defective Work, pursuant to the Contract the Owner shall have an absolute right to offset such amount against the Contract Sum and may, in the Owner's sole discretion, elect either to:

- .1 deduct an amount equal to that which the Owner is entitled from any payment then or thereafter due to Contractor from the Owner; or
- .2 issue a written notice to the Contractor reducing the Contract Sum by an amount equal to that which the Owner is entitled.

§ 9.8 Substantial Completion

§ 9.8.1 Substantial Completion is the stage in the progress of the Work when the Work or designated portion thereof is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so that the Owner can occupy or utilize the Work for its intended use. Operation and maintenance data shall have been submitted and approved, system demonstrations have been performed, and a certificate of occupancy shall have been issued before Substantial Completion can be achieved. The Work will not be considered suitable for Substantial Completion review until all required governmental inspections and certifications have been made and posted, all final finishes within the Contract Documents are in place as required by the Specifications, and there shall have been a completion of and acceptance by Owner of all major punch-list items and a majority of minor items of a cosmetic nature, so that the Owner could occupy or otherwise utilize the Project on that date and the completion of the Work by the Contractor would not materially interfere or hamper the Owner's (or those claiming by, through or under the Owner) normal business operations. All work that could interfere with the Owner's use following Substantial Completion shall be performed by the Contractor after hours at no additional expense to the Owner. As a further condition of Substantial Completion acceptance, the Contractor shall certify that all remaining Work will be completed within ninety (90) consecutive calendar days following the date of Substantial Completion. In the event Substantial Completion is not achieved by the designated date, or as it may be extended, Owner may withhold payment of any further sums due until Substantial Completion is achieved. Owner shall also be entitled to deduct out of any sums due to Contractor any or all Liquidated Damages due Owner in accordance with the Contract Documents. In addition to the requirements of the Contract Documents, it is expressly understood that the establishment of Substantial Completion is subject to the following:

1. All fire alarm system components must be completed and demonstrated to the Owner.
2. Local fire marshal approval certificate must be delivered to the Owner.
3. All communications equipment and telephone systems must be complete and demonstrated to the Owner.
4. All final lockset cores and keys must be installed, and labeled with a bitting list.
5. All room plaques and exterior signage must be complete.
6. All Owner demonstrations and training must be completed, including kitchen equipment, HVAC equipment, plumbing equipment, and electrical equipment.
7. All final interior clean-up must be complete.
8. A final Certificate of Occupancy conforming to the requirements of the location jurisdictional authority must be signed by the Contractor and delivered to the Owner.
9. All operation and maintenance manuals must be complete and delivered to the Owner.
10. Temporary facilities and services have been removed.

§ 9.8.2 When the Contractor considers that the Work, or a portion thereof which the Owner agrees to accept separately, is substantially complete, the Contractor shall prepare and submit to the Architect a comprehensive list of items to be completed or corrected prior to final payment. Failure to include an item on such list does not alter the responsibility of the Contractor to complete all Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. The Architect and/or Owner shall have the right to add additional items to be completed or corrected to the comprehensive list submitted by the Contractor.

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§ 9.8.2.1 The Contractor's Project Manager or superintendent shall participate in the preparation of the Contractor's punch list that is submitted to the Architect and Owner for supplementation. Upon receipt, the Architect shall perform a spot review to determine the adequacy and completeness of the Contractor's punch list. Should the Architect determine that the Contractor's punch list lacks sufficient detail or requires extensive supplementation, the punch list will be returned to the Contractor for further inspection and revision. The date of Substantial Completion will be delayed until the punch list submitted is a reasonable representation of the work to be done.

§ 9.8.2.2 Upon receipt of an acceptable Contractor's punch list, the Contractor's Superintendent or Project Manager shall accompany the Architect, his Consultants and the Owner (at his discretion) during their inspections and the preparation of verbal or written additions to the Contractor's punch list. The Contractor's Project Manager or Superintendent shall record or otherwise take notes of all supplementary items and incorporate into the Final Punch List. A typed addition to the supplements to the punch list will be made by the Contractor. This procedure will produce a Final Punch List that has the Contractors, Architects, Consultants and Owner's comments incorporated in only one list. Delay in the preparation of the Final Punch List shall not be cause for a claim for additional cost or extension of time as the Contractor's superintendent shall have been in attendance during the inspections of the Architect and his consultants and will have been expected to have taken his own notes.

§ 9.8.2.3 The Contractor's Project Manager or Superintendent shall have been in attendance during the inspections of the Architect and his Consultants and will have been expected to take his own notes for addition to the Final Punch List.

§ 9.8.3 Upon receipt of the Contractor's list, the Architect will make an inspection to determine whether the Work or designated portion thereof is substantially complete. If the Architect's inspection discloses any item, whether or not included on the Contractor's list, which is not sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so that the Owner can occupy or utilize the Work or designated portion thereof for its intended use, the Contractor shall, before issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion, complete or correct such item upon notification by the Architect or Owner. In such case, the Contractor shall then submit a request for another inspection by the Architect to determine Substantial Completion. Architect is obligated under the agreement between Owner and Architect to make only a limited number of site visits to determine dates of Substantial Completion. Any fee which Owner incurs for additional site visits of Architect for determination of Substantial Completion will be at the expense of Contractor. Owner will deduct amount of Architect's compensation for re-inspection services from final payment or, at the Owner's discretion, may require the Contractor to reimburse the Owner for such costs directly.

§ 9.8.4 When the Work or designated portion thereof is substantially complete, the Architect will prepare a Certificate of Substantial Completion that shall establish the date of Substantial Completion; establish responsibilities of the Owner and Contractor for security, maintenance, heat, utilities, damage to the Work and insurance; and fix the time within which the Contractor shall finish all items on the list accompanying the Certificate. Warranties required by the Contract Documents shall commence on the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or designated portion thereof unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

§ 9.8.5 The Certificate of Substantial Completion shall be submitted to the Owner and Contractor for their written acceptance of responsibilities assigned to them in the Certificate.

§ 9.8.5.1 After the date of Substantial Completion of the project as evidenced by the Certificate of Substantial Completion, the Contractor will be allowed a period of ninety (90) days, unless extended by mutual agreement or provision of the Contract, within which to complete all work and correct all deficiencies contained in the punch list attached to the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Failure by the Contractor to complete such corrections within the stipulated time will be reported to the Contractor's surety. In the report of deficiency, the Contractor and surety will be informed that, should correction remain incomplete for ninety (90) additional days, the Owner will initiate action to complete corrective work out of the remaining contract funds in accordance with Article 14.2. Additional costs of the Owner, Architect, and other consultants incurred because of the Contractor's failure to complete the correction of deficiencies within ninety (90) days after the date of Substantial Completion, unless extended by mutual agreement or provision of the contract, will be deducted from the funds remaining to be paid to the Contractor. Should corrective work following Substantial Completion require more than one re-inspection after notification by the Contractor that corrections are complete; the cost of subsequent inspections shall also be deducted from funds remaining unpaid to the Contractor.

§ 9.8.5.2 The issuance of a Partial Certificate of Substantial Completion shall not relieve the contractor from the obligation to obtain Substantial Completion for the portions of the project not included in the Partial Certificate of Substantial Completion by the dates indicated in this Agreement. The issuance of a Partial Certificate of Substantial Completion shall not relieve the contractor from the assessment of liquidated damages for the portions of the project not included in the Partial Certificate of Substantial Completion by the dates indicated in this Agreement.

§ 9.8.6 Retainage is not due to the Contractor until thirty-one (31) days after Final Completion of the Work as set out in Section 9.10. After the Certificate of Substantial Completion is accepted by the Owner, the Owner may, at its sole discretion and upon acceptance and consent of surety, make payment of retainage on all or a part of the Work accepted. Final Completion includes submittal of all required closeout and record documents. The Contractor's request for retainage payment shall be accompanied by the Contractor's Affidavit of Payment of Debts and Claims or a comparable affidavit on a form acceptable to Owner. This document must be executed under oath and notarized.

§ 9.9 Partial Occupancy or Use

§ 9.9.1 The Owner may occupy or use any completed or partially completed portion of the Work at any stage when such portion is designated by separate agreement with the Contractor, provided such occupancy or use is consented to by the insurer, if such consent is necessary, and authorized by public authorities having jurisdiction over the Project. Such partial occupancy or use may commence whether or not the portion is substantially complete, provided the Owner and Contractor have accepted in writing the responsibilities assigned to each of them for payments, retainage, if any, security, maintenance, heat, utilities, damage to the Work and insurance, and have agreed in writing concerning the period for correction of the Work and commencement of warranties required by the Contract Documents. When the Contractor considers a portion substantially complete, the Contractor shall prepare and submit a list to the Architect and Owner as provided under Section 9.8.2. Consent of the Contractor to partial occupancy or use shall not be unreasonably withheld. The stage of the progress of the Work shall be determined by written agreement between the Owner and Contractor or, if no agreement is reached, by decision of the Architect or Owner.

§ 9.9.2 Immediately prior to such partial occupancy or use, the Owner, Contractor, and Architect shall jointly inspect the area to be occupied or portion of the Work to be used in order to determine and record the condition of the Work.

§ 9.9.3 Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, partial occupancy or use of a portion or portions of the Work shall not constitute acceptance of Work not complying with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

§ 9.10 Final Completion and Final Payment

§ 9.10.1 When all of the Work is finally completed and all required documentation has been submitted, and the Contractor is ready for a final inspection, it shall notify the Owner and the Architect thereof in writing. Upon receipt of the Contractor's notice that the Work is ready for final inspection and acceptance, the Architect will promptly make such inspection. When the Architect finds the Work acceptable under the Contract Documents and the Contractor fully performed, the Contractor shall issue its final Application for Payment. Upon agreement and approval, the Architect will promptly issue a final Certificate for Payment stating that to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information and belief, and on the basis of the Architect's on-site visits and inspections, the Work has been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents and that the entire balance found to be due the Contractor and noted in the final Certificate is due and payable. The Architect's final Certificate for Payment will constitute a further representation that conditions listed in Section 9.10.2 as precedent to the Contractor's being entitled to final payment have been fulfilled. Owner may rely on other provisions of the Contract Documents, as well as the Architect's Certificate, in determining the payment to be made to Contractor. Architect is obligated under the agreement between Owner and Architect to make only a limited number of site visits to determine Final Completion. Any fee which Owner incurs for additional site visits of Architect for determination of Final Completion will be at the expense of Contractor. Owner will deduct amount of Architect's compensation for re-inspection services from final payment or, at the Owner's discretion, may require the Contractor to reimburse the Owner for such costs directly.

§ 9.10.2 Neither final payment nor any remaining retained percentage shall become due until the Contractor submits to the Architect (1) an affidavit that payrolls, bills for materials and equipment, and other indebtedness connected with the Work for which the Owner or the Owner's property might be responsible or encumbered (less amounts withheld by Owner) have been paid or otherwise satisfied, (2) a certificate evidencing that insurance required by the Contract Documents to remain in force after final payment is currently in effect, (3) a written statement that the Contractor

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knows of no reason that the insurance will not be renewable to cover the period required by the Contract Documents, (4) consent of surety, if any, to final payment, (5) documentation of any special warranties, such as manufacturers' warranties or specific Subcontractor warranties, and (6) if required by the Owner, other data establishing payment or satisfaction of obligations, such as receipts and releases and waivers of liens, claims, security interests, or encumbrances arising out of the Contract, to the extent and in such form as may be designated by the Owner. If a Subcontractor refuses to furnish a release or waiver required by the Owner, the Contractor may furnish a bond satisfactory to the Owner to indemnify the Owner against such lien, claim, security interest, or encumbrance. If a lien, claim, security interest, or encumbrance remains unsatisfied after payments are made, the Contractor shall refund to the Owner all money that the Owner may be compelled to pay in discharging the lien, claim, security interest, or encumbrance, including all costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

§ 9.10.3 If, after Substantial Completion of the Work, Final Completion thereof is materially delayed through no fault of the Contractor or by issuance of Change Orders affecting Final Completion, and the Architect so confirms, the Owner shall, upon application by the Contractor and certification by the Architect and, if necessary, written consent of the surety, and without terminating the Contract, make payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed, and accepted, less retainage. Such payment shall be made under terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a waiver of Claims. Nothing in this subsection is intended to limit or reduce Owner's rights and remedies in the event of a Contractor default.

§ 9.10.4 The making of final payment shall not constitute a waiver of Claims by the
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§ 9.10.5 Acceptance of final payment by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, or a supplier, 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 Application for Payment.

ARTICLE 10 PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

§ 10.1 Safety Precautions and Programs

The Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the performance of the Contract.

§ 10.2 Safety of Persons and Property

§ 10.2.1 The Contractor shall take reasonable precautions for safety of, and shall provide reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to

- .1 employees on the Work and other persons who may be affected thereby;
- .2 the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site, under care, custody, or control of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, or a Sub-subcontractor.

§ 10.2.2 The Contractor shall comply with, and give notices required by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities, bearing on safety of persons or property or their protection from damage, injury, or loss.

§ 10.2.3 The Contractor shall implement, erect, and maintain, as required by existing conditions and performance of the Contract, reasonable safeguards for safety and protection, including posting danger signs and other warnings against hazards; promulgating safety regulations; and notifying the owners and users of adjacent sites and utilities of the safeguards.

§ 10.2.4 When use or storage of explosives or other hazardous materials or equipment, or unusual methods are necessary for execution of the Work, the Contractor shall exercise utmost care and carry on such activities under supervision of properly qualified personnel.

§ 10.2.5 The Contractor shall promptly remedy damage and loss (other than damage or loss insured under property insurance required by the Contract Documents) to property referred to in Sections 10.2.1.2 and 10.2.1.3 caused in whole or in part by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, a Sub-subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts they may be liable and for which the Contractor is responsible under Sections 10.2.1.2 and 10.2.1.3. The Contractor may make a Claim for the cost to remedy the damage or loss to the extent such

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damage or loss is attributable to acts or omissions of the Owner or Architect or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, or by anyone for whose acts either of them may be liable, and not attributable to the fault or negligence of the Contractor. The foregoing obligations of the Contractor are in addition to the Contractor's obligations under Section 3.18.

§ 10.2.6 The Contractor shall designate a responsible member of the Contractor's organization at the site whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. This person shall be the Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated by the Contractor in writing to the Owner and Architect.

§ 10.2.7 The Contractor shall not permit any part of the construction or site to be loaded so as to cause damage or create an unsafe condition.

§ 10.2.8 Injury or Damage to Person or Property

If either party suffers injury or damage to person or property because of an act or omission of the other party, or of others for whose acts such party is legally responsible, notice of the injury or damage, whether or not insured, should be given to the other party within a reasonable time not exceeding 21 days after discovery. The notice shall provide sufficient detail to enable the other party to investigate the matter.

§ 10.2.9 The performance of the foregoing services shall not relieve the Subcontractors of their responsibilities for the safety of persons and property and for compliance with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities applicable to the conduct of the Work.

§ 10.2.10 The Contractor shall be responsible for taking all precautions necessary to protect the Work in place from any foreseeable weather conditions which could cause any potential damage to portions or all Work in place. The Contractor shall be responsible for performing all repairs and/or replacement of any Work that results from foreseeable weather conditions.

§ 10.3 Hazardous Materials and Substances

§ 10.3.1 The Contractor is responsible for compliance with any requirements included in the Contract Documents regarding hazardous materials or substances. If the Contractor encounters a hazardous material or substance not addressed in the Contract Documents and if reasonable precautions will be inadequate to prevent foreseeable bodily injury or death to persons resulting from a material or substance, including but not limited to asbestos or polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), encountered on the site by the Contractor, the Contractor shall, upon recognizing the condition, immediately stop Work in the affected area and notify the Owner and Architect of the condition. The Contractor shall have no responsibility to initially discover the presence of such hazardous materials on the project site, but shall have an affirmative duty to immediately report to the Owner the existence of such materials actually known by the Contractor or the Contractor's consultants to be present on the project site. Provided, however, that these limitations shall not apply if the Contractor places or allows such hazardous materials to be placed on the Project site.

§ 10.3.2 Upon receipt of the Contractor's notice, the Owner shall obtain the services of a licensed laboratory to verify the presence or absence of the material or substance reported by the Contractor and, in the event such material or substance is found to be present, to cause it to be rendered harmless. Unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents, the Owner shall furnish in writing to the Contractor and Architect the names and qualifications of persons or entities who are to perform tests verifying the presence or absence of the material or substance or who are to perform the task of removal or safe containment of the material or substance. The Contractor and the Architect will promptly reply to the Owner in writing stating whether or not either has reasonable objection to the persons or entities proposed by the Owner. If either the Contractor or Architect has an objection to a person or entity proposed by the Owner, the Owner shall propose another to whom the Contractor and the Architect have no reasonable objection. When the material or substance has been rendered harmless, Work in the affected area shall resume upon written agreement of the Owner and Contractor. By Change Order, the Contract Time shall be extended appropriately, and the Contract Sum shall be increased by the amount of the Contractor's reasonable additional costs of shutdown, delay, and start-up.

§ 10.3.3 To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless the Contractor, Subcontractors, Architect, Architect's consultants, and agents and employees of any of them from and against claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work in the affected area if in fact the material or substance presents the risk of bodily injury or

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death as described in Section 10.3.1 and has not been rendered harmless, provided that such claim, damage, loss, or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), except to the extent that such damage, loss, or expense is due to the fault or negligence of the party seeking indemnity.

§ 10.3.4 The Owner shall not be responsible under this Section 10.3 for hazardous materials or substances the Contractor brings to the site unless such materials or substances are required by the Contract Documents. The Owner shall be responsible for hazardous materials or substances required by the Contract Documents, except to the extent of the Contractor's fault or negligence in the use and handling of such materials or substances.

§ 10.3.5 The Contractor shall reimburse the Owner for the cost and expense the Owner incurs (1) for remediation of hazardous materials or substances the Contractor brings to the site and negligently handles, or (2) where the Contractor fails to perform its obligations under Section 10.3.1, except to the extent that the cost and expense are due to the Owner's fault or negligence.

§ 10.3.6 If, without negligence on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor is held liable by a government agency for the cost of remediation of a hazardous material or substance solely by reason of performing Work as required by the Contract Documents, the Owner shall reimburse the Contractor for all cost and expense thereby incurred.

§ 10.4 Emergencies

In an emergency affecting safety of persons or property, the Contractor shall act, at the Contractor's discretion, to prevent threatened damage, injury, or loss. Additional compensation or extension of time claimed by the Contractor on account of an emergency shall be determined as provided in Article 15 and Article 7.

§ 10.5 Materials Containing Asbestos, Lead or PCB's

§ 10.5.1 The Contractor and each Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor and supplier, prior to final payment, shall submit a notarized statement on their letterhead certifying "to the best of their information, knowledge and belief, asbestos, asbestos-containing materials, and PCBs have not been used or incorporated into the Work and lead or lead-bearing materials have not been incorporated into potable water systems, purpose of definition as used in this statement, the term "potable water systems" includes, without limitation, those water systems for drinking fountains, all sinks, showers, bath tubs, residential and commercial kitchen equipment, ice machines, and hose bibs, as applicable to the Project.

§ 10.5.2 To the best knowledge of the Owner, the Architect and his consultants, no products or materials containing asbestos or polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) or other toxic substances have been specified for this Project. In the event the Contractor or his Subcontractors become aware that any products or materials specified, ordered, scheduled for or already incorporated in the Work on this Project, contain any hazardous material, whether stated in Section 10.4.1 or not, the situation shall be reported immediately to the Owner and Architect in writing. An acceptable, equal substitute for the product or material in question shall be proposed by the Contractor and the product or material in question, if already onsite or incorporated in the Work, shall be removed from the site immediately and returned to the supplier or manufacturer.

§ 10.5.3 As a part of the Project Close Out process and prior to receiving payment of any of the retainage the Contractor and his Subcontractors shall submit notarized affidavits and MSDS certifying that hazardous materials were not incorporated into the construction of the Project.

ARTICLE 11 INSURANCE AND BONDS

§ 11.1 Contractor's Insurance and Bonds

§ 11.1.1 The Contractor shall purchase and maintain insurance of the types and limits of liability, containing the endorsements, and subject to the terms and conditions, as described in the Agreement or elsewhere in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall purchase and maintain the required insurance from an insurance company or insurance companies lawfully authorized to issue insurance in the jurisdiction where the Project is located. The Owner, and Program Manager shall be named as additional insureds under the Contractor's commercial general liability policy or as otherwise described in the Contract Documents.

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§ 11.1.2 The Contractor shall provide surety bonds of the types, for such penal sums, and subject to such terms and conditions as required by the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall purchase and maintain the required bonds from a company or companies lawfully authorized to issue surety bonds in the jurisdiction where the Project is located.

§ 11.1.3 Upon the request of any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of bonds covering payment of obligations arising under the Contract, the Contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of the bonds or shall authorize a copy to be furnished.

§ 11.1.4 **Notice of Cancellation or Expiration of Contractor's Required Insurance.** Within three (3) business days of the date the Contractor becomes aware of an impending or actual cancellation or expiration of any insurance required by the Contract Documents; the Contractor shall provide notice to the Owner of such impending or actual cancellation or expiration. Upon receipt of notice from the Contractor, the Owner shall, unless the lapse in coverage arises from an act or omission of the Owner, have the right to stop the Work until the lapse in coverage has been cured by the procurement of replacement coverage by the Contractor. The furnishing of notice by the Contractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any contractual obligation to provide any required coverage.

§ 11.2 Owner's Insurance

§ 11.2.1 The Owner shall purchase and maintain insurance of the types and limits of liability, containing the endorsements, and subject to the terms and conditions, as described in the Agreement or elsewhere in the Contract Documents. The Owner shall purchase and maintain the required insurance from an insurance company or insurance companies lawfully authorized to issue insurance in the jurisdiction where the Project is located.

§ 11.2.2 **Failure to Purchase Required Property Insurance.** If the Owner fails to purchase and maintain the required property insurance, with all of the coverages and in the amounts described in the Agreement or elsewhere in the Contract Documents, the Owner shall inform the Contractor in writing prior to commencement of the Work. Upon receipt of notice from the Owner, the Contractor may delay commencement of the Work and may obtain insurance that will protect the interests of the Contractor, Subcontractors, and Sub-Subcontractors in the Work. When the failure to provide coverage has been cured or resolved, the Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be equitably adjusted. In the event the Owner fails to procure coverage, the Owner waives all rights against the Contractor, Subcontractors, and Sub-subcontractors to the extent the loss to the Owner would have been covered by the insurance to have been procured by the Owner. The cost of the insurance shall be charged to the Owner by a Change Order. If the Owner does not provide written notice, and the Contractor is damaged by the failure or neglect of the Owner to purchase or maintain the required insurance, the Owner shall reimburse the Contractor for all reasonable costs and damages attributable thereto.

§ 11.2.3 **Notice of Cancellation or Expiration of Owner's Required Property Insurance.** Within three (3) business days of the date the Owner becomes aware of an impending or actual cancellation or expiration of any property insurance required by the Contract Documents; the Owner shall provide notice to the Contractor of such impending or actual cancellation or expiration. Unless the lapse in coverage arises from an act or omission of the Contractor: (1) the Contractor, upon receipt of notice from the Owner, shall have the right to stop the Work until the lapse in coverage has been cured by the procurement of replacement coverage by either the Owner or the Contractor; (2) the Contract Time and Contract Sum shall be equitably adjusted; and (3) the Owner waives all rights against the Contractor, Subcontractors, and Sub-subcontractors to the extent any loss to the Owner would have been covered by the insurance had it not expired or been cancelled. If the Contractor purchases replacement coverage, the cost of the insurance shall be charged to the Owner by an appropriate Change Order. The furnishing of notice by the Owner shall not relieve the Owner of any contractual obligation to provide required insurance.

§ 11.3 Waivers of Subrogation

§ 11.3.1 The Owner and Contractor waive all rights against (1) each other and any of their subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, agents, and employees, each of the other; (2) the Architect and Architect's consultants; and (3) Separate Contractors, if any, and any of their subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, agents, and employees, for damages caused by fire, or other causes of loss, to the extent those losses are covered by property insurance required by the Agreement or other property insurance applicable to the Project, except such rights as they have to proceeds of such insurance. The Owner or Contractor, as appropriate, shall require similar written waivers in favor of the individuals and entities identified above from the Architect, Architect's consultants, Separate Contractors, subcontractors, and sub-subcontractors. The policies of insurance purchased and maintained by each person or entity agreeing to waive claims pursuant to this section 11.3.1 shall not prohibit this waiver of subrogation. This waiver of subrogation shall be

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effective as to a person or entity (1) even though that person or entity would otherwise have a duty of indemnification, contractual or otherwise, (2) even though that person or entity did not pay the insurance premium directly or indirectly, or (3) whether or not the person or entity had an insurable interest in the damaged property.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 11.3.2 If during the Project construction period the Owner insures properties, real or personal or both, at or adjacent to the site by property insurance under policies separate from those insuring the Project, or if after final payment property insurance is to be provided on the completed Project through a policy or policies other than those insuring the Project during the construction period, to the extent permissible by such policies, the Owner waives all rights in accordance with the terms of Section 11.3.1 for damages caused by fire or other causes of loss covered by this separate property insurance.

§ 11.4 Loss of Use, Business Interruption, and Delay in Completion Insurance

The Owner, at the Owner's option, may purchase and maintain insurance that will protect the Owner against loss of use of the Owner's property, or the inability to conduct normal operations, due to fire or other causes of loss. The Owner waives all rights of action against the Contractor and Architect for loss of use of the Owner's property, due to fire or other hazards however caused.

§11.5 Adjustment and Settlement of Insured Loss

§ 11.5.1 A loss insured under the property insurance required by the Agreement shall be adjusted by the Owner as fiduciary and made payable to the Owner as fiduciary for the insureds, as their interests may appear, subject to requirements of any applicable mortgagee clause and of Section 11.5.2. The Owner shall pay the Architect and Contractor their just shares of insurance proceeds received by the Owner, and by appropriate agreements the Architect and Contractor shall make payments to their consultants and Subcontractors in similar manner.

§ 11.5.2 Prior to settlement of an insured loss, the Owner shall notify the Contractor of the terms of the proposed settlement as well as the proposed allocation of the insurance proceeds. The Contractor shall have 14 days from receipt of notice to object to the proposed settlement or allocation of the proceeds. If the Contractor does not object, the Owner shall settle the loss and the Contractor shall be bound by the settlement and allocation. Upon receipt, the Owner shall deposit the insurance proceeds in a separate account and make the appropriate distributions. Thereafter, if no other agreement is made or the Owner does not terminate the Contract for convenience, the Owner and Contractor shall execute a Change Order for reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed Work in the amount allocated for that purpose. If the Contractor timely objects to either the terms of the proposed settlement or the allocation of the proceeds, the Owner may proceed to settle the insured loss, and any dispute between the Owner and Contractor arising out of the settlement or allocation of the proceeds shall be resolved pursuant to Article 15. Pending resolution of any dispute, the Owner may issue a Construction Change Directive for the reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed Work.

ARTICLE 12 UNCOVERING AND CORRECTION OF WORK

§ 12.1 Uncovering of Work

§ 12.1.1 If a portion of the Work is covered contrary to the Architect's request or to requirements specifically expressed in the Contract Documents, it must, if requested in writing by the Architect, be uncovered for the Architect's examination and be replaced at the Contractor's expense without change in the Contract Time.

§ 12.1.2 If a portion of the Work has been covered that the Architect has not specifically requested to examine prior to its being covered, the Architect may request to see such Work and it shall be uncovered by the Contractor. If such Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment to the Contract Sum and Contract Time as may be appropriate. If such Work is not in accordance with the Contract Documents, the costs of uncovering the Work, and the cost of correction, shall be at the Contractor's expense.

§ 12.2 Correction of Work

§ 12.2.1 Before Substantial Completion

The Contractor shall promptly correct Work rejected by the Architect or failing to conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents, discovered before Substantial Completion and whether or not fabricated, installed or completed. Costs of correcting such rejected Work, including additional testing and inspections, the cost of uncovering and replacement, and compensation for the Architect's services and expenses made necessary thereby, shall be at the Contractor's expense.

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§ 12.2.2 After Substantial Completion

§ 12.2.2.1 In addition to the Contractor's obligations under Section 3.5, if, within one year after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or designated portion thereof or after the date for commencement of warranties established under Section 9.9.1, or by terms of any applicable special warranty required by the Contract Documents, any of the Work is found to be not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall correct it promptly after receipt of notice from the Owner to do so, unless the Owner has previously given the Contractor a written acceptance of such condition. The Owner shall give such notice promptly after discovery of the condition. During the one-year period for correction of Work, if the Owner fails to notify the Contractor and give the Contractor an opportunity to make the correction, the Owner waives the rights to require correction by the Contractor and to make a claim for breach of warranty. If the Contractor fails to correct nonconforming Work within a reasonable time during that period after receipt of notice from the Owner or Architect, the Owner may correct it in accordance with Section 2.5.

§ 12.2.2.2 The one-year period for correction of Work shall be extended with respect to portions of Work first performed after Substantial Completion by the period of time between Substantial Completion and the actual completion of that portion of the Work.

§ 12.2.2.3 The one-year period for correction of Work shall not be extended by corrective Work performed by the Contractor pursuant to this Section 12.2.

§ 12.2.3 The Contractor shall remove from the site portions of the Work that are not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and are neither corrected by the Contractor nor accepted by the Owner.

§ 12.2.4 The Contractor shall bear the cost of correcting destroyed or damaged construction of the Owner or Separate Contractors, whether completed or partially completed, caused by the Contractor's correction or removal of Work that is not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

§ 12.2.5 Nothing contained in this Section 12.2 shall be construed to establish a period of limitation with respect to other obligations the Contractor has under the Contract Documents. Establishment of the one-year period for correction of Work as described in Section 12.2.2 relates only to the specific obligation of the Contractor to correct the Work, and has no relationship to the time within which the obligation to comply with the Contract Documents may be sought to be enforced, nor to the time within which proceedings may be commenced to establish the Contractor's liability with respect to the Contractor's obligations other than specifically to correct the Work.

§ 12.3 Acceptance of Nonconforming Work

If the Owner prefers to accept Work that is not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, the Owner may do so instead of requiring its removal and correction, in which case the Contract Sum will be reduced as appropriate and equitable. Such adjustment shall be effected whether or not final payment has been made.

ARTICLE 13 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 13.1 Governing Law

The Contract shall be governed by the law of the place where the Project is located, excluding that jurisdiction's choice of law rules.

§ 13.2 Successors and Assigns

§ 13.2.1 The Owner and Contractor respectively bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents. Except as provided in Section 13.2.2, neither party to the Contract shall assign the Contract as a whole without written consent of the other. If either party attempts to make an assignment without such consent, that party shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all obligations under the Contract.

§ 13.2.2 The Owner may, without consent of the Contractor, assign the Contract to a lender providing construction financing for the Project, if the lender assumes the Owner's rights and obligations under the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall execute all consents reasonably required to facilitate the assignment.

§ 13.3 Rights and Remedies

§ 13.3.1 Duties and obligations imposed by the Contract Documents and rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of duties, obligations, rights, and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law.

§ 13.3.2 No action or failure to act by the Owner, Architect, or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of a right or duty afforded them under the Contract, nor shall such action or failure to act constitute approval of or acquiescence in a breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed upon in writing.

§ 13.4 Tests and Inspections

§ 13.4.1 Tests, inspections, and approvals of portions of the Work shall be made as required by the Contract Documents and by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations or lawful orders of public authorities. Unless otherwise provided, the Contractor shall make arrangements for such tests, inspections, and approvals with an independent testing laboratory or entity selected by the Owner, or with the appropriate public authority, and the Owner shall bear all related costs of initial tests, inspections, and approvals. The Contractor shall give the Architect timely notice of when and where tests and inspections are to be made so that the Architect may be present for such procedures. The Owner shall bear costs of tests, inspections, or approvals that do not become requirements until after bids are received or negotiations concluded. The Owner shall directly arrange and pay for tests, inspections, or approvals where building codes or applicable laws or regulations so require.

§ 13.4.2 If the Architect, Owner, or public authorities having jurisdiction determine that portions of the Work require additional testing, inspection, or approval not included under Section 13.4.1, the Architect will, upon written authorization from the Owner, instruct the Contractor to make arrangements for such additional testing, inspection, or approval, by an entity acceptable to the Owner, and the Contractor shall give timely notice to the Architect of when and where tests and inspections are to be made so that the Architect may be present for such procedures. Such costs, except as provided in Section 13.4.3, shall be at the Owner's expense.

§ 13.4.3 If procedures for testing, inspection, or approval under Sections 13.4.1 and 13.4.2 reveal failure of the portions of the Work to comply with requirements established by the Contract Documents, all costs made necessary by such failure, including those of repeated procedures and compensation for the Architect's services and expenses, shall be at the Contractor's expense.

§ 13.4.4 Required certificates of testing, inspection, or approval shall, unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents, be secured by the Contractor and promptly delivered to the Architect.

§ 13.4.5 If the Architect is to observe tests, inspections, or approvals required by the Contract Documents, the Architect will do so promptly and, where practicable, at the normal place of testing.

§ 13.4.6 Tests or inspections conducted pursuant to the Contract Documents shall be made promptly to avoid unreasonable delay in the Work.

§ 13.5 Interest

Payments due and unpaid under the Contract Documents shall bear interest from the date payment is due at the rate the parties agree upon in writing or, in the absence thereof, at the legal rate prevailing from time to time at the place where the Project is located.

§13.6 Certificate of Nonsegregated Facility

§13.6.1 This section is applicable to Contracts and Subcontracts exceeding \$10,000.00 that are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause.

§13.6.2 By the signing of this Contract, the Contractor signifies that it does not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. It certifies further that it will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The undersigned agrees that a violation of this certification constitutes a breach of this Contract. As used in this

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certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, Work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The Contractor further agrees that (except where it obtained identical certifications from proposed consultants for specific time period) it will obtain identical certifications from proposed Subcontractors prior to the award of a contract exceeding \$10,000.00 that are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause; that it will retain such certifications in its files; and that it will forward the following notice to such proposed Subcontractors (except where the proposed Subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods): Notice to Prospective Subcontractors of requirement for certification of nonsegregated facilities. A certification of nonsegregated facilities, as required by the May 19, 1967 Order (32 FR 7439, May 19, 1967) on elimination of segregated facilities, by the Secretary of Labor, must be submitted prior to the award of a contract exceeding \$10,000.00 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause. The certification may be submitted either for each subcontract or for all subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually). The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.11.

§ 13.6.3 Program Manager shall have, and is hereby granted by Owner, full and complete power, authority, and discretion to act for, and in the name, place, and stead of, Owner in carrying out and discharging the responsibilities and obligations of Program Manager under the Agreement between the Owner and Program Manager; provided, however, that Program Manager shall have no right or authority, express or implied, to commit or otherwise obligate Owner in any manner whatsoever except to the extent specifically provided in the Agreement between the Owner and the Program Manager or specifically authorized in writing by Owner. In no event shall Program Manager be authorized to execute any documents, agreements, or other instruments on behalf of Owner without written approval by Owner. In no event shall Program Manager have the authority to modify completion dates of the Project Schedule without written approval by Owner. Program Manager shall have the authority to modify interim milestones dates not affecting the completion dates specified in the Agreements between the parties. In no event shall Program Manager have the authority to modify contract value of the Project without written approval by Owner. Program Manager shall have the authority to modify budgets, contingencies, allowances and similar accounting tasks not affecting the contract value specified in the Agreements between the parties. In no event shall Program Manager have the authority to relax or to bind the Owner to codes and standards imposed by the Authorities Having Jurisdiction, unless authorized in writing by the Owner.

ARTICLE 14 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF THE CONTRACT

§ 14.1 Termination by the Contractor

§ 14.1.1 The Contractor may terminate the Contract if the Work is stopped for a period of 30 consecutive days through no act or fault of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, a Sub-subcontractor, their agents or employees, or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work, for any of the following reasons:

- .1 Issuance of an order of a court or other public authority having jurisdiction that requires all Work to be stopped;
- .2 An act of government, such as a declaration of national emergency, that requires all Work to be stopped;
- .3 Because the Architect has not issued a Certificate for Payment and has not notified the Contractor of the reason for withholding certification as provided in Section 9.4.1, or because the Owner has not made payment on a Certificate for Payment within the time stated in the Contract Documents; or
- .4 The Owner has failed to furnish to the Contractor reasonable evidence as required by Section 2.2.

§ 14.1.2 The Contractor may terminate the Contract if, through no act or fault of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, a Sub-subcontractor, their agents or employees, or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work, repeated suspensions, delays, or interruptions of the entire Work by the Owner as described in Section 14.3, constitute in the aggregate more than 100 percent of the total number of days scheduled for completion, or 120 days in any 365-day period, whichever is less.

§ 14.1.3 If one of the reasons described in Section 14.1.1 or 14.1.2 exists, the Contractor may, upon seven days' notice to the Owner and Architect, terminate the Contract and recover from the Owner payment for Work executed, as well as reasonable overhead and profit on Work not executed, and costs incurred by reason of such termination.

§ 14.1.4 If the Work is stopped for a period of 60 consecutive days through no act or fault of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, a Sub-subcontractor, or their agents or employees or any other persons or entities performing portions

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of the Work because the Owner has repeatedly failed to fulfill the Owner's obligations under the Contract Documents with respect to matters important to the progress of the Work, the Contractor may, upon seven additional days' notice to the Owner and the Architect, terminate the Contract and recover from the Owner as provided in Section 14.1.3.

§ 14.2 Termination by the Owner for Cause

§ 14.2.1 The Owner may terminate the Contract if the Contractor

- .1 repeatedly refuses or fails to supply enough properly skilled workers or proper materials;
- .2 fails to make payment to Subcontractors or suppliers in accordance with the respective agreements between the Contractor and the Subcontractors or suppliers;
- .3 repeatedly disregards applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of a public authority; or
- .4 otherwise is guilty of substantial breach of a provision of the Contract Documents.

§ 14.2.2 When any of the reasons described in Section 14.2.1 exist, the Owner may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Owner and after giving the Contractor and the Contractor's surety, if any, seven days' notice, terminate employment of the Contractor and may, subject to any prior rights of the surety:

- .1 Exclude the Contractor from the site and take possession of all materials, equipment, tools, and construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Contractor;
- .2 Accept assignment of subcontracts pursuant to Section 5.4; and
- .3 Finish the Work by whatever reasonable method the Owner may deem expedient. Upon written request of the Contractor, the Owner shall furnish to the Contractor a detailed accounting of the costs incurred by the Owner in finishing the Work.

§ 14.2.3 When the Owner terminates the Contract for one of the reasons stated in Section 14.2.1, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive further payment until the Work is finished.

§ 14.2.4 If the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum, less unspent Allowances, exceeds costs of finishing the Work, including compensation for the Architect's services and expenses made necessary thereby, and other damages incurred by the Owner and not expressly waived, such excess shall be paid to the Contractor. If such costs and damages exceed the unpaid balance, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner. The amount to be paid to the Contractor or Owner, as the case may be, shall be certified by the Initial Decision Maker, upon application, and this obligation for payment shall survive termination of the Contract.

§ 14.3 Suspension by the Owner for Convenience

§ 14.3.1 The Owner may, without cause, order the Contractor in writing to suspend, delay or interrupt the Work, in whole or in part for such period of time as the Owner may determine.

§ 14.3.2 The Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be adjusted for increases in the cost and time caused by suspension, delay, or interruption under Section 14.3.1. Adjustment of the Contract Sum shall include profit. No adjustment shall be made to the extent

- .1 that performance is, was, or would have been, so suspended, delayed, or interrupted, by another cause for which the Contractor is responsible; or
- .2 that an equitable adjustment is made or denied under another provision of the Contract.

§ 14.3.3 In case of such suspension for the Owner's convenience, the Owner shall pay the Contractor for Work properly executed and costs incurred by reason of the suspension, including costs attributable to suspension of Subcontracts. Contractor shall be entitled to an adjustment to the Contract Sum only to the extent additional cost actually incurred and substantiated to the satisfaction of the Owner by Contractor.

§ 14.4 Termination by the Owner for Convenience

§ 14.4.1 The Owner may, at any time, terminate the Contract for the Owner's convenience and without cause.

§ 14.4.2 Upon receipt of notice from the Owner of such termination for the Owner's convenience, the Contractor shall

- .1 cease operations as directed by the Owner in the notice;
- .2 take actions necessary, or that the Owner may direct, for the protection and preservation of the Work; and

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- .3 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.

§ 14.4.3 In case of such termination for the Owner's convenience, the Owner shall pay the Contractor for Work properly executed and costs incurred by reason of the termination, including costs attributable to termination of Subcontracts. Contractor shall be entitled to an adjustment to the Contract Sum only to the extent additional cost actually incurred and substantiated to the satisfaction of the Owner by Contractor.

§ 14.5 Suspension by the Owner for Cause

§ 14.5.1 The Owner may suspend the Contract if the Contractor

- .1 repeatedly refuses or fails to supply enough properly skilled workers or proper materials;
- .2 fails to make payment to Subcontractors or suppliers in accordance with the respective agreements between the Contractor and the Subcontractors or suppliers;
- .3 repeatedly disregards applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of a public authority; or
- .4 otherwise is guilty of substantial breach of a provision of the Contract Documents.

§ 14.5.2 When any of the reasons described in Section 14.5.1 exist, the Owner may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Owner and after giving the Contractor and the Contractor's surety, if any, seven days' notice, suspend employment of the Contractor and may, subject to any prior rights of the surety:

- .1 Exclude the Contractor from the site and take possession of all materials, equipment, tools, and construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Contractor;
- .2 Accept assignment of subcontracts pursuant to Section 5.4; and
- .3 Finish the Work by whatever reasonable method the Owner may deem expedient. Upon written request of the Contractor, the Owner shall furnish to the Contractor a detailed accounting of the costs incurred by the Owner in finishing the Work.

§ 14.5.3 When the Owner suspends the Contract for one of the reasons stated in Section 14.5.1, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive further payment until the Work is finished.

§ 14.5.4 If the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum, less unspent Allowances, exceeds costs of finishing the Work, including compensation for the Architect's services and expenses made necessary thereby, and other damages incurred by the Owner and not expressly waived, such excess shall be paid to the Contractor. If such costs and damages exceed the unpaid balance, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner. The amount to be paid to the Contractor or Owner, as the case may be, shall be certified by the Initial Decision Maker, upon application, and this obligation for payment shall survive termination of the Contract.

ARTICLE 15 CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

§ 15.1 Claims

§ 15.1.1 Definition

A Claim is a demand or assertion by one of the parties seeking, as a matter of right, payment of money, a change in the Contract Time, or other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract. The term "Claim" also includes other disputes and matters in question between the Owner and Contractor arising out of or relating to the Contract. The responsibility to substantiate Claims shall rest with the party making the Claim. This Section 15.1.1 does not require the Owner to file a Claim in order to impose liquidated damages in accordance with the Contract Documents.

§ 15.1.2 Time Limits on Claims

The Owner and Contractor shall commence all Claims and causes of action against the other and arising out of or related to the Contract, whether in contract, tort, breach of warranty or otherwise, in accordance with the requirements of the binding dispute resolution method selected in the Agreement and within the period specified by applicable law, but in any case not more than 10 years after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work. The Owner and Contractor waive all Claims and causes of action not commenced in accordance with this Section 15.1.2.

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§ 15.1.3 Notice of Claims

§ 15.1.3.1 Claims by either the Owner or Contractor, where the condition giving rise to the Claim is first discovered prior to expiration of the period for correction of the Work set forth in Section 12.2.2, shall be initiated by notice to the other party and to the Initial Decision Maker with a copy sent to the Architect, if the Architect is not serving as the Initial Decision Maker. Claims by either party under this Section 15.1.3.1 shall be initiated within ninety (90) days after occurrence of the event giving rise to such Claim or within ninety (90) days after the claimant first recognizes the condition giving rise to the Claim, whichever is later.

§ 15.1.3.2 Claims by either the Owner or Contractor, where the condition giving rise to the Claim is first discovered after expiration of the period for correction of the Work set forth in Section 12.2.2, shall be initiated by notice to the other party. In such event, no decision by the Initial Decision Maker is required.

§ 15.1.4 Continuing Contract Performance

§ 15.1.4.1 Pending final resolution of a Claim, except as otherwise agreed in writing or as provided in Section 9.7 and Article 14, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of the Contract and the Owner shall continue to make payments in accordance with the Contract Documents.

§ 15.1.4.2 The Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be adjusted in accordance with the Initial Decision Maker's decision, subject to the right of either party to proceed in accordance with this Article 15. The Architect will issue Certificates for Payment in accordance with the decision of the Initial Decision Maker.

§ 15.1.5 Claims for Additional Cost

If the Contractor wishes to make a Claim for an increase in the Contract Sum, notice as provided in Section 15.1.3 shall be given before proceeding to execute the portion of the Work that is the subject of the Claim. Prior notice is not required for Claims relating to an emergency endangering life or property arising under Section 10.4.

§ 15.1.6 Claims for Additional Time

§ 15.1.6.1 If the Contractor wishes to make a Claim for an increase in the Contract Time, such a Claim shall be documented in accordance with Article 8 and notice as provided in Section 15.1.3 shall be given. The Contractor's Claim shall include an estimate of cost and of probable effect of delay on progress of the Work. In the case of a continuing delay, only one Claim is necessary.

§ 15.1.6.2 Claims for increase in the contract time shall set forth in detail the circumstances that form the basis for the claim, the date upon which each cause of delay began to affect the progress of the Work, the date upon which each cause of delay ceased to affect the progress of the Work and the number of days increase in the Contract Time claimed as a consequence of each such cause of delay. Additionally, any Claim for additional time based on adverse weather conditions shall be documented by data substantiating that weather conditions were abnormal for the period of time, could not have been reasonably anticipated, and had an adverse effect on the scheduled construction.

1. Weather data in the table below shall form the baseline for establishing Anticipated Adverse Weather Days per month associated with the project schedule duration.

Anticipated Adverse Weather Days	
Month	Total of Weather Days Allowed
January	6
February	6
March	5
April	5
May	6
June	6
July	5
August	6

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September	8
October	6
November	6
December	6

a. The Anticipated Adverse Weather Days shall be submitted with the Contractors Construction Schedule for documenting future weather events and is considered to be part of the Project duration forming the Contract Time.

2. Submission for Time Extension

a. Although the Contractor is required to document the occurrence and effect of Adverse Weather on the work, it does not relieve the Contractor/Architect of its responsibility to investigate and determine if an excusable delay has occurred.

b. The schedule of Anticipated Adverse Weather Days included in the Contract is established in Work Days. Similarly, actual weather data should be collected and recorded on a Work Day basis. Monthly summaries should be maintained indicating actual adverse weather conditions and the impact on work activities.

c. To determine if any particular month experienced Adverse Weather Days, the number of actual Adverse Weather Days is compared to that as provided by the Anticipated Adverse Weather Days. If the number of Adverse Weather Days is greater than the Anticipated Adverse Weather Days, then the contractor has experienced unusually severe weather.

d. THE DETERMINATION THAT UNUSUALLY SEVERE WEATHER OCCURRED DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY MEAN THAT THE CONTRACTOR RECEIVES A TIME EXTENSION FOR THE DIFFERENCE OF DAYS BETWEEN THE ANTICIPATED AND ACTUAL ADVERSE WEATHER DELAY DAYS. Further analysis is necessary to determine if the unusually severe weather delayed work activities critical to contract completion. The Contractor's progress schedule must be evaluated to make this determination. If it is found that unusually severe weather delayed the contract, a Contract modification shall be issued.

e. Claims for increase in the contract time shall set forth in writing the detail noting the circumstances that form the basis for the claim, the date upon which each cause of delay began to affect the progress of the Work, the date upon which each cause of delay ceased to affect the progress of the Work and the number of days increase in the Contract Time claimed as a consequence of each such cause of delay. The Contractor shall bear the entire economic risk of all weather delays and disruptions and shall not be entitled to any increase in the Contract Price by reason of such delays or disruptions. Requests for an extension of time pursuant to this Subparagraph shall be submitted to the Architect in writing not later than with each Application for Payment and shall include documentation demonstrating the nature and duration of the delays or disruptions. Where appropriate, a revised construction schedule indicating all the activities affected by the circumstances shall be included with the documentation.

f. The parties agree that the reconciliation of the change attributable to Adverse Weather days will occur at the time of project Final Completion.

§ 15.1.7 Waiver of Claims for Consequential Damages

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§ 15.2 Initial Decision

§ 15.2.1 Claims, excluding those where the condition giving rise to the Claim is first discovered after expiration of the period for correction of the Work set forth in Section 12.2.2 or arising under Sections 10.3, 10.4, and 11.5, shall be referred to the Initial Decision Maker for initial decision. The Architect will serve as the Initial Decision Maker, unless otherwise indicated in the Agreement. Except for those Claims excluded by this Section 15.2.1, an initial decision shall be required as a condition precedent to mediation of any Claim. If an initial decision has not been rendered within 30 days after the Claim has been referred to the Initial Decision Maker, the party asserting the Claim may demand mediation and binding dispute resolution without a decision having been rendered. Unless the Initial Decision Maker and all affected parties agree, the Initial Decision Maker will not decide disputes between the Contractor and persons or entities other than the Owner.

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§ 15.2.2 The Initial Decision Maker will review Claims and within ten days of the receipt of a Claim take one or more of the following actions: (1) request additional supporting data from the claimant or a response with supporting data from the other party, (2) reject the Claim in whole or in part, (3) approve the Claim, (4) suggest a compromise, or (5) advise the parties that the Initial Decision Maker is unable to resolve the Claim if the Initial Decision Maker lacks sufficient information to evaluate the merits of the Claim or if the Initial Decision Maker concludes that, in the Initial Decision Maker's sole discretion, it would be inappropriate for the Initial Decision Maker to resolve the Claim.

§ 15.2.3 In evaluating Claims, the Initial Decision Maker may, but shall not be obligated to, consult with or seek information from either party or from persons with special knowledge or expertise who may assist the Initial Decision Maker in rendering a decision. The Initial Decision Maker may request the Owner to authorize retention of such persons at the Owner's expense.

§ 15.2.4 If the Initial Decision Maker requests a party to provide a response to a Claim or to furnish additional supporting data, such party shall respond, within ten days after receipt of the request, and shall either (1) provide a response on the requested supporting data, (2) advise the Initial Decision Maker when the response or supporting data will be furnished, or (3) advise the Initial Decision Maker that no supporting data will be furnished. Upon receipt of the response or supporting data, if any, the Initial Decision Maker will either reject or approve the Claim in whole or in part.

§ 15.2.5 The Initial Decision Maker will render an initial decision approving or rejecting the Claim, or indicating that the Initial Decision Maker is unable to resolve the Claim. This initial decision shall (1) be in writing; (2) state the reasons therefor; and (3) notify the parties and the Architect, if the Architect is not serving as the Initial Decision Maker, of any change in the Contract Sum or Contract Time or both. The initial decision shall be final and binding on the parties, but subject to mediation, if both parties so agree, and subject to legal or equitable proceedings in a court having jurisdiction thereof. It is understood and agreed that, in the event that any dispute, controversy, or conflict arises during the design and construction of the Project or following its completion, the parties hereto will cooperate in good faith, if possible, to resolve the issues without resorting to litigation.

§ 15.2.6 Intentionally deleted

§ 15.2.6.1 Intentionally deleted

§ 15.2.7 In the event of a Claim against the Contractor, the Owner may, but is not obligated to, notify the surety, if any, of the nature and amount of the Claim. If the Claim relates to a possibility of a Contractor's default, the Owner may, but is not obligated to, notify the surety and request the surety's assistance in resolving the controversy.

§ 15.2.8 If a Claim relates to or is the subject of a mechanic's lien, the party asserting such Claim may proceed in accordance with applicable law to comply with the lien notice or filing deadlines.

§ 15.3 Mediation

§ 15.3.1 Any claim, dispute, or other matter arising out of or related to this Agreement may, at Owner's sole election, be subject to mediation as a condition precedent to the institution of legal or equitable proceedings by either party.

§ 15.3.2 Intentionally deleted

§ 15.3.3 The Owner and Contractor shall endeavor to resolve claims, disputes, and other matters between them by informal negotiation or mediation, if desired by the Owner. The Owner shall provide written notice to the Contractor if mediation is desired by the Owner. If the parties to a dispute arising out of or related to the Contract agree to submit the claim to mediation following a decision by the Initial Decision Maker, the parties shall select an independent mediator by mutual consent of the parties, to assist in the further effort to resolve the dispute, and shall share the mediator's fee and any filing fees equally. The mediation shall be held in the place where the Project is located, unless another location is mutually agreed upon. Agreements reached in mediation shall be enforceable as settlement agreements in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Nothing in the Contract Documents shall be construed as requiring mandatory mediation prior to litigation.

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§ 15.3.4 The parties shall share the mediator's fee and any filing fees equally. The mediation shall be held in the place where the Project is located, unless another location is mutually agreed upon. Agreements reached in mediation shall be enforceable as settlement agreements in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

ARTICLE 16 ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

§ 16.1 The Contractor shall certify in writing that no materials used in the work contain lead or asbestos materials in excess of amounts allowed by Local/State standards, laws, codes, rules and regulations; the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards and/or the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards, whichever is most restrictive. The Contractor shall provide this written certification as part of submittals under the Section in the Project Manual related to Contract Closeout.

§ 16.2 The Architect may appoint an employee or other person to assist him during the construction. These representatives will be instructed to assist the Contractor in interpreting the Contract Documents; however, such assistance shall not relieve the Contractor from any responsibility as set forth by the Contract Documents. The fact that the Architect's Representative may have allowed work not in accordance with the Contract Documents shall not prevent the Architect or the Owner from insisting that the faulty work be corrected to conform with the Contract Documents and the Contractor shall correct same.

§ 16.3 The Contractor and its employees, agents, consultants, suppliers and subcontractors shall abide by all Owner policies and procedures regarding campus access.

§ 16.4 The Contractor shall indemnify and hold Owner harmless from any liens, claims, security interests, encumbrances, statutory or common law claims filed by the Contractor, suppliers, subcontractors, or anyone claiming by, through, or under the Contractor, suppliers or subcontractors for items covered by payments made by the Owner to Contractor.

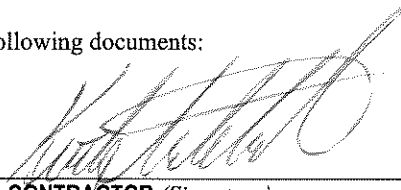
§ 16.4 These general conditions include, by reference, the following documents:
Exhibit A: Wage Rate Determination

OWNER (Signature)

Hon. Barbara Canales Nueces County Judge

(Printed name and title)

(Date)



CONTRACTOR (Signature)

Keith Stoddard President

(Printed name and title)

1/18/2022

(Date)

Superseded General Decision Number: TX20200288

State: Texas

Construction Type: Building

Counties: Aransas, Nueces and San Patricio Counties in Texas.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (does not include single family homes or apartments up to and including 4 stories).

Note: Under Executive Order (EO) 13658, an hourly minimum wage of \$10.95 for calendar year 2021 applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.95 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in calendar year 2021. If this contract is covered by the EO and a classification considered necessary for performance of work on the contract does not appear on this wage determination, the contractor must pay workers in that classification at least the wage rate determined through the conformance process set forth in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(ii) (or the EO minimum wage rate, if it is higher than the conformed wage rate). The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Please note that this EO applies to the above-mentioned types of contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but it does not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 5.1(a)(2)-(60). Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

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BOIL0074-003 01/01/2017

Table with 2 columns: Rates, Fringes. Row: BOILERMAKER... \$ 28.00 22.35

* ELEC0278-002 03/20/2020

Table with 2 columns: Rates, Fringes. Row: ELECTRICIAN... \$ 26.25 8.24

* ENGI0178-005 06/01/2020

Table with 2 columns: Rates, Fringes. Rows: POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (1) Tower Crane... \$ 32.85 13.10, (2) Cranes with Pile Driving or Caisson Attachment and Hydraulic Crane 60 tons and above... \$ 28.75 10.60, (3) Hydraulic cranes 59 Tons and under... \$ 32.35 13.10

* IRON0084-011 06/01/2020

	Rates	Fringes
IRONWORKER, ORNAMENTAL.....	\$ 25.26	7.13

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	Rates	Fringes
BRICKLAYER.....	\$ 20.04	0.00
CARPENTER.....	\$ 15.21	0.00
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER...	\$ 15.33	0.00
INSULATOR - MECHANICAL (Duct, Pipe & Mechanical System Insulation).....	\$ 19.77	7.13
IRONWORKER, REINFORCING.....	\$ 12.27	0.00
IRONWORKER, STRUCTURAL.....	\$ 22.16	5.26
LABORER: Common or General.....	\$ 9.68	0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender - Brick...	\$ 11.36	0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender - Cement/Concrete.....	\$ 10.58	0.00
LABORER: Pipelayer.....	\$ 12.49	2.13
LABORER: Roof Tearoff.....	\$ 11.28	0.00
OPERATOR: Backhoe/Excavator/Trackhoe.....	\$ 14.25	0.00
OPERATOR: Bobcat/Skid Steer/Skid Loader.....	\$ 13.93	0.00
OPERATOR: Bulldozer.....	\$ 18.29	1.31
OPERATOR: Drill.....	\$ 16.22	0.34
OPERATOR: Forklift.....	\$ 14.83	0.00
OPERATOR: Grader/Blade.....	\$ 13.37	0.00
OPERATOR: Loader.....	\$ 13.55	0.94
OPERATOR: Mechanic.....	\$ 17.52	3.33
OPERATOR: Paver (Asphalt, Aggregate, and Concrete).....	\$ 16.03	0.00
OPERATOR: Roller.....	\$ 12.70	0.00
PAINTER (Brush, Roller, and Spray).....	\$ 14.45	0.00
PIPEFITTER.....	\$ 25.80	8.55
PLUMBER.....	\$ 25.64	8.16
ROOFER.....	\$ 13.75	0.00
SHEET METAL WORKER (HVAC Duct Installation Only).....	\$ 22.73	7.52

SHEET METAL WORKER, Excludes HVAC Duct Installation.....	\$ 21.13	6.53
TILE FINISHER.....	\$ 11.22	0.00
TILE SETTER.....	\$ 14.74	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Dump Truck.....	\$ 12.39	1.18
TRUCK DRIVER: Flatbed Truck.....	\$ 19.65	8.57
TRUCK DRIVER: Semi-Trailer Truck.....	\$ 12.50	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Water Truck.....	\$ 12.00	4.11

WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

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Note: Executive Order (EO) 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2017. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must provide employees with 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours they work, up to 56 hours of paid sick leave each year. Employees must be permitted to use paid sick leave for their own illness, injury or other health-related needs, including preventive care; to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is ill, injured, or has other health-related needs, including preventive care; or for reasons resulting from, or to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is a victim of, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

The body of each wage determination lists the classification and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of "identifiers" that indicate whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate for local), a survey rate (weighted average rate) or a union average rate (weighted union average rate).

Union Rate Identifiers

A four letter classification abbreviation identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than "SU" or "UAVG" denotes that the union classification and rate were prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2014. PLUM is an abbreviation identifier of the union which prevailed in the survey for this classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198 indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number,

005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. 07/01/2014 is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate, which in this example is July 1, 2014.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all rate changes in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing this classification and rate.

Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the "SU" identifier indicate that no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As this weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

Survey wage rates are not updated and remain in effect until a new survey is conducted.

Union Average Rate Identifiers

Classification(s) listed under the UAVG identifier indicate that no single majority rate prevailed for those classifications; however, 100% of the data reported for the classifications was union data. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010 08/29/2014. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the state. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 08/29/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January of each year, to reflect a weighted average of the current negotiated/CBA rate of the union locals from which the rate is based.

WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

1.) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:

- * an existing published wage determination
- * a survey underlying a wage determination
- * a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
- * a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour Regional Office for the area in which the survey was conducted because those Regional Offices have responsibility for the Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this initial contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.) and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal

process described here, initial contact should be with the Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations
Wage and Hour Division
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an interested party (those affected by the action) can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

Wage and Hour Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

Administrative Review Board
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

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END OF GENERAL DECISION

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