

## EXHIBIT C

### CSXT SPECIAL PROVISIONS

#### DEFINITIONS:

As used in these Special Provisions, all capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them by the Agreement, and the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them below:

“CSXT” shall mean CSX Transportation, Inc., its successors and assigns.

“CSXT Representative” shall mean the authorized representative of CSX Transportation, Inc.

“Agreement” shall mean the Agreement between CSXT and Agency dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
amended from time to time.

“Agency” shall mean the **Fulton County, Georgia**

“Agency Representative” shall mean the authorized representative of **Fulton County, Georgia**

“Contractor” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term by the Agreement.

“Work” shall mean the Project as described in the Agreement.

#### I. AUTHORITY OF CSXT ENGINEER

The CSXT Representative shall have final authority in all matters affecting the safe maintenance of CSXT operations and CSXT property, and his or her approval shall be obtained by the Agency or its Contractor for methods of construction to avoid interference with CSXT operations and CSXT property and all other matters contemplated by the Agreement and these Special Provisions.

#### II. INTERFERENCE WITH CSXT OPERATIONS

- A. Agency or its Contractor shall arrange and conduct its work so that there will be no interference with CSXT operations, including train, signal, telephone and telegraphic services, or damage to CSXT’s property, or to poles, wires, and other facilities of tenants on CSXT’s Property or right-of-way. Agency or its Contractor shall store materials so as to prevent trespassers from causing damage to trains, or CSXT Property. Whenever Work is likely to affect the operations or safety of trains, the method of doing such Work shall first be submitted to the CSXT Representative for approval, but such approval shall not relieve Agency or its Contractor from liability in connection with such Work.
- B. If conditions arising from or in connection with the Project require that immediate and unusual provisions be made to protect train operation or CSXT’s property, Agency or its Contractor shall make such provision. If the CSXT Representative determines that such provision is insufficient, CSXT may, at the expense of Agency or its Contractor, require

or provide such provision as may be deemed necessary, or cause the Work to cease immediately.

III. NOTICE OF STARTING WORK. Agency or its Contractor shall not commence any work on CSXT Property or rights-of-way until it has complied with the following conditions:

- A. Notify CSXT in writing of the date that it intends to commence Work on the Project. Such notice must be received by CSXT at least ten business days in advance of the date Agency or its Contractor proposes to begin Work on CSXT property. The notice must refer to this Agreement by date. If flagging service is required, such notice shall be submitted at least thirty (30) business days in advance of the date scheduled to commence the Work.
- B. Obtain authorization from the CSXT Representative to begin Work on CSXT property, such authorization to include an outline of specific conditions with which it must comply.
- C. Obtain from CSXT the names, addresses and telephone numbers of CSXT's personnel who must receive notice under provisions in the Agreement. Where more than one individual is designated, the area of responsibility of each shall be specified.
- D. Obtain all authorizations, permits and approvals from all local, state and federal agencies (including Agency), and their respective governing bodies and regulatory agencies, necessary to proceed with the Project and to appropriate all funds necessary to construct the Project.

IV. WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CONTRACTOR

- A. No temporary or permanent changes to wire lines or other facilities (other than third party fiber optic cable transmission systems) on CSXT property that are considered necessary to the Work are anticipated or shown on the Plans. If any such changes are, or become, necessary in the opinion of CSXT or Agency, such changes will be covered by appropriate revisions to the Plans and by preparation of a force account estimate. Such force account estimate may be initiated by either CSXT or Agency, but must be approved by both CSXT and Agency. Agency or Contractor shall be responsible for arranging for the relocation of the third party fiber optic cable transmission systems, at no cost or expense to CSXT.
- B. Should Agency or Contractor desire any changes in addition to the above, and then it shall make separate arrangements with CSXT for such changes to be accomplished at the Agency or Contractor's expense.

V. HAUL ACROSS RAILROAD

- A. If Agency or Contractor desires access across CSXT property or tracks at other than an existing and open public road crossing in or incident to construction of the Project, the Agency or Contractor must first obtain the permission of CSXT and shall execute a license agreement or right of entry satisfactory to CSXT, wherein Agency or Contractor agrees to bear all costs and liabilities related to such access.

- B. Agency and Contractor shall not cross CSXT's property and tracks with vehicles or equipment of any kind or character, except at such crossing or crossings as may be permitted pursuant to this section.

#### VI. COOPERATION AND DELAYS

- A. Agency or Contractor shall arrange a schedule with CSXT for accomplishing stage construction involving work by CSXT. In arranging its schedule, Agency or Contractor shall ascertain, from CSXT, the lead time required for assembling crews and materials and shall make due allowance therefor
- B. Agency or Contractor may not charge any costs or submit any claims against CSXT for hindrance or delay caused by railroad traffic; work done by CSXT or other delay incident to or necessary for safe maintenance of railroad traffic; or for any delays due to compliance with these Special Provisions.
- C. Agency and Contractor shall cooperate with others participating in the construction of the Project to the end that all work may be carried on to the best advantage.
- D. Agency and Contractor understand and agree that CSXT does not assume any responsibility for work performed by others in connection the Project. Agency and Contractor further understand and agree that they shall have no claim whatsoever against CSXT for any inconvenience, delay or additional cost incurred by Agency or Contractor on account of operations by others.

#### VII. STORAGE OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

Agency and Contractor shall not store their materials or equipment on CSXT's property or where they may potentially interfere with CSXT's operations, unless Agency or Contractor has received CSXT Representative's prior written permission. Agency and Contractor understand and agree that CSXT will not be liable for any damage to such materials and equipment from any cause and that CSXT may move, or require Agency or Contractor to move, such material and equipment at Agency's or Contractor's sole expense. To minimize the possibility of damage to the railroad tracks resulting from the unauthorized use of equipment, all grading or other construction equipment that is left parked near the tracks unattended by watchmen shall be immobilized to the extent feasible so that it cannot be moved by unauthorized persons.

#### VIII. CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES

- A. General
  - 1. Construction work on CSXT property shall be subject to CSXT's inspection and approval.
  - 2. Construction work on CSXT property shall be in accord with CSXT's written outline of specific conditions and with these Special Provisions.
  - 3. Contractor shall observe the terms and rules of the CSXT Safe Way manual, which Agency and Contractor shall be required to obtain from CSXT, and in

accord with any other instructions furnished by CSXT or CSXT's Representative.

B. Blasting

1. Agency or Contractor shall obtain CSXT Representative's and Agency Representative's prior written approval for use of explosives on or adjacent to CSXT property. If permission for use of explosives is granted, Agency or Contractor must comply with the following:
  - a. Blasting shall be done with light charges under the direct supervision of a responsible officer or employee of Agency or Contractor.
  - b. Electric detonating fuses shall not be used because of the possibility of premature explosions resulting from operation of two-way train radios.
  - c. No blasting shall be done without the presence of an authorized representative of CSXT. At least 10 days' advance notice to CSXT Representative is required to arrange for the presence of an authorized CSXT representative and any flagging that CSXT may require.
  - d. Agency or Contractor must have at the Project site adequate equipment, labor and materials, and allow sufficient time, to (i) clean up (at Agency's expense) debris resulting from the blasting without any delay to trains; and (ii) correct (at Agency's expense) any track misalignment or other damage to CSXT's property resulting from the blasting, as directed by CSXT Representative, without delay to trains. If Agency's or Contractor's actions result in delay of any trains, including Amtrak passenger trains, Agency shall bear the entire cost thereof.
  - e. Agency and Contractor shall not store explosives on CSXT property.
2. CSXT Representative will:
  - a. Determine the approximate location of trains and advise Agency or Contractor of the approximate amount of time available for the blasting operation and clean-up.
  - b. Have the authority to order discontinuance of blasting if, in his or her opinion, blasting is too hazardous or is not in accord with these Special Provisions.

IX. MAINTENANCE OF DITCHES ADJACENT TO CSXT TRACKS

Agency or Contractor shall maintain all ditches and drainage structures free of silt or other obstructions that may result from their operations. Agency or Contractor shall provide erosion control measures during construction and use methods that accord with applicable state standard specifications for road and bridge construction, including either (1) silt fence; (2) hay or straw

barrier; (3) berm or temporary ditches; (4) sediment basin; (5) aggregate checks; and (6) channel lining. All such maintenance and repair of damages due to Agency's or Contractor's operations shall be performed at Agency's expense.

X. FLAGGING / INSPECTION SERVICE

- A. CSXT has sole authority to determine the need for flagging required to protect its operations and property. In general, flagging protection will be required whenever Agency or Contractor or their equipment are, or are likely to be, working within fifty (50) feet of live track or other track clearances specified by CSXT, or over tracks.
- B. Agency shall reimburse CSXT directly for all costs of flagging that is required on account of construction within CSXT property shown in the Plans, or that is covered by an approved plan revision, supplemental agreement or change order.
- C. Agency or Contractor shall give a minimum of 10 days' advance notice to CSXT Representative for anticipated need for flagging service. No work shall be undertaken until the flag person(s) is/are at the job site. If it is necessary for CSXT to advertise a flagging job for bid, it may take up to 90-days to obtain this service and CSXT shall not be liable for the cost of delays attributable to obtaining such service.
- D. CSXT shall have the right to assign an individual to the site of the Project to perform inspection service whenever, in the opinion of CSXT Representative, such inspection may be necessary. Agency shall reimburse CSXT for the costs incurred by CSXT for such inspection service. Inspection service shall not relieve Agency or Contractor from liability for its Work.
- E. CSXT shall render invoices for, and Agency shall pay for, the actual pay rate of the flag persons and inspectors used, plus standard additives, whether that amount is above or below the rate provided in the Estimate. If the rate of pay that is to be used for inspector or flagging service is changed before the work is started or during the progress of the work, whether by law or agreement between CSXT and its employees, or if the tax rates on labor are changed, bills will be rendered by CSXT and paid by Agency using the new rates. Agency and Contractor shall perform their operations that require flagging protection or inspection service in such a manner and sequence that the cost of such will be as economical as possible.

XI. UTILITY FACILITIES ON CSXT PROPERTY

Agency shall arrange, upon approval from CSXT, to have any utility facilities on or over CSXT Property changed as may be necessary to provide clearances for the proposed trackage.

XII. CLEAN-UP

Agency or Contractor, upon completion of the Project, shall remove from CSXT's Property any temporary grade crossings, any temporary erosion control measures used to control drainage, all machinery, equipment, surplus materials, falsework, rubbish, or temporary buildings belonging to Agency or Contractor. Agency or Contractor, upon completion of the Project, shall leave CSXT

## PURCHASING FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS

This section contains the procurement forms that are required to be executed and submitted with the bid package. This section does not contain all forms required to be included with the bid package submittal.

To be deemed responsive to this ITB, Bidders must provide the information requested and complete in detail all Purchasing Forms. The appropriate individual(s) authorized to commit the Bidder to the Project must sign the Purchasing Forms. Bidders should reproduce each Purchasing Form, as required, and complete the appropriate portions of the forms provided in this section.

- Georgia Security and Immigration Contractor Affidavit and Agreement
- Georgia Security and Immigration Subcontractor Affidavit
- GDOT Non-Collusion Certification
- Federal Aid Certification
- Required Contractor Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contracts
- Buy America Provision
- Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Bid/Proposal Requirements
- Professional License Certifications (*if applicable*)
  - Georgia Utility License Contractor License
  - Georgia General Contractors License
  - Georgia Professional License

## GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT

### **Instructions:**

Contractors must attest to compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A 13-10-91 and the Georgia Department of Labor Rule 300-10-01-.02 by executing the Contractor Affidavit provided.

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**COUNTY OF FULTON**

**FORM F: GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT**

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services<sup>1</sup> under a contract with **[insert name of prime contractor]** on behalf of **Fulton County Government** has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program\*,<sup>2</sup> in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

The undersigned further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services to this contract with **Fulton County Government**, contractor will secure from such subcontractor(s) similar verification of compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91 on the Subcontractor Affidavit provided in Rule 300-10-01-.08 or a substantially similar form. Contractor further agrees to maintain records of such compliance and provide a copy of each such verification to the **Fulton County Government** at the time the subcontractor(s) is retained to perform such service.

EEV/Basic Pilot Program\* User Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer of Agent  
(Insert Contractor Name)

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>O.C.G.A. § 13-10-90(4), as amended by Senate Bill 160, provides that "physical performance of services" means any performance of labor or services for a public employer (e.g., Fulton County) using a bidding process (e.g., ITB, RFQ, RFP, etc.) or contract wherein the labor or services exceed \$2,499.99, except for those individuals licensed pursuant to title 26 or Title 43 or by the State Bar of Georgia and is in good standing when such contract is for service to be rendered by such individual.

<sup>2</sup>\*[Any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603].

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**FORM G: GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT**

**Instructions:**

In the event that your company is awarded the contract for this project, and will be utilizing the services of any subcontractor(s) in connection with the physical performance of services pursuant to this contract, the following affidavit must be completed by such subcontractor(s). Your company must provide a copy of each such affidavit to Fulton County Government, Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance with the proposal submittal.

All subcontractor affidavit(s) shall become a part of the contract and all subcontractor(s) affidavits shall be maintained by your company and available for inspection by Fulton County Government at any time during the term of the contract. All subcontractor(s) affidavit(s) shall become a part of any contractor/subcontractor agreement(s) entered into by your company.

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**COUNTY OF FULTON**

**FORM G: GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT**

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned subcontractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services<sup>3</sup> under a contract with \_\_\_\_\_ behalf of **Fulton County Government** has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program\*,<sup>4</sup> in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

\_\_\_\_\_  
EEV/Basic Pilot Program\* User Identification Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY: Authorized Officer of Agent  
(Insert Subcontractor Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Subcontractor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE OF GEORGIA

NON-COLLUSION CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have not, nor has any member of the firm(s) or corporation(s), either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, nor otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this submitted bid.

It is understood and agreed that this Proposal is one of several competitive bids made to the Department of Transportation, and in consideration of mutual agreements of the bidders, similar hereto, and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar cash in hand paid, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned agrees that this Proposal shall be an option, which is hereby given by the undersigned to the Department of Transportation to accept or reject this Proposal at any time within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which this sealed proposal is opened and read, unless a longer period is specified in the Proposal or the successful bidder agrees in writing to a longer period of time for the award, and in consideration of the premises, it is expressly covenanted and agreed that this Proposal is not subject to withdrawal by the Proposer or Bidder, during the term of said option.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the following checked amendments of the Proposal, Plans, Specifications and/or other documents pertaining to the Contract.

Amendment Nos.: 1 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_ I understand that failure to confirmed the receipt of amendments are cause for rejection of bids.

Witness my hand and seal this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

The bidder(s) whose signature(s) appear on this document, having personally appeared before me, and being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above statements are true and correct.

(Print Company Name)

By \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

Corporate President/Vice President or  
Individual Owner or Partner (Strike through all  
except the one which applies.)

Joint Bidder:

(Print Company Name)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

(Notary Public)

My Commission expires the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

(Federal 10 No./IRS No.)

By \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

Corporate President/Vice President or  
Individual Owner or Partner (Strike  
through all except the one which  
applies.)

Joint Bidder:

(Print Company Name)

By \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

Corporate President/Vice President or  
Individual Owner or Partner (Strike  
through all except the one which  
applies.)

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

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## FEDERAL AID CERTIFICATION (English Project)

First Use Date 2013 Specifications: November 22, 2013

Failure to complete appropriate certification requirements identified below or submission of a false certification shall render the bid non-responsive.

### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

I further certify that I have \_\_\_/have not \_\_\_ participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the equal opportunity clause, as required by Executive Orders 10925, 11114, or 11246, and that I have \_\_\_/ have not \_\_\_ filed with the Joint Reporting Committee, the Director of the *Office of Federal Contract Compliance*, a Federal Government contracting or administering agency, or the former *President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity*, all reports due under the applicable filing requirements.

I understand that if I have participated in a previous Contract or Subcontract subject to the Executive Orders above and have not filed the required reports that 41 CFR 60-1.7(b)(1) prevents the award of this Contract unless I submit a report governing the delinquent period or such other period specified by the Federal Highway Administration or by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, U. S. Department of Labor.

Reports and notifications required under 41 CFR 604, including reporting subcontract awards in excess of \$10,000.00 should be addressed

to:

Ms. Carol Gaudin  
Regional Director, U. S. Department of Labor  
Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Region 4  
Rm. 7B75  
61 Forsyth St. SW  
Atlanta GA 30303

### EXAMINATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

I acknowledge that this Project will be constructed in English units.

I certify that I have carefully examined the Plans for this Project and the Standard Specifications 2013 Edition, Supplemental Specifications and Special Provisions included in and made a part of this Proposal, and have also personally examined the site of the work. On the basis of the said Specifications and Plans, I propose to furnish all necessary machinery, tools, apparatus and other means of construction, and do all the work and furnish all the materials in the manner specified.

I understand the quantities mentioned are approximate only and are subject to either increase or decrease and hereby propose to perform any increased or decreased quantities of work or extra work on the basis provided for in the Specifications.

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

- I. General
- II. Nondiscrimination
- III. Nonsegregated 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. Compliance with Governmentwide Suspension and Debarment Requirements
- XI. Certification Regarding Use of Contract Funds for Lobbying

**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 (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).

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.

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). 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 bid proposal or request for proposal 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).

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

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. The term Federal-aid highway does not include roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors.

**II. NONDISCRIMINATION**

The provisions of this section related to 23 CFR Part 230 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 60, 29 CFR 1625-1627, Title 23 USC Section 140, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC 794), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 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 60, and 29 CFR 1625-1627. The contracting agency and the FHWA have the authority and the responsibility to ensure compliance with Title 23 USC Section 140, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC 794), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 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 230, 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 (28 CFR 35, 29 CFR 1630, 29 CFR 1625-1627, 41 CFR 60 and 49 CFR 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 35 and 29 CFR 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.

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, 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 who 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.

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, national origin, age or disability. The following procedures shall be followed:

a. The contractor will conduct periodic inspections of project sites to insure 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. 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, 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, 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 there under. 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, 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 and 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. Assurance Required by 49 CFR 26.13(b):**

a. The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and the State DOT's U.S. DOT-approved DBE program are incorporated by reference.

b. The contractor 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 contracting agency deems appropriate.

**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 \$10,000 or more.

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, 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). The requirements apply to all projects located within the right-of-way of a roadway that is functionally classified as Federal-aid highway. This excludes roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt. Contracting agencies may elect to apply these requirements to other projects.

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

a. All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work, 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 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.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions

of paragraph 1.d. 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 shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4). 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 classification and wage rates conformed under paragraph 1.b. of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall 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.(1) The contracting officer shall 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 shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore 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 utilized 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) 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 shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. 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.

(3) 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 shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Wage and Hour Administrator for determination. The Wage and Hour 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.

(4) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs 1.b.(2) or 1.b.(3) of this section, shall 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.

c. 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 shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

d. 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, 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.

## 2. Withholding

The contracting agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor under this contract, or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, the contracting agency may, 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.

## 3. Payrolls and basic records

a. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, 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 section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) 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 section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-

Bacon Act, the contractor shall 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. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

b.(1) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the contracting agency. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm> or its successor site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker, and shall provide them upon request to the contracting agency for transmission to the State DOT, the FHWA or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the contracting agency..

(2) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(i) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under §5.5 (a)(3)(ii) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, the appropriate information is being maintained under §5.5 (a)(3)(i) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, and that such information is correct and complete;

(ii) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed 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 Regulations, 29 CFR part 3;

(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 of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(3) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph 3.b.(2) of this section.

(4) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of title 18 and section 231 of title 31 of the United States Code.

c. The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 3.a. of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the FHWA may, after written notice to the contractor, the contracting agency or the State DOT, 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 may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

#### 4. Apprentices and trainees

##### a. Apprentices (programs of the USDOL).

Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed 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 Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice.

The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall 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 the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed.

Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly

rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall 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, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination.

In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

##### b. Trainees (programs of the USDOL).

Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration.

Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

c. Equal employment opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

d. 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. 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 journeymen 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.

**6. Subcontracts.** The contractor or subcontractor shall insert Form FHWA-1273 in any subcontracts and also require the subcontractors to include Form FHWA-1273 in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 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.

**9. Disputes concerning labor standards.** 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 he or she) 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 section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

b. No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

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

**V. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT**

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 watchmen 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.

**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. 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 watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section.

**3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.** The FHWA or the contracting agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or 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, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2.) of this section.

**4. Subcontracts.** The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1.) through (4.) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1.) through (4.) of this section.

## VI. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT

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

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" 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:

(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.

2. 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. 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.

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

## 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 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.

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 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).

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 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 1, 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**

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

By submission of this bid/proposal or the execution of this contract, or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, proposer, Federal-aid construction contractor, or subcontractor, as appropriate, will be deemed to have stipulated as follows:

1. That any person who is or will be utilized in the performance of this contract is not prohibited from receiving an award due to a violation of Section 508 of the Clean Water Act or Section 306 of the Clean Air Act.

2. That the contractor agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of paragraph (1) of this Section X in every subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements.

#### **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.

##### **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.

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.

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.

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 and 1200. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a grantee or subgrantee 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 grantee or subgrantee 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.

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.

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. 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 Excluded Parties List System website (<https://www.epls.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

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.

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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) 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;

(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; 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.

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

### 2. 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)

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier 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.

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 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 grantee or subgrantee 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 grantee or subgrantee 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.

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.

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 Excluded Parties List System website (<https://www.epls.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

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.

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

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.

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

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**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 20).

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.

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STATE OF GEORGIA**

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I also hereby agree that the State, or the Department of Transportation, would suffer damages in a sum equal to at least the amount of the enclosed Proposal Guaranty, in the event my Proposal should be accepted and a Contract tendered me thereunder and I should refuse to execute same and furnish bond as herein required, in consideration of which I hereby agree that, in the event of such failure on my part to execute said Contract and furnish bond within fifteen (15) days after the date of the letter transmitting the Contract to me, the amount of said Proposal Guaranty shall be and is hereby, forfeited to the State, or to the Department of Transportation, as liquidated damages as the result of such failure on my part.

I further propose to execute the Contract agreement described in the Specifications as soon as the work is awarded to me, and to begin and complete the work within the time limit provided. I also propose to furnish a Contract Bond, approved by the State Transportation Board, as required by the laws of the State of Georgia. This bond shall not only serve to guarantee the completion of the work on my part, but also to guarantee the excellence of both workmanship and materials until the work is finally accepted, as well as to fully comply with all the laws of the State of Georgia.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

By signing and submitting this Contract I hereby certify that employees of this company or employee of any company supplying material or subcontracting to do work on this Contract will not engage in business ventures with employees of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GA D.O.T.) nor shall they provide gifts, gratuities, favors, entertainment, loans or other items of value to employees of this department.

Also, by signing and submitting this Contract I hereby certify that I will notify the Georgia Department of Transportation through its District Engineer of any business ventures entered into between employees of this company or employees of any company supplying material or subcontracting to do work on this Contract with a family member of GA D.O.T. employees.

**DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**

The undersigned certifies that the provisions of Code Sections 50-24-1 through 50-24-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Drug-free Workplace Act", have been complied with in full. The undersigned further certifies that:

- (1) A drug-free workplace will be provided for the Contractor's employees during the performance of the Contract; and
- (2) Each Contractor who hires a Subcontractor to work in a drug-free workplace shall secure from that Subcontractor the following written certification:

"As part of the subcontracting agreement with \_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor's name) \_\_\_\_\_, (Subcontractor's name) \_\_\_\_\_, certifies to the Contractor that a drug free workplace will be provided for the Subcontractor's employees during the performance of this Contract pursuant to paragraph (7) of subsection (b) of Code Section 50-24-3."

Also, the undersigned further certifies that he will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, sale distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the Contract.

## **REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR FEDERAL-AID CONTRACTS**

### **BUY AMERICA**

All manufacturing processes for steel and iron materials and steel and iron coatings permanently incorporated into this project must occur in the United States of America. However, pig iron and processed, pelletized, or reduced iron ore used in the production of these products may be manufactured outside the United States.

This requirement, however, does not prevent a minimal use of foreign materials and coatings, provided the cost of materials and coatings used does not exceed one-tenth of one percent (0.1 percent) of the total contract cost or \$2,500.00 whichever is greater.

NOTE: Coatings include: epoxy coating, galvanizing, painting and any other coating that protects or enhances the value of the material.

### **CONVICT PRODUCED MATERIALS**

Materials produced by convict labor after July 1, 1991, may not be used for Federal-Aid highway construction projects unless it meets the following criteria:

1. The materials must be produced by convicts who are on parole, supervised release; or,
2. If produced in a qualified prison facility, the amount of such materials produced in any 12-month period shall not exceed the amount produced in such facility for such construction during the 12-month period ending July 1, 1987. A qualified prison is defined as one producing convict made materials prior to July 1, 1987.

### FULTON COUNTY CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF BID/PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

This is to certify that on this day, offeror acknowledges that he/she has read this solicitation document, pages # \_\_\_\_\_ to # \_\_\_\_\_ inclusive, including any addenda # \_\_\_\_\_ to # \_\_\_\_\_ exhibit(s) # \_\_\_\_\_ to # \_\_\_\_\_, attachment(s) # \_\_\_\_\_, and/or appendices # \_\_\_\_\_ to # \_\_\_\_\_ in its entirety, and agrees that no pages or parts of the document have been omitted, that he/she understands, accepts and agrees to fully comply with the requirements therein, and that the undersigned is authorized by the offeror to submit the proposal herein and to legally obligate the offeror thereto.

This is also to certify that the offeror has reviewed the form Fulton County contract included in the solicitation documents and agrees to be bound by its terms, or that the offeror certifies that it is submitting any proposed modification to the contract terms with its proposal. The offeror further certifies that the failure to submit proposed modifications with the proposal waives the offeror's right to submit proposed modifications later. The offeror also acknowledges that the indemnification and insurance provisions of Fulton County's contract included in the solicitation documents are non-negotiable and that proposed modifications to said terms may be reason to declare the offeror's proposal as non-responsive.

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Corporate Seal)

**CONTRACTOR'S GEORGIA UTILITY LICENSE CERTIFICATION**

Contractor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Utility Contractor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date of License: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that the classification noted is applicable to the Bid for this Project.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

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**(ATTACH COPY OF LICENSE)**

**CONTRACTOR'S GEORGIA GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE  
CERTIFICATION**

Contractor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

General Contractor's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date of License: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that the classification noted is applicable to the Bid for this Project.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**(ATTACH COPY OF LICENSE)**

**GEORGIA PROFESSIONAL LICENSE CERTIFICATION**

**NOTE: Please complete this form for the work your firm will perform on this project.**

Contractor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Performing work as: Prime Contractor \_\_\_\_ Sub-Contractor \_\_\_\_

Professional License Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date of License: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that the classification noted is applicable to the Bid for this Project.

Signed:

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Date:

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTABILITY

The purpose of this special provision is to establish criteria for acceptability of DBE firms for work performed on this contract. The intent is to ensure that all participation counted toward fulfillment of the DBE goals is (1) real and substantial, (2) actually performed by viable, independent DBE owned firms, and (3) in accordance with the spirit of the applicable laws and regulations.

It is the policy of the Georgia Department of Transportation to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26 and related statutes and regulations in all program activities.

To this end the Georgia Department of Transportation shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin in the award, administration and performance of any Georgia Department of Transportation assisted contract or in the administration of its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. The Georgia Department of Transportation shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure nondiscrimination.

DBE payments and commitments for Federal-Aid projects shall be separate and distinct and cannot be transferred or combined in any manner.

**DBE GOAL:** The DBE Goal specified in the contract will be a percentage representing the DBE Race Conscious Participation. The Contractor will strive to achieve an additional percentage in his/her contracts for all projects during the course of the current State Fiscal year, in order to meet the overall Georgia Department of Transportation DBE goal.

**DBE DIRECTORY:** The Department has available a directory or source list to facilitate identifying DBEs with capabilities relevant to general contracting requirements and to particular solicitations. The Department will make the directory available to bidders and proposers in their efforts to meet the DBE requirements. The directory or listing includes firms which the Department has certified to be eligible DBEs in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.

**GOAL FOR PARTICIPATION:** If a percentage goal for DBE participation in this contract is set forth elsewhere in this proposal, the Contractor shall complete the DBE GOALS Form included in the proposal. The Contractor is encouraged to make every effort to achieve the goal set by the Department. However, if the Contractor cannot find sufficient DBE participants to meet the goal established by the Department, the Department will consider for award a proposal with less participation than the established goal if:

(A) The bidder can demonstrate that no greater participation could be obtained. This should be well documented by demonstrating the Contractor's actions through good faith efforts. The following is a list of types of actions which the Department will consider as part of the Contractor's good faith efforts to obtain DBE participation. This is not intended to be a mandatory checklist, nor is it intended to be exclusive or exhaustive. Other factors or types of efforts may be relevant in appropriate cases.

(1) Soliciting through all reasonable and available means (e.g. attendance at pre-bid meetings, advertising and/or written notices) the interest of all certified DBEs who have the capability to perform the work of the contract. The Contractor must solicit this interest within sufficient time to allow the DBEs to respond to the

solicitation. The Contractor must determine with certainty if the DBEs are interested by taking appropriate steps to follow up initial solicitations.

(2) Selecting portions of the work to be performed by DBEs in order to increase the likelihood the DBE goals will be achieved. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate DBE participation, even when the Contractor might otherwise prefer to perform these work items with its own forces.

(3) Providing interested DBEs with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist DBE participants in responding to a solicitation.

(4) (a) Negotiating in good faith with interested DBEs.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to make a portion of the work available to DBE subcontractors and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available DBE subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate DBE participation. Evidence of such negotiation includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of DBEs that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting; and evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for DBEs to perform the work.

(b) Contractor(s) using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including DBE subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as contract goals into consideration. However, the fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using DBEs is not in itself sufficient reason for a bidder's failure to meet the contract DBE goal, as long as such costs are reasonable. Also, the ability or desire of a Contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility to make good faith efforts. Contractors are not, however, required to accept higher quotes from DBEs if the price difference is excessive or unreasonable.

(5) Not rejecting DBEs as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. The Contractor's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations (for example union vs. nonunion employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids in the Contractor's efforts to meet the project goal.

(6) Making efforts to assist interested DBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance as required by the contractor.

(7) Making efforts to assist interested DBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.

(8) Effectively using the services of available minority/women community organizations; minority/women Contractors' groups; local, state, and Federal minority/women business assistance offices; and other organizations as allowed on a case-by-case basis to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of DBE's.

(B) The participation proposed by the low bidder is not substantially less than the participation proposed by the other bidders on the same contract.

If no percentage goal is set forth in the proposal, the contractor may enter a proposed DBE participation. This voluntary DBE participation will count as race neutral DBE participation. Prime Contractor shall report race-neutral participation in accordance with the DBE Monthly Report requirements shown in this document.

To be eligible for award of this contract, all bidders will be required to submit the following information to the Department by the close of business on the 3rd working day following opening of the bid as a matter of bidder responsibility.

- (i) The names and addresses of DBE firms committed to participate in the contract;
- (ii.) A description of the work that each DBE will perform; the Contractor shall provide information with their bid showing that each DBE listed by the Contractor is certified in the NAICS code(s) for the kind of work the DBE will be performing,
- (iii) The dollar amount of participation of each DBE firm participating; Written documentation of the bidder's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet a contract goal;
- (iv.) Written confirmation from the DBE committed to participating in the contract, as provided in the prime contractor's commitment.
- (v.) If the contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts must be provided.

Failure by a bidder to furnish the above information may subject the bid to disqualification. Also failure by the bidder to submit satisfactory evidence of good faith efforts may subject the bid to disqualification.

Award of a contract by the Department to a Prime Contractor who has listed DBE participants with the bid may not constitute final approval by the Department of the listed DBE. The Department reserves the right to approve or disapprove a Disadvantaged firm after a review of the Disadvantaged firm's proposed participation. Payment to the Contractor under the contract may be withheld until final approval of the listed DBEs is granted by the Department.

If the Contractor desires to substitute a DBE in lieu of those listed in the proposal, a letter of concurrence shall be required from the listed DBE prior to approval of the substitution, unless this requirement is waived by the Department.

Agreements between bidder and a DBE in which DBE promises not to provide Subcontracting quotations to other bidders are prohibited.

**DEFINITION:** For the purposes of this provision, the following definitions will apply:  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise or DBE means a for-profit small business concern

- (1) Ensuring at least 51 percent owned by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged or, in the case of a corporation, in which 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals; and
- (2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own the business.

Good Faith Efforts means efforts to achieve a DBE goal or other requirement of this part which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, can reasonably be expected to fulfill the program requirement.

Joint Venture means an association of a DBE firm and one or more other firms to carry out a single, for-profit business enterprise, for which the parties combine their property, capital, efforts, skills and knowledge, and in which the DBE is responsible for a distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract and whose share in the capital contribution, control, management, risks, and profits of the joint venture are commensurate with its ownership interest.

Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individual means any individual who is a citizen (or lawfully admitted permanent resident) of the United States and who is –

- (1) Any individual who the Department finds to be a socially and economically disadvantaged individual on a case-by-case basis.
- (2) Any individual in the following groups, members of which are rebuttably presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged:
  - (i) "Black Americans," which includes persons having origins, in any of the Black racial groups of Africa;
  - (ii) "Hispanic Americans," which includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin, regardless of race;
  - (iii) "Native Americans," which includes persons who are American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians;
  - (iv) "Asian-Pacific Americans," which includes persons whose origins are from Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, Burma (Myanmar), Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia (Kampuchea), Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei, Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands (Republic of Palau), the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Macao, Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, Juvalu, Nauru, Federated States of Micronesia, or Hong Kong;
  - (v) "Subcontinent Asian Americans," which includes persons whose origins are from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives Islands, Nepal or Sri Lanka;
  - (vi) Women; and
  - (vii) Any additional groups whose members are designated as socially and economically disadvantaged by the SBA, at such time as the SBA designation becomes effective.

(3) GDOT will presume that such persons are socially and economically disadvantaged only to the extent permitted by applicable federal law.

Race-conscious measure is one that is -focused specifically on assisting only DBEs, including women-owned DBEs.

Race-neutral measure is one that is, or can be, used to assist all small businesses. For the purposes of this part, race-neutral includes gender-neutrality.

**DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED:** No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against in connection with the award and performance of this contract on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

The following assurance becomes a part of this contract and must be included in and made a part of each subcontract the prime contractor enters into with their subcontractors. (49 CFR 26.13):

"The contractor, and/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 (breach) of this contract which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the Department deems appropriate."

**FAILURE TO ACHIEVE REQUIREMENTS:** Periodic reviews shall be made by the Department to determine the extent of compliance with the requirements set forth in this provision. If the Contractor is found to be in noncompliance, further payments for any work performed may be withheld until corrective action is taken. If corrective action is not taken, it may result in termination of this contract. During the life of the contract, the contractor will be expected to demonstrate good faith efforts at goal attainment as provided by 49 CFR 26.

The contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed to perform the work and supply the materials for which is listed unless the contractor obtains the Department's written consent to substitute and, unless the Departments' consent is provided the contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE.

Participation will be counted toward fulfillment of the DBE goal as follows:

(A) When a DBE participates in a contract, the Contractor counts only the value of the work actually performed by the DBE toward DBE goals.

(1) Count the entire amount of that portion of a construction contract (or other contract not covered by paragraph (A) (2) of this section) that is performed by the DBE's own forces. Include the cost of supplies and materials obtained by the DBE for the work of the contract, including supplies purchased or equipment leased by the DBE (except supplies and equipment the DBE subcontractor purchases or leases from the prime contractor or its affiliate).

(2) Count the entire amount of fees or commissions charged by a DBE firm for providing a bona fide service, such as professional, technical consultant, or managerial services, or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of a DOT-assisted contract, toward DBE goals, provided the Department determines the fee

is reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.

(3) When a DBE subcontracts part of the work of its contract to another firm, the value of the subcontracted work may be counted toward DBE goals only if the DBE's subcontractor is itself a DBE. Work that a DBE subcontracts to a non-DBE firm does not count toward DBE goals.

(B) When a DBE performs as a participant in a joint venture, count a portion of the total dollar value of the contract equal to the distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract that the DBE performs with its own forces toward DBE goals.

(C) Count expenditures to a DBE contractor toward DBE goals only if the DBE is performing a commercially useful function on that contract.

(1) A DBE performs a commercially useful function when responsible for execution of the work of the contract and carrying out responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the DBE must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself.

(2) A DBE does not perform a commercially useful function if their role is limited to being an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of DBE participation.

(3) If a DBE does not perform or exercise responsibility for at least 30 percent of the total cost of their contract with their own work force, or the DBE subcontracts a greater portion of the work of a contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practice for the type of work involved, the Department will presume the DBE is not performing a commercially useful function.

(4) When a DBE is presumed not to be performing a commercially useful function as provided in paragraph (C) (3) of this section, the DBE may present evidence to rebut this presumption.

(5) The Departments decisions on commercially useful function matters are subject to review by the US DOT but are not administratively appealable to the US DOT.

(D) The following factors are to be used in determining whether a DBE trucking company is performing a commercially useful function:

(1) The DBE must be responsible for the management and supervision of the entire trucking operation for which they are responsible on a particular contract, and there cannot be a contrived arrangement for the purpose of meeting DBE goals.

(2) The DBE must itself own and operate at least one fully licensed, insured, and operational truck used on the contract.

(3) The DBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services it provides on the contract using trucks it owns, insures, and operates using drivers it employs.

- (4) The DBE may lease trucks from another DBE firm, including an owner/operator who is certified as a DBE. The DBE who leases trucks from another DBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services the lessee DBE provides on the contract.
- (5) The DBE may also lease trucks from a non-DBE and is entitled to credit only for the fee or commission it receives as a result of the lease arrangement. The DBE does not receive credit for the total value of the transportation services provided by the lessee, since these services are not provided by a DBE.
- (6) For purposes of this paragraph (D), a lease must indicate the DBE has exclusive use of and control over the truck. This does not preclude the leased truck from working for others during the term of the lease with the consent of the DBE, so long as the lease gives the DBE absolute priority for use of the leased truck. Leased trucks must display the name and identification number of the DBE.
- (E) Count expenditures with DBEs for materials or supplies toward DBE goals as provided in the following:
- (1) (i) If the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE manufacturer, count 100 percent of the cost of the materials or supplies toward DBE goals.
- (ii) For purposes of this paragraph, a manufacturer is a firm that operates or maintains a factory or establishment that produces, on the premises, the materials, supplies, articles, or equipment required under the contract and of the general character described by the specifications.
- (2) (i) If the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE regular dealer, count 60 percent of the cost of the materials or supplies toward DBE goals.
- (ii) For purposes of this section, a regular dealer is a firm that owning, operating, or maintaining a store, warehouse, or other establishment in which the materials, supplies, articles or equipment of the general character described by the specifications and required under the contract are bought, kept in stock, and regularly sold or leased to the public in the usual course of business.
- (A) To be a regular dealer, the firm must be an established, regular business engaging, as its principal business and under its own name, in the purchase and sale or lease of the products in question.
- (B) A person may be a regular dealer in such bulk items as petroleum products, steel, cement, gravel, stone, or asphalt without owning, operating, or maintaining a place of business as provided in this paragraph **(E) (2) (ii)** if the person both owns and operates distribution equipment for the products. Any supplementing of regular dealers' own distribution equipment shall be by a long-term lease agreement and not on an ad hoc or contract-by-contract basis.
- (C) Packagers, brokers, manufacturers' representatives, or other persons who arrange or expedite transactions are not regular dealers within the meaning of this paragraph **(E)(2)**.

(3) With respect to materials or supplies purchased from a DBE which is neither a manufacturer nor a regular dealer, count the entire amount of fees or commissions charged for assistance in the procurement of the materials and supplies, or fees or transportation charges for the delivery of materials or supplies required on a job site, toward DBE goals, provided you determine the fees to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services. Do not count any portion of the cost of the materials and supplies themselves toward DBE goals, however.

(4) You must determine the amount of credit awarded to a firm for provision of materials and supplies (e.g., whether a firm is acting as a regular dealer or a transaction expeditor) on a contract-by-contract basis. Do not count the participation of a DBE subcontractor toward the prime contractor's DBE achievements until the amount being counted toward the goal has been paid to the DBE.

(5) No participation will be counted not in compliance with Special Provision entitled "Criteria for Acceptability" which is a part of this contract or with any provisions included in 49 CFR Part 26.

(6) If the contract amount overruns, the contractor will not be required to increase the dollar amount of DBE participation. If the contract amount underruns, the contractor will not be allowed to underrun the dollar amount of DBE participation except when the DBE subcontracted items themselves underrun.

## REPORTS

- A. The contractor shall submit a "DBE Participation Report" on this contract quarterly which shall include the following:
1. The name of each DBE participating in the contract.
  2. A description of the work to be performed, materials, supplies, and services provided by each DBE.
  3. Whether each DBE is a supplier, subcontractor, owner/operator, or other.
  4. The dollar value of each DBE subcontract or supply agreement.
  5. The actual payment to date of each DBE participating in the contract.
  6. The report shall be updated by the Prime Contractor whenever the approved DBE has performed a portion of the work that has been designated for the contract. Copies of this report should be transmitted promptly to the Engineer. Failure to submit the report within 30 calendar days following the end of the month may cause payment to the contractor to be withheld.
  7. The Prime Contractor shall notify the Project Engineer at least 24 hours prior to the time the DBE commences working on the project. The DBE must furnish supervision of the DBE portion of the work, and the person responsible for this supervision must report to the Project Engineer when they begin work on the project. They must also inform the Project Engineer when their forces will be doing work on the project.

- B. In order to comply with 49CFR 26.11 the Prime Contractor shall submit documentation regarding all payments made from the Prime to all DBE subcontractors on federal aid projects in the form of copiers of cancelled checks or notarized electronic documentation which validates said payments made on the DBE Monthly Participation Reports. This information shall be required monthly and submitted with the DBE Monthly Participation Report may periodically request that certain information be supplied by the Contractor.
- C. Failure to respond within the time allowed in the request will be grounds for withholding all payments on all Contracts.

**SUBSTITUTION OF DBEs:** The Contractor shall make a reasonable effort to replace a DBE Subcontractor unable to perform work for any reason with another DBE. The Office of Contract Compliance shall approve all substitutions of Subcontractors in order to ensure the substitute firms are eligible DBEs prior to execution per substitution form. When a DBE subcontractor is terminated, or fails to complete its work on the contract for any reason, the Prime Contractor must make good faith efforts to find another DBE subcontractor to substitute for the original DBE. These good faith efforts shall be directed at finding another DBE to perform at least the same amount of work under the contract as the DBE that was terminated, to the extent needed to meet the contract goal. The good faith efforts shall be documented by the contractor. If the recipient requests documentation under this provision, the contractor shall submit the documentation within 7 days, which may be extended for an additional 7 days, if necessary at the request of the contractor, and the recipient shall provide a written determination to the contractor stating whether or not good faith efforts have been demonstrated.

**CERTIFICATION OF DBEs:** To ensure that the DBE Program benefits only firms owned and controlled by Disadvantaged Individuals, the Department shall certify the eligibility of DBEs and joint ventures involving DBEs that are named by bidders.

Questions concerning DBE Certification should be directed to the EEO office at the Georgia Department of Transportation (404) 656-5323.

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**PROMPT PAYMENT:**

Prime Contractors, who sublet a portion of their work, shall pay their subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 10 calendar days from receipt of each payment made to them.

Any delay or postponement of payment along the parties may take place only for good cause with prior written approval from the Department.

If the contractor is found to be in noncompliance with these provisions, it shall constitute a breach of contract and further payments for any work performed may be withheld until corrective action is taken. If corrective action is taken, it may result in termination of the contract.

All subcontract agreements shall contain this requirement.

## DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) GOALS

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT NAME & NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

BID ISSUANCE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL BID AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

REQUIRED DBE GOAL ON THIS CONTRACT IS: 12 %

### **LIST OF DBE PARTICIPANTS**

*VENDOR NUMBER	DBE NAME/ ADDRESS (CITY, STATE)	TYPE OF WORK	RACE Neutral	Race Conscious	*WORK CODE	AMOUNT
<b>TOTAL</b>						

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIST OF DBE PARTICIPANTS

If a DBE Goal is indicated, you must propose to achieve a goal that is equal or greater than the percentage required. If no goal is indicated, you may propose your own goal.

The DBE Firms to be utilized as counting toward the proposed goal must be listed on this form, along with their addresses, type of work and the amount to be paid to each of the minority firms. The amount entered will not necessarily be the contract amount, but must be the actual amount that will be paid to the DBE firm.

In the case of a DBE supplier, the amount paid and 60% of that amount both will be entered; and only the 60% figure should be added to the total. An example of this is shown in the example chart below.

Vendor Number	Company Name and Address (City and State)	Type of Work	*Work Code	Race Neutral	Race Conscious	Amount
	ABC Oil Company Atlanta, GA	Diesel Fuel Supplier				\$80,000.00 (60% = \$48,000.00)

The Contractor shall indicate for each DBE and Scope of Work whether the DBE Participant is Race Neutral or Race Conscious by placing a checkmark in the appropriate column.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For 60% of the amount paid to a DBE supplier to be eligible to count toward fulfilling the DBE goal, the supplier must be an established "regular dealer" in the product involved, and not just a broker. A "regular dealer" would normally sell the product to several customers and would usually have product inventory on hand.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRACTOR DBE PARTICIPATION REPORT

In order to receive credit toward the DBE Goal, the prime contractor must complete the report in its entirety and submit this form MONTHLY to the Project Manager in charge of the contract. Failure to submit this form will result in no credit toward the contract DBE requirements.

1. PROJECT NUMBER – This is the GDOT assigned project number – See Contract.
  2. COUNTY – See Contract.
  3. CONTRACT ID NUMBER – This is the GDOT Contract Identification Number – See Contract.
  4. CONTRACTOR NAME –
  5. REPORT SUBMISSION DATE – This is the date the report is completed.
  6. REPORT NUMBER – Reports must be consecutively numbered.
  7. REPORT TYPE – This should be checked monthly until all work has been completed, at which time the Report Type should be changed to Final and submitted to the Project Manager.
  8. DATE WORK BEGAN – This is the date of the first day any work occurred on the project.
  9. DBE REQUIRED PERCENTAGE – This is the total required % of the original contract amount.
  10. CONTRACT \$ AMOUNT – DBE Amount: *The DBE amount and percentage are the DBE amount and percentage shown in the original contract. (In some instances, this amount may be greater than the percentage amount and may exceed the percentage in the contract; for reporting purposes, the amount over the DBE percentage on this contract is considered race neutral). Original subcontract amount should be at least the amount listed in the contract. Any amounts above the race conscious number or percentage are counted as race neutral and should be shown on report on a separate line than the race conscience. The contractor cannot add the race neutral until the race conscious is exceeded.*
  11. PERCENT \$ COMPLETE – Insert the Percentage Complete, which reflects the percentage of project completed in dollars to the ending date of this report.
  12. DBE \$ AMOUNT – This is the total dollar amount representing the percentage of the original contract.
  13. PERCENT PROJECT COMPLETE – Insert the Percentage of Project Complete, which indicates the time completed on the project.
  14. DATE CLOSING THIS REPORT – Please check the appropriate date for the close of payments for this report.
  15. SUPPLIER (S) – One who supplies material to the Project. The dollar value shown in the contracts for suppliers represents the calculated sixty percent (60%) dollar value of the original amount; therefore, the supplier percentage requires no further adjustments. The amount in the contract should be shown as the subcontract amount.
  16. OWNER / OPERATOR (O) – One who owns and operates the equipment themselves.
  17. SUBCONTRACTOR (SC) – Those who aren't a supplier or owner/operator.
  18. SUBCONTRACTOR AGREEMENT RECEIVED (SAR): The Department requests that you supply a copy of valid executable subcontract agreements between your company and your DBE subcontractors per section 108.01 of the Standard Specifications. All subcontracts shall include the Required Contract Provisions, FHWA 1273; these provisions shall not be incorporated by reference. A copy of subcontractor agreement (SAR) between the prime and each DBE must be submitted to the Area Engineer's Office.
  19. RACE NEUTRAL (RN) – DBE participation that would have been used in the absence of any contract goal provisions.
  20. RACE CONSCIOUS – DBE participation that was utilized specifically to meet the proposed contract goal or portion thereof.
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21. ORIGINAL SUBCONTRACT AMOUNT – This is the original amount shown in the Signed Contract.
22. PREVIOUS PAYMENTS – This totals all PAYMENTS prior to this report.
23. PAYMENTS THIS REPORT – These are the totals of PAYMENTS during this report period only.
24. PAYMENTS TO DATE – Show the actual amount that each DBE has payments to-date under the contract based on the unit prices paid to the DBE by the prime contractor and not contract unit prices. When a supplier is used to fulfill the DBE requirements, only 60% of the amount earned by the supplier may be entered. Show that total amount in the space provided.
25. CURRENT COLUMN TOTALS – Total each column.
26. PERCENT OF CONTACT – This percentage is calculated using the contract amount and the total DBE payments-to-date.
27. CERTIFICATION – The contractor or his authorized representative must sign this form prior to submittal. Failure to complete and submit this form in a timely manner may delay monthly progress payments.
28. DBE must perform at least 30% of work with own forces to meet commercially useful function criteria (49CFR26.55). If a DBE subcontracts part of the work of its contract to another firm, the value of the work can only be counted toward the DBE goal if the DBE's subcontractor is itself a DBE.
29. A DBE hauler must itself own and operate at least one fully licensed, insured and operational truck to be used on the contract.
30. Payments and commitments for Federal-aid projects **shall be separate and distinct and cannot be transferred or combined in any manner.**
31. Credits towards DBE goal can only be claimed after the amount being claimed toward the goal has been paid to the DBE. Attach cancelled checks: Prime Contractor shall submit documentation regarding all payments made from the Prime to all DBE subcontractors on federal aid projects in the form of copies of cancelled checks or notarized electronic documentation which validates said payments made on the DBE Monthly Participation Reports. This information shall be required monthly and submitted with the DBE Monthly Participation Report (49CFR26.11).

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The prime contractor may change DBE firms only with the approval of the District Engineer, provided the changes confirm to contract regulations.

*The prime contractor is responsible for sending a copy of the subcontractor agreement between the prime and its subcontractors to the Project Manager. After submitting this document to the Project Manager, the prime contractor checks the block on the DBE Participation Report. Only one copy of the subcontractor agreement is requested for each DBE subcontractor.*

*If the prime contractor has not submitted a copy of the subcontractor agreement between the prime and its DBE subcontractor(s), the project manager will contact the prime contractor and request this document.*

*The prime contractor is not requested to send copies of the subcontractor agreement signed with the DBE firms to multiple offices within GDOT. Sending this information to the Project Manager will satisfy the federal requirements.*

*The prime contractor is responsible to accurately complete the report prior to submitting to the department. Once submitted to the department, the department project manager is responsible for reviewing it for accuracy.*

*If the report is inaccurate, the department project manager shall send the report back to the prime contractor for corrections. Payment will be withheld by the Department until a correct report is received.*

*The prime contractor is required to submit the monthly DBE from the month of Notice To Proceed until the Final DBE Report is submitted. Payment will be withheld by the Department until the report is received.*

Upon completion of the work, a final "DBE Participation Report" will be required and submitted to the Area Engineer prior to final payment. All information shown on the form must be completed, including the payments of each approved DBE.

Joint ventures between non-DBE and certified DBE: Only that portion of the work for which the DBE is responsible may be used to satisfy the requirements.

Should you have questions about the Monthly DBE Participation Report – ARRA Reporting, contact the local District Contracts Administration Office or District EEO Officer.

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Federal Law requires that the work of DBE contractors be monitored in the field as part of the effort to ensure that DBEs are actually performing the work (49CFR26.37 (b)).

District EEO Officers must receive copies of the Monthly DBE Participation Reporting.

## MONTHLY DBE PARTICIPATION REPORT

REPORT SUBMISSION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTRACT ID NO.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTRACTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE TO PROCEED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE WORK BEGAN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTRACT \$ AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DBE \$ AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 0.00

DBE REQUIRED %: \_\_\_\_\_  
 % DOLLAR COMPLETE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 % PROJECT COMPLETE: \_\_\_\_\_

31-Jan	<input type="radio"/>	31-Jul	<input type="radio"/>
28-Feb	<input type="radio"/>	31-Aug	<input type="radio"/>
31-Mar	<input type="radio"/>	30-Sep	<input type="radio"/>
30-Apr	<input type="radio"/>	31-Oct	<input type="radio"/>
31-May	<input type="radio"/>	30-Nov	<input type="radio"/>
30-Jun	<input type="radio"/>	31-Dec	<input type="radio"/>

S = SUPPLIER                      SC = SUBCONTRACTOR

	APPROVED DBE		VENDOR ID	DESCRIPTION OF WORK		
	S	SC		ORIGINAL SUBCONTRACT AMOUNT	PREVIOUS PAYMENTS	PAYMENTS THIS REPORT
<b>1</b>						
RN	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				\$ 0.00
RC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				\$ 0.00
<b>2</b>						
RN	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				\$ 0.00
RC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				\$ 0.00
<b>3</b>						
RN	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				\$ 0.00
RC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				\$ 0.00
<b>4</b>						
RN	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				\$ 0.00
RC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				\$ 0.00
<b>5</b>						
RN	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				\$ 0.00
RC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				\$ 0.00
<b>6</b>						
RN	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				\$ 0.00
RC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				\$ 0.00
<b>RN COLUMN TOTALS:</b>			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>RC COLUMN TOTALS:</b>			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

TOTAL % PAID TO DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION IS ON FILE AND IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AT ANY TIME.

ALL PARTICIPATION COUNTED TOWARD FULFILLMENT OF THE DBE GOALS IS (1) REAL AND SUBSTANTIAL; (2) ACTUALLY PERFORMED BY VIABLE, INDEPENDENT DBE OWNED FIRMS; AND (3) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME / TITLE

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

*THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE PROJECT LEVEL BY:*

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME / TITLE

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Mandatory)

*THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL BY:*

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME / TITLE

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Mandatory)

## SECTION 8

### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

This section should contain the appropriate insurance information, forms and requirements for this project. Forward a copy of the Scope of Work to the Risk Manager specific to this project and insert the appropriate insurance requirements provided by the Risk Manager following this cover page.

**Insurance and Risk Management Provisions  
Construction – Buffington Road Upgrade Project (T118)**

It is Fulton County Government’s practice to obtain Certificates of Insurance from our Contractors and Vendors. Insurance must be written by a licensed agent in a company licensed to write insurance in the State of Georgia, with an A.M. Best rating of at least A- VI, subject to final approval by Fulton County. Respondents shall submit with the bid/proposal evidence of insurability satisfactory to Fulton County Government as to form and content. Either of the following forms of evidence is acceptable:

- A letter from an insurance carrier stating that upon your firm/company being the successful Bidder/Respondent that a Certificate of Insurance shall be issued in compliance with the Insurance and Risk Management Provisions outlined below.
- A Certificate of Insurance complying with the Insurance and Risk Management Provisions outlined below (Request for Bid/Proposal number and Project Name, Number and Description must appear on the Certificate of Insurance).
- A combination of a specific policy written with an umbrella policy covering liabilities in excess of the required limits is acceptable to achieve the applicable insurance coverage levels.

Upon award, the Contractor/Vendor must maintain at their expense, insurance with policy limits equal to or greater than the limits described below. Proof of insurance must be provided to Fulton County Government prior to the start of any activities/construction as described in the bid document(s). Any and all Insurance Coverage(s) and Bonds required under the terms and conditions of the contract shall be maintained during the entire length of the contract, including any extensions or renewals thereto, and until all work has been completed to the satisfaction of Fulton County Government.

**Accordingly the Respondent shall provide a certificate evidencing the following:**

**1. WORKERS COMPENSATION/EMPLOYER’S LIABILITY INSURANCE – STATUTORY (In compliance with the Georgia Workers Compensation Acts, including but not limited to U.S. Longshoremen and Harbor Workers Act and any other State or Federal Acts or Provisions in which jurisdiction may be granted)**

Employer’s Liability Insurance	BY ACCIDENT	EACH ACCIDENT	\$500,000
Employer’s Liability Insurance	BY DISEASE	POLICY LIMIT	\$500,000
Employer’s Liability Insurance	BY DISEASE	EACH EMPLOYEE	\$500,000

**2. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE (Including contractual Liability Insurance)**

Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability	Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
(Other than Products/Completed Operations)General Aggregate		\$2,000,000
Products\Completed Operation	Aggregate Limit	\$2,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	Limits	\$1,000,000
Damage to Rented Premises	Limits	\$100,000

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**3. BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE**

**Bodily Injury and Property Damage** Each Occurrence \$1,000,000  
(Including operation of non-owned, owned, and hired automobiles).

**4. UMBRELLA LIABILITY**

Per Occurrence/Aggregate \$2,000,000/\$2,000,000

**Certificates of Insurance**

The aforementioned insurance policies shall contain or be endorsed to contain a Provision that coverage afforded under such policies shall not expire, be cancelled or altered without thirty (30) days written notice to Fulton County Government. Certificates of Insurance are to list Fulton County Government as an Additional Insured (except for Workers' Compensation), using ISO Additional Insured Endorsement form CG 20 10(1?85) version, its' equivalent or on a blanket basis.

If Fulton County Government shall so request, the Respondent, Contractor or Vendor will furnish the County for its inspection and approval such policies of insurance with all endorsements, or confirmed specimens thereof certified by the insurance company to be true and correct copies.

The Contractor/Vendor insurance shall apply as Primary Insurance before any other insurance or self-insurance, including any deductible, non-contributory, and Waiver of Subrogation provided in favor of Fulton County Government.

Additional Insured under the General Liability, Auto Liability, Umbrella Policies (with exception of Workers Compensation and Professional Liability), with no Cross Suits exclusion.

**Important:**

It is understood that neither failure to comply nor full compliance with the foregoing insurance requirements shall limit or relieve the Contractor/Vendor from any liability incurred as a result of their activities/operations in conjunction with the Contract and/or Scope of Work.

**USE OF PREMISES**

Contractor/Vendor shall confine its apparatus, the storage of materials and the operations of its workers to limits/requirements indicated by law, ordinance, permits and any restrictions of Fulton County Government and shall not unreasonably encumber the premises with its materials.

**PROTECTION OF PROPERTY**

Contractor/Vendor will adequately protect its own work from damage, will protect Fulton County Government's property from damage or loss and will take all necessary precautions during the progress of the work to protect all persons and the property of others from damage or loss.

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Contractor/Vendor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of employees of the work and shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal, State and local safety laws and building codes to prevent accidents or injury to persons on, about, or adjacent to the premises where work is being performed.

Contractor/Vendor shall erect and properly maintain at all times as required by the conditions and progress of the work, all necessary safeguards for the protection of its employees, Fulton County Government employees and the public and shall post all applicable signage and other warning devices to protect against potential hazards for the work being performed.

CONTRACTOR/VENDOR ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING READ, UNDERSTANDING, AND AGREEING TO COMPLY WITH THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTOR/VENDOR IDENTIFIED BELOW IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDING CONTRACTOR/VENDOR.

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

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### **00700-1 FAMILIARITY WITH SITE**

Execution of this agreement by the Contractor is a representation that the Contractor has visited the site, has become familiar with the local conditions under which the work is to be performed, and has correlated personal observations with the requirements of this agreement.

### **00700-2 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

This agreement consists of Owner's invitation for bid, instructions to bidders, bid form, performance bond, payment bond, acknowledgments, the contract, general conditions, special conditions, specifications, plans, drawings, exhibits, addenda, and written change orders.

- A. Notice of Award of Contract:
- B. Execution of Contract Documents

Upon notification of Award of Contract, the Owner shall furnish the Contractor the conformed copies of Contract Documents for execution by the Contractor and the Contractor's surety.

Within ten (10) days after receipt the Contractor shall return all the documents properly executed by the Contractor and the Contractor's surety. Attached to each document shall be an original power-of-attorney for the person executing the bonds for the surety and certificates of insurance for the required insurance coverage.

After receipt of the documents executed by the Contractor and his surety with the power-of-attorney and certificates of insurance, the Owner shall complete the execution of the documents. Distribution of the completed documents will be made upon completion.

Should the Contractor and/or Surety fail to execute the documents within the time specified; the Owner shall have the right to proceed on the Bid Bond accompanying the bid.

If the Owner fails to execute the documents within the time limit specified, the Contractor shall have the right to withdraw the Contractor's bid without penalty.

Drawings and Specifications:

The Drawings, Specifications, Contract Documents, and all supplemental documents, are considered essential parts of the Contract, and requirements occurring in one are as binding as though occurring in all. They are intended to define, describe and provide for all Work necessary to complete the Project in an acceptable manner, ready for use, occupancy, or operation by the Owner.

In case of conflict between the Drawings and Specifications, the Specifications shall govern. Figure dimensions on Drawings shall govern over scale dimensions, and detailed Drawings shall govern over general Drawings.

In cases where products or quantities are omitted from the Specifications, the description and quantities shown on the Drawings shall govern.

Any ambiguities or need for clarification of the Drawings or Specifications shall be immediately reported to the Construction Manager in writing. Any such ambiguity or need for clarification shall be handled by the Construction Manager in writing. No clarification of the Drawings and Specifications hereunder by the Construction Manager

shall entitle the Contractor to any additional monies unless a Change Order has been processed as provided by "Changes in the Contract" hereof.

Any work done by the Contractor following a discovery of such differing site condition or ambiguity or need for clarification in the Contract Drawings and Specifications prior to a written report to the Construction Manager shall not entitle the Contractor to additional monies and shall be done at the Contractor's risk.

The Construction Manager will furnish the Contractor five (5) copies of the Contract Drawings and the Specifications, one copy of which the Contractor shall have available at all times on the Project site.

### **00700-3 DEFINITIONS**

The following terms as used in this agreement are defined as follows to the extent the definitions herein differ or conflict with those in the Instructions for Bidders, Section 00100, the definitions herein shall control.

Addenda/Addendum – is a written amendment to an invitation to bid or request to proposal that changes the project specifications and is issued prior to bid opening which becomes a part of the specifications for the project.

Agreement – The written agreement for the performance of and payment for the Work, which includes by reference and is a part of the Agreement Documents, executed on behalf of the Owner and the Contractor, also called Owner-Contractor Agreement.

Agreement Price – The sum specified in the Owner-Contractor Agreement to be paid to the Contractor in consideration of the Work.

Agreement Time – The number of calendar days stated in the Agreement Documents for the Substantial Completion of the Work or Final Completion of the Work, or the achievement of a specific interim milestone, as the context may require.

Alternate bids – the amount stated in the bid or proposal to be added to or deducted from the amount of the base bid or base proposal if the corresponding change in project scope or alternate materials or methods of construction is accepted.

Application for Payment – The form approved by the Owner that is to be used by Contractor in requesting progress payments or final payment, together with such supporting documentation as is required in the Agreement Documents.

Bid – the formal process allowing prospective vendors to compete for goods and services sought by the County.

Base Bid or Base Proposal – means the amount of money stated in the bid or proposal as the sum for which the bidder or proposer offers to perform the work.

Bidder – Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or any combination thereof submitting a Bid for the Work.

Bonds – Bid, Performance Bonds, Payment Bonds, and other instruments of security furnished by Contractor and his surety in accordance with the Agreement Documents. Bond means a written instrument of surety approved by the Owner with a valid

Certificate of Authority issued by the United States Department of Treasury under Sections 9304 to 9308 of Title One of the United States Code as security to the Owner, on behalf of a Bidder or the Contractor, to guaranty faithful performance of acts, duties or obligations under the Contract Documents and includes the following:

- Bid Bond means the security instrument furnished with a Bid to guaranty that, if the Bidder is awarded the Contract, the Bidder will execute the Agreement within the time specified in the Bidding Documents.
- Maintenance Bond, if required on the Project, means the security instrument furnished by the Contractor and its surety on the approved form as a guaranty, in addition to other warranties and guaranties, to remedy any defects in the Work of the Contractor which may develop during the warranty period after Completion of the Contract.
- Payment Bond means the security instrument furnished by the Contractor and its surety on the Payment Bond Form as a guaranty that Contractor will pay in full all bills and accounts for materials and labor used in the Work.
- Performance Bond means the security instrument furnished by the Contractor and its surety on the Performance Bond Form as a guaranty that the Contractor will complete the Work in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

Base bid – the amount of money stated in the bid or proposal as the sum for which the bidder or proposer offers to perform the work.

Change Directive – A written order prepared by the Engineer or Construction Manager directing a change in the Work not involving an adjustment in the Contract Price or an extension of the time allowed for performance of the Work and not inconsistent with the intent of the Agreement Documents. Change Directives issued by the Engineer or Construction Manager shall be binding on the Owner and the Contractor. The Contractor shall carry out such written Change Directives promptly

Change Order - an alteration, addition, or deduction from the original scope of work as defined by the contract documents to address changes or unforeseen conditions necessary for project completion. A written order to the Contractor issued by the County pursuant to Fulton County Policy and Procedures 800-6 for changes in the work within the general scope of the contract documents, adjustment of the contract price, extension of the contract time, or reservation of determination of a time extension.

Construction Manager – shall mean the individual designated in writing, by the Director of the Public Works/General Services Department as the Construction Manager.

Construction – Shall mean the actual site preparation, building and all related Work, including facility relocation and adjustments.

Construction Easement/Temporary Easement – Any space or area dedicated to the Owner or other entity for the purpose of utilities or location of utilities for a specific period of time.

Construction Equipment – Equipment used in the performance of the Work but not incorporated therein.

Contractor – shall mean the party of the second part to the Contract Agreement or the authorized and legal representative of such party.

Contract Documents – include the Contract Agreement, Contractor's Bid (including all documentation accompanying the Bid and any post-Bid documentation required by the County prior to the Notice of Award), Bonds, all Special Conditions, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Specifications, Drawings and addenda, together with written amendments, change orders, field orders and the Construction Manager's written interpretations and clarifications issued in accordance with the General Conditions on or after the date of the Contract Agreement.

Shop drawing submittals reviewed in accordance with the General Conditions, geotechnical investigations and soils report and drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface structures at or contiguous to the site are not Contract Documents.

Contract Price – The sum specified in the Agreement to be paid to the Contractor in consideration of the Work.

Contract Time – shall mean the number of consecutive calendar days as provided in the Contract Agreement for completion of the Work, to be computed from the date of Notice to Proceed.

CPM Schedule – A logic tied computerized network schedule incorporating all elements of the Work, prepared and updated in accordance with the requirements of the Special Conditions, subject to approval of the Construction Manager or Engineer.

Day – A calendar day of twenty-four (24) hours lasting from midnight of one (1) day to midnight the next day.

Department – Shall mean the Department of Public Works/General Services.

Designer – Shall refer to the firm licensed to practice engineering in the State of Georgia that seals the plans and specifications prior to bid.

Director – Director of the Department of Public Works/General Services of Fulton County, Georgia or the designee thereof.

Drawings – That part of the Agreement Documents which show the shape, outlines, dimensions, characteristics, scope of and other similar requirements governing the Work, or portions thereof, prepared by the Designer and including revisions thereto. The term is used interchangeably with the word "Plans" and includes without limitation Standard Details and Drawings.

Equipment – Equipment incorporated or to be incorporated in the Work.

Final Completion – shall mean the completion of all work as required in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

General Conditions – The General Conditions of the Agreement for construction that govern the rights, duties, and obligations of the parties.

GDOT – The Georgia Department of Transportation.

Inspector – The authorized representative of the Engineer or Construction Manager assigned to make detailed inspection of any or all portions of the Work or Materials thereof.

Liquidated Damages – shall mean the amount, stated in the Contract Agreement, which the Contractor agrees to pay to the Owner for each consecutive calendar day beyond the Contract time required to complete the Project or for failing to comply with associated milestones. Liquidated Damages will end upon written notification from the Owner of Final Acceptance of the Project or upon written notification of from the Owner of completion of the milestone.

MARTA – Shall mean the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, or its designated legal representatives.

Materials – Any substance(s) specified for use in the performance of the contract work; materials incorporated or to be incorporated in the Work unless otherwise clearly indicated.

Modifications – Binding changes, addenda, revisions, or the like, to the Work or the Agreement Documents, including Changes to Work made by Change Order or Change Directive as required by GC-41.

Notice of Intent or Letter of Intent to Award – The written notice of the acceptance of the Bid from the Owner to the Contractor.

Notice to Proceed – A written communication issued by the County to the Contractor authorizing it to proceed with the work, establishing the date of commencement and completion of the work, and providing other direction to the Contractor.

Owner or County – shall mean Fulton County Government, party of the first part to the Contract Agreement, or its authorized and legal representatives.

Permanent Easement – Any space or area dedicated to the County or other entity for the purpose of constructing and/or maintain existing or future utilities.

Plans – That portion of the Agreement Documents describing in drawings, the shapes, outlines, dimensions, characteristics, scope and other similar requirements governing the of Work, or portions thereof, prepared by the Designer and including revisions thereto. The term is used interchangeably with the word "Drawings" and includes without limitation Standard Details and Drawings.

Products – shall mean materials or equipment permanently incorporated into the work.

Program Manager or Project Manager – is a person, firm or County employee that oversees or manages a construction project.

Provide – shall mean to furnish and install.

Punch List – Shall mean the lists prepared by the Owner's Representative or Design Consultant prior to Substantial Completion and through Final Completion indicating items of Work not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and which must be performed, corrected and accomplished prior to acceptance of the Work.

Reliable Bidder – a bidder that has been deemed responsive and responsible.

Responsible Bidder – means a person or entity that has the capability in all respects to perform fully and reliably the contract requirements.

Responsive Bidder – means a person or entity that has submitted a bid or proposal that conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the invitation for bids or request for proposals.

Shop Drawings – Shall mean drawings, diagrams, illustrations, schedules or other data illustrating the Work, and all illustrations, brochures, standard schedules, performance charts, specifications, instructions, diagrams, and other information prepared by a Subcontractor, Supplier, vendor or manufacturer and submitted by Contractor as required in the Contract Documents.

Scope of Services – See "Work."

Sidewalk Area – Shall mean that portion of a street between the curb lines and the adjacent property lines intended primarily for the use of pedestrians whether paved or in use.

Site – The areas required for the performance of the Work.

Special Conditions – Terms which supplement items covered in General Conditions.

Specifications, Technical Specifications – Shall mean those portions of the Contract Documents consisting of written technical descriptions, provisions or requirements of the Work to be performed under the Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the quantities or quality of materials, equipment, construction systems or applications. Standards for specifying materials or testing that are cited in the Specifications are part of the Contract Documents.

Standards – Shall mean those current Standards of Engineering analysis and design, including Installation and Material Specifications, which the Owner utilizes in the design and construction of its own projects.

State – The State of Georgia.

Subcontractor – An individual, firm, corporation or any combination thereof having a direct contract with Contractor for the performance of a part of the Work at the site.

Supplier – Any individual, firm, or corporation who supplies Material or Equipment for the Work (including that fabricated to a special design) but who does not perform or provide significant labor at the Site.

Substantial Completion – The date certified by the Construction Manager when all or a part of the work, as established pursuant to General Condition 0700-81, is sufficiently completed in accordance with the requirements of the contract documents so that the identified portion of the work can be utilized for the purposes for which it is intended.

Utility – Shall mean and include all public, private, or cooperatively owned lines, facilities and systems for producing, transmitting or distributing communications, power, electricity, heat, gas, oil, crude products, water, steam, waste, storm water, and other similar commodities, such as public owned fire and police signal systems, which directly or indirectly serve the public or any part thereof.

Work – All the services specified, indicated, shown, or contemplated by the Agreement Documents and the furnishing by Contractor of all materials, equipment, labor, methods, processes, construction and manufacturing materials and equipment, tools, plans, supplies, power, water, transportation and other things necessary to complete such services in accordance with the Agreement Documents and that will ensure a functional and complete facility.

Working Days – Generally, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; however, on some projects, Saturday and/or Sunday may be considered working days, if specified as working days by the Construction Manager or Engineer.

Written Notice – A written statement transmitted from one party to an authorized representative of another party.

Work or Project – All of the services specified, indicated, shown or contemplated by the contract documents, and furnishing by the Contractor of all materials, equipment, labor, methods, processes, construction and manufacturing materials and equipment, tools, plans, supplies, power, water, transportation and other things necessary to complete such services in accordance with the contract documents to insure a functional and complete facility.

**00700-4 CODES**

All codes, specifications, and standards referenced in the contract documents shall be the latest editions, amendments and revisions of such referenced standards in effect as of the date of the request for proposals for this contract.

**00700-5 REVIEW OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

Before making its proposal to the County, and continuously after the execution of the agreement, the Contractor shall carefully study and compare the contract documents and shall at once report to the Construction Manager any error, ambiguity, inconsistency or omission that may be discovered, including any requirement which may be contrary to any law, ordinance, rule, or regulation of any public authority bearing on the performance of the work. By submitting its proposal, the Contractor agrees that the contract documents, along with any supplementary written instructions issued by or through the Construction Manager that have become a part of the contract documents, appear accurate, consistent and complete insofar as can be reasonably determined. If the

Contractor has timely reported in writing any error, inconsistency, or omission to the Construction Manager, has properly stopped the affected work until instructed to proceed, and has otherwise followed the instructions of the Construction Manager, the Contractor shall not be liable to the County for any damage resulting from any such error, inconsistency, or omission in the contract documents. The Contractor shall not perform any portion of the work without the contract documents, approved plans, specifications, products and data, or samples for such portion of the work. For purposes of this section "timely" is defined as the time period in which the contractor discovers, or should have discovered, the error, inconsistency, or omission, with the exercise of reasonable diligence.

#### **00700-6 STRICT COMPLIANCE**

No observation, inspection, test or approval of the County or Construction Manager shall relieve the Contractor from its obligation to perform the work in strict conformity with the contract documents except as provided in General Condition 00700-48.

#### **00700-7 APPLICABLE LAW**

All applicable State laws, County ordinances, codes, and rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the construction of the project shall apply to this agreement. The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of any Fulton County program concerning non-discrimination in contracting. All work performed within the right of way of the Georgia Department of Transportation and any railroad crossing shall be in accordance with Georgia Department of Transportation regulations, policies and procedures and, where applicable, those of any affected railroad. The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations bearing on the conduct of the work as specified and the Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents and employees, as well as the Construction Manager and the Program Manager against any claim or liability arising from or based on the violation of any law, ordinance, regulation, order or decree affecting the conduct of the work, whether occasioned by the Contractor, his agents or employees.

#### **00700-8 PERMITS, LICENSES AND BONDS**

All permits and licenses necessary for the work shall be secured and paid for by the Contractor. If any permit, license or certificate expires or is revoked, terminated, or suspended as a result of any action on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor shall not be entitled to additional compensation or time. The Contractor shall obtain and keep in force at all times performance and payment bonds payable to Fulton County in penal amounts equal to 100% of the Contract price.

#### **00700-9 TAXES**

- A. The Contractor shall pay all sales, retail, occupational, service, excise, old age benefit and unemployment compensation taxes, consumer, use and other similar taxes, as well as any other taxes or duties on the materials, equipment, and labor for the work provided by the Contractor which are legally enacted by any municipal, county, state or federal authority, department or agency at the time bids are received, whether or not yet effective. The Contractor shall maintain records pertaining to such taxes and levies as well as payment thereof and shall make the same available to the County at all reasonable times for inspection and copying. The Contractor shall apply for any and all tax exemptions which may be applicable and shall timely request from the County such documents and

information as may be necessary to obtain such tax exemptions. The County shall have no liability to the Contractor for payment of any tax from which it is exempt.

- B. The Contractor is obligated to comply with all local and State Sales and Use Tax laws. The Contractor shall provide the Owner with documentation to assist the Owner in obtaining sales and/or use tax refunds for eligible machinery and equipment used for the primary purpose of reducing or eliminating air or water pollution as provided for in Chapter 48-8-3 (36) and (37) of the Official Code of Georgia. All taxes shall be paid by the Contractor. All refunds will accrue to the Owner.

Acceptance of the project as complete and final payment will not be made by the Owner until the Contractor has fully complied with this requirement.

#### **00700-10 DELINQUENT CONTRACTORS**

The County shall not pay any claim, debt, demand or account whatsoever to any person firm or corporation who is in arrears to the County for taxes. The County shall be entitled to a counterclaim, backcharge, and offset for any such debt in the amount of taxes in arrears, and no assignment or transfer of such debt after the taxes become due shall affect the right of the County to offset any taxes owed against said debt.

#### **00700-11 LIEN WAIVERS**

The Contractor shall furnish the County with evidence that all persons who have performed work or furnished materials pursuant to this agreement have been paid in full prior to submitting its demand for final payment pursuant to this agreement. A final affidavit, Exhibit A, must be completed, and submitted to comply with requirements of 00700-11. The County assumes no obligation nor in any way undertakes to pay such lawful claims from any funds due or that may become due to the Contractor.

#### **00700-12 MEASUREMENT**

All items of work to be paid for per unit of measurement shall be subject to inspection, measurement, and confirmation by the Construction Manager.

#### **00700-13 ASSIGNMENT**

The Contractor shall not assign any portion of this agreement or moneys due there from (include factoring of receivables) without the prior written consent of the County. The Contractor shall retain personal control and shall provide personal attention to the fulfillment of its obligations pursuant to this agreement. Any assignment without the express written consent of the County shall render this contract voidable at the sole option of the County.

#### **00700-14 FOREIGN CONTRACTORS**

In the event that the Contractor is a foreign corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship, the Contractor hereby irrevocably appoints the Secretary of State of Georgia as its agent for service of all legal process for the purpose of this contract only.

#### **00700-15 INDEMNIFICATION**

The Contractor hereby assumes the entire responsibility and liability for any and all injury to or death of any and all persons, including the Contractor's agents, servants, and employees, and in addition thereto, for any and all damages to property caused by or

resulting from or arising out of any act or omission in connection with this contract or the prosecution of work hereunder, whether caused by the Contractor or the Contractor's agents, Servants, or employees, or by any of the Contractor's subcontractors or suppliers, and the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, the Construction Manager, County's Commissioners, officers, employees, successors, assigns and agents, or any of their subcontractors from and against any and all loss and/or expense which they or any of them may suffer or pay as a result of claims or suits due to, because of, or arising out of any and all such injuries, deaths and/or damage, irrespective of County or Construction Manager negligence (except that no party shall be indemnified for their own sole negligence). The Contractor, if requested, shall assume and defend at the Contractor's own expense, any suit, action or other legal proceedings arising there from, and the Contractor hereby agrees to satisfy, pay, and cause to be discharged of record any judgment which may be rendered against the County and the Construction Manager arising there from.

In the event of any such loss, expense, damage, or injury, or if any claim or demand for damages as heretofore set forth is made against the County or the Construction Manager, the County may withhold from any payment due or thereafter to become due to the Contractor under the terms of this Contract, an amount sufficient in its judgment to protect and indemnify it and the Construction Manager, County's Commissioners, officers, employees, successors, assigns and agents from any and all claims, expense, loss, damages, or injury; and the County, in its discretion, may require the Contractor to furnish a surety bond satisfactory to the County providing for such protection and indemnity, which bond shall be furnished by the Contractor within five (5) days after written demand has been made therefore. The expense of said Bond shall be borne by the Contractor.

#### **00700-16 SUPERVISION OF WORK AND COORDINATION WITH OTHERS**

The Contractor shall supervise and direct the work using the Contractor's best skill and attention. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for all construction methods and procedures and shall coordinate all portions of the work pursuant to the contract subject to the overall coordination of the Construction Manager. All work pursuant to this agreement shall be performed in a skillful and workmanlike manner.

The County reserves the right to perform work related to the Project with the County's own forces and to award separate contracts in connection with other portions of the project, other work on the site under these or similar conditions of the contract, or work which has been extracted from the Contractor's work by the County.

When separate contracts are awarded for different portions of the project or other work on the site, the term "separate contractor" in the Contract Documents in each case shall mean the contractor who executes each separate County Agreement.

The Contractor shall cooperate with the County and separate contractors in arranging the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and execution of their work, and shall cooperate in coordinating connection of its work with theirs as required by the Contract Documents.

If any part of the Contractor's Work depends for proper execution or results upon the work of the County or any separate contractor, the Contractor shall, prior to proceeding with that portion of the Work, promptly report to the Construction Manager any apparent discrepancies or defects in such other work that render it unsuitable for such proper

execution and results **within fourteen (14) days** of discovery of such discrepancy or defect. Failure of the Contractor to so report in writing shall constitute an acceptance of the County's or separate contractor's work as fit and proper to receive the Work, except as to any defects which may subsequently become apparent in such work by others.

Any costs caused by defective or untimely work shall be borne by the party responsible therefore.

Should the Contractor wrongfully cause damage to the work or property of the County or to other work or property on the site, including the work of separate contractors, the Contractor shall promptly remedy such damage at the Contractor's expense.

Should the Contractor be caused damage by any other contractor on the Project, by reason of such other contractor's failure to perform properly his contract with the County, no action shall lie against the County or the Construction Manager inasmuch as the parties to this agreement are the only beneficiaries hereof and there are no third party beneficiaries and neither the County nor the Construction Manager shall have liabilities therefore, but the Contractor may assert his claim for damages solely against such other contractor. The Contractor shall not be excused from performance of the contract by reason of any dispute as to damages with any other contractor or third party.

Where the Work of this Contract shall be performed concurrently in the same areas as other construction work, the Contractor shall coordinate with the Construction Manager and the separate contractors in establishing mutually acceptable schedules and procedures that shall permit all jobs to proceed with minimum interference.

If a dispute arises between the Contractor and separate contractors as to their responsibility for cleaning up, the County may clean up and charge the cost thereof to the Contractor or contractors responsible therefore as the County shall determine to be just.

#### **00700-17 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT**

The Program Manager and the Construction Manager shall provide administration services as hereinafter described.

For the administration of this Contract, the Construction Manager shall serve as the County's primary representative during design and construction and until final payment to the Contractor is due. The Construction Manager shall advise and consult with the County and the Program Manager. The primary point of contact for the Contractor shall be the Construction Manager. All correspondence from the Contractor to the County shall be forwarded through the Construction Manager. Likewise, all correspondence and instructions to the Contractor shall be forwarded through the Construction Manager.

The Construction Manager will determine in general that the construction is being performed in accordance with design and engineering requirements, and will endeavor to guard the County against defects and deficiencies in the Work.

The Construction Manager will not be responsible for or have control or charge of construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, nor will it be responsible for the Contractor's failure to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. The Construction Manager will not be responsible for or have control or charge over the acts or omissions of the Contractor, its engineers, consultants, subcontractors, or any of their agents or employees, or any other persons performing the Work.

Based on the Construction Manager's observations regarding the Contractor's Applications for Payment, the Construction Manager shall determine the amounts owing to the Contractor, in accordance with the payment terms of the Contract, and shall issue Certificates for Payment in such amount to the County.

The Construction Manager shall render interpretations necessary for the proper execution or progress of the Work. Either party to the Contract may make written requests to the Construction Manager for such interpretations.

Claims, disputes and other matters in question between the Contractor and the County relating to the progress of the Work or the interpretation of the Contract Documents shall be referred to the Construction Manager for interpretation.

All interpretations of the Construction Manager shall be consistent with the intent of and reasonably inferable from the Contract Documents and shall be in writing or in graphic form.

Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, the Construction Manager shall issue a decision on any disagreement concerning a question of fact arising under this Contract. The Construction Manager shall reduce the decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor. The decision of the Construction Manager shall be final and conclusive unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such copy, the Contractor files a written appeal with the Director of Public Works and mails or otherwise furnishes the Construction Manager a copy of such appeal. The decision of the Director of Public Works or the Director's duly authorized representative for the determination of such appeals shall be final and conclusive. Such final decision shall not be pleaded in any suit involving a question of fact arising under this Contract, provided such is not fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary, so grossly erroneous as necessarily implying bad faith, or is not supported by substantial evidence. In connection with any appeal proceeding under this Article, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of Contractor's appeal. Pending any final decision of a dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract as directed by the Construction Manager.

The Construction Manager shall have authority to reject Work which does not conform to the Contract Documents. Whenever, in the Construction Manager's opinion, it is considered necessary or advisable for the implementation of the intent of the Contract Documents, the County shall have authority to require special inspection or testing of the Work whether or not such Work be then fabricated, installed or completed. The Contractor shall pay for such special inspection or testing if the Work so inspected or tested is found not to comply with the requirements of the contract; the County shall pay for special inspection and testing if the Work is found to comply with the contract. Neither the Construction Manager's authority to act under this Subparagraph, nor any decision made by the Construction Manager in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise such authority, shall give rise to any duty or responsibility of the Construction Manager to the Contractor, any subcontractor, any of their agents or employees, or any other person performing any of the Work.

The Contractor shall provide such shop drawings, product data, and samples as may be required by the Construction Manager and/or as required by these Contract Documents.

The Construction Manager shall conduct inspections to determine Substantial Completion and Final Completion, and shall receive and forward to the County for review written warranties and related documents required by the Contract Documents and

assembled by the Contractor. The Construction Manager shall approve and issue Certificates for Payment upon compliance with Substantial and Final Completion requirements indicated in General Conditions 00700-81, 00700-82, 00700-84 and 00700-85 of this Agreement.

Except as provided in General Condition 00700-48, the Contractor shall not be relieved from the Contractor's obligations to perform the work in accordance with the contract documents by the activities or duties of the County or any of its officers, employees, or agents, including inspections, tests or approvals, required or performed pursuant to this agreement.

#### **00700-18 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTS OF EMPLOYEES**

The Contractor shall employ only competent and skilled personnel. The Contractor shall, upon demand from the Construction Manager, immediately remove any superintendent, foreman or workman whom the Construction Manager may consider incompetent or undesirable.

The Contractor shall be responsible to the County for the acts and omissions of the Contractor's employees, subcontractors, and agents as well as any other persons performing work pursuant to this agreement for the Contractor.

#### **00700-19 LABOR, MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT**

Unless otherwise provided in this agreement, the Contractor shall make all arrangements with necessary support agencies and utility companies provide and pay for all labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, water, heat, utilities, transportation, and other facilities and services necessary for the execution and completion of the work.

#### **00700-20 DISCIPLINE ON WORK SITE**

The Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among its employees and subcontractors at all times during the performance of the work, to include compliance with the Fulton County Drug Free Work Place Policy. The Contractor shall not employ any subcontractor who is not skilled in the task assigned to it. The Construction Manager may, by written notice, require the Contractor to remove from the work any subcontractor or employee deemed by the Construction Manager to be incompetent.

#### **00700-21 HOURS OF OPERATION**

All work at the construction site shall be performed during regular business hours of the Fulton County government, except upon the Construction Manager's prior written consent to other work hours. It is further understood that the Contractor's construction schedule is based on a normal 40 hours, five day work week, less Fulton County-recognized holidays. Contractors work schedule shall not violate Fulton County Noise Ordinance by working hours inconsistent with the Fulton County Noise Ordinance. The County's current noise ordinance or other applicable ordinance shall govern. If the Contractor desires to work in excess of this limit, the Contractor shall submit a written request to the Construction Manager, a minimum of five days prior to the desired work date. The Contractor shall be responsible for any additional expenses incurred by the Owner as a result of the extended work hours, including resident inspection overtime. The cost associated with resident inspector overtime shall be deducted from the Contractor monthly payment request.

### **00700-22 FAMILIARITY WITH WORK CONDITIONS**

The Contractor shall take all steps necessary to ascertain the nature and location of the work and the general and local conditions which may affect the work or the cost thereof. The Contractor's failure to fully acquaint itself with the conditions which may affect the work, including, but not limited to conditions relating to transportation, handling, storage of materials, availability of utilities, labor, water, roads, weather, topographic and subsurface conditions, other separate contracts to be entered into by the County relating to the project which may affect the work of the Contractor, applicable provisions of law, and the character and availability of equipment and facilities necessary prior to and during the performance of the work shall not relieve the Contractor of its responsibilities pursuant to this agreement and shall not constitute a basis for an equitable adjustment of the contract terms. The County reserves the right to perform with its own forces or to contract with other entities for other portions of the project work, in which case the Contractor's responsibility to assure its familiarity with work conditions hereunder shall include all coordination with such other contractors and the County necessary to insure that there is no interference between contractors as will delay or hinder any contractor in its prosecution of work on the project. The County assumes no responsibility for any understandings or representations concerning conditions of the work made by any of its officers, agents, or employees prior to the execution of this agreement.

### **00700-23 RIGHT OF ENTRY**

The County reserves the right to enter the site of the work by such agent, including the Construction Manager, as it may elect for the purpose of inspecting the work or installing such collateral work as the County may desire. The Contractor shall provide safe facilities for such access so that the County and its agents may perform their functions.

### **00700-24 NOTICES**

Any notice, order, instruction, claim or other written communication required pursuant to this agreement shall be deemed to have been delivered or received as follows:

Upon personal delivery to the Contractor, its authorized representative, or the Construction Manager on behalf of the County. Personal delivery may be accomplished by in-person hand delivery or bona fide overnight express service.

Three days after depositing in the United States mail a certified letter addressed to the Contractor or the Construction Manager for the County. For purposes of mailed notices, the County's mailing address shall be 141 Pryor Street, 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, or as the County shall have otherwise notified the Contractor. The Contractor's mailing address shall be the address stated in its proposal or as it shall have most recently notified the Construction Manager in writing.

### **00700-25 SAFETY**

#### **A. SAFETY, HEALTH AND LOSS PREVENTION**

The Contractor shall be responsible for implementing a comprehensive project-specific safety, health and loss prevention program and employee substance abuse program for this project. All Sub-Contractors must either implement their own program or follow the Contractor's safety, health and loss prevention program and employee substance abuse program.

The Contractor's safety, health and loss prevention program and employee substance abuse program must meet or exceed all governmental regulations (OSHA, EPA, DOT, State, local), and any other specific Fulton County requirements

**B. COUNTY'S SAFETY, HEALTH, AND LOSS PREVENTION PROCESS GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS**

The County and its agents reserve the right, but assume no duty, to establish and enforce safety, health, and loss prevention guidelines and to make the appropriate changes in the guidelines, for the protection of persons and property and to review the efficiency of all protective measures taken by the Contractor. The Contractor shall comply with all safety, health, and loss prevention process guidelines and requirements and changes made by the County or its agent(s). The issuance of any such guidelines or changes by the County or its agent(s) shall not relieve the Contractor of its duties and responsibilities under this Agreement, and the County or its agent(s) shall not thereby assume, nor be deemed to have assumed, any such duties or responsibilities of the Contractor.

**C. COMPLIANCE OF WORK, EQUIPMENT, AND PROCEDURES WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS and REGULATIONS**

All Work, whether performed by the Contractor or its Sub-Contractors of any tier, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, and all equipment, appliances, machinery, materials, tools and like items incorporated or used in the Work, shall be in compliance with and conform to:

1. All applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public, quasi-public or other governmental authority relating to the safety of persons and their protection against injury, specifically including, but in no event limited to, the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended, and all rules and regulations now or hereafter in effect pursuant to said Act.
2. All rules, regulations, and requirements of the County or its agent(s) and its insurance carriers relating there to. In the event of a conflict or differing requirements the more stringent shall govern.

**D. PROTECTION OF THE WORK**

1. The Contractor shall, throughout the performance of the Work, maintain adequate and continuous protection of all Work and temporary facilities against loss or damage from whatever cause, shall protect the property of the County and third parties from loss or damage from whatever cause arising out of the performance of the Work, and shall comply with the requirements of the County or its agent(s) and its insurance carriers, and with all applicable laws, codes, rules and regulations, (as same may be amended) with respect to the prevention of loss or damage to property as a result of fire or other hazards.
2. The County or its agent(s) may, but shall not be required to, make periodic inspections of the Project work area. In such event, however, the Contractor shall not be relieved of its aforesaid responsibilities and the

County or its agent(s) shall not assume, nor shall it be deemed to have assumed, any responsibility otherwise imposed upon the assurance of Contractor by this Agreement.

**E. SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

1. The Contractor shall provide to each worker on the Project work area the proper safety equipment for the duties being performed by that worker and will not permit any worker on the Project work area who fails or refuses to use the same. The County or its agent shall have the right, but not the obligation, to order the removal of a worker from the Project work site for his/her failure to comply with safe practices or substance abuse policies.

**F. EMERGENCIES**

1. In any emergency affecting the safety of persons or property, or in the event of a claimed violation of any federal or state safety or health law or regulation, arising out of or in any way connected with the Work or its performance, the Contractor shall act immediately to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss and to remedy said violation. Failing such action the County or its agent(s) may immediately take whatever steps it deems necessary including, but not limited to, suspending the Work as provided in this Agreement.

2. The County or its agent(s) may offset any and all costs or expenses of whatever nature, including attorneys' fees, paid or incurred by the County or its agent(s) (whether such fees are for in-house counsel or counsel retained by the County or its agent), in taking the steps authorized by Section 00700-25(G) (1) above against any sums then or thereafter due to the Contractor. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold the County, its officers, agents, and employees harmless against any and all costs or expenses caused by or arising from the exercise by the County of its authority to act in an emergency as set out herein. If the Contractor shall be entitled to any additional compensation or extension of time change order on account of emergency work not due to the fault or neglect of the Contractor or its Sub-Contractors, such additional compensation or extension of time shall be determined in accordance with General Condition 00700-52 and General Condition 00700-87 of this Agreement.

**G. SUSPENSION OF THE WORK**

1. Should, in the judgment of the County or its agent(s), the Contractor or any Sub-Contractor fail to provide a safe and healthy work place, the County or its agent shall have the right, but not the obligation, to suspend work in the unsafe areas until deficiencies are corrected. All costs of any nature (including, without limitation, overtime pay, liquidated damages or other costs arising out of delays) resulting from the suspension, by whomsoever incurred, shall be borne by the Contractor.

2. Should the Contractor or any Sub-Contractor fail to provide a safe and healthy work place after being formally notified in writing by the County or its agents of such non-compliance, the contract may be terminated following the termination provision of the contract.

**H. CONTRACTOR'S INDEMNITY OF THE COUNTY FOR CONTRACTOR'S NON-COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY PROGRAM**

1. The Contractor recognizes that it has sole responsibility to assure its Safety Program is implemented and to assure its construction services are safely provided.

The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold the County and its agents harmless, from and against any and all liability (whether public or private), penalties (contractual or otherwise), losses, damages, costs, attorneys' fees, expenses, causes of action, claims or judgments resulting, either in whole or in part, from any failure of the Contractor, its Sub-Contractors of any tier or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, to comply with the safety requirements of the contract. The Contractor shall not be relieved of its responsibilities under the safety requirements of the Contract should the County or its agent(s) act or fail to act pursuant to its rights hereunder.

2. The Contractor shall not rise as a defense to its obligation to indemnify under this Subparagraph I any failure of those indemnified hereunder to assure Contractor operates safely, it being understood and agreed that no such failure shall relieve the Contractor from its obligation to assure safe operations or from its obligation to so indemnify. The Contractor also hereby waives any rights it may have to seek contribution, either directly or indirectly, from those indemnified hereunder.

3. In any and all claims against those indemnified hereunder by any employee of the Contractor, any Sub-Contractor of any tier or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under this Subparagraph I shall not be limited in any way as to the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or any Sub-Contractor of any tier under any workers' compensation act, disability benefit or other employee benefit acts.

#### **00700-26 BLASTING AND EXCAVATION**

The Contractor acknowledges that it is fully aware of the contents and requirements of O.C.G.A. § 25-9-1 through 25-9-12 concerning blasting and excavation near underground gas pipes and facilities and shall fully comply therewith.

#### **00700-27 HIGH VOLTAGE LINES**

The Contractor acknowledges that it is fully aware of the contents and requirements O.C.G.A. § 46-3-30 through 46-3-39 concerning safeguards against contact with high voltage lines, and the Contractor shall fully comply with said provisions.

#### **00700-28 SCAFFOLDING AND STAGING**

The Contractor acknowledges that it is the person responsible for employing and directing others to perform labor within the meaning of O.C.G.A. § 34-1-1 and agrees to comply with said provisions.

#### **00700-29 CLEAN-UP**

The Contractor shall clean up all refuse, rubbish, scrap materials, and debris caused by its operations to the end that the site of the work shall present a neat, orderly and workmanlike appearance at all times.

#### **00700-30 PROTECTION OF WORK**

The Contractor shall be responsible for maintenance and protection of the work, which shall include any County-furnished supplies, material, equipment, until final completion of this agreement and acceptance of the work as defined herein. Any portion of the work suffering injury, damage or loss shall be considered defective and shall be corrected or replaced by the Contractor without additional cost to the County.

**00700-31 REJECTED WORK**

The Contractor shall promptly remove from the project all work rejected by the Construction Manager for failure to comply with the contract documents and the Contractor shall promptly replace and re-execute the work in accordance with the contract documents and without expense to the County. The Contractor shall also bear the expense of making good all work of other Contractors destroyed or damaged by such removal or replacement.

**00700-32 DEFECTIVE WORK**

If the Contractor defaults or neglects to carry out any portion of the work in accordance with the contract documents, and fails within three days after receipt of written notice from the Construction Manager to commence and continue correction of such default or neglect with diligence and promptness, the County may, after three days following receipt by the Contractor of an additional written notice and without prejudice to any other remedy the County may have, make good such deficiencies and complete all or any portion of any work through such means as the County may select, including the use of a separate Contractor. In such case, an appropriate change order shall be issued deducting from the payments then or thereafter due the Contractor the cost of correcting such deficiencies. In the event the payments then or thereafter due the Contractor are not sufficient to cover such amount, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the County on demand.

The County may, at its option, accept defective or nonconforming work instead of requiring its removal or correction. In such case, a change order shall be issued reducing the price due the contractor to the extent appropriate and equitable. Such contract price adjustment shall be effected whether or not final payment has been made.

**00700-33 WARRANTY OF NEW MATERIALS**

The Contractor warrants to the County that all materials and equipment furnished under this contract will be new unless otherwise specified, and the Contractor further warrants that all work will be of good quality, free from faults and defects, and in conformance with the contract documents. The warranty set forth in this paragraph shall survive final acceptance of the work.

**00700-34 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF THE WORK**

If within one year after the date of issuance of the certificate of final payment pursuant to General Condition 84, or within such longer period of time as may be prescribed by law or by the term of any applicable special warranty required by the contract documents, any of the work is found to be defective or not in accordance with the contract documents, the Contractor shall correct such work promptly after receipt of written notice from the Construction Manager to do so. This obligation shall survive both final payment for the work and termination of the contract.

**00700-35 ASSIGNMENT OF MANUFACTURERS' WARRANTIES**

Without limiting the responsibility or liability of the Contractor pursuant to this agreement, all warranties given by manufacturers on materials or equipment incorporated in the work are hereby assigned by the Contractor to the County. If requested, the Contractor shall execute formal assignments of said manufacturer's warranties to the County. All such warranties shall be directly enforceable by the County.

**00700-36 WARRANTIES IMPLIED BY LAW**

The warranties contained in this agreement, as well as those warranties implied by law, shall be deemed cumulative and shall not be deemed alternative or exclusive. No one or more of the warranties contained herein shall be deemed to alter or limit any other.

**00700-37 STOP WORK ORDERS**

In the event that the Contractor fails to correct defective work as required by the contract documents or fails to carry out the work in accordance with contract documents, the Construction Manager, in writing, may order the Contractor to stop work until the cause for such order has been eliminated. This right of the County to stop work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of the County or the Construction Manager to execute this right for the benefit of the Contractor or for any other person or entity.

**00700-38 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

If the Contractor is adjudged bankrupt, makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, suffers the appointment of a receiver on account of its insolvency, fails to supply sufficient properly skilled workers or materials, fails to make prompt payment to subcontractors or materialmen, disregards laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction, fails to diligently prosecute the work, or is otherwise guilty of a material violation of this agreement and fails within seven days after receipt of written notice to commence and continue correction of such default, neglect, or violation with diligence and promptness, the County may, after seven days following receipt by the Contractor of an additional written notice and without prejudice to any other remedy the County may have, terminate the employment of the Contractor and take possession of the site as well as all materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery thereon. The County may finish the work by whatever methods the County deems expedient. In such case, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the work is completed. If the unpaid balance of the contract price exceeds the cost of completing the work, such excess shall be paid to the Contractor. If such costs exceed the unpaid balance, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the County on demand. This obligation for payment shall survive the termination of the contract. Termination of this agreement pursuant to this paragraph may result in disqualification of the Contractor from bidding on future County contracts.

**00700-39 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

The County may, at any time upon written notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any portion of the work for the convenience of the County. The effective date of the terminations shall be provided in the written notice. Said termination shall be without prejudice to any right or remedy of the County provided herein. In addition, in the event this agreement has been terminated due to the default of the Contractor, and if it is later determined that the Contractor was not in default pursuant to the provisions of this agreement at the time of termination, then such termination shall be considered a termination for convenience pursuant to this paragraph.

**00700-40 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE - PAYMENT**

If the Contract is terminated for convenience by the Owner as provided in this article, Contractor will be paid compensation for those services actually performed as approved by the Owner or his representative. Partially completed tasks will be compensated for based on a signed statement of completion prepared by the Project Manager and submitted to the Contractor which shall itemize each task element and briefly state what

work has been completed and what work remains to be done. Contractor shall also be paid for reasonable costs for the orderly filing and closing of the project.

**00700-41 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE - PAYMENT LIMITATIONS**

Except for normal spoilage, and except to the extent that the County shall have otherwise expressly assumed the risk of loss, there shall be excluded from the amounts payable to the Contractor the fair value, as determined by the Construction Manager, of property which is destroyed, lost, stolen or damaged so as to become undeliverable to the County or to another buyer.

**00700-42 COST TO CURE**

If the County terminates for cause the whole or any part of the work pursuant to this agreement, then the County may procure upon such terms and in such manner as the Construction Manager may deem appropriate, supplies or services similar to those so terminated, and the Contractor shall be liable to the County for any excess costs for such similar supplies or services. The Contractor shall continue the performance of this agreement to the extent not terminated hereunder.

**00700-43 ATTORNEY'S FEES**

Should the Contractor default pursuant to any of the provisions of this agreement, the Contractor and its surety shall pay to the County such reasonable attorney's fees as the County may expend as a result thereof and all costs, expenses, and filing fees incidental thereto.

**00700-44 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES UPON TERMINATION**

After receipt of a notice of termination from the County, and except as otherwise directed by the Construction Manager, the Contractor shall:

1. Stop work under the contract on the date and to the extent specified in the notice of termination;
2. Place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services or facilities, except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the work under the agreement as is not terminated;
3. Terminate all orders and subcontracts to the extent that they relate to the performance of work terminated by the notice of termination;
4. Assign to the County in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the Construction Manager, all of the rights, title and interest of the Contractor under the orders and subcontracts so terminated, in which case the County shall have the right, at its discretion, to settle or pay any and all claims arising out of the termination of such orders or subcontracts;
5. Settle all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of such termination of orders and subcontracts with the approval or ratification of the Construction Manager, to the extent the Construction Manager may require, which approval or ratification shall be final for all purposes;
6. Transfer title and deliver to the entity or entities designated by the Construction Manager, in the manner, at the times, and to the extent, if any, directed by the Construction Manager, and to the extent specifically produced or specifically acquired by the Contractor for the performance of such portion of the work as has been terminated:

- a. The fabricated or un-fabricated parts, work, and progress, partially completed supplies, and equipment, materials, parts, tools, dyes, jigs, and other fixtures, completed work, supplies, and other material produced as a part of or acquired in connection with the performance of the work terminated by the notice of termination; and
- b. The completed or partially completed plans, drawings, information, and other property to the work.

7. Use its best efforts to sell in the manner, at the times, to the extent, and at the prices directed or authorized by the Construction Manager, any property described in Section 6 of this paragraph, provided, however, that the Contractor shall not be required to extend credit to any buyer and further provided that the proceeds of any such transfer or disposition shall be applied in reduction of any payments to be made by the County to the Contractor pursuant to this agreement.

8. Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by the notice of termination; and

9. Take such action as may be necessary, or as the Construction Manager may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to the agreement which is in the possession of the Contractor and in which the County has or may acquire an interest.

#### **00700-45 RECORDS**

The Contractor shall preserve and make available to the County all of its records, books, documents and other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the Contractor and any subcontractor pursuant to this agreement upon three days advance notice to the Contractor.

#### **00700-46 DEDUCTIONS**

In arriving at any amount due the Contractor pursuant to the terms of this agreement, there shall be deducted all liquidated damages, advance payments made to the Contractor applicable to the termination portion of the contract, the amount of any claim which the County may have against the Contractor, the amount determined

By the Construction Manager to be necessary to protect the County against loss due to outstanding potential liens or claims, and the agreed price of any materials acquired or sold by the Contractor and not otherwise recovered by or credited to the County.

#### **00700-47 REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COUNTY**

In the event of termination, the Contractor shall refund to the County any amount paid by the County to the Contractor in excess of the costs properly reimbursable to the Contractor.

#### **00700-48 SUSPENSION, INTERRUPTION, DELAY, DAMAGES**

The Contractor shall be entitled to only those damages and that relief from termination by the County as specifically set forth in this agreement. The Construction Manager may issue a written order requiring the Contractor to suspend, delay or interrupt all or any part of the work for such period of time as the County may determine to be appropriate for the convenience of the County. If the performance of the work is

interrupted for an unreasonable period of time by an act of the County or any of its officers, agents, employees, contractors, or consultants in the administration of this agreement, an equitable adjustment shall be made for any increase in the Contractor's costs of performance and any increase in the time required for performance of the work necessarily caused by the unreasonable suspension, delay, or interruption. Any equitable adjustment shall be reduced to writing and shall constitute a modification to this agreement. In no event, however, shall an equitable adjustment be made to the extent that performance of this agreement would have been suspended, delayed or interrupted by any other cause, including the fault or negligence of the Contractor. No claim for an equitable adjustment pursuant to this paragraph shall be permitted before the Contractor shall have notified the Construction Manager in writing of the act or failure to act involved, and no claim shall be allowed unless asserted in writing to the Construction Manager within ten days after the termination of such suspension, delay or interruption.

#### **00700-49 COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF WORK**

The County may issue a Notice to Proceed at any time within 120 days following execution of the contract by the County. The Contractor shall commence work pursuant to this agreement within ten days of mailing or delivery of written notice to proceed. The Contractor shall diligently prosecute the work to completion within the time specified therefore in the Agreement. The capacity of the Contractor's construction and manufacturing equipment and plan, sequence and method of operation and forces employed, including management and supervisory personnel, shall be such as to insure completion of the work within the time specified in the Agreement. The Contractor and County hereby agree that the contract time for completion of the work is reasonable taking into consideration the average climatic conditions prevailing in the locality of the work and anticipated work schedules of other contractors whose activities are in conjunction with or may affect the work under this contract.

#### **00700-50 TIME OF THE ESSENCE**

All time limits stated in this agreement are of the essence of this contract.

#### **00700-51 IMPACT DAMAGES**

Except as specifically provided pursuant to a stop work order or change order, the Contractor shall not be entitled to payment or compensation of any kind from the County for direct or indirect or impact damages including, but not limited to, costs of acceleration arising because of delay, disruption, interference or hindrance from any cause whatsoever whether such delay, disruption, interference or hindrance is reasonable or unreasonable, foreseeable or unforeseeable, or avoidable, provided, however, that this provision shall not preclude the recovery of damages by the Contractor for hindrances or delays due solely to fraud or bad faith on the part of the County, its agents, or employees. The Contractor shall be entitled only to extensions in the time required for performance of the work as specifically provided in the contract.

#### **00700-52 DELAY**

The Contractor may be entitled to an extension of the contract time, but not an increase in the contract price or damages, for delays arising from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor or its subcontractors for labor strikes, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of the state, federal or local government in its sovereign capacity, by acts of another separate contractor, or by an act or neglect of the County.

**00700-53 INCLEMENT WEATHER**

The Contractor shall not be entitled to an extension of the contract time due to normal inclement weather. Unless the Contractor can substantiate to the satisfaction of the Construction Manager that there was greater than normal inclement weather and that such greater than normal inclement weather actually delayed the work, the Contractor shall not be entitled to an extension of time therefore. The following shall be considered the normal inclement weather days for each month listed, and extensions of time shall be granted in increments of not less than one half day only for inclement weather in excess of the days set out.

January	10 days
February	10 days
March	7 days
April	6 days
May	4 days
June	3 days
July	4 days
August	2 days
September	2 days
October	3 days
November	6 days
December	9 days

**00700-54 DELAY - NOTICE AND CLAIM**

The Contractor shall not receive an extension of time unless a Notice of Delay is filed with the Construction Manager within ten days of the first instance of such delay, disruption, interference or hindrance and a written Statement of the Claim is filed with the Construction Manager within 20 days of the first such instance. In the event that the Contractor fails to comply with this provision, it waives any claim which it may have for an extension of time pursuant to this agreement.

**00700-55 STATEMENT OF CLAIM - CONTENTS**

The Statement of Claim referenced in Article 00700-54 shall include specific information concerning the nature of the delay, the date of commencement of the delay, the construction activities affected by the delay, the person or organization responsible for the delay, the anticipated extent of the delay, and any recommended action to avoid or minimize the delay.

**00700-56 WORK BEHIND SCHEDULE. REMEDY BY CONTRACTOR**

If the work actually in place falls behind the currently updated and approved schedule, and it becomes apparent from the current schedule that work will not be completed within the contract time, the Contractor agrees that it will, as necessary, or as directed by the Construction Manager, take action at no additional cost to the County to improve the progress of the work, including increasing manpower, increasing the number of working hours per shift or shifts per working day, increasing the amount of equipment at the site, and any other measure reasonably required to complete the work in a timely fashion.

**00700-57 DILIGENCE**

The Contractor's failure to substantially comply with the requirements of the preceding paragraph may be grounds for determination by the County that the Contractor is failing to prosecute the work with such diligence as will insure its completion within the time specified. In such event, the County shall have the right to furnish, from its own forces or by contract, such additional labor and materials as may be required to comply with the schedule after 48 hours written notice to the Contractor, and the Contractor shall be liable for such costs incurred by the County.

**00700-58 SET-OFFS**

Any monies due to the Contractor pursuant to the preceding paragraph of this agreement may be deducted by the County against monies due from the County to the Contractor.

**00700-59 REMEDIES CUMULATIVE**

The remedies of the County under Articles 00700-56, 00700-57, and 00700-58 are in addition to and without prejudice to all of the rights and remedies of the County at law, in equity, or contained in this agreement.

**00700-60 TITLE TO MATERIALS**

No materials or supplies shall be purchased by the Contractor or by any Subcontractor subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sales contract or other agreement by which any interest is retained by the seller. The Contractor hereby warrants that it has good and marketable title to all materials and supplies used by it in the work, and the Contractor further warrants that all materials and supplies shall be free from all liens, claims, or encumbrances at the time of incorporation in the work.

**00700-61 INSPECTION OF MATERIALS**

All materials and equipment used in the construction of the project shall be subject to adequate inspection and testing in accordance with accepted standards and in accordance with the requirements of the contract documents. Additional tests performed after the rejection of materials or equipment shall be at the Contractor's expense.

**00700-62 CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S PRESENCE DURING TESTING**

All tests performed by the Contractor shall be witnessed by the Construction Manager unless the requirement therefore is waived in writing. The Construction Manager may perform additional tests on materials previously tested by the Contractor, and the Contractor shall furnish samples for this purpose as requested.

**00700-63 MATERIALS INCORPORATED IN WORK**

The Contractor shall furnish all materials and equipment to be incorporated in the work. All such materials or equipment shall be new and of the highest quality available. Manufactured materials and equipment shall be obtained from sources which are currently manufacturing such materials, except as otherwise specifically approved by the Construction Manager.

**00700-64 STORAGE OF MATERIALS**

Materials and equipment to be incorporated in the work shall be stored in such a manner as to preserve their quality and fitness for the work and to facilitate inspection.

### **00700-65 PAYROLL REPORTS**

The Contractor may be required to furnish payroll reports to the Construction Manager as required by the Owner Controlled Insurance Program.

### **00700-66 CONTRACTORS' REPRESENTATIVE**

Before beginning work, the Contractor shall notify the Construction Manager in writing of one person within its organization who shall have complete authority to supervise the work, receive orders from the Construction Manager, and represent the Contractor in all matters arising pursuant to this agreement. The Contractor shall not remove its representative without first designating in writing a new representative. The Contractor's representative shall normally be present at or about the site of work while the work is in progress. When neither the Contractor nor its representative is present at the work site, the superintendent, foreman, or other of the Contractor's employee in charge of the work shall be an authorized representative of the Contractor.

### **00700-67 SPECIALTY SUB-CONTRACTORS**

The Contractor may utilize the services of specialty subcontractors on those parts of the project which, under normal contracting practices, are performed by specialty subcontractors. The Contractor shall not award more than seventy-five percent of the work to subcontractors.

### **00700-68 INSPECTION BY THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

All work pursuant to this agreement shall be subject to inspection by the Construction Manager for conformity with contract drawings and specifications. The Contractor shall give the Construction Manager reasonable advance notice of operations requiring special inspection of a portion of the work.

### **00700-69 WORK COVERED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S INSPECTION**

In the event that work is covered or completed without the approval of the Construction Manager, and such approval is required by the specifications or required in advance by the Construction Manager, the Contractor shall bear all costs involved in inspection notwithstanding conformance of such portion of the work to the contract drawings and specifications.

### **00700-70 SCHEDULING OF THE WORK**

The work of this contract shall be planned, scheduled, executed, and reported as required by the Contract Documents.

### **00700-71 PROGRESS ESTIMATES**

The Contractor shall prepare a written report for the Construction Manager's approval, on County forms, of the total value of work performed and materials and equipment obtained to the date of submission. Such a report must accompany each request for a progress payment and is subject to review and approval by the Construction Manager. Approval of a progress estimate or tendering of a progress payment shall not be considered an approval or acceptance of any work performed, and all estimates and payments shall be subject to correction in subsequent estimates. Progress payments shall be made for all completed activities and for materials suitably stored on-site.

### **00700-72 PROGRESS PAYMENTS**

Upon approval of each monthly estimate of work performed and materials furnished, the Construction Manager shall approve payment to the Contractor for the estimated value

of such work, materials, and equipment, less the amount of all prior payments and any liquidated damages. The Contractor will be paid 100 percent of the cost of materials received and properly stored on-site but not incorporated into the work. Payments for materials or equipment stored on the site shall be conditioned upon submission by the Contractor of bills of sale to establish the County's title to such materials or equipment. The Contractor's request for payment shall provide sufficient detail as to the work completed or materials purchased for which payment is requested to permit meaningful review by the Construction Manager.

**00700-73 TIME OF PAYMENT**

The Contractor will be paid within 45 days following receipt of an approved Progress Estimate. The Contractor expressly agrees that the payment provisions within this Contract shall supersede the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Georgia Prompt Pay Act, O.C.G.A. §13-11-1 et seq., and that the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Prompt Pay Act shall have no application to this Contract. The County shall not be liable for any late payment interest or penalty.

**00700-74 RETAINAGE (THIS PROVISION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROJECT)**

The County shall retain from each progress payment ten percent of the estimated value of the work performed until the progress payments, including retainage, total 50 percent of the contract price. If a contract includes two or more projects or assignments that have been separately priced and have separate budgets, and the performances of such projects or assignments are not related to or dependent upon the performance of any other, the 50 per cent limit shall be based upon the price for each individual project or assignment. Thereafter, no further retainage shall be withheld so long as the Contractor is making satisfactory progress to insure completion of the work within the time specified therefore. The County may reinstate the ten percent retainage in the event the Construction Manager determines that the Contractor is not making satisfactory progress to complete the work within the time specified in this agreement or in the event that the Construction Manager provides a specific cause for such withholding. The County may also withhold retainage upon substantial completion of the work as provided in O.C.G.A. §13-10-81(c). Interest may be paid upon the retainage in accordance with Georgia law.

**00700-75 PAYMENT OF SUBCONTRACTORS**

The Contractor shall promptly pay each subcontractor upon the receipt of payment from the County. Such payment shall be made from the amount paid to the Contractor pursuant to the subcontractor's work. The Contractor shall also maintain the records of the percentage retained from payments to the Contractor pursuant to such subcontractor's work. The Contractor shall procure agreements from each subcontractor requiring each subcontractor to pay their subcontractors, agents and employees in a similar manner. The County reserves the right to inquire of any subcontractor, supplier, materialmen, or subconsultant, the status of any indebtedness of the Contractor. The County further reserves the right to require the Contractor to designate on each instrument of payment exceeding \$400.00 to subcontractors, suppliers, materialmen, and subconsultants that such payment is on account of the work under this Contract.

**00700-76 COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO SUBCONTRACTORS**

Neither the County nor the Construction Manager shall have any obligation to pay any subcontractor except as otherwise required by law.

**00700-77 PROGRESS PAYMENTS - ACCEPTANCE OF WORK**

Certification of progress payments, as well as the actual payment thereof, shall not constitute the County's acceptance of work performed pursuant to this agreement.

**00700-78 PAYMENTS IN TRUST**

All sums paid to the Contractor pursuant to this agreement are hereby declared to constitute trust funds in the hands of the contractor to be applied first to the payment of claims of subcontractors, laborers, and suppliers arising out of the work, to claims for utilities furnished and taxes imposed, and to the payment of premiums on surety and other bonds and on insurance for any other application.

**00700-79 JOINT PAYMENTS**

The County reserves the right to issue any progress payment or final payment by check jointly to the Contractor and any subcontractor or supplier.

**00700-80 RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT**

The Construction Manager may decline to approve payment and may withhold payment in whole or in part to the extent reasonable and necessary to protect the County against loss due to defective work, probable or actual third party claims, the Contractor's failure to pay subcontractors or materialmen, reasonable evidence that the work will not be completed within the contract time or contract price or damage to the County or any other contractor on the project.

**00700-81 CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION**

Upon the Contractor's submission of a request for a certificate of Substantial Completion, the Construction Manager shall inspect the work and determine whether the work is Substantially Complete. If the work is Substantially Complete, the Construction Manager shall issue a certificate of Substantial Completion of the work which shall establish the date of Substantial Completion, shall state the responsibilities of the County and the Contractor for security, maintenance, heat, utilities, damage to the work and insurance, and shall fix the time within which the Contractor shall complete the items submitted by the Contractor as requiring correction or further work. The certificate of substantial completion of the work shall be submitted to the County and the Contractor for their written acceptance of the responsibilities assigned to them pursuant to such certificate.

If in the sole opinion of the Construction Manager, the work is not substantially complete, the Construction Manager shall notify the Contractor of such, in writing, and outline requirements to be met to achieve Substantial Completion.

**00700-82 PAYMENT UPON SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION**

Upon Substantial Completion of the work and upon application by the Contractor and approval by the Construction Manager, the County shall make payment reflecting 100% work completed, less value of work remaining as determined by Construction Manager and any authorized retainage.

**00700-83 COMMENCEMENT OF WARRANTIES**

Warranties required by this agreement shall commence on the date of final completion of the project as determined under Article 00700-84 unless otherwise provided in the certificate of Substantial Completion.

**00700-84 FINAL PAYMENT - WAIVER OF CLAIMS, DISPUTE OF FINAL PAYMENT**

The acceptance of the Substantial Completion payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the Contractor except those previously made in writing and identified by the Contractor as unsettled at the time of application for payment at Substantial Completion. Following the Construction Manager's issuance of the certificate of Substantial Completion and the Contractor's completion of the work pursuant to this agreement, the Contractor shall forward to the Construction Manager a written notice that the work is ready for final inspection and acceptance. If after inspection the Construction Manager certifies that the work is complete and issues written notification of such to the Contractor, the Contractor shall forward to the Construction Manager a final application for payment. The Construction Manager shall issue a certificate for payment, which shall approve final payment to the Contractor and shall establish the date of final completion.

In the event the Contractor timely disputes the amount of the final payment, the amount due the Contractor shall be deemed by the Contractor and the County to be an unliquidated sum and no interest shall accrue or be payable on the sum finally determined to be due to the Contractor for any period prior to final determination of such sum, whether such determination be by agreement of the Contractor and the County or by final judgment of the proper court in the event of litigation between the County and the Contractor. The Contractor specifically waives and renounces any and all rights it may have under O.C.G.A. §13-6-13 and agrees that in the event suit is brought by the Contractor against the County for any sum claimed by the Contractor under the Contract or for any extra or additional work, no interest shall be awarded on any sum found to be due from the County to the Contractor in the final judgment entered in such suit. All final judgments shall draw interest at the legal rate, as specified by law.

**00700-85 DOCUMENTATION OF COMPLETION OF WORK**

The final payment shall not become due until the Contractor submits the following documents to the Construction Manager:

- a. An affidavit that all payrolls, bills for materials and equipment, and other indebtedness connected with the work have been paid other otherwise satisfied;
- b. The surety's consent to final payment; and
- c. Any other data reasonably required by the County or Construction Manager establishing payment or satisfaction of all such obligations, including releases, waivers of liens, and documents of satisfaction of debts.

In the event that a subcontractor refuses to furnish a release or waiver as required by the County or Construction Manager, the Contractor may furnish a bond satisfactory to the County to indemnify the County against such loss. In the event that any lien or indebtedness remains unsatisfied after all payments are made, the contractor shall refund to the County all moneys that the County may become compelled to pay in discharging such lien or other indebtedness, including all costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

### **00700-86 GOVERNING LAW**

Each and every provision of this agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by Georgia law. The parties acknowledge that this contract is executed in Fulton County, Georgia and that the contract is to be performed in Fulton County, Georgia. Each party hereby consents to the Fulton Superior Court's sole jurisdiction over any dispute which arises as a result of the execution or performance of this agreement, and each party hereby waives any and all objections to venue in the Fulton Superior Court.

### **00700-87 CHANGES IN THE WORK**

#### **A. CHANGE ORDERS**

1. A Change Order is a written order to the Contractor signed to show the approval and the authorization of the County, issued after execution of the Contract, authorizing a change in the Work and/or an adjustment in the Contract Sum or the Contract Time. Change Orders shall be written using forms designated by the County with Contractor providing supporting documentation as required by the Construction Manager. The Contract Sum and the Contract Time may be changed only by approved Change Order pursuant to Fulton County Procedure 800-6. The amount payable by the Change Order is payment in full for all direct and indirect costs incurred and related to the work under said Change Order, including but not limited to delays, imports, acceleration, disruption and extended overhead. A Change Order signed by the Contractor indicates the Contractor's agreement therewith, including the adjustment in either or both of the Contract Sum or the Contract Time.
2. The County, without invalidating the Contract, may order changes in the Work within the general scope of the Contract as defined herein. The time allowed for performance of the work and the contract price to be paid to the Contractor may be adjusted accordingly.
3. The cost or credit to the County resulting from a change in the Work shall be determined in one or more of the following ways:
  - a. By mutual acceptance of a lump sum properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data to permit evaluation;
  - b. By unit prices stated in the Contract Documents or subsequently agreed upon;
  - c. By cost to be determined in a manner agreed upon by the parties and a mutually acceptable fixed or percentage fee; or
  - d. By the method provided in Subparagraph A4 below.
4. If none of the methods set forth in Subparagraphs 3a, 3b, or 3c above is agreed upon, the Contractor, provided a written order signed by the Construction Manager is received, shall promptly proceed with the Work

involved. The cost of such Work shall then be determined by the Construction Manager on basis of the reasonable expenditures and savings of those performing the Work attributable to the change. The cost of the change shall include only the items listed in Subparagraph 5a below, and in the case of either a decrease or an increase in the Contract Sum, an allowance for overhead and profit in accordance with the schedules set forth in Subparagraphs 5b and 6 below shall be applied to the cost or credit.

- a. In such case, and also under Subparagraph 3a above, the Contractor shall keep and present, in such form as the Construction Manager may prescribe, an itemized accounting of all actual costs expended, together with appropriate supporting data for inclusion in a Change Order.
  - b. All hourly rate charges shall be submitted to the Construction Manager for prior review and approval. All hourly rate charges shall be properly supported as required by the Construction Manager with certified payrolls, or their acceptable equivalent. When authorized to proceed for a given change and actual expenditures have been made prior to execution of a Change Order for the entire change, such actual expenditures may be summarized monthly, and if approved, incorporated into a Change Order. When both additions and credits covering related Work or substitutions are involved in any one change, the allowance for overhead and profit shall be figured on the basis of the net increase or decrease, if any, with respect to that change.
5. In Subparagraphs 3 and 4 above, the items included in "Cost and "Overhead" shall be based on the following schedule:
- a. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, "Cost" shall be limited to the following: cost of materials incorporated into the Work, including sales tax and cost of delivery; cost of direct labor (labor cost may include a pro rata share of foreman's account of the change) including social security, old age and unemployment insurance, and fringe benefits required by agreement or custom; workers' or workmen's compensation insurance; rental value of equipment and machinery; costs for preparing Shop Drawings.
  - b. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, "Overhead" shall include the following: bond and insurance premiums including increase and decreases from change in the Work, supervision, superintendence, construction parking, wages of timekeepers, watchmen and clerks, small tools, consumable supplies, expendables, incidentals, general office expense, the

- cost of additional reproduction for the Contractor's subcontractors beyond that agreed upon in the Contract Documents, construction parking, any additional costs of craft supervision by the Contractor's or subcontractors' superintendents, and overhead charges which would be customary and expended regardless of the change in the Work due to other overlapping activities which are included as part of the original Contract, and all other expenses not included in "Cost" above.
- c. In the event that a change is issued by the County which would require the expenditure of substantial amounts of special supervision (beyond the foreman level) by the Contractor, the Contractor may, at the sole direction of the Construction Manager, be allowed to incorporate these charges into the agreement cost for the change.
6. In Subparagraphs 3 and 4 above, the allowance for overhead and profit combined, included in the total cost or credit to the County, shall be based on the following schedule:
    - a. For the Contractor, for any work performed by the Contractor's own forces, ten (10) percent of the cost.
    - b. For the Contractor, for any work performed by a Contractor's subcontractor, five (5) percent of the amount due the subcontractor.
    - c. For each subcontractor or sub-subcontractor involved, for any work performed by that subcontractor's or sub-subcontractor's own forces, ten (10) percent of the cost.
    - d. For each subcontractor, for work performed by a sub-subcontractor, five (5) percent of the amount due to the sub-subcontractor.
    - e. Cost to which overhead and profit is to be applied shall be determined in accordance with Subparagraph 5 above unless modified otherwise.
  7. In order to facilitate checking of quotations for extras or credits, all proposals or bids, except those so minor that their propriety can be seen by inspection, shall be accompanied by a complete itemization of costs, including labor cost, materials and subcontracts. Labor and materials shall be itemized in the manner defined in Subparagraph 4 above. Where major cost items are subcontracts, they shall be itemized also. In no case shall a change be approved without such itemization.
  8. No payment shall be made for any changes to the contract that are not included in a fully executed Change Order.

B. CONCEALED, UNKNOWN AND DIFFERING CONDITIONS

1. Should concealed conditions be encountered in the performance of the Work below the surface of the ground, or should concealed or unknown conditions in an existing structure be at variance with the conditions indicated by the Contract Documents, or should unknown physical conditions below the surface of the ground or concealed or unknown conditions in an existing structure of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in this Contract, be encountered, the Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be equitably adjusted by Change Order upon request by either party made **within twenty (20) days after the first observance** of the conditions. No such request for equitable adjustment shall be valid unless the Contractor complies with this (20) days' notice and Subparagraph C.1. below.
2. The Contractor shall promptly, and before such conditions are disturbed, notify the Construction Manager in writing of any claim of concealed, unknown or differing conditions pursuant to this paragraph. The Construction Manager shall authorize the Engineer to investigate the conditions, and if it is found that such conditions do materially so differ and cause an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the Work under this Contract, whether or not changed as a result of such conditions, an equitable adjustment shall be recommended to the Construction Manager.
3. No claim of the Contractor under this clause shall be allowed unless the Contractor has given the notice required in (a) above, prior to disturbing the condition.
4. No claim by the Contractor for an equitable adjustment shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this Contract.
5. Any materially differing site condition as between what is shown on the Drawings and Specifications and actually found on site shall be immediately reported to the Construction Manager in writing prior to the commencement of Work at the site. Failure of the Contractor to notify the Construction Manager in writing of the differing site condition prior to performance of Work at the site shall constitute a waiver of any claim for additional monies. Any Change Order necessitated by the differing site condition shall be processed as provided under "Changes in the Contract".

C. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL COST

1. If the Contractor wishes to request an increase in the Contract Sum, the Contractor shall give the Construction Manager written notice thereof within twenty (20) days after the occurrence of the event, or identification

of the conditions, giving rise to such request. This notice shall be given by the Contractor before proceeding to execute the Work, except in an emergency endangering life or property in which case the Contractor shall proceed in accordance with Article 00700-25 and Subparagraph A.4 above. No such request shall be valid unless so made within the twenty (20) days specified above. If the County and the Contractor cannot agree on the amount of the adjustment in the Contract Sum, it shall be determined by the Construction Manager. Any change in the Contract Sum resulting from such claim shall be documented by Change Order.

2. If the Contractor claims that addition cost is involved because of, but not limited to (1) any written interpretation pursuant to General Condition 00700-17 of this Agreement, (2) any order by the County to stop the Work pursuant to Articles 00700-25 and 00700-37 of this Agreement where the Contractor was not at fault, or any such order by the Construction Manager as the County's agent, or (3) any written order for a minor change in the Work issued pursuant to Paragraph D below, the Contractor shall submit a request for an increase in the Contract Sum as provided in Subparagraph C.1 above. No such claim shall be valid unless the Contractor complies with Subparagraph C.1 above and approved by the County pursuant to Change Order Policy 800-6.

**D. MINOR CHANGES IN THE WORK**

The Construction Manager may order minor changes in the Work not involving an adjustment in the Contract Price, extension of the time allowed for performance of the work and not inconsistent with the intent of the Contract Documents. Such changes shall be effected by a written Change Directive issued by the Construction Manager, and shall be binding on the County and the Contractor. The Contractor shall carry out such written orders promptly.

**E. BONDS**

If any change order results in an increase in the contract price, the contractor shall increase the penal sum of the performance and payment bonds to equal the increased price.

**00700-88 DISAGREEMENT WITH ORDERS FOR CHANGE**

Contractor's written acceptance of a Change Order or other order for changes shall constitute his final and binding agreement to the provisions thereof and a waiver of all claims in connection therewith, whether direct or consequential in nature. Should Contractor disagree with any order for changes, he may submit a notice of potential claim to the Construction Manager, at such time as the order is set forth in the form of a Change Order. Disagreement with the provisions of an order for changes shall not relieve Contractor of his obligation under Article 00700-87 of this Agreement.

**00700-89 NO WAIVER OF REMEDIES**

Exercise by the County of any remedy is not exclusive of any other remedy available to County and shall not constitute a waiver of any such other remedies. Failure of the County to exercise any remedy, including breach of contract remedies, shall not

preclude the County from exercising such remedies in similar circumstances in the future.

**00700-90 LAND AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

The owner will provide, as indicated in the Contract Documents and prior to Notice to Proceed, the lands upon which the work is to be done, right-of-way for access thereto, and such other lands which are designated for the use of the Contractor. The Contractor shall confine the Contractor's work and all associated activities to the easements and other areas designated for the Contractor's use. The Contractor shall comply with any limits on construction methods and practices which may be required by easement agreements. If, due to some unforeseen reason, the necessary easements are not obtained, the Contractor shall receive an equitable extension of contract time dependent upon the effect on the critical path of the project schedule or the County may terminate the Contract for its convenience.

**00700-91 COORDINATION WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

No clearing or grading shall be completed by Contractor within the State Department of Transportation (DOT) area under construction. The Contractor must coordinate his construction scheduling with DOT.

If the Contractor begins work before DOT's completion date, he must obtain the approval of DOT before starting work in the area. The state DOT has the right to stop the Contractor's work the DOT area.

The Contractor shall receive no additional compensation or damages resulting from delay or work stoppage from DOT actions or scheduling.

Contractor shall obtain DOT drawings of the DOT, project area for verification of road geometry, storm drains, etc. from Georgia Department of Transportation or Fulton County. The Contractor is responsible for obtaining any pertinent DOT revisions.

**EXHIBIT A FINAL**  
**AFFIDAVIT**

TO FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that all suppliers of materials, equipment and service, subcontractors, mechanic, and laborers employed by \_\_\_\_\_ or any of his subcontractors in connection with the design and/or construction of \_\_\_\_\_ at Fulton County have been paid and satisfied in full as of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_, and that there are no outstanding obligations or claims of any kind for the payment of which Fulton County on the above-named project might be liable, or subject to, in any lawful proceeding at law or in equity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Personally appeared before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_, who under Oath deposes and says that he is \_\_\_\_\_ of the firm of \_\_\_\_\_, that he has read the above statement and that to the best of his knowledge and belief same is an exact true statement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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\_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission expires

END OF SECTION

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

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**PI 0007096 BUFFINGTON ROAD PEDESTRIAN AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

**SC-1 PRECONSTRUCTION SURVEY**

Contractor is expressly advised that the protection of buildings, structures, bridges, and related work adjacent and in the vicinity of its operations, wherever they may be, is solely its responsibility. Conditional inspection of buildings, bridges or other structures in the immediate vicinity of any blasting operations shall be performed by and be the responsibility of the Contractor. The inspection corridor shall extend within a 500-foot radius of any proposed blasting operations. The Contractor shall retain an independent consultant, specializing in preconstruction surveys, to conduct the required inspections.

The Contractor shall have the independent consultant, before the Contractor starts blasting operations, make an examination of the interior and exterior of the adjacent structures, buildings, facilities, etc., and record by notes, measurements, photographs, etc., conditions which might be aggravated by blasting or other operations. Repairs or replacement of all conditions disturbed by the construction shall be made to the satisfaction of the owners or agents of adjacent buildings, structures, facilities, etc., and to the satisfaction of the Engineer. This does not preclude conforming to the requirements of the insurance underwriters. Two copies of surveys, photographs, videos, reports, etc., shall be given to the Engineer.

Prior to the beginning of any excavations the Contractor shall advise the Engineer of all buildings or structures on which it intends to perform work or which performance of the project work will affect. The preconstruction survey will be performed by a firm specializing in performing such surveys. The qualifications and experience of the proposed consultant shall be submitted to the Engineer for approval prior to assignment of the Work.

The Contractor's attention is directed to Section 01320 of the Technical Specifications.

**SC-2 SAFETY AND HEALTH**

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable health and safety standards and provisions required by the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, State of Georgia, and the Federal Government and its regulatory agencies. The Contractor shall maintain an accurate record of all cases of death, occupational diseases, and injury requiring medical attention or causing loss of time from work arising out of and in the course of employment on work under the Contract.

This project involves work in and around operating combined and sanitary sewer systems. In these areas, the potential exists for toxic and/or explosive gases. The Contractor shall exercise caution when entering any confined space. The atmosphere shall be tested for oxygen levels and potential explosive conditions before entry. Contractor alone shall be responsible for the safety, efficiency, and adequacy of his plant, appliances, and methods, and for any damage, which may result from their failure or their improper construction, maintenance, or operation.

Emergency telephone numbers (fire, medical and police) shall be posted at the Contractor's telephone. The location of the Contractor's telephone shall be known to all.

Accidents shall be reported immediately to the Engineer.

All accidents shall be documented and a full detailed report submitted to the Engineer after each accident.

### **SC-3 LAYOUT OF THE WORK AND SURVEYS**

The Engineer will establish an initial base line and bench mark. The Contractor shall employ, at his own expense, a Surveyor registered in the State of Georgia who shall stake out the various structures and other parts of the work, establish levels, and erect permanent batter boards. From time to time, the above-mentioned surveyor shall verify by instrument all reference marks, and the Contractor shall be responsible for the accuracy of all line and levels and of the work as built in accordance therewith.

The Contractor shall exercise proper care and caution to verify the grades and figures given him before proceeding with the work, and shall be responsible for any errors, damage, or defective work caused by his failure to exercise such care and caution. He shall promptly notify the Engineer of any errors or discrepancies he may discover in order that the proper corrections may be made.

Engineer may check line and grade at such times as he determines such checks are necessary to verify conformance of the Contractor's work. Such a check shall not be considered as approval of the Contractor's work and shall not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for accurate construction of the entire work. The Contractor shall furnish the services of a person to help the Engineer in checking lines and grades. All stakes or marks required to establish the line and grades required for the completion of the Work shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

### **SC-4 DETECTION OF MOVEMENT**

In order to detect any movement of buildings or structures that may be affected by his work, Contractor shall, prior to excavation, establish a system of vertical and horizontal control points on or about such buildings or structures, tied to bench marks and indices sufficiently remote to not be moved by his operations. A plan of this system shall be submitted to the Engineer for review. Readings shall be taken of these points and permanently recorded prior to the start of excavation. The Owner will not assume any responsibility for alleged damages to any building or structure arising from the work performed under this Contract.

### **SC-5 EXISTING UTILITIES**

#### **SC-5.1 Verification of the Location of the Existing Utilities**

Representations of existing utilities, facilities, and structures in the Contract Documents are based upon the best available information. The Owner and the Designer will not be responsible for the completeness or accuracy thereof nor for any deductions, interpretations, or conclusions drawn therefrom. The Contractor shall verify to his own satisfaction by test pit or other means, the actual location of existing utilities prior to construction in their vicinity.

Should the Contractor in the course of his operations encounter any underground utilities the presence of which was not previously known, or a different type than shown, he shall immediately notify the Engineer and take all necessary precautions to protect the utility and maintain continuance of service until said utilities can be adjusted by the appropriate owners.

Contractor will notify all public utility corporations, jurisdictional agencies, or other owners to make all necessary adjustments to public utility fixtures and appurtenances within or adjacent to the limits of construction. Delays and additional cost resulting from a failure of the Contractor to notify the utility or to provide adequate notice to the utility shall be at no additional cost to the Owner and in such case, no extension of time will be granted for delays caused by utility adjustments.

Damage caused to utilities either directly or indirectly by the Contractor shall be repaired and the facilities restored to their original condition to the satisfaction of the Engineer and the utility owner, at no additional cost to the Owner.

#### SC-5.2 Work in Vicinity of Existing Utilities

At least three (3) working days prior to starting work in the vicinity of utility structures and appurtenances, Contractor shall notify Engineer and appropriate utility companies and jurisdictional agencies. Contractor shall support and protect all utility structures and appurtenances in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and the utility companies, and shall take any other steps necessary to protect the structures from disturbance or damage.

#### SC-5.3 Access to Utilities Facilities

The Contractor shall at all times permit free and clear access to the various affected facilities by personnel of the utility owners or operators who are working within the limits of work for the purpose of inspection, maintenance, or providing additional service requirements, and the construction of new facilities. When personnel of the utility owners or operators are working within the limits of work to be performed by Contractor, the Contractor will not be relieved of his responsibility for the maintenance and protection of such facilities.

#### **SC-6 WORK IN FLOOD PLAIN AREAS**

The Contractor shall comply with all regulations in the Fulton County Zoning Resolution, Article IV, Paragraph 4.24 Flood Plain Management.

#### **SC-7 RIGHT TO OPERATE**

As soon as any portion of the Work is completed, accepted by the Engineer and is ready for use, the Owner shall have the right to operate such portion upon written notice to the Contractor by the Owner. The Owner shall also issue a certificate of completion for that portion of the work. Guarantee period on that portion of work will begin upon issuance of certificate of completion for that portion.

Testing of equipment and appurtenance and training of Owner's personnel as specified shall not constitute operation.

The execution of the bonds shall constitute the consent of the surety.

The Contractor shall provide an endorsement to his insurance permitting occupancy of the structures and use of equipment during the remaining period of construction.

#### **SC-8 CONCRETE POUR CARD**

An approved concrete pour card must be obtained by the Contractor prior to the placement of concrete. The card shall be as provided to the Contractor by the Engineer. The pour card shall be completed by the Contractor and approved by the Engineer before concrete is placed.

#### **SC-9 TIE-INS OR MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING SYSTEMS**

Anytime the Contractor ties into or modifies an existing system, a detailed work plan shall be required. Submittal of this work plan must be a minimum of 30 days in advance of commencement of the subject work. This work plan shall include a detailed description of the work, a step-by-step plan of the modification or tie-in, a schedule, a detailed list of materials and equipment required, demonstrated communications capacity, and a listing of any gates or valves, which must be operated. Working drawings shall be submitted for any permanent or temporary structural modifications. A temporary safety plan covering the period of the work, and a listing of contingency plans and supplies, including but not limited to spill prevention planning and spill containment kits, shall be required.

A coordination meeting with the Owner, the Contractor, the Engineer and the Designer must be held at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the modification or tie-in. The day before the commencement of the modification or tie-in, a final coordination shall be held giving final detailed work assignments to all parties involved.

The Owner and the Engineer have the right to require, at no additional cost to the Owner, stand-by equipment on any item(s) deemed critical enough to delay the work. The Contractor shall have available stand-by personnel to supplement the committed forces should problems arise. The Contractor is responsible for meeting all OSHA standards including entrance and exit safety, confined space entry, fall protection, scaffolding, rigging, etc.

**+++ END OF SPECIAL CONDITIONS +++**

**PIPELINE CONTRACTOR'S MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FORMS**

**PI 0007096**

**BUFFINGTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

GEORGIA UTILITY CONTRACTOR'S  
LICENSE CERTIFICATION

Contractor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Utility Contractor's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date of License: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF PIPELINE CONTRACTOR'S MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

This Statement is to accompany bids submitted for this project. Pipeline contractor must meet the minimum qualification criteria set forth under items 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of this section, must provide the organization chart as set forth under item 6 of this section and must complete the project experience forms for qualifying projects to be deemed a "Responsible and Responsive Bidder".

1. NAME OF BIDDER: \_\_\_\_\_

2. BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

3. TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

4. OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Using the forms provided in this Section, list previously completed or current projects which are similar in scope and complexity to this project which were completed or assigned to your firm or joint venture.

a. Pipeline contractor must have successfully managed and completed at least one water distribution system contract in the past five years. The contract must have consisted of the installation of ductile iron water mains at least 8-inches in diameter and 1,000 feet in length, installation of hydrants and service connections and pavement restoration.

b. (Not Used)

6. Provide the following information for the organization proposed for this project:

a. Organizational chart. Organizational chart shall include the names of the following personnel:

- (1) Project Manager
- (2) Project Superintendent
- (3) Project Safety Coordinator
- (4) Public Information Officer
- (5) Traffic Control Manager

b. The above indicated individuals shall not be changed without written approval of the Engineer.

c. Indicate the participation by the various members in the organization, as shown on the organizational chart; in the management; and in the division of work. If a joint venture, indicate percent of project cost to be performed by each joint venture member.

d. Each of the five personnel positions indicated in Paragraph 6 a. above shall be filled by a separate individual.

7. Using the forms provided in this Section, provide information for key project personnel including Project Manager, Project Superintendent, Project Safety Coordinator, Public Information Officer and Traffic Control Manager.
- a. Project Manager must have successfully managed and completed at least one water distribution system contract in the past five years. The contract must have consisted of the installation of ductile iron water mains at least 12-inches in diameter and 1,000 feet in length, installation of hydrants and service connections and pavement restoration.
  - b. Project Superintendent must have successfully managed and completed at least two water distribution system contracts in the past five years. The contract must have consisted of the installation of ductile iron water mains at least 12-inches in diameter and 1,000 feet in length, installation of hydrants and service connections and pavement restoration.
  - c. Project Safety Coordinator, Public Information Officer and Traffic Control Manager must have each worked on at least one project involving installation of water mains and/or sanitary sewers.
  - d. Project Safety Coordinator must also meet the following requirements:
    - (1) Four year Bachelor's degree and five years of construction loss control or construction safety experience; OR
    - (2) Ten years of construction loss control or construction safety experience, AND
    - (3) Current certifications as listed below in (a), (b), and (c):
      - (a) OSHA 510 or equivalent 30 hours of construction safety training.
        - Trenching and Excavation (Standards – 29 CFR – 1926.651)
        - Confined space Entry (Standards – 29 CFR – 1910.146 App. E), AND
      - (b) Traffic Control/flagging (Certified GDOT flagger), AND
      - (c) First Aid/CPR/AED (Standards – 29 CFR – 1910.266 (App. B))
  - e. Public Information Officer (PIO) must also meet the following requirements:
    - (1) PIO must have had the responsibilities of receiving, logging, tracking, responding and resolving customer/citizen complaints and claims, providing notices to and personal interaction with affected customers/citizens regarding project impact and projected work schedules of the Contractor, reviewing project schedules and “look-ahead” to determine projected areas of impact from the Work.
    - (2) PIO must have a minimum of one year of experience in performing this type of work on similar projects.
8. The Contractor must have an established Safety Program that as a minimum includes those items as listed on the attachment entitled “CONTRACTOR SAFETY RECORD FORM”.

9. The Contractor's Worker's Compensation Rating (EMR - Experience Modification Rate) must not exceed an average of 1.0 over the last three (3) applicable years.

a. Contractor's Worker's Compensation Rating (EMR - Experience Modification Rate): \_\_\_\_\_

10. The Contractor's workplace injury and illness incidence rates must not exceed the rates published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics in October, 2012. (i.e. Total Recordable Case (TRC) Rate of 3.9 and Days Away From Work (DAFW) Rate of 1.4 per NAICS 23711 definition and calculation).

a. Contractor's Total Recordable Incidence Rate: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Contractor's Days Away From Work Incidence Rate: \_\_\_\_\_

11. If there have been any fatalities during the last five (5) years on any projects performed by the Contractor or on any work performed under the direct supervision of a proposed Project Manager and the Contractor or proposed Project Manager was cited by OSHA for a "Willful" Violation in performing the work in which the fatality occurred, the Contractor will be disqualified based on the City's review. The Contractor may also be disqualified in the event that a Recordable Incident occurred due to the same condition that existed when a previous fatality occurred and resulted in an OSHA citation or failure to implement a corrective action plan.

a. Fatalities during the last five years where Contractor was cited by OSHA for "Willful" Violation: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Fatalities during the last five years where the proposed Project Manager was cited by OSHA for "Willful" Violation: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Have there been any incidents during the last five (5) years on water or sewer projects performed by the Contractor or on any work performed under the direct supervision of a proposed Project Manager that resulted in failing to meet NPDES Discharge Permit requirements due to the actions of the Contractor or proposed Project Manager or Project Superintendent?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

The previous statements and attachments are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

Notary Public County: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary)

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF PIPELINE CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATIONS**

**COMPANY PROJECT EXPERIENCE**

Project Name	
Project Location	
Contractor's Project Manager	
Contractor's Project Superintendent	
Owner's Representative: Name and Phone Number	
Design Engineer's Representative: Name and Phone Number	
Water Mains, Size & LF	
Initial Contract Amount	\$
Final Contract Amount	\$
Reason for Cost Increase, if any	
Project Duration	Date Started: Date Completed:
Was Project Completed on Time?	
If not Completed on Time, Why?	
Description of Major Project Components	

**STATEMENT OF PIPELINE CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATIONS**

**PROJECT MANAGER'S EXPERIENCE**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name	
Project Location	
Contractor	
Contractor's Project Manager	
Owner's Representative: Name and Phone Number	
Design Engineer's Representative: Name and Phone Number	
Water Mains, Size & LF	
Initial Contract Amount	\$
Final Contract Amount	\$
Reason for Cost increase, if any	
Project Duration	Date Started: Date Completed:
Was Project Completed on Time?	
If not Completed on Time, Why?	
Description of Major Project Components	

**STATEMENT OF PIPELINE CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATIONS**

**PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT'S EXPERIENCE**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name	
Project Location	
Contractor	
Contractor's Project Manager	
Owner's Representative: Name and Phone Number	
Design Engineer Representative: Name and Phone Number	
Water Mains, Size & LF	
Initial Contract Amount	\$
Final Contract Amount	\$
Reason for Cost Increase, if any	
Project Duration	Date Started: Date Completed:
Was Project Completed on Time?	
If not Completed on Time, Why?	
Description of Major Project Components	

**STATEMENT OF PIPELINE CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATIONS**

**SAFETY COORDINATOR'S EXPERIENCE**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name	
Project Location	
Contractor	
Contractor's Project Manager	
Owner's Representative: Name and Phone Number	
Design Engineer's Representative: Name and Phone Number	
Water Main/Sewer, Size & LF	
Initial Contract Amount	\$
Final Contract Amount	\$
Project Duration	Date Started: Date Completed:
Description of Project Safety Activities	

Submit Resume

**STATEMENT OF PIPELINE CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATIONS**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER'S EXPERIENCE**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name	
Project Location	
Contractor	
Contractor's Project Manager	
Owner's Representative: Name and Phone Number	
Design Engineer's Representative: Name and Phone Number	
Water Main/Sewer, Size & LF	
Initial Contract Amount	\$
Final Contract Amount	\$
Project Duration	Date Started: Date Completed:
Description of Project Public Information Activities	

**STATEMENT OF PIPELINE CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATIONS**

**TRAFFIC CONTROL MANAGER'S EXPERIENCE**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name	
Project Location	
Contractor	
Contractor's Project Manager	
Owner's Representative: Name and Phone Number	
Design Engineer's Representative: Name and Phone Number	
Water Mains/Sewer, Size & LF	
Initial Contract Amount	\$
Final Contract Amount	\$
Project Duration	Date Started: Date Completed:
Description of Project Traffic Control Activities	

## Contractor Safety Record Form

(Complete Form Only For Projects That Meet Minimum Criteria)

### Safety Program Information

A. Do you have a written safety program?

Yes  (If yes, attach outline)      No

B. Which of the following does your safety program contain:

1. Health and safety training of its subcontractors?

Yes       No

2. Documentation of health and safety training required?

Yes       No

3. Hazard Communication Program (29 CFR 1910.1200, CCR Title 8 Section 5194)?

Yes       No

4. Confined Space Entry and Rescue Program (29 CFR 1910.146, CCR Title 8 Section 5156-5159)?

Yes  (If yes, attach explanation)      No

5. "Hot Work" permit program (29 CFR 1910.146, CCR Title 8 5156-5159)?

Yes  (If yes, attach explanation)      No

6. "Lock-Out/Tag-Out" program (29 CFR 1910.417)?

Yes       No  (If yes, attach explanation)

C. Equipment Maintenance Program for the following:

1. Miscellaneous construction tools and equipment      Yes       No

2. Ladders      Yes       No

3. Scaffolds      Yes       No

4. Heavy Equipment      Yes       No

5. Vehicles      Yes       No

D. Do you have a new employee safety orientation program?

Yes  No

1. If yes, does it include instruction in the following:

- |     |                               |                              |                             |
|-----|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (a) | Company Safety Policy         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) | Company Safety Rules          | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) | Safety Meeting Attendance     | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (d) | Company Safety Record         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (e) | Hazard Recognition            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (f) | Hazard Reporting              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (g) | Injury Reporting              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (h) | Non-Injury Accident Reporting | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (i) | Personal Protective Equipment | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (j) | Respiratory Protection        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (k) | Fire Protection               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (l) | Housekeeping                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (m) | Toxic Substance               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (n) | Electrical Safety             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (o) | Fall Protection               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (p) | First-Aid/CPR                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (q) | Driving Safety                | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (r) | Hearing Conservation          | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (s) | Lock-Out/Tag-Out              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (u) | Asbestos                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (v) | Confined Spaces               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (w) | Hazard Communication          | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

E. Do you conduct safety meetings for your employees? Yes  No

1. If yes, how often:

Daily  Weekly  Bi-weekly  Monthly  As Needed

F. Do you conduct health and safety audits of work in progress?

Yes  No

1. If yes, who conducts the audits?

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2. How often are the audits conducted?

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G. Do you notify all employees of accidents and precautions related to accidents and near misses?

Yes  No

1. If yes, how is this notification accomplished?

- |     |  |                              |                             |
|-----|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (a) | Safety meetings  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) | Post notification in office                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) | Post notification at the site where<br>the incident occurred | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (d) | Other _____  |                              |                             |

H. Is safety a criteria in evaluating the performance of:

- |                |                              |                             |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Employees   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Supervisors | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Management  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

I. Does your firm hold "tailgate" safety meetings? Yes  No

1. If yes, how often:

Daily  Weekly  Bi-weekly  Monthly  As Needed

J. Does your company have a drug and alcohol testing policy?

Yes  No

K. Does your company require that subcontractors participate in a drug surveillance/testing program?

Yes  No

L. Does your company have a method of disseminating safety information?

Yes  No