

BID NO. 26-411

EXHIBIT E

LAKE COUNTY
FLORIDA

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

FOR

GREEN MOUNTAIN SCENIC OVERLOOK AND TRAILHEAD - SECOND TOWER
ADDITION PROJECT NO. 25-913; FPN #450898-1-58-01

TOWER OBSERVATION DECK

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NOTE: Attach Your Bid Bond or Letter of Credit to This Document. All Extensions Must Be Carried Out. Any Changes Made in Unit Bid Prices Must Be Initialed by Bidder.

SECTION A

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. INTENT OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- A. It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete project (or portion thereof) to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents which combine to define the Scope of Work. Any work, materials or equipment that may reasonably be inferred from the Contract Documents as being required to produce the intended result shall be supplied whether or not specifically called for. When words that have a well-known technical or trade meaning are used to describe work, materials or equipment, such words shall be interpreted in accordance with that meaning. Reference to standard specifications, manuals or codes of any technical society, organization or association or to the laws or regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Project, whether such reference be specific or by implication, shall mean the latest standard specification, manual, code, law or regulation in effect at the time the work is performed, except as may be otherwise specifically stated herein.
- B. The Contract Documents and all referenced standards cited therein are essential parts of the Contract requirements. A requirement occurring in one is as binding as though occurring in all. They are intended to be complimentary and to describe and provide for a complete project.
- C. Drawings are intended to show general arrangements, design and extent of work. Specifications are separated into divisions for convenience of reference only and shall not be interpreted as establishing divisions for the work, trades, subcontracts, or extent of any part of the work. In the event of a discrepancy between or among the drawings, specifications or other Contract Document provisions, the Contractor shall be required to comply with the provision, which is the more restrictive or stringent requirement upon the Contractor, as determined by the Engineer. Unless otherwise specifically mentioned, all anchors, bolts, screws, fittings, fillers, hardware, accessories, trim and other parts required in connection with any portion of the work to make a complete, serviceable, finished and first quality installation shall be furnished and installed as part of the work, whether or not called for by the Contract Documents.

2. STORAGE OF MATERIALS

Materials shall be so placed so as to permit easy access for proper inspection and identification of each shipment. Any material which has deteriorated, become damaged, or is otherwise unfit for use, as determined by the Engineer, shall not be used in the work, and shall be removed from the site by the Contractor at his expense.

3. SANITATION

The Contractor shall provide and maintain adequate sanitary conveniences for the use of persons employed on the work. These conveniences shall be maintained at all times

without nuisance, and their use shall be strictly enforced. The location of these conveniences shall be subject to the Engineer's approval.

4. MAINTENANCE OF CONSTRUCTION SITE

- A. **Mowing:** Contractor shall be responsible to mow and maintain all rights of way owned by the County within the limits of the construction project. Any retention areas that are built in conjunction with the road project shall also be mowed and maintained. Contractor shall be responsible to pick up trash prior to mowing. Mowing shall be completed every four (4) weeks (equivalent to 28 calendar days) unless authorized by the Project Manager. The height of the mowed vegetation shall be between four (4) and six (6) inches. At no time shall the Contractor mow wildflowers that may be growing whether or not they are in designated wildflower area. Sign posts, trees, retention pond inlet/outfall structures, fences, shrubs, plants, light poles, utility flags, mailboxes or other such obstacles to mowing shall be hand mowed or trimmed around as necessary to present a groomed appearance. Areas determined to be unsatisfactory by the Project Manager shall be re-mowed at no additional cost to the County.
- B. **Trash Removal:** Contractor shall be responsible to remove trash and debris from the rights of way owned by the County within the limits of the construction project. The Contractor shall be responsible for the pickup, removal, and disposal of items such as, but not limited to: bottles, cans, tires, bags of trash, newspapers, cigarette packages, magazines, boxes, cups, food containers, sheets of paper, etc. The Contractor is responsible to remove trash from drainage ditches, headwalls, and along fence/tree lines. Trash removal shall not precede the mowing by more than twenty-four (24) hours.
- C. **Maintenance Liquidated Damages:** In the event Contractor fails to comply with sections 4(A) and 4(B) above, the County may assess against the Contractor liquidated damages in the amount of \$200 (two hundred dollars) per day if the Contractor does not correct any deficient area within two (2) calendar days after written notification from the County, unless otherwise authorized by the Project Manager. Written notification may be delivered to the Contractor or its agent by email, fax, mail or hand delivery. These liquidated damages will start the third (3rd) calendar day after notification and will continue for each calendar day thereafter until reported deficiencies are corrected to the satisfaction of the Project Manager.

5. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

The Contractor shall not take advantage of any apparent error or omission in the Contract Documents. If any errors and/or omissions appear in the Contract Documents, or construction stakeout, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Engineer, in writing, of such errors and/or omissions. In the event the Contractor knows or should have known of any errors and/or omissions and fails to provide such notification, he shall be deemed to have waived any claim for increased time or compensation he may have had and he shall be held responsible for the results and the costs of rectifying any such errors and/or omissions.

6. CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS.

A. Qualification

1. The Contractor shall assure that all personnel are competent, careful and reliable. All personnel must have sufficient skill and experience to properly perform the work assigned them. All personnel shall have had sufficient experience to perform their assigned task properly and satisfactorily and to operate any equipment involved and shall make due and proper effort to execute the work in the manner prescribed in the Contract Documents, or the Engineer may take action as prescribed below.
2. Whenever the Engineer shall determine that any person is incompetent, unfaithful, intemperate, disorderly or insubordinate, the Engineer shall notify the Contractor that such person is to be discharged from the work. The Contractor shall immediately discharge said person from the work and shall not again employ said person on this work except with the written consent of the Engineer. Should the Contractor fail to remove such person or persons the Engineer may withhold all payments.
3. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, in accordance with Section 255.099, Florida Statutes, if this Project is being supported in whole or in part by State funding the Contractor shall give preference to the employment of state residents in the performance of the work on the Project if state residents have substantially equal qualifications to those of non-residents. If the Contractor is required to employ state residents, the Contractor shall contact the Department of Economic Opportunity to post the employment needs in the State's job bank system. However, in work involving the expenditure of federal aid funds, this section may not be enforced in such a manner as to conflict with or be contrary to federal law prescribing a labor preference to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines, or prohibiting as unlawful any other preference or discrimination among the citizens of the United States.
4. The Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Contractor during the term of the Contract and shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the Contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the Contract term.

B. Identification

1. Within ten (10) days after the award of any subcontract, either by himself or a subcontractor, the Contractor shall deliver to the Engineer a statement setting forth the name and address of the subcontractor and a summary description of the work subcontracted.
2. The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the Owner for acts and omissions of his subcontractor and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them, as he is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by him.

C. Contractor's Supervision

1. Prosecution of Work:

The Contractor shall give the work the constant attention necessary to assure the scheduled progress and he shall cooperate fully with the Engineer and with other Contractors at work in the vicinity.

2. Contractor's Superintendent:

- a. The Contractor shall at all times have on the work as his agent, a competent superintendent capable of thoroughly interpreting the plans and specifications and thoroughly experienced in the type of work being performed, who shall receive the instructions from the Engineer or his authorized representatives. The superintendent shall have full authority to execute the orders or directions of the Engineer and to supply promptly any materials, tools, equipment, labor and incidentals, which may be required. Such superintendence shall be furnished regardless of the amount of work sublet.
- b. The Contractor's superintendent shall speak and understand English, and at least one responsible person who speaks and understands English shall be on the project during all working hours.

3. Supervision for Emergencies:

The Contractor shall have a responsible person available at or reasonably near the work site on a twenty-four (24) hour basis, seven (7) days a week, in order that he may be contacted in emergencies and in cases where immediate action must be taken to maintain traffic or to handle any other problem that might arise. The Contractor's responsible person for supervision for emergencies shall speak and understand English. The Contractor shall submit to the Engineer, by certified mail, phone numbers and names of personnel designated to be contacted in cases of emergencies along with a description of the project location to the Florida Highway Patrol and all other local law enforcement agencies.

4. Worksite Traffic Supervisor:

- a. The Contractor shall have a Worksite Traffic Supervisor who will be responsible for initiating, installing and maintaining all traffic control devices as described in Section 102 of the FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, and in the plans. The Worksite Traffic Supervisor shall have at least one year of experience directly related to worksite traffic control in a supervisory or responsible capacity and shall be certified by the American Traffic Safety Services Association Worksite Traffic Supervisor Certification Program or an equal approved by the FDOT. Approved alternate Worksite Traffic Supervisors may be used when necessary.
- b. The Worksite Traffic Supervisor shall be available on a twenty-four (24) hour per day basis and shall review the project on a day to day basis as well as

being involved in all changes to traffic control. The Worksite Traffic Supervisor shall have access to all equipment and materials needed to maintain traffic control and handle traffic related situations. The Worksite Traffic Supervisor shall ensure that routine deficiencies are corrected within a 24-hour period.

- c. The Worksite Traffic Supervisor shall be available on the site within forty-five (45) minutes after notification of an emergency situation, prepared to positively respond to repair the work zone traffic control or to provide alternate traffic arrangements.
- d. Failure of the Worksite Traffic Supervisor to comply with the provisions of the Section 102 of the FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction may be grounds for decertification or removal from the project or both. Failure to maintain a designated Worksite Traffic Supervisor or failure to comply with these provisions will result in temporary suspension of all activities except traffic and erosion control and such other activities deemed to be necessary for project maintenance.

D. General Inspection Requirements

1. Cooperation by the Contractor:

No work shall be done nor materials used, without suitable supervision or inspection by the Engineer or his representative, and the Contractor shall furnish the Engineer with every reasonable facility for ascertaining whether the work performed and materials used are in accordance with the requirements and intent of the plans and specifications. If the Engineer so requests, the Contractor shall, at any time before final acceptance of the work, remove or uncover such portions of the finished work as may be directed. After examination, the Contractor shall restore the uncovered portions of the work to the standard required by the specifications. Should the work so exposed or examined prove unacceptable, the uncover or removal, and the replacing of the covering or making good of the parts removed, shall be at the Contractor's expense. However, should the work thus exposed or examined prove acceptable, the uncovering or removing, and the replacing of the covering or making good of the parts removed, shall be paid for as Unforeseeable Work.

2. Failure to Remove and Renew Defective Materials and Work:

- a. Should the Contractor fail or refuse to remove and renew any defective materials used or work performed, or to make any necessary corrections in an acceptable manner and in accordance with the requirements of the specifications, within the time indicated in writing, the Engineer shall have the authority to cause the unacceptable or defective materials or work to be repaired, removed and renewed, as may be necessary; all at the Contractor's expense.
- b. Any expense incurred by the County in making these repairs, removals, or renewals, which the Contractor has failed or refused to make, shall be paid

for out of any moneys due or which may become due the Contractor, or may be charged against the contract bond. Continued failure or refusal on the part of the Contractor to make any or all necessary repairs promptly, fully and in an acceptable manner shall be sufficient cause for the County, at its option, to perform the work with its own organization, or to contract with any other individual, firm or corporation to perform the work. All costs and expenses incurred thereby shall be charged against the defaulting Contractor and the amount thereof deducted from any moneys due or which may become due him, or shall be charged against the contract bond. Any work performed subsequent to forfeiture of the contract, as described in this Paragraph, shall not relieve the Contractor in any way of his responsibility for the work performed by him.

3. Inspection by the Federal Government or State of Florida:

When the United States Government, or State of Florida, is to pay a portion of the cost of construction, the construction work will be subject to such inspection by its representatives as they may deem necessary, but such inspection will in no case make the Federal Government, or State of Florida, a party to this contract.

7. AUTHORITY OF THE ENGINEER AND ENGINEER'S ASSISTANTS

- A. All work shall be done in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- B. It is agreed by the parties hereto that the Engineer shall decide all questions, difficulties and disputes, of whatever nature, which may arise relative to the interpretation of the plans, construction, prosecution and fulfillment of the contract, and as to the character, quality, amount and value of any work done, and materials furnished, under or by reason of the contract.
- C. The County retains the right to inspect all work to verify compliance with the Contract Documents. The Engineer may appoint such assistants and representatives as desired. They shall be authorized to inspect all work done and all materials furnished. This right of inspection in no way means or implies County control or other supervision over the work done or the work site. This right is solely for the County's benefit and imposes no duties or responsibilities on the County and confers no rights on any other parties. Such inspection may extend to all or any part of the work and to the manufacture, preparation or fabrication of the materials to be used. Such assistants shall not be authorized to revoke, alter or waive any requirement of the Contract Documents.
- D. The assistants and representatives shall be authorized to call to the attention of the Contractor any failure of the work or materials to conform to the Contract Documents, and shall have the authority to reject materials or suspend the work until any questions at issue can be referred to and decided by the Engineer. The Contractor shall be immediately notified in writing of any such suspension of the work and such notice shall state in detail the reasons for the suspension. The presence of the Inspector or other assistant shall in no way lessen the responsibility of the Contractor.

E. Failure of the Engineer to Reject Work During Construction:

If, during or prior to construction operations, the Engineer should fail to reject defective work or materials, whether from lack of discovery of such defect or for any other reason, such initial failure to reject shall in no way prevent his later rejection when such defect is discovered, or obligate the County to final acceptance, and the Contractor shall make no claim for losses suffered due to any necessary removals or repairs of such defects.

F. Authority to Suspend Contractor's Operations:

The Engineer has the authority to suspend the Contractor's operations, wholly or in part. The Engineer will order such suspension in writing, giving in detail the reasons for the suspension. Contract Time will be charged during all suspensions of Contractor's operations. The County may grant an extension of Contract Time in accordance with 8-7.3.2 when determined appropriate in the County's sole judgment.

No additional compensation or time extension will be paid or granted to the Contractor when the operations are suspended for the following reasons:

1. The Contractor fails to comply with the Contract Documents.
2. The Contractor fails to carry out orders given by the Engineer.
3. The Contractor causes conditions considered unfavorable for continuing the Work.

The Contractor shall immediately comply with any suspension order and should not resume operations until authorized to do so by the Engineer in writing. Any operations performed by the Contractor, and otherwise constructed in conformance with the provisions of this contract, after the issuance of the suspension order and prior to the Engineer's authorization to resume operations will be at no cost to the County. Further, failure to immediately comply with any suspension order will also constitute an act of default by the Contractor and is deemed sufficient basis in and of itself exception that the Contractor will not have ten (10) calendar days to correct the conditions for which the suspension was ordered.

G. State of Emergency:

The Engineer has the authority to suspend the Contractor's operations, wholly or in part, pursuant to a Governor's Declaration of a State of Emergency. The Engineer will order such suspension in writing, giving in detail the reasons for the suspension. Contract Time will be charged during all suspensions of Contractor's operations. The County, at its sole discretion, may grant an extension of Contract Time and reimburse the Contractor for specific costs associated with such suspension. Further, in such instances, the County's determination as to entitlement to either time or compensability will be final, unless the Contractor can prove by clear and convincing evidence to a Disputes Review Board that the County's determination was without any reasonable factual basis

H. Prolonged Suspensions:

If the Engineer suspends the Contractor's operations for an indefinite period, the Contractor shall store all materials in such manner that they will not obstruct or impede the traveling public unnecessarily or become damaged in any way and shall

take every reasonable precaution to prevent damage to or deterioration of the work performed. The Contractor shall provide suitable drainage of the roadway by opening ditches, shoulder drains, etc., and provide any temporary structures necessary for public travel through the project.

I. **Permission to Suspend Contractor's Operations:**

The Contractor shall not suspend operations or remove equipment or materials necessary for completing the work without obtaining the Engineer's written permission. The Contractor shall submit all requests for suspension of operations in writing to the Engineer, and identify specific dates to begin and end the suspension. The Contractor is not entitled to any additional compensation for suspension of operations during such periods.

8. CONTRACT TIME AND TIME EXTENSIONS

- A. Unless otherwise provided, contract time shall mean the number of consecutive calendar days from the commencement date noted in the Notice to Proceed to the date on which all work is to be completed. The Contractor shall diligently pursue the completion of the work and coordinate the work being done on the project by its subcontractors and material suppliers, as well as coordinate his work with the work of other contractors so that his work or the work of others shall not be delayed or impaired by any act or omission of any act by a Contractor. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for all construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures, as well as coordination of all portions of the work under the Contract Documents.
- B. Should the Contractor be obstructed or delayed in the prosecution of or completion of the work as a result of unforeseeable causes beyond the control of the Contractor, and not due to his fault or neglect, including but not restricted to acts of God or the public enemy, acts of government, fires, floods, discovery of pre-existing hazardous materials, utility conflicts, epidemics, quarantine regulations, strikes or lockouts, the Contractor shall notify the Engineer in writing within two (2) regular work days after the commencement of such delay, stating the cause or causes thereof, or be deemed to have waived any right which the Contractor may have had to request a time extension.
- C. **NO CLAIM FOR DAMAGES OR ANY CLAIM OTHER THAN FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME SHALL BE MADE OR ASSERTED AGAINST THE COUNTY BY REASON OF ANY DELAYS.** No interruption, interference, inefficiency, suspension or delay in the commencement or progress of the work shall relieve the Contractor of his duty to perform or give rise to any right to damages or additional compensation from the County. The Contractor expressly acknowledges and agrees that the Contractor shall receive no damages for delay. However, this provision shall not preclude recovery or damages by the Contractor for hindrances or delays due solely to fraud, bad faith or active interference on the part of the County. Otherwise, Contractor shall be entitled to extensions of the Contract Time as the sole and exclusive remedy for such resulting delay, in accordance with and to the extent specifically provided above. This provision applies to claims for early completion as well as late completion. Such extensions of time will not be granted for delays caused by unfavorable weather, ground conditions related to the weather,

inadequate construction force or for the failure of the Contractor to timely order equipment or materials.

- D. If the Contractor complies with the two (2) regular work days' notice requirement, the Engineer shall ascertain the facts and the extent of the delay being claimed. The Engineer's findings of fact justify such an extension, and the Engineer's finding of fact shall be final and conclusive on the parties. The Contractor shall cooperate with the Engineer's investigation of the delays by providing any schedules, correspondence or other data that may be required to complete the findings of fact. Extensions to the contract time may be granted for only those delays that impact the Contractor's Construction Schedule. Extensions of contract time must be authorized by Change Order approved in accordance with Board policy.

9. PROSECUTION OF WORK ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND RECOGNIZED HOLIDAYS

- A. Unless the Contractor submits a written request to work during one or more days of a Holiday or Special Event at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the beginning date of the Holiday or Special Event and receives written approval from the Engineer, the Contractor shall not work on the following days: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Memorial Day; the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day; Independence Day (Observed); Labor Day; the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day; Veterans Day; Veterans Day (Observed); the Wednesday immediately preceding Thanksgiving Day; the Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving Day; December 24 through January 2, inclusive; and Special Events noted in the Plans. Contract Time will be charged during these Holiday and Special Event periods. The Contractor is not entitled to any additional compensation beyond any allowed Contract Time adjustment for suspension of operations during such Holiday and Special Event Periods.

- B. No work will be permitted on:

New Years Day
Independence Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

- C. If Christmas or New Year's Day shall fall on Tuesday or Thursday, the preceding Monday or the following Friday shall be recognized as a holiday also. If any recognized holiday shall fall on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as a holiday. If any recognized holiday shall fall on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as a holiday.
- D. The Contractor shall pay to the County, as reimbursement of costs incurred by the County, the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$250.00) per man per day for each Sunday or recognized Holiday on which the Contractor works. Payment to the County of such sums as may become payable under the provisions of this Article shall be made by identifying the said sums as a credit item on the Contractor's pay estimate for the period during which the liability for the sums occurred. The credit item shall show the total number of days applicable under (D) times the corresponding per day or per hour cost.

- E. During such suspensions, remove all equipment and materials from the clear zone, except those required for the safety of the traveling public and retain sufficient personnel at the job site to properly meet the requirements of Sections 102 and 104 of the Standard Specifications.

10. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- A. The County and the Contractor recognize that, since time is of the essence for this Contract, the County will suffer financial loss if the work is not completed within the time specified.
- B. The County shall be entitled to assess, as liquidated damages, but not as a penalty, for each calendar day after the scheduled completion date. The project shall be deemed to be completed on the date the work is deemed complete to the satisfaction of the Engineer. The Contractor hereby expressly waives and relinquishes any right which it may have to seek to characterize the above-noted liquidated damages as a penalty. The parties agree that the liquidated damages sum represents a fair and reasonable estimate of the County's actual damages at the time of contracting if the Contractor fails to complete the work in a timely manner. The liquidated damages shall be as follows:

Original Contract Amount	Daily Charge Per Calendar Day
\$299,999 and under	\$904
\$300,000 but less than \$2,000,000	\$1,685
\$2,000,000 but less than \$5,000,000	\$2,667
\$5,000,000 but less than \$10,000,000	\$3,813
\$10,000,000 but less than \$20,000,000	\$5,021
\$20,000,000 but less than \$40,000,000	\$7,442
\$40,000,000 and over.....	\$10,224 plus 0.00005 of any amount over \$40 million (Round to nearest whole dollar)

- C. Any Contractor that is in default for not completing the work within the time specified will be removed from the bidder's list, at the option of the County, and not permitted to bid work for Lake County until the project is complete and the liquidated damages sum is satisfied.

11. CHANGES IN THE WORK

- A. Without invalidating the contract, the Engineer may at any time, by written order, direct extra work within the general scope or alter the work by addition or deduction of items that do not alter the scope of the work. Such changes may be effected by Change Order or by other written order. Such changes shall be binding on the Contractor. No officer, employee, or agent of the County is authorized to direct any extra or change work orally. All changes orders shall be executed in the manner set forth in the Lake County Purchasing Procedures. A copy of such procedures shall be available upon request.

- B. If changes to the scope of the work are required or if the contract time or the total contract price is increased or decreased, a Change Order in accordance with Board policy will be required.
- C. The value of such extra work or change shall be determined by contract unit values if applicable unit values are set forth in the contract. The amount of the change shall be computed from such values and added to or deducted from the contract price. If the applicable unit values are not in the contract, the value of such extra work or change shall be determined by negotiation.
- D. Should a Change Order be required, and the County and the Contractor are unable to agree on the requested change, the Contractor shall, nevertheless, promptly perform the change as directed in writing by the Engineer. If the Contractor disagrees with the Engineer's adjustment determination, the Contractor must make a claim pursuant to the Claims and Dispute Section herein, or else be deemed to have waived any claim on this matter it might otherwise have had.
- E. For new work not covered by contract unit values, the amount of an increase shall be limited to the Contractor's reasonable direct labor and material costs and reasonable actual equipment costs as a result of the change (including allowance for labor burden costs) plus a maximum ten percent (10%) markup for all overhead and profit. In the event such change work is performed by a subcontractor, a maximum ten percent (10%) markup for all overhead and profit for all subcontractors' direct labor and material costs and actual equipment costs shall be permitted, with a maximum five percent (5%) markup thereon by the Contractor for all of its overhead and profit, for a total overall maximum markup of fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of change work. All compensation due the Contractor and any Subcontractor or sub-subcontractor for field and home office overhead is included in the markups noted above.
- F. In an emergency endangering life or property, or as expressly set forth herein, the Engineer has the authority to order the necessary work in writing. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor for any increased compensation without such written order. The payment authorized by a written order shall represent full and complete compensation to the Contractor for labor, materials, incidental expenses, overhead, profit, impact costs, and time associated with the work authorized by such written order.
- G. Execution by the Contractor of a properly authorized Change Order (see appendix) shall be considered a waiver of all claims or requests for additional time or compensation for any activities prior to the time of execution related to items included in the Change Order.

12. CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

- A. Claims by the Contractor shall be made in writing to the Engineer within two (2) business days after the commencement of the event giving rise to such claim or else the Contractor shall be deemed to have waived the claim. Written supporting data shall be submitted to the Engineer within ten (10) calendar days after the occurrence of the event, unless the County grants additional time in writing, or else the Contractor shall be deemed to have waived the claim. All claims shall be priced in

accordance with the provisions of the section in this document entitled "Changes in Work".

- B. The Contractor shall proceed diligently with its performance as directed by the County, regardless of any pending claim, action, suit, or administrative proceeding, unless otherwise agreed to by the County in writing. The County shall continue to make payments on the undisputed portion of the contract in accordance with the contract documents during the pendency of any claim.
- C. Claims by the Contractor shall be resolved in the following manner:
 - 1. Upon receiving the claim and supporting data, the County shall within fifteen (15) business days respond to the claim in writing stating that the claim is either approved or denied. If denied, the County shall specify the grounds for denial. The Contractor shall then have fifteen (15) calendar days in which to provide additional supporting documentation, or to notify the County that the original claim stands as is.
 - 2. If the claim is not resolved, the County may, at its option, choose to submit the matter to mediation. A mediator shall be mutually selected by the parties and each party shall pay one-half (1/2) the expense of mediation. If the County declines to mediate the dispute, the Contractor may bring an action in the County or Circuit Court sitting in Lake County, Florida.
- D. Claims by the County against the Contractor shall be made in writing to the Contractor as soon as the event leading to the claim is discovered by the County. Written supporting data shall be submitted to the Engineer. All claims shall be priced in accordance with the provisions of the section in this document entitled "Changes in Work". The Engineer shall make a determination on the claim within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of the claim and shall communicate said determination to the County and the Contractor in writing. The Contractor may appeal the determination as set forth in subsection C(2) above.
- E. Arbitration shall not be considered as a means of dispute resolution.

13. MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. All work completed under the terms of this contract shall be measured according to United States Standard Measures.
- B. All measurements shall be taken horizontally or vertically, unless specifically provided otherwise.
- C. In the measurement of items to be paid for on the basis of area of finished work, when the pay quantity is designated to be determined by calculation, the lengths and/or widths to be used in the calculations shall be the station-to-station dimensions shown on the plans, the station-to-station dimensions actually constructed within the limits designated by the Engineer, or the final dimensions measured of the completed work within the lines shown on the plans or designated by the Engineer. The method, or combination of methods, shall be those which

reflect with reasonable accuracy the actual area of finished work as determined and authorized by the Engineer.

- D. No payment will be made for either construction over a greater area than authorized, or for material moved from outside of stakes and data shown on the plans, except when such work is performed upon instructions of the Engineer.
- E. The Contractor shall accept compensation provided under the terms of this contract as full payment for furnishing all materials and for performing all work contemplated and embraced under this contract. Such compensation shall also be for any and all loss or damage arising out of the nature of the work or from the action of the elements, or from any unforeseen difficulties or obstructions encountered during the contract period until final acceptance by the County.
- F. Whenever any change, or combination of changes in the plans, results in an increase or decrease in the original contract quantities, and the work added or decreased/eliminated is of the same general character as that called for in the plans, the Contractor shall accept payment in full at the original contract unit prices for the actual quantity of work performed, with no allowance for any loss of anticipated profits.
- G. Where the pay quantity for an item is designated to be Lump Sum, and the plans or specifications indicate an estimated quantity, compensation for that item will be adjusted proportionately if a plan change results in a significant change in the quantity from such estimated plan quantity.
- H. Failure to construct any item to plan or authorized dimensions within the specification tolerances shall result in reconstruction by the Contractor to acceptable tolerances at no additional cost to the County, acceptance at no pay, or acceptance at reduced final pay as determined by the Engineer. Adjustments to final pay for those items designated to be paid on the basis of Lump Sum quantity under these provisions shall not be made unless such adjustments results in an aggregate change per item of more than \$1,000.00 for earthwork items, or more than \$100.00 for any other item.
- I. Materials purchased by the Contractor for drainage structures, drainage pipe, and road base delivered to job site for this contract are eligible as determined by the Engineer for payment up to one half the bid unit price. If payment is made the materials shall become the property of Lake County. The Contractor shall be responsible for loss or theft and shall replace, at the Contractor's expense, any such materials lost for any reason. The remainder of payment shall not be made until such materials are properly constructed and in place per plans and specifications.

14. PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR

Monthly progress payments will be made to the Contractor. In accordance with the items listed within the Bid Form - Tabulation of Estimated Quantities (Division W), a list of items rendered complete, satisfactory, and acceptable will be prepared by the Contractor and submitted with each payment request. The payment request shall be based on extension of the unit values for said quantities. The Contractor's project representative will be required to review the payment requests with the Inspector and

sign the request in agreement. The payment request will then be checked by the Inspector's supervisor, who will reconfirm with the Inspector and Contractor any required corrections, before further processing for payment.

All payments made to the Contractor and all payment of subcontractors, sub-contractors, materialmen, and suppliers shall be in accordance with Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes.

Federal or State Funding: If any project given to the Contractor under this Agreement is one in which federal or state funds shall be used, the Contractor is hereby informed that payment shall be contingent upon receipt of said federal or state funds or approval. Additionally, payment shall be contingent upon the Contractor completing all required forms and documentation as is necessary in order to obtain such federal or state funding or approval.

15. ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL PAYMENT

A. Final Inspection and Punchlist. Pursuant to Section 218.735, Florida Statutes, a single list of items and each item's estimated completion cost will be prepared upon substantial completion of the project, or at least 30 days prior to contract completion date.

1. Whenever all materials have been furnished, all work has been performed, and the construction contemplated by the contract has been satisfactorily completed, the Contractor shall promptly request a final inspection by the County.
2. The County, or the County's Representative shall make the final inspection within five (5) business days of receipt of notification from the Contractor that the work is complete.
3. The County shall, prepare and deliver to the Contractor a single list of items and the estimated cost to complete the items required to render the Contract complete, satisfactory, and acceptable. Contractor shall fully cooperate with the County in development of the list.
4. The single list will be delivered by the County to the Contractor within five (5) business days after the list of items has been developed and reviewed. This date should not exceed thirty days from the date the County was notified by the Contractor that the work is complete.
5. The estimated cost to complete each item on the list will be based on the unit cost for said item as bid by the Contractor and the percentage of what remains to be paid for said item on the last payment application.
6. The failure by the County to include any corrective work or pending items on the list does not alter Contractor's responsibility for completing the Contract Work pursuant to this Agreement.
7. All items that require correction under the contract and that are identified after the preparation and delivery of the list remain the obligation of Contractor as defined by this Agreement.

B. Maintenance of Work. The Contractor shall maintain all work in first-class condition until final inspection is completed and accepted by the Engineer. All Bonds and

Insurance shall be maintained until final acceptance by the Board of County Commissioners.

- C. Final Acceptance. Final completion must be within thirty (30) days after delivery of the list of items in Paragraph A of this section. If the County fails to provide the list as provided for in Paragraph A of this section, the time for completion will be extended by the number of days the County exceeded the delivery date. County will re-inspect to verify completion of the list of items provided to Contractor for final acceptance. The County may exclude the Contractor from those portions of work designated as complete after the inspection; provided, however, that the Contractor will have reasonable access for the time allotted by the County to complete or correct items on the punch list.

- D. Release of Retained Funds. Funds retained will be released to the Contractor in accordance with Section 218.735, Florida Statutes, as follows:
 - 1. Within twenty (20) business days after the single list is provided to the Contractor by the County under paragraph A of this section and upon receipt of a proper invoice from the Contractor, the County shall pay the Contractor the remaining contract balance that includes all retainage previously withheld less an amount equal to 150% of the estimated cost to complete the items on the single list provided for under paragraph A.
 - 2. Upon completion and acceptance of the County of all items on the list of items provided for in paragraph A of this section, Contractor may submit a payment request for the remaining amount withheld. Contractor shall submit Contractor's Final Payment Affidavit (Division Z of the Contract) with the request for payment.
 - 3. If the County fails to develop the list as provided for in paragraph A of this section, the Contractor may submit a payment request to the County for the remaining balance of the contract, including all remaining retainage and the County must pay Contractor within twenty (20) business days of receiving a proper payment request or invoice. If the delay was due to the Contractor's failure to cooperate in the development of the list, and the County provides the Contractor written notice specifying this failure, the County shall only be required to pay the Contractor the remaining balance of the contract, less an amount equal to 150% of the estimated cost to complete the items that the County intended to include on the list.
 - 4. If a good faith dispute exists as to whether one or more of the items identified in the list have been completed pursuant to the contract, County may continue to withhold up to 150% of the total costs to complete such items. Further the County may continue to withhold payment of any amounts that are subject to a good faith dispute, made in writing, under this Agreement or which are the subject of a claim brought under Section 255.05, Florida Statutes.

- E. Waiver of Claims
 - 1. The Contractor's acceptance of final payment shall constitute a full waiver of any and all claims by the Contractor against the County arising out of this Contract or otherwise related to the project, except those previously made in writing and identified by the Contractor as unsettled at the time the final estimate is prepared.

2. Neither the acceptance of the work nor payment by the County shall be deemed to be a waiver of the County's rights to enforce any continuing obligations of the Contractor hereunder or to the recovery of damages for defective work not discovered by the County at the time of final inspection.

F. Termination of Contractor's Responsibility

The contract will be considered complete when all work has been completed and has been accepted by the Engineer. The Contractor will then be released from further obligation except as set forth in his bonds and in this Division.

F. Recovery Rights, Subsequent to Final Payment

The County reserves the right, should an error be discovered in the partial or final estimates, or should proof of defective work or materials used by or on the part of the Contractor be discovered after the final payment has been made, to claim and recover from the Contractor or his surety, or both, by process of law, such sums as may be sufficient to correct the error or make good the defects in the work and materials.

16. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except bona fide employees of bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty the County shall have the right to annul this Contract without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

17. LANDS FOR WORK AND ACCESS THERETO

- A. The County will furnish and define the limits of land for access to the construction site and for the site proper. All information shown in the Contract Documents constitutes the extent of land provided by the County. Any and all other lands required by the Contractor shall be procured by the Contractor at the Contractor's expense.
- B. As the work progresses, the Contractor shall keep the site reasonably clear of rubbish, trash, waste and other disposable materials on a daily basis.
 1. If the Contractor allows the site to become littered and unsightly, any payments otherwise due may be withheld until the Contractor cleans up the site to the satisfaction of the Engineer. If the Contractor fails to clean-up the site, the County may choose to clean-up the site at the Contractor's expense.
- C. Temporary buildings (storage sheds, shops, offices, etc.) may be erected by the Contractor only with the approval of the Engineer after obtaining necessary permits and shall be built with labor and materials furnished by the Contractor without expense to the County. Such temporary buildings and/or utilities shall remain the

property of the Contractor and will be removed by him at his expense upon the completion of the work. With the written consent of the Engineer, such buildings and/or utilities may be abandoned and need not be removed.

- D. The Contractor shall confine all construction equipment, the storage of materials and equipment and the operations of workers to the project site and land and areas identified in and permitted by the Contract Documents, and shall not unreasonably encumber the project site with construction equipment or other material or equipment. The Contractor shall assume full responsibility for any damage to any such land or area, or to the owner or occupant thereof, or any land or areas contiguous thereto, resulting from the performance of the work.
- E. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring and complying with any permit requirements from Federal, State, County, or local agencies in the storage of material on properties not under the control of Lake County. The Contractor shall provide best management practices at storage sites to prevent erosion, hazardous materials contamination, or other contaminations from occurring.

18. EXCAVATED MATERIAL AND FILL MATERIAL

- A. Any and all excavated material shall be hauled to legally permitted and environmentally appropriate locations only. Legally permitted locations shall be able to receive such material complying with all federal, state, and local laws.
- B. Any fill material used for a County project shall be exclusively sourced from legally permitted and properly zoned sources. Legally permitted sources shall mean those sources complying with all federal, state, and local laws. Properly zoned shall refer to county and municipal local laws or regulations that govern how real property can and cannot be used in certain geographic areas.
- C. Any contractor found not to be in compliance with Sections A and B above shall be held responsible and liable to repair and bring back into compliance any location in accordance with federal, state, or local requirements.

19. SITE INVESTIGATION

- A. Each Contractor shall visit the site of the proposed work and fully acquaint himself with conditions relating to construction and labor so that he may fully understand the facilities, difficulties and restrictions attending the execution of work under the contract. The Contractor shall thoroughly examine and be familiar with the Contract Documents. Failure or omission of the Contractor to receive or examine any form, instrument, addendum or other documents, or to visit the site and acquaint himself with conditions existing thereon, shall in no way relieve the Contractor from any obligation with respect to the Contract.

The Geotechnical Report dated June 13, 2024, as prepared by Andreyev Engineering, Inc. are included in Exhibit F for review.

Lake County does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of these reports, soil samples, or any other site condition information or data made available including, but not limited to, underground utility location. The submission of a bid shall be taken as prima-facie evidence of compliance with this section.

- B. The Contractor acknowledges that he has satisfied himself as to the nature and location of the work; the general and local conditions, including but not restricted to, those bearing upon transportation, disposal, handling and storage of materials; availability of labor, water, electric power, roads; and uncertainties of weather, river stages, tides or similar physical conditions at the site; the conformation and conditions of the ground; the character of equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during prosecution of the work.
- C. The Contractor further acknowledges that he has satisfied himself as to the character, quality and quantity of surface and subsurface materials, obstacles, or conditions to be encountered.
- D. Any failure by the Contractor to acquaint himself with any aspect of the work or with any of the applicable conditions shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for adequately evaluating the difficulty or cost of successfully performing the work under the Contract Documents, nor shall it be considered the basis for any claim for additional time or compensation.
- E. The County assumes no responsibility for any conclusions or interpretations made by the Contractor on the basis of the information made available by the County. The County also assumes no responsibility for any understanding or representations made by its officers or agents during or prior to the execution of this Contract, unless such understanding or interpretations are made in writing.

20. PROTECTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES, UTILITIES, WORK AND VEGETATION

- A. Location of existing structures and utilities provided in the Contract Documents are approximate only. Any damage to existing structures or work of any kind, or the interruption of a utility service resulting from failure to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents, shall be repaired or restored promptly by, and at the expense of the Contractor.
- B. The Contractor will preserve and protect all existing vegetation such as trees, shrubs and grass on or adjacent to the site which do not unreasonably interfere with the construction as may be determined by the Engineer. The Contractor will be responsible for all unauthorized cutting or damaging of trees and shrubs, including damage due to careless operation of equipment, stockpiling of materials or tracking of grass areas by equipment.
- C. Care will be taken by the Contractor in felling trees authorized for removal to avoid unnecessary damage to vegetation that is to remain in place. Any limbs or branches of trees broken during such operations shall be trimmed without cutting into the trunk and left with a clean cut and a small stub. The Contractor will be liable for, or may be required to replace or restore at his own expense, all vegetation that may be destroyed or damaged due to the Contractor's failure to protect and preserve same as required herein.
- D. Where the Contractor hauls material or equipment to the project over roads and bridges on the State Road system, County road system or City street system, and

such use causes damage, he shall immediately, at his expense, repair such road or bridge to as good a condition as before the hauling began. Such hauling shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable environmental and safety regulations.

- E. The Contractor shall fully protect the work from loss or damage and shall bear the cost of any such loss or damage until final payment has been made. If the Contractor or any one for whom the Contractor is legally liable for is responsible for any loss or damage to the work, or other work or materials of the County or County's separate contractors, the Contractor shall be charged with the same, and any monies necessary to replace such loss or damage shall be deducted from any amounts due the contractor.
- F. All existing monuments shown on these plans are to be preserved, if possible. Any monuments damaged or destroyed without the express written permission of Lake County, including but not limited to horizontal and vertical control points and property corners, are to be restored at the expense of the Contractor by a professional surveyor and mapper, licensed to do business in the State of Florida.

21. OTHER WORK

- A. The Contractor will cooperate with County forces or others who may be engaged in authorized work prior to final completion of the project.
- B. The Contractor shall cooperate with the owners of any underground or overhead utility lines in their removal and rearrangement operations in order that these operations may progress in a reasonable manner and that service rendered by these parties will not be interrupted.
- C. The County may perform other work related to the project at the site by the County's own forces, have other work performed by utility owners or let other direct contracts. If the fact that such other work is to be performed is not noted in the Contract Documents, notice thereof will be given to the Contractor. If the Contractor believes that such performance will involve additional expense to the Contractor or require additional time, the Contractor shall send written notice of that fact to the County and the Engineer within forty-eight (48) hours of being notified of the other work. If the Contractor fails to send the above required forty-eight (48) hour notice, the Contractor will be deemed to have waived any rights it otherwise may have had to seek an extension to the contract time or adjustment to the contract amount. The Contractor shall afford each utility owner and other contractors (or the County, if the County is performing the additional work with the County's employees) proper and safe access to the site and a reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of such work and shall properly connect and coordinate its work with theirs. The Contractor shall not endanger any work of others by cutting, excavating or otherwise altering their work and will only cut or alter their work with the written consent of the Engineer and the others whose work will be affected.
- D. If any part of the Contractor's work depends, for proper execution or results, upon the work of any other contractor other than a subcontractor or utility owner, the Contractor shall inspect and promptly report to the Engineer, in writing, any delays, defects or other problems in such other work that render it impossible for the

Contractor to obtain proper execution or results. The Contractor's failure to report will constitute an acceptance of the other work as fit and proper for integration with the Contractor's work.

22. TERMINATION

A. Termination for Default

1. The Contractor shall be considered in material default of the Contract and such default shall be considered cause for the County to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, as further set forth in this Section, for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Failing to begin the work under the Contract Documents within the time specified herein;
 - b. Failing to properly and timely perform the work as directed by the Engineer or as provided for in the approved Construction Schedule;
 - c. Performing the work unsuitably or neglecting or refusing to remove materials or to correct or replace such work as may be rejected as unacceptable, unsuitable or otherwise defective;
 - d. Discontinuing the prosecution of the work;
 - e. Failing to resume work that has been suspended within a reasonable time after being notified to do so;
 - f. Becoming insolvent or declared bankrupt, or committing any act of bankruptcy;
 - g. Allowing any final judgment to stand unsatisfied for more than ten (10) days;
 - h. Making an assignment for the benefit of creditors;
 - i. Failing to obey laws, ordinances, regulations or other codes of any governmental authority with jurisdiction on the project;
 - j. Failing to perform or abide by the terms or spirit of the Contract Documents.
 - k. Failing to maintain contract security as required by the Contract Documents.
2. The County shall notify the Contractor in writing of the Contractor's default. If the County determines that the Contractor has not taken substantial steps toward effecting a remedy or cure of the default or defaults in his performance within seven (7) calendar days following receipt by the Contractor of written notice of default or defaults, then the County, at its option, without releasing or waiving its rights and remedies against the Contractor's sureties, and without prejudice to any other right it may be entitled to hereunder or by law, may terminate the Contractor's right to proceed under this Contract, in whole or in part, and may take possession of the work and any materials, tools, equipment,

and appliances of the Contractor, take assignments of any of the Contractor's subcontracts and purchase orders and complete the Contractor's work by whatever means, method or agency which the County, in its sole discretion, may choose.

3. If the County deems any of the foregoing remedies necessary, the Contractor agrees it shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until after the work is completed. All money expended and all of the costs, losses, damages and extra expenses, including all management, administrative and other overhead and other direct and indirect expenses, (including engineering, architectural and attorney's fees) or damages incurred by the County incident to such completion, shall be deducted from the contract price, and if such expenditures exceed the unpaid balance of the contract price, the Contractor agrees to pay promptly to the County on demand, the full amount of such excess, including costs of collection, attorneys' fees (including appeal) and interest thereon at the maximum legal rate of interest until paid.
4. The liability of the Contractor hereunder shall extend to and include the full amount of any and all sums paid, expenses and losses incurred, damages sustained and obligations assumed by the County in good faith under the belief that such payments or assumptions were necessary or required, in completing the work and providing labor, materials, equipment, supplies, and other items therefore or relating to the work, and in settlement, discharge, or compromise of any claims, demands, suits or judgments pertaining to or arising out of the work hereunder.
5. If after notice of termination of the Contractor's right to proceed pursuant to this subparagraph A it is determined for any reason that the Contractor was not in default or that his default was excusable, or that the County is not entitled to the remedies against the Contractor provided herein, then the Contractor's remedies against the County shall be the same as and limited to those afforded the Contractor pursuant to the Termination for Convenience subparagraph B below.

B. Termination for Convenience and Right of Suspension

1. The County shall have the right to terminate or suspend this Contract, in whole or in part, without cause upon seven (7) calendar days written notice to the Contractor.
2. In the event of such termination or suspension for convenience, the Contractor's sole recovery against the County shall be limited to that portion of the contract price earned through the date of termination or suspension, together with any retainage withheld and reasonable termination or suspension expenses incurred, but the Contractor shall not be entitled to any other or further recovery against the County, including, but not limited to, damages and any anticipated profit or work not performed.

23. SUBMITTALS

A. Schedule

1. At or before the Pre-construction Conference, the Contractor shall submit a preliminary Construction Progress Schedule to the Engineer. The County will review the schedule and provide the Contractor with comments. Within ten (10) days after receipt of the County's comments, the Contractor shall deliver to the Engineer a Construction Progress Schedule in a form satisfactory to the Engineer and showing the proposed dates of commencement and completion of each of the various subdivisions of work. A bar graph format is acceptable for the Construction Progress Schedule. If required by the Engineer, at or before the Pre-construction Conference, the Contractor shall provide to the County a breakdown of estimated monthly payments for the entire duration of the contract period.
2. For lump sum contracts the Contractor shall also furnish the Engineer with a detailed estimate giving a complete breakdown of the value of items of work to be paid for the purpose of making partial payments thereon. The values employed in making up this estimate and the schedule will be used for determining the basis of partial payment and as a basis for determining work quantity pricing for additions to or deductions from the contract price.
3. The Construction Progress Schedule shall be updated by the Contractor. All updates to the progress schedule shall be submitted for the Engineer's file.
4. The work shall be planned and carried out so as to minimize the interruption of existing services, and/or traffic, or as directed by the Engineer.
5. The Contractor is to furnish the Engineer for approval a Traffic Control Plan (TCP) that complies with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
6. If a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction Permit is required for the Project, prior to construction the Contractor is to furnish the Engineer a copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

B. Shop Drawings/Working Drawings

8. Four (4) complete sets of detailed shop or working drawings shall be furnished by the prime Contractor to the County for review and processing. The submittal shall include all details, computations, materials, loads, stresses, member sizes, deflections, and temporary connections for precasting.
9. All shop, working and erection drawings prepared by the Contractor or his subcontractor, fabricator or supplier shall be REVIEWED, DATED, STAMPED, APPROVED, SEALED (if required), and SIGNED BY THE CONTRACTOR prior to submission to the County for Public Works' approval. By approving and submitting shop or working drawings, the Contractor represents that he has verified work requirements, field measurements, construction criteria, sequence of assembly and erection, access and clearances, catalog numbers and other

similar data. Each submission shall indicate the specification section or bid item number and page and/or sheet number to which the submission applies. Under no circumstances will submittals be accepted from subcontractors.

The Contractor shall indicate on the working, shop and erection drawings all deviations from the Contract Documents and shall itemize all deviations in the letter of transmittal.

10. Submittals shall be made to the County for approval by the Department of Public Works. The Contractor shall identify each submittal by contract number and title on the form provided by the Engineer. All submittals are to be transmitted in an expeditious manner to ensure "next day delivery". The approval by the County of shop drawings does not relieve the Contractor of liability to order materials and construct per FDOT specifications and the approved construction plans.
4. All submittals by the Contractor shall be made sufficiently in advance of the scheduled start of the applicable construction operation to allow for shop drawings review and for Contractor action required in addressing review comments. The review period shall begin on the day the submittal is received by the Department of Public Works and shall be completed on the day the County transmits reviewed drawings to the Contractor.
5. The Contractor shall schedule the submission of shop drawing sheets (to be discussed at the pre-construction meeting) so that approximately twenty-one (21) days are allowed for review by the County for routine work. For more complex work, the number of copies and the scheduled time for review shall be increased proportionately to the complexity of the work. Contractor submittals that are to be considered as complex and requiring proportionately greater review time include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Contractor submittals of alternative design features or modifications to the original design.
 - b. Contractor submittals of complex designs, unusual construction or equipment and methods requiring analysis of design calculations.

C. Material Safety Data Sheets Requirement

If any chemicals, or materials or products containing toxic substances are to be used at any time during this Contract, pursuant to completion of this Contract, the Contractor shall furnish a Material Safety Data Sheet to both the Lake County Department of Risk Management and the Engineer, prior to commencing such use.

D. Materials

1. Delivery Tickets: The Contractor shall submit a copy of all delivery tickets for materials used on the project, regardless of the basis of payment.
 - c. Job Mix Formula for Asphaltic Concrete: Attention is directed to the provisions of FDOT "STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION" July 2024, and all supplemental specifications thereto

which require the submission of job mix formulas for asphaltic concrete, of the type specified, at least fourteen (14) days before plant operations begin. The submitted formula shall be approved by the County. The Contractor shall prepare the mix formula to be submitted to the County.

- d. Job Mix Formula for Portland Cement Concrete: Attention is directed to the requirement that job mix design formulas for all Portland Cement Concrete, of the type specified, be submitted at least fourteen (14) days prior to use on the project. The submitted formulas shall be approved by the County and/or its agents prior to its use. All concrete mix designs shall meet FDOT Concrete Class mix guidelines or the requirements included in the Technical Specifications included in these Contract Documents.
- e. All Job mix formulas shall be submitted to the Engineer.

24. RIGHT TO AUDIT

The County reserves the right to require the Contractor to submit to an audit by any auditor of the County's choosing. The Contractor shall provide access to all of its records, which relate directly or indirectly to this Agreement at its place of business during regular business hours. The Contractor shall retain all records pertaining to this Agreement and upon request make them available to the County for ten (10) years following expiration of the Agreement; provided, however, that records related to unresolved audit findings, appeals or litigation shall be retained until the action is completed or the dispute is resolved. The Contractor agrees to provide such assistance as may be necessary to facilitate the review or audit by the County to ensure compliance with applicable accounting and financial standards. Additionally, the Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this provision in all contracts with subcontractors and material suppliers in connection with the work performed hereunder. If an audit inspection or examination pursuant to this section discloses overpricing or overcharges of any nature by the Contractor to the County in excess of one percent (1%) of the total contract billings, in addition to making adjustments for the overcharges, the reasonable actual costs of the County's audit shall be reimbursed to the County by the Contractor. Any adjustments and/or payments which must be made as a result of any such audit or inspection of the Contractor's invoices and/or records shall be made within a reasonable amount of time, but in no event shall the time exceed ninety (90) days, from presentation of the County's audit findings to the Contractor.

25. INTEREST ON JUDGMENTS

In the event of any disputes between the parties to this contract, including without limited thereto, their assignees and/or assigns, arising out of or relating in any way to this contract, which results in litigation and a subsequent judgment, award or decree against either party, it is agreed that any entitlement to post judgment interest, to either party and/or their attorneys, shall be fixed by the proper court at the rate of five (5%) percent, per annum, simple interest. Under no circumstances shall either party be entitled to pre-judgment interest. The parties expressly acknowledge and, to the extent allowed by law, hereby opt out of any provision of federal or state statute not in agreement with this paragraph.

26. DRAINAGE AND EROSION CONTROL

The Contractor shall so conduct his operations and maintain the work in such condition that adequate drainage and erosion control will be in effect at all times.

27. STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

Unless otherwise specified, the standard specifications to be used for this work shall be the FDOT "STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION," July 2024, (or latest edition), and all supplemental specifications thereto, or otherwise depicted on the construction plans.

28. PRIORITY

In any instance where there is an apparent conflict between Special Provisions and the corresponding terms of the "Standard Specifications," the Special Provisions shall be controlling.

29. SURVEY AND LAYOUT

- A. The Contractor shall be responsible for providing all lines, grades, boundaries and required survey and/or layout necessary to construct and inspect the project. All centerline control points shall be established and maintained through the contract period by the Contractor.
- B. The Contractor shall employ or retain the services of a Florida registered Professional Land Surveyor to perform and supervise the establishment and setting of the project centerline control at intervals not to exceed 500 feet. All primary control points such as section corners, points of intersection, points of curvature and points of tangency shall be installed, referenced by acceptable standards, and maintained through the contract period. All stakes and points shall be clearly marked and identified.
- C. The Contractor shall employ or retain the services of a Florida registered Professional Land Surveyor to perform and supervise the establishment of all rights-of-way/boundary staking at all project sidelines. Such staking shall be established and maintained by the Contractor's registered Professional Land Surveyor along each sideline or perimeter at each station and all points of intersection, points of curvature, and points of tangency. All stakes shall be clearly marked and identified.
- D. The Contractor's registered Professional Land Surveyor and all employees engaged in survey efforts shall keep proper documentation of survey notes in hard bound books. The use of digital data storage capabilities may be used in lieu of hardbound books. Standard ASCII files/format shall be used with software compatibility to that of the LCPWD. The Contractor shall submit for approval the selected format and software application(s).
- E. The Contractor may perform or select the option to employ a Florida registered Professional Engineer or registered Professional Land Surveyor to provide construction layout. All layout and measurements shall be performed from control and boundaries established and maintained by the Contractor's Florida registered Professional Land Surveyor.

- F. The Contractor shall be responsible to perform all layout in acceptable standard methods. All items shall be clearly staked and marked. Roadway items shall be staked for horizontal alignment relative to the edge of pavement with appropriate offset stakes. All vertical grades should be referenced to the nearest even foot cut or fill where practical. Tabulated cut/fill sheets are acceptable for utility work items, copies of which shall be furnished to the Engineer prior to the work.
- G. All calculations for intermediate grades and locations shall be performed by the Contractor. All calculations shall be transcribed in hardbound field books prior to layout and staking.
- H. The Contractor shall submit, for information only, a Survey and Layout Plan comprised of the following:
 - 1. Name, address and certificate number of the registered Professional Land Surveyor to be in responsible charge of performing all survey control and boundary work.
 - 2. Name, address and certificate registration number, if applicable, of the person in responsible charge of performing all layout, measurements and calculations for the project, if opted by the Contractor. This person must be a Contractor, Professional Land Surveyor or Professional Engineer.
- I. Stakes Set by County: The Engineer will provide all construction stakes establishing right-of-way limits.
- J. Preservation of Stakes and Marks: The Contractor will be held responsible for the preservation of all the stakes and marks. If any of the stakes or marks are carelessly or willfully destroyed or disturbed by the Contractor, the cost of replacing them shall be deducted from the payment for the work.

30. LABORATORY TESTING

Cost of all required laboratory testing shall be borne by the Contractor. Lake County shall be responsible for all verification testing. Testing shall be in accordance with the Standard Specifications.

31. CONFORMITY OF WORK WITH PLANS

- A. All work performed and all materials furnished shall be in reasonably close conformity with the lines, grades, cross sections, dimensions, and material requirements, including tolerances, shown on the plans or indicated in the specifications.
- B. In the event the Engineer finds the materials or the finished product in which the materials are used not within reasonably close conformity with the plans and specifications, but that reasonably acceptable work has been produced, he shall then make a determination if the work shall be accepted and remain in place. In this event, the Engineer will document the basis of acceptance by contract modification which will provide for an appropriate adjustment in the contract price for such work

or materials as he deems necessary to conform to his determination based on engineering judgment.

- C. For base and surface courses, the finished grade may vary as much as 0.1 foot from the grade shown in the plans, provided that all template and straight edge requirements are met and that suitable transitions are in place.

32. GUARANTEE

All work shall be guaranteed for eighteen (18) months after completion and acceptance of the work unless otherwise specified. The guarantees are to be construed as being supplemental in nature and in addition to any and all other remedies available to the County under the laws of the State of Florida.

33. PUBLIC RECORDS

Pursuant to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, the Contractor shall comply with the Florida Public Records' laws, and shall:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the services identified herein.
- B. Upon request from Lake County, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.
- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the County.
- D. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.
- E. **IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 352-742-3866,**

**gallus.quigley@LAKECOUNTYFL.GOV, OR Gallus Quigley,
Department of Parks & Water Resources, 27341 State
Road 19, TAVARES, FL 32778.**

Failure to comply with this section shall be deemed a breach of the contract and enforceable as set forth in Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes.

SECTION B

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

LAP DIVISION 1 SPECIFICATIONS (CLASS A, B, C).

(REV6-4-24) (FA 3-29-24) (8-24)

Construction Checklist Specifications
from
Department of Transportation
Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction

The following excerpts from the Standard Specifications and Special Provisions are provided for use in LAP Specifications as needed in accordance with the Local Programs Manual (525-010-300) and the Local Agency Program Checklist for Construction Contracts (Phase 58) – Federal and State Requirements (525-010-44)

SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS AND TERMS.

Department Name Lake County Parks and Water Resources

Engineer: Melvin Isaac, P.E

Contractor’s Engineer of Record:

A Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida, other than the Engineer of Record or his subcontracted consultant, who undertakes the design and drawing of components of the permanent structure as part of a redesign or Cost Savings Initiative Proposal, or for repair designs and details of the permanent work. The Contractor’s Engineer of Record may also serve as the Specialty Engineer.

The Contractor’s Engineer of Record must be an employee of a pre-qualified firm. The firm shall be pre-qualified in accordance with the Rules of the Department of Transportation, Chapter 14-75. Any Corporation or Partnership offering engineering services must hold a Certificate of Authorization from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

As an alternate to being an employee of a pre-qualified firm, the Contractor’s Engineer of Record may be a pre-qualified Specialty Engineer. For items of the permanent work declared by the State Construction Office to be “major” or “structural”, the work performed by a pre-qualified Specialty Engineer must be checked by another pre-qualified Specialty Engineer. An individual Engineer may become pre-qualified in the work groups listed in the Rules of the Department of Transportation, Chapter 14-75, if the requirements for the Professional Engineer are met for the individual work groups. Pre-qualified Specialty Engineers are listed on the State Construction Website. Pre-qualified Specialty Engineers will not be authorized to perform redesigns or Cost Savings Initiative Proposal designs of items fully detailed in the plans.

Specialty Engineer.

A Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida, other than the Engineer of Record or his subcontracted consultant, who undertakes the design and drawing preparation of components, systems, or installation methods and equipment for specific temporary portions of the project work or for special items of the permanent works not fully detailed in the Plans and required to be furnished by the Contractor. The Specialty Engineer may also provide designs and details, repair designs and details, or perform Engineering Analyses for items of the permanent work declared by the State Construction Office to be “minor” or “non-structural”.

For items of work not specifically covered by the Rules of the Department of Transportation, a Specialty Engineer is qualified if he has the following qualifications:

1. Registration as a Professional Engineer in the State of Florida.
2. The education and experience necessary to perform the submitted design as required by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

SECTION 2 – PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

2-1 Prequalification of Bidders.

Except as noted below, prequalify with the Department to be eligible to bid. The Department publishes regulations covering prequalification of Bidders under separate cover.

The Department does not require the Bidder to be a prequalified Contractor if bidding construction contracts of \$250,000 or less, or if constructing buildings. In addition, at its sole discretion, the Department may waive prequalification requirements on contracts of \$500,000 or less.

For construction contracts requiring prequalification, file an application for qualification using the Department's online prequalification application system, giving detailed information with respect to financial resources, equipment, past record, personnel, and experience. For qualified applicants, the Department will issue a certificate fixing the types of work and the aggregate amount of work that the Department allows the prequalified Bidder to have under contract at any one time.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit the following:

1. A bid on a Contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity.
2. A bid on a Contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work.
3. Bids on leases of real property to a public entity.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 F.S., for Category Two. All restrictions apply for a period of 36 months from the date of placement on the convicted vendor list.

All prequalified Contractors bidding on any Contract must certify their total dollar amount of Work Underway and submit Form 375-020-39 or a spreadsheet in a similar format prior to submitting a bid. This information must be submitted at least once during the month the bid is due via the "Work Underway" link in the Contractor Pre-Qualification System.

SECTION 4 – SCOPE OF THE WORK.

4-3 Alteration of Plans or of Character of Work.

4-3.1 General: The Engineer reserves the right to make, at any time prior to or during the progress of the work, such increases or decreases in quantities, whether a significant change or not, and such alterations in the details of construction, whether a substantial change or not, including but not limited to alterations in the grade or alignment of the road or structure or both, as may be found necessary or desirable by the Engineer. Such increases, decreases or alterations shall not constitute a breach of Contract, shall not invalidate the Contract, nor release the Surety from any liability arising out of this Contract or the Surety bond. The Contractor agrees to perform the work, as altered, the same as if it had been a part of the original Contract.

The term "significant change" applies only when:

1. The Engineer determines that the character of the work as altered differs materially in kind or nature from that involved or included in the original proposed construction, or
2. A major item of work is defined as an increase in excess of 125% or decreased below 75% of the original Contract quantity. The Department will apply any price adjustment for an increase in quantity only to that portion in excess of 125% of the original Contract item quantity

in accordance with 4-3.2 below. In the case of a decrease below 75% the Department will only apply a price adjustment for the additional costs that are a direct result of the reduction in quantity.

In (1) above, the determination by the Engineer shall be conclusive. If the determination is challenged by the Contractor in any proceeding, the Contractor must establish by clear and convincing proof that the determination by the Engineer was without any reasonable basis.

4-3.2 Increase, Decrease or Alteration in the Work: The Engineer reserves the right to make alterations in the character of the work which involve a substantial change in the nature of the design or in the type of construction or which materially increases or decreases the cost or time of performance. Such alteration shall not constitute a breach of Contract, shall not invalidate the Contract or release the Surety.

Notwithstanding that the Contractor shall have no formal right whatsoever to any extra compensation or time extension deemed due by the Contractor for any cause unless and until the Contractor follows the procedures set forth in 5-12.2 for preservation, presentation and resolution of the claim, the Contractor may at any time, after having otherwise timely submitted a notice of intent to claim or preliminary time extension request pursuant to 5-12.2 and 8-7.3.2, submit to the Department a request for equitable adjustment of compensation or time or other dispute resolution proposal. The Contractor shall in any request for equitable adjustment of compensation, time, or other dispute resolution proposal certify under oath and in writing, in accordance with the formalities required by Florida law, that the request is made in good faith, that any supportive data submitted is accurate and complete to the Contractor's best knowledge and belief, and that the amount of the request accurately reflects what the Contractor in good faith believes to be the Department's responsibility. Such certification must be made by an officer or director of the Contractor with the authority to bind the Contractor. Any such certified statements of entitlement and costs shall be subject to the audit provisions set forth in 5-12.14. While the submittal or review of a duly certified request for equitable adjustment shall neither create, modify, nor activate any legal rights or obligations as to the Contractor or the Department, the Department will review the content of any duly certified request for equitable adjustment or other dispute resolution proposal, with any further action or inaction by the Department thereafter being in its sole discretion. Any request for equitable adjustment that fails to fully comply with the certification requirements will not be reviewed by the Department.

The monetary compensation provided for below constitutes full and complete payment for such additional work and the Contractor shall have no right to any additional monetary compensation for any direct or indirect costs or profit for any such additional work beyond that expressly provided below. The Contractor shall be entitled to a time extension only to the extent that the performance of any portion of the additional work is a controlling work item and the performance of such controlling work item actually extends completion of the project due to no fault of the Contractor. All time related costs for actual performance of such additional work are included in the compensation already provided below and any time extension entitlement hereunder will be without additional monetary compensation. The Contractor shall have no right to any monetary compensation or damages whatsoever for any direct or indirect delay to a controlling work item arising out of or in any way related to the circumstances leading up to or resulting from additional work (but not relating to the actual performance of the additional work, which is paid for as otherwise provided herein), except only as provided for under 5-12.6.2.1.

4-3.2.1 Allowable Costs for Extra Work: The Engineer may direct in writing that extra work be done and, at the Engineer’s sole discretion, the Contractor will be paid pursuant to an agreed Supplemental Agreement or in the following manner:

1. Labor and Burden: The Contractor will receive payment for actual costs of direct labor and burden for the additional or unforeseen work. Labor includes foremen actually engaged in the work; and will not include project supervisory personnel nor necessary on-site clerical staff, except when the additional or unforeseen work is a controlling work item and the performance of such controlling work item actually extends completion of the project due to no fault of the Contractor. Compensation for project supervisory personnel, but in no case higher than a Project Manager’s position, shall only be for the pro-rata time such supervisory personnel spent on the contract. In no case shall an officer or director of the Company, nor those persons who own more than 1% of the Company, be considered as project supervisory personnel, direct labor or foremen hereunder.

Payment for burden shall be limited solely to the following:

Table 4-1	
Item	Rate
FICA	Rate established by Law
FUTA/SUTA	Rate established by Law
Medical Insurance	Actual
Holidays, Sick & Vacation benefits	Actual
Retirement benefits	Actual
Workers Compensation	Rates based on the National Council on Compensation Insurance basic rate tables adjusted by Contractor’s actual experience modification factor in effect at the time of the additional work or unforeseen work.
Per Diem	Actual but not to exceed State of Florida’s rate
Insurance*	Actual
*Compensation for Insurance is limited solely to General Liability Coverage and does not include any other insurance coverage (such as, but not limited to, Umbrella Coverage, Automobile Insurance, etc.).	

At the Pre-construction conference, certify to the Engineer the following:

- a. A listing of on-site clerical staff, supervisory personnel and their pro-rated time assigned to the contract,
- b. Actual Rate for items listed in Table 4-1,
- c. Existence of employee benefit plan for Holiday, Sick and Vacation benefits and a Retirement Plan, and,
- d. Payment of Per Diem is a company practice for instances when compensation for Per Diem is requested.

Such certification must be made by an officer or director of the Contractor with authority to bind the Contractor. Timely certification is a condition precedent to any right of the Contractor to recover compensations for such costs, and failure to timely submit the certification will constitute a full, complete, absolute and irrevocable waiver by the Contractor of any right to recover such

costs. Any subsequent changes shall be certified to the Engineer as part of the cost proposal or seven calendar days in advance of performing such extra work.

2. Materials and Supplies: For materials accepted by the Engineer and used on the project, the Contractor will receive the actual cost of such materials incorporated into the work, including Contractor paid transportation charges (exclusive of equipment as hereinafter set forth). For supplies reasonably needed for performing the work, the Contractor will receive the actual cost of such supplies.

3. Equipment: For any machinery or special equipment (other than small tools), including fuel and lubricant, the Contractor will receive 100% of the "Rental Rate Blue Book" for the actual time that such equipment is in operation on the work, and 50% of the "Rental Rate Blue Book" for the time the equipment is directed to standby and remain on the project site, to be calculated as indicated below. The equipment rates will be based on the latest edition (as of the date the work to be performed begins) of the "Rental Rate Blue Book for Construction Equipment" as published by Equipment Watch, a division of Informa Business Media, Inc., using all instructions and adjustments contained therein and as modified below. On all projects, the Engineer will adjust the rates using regional adjustments and Rate Adjustment Tables according to the instructions in the "Rental Rate Blue Book."

Allowable Equipment Rates will be established as set out below:

- a. Allowable Hourly Equipment Rate = $\text{Monthly Rate} / 176 \times \text{Adjustment Factors} \times 100\%$.
- b. Allowable Hourly Operating Cost = $\text{Hourly Operating Cost} \times 100\%$.
- c. Allowable Rate Per Hour = $\text{Allowable Hourly Equipment Rate} + \text{Allowable Hourly Operating Cost}$.
- d. Standby Rate = $\text{Allowable Hourly Equipment Rate} \times 50\%$.

The Monthly Rate is The Basic Machine Rate Plus Any Attachments. Standby rates will apply when equipment is not in operation and is directed by the Engineer to standby at the project site when needed again to complete work and the cost of moving the equipment will exceed the accumulated standby cost. Standby rates will not apply on any day the equipment operates for eight or more hours. Standby payment will be limited to only that number of hours which, when added to the operating time for that day equals eight hours. Standby payment will not be made on days that are not normally considered work days on the project.

The Department will allow for the cost of transporting the equipment to and from the location at which it will be used. If the equipment requires assembly or disassembly for transport, the Department will pay for the time to perform this work at the rate for standby equipment. Equipment may include vehicles utilized only by Labor, as defined above.

4. Indirect Costs, Expenses, and Profit: Compensation for all indirect costs, expenses, and profit of the Contractor, including but not limited to overhead of any kind, whether jobsite, field office, division office, regional office, home office, or otherwise, is expressly limited to the greater of either (a) or (b) below:

- a. Solely a mark-up of 17.5% on the payments in (1) through (3), above.

1. Bond: The Contractor will receive compensation for any premium for acquiring a bond for such additional or unforeseen work at the original Contract bond rate paid by the

Contractor. No compensation for bond premium will be allowed for additional or unforeseen work paid by the Department via initial contingency pay item.

2. The Contractor will be allowed a markup of 10% on the first \$50,000 and a markup of 5% on any amount over \$50,000 on any subcontract directly related to the additional or unforeseen work. Any such subcontractor mark-up will be allowed only by the prime Contractor and a first tier subcontractor, and the Contractor must elect the markup for any eligible first tier subcontractor to do so.

b. Solely the formula set forth below and only as applied solely as to such number of calendar days of entitlement that are in excess of ten cumulative calendar days as defined below.

$$D = \frac{A \times C}{B}$$

Where A = Original Contract Amount

B = Original Contract Time

C = 8%

D = Average Overhead Per Day

Cumulative Calendar Days is defined as the combined total number of calendar days granted as time extensions due to either extra work, excluding overruns to existing contract items, that extend the duration of the project or delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department, or the combined total number of calendar days for which a claim of entitlement to a time extension due to delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department is otherwise ultimately determined to be in favor of the Contractor.

No compensation, whatsoever, will be paid to the Contractor for any jobsite overhead and other indirect impacts when the total number of calendar days granted for time extension due to delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department is, or the total number of calendar days for which entitlement to a time extension due to delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department is otherwise ultimately determined in favor of the Contractor to be, equal to or less than ten calendar days and the Contractor also fully assumes all monetary risk of any and all partial or single calendar day delay periods, due to delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department, that when combined together are equal to or less than ten calendar days and regardless of whether monetary compensation is otherwise provided for hereunder for one or more calendar days of time extension entitlement for each calendar day exceeding ten calendar days. All calculations under this provision shall exclude weather days, Holidays, and Special Events.

Further, in the event there are concurrent delays to one or more controlling work items, one or more being caused by the Department and one or more being caused by the Contractor, the Contractor shall be entitled to a time extension for each day that a controlling work item is delayed by the Department but shall have no right to nor receive any monetary compensation for any indirect costs for any days of concurrent delay.

4-3.2.2 Subcontracted Work: Compensation for the additional or unforeseen work performed by a subcontractor shall be limited solely to that provided for in 4-3.2.1 (1), (2), (3) and (4)(a). In addition, the Contractor compensation is expressly limited to the greater of the

total provided in either 4-3.2.1(4)(a) or (4)(b), except that the Average Overhead Per-Day calculation is as follows:

$$Ds = \frac{As \times C}{B}$$

Where As = Original Contract Amount minus Original
Subcontract amounts(s)*

B = Original Contract Time

C = 8%

Ds = Average Overhead Per-Day

* Deduct Original Subcontract Amount(s) of
subcontractor(s) performing the work

The subcontractor may receive compensation for any premium for acquiring a bond for the additional or unforeseen work; provided, however, that such payment for additional subcontractor bond will only be paid upon presentment to the Department of clear and convincing proof that the subcontractor has actually submitted and paid for separate bond premiums for such additional or unforeseen work in such amount and that the subcontractor was required by the Contractor to acquire a bond.

The Contractor shall require the subcontractor to submit a certification, in accordance with 4-3.2.1 (1), as part of the cost proposal and submit such to the Engineer. Such certification must be made by an officer or director of the subcontractor with authority to bind the subcontractor. Timely certification is a condition precedent to any right of the Contractor to recover compensation for such subcontractor costs, and failure to timely submit the certification will constitute a full, complete, absolute and irrevocable waiver by the Contractor of any right to recover such subcontractor costs.

4-3.3 No Waiver of Contract: Changes made by the Engineer will not be considered to waive any of the provisions of the Contract, nor may the Contractor make any claim for loss of anticipated profits because of the changes, or by reason of any variation between the approximate quantities and the quantities of work actually performed. All work shall be performed as directed by the Engineer and in accordance with the Contract Documents.

4-3.4 Conditions Requiring a Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment: A Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment will be used to clarify the Plans and Specifications of the Contract; to provide for unforeseen work, grade changes, or alterations in the Plans which could not reasonably have been contemplated or foreseen in the original Plans and Specifications; to change the limits of construction to meet field conditions; to provide a safe and functional connection to an existing pavement; to settle documented Contract claims; to make the project functionally operational in accordance with the intent of the original Contract and subsequent amendments thereto.

A Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment may be used to expand the physical limits of the project only to the extent necessary to make the project functionally operational in accordance with the intent of the original Contract. The cost of any such agreement extending the physical limits of the project shall not exceed \$100,000 or 10% of the original Contract price, whichever is greater.

Perform no work to be covered by a Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment before written authorization is received from the Engineer. The Engineer's written authorization will set forth sufficient work information to allow the work to begin. The work activities, terms and conditions will be reduced to written Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment form promptly thereafter. No payment will be made on a Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment prior to the Department's approval of the document.

4-3.5 Extra Work: Extra work authorized in writing by the Engineer will be paid in accordance with the formula in 4-3.2. Such payment will be the full extent of all monetary compensation entitlement due to the Contractor for such extra work. Any entitlement to a time extension due to extra work will be limited solely to that provided for in 4-3.2 for additional work.

4-3.6 Connections to Existing Pavement, Drives and Walks: Generally, adhere to the limits of construction at the beginning and end of the project as detailed in the Plans. However, if the Engineer determines that it is necessary to extend the construction in order to make suitable connections to existing pavement, the Engineer will authorize such a change in writing.

For necessary connections to existing walks and drives that are not indicated in the Plans, the Engineer will submit direction regarding the proper connections in accordance with the Standard Plans.

4-3.7 Differing Site Conditions: During the progress of the work, if subsurface or latent physical conditions are encountered at the site differing materially from those indicated in the Contract, or if unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the work provided for in the Contract are encountered at the site, the party discovering such conditions shall promptly notify the other party in writing of the specific differing conditions before the Contractor disturbs the conditions or performs the affected work.

Upon receipt of written notification of differing site conditions from the Contractor, the Engineer will investigate the conditions, and if it is determined that the conditions materially differ and cause an increase or decrease in the cost or time required for the performance of any work under the Contract, an adjustment will be made, excluding loss of anticipated profits, and the Contract will be modified in writing accordingly. The Engineer will notify the Contractor whether or not an adjustment of the Contract is warranted.

The Engineer will not allow a Contract adjustment for a differing site condition unless the Contractor has submitted the required written notice.

The Engineer will not allow a Contract adjustment under this clause for any effects caused to any other Department or non-Department projects on which the Contractor may be working.

4-3.8 Changes Affecting Utilities: The Contractor shall be responsible for identifying and assessing any potential impacts to a utility that may be caused by the changes proposed by the Contractor, and the Contractor shall at the time of making the request for a change notify the Department in writing of any such potential impacts to utilities.

Department approval of a Contractor proposed change does not relieve the Contractor of sole responsibility for all utility impacts, costs, delays or damages, whether direct or indirect, resulting from Contractor initiated changes in the design or construction activities from those in the original Contract Specifications, Design Plans (including Traffic Control Plans) or other Contract Documents and which effect a change in utility work different from that shown in the Utility Plans, joint project agreements or utility relocation schedules.

4-3.9 Cost Savings Initiative Proposal:

4-3.9.1 Intent and Objective:

1. This Subarticle applies to any cost reduction proposal (hereinafter referred to as a Proposal) that the Contractor initiates and develops for the purpose of refining the Contract to increase cost effectiveness or significantly improve the quality of the end result. A mandatory Cost Savings Initiative Workshop will be held prior to Contract Time beginning for the Contractor and Department to discuss potential Proposals. This mandatory workshop can only be eliminated if agreed to in writing by both the Contractor and Department. This Subarticle does not, however, apply to any such proposal unless the Contractor identifies it at the time of its submission to the Department as a proposal submitted pursuant to this Subarticle.

2. The Department will consider Proposals that would result in net savings to the Department by providing a decrease in the cost of the Contract. Proposals must result in savings without impairing essential functions and characteristics such as safety, service, life, reliability, economy of operation, ease of maintenance, aesthetics and necessary standard design features. The Department will not recognize the Contractor's correction of plan errors that result in a cost reduction, as a Proposal. Deletions of work, approved by the Engineer which are not directly associated with or integral to a Proposal will be handled as full credits to the Department for the work deleted.

3. The Department shall have the right to reject, at its discretion, any Proposal submitted that proposes a change in the design of the pavement system or that would require additional right-of-way. Pending the Department's execution of a formal supplemental agreement implementing an approved Proposal, the Contractor shall remain obligated to perform the work in accordance with the terms of the existing Contract. The Department may grant time extensions to allow for the time required to develop and review a Proposal.

4. For potential Proposals not discussed at the Cost Savings Initiative Workshop, a mandatory concept meeting will be held for the Contractor and Department to discuss the potential Proposal prior to development of the Proposal. This mandatory meeting can only be eliminated if agreed to in writing by both the Contractor and Department.

4-3.9.2 Subcontractors: The Department encourages the Contractor to include the provisions of this Subarticle in Contracts with subcontractors and to encourage submission of Proposals from subcontractors. However, it is not mandatory to submit Proposals to the Department or to accept or transmit subcontractor proposed Proposals to the Department.

4-3.9.3 Data Requirements: As a minimum, submit the following information with each Proposal:

1. a description of the difference between the existing Contract requirement, including any time extension request, and the proposed change, and the comparative advantages and disadvantages.

2. separate detailed cost estimates for both the existing Contract requirement and the proposed change. Break down the cost estimates by pay item numbers indicating quantity increases or decreases and deleted pay items. Identify additional proposed work not covered by pay items within the Contract, by using pay item numbers in the Basis of Estimates Manual. In preparing the estimates, include overhead, profit, and bond within pay items in the Contract. Separate pay item(s) for the cost of overhead, profit, and bond will not be allowed.

3. an itemization of the changes, deletions or additions to plan details, plan sheets, Standard Plans and Specifications that are required to implement the Proposal if the Department adopts it. Submit preliminary plan drawings sufficient to describe the proposed changes.

4. engineering or other analysis in sufficient detail to identify and describe specific features of the Contract that must be changed if the Department accepts the Proposal with a proposal as to how these changes can be accomplished and an assessment of their effect on other project elements. The Department may require that engineering analyses be performed by a prequalified consultant in the applicable class of work. Support all design changes that result from the Proposal with drawings and computations signed and sealed by the Contractor's Engineer of Record. Written documentation or drawings will be submitted clearly delineating the responsibility of the Contractor's Engineer of Record.

5. the date by which the Department must approve the Proposal to obtain the total estimated cost reduction during the remainder of the Contract, noting any effect on the Contract completion time or delivery schedule.

6. a revised project schedule that would be followed upon approval of the Proposal. This schedule would include submittal dates and review time for the Department and Peer reviews.

4-3.9.4 Processing Procedures: Submit Proposals to the Engineer or his duly authorized representative. The Department will process Proposals expeditiously; however, the Department is not liable for any delay in acting upon a Proposal submitted pursuant to this Subarticle. The Contractor may withdraw, in whole or in part, a Proposal not accepted by the Department within the period specified in the Proposal. The Department is not liable for any Proposal development cost in the case where the Department rejects, or the Contractor withdraws a Proposal.

The Engineer is the sole judge of the acceptability of a Proposal and of the estimated net savings in construction costs from the adoption of all or any part of such proposal. In determining the estimated net savings, the Department reserves the right to disregard the Contract bid prices if, in the judgment of the Engineer, such prices do not represent a fair measure of the value of work to be performed or to be deleted.

Prior to approval, the Engineer may modify a Proposal, with the concurrence of the Contractor, to make it acceptable. If any modification increases or decreases the net savings resulting from the Proposal, the Department will determine the Contractor's fair share upon the basis of the Proposal as modified and upon the final quantities. The Department will compute the net savings by subtracting the revised total cost of all bid items affected by the Proposal from the total cost of the same bid items as represented in the original Contract.

Prior to approval of the Proposal that initiates the supplemental agreement, submit acceptable Contract-quality plan sheets revised to show all details consistent with the Proposal design.

4-3.9.5 Computations for Change in Contract Cost of Performance: If the Proposal is adopted, the Contractor's share of the net savings as defined hereinafter represents full compensation to the Contractor for the Proposal.

The Department will not include its costs to process and implement a Proposal in the estimate. However, the Department reserves the right, where it deems such action appropriate, to require the Contractor to pay the Department's cost of investigating and implementing a Proposal as a condition of considering such proposal. When the Department imposes such a condition, the Contractor shall accept this condition in writing, authorizing the Department to deduct amounts payable to the Department from any monies due or that may become due to the Contractor under the Contract.

4-3.9.6 Conditions of Acceptance for Major Design Modifications of Category 2 Bridges: A Proposal that proposes major design modifications of a category 2 bridge, as determined by the Engineer, shall have the following conditions of acceptance:

All bridge Plans relating to the Proposal shall undergo an independent peer review conducted by a single independent engineering firm referred to for the purposes of this article as the Independent Review Engineer who is not the originator of the Proposal design and is pre-qualified by the Department in accordance with Rule 14-75, Florida Administrative Code. The independent peer review is intended to be a comprehensive, thorough verification of the original work, giving assurance that the design is in compliance with all Department requirements. The Independent Review Engineer's comments, along with the resolution of each comment, shall be submitted to the Department. The Independent Review Engineer shall sign and seal the submittal cover letter stating that all comments have been adequately addressed and the design is in compliance with the Department requirements. If there are any unresolved comments the Independent Review Engineer shall specifically list all unresolved issues in the signed and sealed cover letter.

The Contractor shall designate a primary engineer responsible for the Proposal design and as such will be designated as the Contractor's Engineer of Record for the Proposal design. The Department reserves the right to require the Contractor's Engineer of Record to assume responsibility for design of the entire structure.

New designs and independent peer reviews shall be in compliance with all applicable Department, FHWA and AASHTO criteria requirements including bridge load ratings.

4-3.9.7 Sharing Arrangements: If the Department approves a Proposal, the Contractor shall receive 50% of the net reduction in the cost of performance of the Contract. as determined by the final negotiated agreement between the Contractor and the Department. The net reduction will be determined by subtracting from the savings of the construction costs the reasonable documented engineering costs incurred by the contractor to design and develop a Proposal. The reasonable documented engineering costs will be paid by the Department. Engineering costs will be based on the consultant's certified invoice and may include the costs of the Independent Review Engineer in 4-3.9.6. The total engineering costs to be subtracted from the savings to determine the net reduction will be limited to 25% of the construction savings and shall not include any markup by the Contractor or the costs for engineering services performed by the Contractor.

4-3.9.8 Notice of Intellectual Property Interests and Department’s Future Rights to a Proposal:

4-3.9.8.1 Notice of Intellectual Property Interests: The Contractor’s Proposal submittal shall identify with specificity any and all forms of intellectual property rights that either the Contractor or any officer, shareholder, employee, consultant, or affiliate, of the Contractor, or any other entity who contributed in any measure to the substance of the Contractor’s Proposal development, have or may have that are in whole or in part implicated in the Proposal. Such required intellectual property rights notice includes, but is not limited to, disclosure of any issued patents, copyrights, or licenses; pending patent, copyright or license applications; and any intellectual property rights that though not yet issued, applied for or intended to be pursued, could nevertheless otherwise be subsequently the subject of patent, copyright or license protection by the Contractor or others in the future. This notice requirement does not extend to intellectual property rights as to stand-alone or integral components of the Proposal that are already on the Department’s Approved Product List (APL) or Standard Plans or are otherwise generally known in the industry as being subject to patent or copyright protection.

4-3.9.8.2 Department’s Future Rights to a Proposal: Notwithstanding 7-3 nor any other provision of the Standard Specifications, upon acceptance of a Proposal, the Contractor hereby grants to the Department and its contractors (such grant being expressly limited solely to any and all existing or future Department construction projects and any other Department projects that are partially or wholly funded by or for the Department) a royalty-free and perpetual license under all forms of intellectual property rights to manufacture, to use, to design, to construct, to disclose, to reproduce, to prepare and fully utilize derivative works, to distribute, display and publish, in whole or in part, and to permit others to do any of the above, and to otherwise in any manner and for any purpose whatsoever do anything reasonably necessary to fully utilize any and all aspects of such Proposal on any and all existing and future construction projects and any other Department projects.

Contractor shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the Department and its contractors and others in privity therewith from and against any and all claims, liabilities, other obligations or losses, and reasonable expenses related thereto (including reasonable attorneys’ fees), which are incurred or are suffered by any breach of the foregoing grants, and regardless of whether such intellectual property rights were or were not disclosed by the Contractor pursuant to 4-3.9.8.1, unless the Department has by express written exception in the Proposal acceptance process specifically released the Contractor from such obligation to hold harmless, indemnify and defend as to one or more disclosed intellectual property rights.

4-4 Unforeseeable Work.

When the Department requires work that is not covered by a price in the Contract and such work does not constitute a “Significant Change” as defined in 4-3.1, and the Department finds that such work is essential to the satisfactory completion of the Contract within its intended scope, the Department will make an adjustment to the Contract. The Engineer will determine the basis of payment for such an adjustment in a fair and equitable amount.

SECTION 5 – CONTROL OF THE WORK (FINAL ACCEPTANCE AND CLAIMS).

5-11 Final Acceptance.

When, upon completion of the final construction inspection of the entire project, the Engineer determines that the Contractor has satisfactorily completed the work, the Engineer will give the Contractor written notice of final acceptance.

5-12 Claims by Contractor.

5-12.1 General: When the Contractor deems that extra compensation or a time extension is due beyond that agreed to by the Engineer, whether due to delay, additional work, altered work, differing site conditions, breach of Contract, or for any other cause, the Contractor shall follow the procedures set forth herein for preservation, presentation and resolution of the claim.

Submission of timely notice of intent to file a claim, preliminary time extension request, time extension request, and the certified written claim, together with full and complete claim documentation, are each a condition precedent to the Contractor bringing any circuit court, arbitration, or other formal claims resolution proceeding against the Department for the items and for the sums or time set forth in the Contractor's certified written claim. The failure to provide such notice of intent, preliminary time extension request, time extension request, certified written claim and full and complete claim documentation within the time required shall constitute a full, complete, absolute and irrevocable waiver by the Contractor of any right to additional compensation or a time extension for such claim.

5-12.2 Notice of Claim:

5-12.2.1 Claims For Extra Work: Where the Contractor deems that additional compensation or a time extension is due for work or materials not expressly provided for in the Contract or which is by written directive expressly ordered by the Engineer pursuant to 4-3, the Contractor shall submit written notification to the Engineer of the intention to make a claim for additional compensation before beginning the work on which the claim is based, and if seeking a time extension, the Contractor shall also submit a preliminary request for time extension pursuant to 8-7.3.2 within ten calendar days after commencement of a delay and a request for Contract Time extension pursuant to 8-7.3.2 within thirty calendar days after the elimination of the delay. If such written notification is not submitted and the Engineer is not afforded the opportunity for keeping strict account of actual labor, material, equipment, and time, the Contractor waives the claim for additional compensation or a time extension. Such notice by the Contractor, and the fact that the Engineer has kept account of the labor, materials and equipment, and time, shall not in any way be construed as establishing the validity of the claim or method for computing any compensation or time extension for such claim. On projects with an original Contract amount of \$3,000,000 or less within 90 calendar days after final acceptance of the project in accordance with 5-11, and on projects with an original Contract amount greater than \$3,000,000 within 180 calendar days after final acceptance of the project in accordance with 5-11, the Contractor shall submit full and complete claim documentation as described in 5-12.3 and duly certified pursuant to 5-12.9. However, for any claim or part of a claim that pertains solely to final estimate quantities disputes the Contractor shall submit full and complete claim documentation as described in 5-12.3 and duly certified pursuant to 5-12.9, as to such final estimate claim dispute issues, within 90 or 180 calendar days, respectively, of the Contractor's receipt of the Department's final estimate.

If the Contractor fails to submit a certificate of claim as described in 5-12.9, the Department will so notify the Contractor in writing. The Contractor shall have ten calendar days from receipt of the notice to resubmit the claim documentation, without change, with a certificate of claim as described in 5-12.9, without regard to whether the resubmission is within the applicable 90 or 180 calendar day deadline for submission of full and complete claim documentation. Failure by the Contractor to comply with the ten calendar day notice shall constitute a waiver of the claim.

5-12.2.2 Claims For Delay: Where the Contractor deems that additional compensation or a time extension is due on account of delay, differing site conditions, breach of Contract, or any other cause other than for work or materials not expressly provided for in the Contract (Extra Work) or which is by written directive of the Engineer expressly ordered by the Engineer pursuant to 4-3, the Contractor shall submit a written notice of intent to the Engineer within ten days after commencement of a delay to a controlling work item expressly notifying the Engineer that the Contractor intends to seek additional compensation, and if seeking a time extension, the Contractor shall also submit a preliminary request for time extension pursuant to 8-7.3.2 within ten calendar days after commencement of a delay to a controlling work item, as to such delay and providing a reasonably complete description as to the cause and nature of the delay and the possible impacts to the Contractor's work by such delay, and a request for Contract Time extension pursuant to 8-7.3.2 within thirty calendar days after the elimination of the delay. On projects with an original Contract amount of \$3,000,000 or less within 90 calendar days after final acceptance of the project in accordance with 5-11, and on projects with an original Contract amount greater than \$3,000,000 within 180 calendar days after final acceptance of the project in accordance with 5-11, the Contractor shall submit full and complete documentation as described in 5-12.3 and duly certified pursuant to 5-12.9.

If the Contractor fails to submit a certificate of claim as described in 5-12.9, the Department will so notify the Contractor in writing. The Contractor shall have ten calendar days from receipt of the notice to resubmit the claim documentation, without change, with a certificate of claim as described in 5-12.9, without regard to whether the resubmission is within the applicable 90 or 180 calendar day deadline for submission of full and complete claim documentation. Failure by the Contractor to comply with the ten calendar day notice shall constitute a waiver of the claim.

There shall be no Contractor entitlement to any monetary compensation or time extension for any delays or delay impacts, whatsoever, that are not to a controlling work item, and then as to any such delay to a controlling work item entitlement to any monetary compensation or time extension shall only be to the extent such is otherwise provided for expressly under 4-3 or 5-12, except that in the instance of delay to a non-controlling item of work the Contractor may be compensated for the direct costs of idle labor or equipment only, at the rates set forth in 4-3.2.1(1) and (3), and then only to the extent the Contractor could not reasonably mitigate such idleness.

If the Contractor provides the written notice of intent, the preliminary request for time extension, and the request for Contract Time extension in compliance with the aforementioned time and content requirements, the Contractor's claim for delay to a controlling work item will be evaluated as of the date of the elimination of the delay even if the Contractor's performance subsequently

overcomes the delay. If the claim for delay has not been settled, the Contractor must also comply with 5-12.3 and 5-12.9 to preserve the claim.

5-12.3 Content of Written Claim: As a condition precedent to the Contractor being entitled to additional compensation or a time extension under the Contract, for any claim, the Contractor shall submit a certified written claim to the Department which will include for each individual claim, at a minimum, the following information:

1. A detailed factual statement of the claim providing all necessary dates, locations, and items of work affected and included in each claim;

2. The date or dates on which actions resulting in the claim occurred or conditions resulting in the claim became evident;

3. Identification of all pertinent documents and the substance of any material oral communications relating to such claim and the name of the persons making such material oral communications;

4. Identification of the provisions of the Contract which support the claim and a statement of the reasons why such provisions support the claim, or alternatively, the provisions of the Contract which allegedly have been breached and the actions constituting such breach;

5. A detailed compilation of the amount of additional compensation sought and a breakdown of the amount sought as follows:

- a. documented additional job site labor expenses;
- b. documented additional cost of materials and supplies;
- c. a list of additional equipment costs claimed, including each piece of equipment and the rental rate claimed for each;
- d. any other additional direct costs or damages and the documents in support thereof;
- e. any additional indirect costs or damages and all documentation in support thereof.

6. A detailed compilation of the specific dates and the exact number of calendar days sought for a time extension, the basis for entitlement to time for each day, all documentation of the delay, and a breakout of the number of days claimed for each identified event, circumstance or occurrence.

Further, the Contractor shall be prohibited from amending either the bases of entitlement or the amount of any compensation or time stated for any and all issues claimed in the Contractor's written claim submitted hereunder, and any circuit court, arbitration, or other formal claims resolution proceeding shall be limited solely to the bases of entitlement and the amount of any compensation or time stated for any and all issues claimed in the Contractor's written claim submitted hereunder. This shall not, however, preclude a Contractor from withdrawing or reducing any of the bases of entitlement and the amount of any compensation or time stated for any and all issues claimed in the Contractor's written claim submitted hereunder at any time.

5-12.4 Action on Claim: The Engineer will respond in writing on projects with an original Contract amount of \$3,000,000 or less within 90 calendar days of receipt of a complete claim submitted by a Contractor in compliance with 5-12.3, and on projects with an original Contract amount greater than \$3,000,000 within 120 calendar days of receipt of a complete claim submitted by a Contractor in compliance with 5-12.3. Failure by the Engineer to respond to a claim in writing within 90 or 120 days, respectively, after receipt of a complete claim submitted by the Contractor in compliance with 5-12.3 constitutes a denial of the claim by the Engineer. If the Engineer finds

the claim or any part thereof to be valid, such partial or whole claim will be allowed and paid for to the extent deemed valid and any time extension granted, if applicable, as provided in the Contract. No circuit court or arbitration proceedings on any claim, or a part thereof, may be filed until after final acceptance per 5-11 of all Contract work by the Department or denial hereunder, whichever occurs last.

5-12.5 Pre-Settlement and Pre-Judgment Interest: Entitlement to any pre-settlement or pre-judgment interest on any claim amount determined to be valid subsequent to the Department's receipt of a certified written claim in full compliance with 5-12.3, whether determined by a settlement or a final ruling in formal proceedings, the Department shall pay to the Contractor simple interest calculated at the Prime Rate (as reported by the Wall Street Journal as the base rate on corporate loans posted by at least 75% of the Nation's 30 largest banks) as of the 60th calendar day following the Department's receipt of a certified written claim in full compliance with 5-12.3, such interest to accrue beginning 60 calendar days following the Department's receipt of a certified written claim in full compliance with 5-12.3 and ending on the date of final settlement or formal ruling.

5-12.6 Compensation for Extra Work or Delay:

5-12.6.1 Compensation for Extra Work: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation beyond that provided for in 4-3.2.

5-12.6.2 Compensation for Delay: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract Documents, the additional compensation set forth in 5-12.6.2.1 shall be the Contractor's sole monetary remedy for any delay other than to perform extra work caused by the Department unless the delay shall have been caused by acts constituting willful or intentional interference by the Department with the Contractor's performance of the work and then only where such acts continue after Contractor's written notice to the Department of such interference. The parties anticipate that delays may be caused by or arise from any number of events during the term of the Contract, including, but not limited to, work performed, work deleted, supplemental agreements, work orders, disruptions, differing site conditions, utility conflicts, design changes or defects, time extensions, extra work, right-of-way issues, permitting issues, actions of suppliers, subcontractors or other contractors, actions by third parties, suspensions of work by the Engineer shop drawing approval process delays, expansion of the physical limits of the project to make it functional, weather, weekends, holidays, special events, suspension of Contract Time, or other events, forces or factors sometimes experienced in construction work. Such delays or events and their potential impacts on the performance by the Contractor are specifically contemplated and acknowledged by the parties in entering into this Contract, and shall not be deemed to constitute willful or intentional interference with the Contractor's performance of the work without clear and convincing proof that they were the result of a deliberate act, without reasonable and good-faith basis, and specifically intended to disrupt the Contractor's performance.

5-12.6.2.1 Compensation for Direct Costs, Indirect Costs, Expenses, and Profit thereon, of or from Delay: For any delay claim, the Contractor shall be entitled to monetary compensation for the actual idle labor (including supervisory personnel) and equipment, and indirect costs, expenses, and profit thereon, as provided for in 4-3.2.1(4) and solely for costs incurred beyond what reasonable mitigation thereof the Contractor could have undertaken.

5-12.7 Mandatory Claim Records: After submitting to the Engineer a notice of intent to file a claim for extra work or delay, the Contractor must keep daily records of all labor, material and equipment costs incurred for operations affected by the extra work or delay. These daily records must identify each operation affected by the extra work or delay and the specific locations where work is affected by the extra work or delay, as nearly as possible. The Engineer may also keep records of all labor, material and equipment used on the operations affected by the extra work or delay. The Contractor shall, once a notice of intent to claim has been timely filed, and not less than weekly thereafter as long as appropriate, submit the Contractor's daily records to the Engineer and be likewise entitled to receive the Department's daily records. The daily records to be submitted hereunder shall be done at no cost to the recipient.

5-12.8 Claims for Acceleration: The Department shall have no liability for any constructive acceleration of the work, nor shall the Contractor have any right to make any claim for constructive acceleration nor include the same as an element of any claim the Contractor may otherwise submit under this Contract. If the Engineer gives express written direction for the Contractor to accelerate its efforts, such written direction will set forth the prices and other pertinent information and will be reduced to a written Contract Document promptly. No payment will be made on a Supplemental Agreement for acceleration prior to the Department's approval of the documents.

5-12.9 Certificate of Claim: When submitting any claim, the Contractor shall certify under oath and in writing, in accordance with the formalities required by Florida law, that the claim is made in good faith, that the supportive data are accurate and complete to the Contractor's best knowledge and belief, and that the amount of the claim accurately reflects what the Contractor in good faith believes to be the Department's liability. Such certification must be made by an officer or director of the Contractor with the authority to bind the Contractor.

5-12.10 Non-Recoverable Items: The parties agree that for any claim the Department will not have liability for the following items of damages or expense:

1. Loss of profit, incentives or bonuses;
2. Any claim for other than extra work or delay;
3. Consequential damages, including, but not limited to, loss of bonding capacity, loss of bidding opportunities, loss of credit standing, cost of financing, interest paid, loss of other work or insolvency;
4. Acceleration costs and expenses, except where the Department has expressly and specifically directed the Contractor in writing "to accelerate at the Department's expense"; nor
5. Attorney fees, claims preparation expenses and costs of litigation.

5-12.11 Exclusive Remedies: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the parties agree that the Department shall have no liability to the Contractor for expenses, costs, or items of damages other than those which are specifically identified as payable under 5-12. In the event any legal action for additional compensation, whether on account of delay, acceleration, breach of contract, or otherwise, the Contractor agrees that the Department's liability will be limited to those items which are specifically identified as payable in 5-12.

5-12.12 Settlement Discussions: The content of any discussions or meetings held between the Department and the Contractor to settle or resolve any claims submitted by the Contractor against the Department shall be inadmissible in any legal, equitable, arbitration or administrative proceedings brought by the Contractor against the Department for payment of such claim. Dispute Resolution Board, State Arbitration Board and Claim Review Committee proceedings are not settlement discussions, for purposes of this provision.

5-12.13 Personal Liability of Public Officials: In carrying out any of the provisions of the Contract or in exercising any power or authority granted to the Secretary of Transportation, Engineer or any of their respective employees or agents, there shall be no liability on behalf of any employee, officer or official of the Department for which such individual is responsible, either personally or as officials or representatives of the Department. It is understood that in all such matters such individuals act solely as agents and representatives of the Department.

5-12.14 Auditing of Claims: All claims filed against the Department shall be subject to audit at any time following the filing of the claim, whether or not such claim is part of a suit pending in the Courts of this State. The audit may be performed, at the Department's sole discretion, by employees of the Department or by any independent auditor appointed by the Department, or both. The audit may begin after ten days written notice to the Contractor, subcontractor, or supplier. The Contractor, subcontractor, or supplier shall make a good faith effort to cooperate with the auditors. As a condition precedent to recovery on any claim, the Contractor, subcontractor, or supplier must retain sufficient records, and provide full and reasonable access to such records, to allow the Department's auditors to verify the claim and failure to retain sufficient records of the claim or failure to provide full and reasonable access to such records shall constitute a waiver of that portion of such claim that cannot be verified and shall bar recovery thereunder. Further, and in addition to such audit access, upon the Contractor submitting a written claim, the Department shall have the right to request and receive, and the Contractor shall have the affirmative obligation to submit to the Department any and all documents in the possession of the Contractor or its subcontractors, materialmen or suppliers as may be deemed relevant by the Department in its review of the basis, validity or value of the Contractor's claim.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor shall upon written request of the Department make available to the Department's auditors, or upon the Department's written request, submit at the Department's expense, any or all of the following documents:

1. Daily time sheets and foreman's daily reports and diaries;
2. Insurance, welfare and benefits records;
3. Payroll register;
4. Earnings records;
5. Payroll tax return;
6. Material invoices, purchase orders, and all material and supply acquisition contracts;
7. Material cost distribution worksheet;
8. Equipment records (list of company owned, rented or other equipment used);
9. Vendor rental agreements and subcontractor invoices;
10. Subcontractor payment certificates;

11. Canceled checks for the project, including, payroll and vendors;
12. Job cost report;
13. Job payroll ledger;
14. General ledger, general journal, (if used) and all subsidiary ledgers and journals together with all supporting documentation pertinent to entries made in these ledgers and journals;
15. Cash disbursements journal;
16. Financial statements for all years reflecting the operations on this project;
17. Income tax returns for all years reflecting the operations on this project;
18. All documents which reflect the Contractor's actual profit and overhead during the years this Contract was being performed and for each of the five years prior to the commencement of this Contract;
19. All documents related to the preparation of the Contractor's bid including the final calculations on which the bid was based;
20. All documents which relate to each and every claim together with all documents which support the amount of damages as to each claim;
21. Worksheets used to prepare the claim establishing the cost components for items of the claim including, but not limited to, labor, benefits and insurance, materials, equipment, subcontractors, and all documents that establish which time periods and individuals were involved, and the hours and rates for such individuals.

SECTION 6 – CONTROL OF MATERIALS.

6-1 Acceptance Criteria.

6-1.1 General: Acceptance of materials is based on the following criteria. All requirements may not apply to all materials. Use only materials in the work that meet the requirements of these Specifications. The Engineer may inspect and test any material, at points of production, distribution and use.

6-1.2 Sampling and Testing: Use the Department's current sample identification and tracking system to provide related information and attach the information to each sample. Restore immediately any site from which material has been removed for sampling purposes to the pre-sampled condition with materials and construction methods used in the initial construction, at no additional cost to the Department.

Ensure when a material is delivered to the location as described in the Contract Documents, there is enough material delivered to take samples, at no expense to the Department.

6-1.2.1 Pretest by Manufacturers: Submit certified manufacturer's test results to the Engineer for qualification and use on Department projects. Testing will be as specified in the Contract Documents. The Department may require that manufacturers submit samples of materials for independent verification purposes.

6-1.2.2 Point of Production Test: Test the material during production as specified in the Contract Documents.

6-1.2.3 Point of Distribution Test: Test the material at Distribution facilities as specified in the Contract Documents.

6-1.2.4 Point of Use Test: Test the material immediately following placement as specified in the Specifications. After delivery to the project, the Department may require the retesting of materials that have been tested and accepted at the source of supply, or may require the testing of materials that are to be accepted by manufacturer certification. The Department may reject all materials that, when retested, do not meet the requirements of these Specifications.

6-1.3 Certification:

6-1.3.1 Manufacturer Material Certification: Submit material certifications for all materials to the Engineer for approval when required by the Specifications. Materials will not be considered for payment when not accompanied by a material certification. Sample material certification forms are available on the Department's website at the following URL: <https://www.fdot.gov/materials/administration/resources/library/publications/certifications/sampleforms.shtm> . Ensure that the material certification follows the format of the sample form, is submitted on the manufacturer's letterhead and is signed by a legally responsible person employed by the manufacturer.

6-1.3.1.1 Approved Product List: This list provides assurance to Contractors, consultants, designers, and Department personnel that specific products and materials are approved for use on Department facilities. The Department will limit the Contractor's use of products and materials that require use of APL items to those listed on the APL effective at the time of placement. Where the terms Qualified Products List (QPL) appear in the Contract Documents, they will be synonymous with Approved Product List (APL).

Manufacturers seeking to have a product evaluated for the APL must submit an application, available on the Department's website at the following URL: <https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/ProductEvaluation/Default.shtm>.

Applications must include the following documentation:

1. Supporting documentation as required by the Specifications, Standard Plans, and APL approval process. A sample may be requested to verify the product, in accordance with the specifications.
2. A photograph displaying the product as shipped with packaging.
3. A list displaying all components within the shipped packaging, if applicable.
4. Installation instructions and materials, if applicable.
5. Product packaging or product labels as required by the Specifications.
6. Construction material percentages and country source of materials.
7. Last two manufacturing steps and country of manufacture.
8. Manufacturer name and material designation (product name, product model/part number/style number, etc.) must be as identified on the product, product packaging, and product labels.
9. Applications must be signed by a legally responsible person employed by the manufacturer of the product.

Required test reports must be conducted by an independent laboratory or other independent testing facility. Required drawings and calculations must be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Florida.

Products that have successfully completed the Department's evaluation process are eligible for inclusion on the APL. Manufacturers are required to submit requests to the Department for approval of any modifications or alterations made to a product listed on the APL. This includes, but is not limited to, design, raw material, or manufacturing process modifications. Modification or alteration requests must be submitted along with supporting documentation that the product continues to meet Section 6, the Specification, or Standard Plans requirements. A product sample and additional product testing and documentation may be required for the modification evaluation. Any marked variations from original test values, failure to notify the Department of any modifications or alterations, or any evidence of inadequate performance of a product may result in removal of the product from the APL.

Manufacturers must submit supporting documentation to the Department for a periodic review and re-approval of their APL products on or before the product's original approval anniversary. APL products that are not re-approved may be removed from the APL. Documentation requirements for the product review and re-approval, including schedule and criteria, are available on the Department's website at the following URL:

<https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/ProductEvaluation/Default.shtm>.

6-1.3.2 Contractor Installation Certification: Submit installation certifications as required by the Contract Documents.

6-2 Applicable Documented Authorities Other Than Specifications.

6-2.1 General: Details on individual materials are identified in various material specific Sections of the Specifications that may refer to other documented authorities for requirements. When specified, meet the requirements as defined in such references.

6-2.2 Test Methods: Methods of sampling and testing materials are in accordance with the Florida Methods (FM). If an FM does not exist for a particular test, perform the testing in accordance with the method specified in the Specification. When test methods or other standards are referenced in the Specifications without identification of the specific time of issuance, use the most current issuance, including interims or addenda thereto, at the time of bid opening.

6-2.3 Construction Aggregates: Aggregates used on Department projects must be in accordance with Rule 14-103, FAC.

6-3 Storage of Materials and Samples.

6-3.1 Method of Storage: Store materials in such a manner as to preserve their quality and fitness for the work, to facilitate prompt inspection, and to minimize noise impacts on sensitive receivers. More detailed specifications concerning the storage of specific materials are prescribed under the applicable Specifications. The Department may reject improperly stored materials.

6-3.2 Use of Right-of-Way for Storage: If the Engineer allows, the Contractor may use a portion of the right-of-way for storage purposes and for placing the Contractor's plant and equipment. Use only the portion of the right-of-way that is outside the clear zone, which is the portion not required for public vehicular or pedestrian travel. When used, restore the right-of-way to pre-construction condition at no additional cost to the Department or as specified in the Contract Documents. Provide any additional space required at no expense to the Department.

6-3.3 Responsibility for Stored Materials: Accept responsibility for the protection of stored materials. The Department is not liable for any loss of materials, by theft or otherwise, or for any damage to the stored materials.

6-3.4 Storage Facilities for Samples: Provide facilities for storage of samples as described in the Contract Documents and warranted by the test methods and Specifications.

6-4 Defective Materials.

Materials not meeting the requirements of these Specifications will be considered defective. The Engineer will reject all such materials, whether in place or not. Remove all rejected material immediately from the site of the work and from storage areas, at no expense to the Department.

Do not use material that has been rejected, until the Engineer has approved the material's use. Upon failure to comply promptly with any order of the Engineer made under the provisions of this Article, the Engineer has the authority to have the defective material removed and replaced by other forces and deduct the cost of removal and replacement from any moneys due or to become due the Contractor.

6-4.1 Engineering Analysis: As an exception to the above, within 30 calendar days of the termination of the LOT or rejection of the material, the Contractor may submit to the Engineer a proposed Engineering Analysis Scope to determine the disposition of the material. The Engineering Analysis Scope must contain at a minimum:

1. Description of the defective materials.
2. Supporting information, testing or inspection reports with nonconformities, pictures, drawings, and accurately dimensioned deficiency maps as necessary. For cracked elements, provide drawings showing the location, average width, depth, length, and termination points of each crack along the surfaces. Provide the distance from each termination point to a fixed reference point on the component, such as beam end or edge of flange.
3. Proposed approach of investigation and analysis.
4. Name and credentials of the proposed Specialty Engineer or Contractor's Engineer of Record who will perform the engineering analysis.
5. Proposed testing laboratories, qualified in accordance with Section 105-7.

Upon approval of the Engineering Analysis Scope by the Engineer, the Specialty Engineer or Contractor's Engineer of Record may perform the engineering analysis as defined in the approved scope and submit a signed and sealed Engineering Analysis Report (EAR) to the Engineer. The EAR must contain at a minimum:

1. The approved Engineering Analysis Scope.
2. Any investigations performed and the associated results obtained.
3. Analysis and conclusion.

4. Proposed disposition of the material, addressing the performance and durability of the proposed action.

Provide as appropriate:

1. Written evidence of a previously approved comparable deficiency and its repair.
2. Documented research demonstrating the effectiveness of the proposed repair.
3. Engineering calculations.

A Specialty Engineer, who is an independent consultant, or the Contractor's Engineer of Record as stated within each individual Section shall perform any such analysis within 45 calendar days of the Engineer's approval of the Engineering Analysis Scope, complete and submit the EAR. The EAR must be signed and sealed by the Specialty Engineer or the Contractor's Engineer of Record that performed the engineering analysis. Allow for a 45 calendar day review period for all EARs associated with a category 2 bridge; tolling components identified in the current FDOT General Tolling Requirements (GTR) Part 3; and the tolling-related signing, DMS and ITS infrastructure. Allow for a 25 calendar day review period for all other items. The Engineer will determine the final disposition of the material after review of the EAR. No additional monetary compensation or time extension will be granted for the impact of any such analysis or review.

6-5 Products and Source of Supply.

6-5.1 Source of Supply–Convict Labor (Federal-Aid Contracts Only): Do not use materials that were produced after July 1, 1991, by convict labor for Federal-aid highway construction projects unless the prison facility has been producing convict-made materials for Federal-aid highway construction projects before July 1, 1987.

Use materials that were produced prior to July 2, 1991, by convicts on Federal-aid highway construction projects free from the restrictions placed on the use of these materials by 23 U.S.C. 114. The Department will limit the use of materials produced by convict labor for use in Federal-aid highway construction projects to:

1. Materials produced by convicts on parole, supervised release, or probation from a prison or,
2. Materials produced in a qualified prison facility.

The amount of such materials produced for Federal-aid highway construction during any 12-month period shall not exceed the amount produced in such facility for use in such construction during the 12-month period ending July 1, 1987.

6-5.2 Source of Supply: Comply with 2 CFR 184 and 2 CFR 200.322, which includes the Buy America Sourcing Preferences of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA). Domestic compliance for all affected products will be listed on the APL. The list of affected articles, materials, and supplies that have been added to the APL and are not identified in each individual Section can be found at the following

URL: <https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/ProductEvaluation/Default.shtm>.

6-5.2.1 Steel and Iron: Use steel and iron manufactured in the United States, in accordance with the Buy America provisions of 23 CFR 635.410, as amended. Ensure that all manufacturing processes for this material occur in the United States. As used in this specification, a manufacturing process is any process that modifies the chemical content, physical shape or size, or final finish of a product, beginning with the initial melting and continuing through the final shaping and coating. If a steel or iron product is taken outside the United States for any manufacturing process, it becomes foreign source material. When using steel or iron materials as a component of any manufactured product (e.g., concrete pipe, prestressed beams, corrugated steel pipe, etc.), these same provisions apply. Foreign steel and iron may be used when the total actual cost of such foreign materials does not exceed 0.1% of the total Contract amount or \$2,500, whichever is greater. These requirements are applicable to all steel and iron materials incorporated into the finished work but are not applicable to steel and iron items that the Contractor uses but does not incorporate into the finished work. Submit a certification from the manufacturer of steel or iron, or any product containing steel or iron, stating that all steel or iron furnished or incorporated into the furnished product was produced and manufactured in the United States or a statement that the product was produced within the United States except for minimal quantities of foreign steel and iron valued at \$ (actual cost). Submit each such certification to the Engineer prior to incorporating the material or product into the project. Prior to the use of foreign steel or iron materials on a project, submit invoices to document the actual cost of such material, and obtain the Engineer's written approval prior to incorporating the material into the project.

6-5.2.2 Manufactured Products: Use Manufactured Products that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project that are manufactured in the United States, in accordance with BABA requirements and applicable waivers.

6-5.2.3 Construction Materials: Use non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products, glass, lumber, and drywall articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project that are manufactured in the United States, in accordance with BABA requirements.

6-5.2.4 Exemptions to Build America, Buy America: Temporary devices, equipment, and other items removed at or before the completion of the project are exempt from BABA funding eligibility requirements. Aggregates, cementitious materials, and aggregate binding agents or additives are exempted from BABA funding eligibility requirements.

6-5.3 Contaminated, Unfit, Hazardous, and Dangerous Materials: Do not use any material that, after approval and/or placement, has in any way become unfit for use. Do not use materials containing any substance that has been determined to be hazardous by the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Provide workplaces free from serious recognized hazards and to comply with occupational safety and health standards, as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

SECTION 7 – LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PUBLIC.

7-1.1 Compliance with FHWA 1273: The FHWA-1273 Electronic version, dated October 23, 2023, is posted on the Department's website at the following URL address:

https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/programmanagement/implemented/urlinspecs/files/fhwa_1273_revised-10-23-23.pdf?sfvrsn=d7604d20_1

Take responsibility to obtain this information and comply with all requirements posted on this website up through five calendar days before the opening of bids.

Comply with the provisions contained in FHWA-1273. If the Department's website cannot be accessed, contact the Department's Specifications Office Web Coordinator at (850) 414-4101.

7-1.3 Introduction or Release of Prohibited Aquatic Plants, Plant Pests, or Noxious Weeds: Do not introduce or release prohibited aquatic plants, plant pests, or noxious weeds into the project limits as a result of clearing and grubbing, earthwork, grassing and mulching, sodding, landscaping, or other such activities. Immediately notify the Engineer upon discovery of all prohibited aquatic plants, plant pests, or noxious weeds within the project limits. Do not move prohibited aquatic plants, plant pests, or noxious weeds within the project limits or to locations outside of the project limits without the Engineer's permission. Maintain all borrow material brought onto the project site free of prohibited aquatic plants, plant pests, noxious weeds, and their reproductive parts. Refer to Rule 5B-64 and Rule 5B-57, of the Florida Administrative Code for the definition of prohibited aquatic plants, plant pests, and noxious weeds.

7-1.4 Compliance with Federal Endangered Species Act and other Wildlife Regulations: The Federal Endangered Species Act requires that the Department investigate the potential impact to a threatened or endangered species prior to initiating an activity performed in conjunction with a highway construction project. If the Department's investigation determines that there is a potential impact to a protected, threatened or an endangered species, the Department will conduct an evaluation to determine what measures may be necessary to mitigate such impact. When mitigation measures and/or special conditions are necessary, these measures and conditions will be addressed in the Contract Documents or permits.

In addition, in cases where certain protected, threatened or endangered species are found or appear within close proximity to the project boundaries, the Department has established guidelines that will apply when interaction with certain species occurs, absent of any special mitigation measures or permit conditions otherwise identified for the project. These guidelines are posted at the following URL address:

https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/programmanagement/implemented/urlinspecs/files/endangeredwildlifeguidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=e27baf3f_2.

Take responsibility to obtain this information and take all actions and precautions necessary to comply with the conditions of these guidelines during all project activities.

Prior to establishing any off-project activity in conjunction with a project, notify the Engineer of the proposed activity. Covered activities include but are not necessarily limited to borrow pits,

concrete or asphalt plant sites, disposal sites, field offices, and material or equipment storage sites. Include in the notification the Financial Project ID, a description of the activity, the location of the site by township, range, section, county, and city, a site location map including the access route, the name of the property owner, and a person to contact to arrange a site inspection. Submit this notification at least 30 days in advance of planned commencement of the off-site activity, to allow for the Department to conduct an investigation without delaying job progress.

Do not perform any off-project activity without obtaining written clearance from the Engineer. In the event the Department's investigation determines a potential impact to a protected, threatened or endangered species and mitigation measures or permits are necessary, coordinate with the appropriate resource agencies for clearance, obtain permits and perform mitigation measures as necessary. Immediately notify the Engineer in writing of the results of this coordination with the appropriate resource agencies. Additional compensation or time will not be allowed for permitting or mitigation, associated with Contractor initiated off-project activities.

7-1.7 Insecticides, Herbicides and Fertilizers:

7-1.7.1 Insecticides and Herbicides: Use products found on the following website, <http://state.ceris.purdue.edu/>, approved by the Florida Department of Agriculture for the State of Florida. The use of restricted products is prohibited. Do not use any products in the sulfonylurea family of chemicals. Herbicide application by broadcast spraying is not allowed.

Procure any necessary licenses, pay all charges and fees, and give all notices necessary for lawful performance of the work.

Ensure that all insecticides and herbicides are applied in accordance with Chapter 5E-9, Florida Administrative Code. Provide a copy of current certificates upon request, to the Engineer.

Ensure that employees who work with herbicides comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations.

Comply with all regulations and permits issued by any regulatory agency within whose jurisdiction work is being performed. Post all permit placards in a protected, conspicuous location at the work site.

Acquire any permits required for work performed on the rights-of-way within the jurisdiction of National Forests in Florida. Contact the Local National Forest Ranger District, or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) office for the proper permits and subsequent approval.

Acquire all permits required for aquatic plant control as outlined in Chapter 62C-20, Florida Administrative Code Rules of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Contact the Regional Field Office of Bureau of Invasive Plant Management of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for proper permits and subsequent approval. If application of synthetic organo-auxin herbicides is necessary, meet the requirements of Chapter 5E-2, Florida Administrative Code.

7-1.7.2 Fertilizer: Ensure that all employees applying fertilizer, possess a current Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Commercial Applicator license in accordance with Section 482.1562, F.S. Upon request, provide a copy of current certificates to the Engineer.

7-1.8 Compliance with Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act: Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act prohibits the U. S. Secretary of Transportation from approving a project which requires the use of publicly owned land of a public park, recreation area or a wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or of any historic site of national, state, or local significance unless there is no prudent or feasible alternative to using that land and the program or project includes all possible planning to minimize the harm to the site resulting from the use.

Before undertaking any off-project activity associated with any federally assisted undertaking, ensure that the proposed site does not represent a public park, recreation area, wildlife or waterfowl refuge, or a historic site (according to the results of the Cultural Resources Survey discussed in 120-6.2). If such a site is proposed, notify the Engineer and provide a description of the proposed off-site activity, the Financial Project ID, the location of the site by township, range, section, a county or city map showing the site location, including the access route and the name of the property. It is the Contractor's responsibility to submit justification for use of Section 4(f) property that is sufficient for the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to make a Section 4(f) determination. Submit this notification sufficiently in advance of planned commencement of the off-site activity to allow a reasonable time for the Engineer to conduct an investigation without delaying job progress. Do not begin any off-project activity without obtaining written clearance from the Engineer.

7-7 Control of the Contractor's Equipment.

7-7.2 Overloaded Equipment: Do not operate on any road, street or bridge including a department owned temporary bridge, any hauling unit or equipment loaded in excess of:

1. the maximum weights specified in the Florida Highway Patrol, Commercial Motor Vehicle Manual (Trucking Manual), or
2. lower weight limits legally established and posted for any section of road or bridge by the Department or local authorities.

The governmental unit having jurisdiction over a particular road or bridge may provide exceptions by special permit.

This restriction applies to all roads and bridges inside and outside the Contract limits as long as these roads and bridges are open for public use. The Contractor may overload roads and bridges which are to be demolished after they are permanently closed to the public. The Contractor is responsible for all loss or damages resulting from equipment operated on a structure permanently closed to the public.

7-7.5 Contractor's Equipment on Bridge Structures: The Contractor's Engineer of Record shall analyze the effect of imposed loads on bridge structures, including Department

owned temporary bridges, within the limits of a construction contract, resulting from the following operations:

1. Overloaded Equipment as defined in 7-7.2:
 - a. Operating on or crossing over completed bridge structures.
 - b. Operating on or crossing over partially completed bridge structures.
2. Equipment within legal load limits:
 - a. Operating on or crossing over partially completed bridge structures.
3. Construction cranes:
 - a. Operating on completed bridge structures.
 - b. Operating on partially completed bridge structures.
4. Asphalt Milling Equipment:
 - a. In excess of 90,000 lbs. crossing bridge structures.
 - b. Less than 90,000 lbs. crossing bridge structures listed on the overweight

routing map CRN-2 located on the Office of Maintenance Over-Weight Dimension Permits website at <https://www.fdot.gov/maintenance/owod-permit-documents#BlanketAttachments>.

Any pipe culvert(s) or box culvert(s) qualifying as a bridge under 1-3 is excluded from the requirements above.

A completed bridge structure is a bridge structure in which all elemental components comprising the load carrying assembly have been completed, assembled, and connected in their final position. The components to be considered shall also include any related members transferring load to any bridge structure.

The Contractor’s Engineer of Record shall determine the effect that equipment loads have on the bridge structure and develop the procedures for using the loaded equipment without exceeding the structure’s design load capacity.

Submit to the Department for approval the design calculations, layout drawings, and erection drawings showing how the equipment is to be used so that the bridge structure will not be overstressed. The Contractor’s Engineer of Record shall sign and seal the drawings and the cover sheet of the calculations for the Department’s Record Set.

7-16 Wage Rates for Federal-Aid Projects.

For this Contract, payment of predetermined minimum wages applies.

The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Wage Rates applicable to this Contract are listed in table below, as modified up through ten days prior to the opening of bids.

Wage Rate Decision Number	County	Associated Work

Review the General Decisions for all classifications necessary to complete the project. Request additional classifications through the Engineer’s office when needed.

SECTION 8 – PROSECUTION OF WORK.

8-1 Subletting or Assigning of Contracts.

Do not, sell, transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of the Contract or Contracts or any portion thereof, or of the right, title, or interest therein, without written consent of the Department. If the Contractor chooses to sublet any portion of the Contract, the Contractor must provide a written request to sublet work on the Certification of Sublet Work form developed by the Department for this purpose. With the Engineer's acceptance of the request, the Contractor may sublet a portion of the work but shall perform with its own organization work amounting to not less than 40% of the total Contract amount. The Certification of Sublet Work request will be deemed acceptable by the Department, for purposes of the Department's consent, unless the Engineer notifies the Contractor within 5 business days of receipt of the Certification of Sublet Work that the Department is not consenting to the requested subletting.

Include in the total Contract amount the cost of materials and manufactured component products, and their transportation to the project site. For the purpose of meeting this requirement the Department will not consider off-site commercial production of materials and manufactured component products that the Contractor purchases, or their transportation to the project, as subcontracted work.

If the Contractor sublets a part of a Contract item, the Department will use only the sublet proportional cost in determining the percentage of subcontracted normal work.

Execute all agreements to sublet work in writing and include all pertinent provisions and requirements of the Contract. All other agreements must be in writing and reference all applicable Contract provisions. Upon request, furnish the Department with a copy of the subcontract and agreement. The subletting of work does not relieve the Contractor or the surety of their respective liabilities under the Contract.

The Department recognizes a subcontractor only in the capacity of an employee or agent of the Contractor, and the Engineer may require the Contractor to remove the subcontractor as in the case of an employee.

8-3.2 Submission of Contract Schedule: Within 21 calendar days after Contract award or at the preconstruction conference, whichever is earlier, submit to the Engineer a Contract Schedule for the project. The Engineer will review and respond to the Contractor within 15 calendar days of receipt.

Provide a Contract Schedule that shows the various activities of work in sufficient detail to demonstrate a reasonable and workable plan to complete the project within the Contract Time. Show the order and interdependence of activities and the sequence for accomplishing the work. Describe all activities in sufficient detail so that the Engineer can readily identify the work and measure the progress on of each activity. Show each activity with a beginning work date, a duration, and a monetary value. Include activities for procurement fabrication, and delivery of materials, plant, and equipment, and review time for shop drawings and submittals. Include

milestone activities when milestones are required by the Contract Documents. In a project with more than one phase, adequately identify each phase and its completion date, and do not allow activities to span more than one phase.

Conduct sufficient liaison and provide sufficient information to indicate coordination activities with utility owners that have facilities within the limits of construction have been resolved. Incorporate in the Contract Schedule any utility work schedules included in the Contract Documents unless the utility company and the Department mutually agree to changes to the utility schedules shown in the Contract.

Submit a working plan with the Contract Schedule, consisting of a concise written description of the construction plan.

The Engineer will return inadequate Contract Schedules to the Contractor for corrections. Resubmit a corrected schedule within 15 calendar days from the date of the Engineer's return transmittal.

Submit an updated Contract Schedule, for Engineer's acceptance, if there is a significant change in the planned order or duration of an activity. The Engineer will review the corrected schedule and respond within 7 calendar days of receipt.

By acceptance of the Contract Schedule, the Engineer does not endorse or otherwise certify the validity or accuracy of the activity durations or sequencing of activities. The Engineer will use the accepted schedule as the baseline against which to measure the progress.

If the Contractor fails to finalize either the initial or a revised Contract Schedule in the time specified, the Engineer may withhold all Contract payments until the Engineer accepts the schedule.

The Contract Schedule may indicate a completion date in advance of the expiration of Contract Time. However, the Department will not be liable in any way for the Contractor's failure to complete the project prior to expiration of Contract Time. Any additional costs, including extended overhead incurred between the Contractor's scheduled completion date and the expiration of Contract Time, shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor shall not be entitled to claim or recover any such costs from the Department.

8-5 Qualifications of Contractor's Personnel.

Provide competent, careful, and reliable superintendents, foremen, and workmen. Provide workmen with sufficient skill and experience to properly perform the work assigned to them. Provide workmen engaged on special work, or skilled work, such as bituminous courses or mixtures, concrete bases, pavements, or structures, or in any trade, with sufficient experience in such work to perform it properly and satisfactorily and to operate the equipment involved. Provide workmen that shall make due and proper effort to execute the work in the manner prescribed in the Contract Documents, or the Engineer may take action as prescribed below.

It is prohibited as a conflict of interest for a Contractor to subcontract with a Consultant to perform Contractor Quality Control when the Consultant is under contract with the Department to perform work on any project described in the Contractor's Contract with the Department. Prior to approving a Consultant for Contractor Quality Control, the Contractor shall submit to the Department a Certificate from the proposed Consultant certifying that no conflict of interest exists.

Whenever the Engineer determines that any person employed by the Contractor is incompetent, unfaithful, intemperate, disorderly, or insubordinate, the Engineer will provide written notice and the Contractor shall discharge the person from the work. Do not employ any discharged person on the project without the written consent of the Engineer. If the Contractor fails to remove such person or persons, the Engineer may withhold all estimates that are or may become due or suspend the work until the Contractor complies with such orders. Protect, defend, indemnify, and hold the Department, its agents, officials, and employees harmless from all claims, actions, or suite arising from such removal, discharge, or suspension of employees.

8-7.3 Adjusting Contract Time:

8-7.3.1 Increased Work: The Department may grant an extension of Contract Time when it increases the Contract amount due to overruns in original Contract items, adds new work items, or provides for unforeseen work. The Department will base the consideration for granting an extension of Contract Time on the extent that the time normally required to complete the additional designated work delays the Contract completion schedule.

8-7.3.2 Contract Time Extensions: The Department may grant an extension of Contract Time when a controlling item of work is delayed by factors not reasonably anticipated or foreseeable at the time of bid. The Department may allow such extension of time only for delays occurring during the Contract Time period or authorized extensions of the Contract Time period. When failure by the Department to fulfill an obligation under the Contract results in delays to the controlling items of work, the Department will consider such delays as a basis for granting a time extension to the Contract.

Whenever the Engineer suspends the Contractor's operations, as provided in 8-6, for reasons other than the fault of the Contractor, the Engineer will grant a time extension for any delay to a controlling item of work due to such suspension. The Department will not grant time extensions to the Contract for delays due to the fault or negligence of the Contractor.

The Department does not include an allowance for delays caused by the effects of inclement weather or suspension of Contractor's operations as defined in 8-6.4, in establishing Contract Time. The Engineer will continually monitor the effects of weather and, when found justified, grant time extensions on either a bimonthly or monthly basis. The Engineer will not require the Contractor to submit a request for additional time due to the effects of weather.

The Department will grant time extensions, on a day for day basis, for delays caused by the effects of rains or other inclement weather conditions, related adverse soil conditions or suspension of operations that prevent the Contractor from productively performing controlling items of work resulting in:

1. The Contractor being unable to work at least 50% of the normal work day on pre-determined controlling work items; or

2. The Contractor must make major repairs to work damaged by weather, provided that the damage is not attributable to the Contractor's failure to perform or neglect; and provided that the Contractor was unable to work at least 50% of the normal workday on pre-determined controlling work items.

When the Department grants a time extension due to rains or other inclement weather, the Contractor shall submit any objection to the additional time in writing within ten calendar days from receipt of written notice from the Engineer. Failure to submit a written appeal within ten calendar days from receipt of the written notice shall constitute a waiver of any and all rights to appeal the Department's decision at a later time.

No additional compensation will be made for delays caused by the effects of inclement weather.

The Department will consider the delays in delivery of materials or component equipment that affect progress on a controlling item of work as a basis for granting a time extension if such delays are beyond the control of the Contractor or supplier. Such delays may include an area-wide shortage, an industry-wide strike, or a natural disaster that affects all feasible sources of supply. In such cases, the Contractor shall submit substantiating letters from a representative number of manufacturers of such materials or equipment clearly confirming that the delays in delivery were the result of an area-wide shortage, an industry-wide strike, etc. No additional compensation will be made for delays caused by delivery of materials or component equipment.

The Department will not consider requests for time extension due to delay in the delivery of custom manufactured equipment such as traffic signal equipment, highway lighting equipment, etc., unless the Contractor submits documentation that he placed the order for such equipment in a timely manner, the delay was caused by factors beyond the manufacturer's control, and the lack of such equipment caused a delay in progress on a controlling item of work. No additional compensation will be paid for delays caused by delivery of custom manufactured equipment.

The Department will consider the affect of utility relocation and adjustment work on job progress as the basis for granting a time extension only if all the following criteria are met:

1. Delays are the result of either utility work that was not detailed in the Plans, or utility work that was detailed in the Plans but was not accomplished in reasonably close accordance with the schedule included in the Contract Documents.
2. Utility work actually affected progress toward completion of controlling work items.
3. The Contractor took all reasonable measures to minimize the effect of utility work on job progress, including cooperative scheduling of the Contractor's operations with the scheduled utility work at the preconstruction conference and providing adequate advance notification to utility companies as to the dates to coordinate their operations with the Contractor's operations to avoid delays.

The Department will consider requests for time extension due to delay in work operations within the limits of the railroad right-of-way, the adjoining 15 feet, or determined by the Railroad or Department to be able to potentially foul the tracks regardless of distance from railroad right-of-

way on job progress as the basis for granting a time extension only if all the following criteria are met:

1. Delays are due to a lack of availability of Railroad protective services as required by 7-11.4.
2. Work within the limits of the railroad right-of-way or the adjoining 15 feet actually impacted progress toward completion of controlling work items.
3. The Contractor took all reasonable measures to minimize the effect of work operations within the limits of the railroad right-of-way or the adjoining 15 feet on job progress, including compliance with all provisions of 7-11.4 and 5-12, and cooperative scheduling of the Contractor's operations.

As a condition precedent to an extension of Contract Time the Contractor must submit to the Engineer:

A preliminary request for an extension of Contract Time must be submitted in writing to the Engineer within ten calendar days after the commencement of a delay to a controlling item of work. If the Contractor fails to submit this required preliminary request for an extension of Contract Time, the Contractor fully, completely, absolutely and irrevocably waives any entitlement to an extension of Contract Time for that delay. In the case of a continuing delay only a single preliminary request for an extension of Contract Time will be required. Each such preliminary request for an extension of Contract Time shall include as a minimum the commencement date of the delay, the cause of the delay, and the controlling item of work affected by the delay.

Furthermore, the Contractor must submit to the Engineer a request for a Contract Time extension in writing within 30 days after the elimination of the delay to the controlling item of work identified in the preliminary request for an extension of Contract Time. Each request for a Contract Time extension shall include as a minimum all documentation that the Contractor wishes the Department to consider related to the delay, and the exact number of days requested to be added to Contract Time. If the Contractor contends that the delay is compensable, then the Contractor shall also be required to submit with the request for a Contract Time extension a detailed cost analysis of the requested additional compensation. If the Contractor fails to submit this required request for a Contract Time extension, with or without a detailed cost analysis, depriving the Engineer of the timely opportunity to verify the delay and the costs of the delay, the Contractor waives any entitlement to an extension of Contract Time or additional compensation for the delay.

Upon timely receipt of the preliminary request of Contract Time from the Contractor, the Engineer will investigate the conditions, and if it is determined that a controlling item of work is being delayed for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor the Engineer will take appropriate action to mitigate the delay and the costs of the delay. Upon timely receipt of the request for a Contract Time extension the Engineer will further investigate the conditions, and if it is determined that there was an increase in the time or the cost of performance of the controlling item of work beyond the control of the Contractor, then an adjustment of Contract Time will be made, and a monetary adjustment will be made, excluding loss of anticipated profits, and the Contract will be modified in writing accordingly.

The existence of an accepted schedule, including any required update(s) is a condition precedent to the Contractor having any right to the granting of an extension of Contract Time or any monetary compensation arising out of any delay. Contractor failure to have an accepted schedule, including any required update(s), for the period of potential impact, or in the event the currently accepted schedule and applicable updates do not accurately reflect the actual status of the project or fail to accurately show the true controlling or non-controlling work activities for the period of potential impact, will result in any entitlement determination as to time or money for such period of potential impact being limited solely to the Department’s analysis and identification of the actual controlling or non-controlling work activities. Further, in such instances, the Department’s determination as to entitlement as to either time or compensability will be final, unless the Contractor can prove by clear and convincing evidence to a Disputes Review Board that the Department’s determination was without any reasonable factual basis.

8-10 Liquidated Damages for Failure to Complete the Work.

8-10.2 Amount of Liquidated Damages: Applicable liquidated damages are the amounts established in the following schedule:

Original Contract Amount	Daily Charge Per Calendar Day
\$299,999 and under	\$904
\$300,000 but less than \$2,000,000	\$1,685
\$2,000,000 but less than \$5,000,000	\$2,667
\$5,000,000 but less than \$10,000,000	\$3,813
\$10,000,000 but less than \$20,000,000	\$5,021
\$20,000,000 but less than \$40,000,000	\$7,442
\$40,000,000 and over	\$10,224 plus 0.00005 of any amount over \$40 million (Round to nearest whole dollar)

The Engineer may approve adjustments to the liquidated damages amounts in accordance with the Construction Project Administration Manual (CPAM) provided all contract work is complete.

SECTION 9 – MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT.

9-5 Partial Payments.

9-5.1 General: The Engineer will make partial payments on monthly estimates based on the amount of work that the Contractor completes during the month (including delivery of certain materials, as specified herein below). The Engineer will make approximate monthly payments, and the Department will correct all partial estimates and payments in the subsequent estimates and in the final estimate and payment.

The Department will base the amount of such payments on the total value of the work that the Contractor has performed to the date of the estimate, based on the quantities completed and the Contract prices, less payments previously made and less any retainage withheld.

Contract amount is defined as the original Contract amount adjusted by approved supplemental agreements.

Retainage will be determined for each job on multiple job Contracts. The Department will not accept Securities, Certificates of Deposit or letters of credit as a replacement for retainage.

9-5.6 Certification of Payment to Subcontractors: The term “subcontractor,” as used herein, includes persons or firms furnishing materials or equipment incorporated into the work or stockpiled for which the Department has made partial payment and firms working under equipment-rental agreements. The Contractor is required to pay all subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their Contracts before the Department will make a further progress (partial) payment. The Contractor shall also return all retainage withheld to the subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor’s work is satisfactorily complete, as determined by the Department. Prior to receipt of any progress (partial) payment, the prime contractor shall certify that all subcontractors having an interest in the Contract were paid for satisfactory performance of their Contracts and that the retainage is returned to subcontractors within 30 days after satisfactory completion of the subcontractor’s work. Provide this certification in the form designated by the Department.

Within 30 days of the Contractor’s receipt of the final progress payment or any other payments thereafter, except the final payment, the Contractor shall pay all subcontractors and suppliers having an interest in the Contract for all work completed and materials furnished. The Department will honor an exception to the above when the Contractor demonstrates good cause for not making any required payment and furnishes written notification of any such good cause to both the Department and the affected subcontractors or suppliers within said 30 day period.

The Contractor shall indemnify and provide defense for the Department when called upon to do so for all claims or suits against the Department, by third parties, pertaining to Contractor payment or performance issues arising out of the Contract. It is expressly understood that the monetary limitation on the extent of the indemnification shall be the approved Contract amount, which shall be the original Contract amount as may be increased by subsequent Supplemental Agreements.

TECHNICAL SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

The following Technical Special Provisions are individually signed and sealed and made part of the Contract as part of the Contract Documents.

**REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS
FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

- I. General
- II. Nondiscrimination
- III. Non-segregated Facilities
- IV. Davis-Bacon and Related Act Provisions
- V. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act Provisions
- VI. Subletting or Assigning the Contract
- VII. Safety: Accident Prevention
- VIII. False Statements Concerning Highway Projects
- IX. Implementation of Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- X. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion
- XI. Certification Regarding Use of Contract Funds for Lobbying
- XII. Use of United States-Flag Vessels:

performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract. 23 CFR 633.102(d).

3. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions may be sufficient grounds for withholding of progress payments, withholding of final payment, termination of the contract, suspension / debarment or any other action determined to be appropriate by the contracting agency and FHWA.

4. Selection of Labor: During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not use convict labor for any purpose within the limits of a construction project on a Federal-aid highway unless it is labor performed by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation. 23 U.S.C. 114(b). The term Federal-aid highway does not include roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors. 23 U.S.C. 101(a).

ATTACHMENTS

A. Employment and Materials Preference for Appalachian Development Highway System or Appalachian Local Access Road Contracts (included in Appalachian contracts only)

I. GENERAL

1. Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated in each construction contract funded under title 23, United States Code, as required in 23 CFR 633.102(b) (excluding emergency contracts solely intended for debris removal). The contractor (or subcontractor) must insert this form in each subcontract and further require its inclusion in all lower tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services). 23 CFR 633.102(e).

The applicable requirements of Form FHWA-1273 are incorporated by reference for work done under any purchase order, rental agreement or agreement for other services. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider. 23 CFR 633.102(e).

Form FHWA-1273 must be included in all Federal-aid design-build contracts, in all subcontracts and in lower tier subcontracts (excluding subcontracts for design services, purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services) in accordance with 23 CFR 633.102. The design-builder shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider.

Contracting agencies may reference Form FHWA-1273 in solicitation-for-bids or request-for-proposals documents, however, the Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated (not referenced) in all contracts, subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services related to a construction contract). 23 CFR 633.102(b).

2. Subject to the applicability criteria noted in the following sections, these contract provisions shall apply to all work

II. NONDISCRIMINATION (23 CFR 230.107(a); 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A; EO 11246)

The provisions of this section related to 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A are applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of \$10,000 or more. The provisions of 23 CFR Part 230 are not applicable to material supply, engineering, or architectural service contracts.

In addition, the contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the following policies: Executive Order 11246, 41 CFR Part 60, 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627, 23 U.S.C. 140, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26, and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with: the requirements of the Equal Opportunity Clause in 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) and, for all construction contracts exceeding \$10,000, the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications in 41 CFR 60-4.3.

Note: The U.S. Department of Labor has exclusive authority to determine compliance with Executive Order 11246 and the policies of the Secretary of Labor including 41 CFR Part 60, and 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627. The contracting agency and the FHWA have the authority and the responsibility to ensure compliance with 23 U.S.C. 140, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26, and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The following provision is adopted from 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A, with appropriate revisions to conform to the U.S. Department of Labor (US DOL) and FHWA requirements.

1. Equal Employment Opportunity: Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) requirements not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal opportunity as set forth under laws, executive orders, rules, regulations (see 28 CFR Part 35, 29 CFR Part 1630, 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627, 41 CFR Part 60 and 49 CFR Part 27) and orders of the Secretary of Labor as modified by the provisions prescribed herein, and imposed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 140, shall constitute the EEO and specific affirmative action standards for the contractor's project activities under this contract. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) set forth under 28 CFR Part 35 and 29 CFR Part 1630 are incorporated by reference in this contract. In the execution of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of EEO:

a. The contractor will work with the contracting agency and the Federal Government to ensure that it has made every good faith effort to provide equal opportunity with respect to all of its terms and conditions of employment and in their review of activities under the contract. 23 CFR 230.409 (g)(4) & (5).

b. The contractor will accept as its operating policy the following statement:

"It is the policy of this Company to assure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training."

2. EEO Officer: The contractor will designate and make known to the contracting officers an EEO Officer who will have the responsibility for and must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active EEO program and who must be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

3. Dissemination of Policy: All members of the contractor's staff who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action or are substantially involved in such action, will be made fully cognizant of and will implement the contractor's EEO policy and contractual responsibilities to provide EEO in each grade and classification of employment. To ensure that the above agreement will be met, the following actions will be taken as a minimum:

a. Periodic meetings of supervisory and personnel office employees will be conducted before the start of work and then not less often than once every six months, at which time the contractor's EEO policy and its implementation will be reviewed and explained. The meetings will be conducted by the EEO Officer or other knowledgeable company official.

b. All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer, covering all major aspects of the contractor's EEO obligations within thirty days following their reporting for duty with the contractor.

c. All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the project will be instructed by the EEO Officer in the contractor's procedures for locating and hiring minorities and women.

d. Notices and posters setting forth the contractor's EEO policy will be placed in areas readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.

e. The contractor's EEO policy and the procedures to implement such policy will be brought to the attention of employees by means of meetings, employee handbooks, or other appropriate means.

4. Recruitment: When advertising for employees, the contractor will include in all advertisements for employees the notation: "An Equal Opportunity Employer." All such advertisements will be placed in publications having a large circulation among minorities and women in the area from which the project work force would normally be derived.

a. The contractor will, unless precluded by a valid bargaining agreement, conduct systematic and direct recruitment through public and private employee referral sources likely to yield qualified minorities and women. To meet this requirement, the contractor will identify sources of potential minority group employees and establish with such identified sources procedures whereby minority and women applicants may be referred to the contractor for employment consideration.

b. In the event the contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hiring hall referrals, the contractor is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system meets the contractor's compliance with EEO contract provisions. Where implementation of such an agreement has the effect of discriminating against minorities or women, or obligates the contractor to do the same, such implementation violates Federal nondiscrimination provisions.

c. The contractor will encourage its present employees to refer minorities and women as applicants for employment. Information and procedures with regard to referring such applicants will be discussed with employees.

5. Personnel Actions: Wages, working conditions, and employee benefits shall be established and administered, and personnel actions of every type, including hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, and termination, shall be taken without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age or disability. The following procedures shall be followed:

a. The contractor will conduct periodic inspections of project sites to ensure that working conditions and employee facilities do not indicate discriminatory treatment of project site personnel.

b. The contractor will periodically evaluate the spread of wages paid within each classification to determine any evidence of discriminatory wage practices.

c. The contractor will periodically review selected personnel actions in depth to determine whether there is evidence of discrimination. Where evidence is found, the contractor will promptly take corrective action. If the review indicates that the discrimination may extend beyond the actions reviewed, such corrective action shall include all affected persons.

d. The contractor will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the contractor in connection with its obligations under this contract, will attempt to resolve such complaints, and will take appropriate corrective action

within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the contractor will inform every complainant of all of their avenues of appeal.

6. Training and Promotion:

a. The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minorities and women who are applicants for employment or current employees. Such efforts should be aimed at developing full journey level status employees in the type of trade or job classification involved.

b. Consistent with the contractor's work force requirements and as permissible under Federal and State regulations, the contractor shall make full use of training programs (i.e., apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs for the geographical area of contract performance). In the event a special provision for training is provided under this contract, this subparagraph will be superseded as indicated in the special provision. The contracting agency may reserve training positions for persons who receive welfare assistance in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 140(a).

c. The contractor will advise employees and applicants for employment of available training programs and entrance requirements for each.

d. The contractor will periodically review the training and promotion potential of employees who are minorities and women and will encourage eligible employees to apply for such training and promotion.

7. Unions: If the contractor relies in whole or in part upon unions as a source of employees, the contractor will use good faith efforts to obtain the cooperation of such unions to increase opportunities for minorities and women. 23 CFR 230.409. Actions by the contractor, either directly or through a contractor's association acting as agent, will include the procedures set forth below:

a. The contractor will use good faith efforts to develop, in cooperation with the unions, joint training programs aimed toward qualifying more minorities and women for membership in the unions and increasing the skills of minorities and women so that they may qualify for higher paying employment.

b. The contractor will use good faith efforts to incorporate an EEO clause into each union agreement to the end that such union will be contractually bound to refer applicants without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability.

c. The contractor is to obtain information as to the referral practices and policies of the labor union except that to the extent such information is within the exclusive possession of the labor union and such labor union refuses to furnish such information to the contractor, the contractor shall so certify to the contracting agency and shall set forth what efforts have been made to obtain such information.

d. In the event the union is unable to provide the contractor with a reasonable flow of referrals within the time limit set forth in the collective bargaining agreement, the contractor will, through independent recruitment efforts, fill the employment vacancies without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability; making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualifiable minorities and women. The failure of a union to provide

sufficient referrals (even though it is obligated to provide exclusive referrals under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement) does not relieve the contractor from the requirements of this paragraph. In the event the union referral practice prevents the contractor from meeting the obligations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and these special provisions, such contractor shall immediately notify the contracting agency.

8. Reasonable Accommodation for Applicants /

Employees with Disabilities: The contractor must be familiar with the requirements for and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and all rules and regulations established thereunder. Employers must provide reasonable accommodation in all employment activities unless to do so would cause an undue hardship.

9. Selection of Subcontractors, Procurement of Materials and Leasing of Equipment: The contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure nondiscrimination in the administration of this contract.

a. The contractor shall notify all potential subcontractors, suppliers, and lessors of their EEO obligations under this contract.

b. The contractor will use good faith efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their EEO obligations.

10. Assurances Required:

a. The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and the State DOT's FHWA-approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program are incorporated by reference.

b. The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Withholding monthly progress payments;
- (2) Assessing sanctions;
- (3) Liquidated damages; and/or
- (4) Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.

c. The Title VI and nondiscrimination provisions of U.S. DOT Order 1050.2A at Appendixes A and E are incorporated by reference. 49 CFR Part 21.

11. Records and Reports: The contractor shall keep such records as necessary to document compliance with the EEO requirements. Such records shall be retained for a period of three years following the date of the final payment to the contractor for all contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of the contracting agency and the FHWA.

a. The records kept by the contractor shall document the following:

(1) The number and work hours of minority and non-minority group members and women employed in each work classification on the project;

(2) The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions, when applicable, to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women; and

(3) The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minorities and women.

b. The contractors and subcontractors will submit an annual report to the contracting agency each July for the duration of the project indicating the number of minority, women, and non-minority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by the contract work. This information is to be reported on Form FHWA-1391. The staffing data should represent the project work force on board in all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July. If on-the-job training is being required by special provision, the contractor will be required to collect and report training data. The employment data should reflect the work force on board during all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July.

III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of more than \$10,000. 41 CFR 60-1.5.

As prescribed by 41 CFR 60-1.8, the contractor must ensure that facilities provided for employees are provided in such a manner that segregation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin cannot result. The contractor may neither require such segregated use by written or oral policies nor tolerate such use by employee custom. The contractor's obligation extends further to ensure that its employees are not assigned to perform their services at any location under the contractor's control where the facilities are segregated. The term "facilities" includes waiting rooms, work areas, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, restrooms, washrooms, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing provided for employees. The contractor shall provide separate or single-user restrooms and necessary dressing or sleeping areas to assure privacy between sexes.

IV. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT PROVISIONS

This section is applicable to all Federal-aid construction projects exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (regardless of subcontract size), in accordance with 29 CFR 5.5. The requirements apply to all projects located within the right-of-way of a roadway that is functionally classified as Federal-aid highway. 23 U.S.C. 113. This excludes roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt. 23 U.S.C. 101. Where applicable law requires that projects be treated as a project on a Federal-aid highway, the provisions of this subpart will apply regardless of the location of the project. Examples include: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 133 [excluding recreational trails projects], the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway

Projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 117, and National Highway Freight Program projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 167.

The following provisions are from the U.S. Department of Labor regulations in 29 CFR 5.5 "Contract provisions and related matters" with minor revisions to conform to the FHWA-1273 format and FHWA program requirements.

1. Minimum wages (29 CFR 5.5)

a. *Wage rates and fringe benefits.* All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work (or otherwise working in construction or development of the project under a development statute), will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of basic hourly wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics. As provided in paragraphs (d) and (e) of 29 CFR 5.5, the appropriate wage determinations are effective by operation of law even if they have not been attached to the contract. Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141(2)(B)) on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph 1.e. of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics must be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification(s) of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in paragraph 4. of this section. Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: *Provided*, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classifications and wage rates conformed under paragraph 1.c. of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) must be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

b. *Frequently recurring classifications.* (1) In addition to wage and fringe benefit rates that have been determined to be prevailing under the procedures set forth in 29 CFR part 1, a wage determination may contain, pursuant to § 1.3(f), wage and fringe benefit rates for classifications of laborers and mechanics for which conformance requests are regularly submitted pursuant to paragraph 1.c. of this section, provided that:

(i) The work performed by the classification is not performed by a classification in the wage determination for which a prevailing wage rate has been determined;

(ii) The classification is used in the area by the construction industry; and

(iii) The wage rate for the classification bears a reasonable relationship to the prevailing wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(2) The Administrator will establish wage rates for such classifications in accordance with paragraph 1.c.(1)(iii) of this section. Work performed in such a classification must be paid at no less than the wage and fringe benefit rate listed on the wage determination for such classification.

c. *Conformance.* (1) The contracting officer must require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract be classified in conformance with the wage determination. Conformance of an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits is appropriate only when the following criteria have been met:

(i) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and

(ii) The classification is used in the area by the construction industry; and

(iii) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(2) The conformance process may not be used to split, subdivide, or otherwise avoid application of classifications listed in the wage determination.

(3) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken will be sent by the contracting officer by email to DBAconformance@dol.gov. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(4) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer will, by email to DBAconformance@dol.gov, refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(5) The contracting officer must promptly notify the contractor of the action taken by the Wage and Hour Division

under paragraphs 1.c.(3) and (4) of this section. The contractor must furnish a written copy of such determination to each affected worker or it must be posted as a part of the wage determination. The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraph 1.c.(3) or (4) of this section must be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

d. *Fringe benefits not expressed as an hourly rate.*

Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor may either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or may pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

e. *Unfunded plans.* If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, *Provided*, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, in accordance with the criteria set forth in § 5.28, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

f. *Interest.* In the event of a failure to pay all or part of the wages required by the contract, the contractor will be required to pay interest on any underpayment of wages.

2. Withholding (29 CFR 5.5)

a. *Withholding requirements.* The contracting agency may, upon its own action, or must, upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to satisfy the liabilities of the prime contractor or any subcontractor for the full amount of wages and monetary relief, including interest, required by the clauses set forth in this section for violations of this contract, or to satisfy any such liabilities required by any other Federal contract, or federally assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon labor standards, that is held by the same prime contractor (as defined in § 5.2). The necessary funds may be withheld from the contractor under this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract that is subject to Davis-Bacon labor standards requirements and is held by the same prime contractor, regardless of whether the other contract was awarded or assisted by the same agency, and such funds may be used to satisfy the contractor liability for which the funds were withheld. In the event of a contractor's failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice or helper working on the site of the work all or part of the wages required by the contract, or upon the contractor's failure to submit the required records as discussed in paragraph 3.d. of this section, the contracting agency may on its own initiative and after written notice to the contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

b. *Priority to withheld funds.* The Department has priority to funds withheld or to be withheld in accordance with paragraph

2.a. of this section or Section V, paragraph 3.a., or both, over claims to those funds by:

- (1) A contractor's surety(ies), including without limitation performance bond sureties and payment bond sureties;
- (2) A contracting agency for its procurement costs;
- (3) A trustee(s) (either a court-appointed trustee or a U.S. trustee, or both) in bankruptcy of a contractor, or a contractor's bankruptcy estate;
- (4) A contractor's assignee(s);
- (5) A contractor's successor(s); or
- (6) A claim asserted under the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3901–3907.

3. Records and certified payrolls (29 CFR 5.5)

a. *Basic record requirements (1) Length of record retention.* All regular payrolls and other basic records must be maintained by the contractor and any subcontractor during the course of the work and preserved for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work (or otherwise working in construction or development of the project under a development statute) for a period of at least 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed.

(2) *Information required.* Such records must contain the name; Social Security number; last known address, telephone number, and email address of each such worker; each worker's correct classification(s) of work actually performed; hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in 40 U.S.C. 3141(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act); daily and weekly number of hours actually worked in total and on each covered contract; deductions made; and actual wages paid.

(3) *Additional records relating to fringe benefits.* Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under paragraph 1.e. of this section that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in 40 U.S.C. 3141(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor must maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits.

(4) *Additional records relating to apprenticeship.* Contractors with apprentices working under approved programs must maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs, the registration of the apprentices, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

b. *Certified payroll requirements (1) Frequency and method of submission.* The contractor or subcontractor must submit weekly, for each week in which any DBA- or Related Acts-covered work is performed, certified payrolls to the contracting

agency. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of all certified payrolls by all subcontractors. A contracting agency or prime contractor may permit or require contractors to submit certified payrolls through an electronic system, as long as the electronic system requires a legally valid electronic signature; the system allows the contractor, the contracting agency, and the Department of Labor to access the certified payrolls upon request for at least 3 years after the work on the prime contract has been completed; and the contracting agency or prime contractor permits other methods of submission in situations where the contractor is unable or limited in its ability to use or access the electronic system.

(2) *Information required.* The certified payrolls submitted must set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under paragraph 3.a.(2) of this section, except that full Social Security numbers and last known addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses must not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead, the certified payrolls need only include an individually identifying number for each worker (e.g., the last four digits of the worker's Social Security number). The required weekly certified payroll information may be submitted using Optional Form WH-347 or in any other format desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division website at <https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/WHDL/legacy/files/wh347.pdf> or its successor website. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide full Social Security numbers and last known addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission by the subcontractor to the contracting agency.

(3) *Statement of Compliance.* Each certified payroll submitted must be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor, or the contractor's or subcontractor's agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons working on the contract, and must certify the following:

(i) That the certified payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under paragraph 3.b. of this section, the appropriate information and basic records are being maintained under paragraph 3.a. of this section, and such information and records are correct and complete;

(ii) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper and apprentice) working on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in 29 CFR part 3; and

(iii) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification(s) of work actually performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(4) *Use of Optional Form WH-347.* The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 will satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph 3.b.(3) of this section.

(5) *Signature*. The signature by the contractor, subcontractor, or the contractor's or subcontractor's agent must be an original handwritten signature or a legally valid electronic signature.

(6) *Falsification*. The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 31 U.S.C. 3729.

(7) *Length of certified payroll retention*. The contractor or subcontractor must preserve all certified payrolls during the course of the work and for a period of 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed.

c. *Contracts, subcontracts, and related documents*. The contractor or subcontractor must maintain this contract or subcontract and related documents including, without limitation, bids, proposals, amendments, modifications, and extensions. The contractor or subcontractor must preserve these contracts, subcontracts, and related documents during the course of the work and for a period of 3 years after all the work on the prime contract is completed.

d. *Required disclosures and access* (1) *Required record disclosures and access to workers*. The contractor or subcontractor must make the records required under paragraphs 3.a. through 3.c. of this section, and any other documents that the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor deems necessary to determine compliance with the labor standards provisions of any of the applicable statutes referenced by § 5.1, available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor, and must permit such representatives to interview workers during working hours on the job.

(2) *Sanctions for non-compliance with records and worker access requirements*. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, or refuses to permit worker interviews during working hours on the job, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, owner, or other entity, as the case may be, that maintains such records or that employs such workers, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available, or to permit worker interviews during working hours on the job, may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to § 5.12. In addition, any contractor or other person that fails to submit the required records or make those records available to WHD within the time WHD requests that the records be produced will be precluded from introducing as evidence in an administrative proceeding under 29 CFR part 6 any of the required records that were not provided or made available to WHD. WHD will take into consideration a reasonable request from the contractor or person for an extension of the time for submission of records. WHD will determine the reasonableness of the request and may consider, among other things, the location of the records and the volume of production.

(3) *Required information disclosures*. Contractors and subcontractors must maintain the full Social Security number and last known address, telephone number, and email address

of each covered worker, and must provide them upon request to the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, the contractor, or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or other compliance action.

4. Apprentices and equal employment opportunity (29 CFR 5.5)

a. *Apprentices* (1) *Rate of pay*. Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they perform when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship (OA), or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the OA. A person who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the OA or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice, will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they perform in the first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such a program. In the event the OA or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the OA withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to use apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(2) *Fringe benefits*. Apprentices must be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringe benefits must be paid in accordance with that determination.

(3) *Apprenticeship ratio*. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journey workers on the job site in any craft classification must not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program or the ratio applicable to the locality of the project pursuant to paragraph 4.a.(4) of this section. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated in paragraph 4.a.(1) of this section, must be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under this section must be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

(4) *Reciprocity of ratios and wage rates*. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than the locality in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journey worker's hourly rate) applicable within the locality in which the construction is being performed must be observed. If there is no applicable ratio or wage rate for the locality of the project, the ratio and wage rate specified in the contractor's registered program must be observed.

b. *Equal employment opportunity*. The use of apprentices and journey workers under this part must be in conformity with

the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

c. Apprentices and Trainees (programs of the U.S. DOT).

Apprentices and trainees working under apprenticeship and skill training programs which have been certified by the Secretary of Transportation as promoting EEO in connection with Federal-aid highway construction programs are not subject to the requirements of paragraph 4 of this Section IV. 23 CFR 230.111(e)(2). The straight time hourly wage rates for apprentices and trainees under such programs will be established by the particular programs. The ratio of apprentices and trainees to journey workers shall not be greater than permitted by the terms of the particular program.

5. Compliance with Copeland Act requirements. The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract as provided in 29 CFR 5.5.

6. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor must insert FHWA-1273 in any subcontracts, along with the applicable wage determination(s) and such other clauses or contract modifications as the contracting agency may by appropriate instructions require, and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses and wage determination(s) in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor is responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in this section. In the event of any violations of these clauses, the prime contractor and any subcontractor(s) responsible will be liable for any unpaid wages and monetary relief, including interest from the date of the underpayment or loss, due to any workers of lower-tier subcontractors, and may be subject to debarment, as appropriate. 29 CFR 5.5.

7. Contract termination: debarment. A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

8. Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract as provided in 29 CFR 5.5.

9. Disputes concerning labor standards. As provided in 29 CFR 5.5, disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

10. Certification of eligibility. a. By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of 40 U.S.C. 3144(b) or § 5.12(a).

b. No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of 40 U.S.C. 3144(b) or § 5.12(a).

c. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Code, Title 18 Crimes and Criminal Procedure, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

11. Anti-retaliation. It is unlawful for any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, or to cause any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, any worker or job applicant for:

a. Notifying any contractor of any conduct which the worker reasonably believes constitutes a violation of the DBA, Related Acts, this part, or 29 CFR part 1 or 3;

b. Filing any complaint, initiating or causing to be initiated any proceeding, or otherwise asserting or seeking to assert on behalf of themselves or others any right or protection under the DBA, Related Acts, this part, or 29 CFR part 1 or 3;

c. Cooperating in any investigation or other compliance action, or testifying in any proceeding under the DBA, Related Acts, this part, or 29 CFR part 1 or 3; or

d. Informing any other person about their rights under the DBA, Related Acts, this part, or 29 CFR part 1 or 3.

V. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

Pursuant to 29 CFR 5.5(b), the following clauses apply to any Federal-aid construction contract in an amount in excess of \$100,000 and subject to the overtime provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. These clauses shall be inserted in addition to the clauses required by 29 CFR 5.5(a) or 29 CFR 4.6. As used in this paragraph, the terms laborers and mechanics include watchpersons and guards.

1. Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek. 29 CFR 5.5.

2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph 1. of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages and interest from the date of the underpayment. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or

mechanic, including watchpersons and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph 1. of this section, in the sum currently provided in 29 CFR 5.5(b)(2)* for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph 1. of this section.

* \$31 as of January 15, 2023 (See 88 FR 88 FR 2210) as may be adjusted annually by the Department of Labor, pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990.

3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages

a. *Withholding process.* The FHWA or the contracting agency may, upon its own action, or must, upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to satisfy the liabilities of the prime contractor or any subcontractor for any unpaid wages; monetary relief, including interest; and liquidated damages required by the clauses set forth in this section on this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act that is held by the same prime contractor (as defined in § 5.2). The necessary funds may be withheld from the contractor under this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract that is subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and is held by the same prime contractor, regardless of whether the other contract was awarded or assisted by the same agency, and such funds may be used to satisfy the contractor liability for which the funds were withheld.

b. *Priority to withheld funds.* The Department has priority to funds withheld or to be withheld in accordance with Section IV paragraph 2.a. or paragraph 3.a. of this section, or both, over claims to those funds by:

- (1) A contractor's surety(ies), including without limitation performance bond sureties and payment bond sureties;
- (2) A contracting agency for its procurement costs;
- (3) A trustee(s) (either a court-appointed trustee or a U.S. trustee, or both) in bankruptcy of a contractor, or a contractor's bankruptcy estate;
- (4) A contractor's assignee(s);
- (5) A contractor's successor(s); or
- (6) A claim asserted under the Prompt Payment Act, [31 U.S.C. 3901–3907](#).

4. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor must insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs 1. through 5. of this section and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor is responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs 1. through 5. In the

event of any violations of these clauses, the prime contractor and any subcontractor(s) responsible will be liable for any unpaid wages and monetary relief, including interest from the date of the underpayment or loss, due to any workers of lower-tier subcontractors, and associated liquidated damages and may be subject to debarment, as appropriate.

5. Anti-retaliation. It is unlawful for any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, or to cause any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, any worker or job applicant for:

- a. Notifying any contractor of any conduct which the worker reasonably believes constitutes a violation of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA) or its implementing regulations in this part;
- b. Filing any complaint, initiating or causing to be initiated any proceeding, or otherwise asserting or seeking to assert on behalf of themselves or others any right or protection under CWHSSA or this part;
- c. Cooperating in any investigation or other compliance action, or testifying in any proceeding under CWHSSA or this part; or
- d. Informing any other person about their rights under CWHSSA or this part.

VI. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts on the National Highway System pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116.

1. The contractor shall perform with its own organization contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent (or a greater percentage if specified elsewhere in the contract) of the total original contract price, excluding any specialty items designated by the contracting agency. Specialty items may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such specialty items performed may be deducted from the total original contract price before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor's own organization (23 CFR 635.116).

a. The term "perform work with its own organization" in paragraph 1 of Section VI refers to workers employed or leased by the prime contractor, and equipment owned or rented by the prime contractor, with or without operators. Such term does not include employees or equipment of a subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor, agents of the prime contractor, or any other assignees. The term may include payments for the costs of hiring leased employees from an employee leasing firm meeting all relevant Federal and State regulatory requirements. Leased employees may only be included in this term if the prime contractor meets all of the following conditions: (based on longstanding interpretation)

- (1) the prime contractor maintains control over the supervision of the day-to-day activities of the leased employees;
- (2) the prime contractor remains responsible for the quality of the work of the leased employees;

- (3) the prime contractor retains all power to accept or exclude individual employees from work on the project; and
- (4) the prime contractor remains ultimately responsible for the payment of predetermined minimum wages, the submission of payrolls, statements of compliance and all other Federal regulatory requirements.

b. "Specialty Items" shall be construed to be limited to work that requires highly specialized knowledge, abilities, or equipment not ordinarily available in the type of contracting organizations qualified and expected to bid or propose on the contract as a whole and in general are to be limited to minor components of the overall contract. 23 CFR 635.102.

2. Pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116(a), the contract amount upon which the requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of Section VI is computed includes the cost of material and manufactured products which are to be purchased or produced by the contractor under the contract provisions.

3. Pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116(c), the contractor shall furnish (a) a competent superintendent or supervisor who is employed by the firm, has full authority to direct performance of the work in accordance with the contract requirements, and is in charge of all construction operations (regardless of who performs the work) and (b) such other of its own organizational resources (supervision, management, and engineering services) as the contracting officer determines is necessary to assure the performance of the contract.

4. No portion of the contract shall be sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the contracting officer, or authorized representative, and such consent when given shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract. Written consent will be given only after the contracting agency has assured that each subcontract is evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract. (based on long-standing interpretation of 23 CFR 635.116).

5. The 30-percent self-performance requirement of paragraph (1) is not applicable to design-build contracts; however, contracting agencies may establish their own self-performance requirements. 23 CFR 635.116(d).

VII. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

1. In the performance of this contract the contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation (23 CFR Part 635). The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions as it determines, or as the contracting officer may determine, to be reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract. 23 CFR 635.108.

2. It is a condition of this contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract, which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract, that the contractor and any subcontractor shall not permit any employee, in performance of the contract, to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his/her health or safety, as determined under construction safety and

health standards (29 CFR Part 1926) promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704). 29 CFR 1926.10.

3. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.3, it is a condition of this contract that the Secretary of Labor or authorized representative thereof, shall have right of entry to any site of contract performance to inspect or investigate the matter of compliance with the construction safety and health standards and to carry out the duties of the Secretary under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704).

VIII. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

In order to assure high quality and durable construction in conformity with approved plans and specifications and a high degree of reliability on statements and representations made by engineers, contractors, suppliers, and workers on Federal-aid highway projects, it is essential that all persons concerned with the project perform their functions as carefully, thoroughly, and honestly as possible. Willful falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project is a violation of Federal law. To prevent any misunderstanding regarding the seriousness of these and similar acts, Form FHWA-1022 shall be posted on each Federal-aid highway project (23 CFR Part 635) in one or more places where it is readily available to all persons concerned with the project:

18 U.S.C. 1020 reads as follows:

"Whoever, being an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or of any State or Territory, or whoever, whether a person, association, firm, or corporation, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, or false report as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of the material used or to be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the cost thereof in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or costs of construction on any highway or related project submitted for approval to the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, false report or false claim with respect to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of any work performed or to be performed, or materials furnished or to be furnished, in connection with the construction of any highway or related project approved by the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to provisions of the Federal-aid Roads Act approved July 11, 1916, (39 Stat. 355), as amended and supplemented;

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both."

IX. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (42 U.S.C. 7606; 2 CFR 200.88; EO 11738)

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts in excess of \$150,000 and to all related subcontracts. 48 CFR 2.101; 2 CFR 200.327.

By submission of this bid/proposal or the execution of this contract or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, proposer, Federal-aid construction contractor, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal Highway Administration and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II.

The contractor agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of this Section in every subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements. 2 CFR 200.327.

X. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, consultant contracts or any other covered transaction requiring FHWA approval or that is estimated to cost \$25,000 or more – as defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

1. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective first tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective first tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective first tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction. 2 CFR 180.320.

c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the contracting agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the contracting agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default. 2 CFR 180.325.

d. The prospective first tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective first tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. 2 CFR 180.345 and 180.350.

e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180, Subpart I, 180.900-180.1020, and 1200. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

f. The prospective first tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction. 2 CFR 180.330.

g. The prospective first tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the department or contracting agency, entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold. 2 CFR 180.220 and 180.300.

h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. 2 CFR 180.300; 180.320, and 180.325. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. 2 CFR 180.335. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (<https://www.sam.gov/>). 2 CFR 180.300, 180.320, and 180.325.

i. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require the establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of the prospective participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (f) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default. 2 CFR 180.325.

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2. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – First Tier Participants:

a. The prospective first tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency, 2 CFR 180.335;.

(2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property, 2 CFR 180.800;

(3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, 2 CFR 180.700 and 180.800; and

(4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default. 2 CFR 180.335(d).

(5) Are not a corporation that has been convicted of a felony violation under any Federal law within the two-year period preceding this proposal (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements); and

(6) Are not a corporation with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements).

b. Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant should attach an explanation to this proposal. 2 CFR 180.335 and 180.340.

3. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders, and other lower tier transactions requiring prior FHWA approval or estimated to cost \$25,000 or more - 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200). 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which

this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. 2 CFR 180.365.

d. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180, Subpart I, 180.900 – 180.1020, and 1200. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated. 2 CFR 1200.220 and 1200.332.

f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold. 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (<https://www.sam.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration. 2 CFR 180.300, 180.320, 180.330, and 180.335.

h. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily

excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment. 2 CFR 180.325.

4. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Participants:

a. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals:

(1) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency, 2 CFR 180.355;

(2) is a corporation that has been convicted of a felony violation under any Federal law within the two-year period preceding this proposal (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements); and

(3) is a corporation with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability. (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements)

b. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant should attach an explanation to this proposal.

XI. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts which exceed \$100,000. 49 CFR Part 20, App. A.

1. The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or

cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

2. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

3. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting its bid or proposal that the participant shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

XII. USE OF UNITED STATES-FLAG VESSELS:

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, or any other covered transaction. 46 CFR Part 381.

This requirement applies to material or equipment that is acquired for a specific Federal-aid highway project. 46 CFR 381.7. It is not applicable to goods or materials that come into inventories independent of an FHWA funded-contract.

When oceanic shipments (or shipments across the Great Lakes) are necessary for materials or equipment acquired for a specific Federal-aid construction project, the bidder, proposer, contractor, subcontractor, or vendor agrees:

1. To utilize privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to this contract, to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-flag commercial vessels. 46 CFR 381.7.

2. To furnish within 20 days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, 'on-board' commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section to both the Contracting Officer (through the prime contractor in the case of subcontractor bills-of-lading) and to the Office of Cargo and Commercial Sealift (MAR-620), Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590. (MARAD requires copies of the ocean carrier's (master) bills of lading, certified onboard, dated, with rates and charges. These bills of lading may contain business sensitive information and therefore may be submitted directly to MARAD by the Ocean Transportation Intermediary on behalf of the contractor). 46 CFR 381.7.

**ATTACHMENT A - EMPLOYMENT AND MATERIALS
PREFERENCE FOR APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT
HIGHWAY SYSTEM OR APPALACHIAN LOCAL ACCESS
ROAD CONTRACTS (23 CFR 633, Subpart B, Appendix B)**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid projects funded under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor undertaking to do work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work, shall give preference to qualified persons who regularly reside in the labor area as designated by the DOL wherein the contract work is situated, or the subregion, or the Appalachian counties of the State wherein the contract work is situated, except:

a. To the extent that qualified persons regularly residing in the area are not available.

b. For the reasonable needs of the contractor to employ supervisory or specially experienced personnel necessary to assure an efficient execution of the contract work.

c. For the obligation of the contractor to offer employment to present or former employees as the result of a lawful collective bargaining contract, provided that the number of nonresident persons employed under this subparagraph (1c) shall not exceed 20 percent of the total number of employees employed by the contractor on the contract work, except as provided in subparagraph (4) below.

2. The contractor shall place a job order with the State Employment Service indicating (a) the classifications of the laborers, mechanics and other employees required to perform the contract work, (b) the number of employees required in each classification, (c) the date on which the participant estimates such employees will be required, and (d) any other pertinent information required by the State Employment Service to complete the job order form. The job order may be placed with the State Employment Service in writing or by telephone. If during the course of the contract work, the information submitted by the contractor in the original job order is substantially modified, the participant shall promptly notify the State Employment Service.

3. The contractor shall give full consideration to all qualified job applicants referred to him by the State Employment Service. The contractor is not required to grant employment to any job applicants who, in his opinion, are not qualified to perform the classification of work required.

4. If, within one week following the placing of a job order by the contractor with the State Employment Service, the State Employment Service is unable to refer any qualified job applicants to the contractor, or less than the number requested, the State Employment Service will forward a certificate to the contractor indicating the unavailability of applicants. Such certificate shall be made a part of the contractor's permanent project records. Upon receipt of this certificate, the contractor may employ persons who do not normally reside in the labor area to fill positions covered by the certificate, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1c) above.

5. The provisions of 23 CFR 633.207(e) allow the contracting agency to provide a contractual preference for the use of mineral resource materials native to the Appalachian region.

6. The contractor shall include the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 of this Attachment A in every subcontract for work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work.

SECTION C

LABORATORY TESTING AND SAMPLING SCHEDULE

OPERATION	MATERIAL SPECIFICATION	TESTS	PROJECT REQUIREMENTS	TESTING FREQUENCY
Prime and Tack Coats	FDOT Standard Specifications (Latest Edition)		Certification	Every Transport
Type Superpave Asphaltic Concrete	FDOT Standard Specifications (Latest Edition)	Job Mix Formula	Certification	Each mix design or change of aggregates
		RICE (Gmm)	Section 334	One per subplot
		Extraction Gradation Analysis	Section 334	One per subplot
		Field Density (Gmb)	Section 334	5 six inch cores per subplot (Random Locations)
		Asphalt Binder	Section 334	1 sample for the first 1000 tons and 1 per 4000 tons after
		Thickness	Section 330	Daily
Pavement Smoothness	FDOT Standard Specifications (Latest Edition)	Rolling Straight Edge	Section 330 (FM 5-509) Max 3/16 inch	Final SP structural layer and friction course layer
Concrete	FDOT Standard Specifications (Latest Edition)	Compression Strength	FDOT Section 346 and 347	Section 347 acceptance based on Certification; Section 346 One (1) set of cylinders for 10 CY or more per day. Additional set(s) for each 50 CY/day. One (1) set for each class of concrete placed each day.
		Each class of concrete used	Certification	Each mix design or change
Embankment	FDOT Standard Specifications (Latest Edition)	Standard Proctor AASHTO T-99	Section 120	Per material type
		Field Density	Section 120 -100% AASHTO T-99180	Section 120-One test per 500 LF per 12" lift of embankment Section 125-One test per 300 LF of pipe trench (or between structures) per 6' lift until 1 ft above pipe; 12" lift of backfill 1 ft above pipe Section 125 (modified) One test per 12" lift of structure backfill alternating sides
Compacted Subgrade	FDOT Standard Specifications (Latest Edition)	Standard Proctor AASHTO T-99	Section 120	One per material type
		Field Density	100% AASHTO T-99	Section 120 (modified)-One per 300 LF of sidewalk One per driveway
Stabilized Subgrade	FDOT Standard Specifications (Latest Edition)	Limerock Bearing Ratio FM 5-515	Section 160	One per 1,000 LF per lane (One per 2 lots) One per 2,000 LF per shoulder (One per 4 lots)
		Field Density/Thickness	Section 160-98% AASHTO T-180	Density-One per 500 LF per lane (1 per lot) Thickness – 3 per lot
				Density/thickness (modified)-One per 500 LF per shoulder
Limerock Base Course	FDOT Standard Specifications (Latest Edition)	Modified Proctor AASHTO T-180	Section 200	One per 8 lots
		Field Density/Thickness	Section 200-98% AASHTO T-180	Density-One per 300 LF per lane Thickness- 3 per lot Density/Thickness-One per 500 LF per shoulder
Sodding	FDOT Standard Specifications (Latest Edition) Section 575, Sodding, and Section 981	Each type of sod used	Certification	All seed, sod and mulch shall be free of noxious weeds and exotic pest plants, plant parts or seed listed in the current Category I "List of Invasive Species" from the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council

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SECTION D

PERMITS

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