

PROJECT MANUAL

for

**Almont Park Community
Safe Room**

**Shelby County
Alabama**

November 25, 2024

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received for the Almont Park Community Safe Room in the office of Chief Financial Officer, Shelby County Administration Building at 200 West College St, Room 125, Columbiana, AL 35051 until December 10th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. and at that time publicly opened.

Plans and bid documents will be available at the Shelby County Facilities & General Services office at 280 McDow Road, Columbiana, AL 35051 after 12:00 noon on November 25, 2024.

Proposal fee is \$20.00 which includes the cost of plans and proposal when picked up at the above office. No refunds will be made. Electronic copies may be obtained at no charge by emailing rlcroy@shelbyal.com.

Please contact Gina LeCroy at rlcroy@shelbyal.com with any questions regarding this project.

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ARTICLE 1
DEFINITIONS

Whenever the following terms, or pronouns in place of them, are used in the Contract Documents, the intent and meaning shall be interpreted as follows:

ARCHITECT: The Architect is the person or entity lawfully licensed to practice architecture in the State of Alabama, who is under contract with the Owner as the primary design professional for the Project and identified as the Architect in the Construction Contract. The term “Architect” means the Architect or the Architect’s authorized representative. If the employment of the Architect is terminated, the Owner shall employ a new Architect whose status under the Contract Documents shall be that of the former Architect

CONTRACT: The Contract is the embodiment of the Contract Documents. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Owner and Contractor and supersedes any prior written or oral negotiations, representations or agreements that are not incorporated into the Contract Documents. The Contract may be amended only by a Contract Change Order or a Modification to the Construction Contract. The contractual relationship which the Contract creates between the Owner and the Contractor extends to no other persons or entities.

DEFECTIVE WORK: The term “Defective Work” shall apply to: **(1)** any product, material, system, equipment, or service, or its installation or performance, which does not conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents, **(2)** in-progress or completed Work the workmanship of which does not conform to the quality specified or, if not specified, to the quality produced by skilled workers performing work of a similar nature on similar projects in the state, **(3)** substitutions and deviations not properly submitted and approved or otherwise authorized, **(4)** temporary supports, structures, or construction which will not produce the results required by the Contract Documents, and **(5)** materials or equipment rendered unsuitable for incorporation into the Work due to improper storage or protection.

DRAWINGS: The Drawings are the portions of the Contract Documents showing graphically the design, location, layout, and dimensions of the Work, in the form of plans, elevations, sections, details, schedules, and diagrams.

NOTICE TO PROCEED: A proceed order issued by the Owner or Director, as applicable, fixing the date on which the Contractor shall begin the prosecution of the Work, which is also the date on which the Contract Time shall begin.

OWNER: The Owner is the entity or entities identified as such in the Construction Contract and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number. The term “Owner” means the Owner or the Owner’s authorized representative. The term “Owner” as used herein shall be synonymous with the term “Awarding Authority” as defined and used in Title 39 - Public Works, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended.

THE PROJECT: The Project is the total construction of which the Work required by these Contract Documents may be the entirety or only a part with other portions to be constructed by the Owner or separate contractors.

PROJECT MANUAL: The Project Manual is the volume usually assembled for the Work which may include the Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, sample forms, General Conditions of the Contract, Supplementary Conditions, and Specifications of the Work.

SPECIFICATIONS: The Specifications are that portion of the Contract Documents which set forth in writing the standards of quality and performance of products, equipment, materials, systems, and services and workmanship required for acceptable performance of the Work.

SUBCONTRACTOR: A Subcontractor is a person or entity who is undertaking the performance of any part of the Work by virtue of a contract with the Contractor. The term “Subcontractor” means a Subcontractor or its authorized representatives.

THE WORK: The Work is the construction and services required by the Contract Documents and includes all labor, materials, supplies, equipment, and other items and services as are necessary to produce the required construction and to fulfill the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract. The Work may constitute the entire Project or only a portion of it.

ARTICLE 2

INTENT and INTERPRETATION of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

INTENT

It is the intent of the Contract Documents that the Contractor shall properly execute and complete the Work described by the Contract Documents, and unless otherwise provided in the Contract, the Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, water, heat, utilities, transportation, and other facilities and services, whether temporary or permanent and whether or not incorporated or to be incorporated in the Work, in full accordance with the Contract Documents and reasonably inferable from them as being necessary to produce the indicated results.

COMPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents are complementary. If Work is required by one Contract Document, the Contractor shall perform the Work as if it were required by all of the Contract Documents. However, the Contractor shall be required to perform Work only to the extent that is consistent with the Contract Documents and reasonably inferable from them as being necessary to produce the indicated results.

ORDER of PRECEDENCE

Should any discrepancy arise between the various elements of the Contract Documents, Precedence shall be given to them in the following order unless to do so would contravene the apparent Intent of the Contract Documents stated in preceding Paragraph Titled INTENT:

(1) The Construction Contract.

(2) Addenda, with those of later date having precedence over those of earlier date.

- (3)** Supplementary Conditions (or other Conditions which modify the General Conditions of the Contract).
- (4)** General Conditions of the Contract.
- (5)** The Specifications.
- (6)** Details appearing on the Drawings; large scale details shall take precedence over smaller scale details.
- (7)** The Drawings; large scale drawings shall take precedence over smaller scale drawings.

INTERPRETATION

(1) The Contract Documents shall be interpreted collectively, each part complementing the others and consistent with the Intent of the Contract Documents stated in preceding Paragraph Titled INTENT. Unless an item shown or described in the Contract Documents is specifically identified to be furnished or installed by the Owner or others or is identified as “Not In Contract” (“N.I.C.”), the Contractor’s obligation relative to that item shall be interpreted to include furnishing, assembling, installing, finishing, and/or connecting the item at the Contractor’s expense to produce a product or system that is complete, appropriately tested, and in operative condition ready for use or subsequent construction or operation of the Owner or separate contractors. The omission of words or phrases for brevity of the Contract Documents, the inadvertent omission of words or phrases, or obvious typographical or written errors shall not defeat such interpretation as long as it is reasonably inferable from the Contract Documents as a whole.

(2) Words or phrases used in the Contract Documents which have well-known technical or construction industry meanings are to be interpreted consistent with such recognized meanings unless otherwise indicated.

(3) Except as noted otherwise, references to standard specifications or publications of associations, bureaus, or organizations shall mean the latest edition of the referenced standard specification or publication as of the date of the Advertisement for Bids.

(4) In the case of inconsistency between Drawings and Specifications or within either document not clarified by addendum, the better quality or greater quantity of Work shall be provided in accordance with the Architect’s interpretation.

(5) Generally, portions of the Contract Documents written in longhand take precedence over typed portions, and typed portions take precedence over printed portions.

(6) Any doubt as to the meaning of the Contract Documents or any obscurity as to the wording of them, shall be promptly submitted in writing to the Architect for written interpretation, explanation, or clarification.

SEVERABILITY

The partial or complete invalidity of any one or more provision of this Contract shall not affect the validity or continuing force and effect of any other provision.

**ARTICLE 3
CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS**

By executing the Construction Contract the Contractor represents to the Owner:

- A.** The Contractor has visited the site of the Work to become familiar with local conditions under which the Work is to be performed and to evaluate reasonably observable conditions as compared with requirements of the Contract Documents.
- B.** The Contractor shall use its best skill and attention to perform the Work in an expeditious manner consistent with the Contract Documents.
- C.** The Contractor is an independent contractor and in performance of the Contract remains and shall act as an independent contractor having no authority to represent or obligate the Owner in any manner unless authorized by the Owner in writing.

**ARTICLE 4
SUPERVISION, SUPERINTENDENT, and EMPLOYEES**

A. SUPERVISION and CONSTRUCTION METHODS

(1) The term "Construction Methods" means the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures utilized by the Contractor in performing the Work. The Contractor is solely responsible for supervising and coordinating the performance of the Work, including the selection of Construction Methods, unless the Contract Documents give other specific instructions concerning these matters.

(2) The Contractor is solely and completely responsible for job site safety, including the protection of persons and property.

(3) The Contractor shall be responsible to the Owner for acts and omissions of not only the Contractor and its agents and employees, but all persons and entities, and their agents and employees, who are performing portions of the Work for or on behalf of the Contractor or any of its Subcontractors.

(4) The Contractor shall be responsible to inspect the in-progress and completed Work to verify its compliance with the Contract Documents and to insure that any element or portion of the Work upon which subsequent Work is to be applied or performed is in proper condition to receive the subsequent Work.

B. SUPERINTENDENT

(1) The Contractor shall employ and maintain a competent level of supervision for the performance of the Work at the Project site, including a superintendent who shall: (a) have full authority to receive instructions from the Architect or Owner and to act on those instructions and (b) be present at the Project site at all times during which Work is being performed.

(2) Before beginning performance of the Work, the Contractor shall notify the Architect in writing of the name and qualifications of its proposed superintendent so that the Owner may review the individual's qualifications. If, for reasonable cause, the Owner refuses to approve the individual, or withdraws its approval after once giving it, the Contractor shall name a different superintendent for the Owner's review and approval. Any disapproved superintendent will not perform in that capacity thereafter at the Project site.

C. EMPLOYEES

The Contractor shall permit only fit and skilled persons to perform the Work. The Contractor shall enforce safety procedures, strict discipline, and good order among persons performing the Work. The Contractor will remove from its employment on the Project any person who deliberately or persistently produces non-conforming Work or who fails or refuses to conform to reasonable rules of personal conduct contained in the Contract Documents or implemented by the Owner and delivered to the Contractor in writing during the course of the Work.

ARTICLE 5

REVIEW of CONTRACT DOCUMENTS and FIELD CONDITIONS by CONTRACTOR

A. In order to facilitate assembly and installation of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, before starting each portion of the Work, the Contractor shall examine and compare the relevant Contract Documents, and compare them to relevant field measurements made by the Contractor and any conditions at the site affecting that portion of the Work.

B. If the Contractor discovers any errors, omissions, or inconsistencies in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall promptly report them to the Architect as a written request for information that includes a detailed statement identifying the specific Drawings or Specifications that are in need of clarification and the error, omission, or inconsistency discovered in them.

(1) The Contractor shall not be expected to act as a licensed design professional and ascertain whether the Contract Documents comply with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, building codes, and rules and regulations, but the Contractor shall be obligated to promptly notify the Architect of any such noncompliance discovered by or made known to the Contractor. If the Contractor performs Work without fulfilling this notification obligation, the Contractor shall pay the resulting costs and damages that would have been avoided by such notification.

(2) The Contractor shall not be liable to the Owner for errors, omissions, or inconsistencies that may exist in the Contract Documents, or between the Contract Documents

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and conditions at the site, unless the Contractor knowingly fails to report a discovered error, omission, or inconsistency to the Architect, in which case the Contractor shall pay the resulting costs and damages that would have been avoided by such notification.

- C.** If the Contractor considers the Architect's response to a request for information to constitute a change to the Contract Documents involving additional costs and/or time, the Contractor shall follow the procedures prescribed herein.
- D.** If, with undue frequency, the Contractor requests information that is obtainable through reasonable examination and comparison of the Contract Documents, site conditions, and previous correspondence, interpretations, or clarifications, the Contractor shall be liable to the Owner for reasonable charges from the Architect for the additional services required to review, research, and respond to such requests for information.

**ARTICLE 6
SUBMITTALS**

- A.** Where required by the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall submit shop drawings, product data, samples and other information (hereinafter referred to as Submittals) to the Architect for the purpose of demonstrating the way by which the Contractor proposes to conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents. Submittals which are not required by the Contract Documents may be returned by the Architect without action.
- B.** The Contractor shall be responsible to the Owner for the accuracy of its Submittals and the conformity of its submitted information to the requirements of the Contract Documents. Each Submittal shall bear the Contractor's approval, evidencing that the Contractor has reviewed and found the information to be in compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. Submittals which are not marked as reviewed and approved by the Contractor may be returned by the Architect without action.
- C.** The Contractor shall prepare and deliver its submittals to the Architect sufficiently in advance of construction requirements and in a sequence as to cause no delay in the Work or in the activities of the Owner or of separate contractors. In coordinating the Submittal process with its construction schedule, the Contractor shall allow sufficient time to permit adequate review by the Architect.
- D.** By approving a Submittal the Contractor represents not only that the element of Work presented in the Submittal complies with the requirements of the Contract Documents, but also that the Contractor has:
 - (1)** found the layout and/or dimensions in the Submittal to be comparable with those in the Contract Documents and other relevant Submittals and has made field measurements as necessary to verify their accuracy, and

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(2) determined that products, materials, systems, equipment and/or procedures presented in the Submittal are compatible with those presented, or being presented, in other relevant Submittals and with the Contractor's intended Construction Methods.

- E. The Contractor shall not fabricate or perform any portion of the Work for which the Contract Documents require Submittals until the respective Submittals have been approved by the Architect.
- F. In the case of a resubmission, the Contractor shall direct specific attention to all revisions in a Submittal. The Architect's approval of a resubmission shall not apply to any revisions that were not brought to the Architect's attention.
- G. If the Contract Documents specify that a Submittal is to be prepared and sealed by a registered architect or licensed engineer retained by the Contractor, all drawings, calculations, specifications, and certifications of the Submittal shall bear the Alabama seal of registration and signature of the registered/licensed design professional who prepared them or under whose supervision they were prepared. The Owner and the Architect shall be entitled to rely upon the adequacy, accuracy and completeness of such a Submittal, provided that all performance and design criteria that such Submittal must satisfy are sufficiently specified in the Contract Documents. The Architect will review, approve or take other appropriate action on such a Submittal only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall not be responsible for the adequacy of the performance or design criteria specified in the Contract Documents.

H. DEVIATIONS

(1) The Architect is authorized by the Owner to approve "minor" deviations from the requirements of the Contract Documents. "Minor" deviations are defined as those which are in the interest of the Owner, do not materially alter the quality or performance of the finished Work, and do not affect the cost or time of performance of the Work. Deviations which are not "minor" may be authorized only by the Owner through the Change Order procedures.

(2) Any deviation from the requirements of the Contract Documents contained in a Submittal shall be clearly identified as a "Deviation from Contract Requirements" (or by similar language) within the Submittal and, in a letter transmitting the Submittal to the Architect, the Contractor shall direct the Architect's attention to, and request specific approval of, the deviation. Otherwise, the Architect's approval of a Submittal does not constitute approval of deviations from the requirements of the Contract Documents contained in the Submittal.

(3) The Contractor shall bear all costs and expenses of any changes to the Work, changes to work performed by the Owner or separate contractors, or additional services by the Architect required to accommodate an approved deviation unless the Contractor has specifically informed the Architect in writing of the required changes and a Change Order has been issued authorizing the deviation and accounting for such resulting changes and costs.

I. ARCHITECT'S REVIEW and APPROVAL

(1) The Architect will review the Contractor's Submittals for conformance with requirements of, and the design concept expressed in, the Contract Documents and will approve or take other appropriate action upon them. This review is not intended to verify the accuracy and completeness of details such as dimensions and quantities nor to substantiate installation instructions or performance of equipment or systems, all of which remain the responsibility of the Contractor. However, the Architect shall advise the Contractor of any errors or omissions which the Architect may detect during this review. The Architect's approval of a specific item shall not indicate approval of an assembly of which the item is a component.

(2) The Architect will review and respond to all Submittals with reasonable promptness to avoid delay in the Work or in the activities of the Owner, Contractor or separate contractors, while allowing sufficient time to permit adequate review.

(3) No corrections or changes to Submittals indicated by the Architect will be considered as authorizations to perform Extra Work. If the Contractor considers such correction or change of a Submittal to require Work which differs from the requirements of the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Architect in writing in accordance with Article, Claims for Extra Cost or Extra Work.

J. CONFORMANCE with SUBMITTALS

The Work shall be constructed in accordance with approved Submittals.

ARTICLE 7 DOCUMENTS and SAMPLES at the SITE

A. "AS ISSUED" SET

The Contractor shall maintain at the Project site, in good order, at least one copy of all Addenda, Change Orders, supplemental drawings, written directives and clarifications, and approved Submittals intact as issued, and an updated construction schedule.

B. "POSTED" SET

The Contractor shall maintain at the Project site, in good order, at least one set of the Drawings and Project Manual into which the Contractor has "posted"(incorporated) all Addenda, Change Orders, supplemental drawings, clarifications, and other information pertinent to the proper

performance of the Work. The Contractor shall assure that all sets of the Drawings and Project Manuals being used by the Contractor, Subcontractors, and suppliers are “posted” with the current information to insure that updated Contract Documents are used for performance of the Work.

C. RECORD SET

One set of the Drawings and Project Manual described in Paragraph B shall be the Contractor’s record set in which the Contractor shall record all field changes, corrections, selections, final locations, and other information as will be duplicated on the “As-built” documents. The Contractor shall record such “as-built” information in its record set as it becomes available through progress of the Work. The Contractor’s performance of this requirement shall be subject to confirmation by the Architect at any time as a prerequisite to approval of Progress Payments.

D. The documents and samples required by this Article to be maintained at the Project site shall be readily available to the Architect, Owner, and their representatives.

**ARTICLE 8
“AS-BUILT” DOCUMENTS**

A. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall deliver a set of electronic “As-built” documents, as described herein, to the Architect for submission to the Owner upon completion of the Work. Each set of “As-built” documents shall consist of a copy of the Drawings and Project Manual, in like-new condition, into which the Contractor has neatly incorporated all Addenda, Change Orders, supplemental drawings, clarifications, field changes, corrections, selections, actual locations of underground utilities, and other information as required herein or specified elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

B. The Contractor shall use the following methods for incorporating information into the “As-built” documents:

1. Drawings

(a) To the greatest extent practicable, information shall be carefully drawn and lettered, in ink, on the Drawings in the form of sketches, details, plans, notes, and dimensions as required to provide a fully dimensioned record of the Work. When required for clarity, sketches, details, or partial plans shall be drawn on supplemental sheets and bound into the Drawings and referenced on the drawing being revised.

(b) Where a revised drawing has been furnished by the Architect, the drawing of latest date shall be bound into the Drawings in the place of the superseded drawing.

(c) Where a supplemental drawing has been furnished by the Architect, the supplemental drawing shall be bound into the Drawings in an appropriate location and referred to by note added to the drawing being supplemented.

(d) Where the Architect has furnished details, partial plans, or lengthy notes of which it would be impractical for the Contractor to redraw or letter on a drawing, such information may be affixed to the appropriate drawing with transparent tape if space is available on the drawing.

(e) Any entry of information made in the Drawings that is the result of an Addendum or Change Order, shall identify the Addendum or Change Order from which it originated.

2. Project Manual

(a) A copy of all Addenda and Change Orders, excluding drawings thereof, shall be bound in the front of the Project Manual.

(b) Where a document, form, or entire specification section is revised, the latest issue shall be bound into the Project Manual in the place of the superseded issue.

(c) Where information within a specification section is revised, the deleted or revised information shall be drawn through in ink and an adjacent note added identifying the Addendum or Change Order containing the revised information.

C. Within ten days after the Date of Substantial Completion of the Work, or the last completed portion of the Work, the Contractor shall submit the “As-built” documents to the Architect for approval. If the Architect requires that any corrections be made, the documents will be returned in a reasonable time for correction and resubmission.

ARTICLE 9 PROGRESS SCHEDULE

A. The Contractor shall within fifteen days after the date of commencement stated in the Notice to Proceed, or such other time as may be provided in the Contract Documents, prepare and submit to the Architect for review and approval a practicable construction schedule informing the Architect and Owner of the order in which the Contractor plans to carry on the Work within the Contract Time. The Architect’s review and approval of the Contractor’s construction schedule shall be only for compliance with the specified format, Contract Time, and suitability for monitoring progress of the Work and shall not be construed as a representation that the Architect has analyzed the schedule to form opinions of sequences or durations of time represented in the schedule.

B. At the end of each month the Contractor shall enter the actual percentage of completion on the construction schedule submit two copies to the Architect, and attach one copy to each copy of the monthly Application for Payment. The construction schedule shall be revised to reflect any agreed extensions of the Contract Time or as required by conditions of the Work.

C. The Contractor’s construction schedule shall be used by the Contractor, Architect, and Owner to determine the adequacy of the Contractor’s progress. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining progress in accordance with the currently approved construction schedule and shall increase the number of shifts, and/or overtime operations, days of work,

and/or the amount of construction plant and equipment as may be necessary to do so. If the Contractor's progress falls materially behind the currently approved construction schedule and, in the opinion of the Architect or Owner, the Contractor is not taking sufficient steps to regain schedule, the Architect may, with the Owner's concurrence, issue a Contractor a Notice to Cure. In such a Notice to Cure the Architect may require the Contractor to submit such supplementary or revised construction schedules as may be deemed necessary to demonstrate the manner in which schedule will be regained.

**ARTICLE 10
EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, and SUBSTITUTIONS**

- A.** Every part of the Work shall be executed in a workmanlike manner in accordance with the Contract Documents and approved Submittals. All materials used in the Work shall be furnished in sufficient quantities to facilitate the proper and expeditious execution of the Work and shall be new except such materials as may be expressly provided or allowed in the Contract Documents to be otherwise.
- B.** Whenever a product, material, system, item of equipment, or service is identified in the Contract Documents by reference to a trade name, manufacturer's name, model number, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "source"), and only one or two sources are listed, or three or more sources are listed and followed by "or approved equal" or similar wording, it is intended to establish a required standard of performance, design, and quality, and the Contractor may submit, for the Architect's approval, products, materials, systems, equipment, or services of other sources which the Contractor can prove to the Architect's satisfaction are equal to, or exceed, the standard of performance, design and quality specified, unless the provisions of Paragraph D below apply. Such proposed substitutions are not to be purchased or installed without the Architect's written approval of the substitution.
- C.** If the Contract Documents identify three or more sources for a product, material, system, item of equipment or service to be used and the list of sources is not followed by "or approved equal" or similar wording, the Contractor may make substitution only after evaluation by the Architect and execution of an appropriate Contract Change Order.
- D.** If the Contract Documents identify only one source and expressly provide that it is an approved sole source for the product, material, system, item of equipment, or service, the Contractor must furnish the identified sole source.

**ARTICLE 11
SAFETY and PROTECTION of PERSONS and PROPERTY**

- A.** The Contractor shall be solely and completely responsible for conditions at the Project site, including safety of all persons (including employees) and property. The Contractor shall create, maintain, and supervise conditions and programs to facilitate and promote safe execution of the Work, and shall supervise the Work with the attention and skill required to assure its safe performance. Safety provisions shall conform to OSHA requirements and all

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other federal, state, county, and local laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations. Where any of these are in conflict, the more stringent requirement shall be followed. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed to mean that the Owner has employed the Architect nor has the Architect employed its consultants to administer, supervise, inspect, or take action regarding safety programs or conditions at the Project site.

- B.** The Contractor shall employ Construction Methods, safety precautions, and protective measures that will reasonably prevent damage, injury or loss to:
- (1) workers and other persons on the Project site and in adjacent and other areas that may be affected by the Contractor's operations;
 - (2) the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated into the Work and stored by the Contractor on or off the Project site; and
 - (3) other property on, or adjacent to, the Project site, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, utilities, and other improvements not designated in the Contract Documents to be removed, relocated, or replaced.
- C.** The Contractor shall be responsible for the prompt remedy of damage and loss to property, including the filing of appropriate insurance claims, caused in whole or in part by the fault or negligence of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, or anyone for whose acts they may be liable.
- D.** The Contractor shall comply with and give notices required by applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and lawful orders of public authorities bearing on safety and protection of persons or property, including without limitation notices to adjoining property owners of excavation or other construction activities that potentially could cause damage or injury to adjoining property or persons thereon.
- E.** The Contractor shall erect and maintain barriers, danger signs, and any other reasonable safeguards and warnings against hazards as may be required for safety and protection during performance of the Contract and shall notify owners and users of adjacent sites and utilities of conditions that may exist or arise which may jeopardize their safety.
- F.** If use or storage of explosives or other hazardous materials or equipment or unusual Construction Methods are necessary for execution of the Work, the Contractor shall exercise commensurate care and employ supervisors and workers properly qualified to perform such activity.
- G.** The Contractor shall furnish a qualified safety representative at the Project site whose duties shall include the prevention of accidents. The safety representative shall be the Contractor's superintendent, unless the Contractor assigns this duty to another responsible member of its on-site staff and notifies the Owner and Architect in writing of such assignment.
- H.** The Contractor shall not permit a load to be applied, or forces introduced, to any part of the construction or site that may cause damage to the construction or site or endanger

safety of the construction, site, or persons on or near the site.

- I.** The Contractor shall have the right to act as it deems appropriate in emergency situations jeopardizing life or property. The Contractor shall be entitled to equitable adjustment of the Contract Sum or Contract Time for its efforts expended for the sole benefit of the Owner in an Emergency.

- J.** The duty of the Architect and the Architect's consultants to visit the Project site to conduct periodic inspections of the Work or for other purposes shall not give rise to a duty to review or approve the adequacy of the Contractor's safety program, safety supervisor, or any safety measure which Contractor takes or fails to take in, on, or near the Project site.

**ARTICLE 12
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

- A.** A Hazardous Material is any substance or material identified as hazardous under any federal, state, or local law or regulation, or any other substance or material which may be considered hazardous or otherwise subject to statutory or regulatory requirements governing its handling, disposal, and/or clean-up. Existing Hazardous Materials are Hazardous Materials discovered at the Project site and not introduced to the Project site by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, or anyone for whose acts they may be liable.

- B.** If, during the performance of the Work, the Contractor encounters a suspected Existing Hazardous Material, the Contractor shall immediately stop work in the affected area, take measures appropriate to the condition to keep people away from the suspected Existing Hazardous Material, and immediately notify the Architect and Owner of the condition in writing.

- C.** The Owner shall obtain the services of an independent laboratory or professional consultant, appropriately licensed and qualified, to determine whether the suspected material is a Hazardous Material requiring abatement and, if so, to certify after its abatement that it has been rendered harmless. Any abatement of Existing Hazardous Materials will be the responsibility of the Owner. The Owner will advise the Contractor in writing of the persons or entities who will determine the nature of the suspected material and those who will, if necessary, perform the abatement. The Owner will not employ persons or entities to perform these services to whom the Contractor or Architect has reasonable objection.

- D.** After certification by the Owner's independent laboratory or professional consultant that the material is harmless or has been rendered harmless, work in the affected area shall resume upon written agreement between the Owner and Contractor. If the material is found to be an Existing Hazardous Material and the Contractor incurs additional cost or delay due to the presence and abatement of the material, the Contract Sum and/or Contract Time shall be appropriately adjusted by a Contract Change Order.

- E. The Owner shall not be responsible for Hazardous Materials introduced to the Project site by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, or anyone for whose acts they may be liable unless such Hazardous Materials were required by the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 13 INSPECTION of the WORK

A. GENERAL

(1) The Contractor is solely responsible for the Work's compliance with the Contract Documents; therefore, the Contractor shall be responsible to inspect in-progress and completed Work, and shall verify its compliance with the Contract Documents and that any element or portion of the Work upon which subsequent Work is to be applied or performed is in proper condition to receive the subsequent Work. Neither the presence nor absence of inspections by the Architect, Owner, any public authority having jurisdiction, or their representatives shall relieve the Contractor of responsibility to inspect the Work, for responsibility for Construction Methods and safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, or from any other requirement of the Contract Documents.

(2) The Architect, Owner, Director, any public authority having jurisdiction, and their representatives shall have access at all times to the Work for inspection whenever it is in preparation or progress, and the Contractor shall provide proper facilities for such access and inspection. All materials, workmanship, processes of manufacture, and methods of construction, if not otherwise stipulated in the Contract Documents, shall be subject to inspection, examination, and test at any and all places where such manufacture and/or construction are being carried on. Such inspections will not unreasonably interfere with the Contractor's operations.

(3) The Architect will inspect the Work as a representative of the Owner.

(4) The Contractor may be charged by the Owner for any extra cost of inspection incurred by the Owner or Architect on account of material and workmanship not being ready at the time of inspection set by the Contractor.

B. TYPES of INSPECTIONS

(1) **SCHEDULED INSPECTIONS and CONFERENCES.** Scheduled Inspections and Conferences are conducted by the Architect, scheduled by the Architect in coordination with the Contractor and are attended by the Contractor and applicable Subcontractors, suppliers and manufacturers. Scheduled Inspections and Conferences of this Contract include but are not limited to:

(a) **Pre-construction Conference.**

(b) **Pre-roofing Conference** (not applicable if the Contract involves no roofing work)

(c) **Final Inspection(s):** A Final Inspection shall establish that the Work, or a designated portion of the Work, is Substantially Complete and is accepted by the Architect, and Owner, as being ready for the Owner's occupancy or use. At the conclusion of this inspection, items requiring correction or completion ("punch list" items) shall be minimal and require only a short period of time for accomplishment to establish Final Acceptance of the Work. If the Work, or

designated portion of the Work, includes the installation, or modification, of a fire alarm system or other life safety systems essential to occupancy, such systems shall have been tested and appropriately certified before the final inspection.

(d) Year-end Inspection(s): An inspection of the Work, or each separately completed portion thereof, is required near the end of the Contractor's one year warranty period(s). The subsequent delivery of the Architect's report of this inspection will serve as confirmation that the Contractor was notified of Defective Work found within the warranty period.

(2) PERIODIC INSPECTIONS. Periodic Inspections are conducted throughout the course of the Work by the Architect, the Architect's consultants, and their representatives, jointly or independently, with or without advance notice to the Contractor.

(3) SPECIFIED INSPECTIONS and TESTS. Specified Inspections and Tests include inspections, tests, demonstrations, and approvals that are either specified in the Contract Documents or required by laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, or orders of public authorities having jurisdiction, to be performed by the Contractor, one of its Subcontractors, or an independent testing laboratory or firm (whether paid for by the Contractor or Owner).

C. INSPECTIONS by the ARCHITECT

(1) The Architect is not authorized to revoke, alter, relax, or waive any requirements of the Contract Documents (other than "minor" deviations and "minor" changes) to finally approve or accept any portion of the Work or to issue instructions contrary to the Contract Documents without concurrence of the Owner.

(2) The Architect will visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of the Contractor's operations and as otherwise necessary to:

(a) become generally familiar with the in-progress and completed Work and the quality of the Work,

(b) determine whether the Work is progressing in general accordance with the Contractor's schedule and is likely to be completed within the Contract Time,

(c) visually compare readily accessible elements of the Work to the requirements of the Contract Documents to determine, in general, if the Contractor's performance of the Work indicates that the Work will conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents when completed,

(d) endeavor to guard the Owner against Defective Work,

(e) review and address with the Contractor any problems in implementing the requirements of the Contract Documents that the Contractor may have encountered, and

(f) keep the Owner fully informed about the Project.

(3) The Architect shall have the authority to reject Defective Work or require its correction, but shall not be required to make exhaustive investigations or examinations of the in-progress or completed portions of the Work to expose the presence of Defective Work. However, it shall be an obligation of the Architect to report in writing, to the Owner, and Contractor any defective work recognized by the Architect.

(4) The Architect shall have the authority to require the Contractor to stop work only when, in the Architect's reasonable opinion, such stoppage is necessary to avoid Defective Work. The Architect shall not be liable to the Contractor or Owner for the consequences of any decisions made by the Architect in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise this authority.

(5) "Inspections by the Architect" includes appropriate inspections by the Architect's consultants as dictated by their respective disciplines of design and the stage of the Contractor's operations.

D. UNCOVERING WORK

(1) If the Contractor covers a portion of the Work before it is examined by the Architect and this is contrary to the Architect's request or specific requirements in the Contract Documents, then, upon written request of the Architect, the Work must be uncovered for the Architect's examination and be replaced at the Contractor's expense without change in the Contract Time.

(2) Without a prior request or specific requirement that Work be examined by the Architect before it is covered, the Architect may request that Work be uncovered for examination and the Contractor shall uncover it. If the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Contract Sum shall be equitably adjusted to compensate the Contractor for the costs of uncovering and replacement. If the Work is not in accordance with the Contract Documents, uncovering, correction, and replacement shall be at the Contractor's expense unless the condition was caused by the Owner or a separate contractor in which event the Owner shall be responsible for payment of such costs.

E. SPECIFIED INSPECTIONS and TESTS

(1) The Contractor shall schedule and coordinate Specified Inspections and Tests to be made at appropriate times so as not to delay the progress of the Work or the work of the Owner or separate contractors. If the Contract Documents require that a Specified Inspection or Test be witnessed or attended by the Architect or Architect's consultant, the Contractor shall give the Architect timely notice of the time and place of the Specified Inspection or Test. If a Specified Inspection or Test reveals that Work is not in compliance with requirements of the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall bear the costs of correction, repeating the Specified Inspection or Test, and any related costs incurred by the Owner, including reasonable charges, if any, by the Architect for additional services. Through appropriate Contract Change Order the Owner shall bear costs of tests, inspections or approvals which become Contract requirements subsequent to the receipt of bids.

(2) If the Architect, Owner, or public authority having jurisdiction determines that inspections, tests, demonstrations, or approvals in addition to Specified Inspections and Tests are required, the Contractor shall, upon written instruction from the Architect, arrange for their performance by an entity acceptable to the Owner, giving timely notice to the architect of the time and place of their performance. Related costs shall be borne by the Owner unless the procedures reveal

that Work is not in compliance with requirements of the Contract Documents, in which case the Contractor shall bear the costs of correction, repeating the procedures, and any related costs incurred by the Owner, including reasonable charges, if any, by the Architect for additional services.

(3) Unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents, required certificates of Specified Inspections and Tests shall be secured by the Contractor and promptly delivered to the Architect.

(4) Failure of any materials to pass Specified Inspections and Tests will be sufficient cause for refusal to consider any further samples of the same brand or make of that material for use in the Work.

ARTICLE 14 CORRECTION of DEFECTIVE WORK

- A.** The Contractor shall, at the Contractor's expense, promptly correct Defective Work rejected by the Architect or which otherwise becomes known to the Contractor, removing the rejected or nonconforming materials and construction from the project site.
- B.** Correction of Defective Work shall be performed in such a timely manner as will avoid delay of completion, use, or occupancy of the Work and the work of the Owner and separate contractors.
- C.** The Contractor shall bear all expenses related to the correction of Defective Work, including but not limited to: **(1)** additional testing and inspections, including repeating Specified Inspections and Tests, **(2)** reasonable services and expenses of the Architect, and **(3)** the expense of making good all work of the Contractor, Owner, or separate contractors destroyed or damaged by the correction of Defective Work.

ARTICLE 15 DEDUCTIONS for UNCORRECTED WORK

If the Owner deems it advisable and in the Owner's interest to accept Defective Work, the Owner may allow part or all of such Work to remain in place, provided an equitable deduction from the Contract Sum, acceptable to the Owner, is offered by the Contractor.

ARTICLE 16 CHANGES in the WORK

A. GENERAL

(1) The Owner may at any time direct the Contractor to make changes in the Work which are within the general scope of the Contract, including changes in the Drawings, Specifications, or other portions of the Contract Documents to add, delete, or otherwise revise portions

of the Work. The Architect is authorized by the Owner to direct “minor” changes in the Work by written order to the Contractor. “Minor” changes in the Work are defined as those which are in the interest of the Owner, do not materially alter the quality or performance of the finished Work, and do not affect the cost or time of performance of the Work. Changes in the Work which are not “minor” may be authorized only by the Owner.

(2) If the Owner directs a change in the Work, the change shall be incorporated into the Contract by a Contract Change Order prepared by the Architect and signed by the Contractor, Owner, and other signatories to the Construction Contract, stating their agreement upon the change or changes in the Work and the adjustments, if any, in the Contract Sum and the Contract Time.

(3) Subject to compliance with Alabama’s Public Works Law, the Owner may, upon agreement by the Contractor, incorporate previously unawarded bid alternates into the Contract.

(4) In the event of a claim or dispute as to the appropriate adjustment to the Contract Sum or Contract Time due to a directive to make changes in the Work, the Work shall proceed as provided in this article subject to subsequent agreement of the parties or final resolution of the dispute.

(5) Consent of surety will be obtained for all Contract Change Orders involving an increase in the Contract Sum.

(6) Changes in the Work shall be performed under applicable provisions of the Contract Documents and the Contractor shall proceed promptly to perform changes in the Work, unless otherwise directed by the Owner through the Architect.

B. DETERMINATION of ADJUSTMENT of the CONTRACT SUM

The adjustment of the Contract Sum resulting from a change in the Work shall be determined by one of the following methods, or a combination thereof, as selected by the Owner:

(1) Lump Sum. By mutual agreement to a lump sum based on or negotiated from an itemized cost proposal from the Contractor. Additions to the Contract Sum shall include the Contractor’s direct costs plus a maximum 15% markup for overhead and profit. Where subcontract work is involved the total mark-up for the Contractor and a Subcontractor shall not exceed 25%. No allowance for overhead and profit shall be figured on a change which involves a net credit to the Owner. For the purposes of this method of determining an adjustment of the Contract Sum, “overhead” shall cover the Contractor’s indirect costs of the change, such as the cost of bonds, superintendent and other job office personnel, watchman, job office, job office supplies and expenses, temporary facilities and utilities, and home office expenses.

(2) Unit Price. By application of Unit Prices included in the Contract or subsequently agreed to by the parties. However, if the character or quantity originally contemplated is materially

changed so that application of such unit price to quantities of Work proposed will cause substantial inequity to either party, the applicable unit price shall be equitably adjusted.

(3) Force Account. By directing the Contractor to proceed with the change in the Work on a “force account” basis under which the Contractor shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenditures incurred by the Contractor and its Subcontractors in performing added Work and the Owner shall receive reasonable credit for any deleted Work. The Contractor shall keep and present, in such form as the Owner may prescribe, an itemized accounting of the cost of the change together with sufficient supporting data. Unless otherwise stated in the directive, the adjustment of the Contract Sum shall be limited to the following:

- (a) costs of labor and supervision, including employee benefits, social security, retirement, unemployment and workers’ compensation insurance required by law, agreement, or under Contractor’s or Subcontractor’s standard personnel policy;
- (b) cost of materials, supplies and equipment, including cost of delivery, whether incorporated or consumed;
- (c) rental cost of machinery and equipment, not to exceed prevailing local rates if contractor owned;
- (d) costs of premiums for insurance required by the Contract Documents, permit fees, and sales, use or similar taxes related to the change in the Work;
- (e) reasonable credits to the Owner for the value of deleted Work, without Contractor or Subcontractor mark-ups; and
- (f) for additions to the Contract Sum, mark-up of the Contractor’s direct costs for overhead and profit not exceeding 15% on Contractor’s work nor exceeding 25% for Contractor and Subcontractor on a Subcontractor’s work. No allowance for overhead and profit shall be figured on a change which involves a net credit to the Owner. For the purposes of this method of determining an adjustment of the Contract Sum, “overhead” shall cover the Contractor’s indirect costs of the change, such as the cost of insurance other than mentioned above, bonds, superintendent and other job office personnel, watchman, use and rental of small tools, job office, job office supplies and expenses, temporary facilities and utilities, and home office expenses.

C. ADJUSTMENT of the CONTRACT TIME due to CHANGES

(1) Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contract Time shall be equitably adjusted for the performance of a change provided that the Contractor notifies the Architect in writing that the change will increase the time required to complete the Work. Such notice shall be provided no later than:

(a) with the Contractor's cost proposal stating the number of days of extension requested, or

(b) within ten days after the Contractor receives a directive to proceed with a change in advance of submitting a cost proposal, in which case the notice should provide an estimated number of days of extension to be requested, which may be subject to adjustment in the cost proposal.

(2) The Contract Time shall be extended only to the extent that the change affects the time required to complete the entire Work of the Contract, taking into account the concurrent performance of the changed and unchanged Work.

D. CHANGE ORDER PROCEDURES

(1) If the Owner proposes to make a change in the Work, the Architect will request that the Contractor provide a cost proposal for making the change to the Work. The request shall be in writing and shall adequately describe the proposed change using drawings, specifications, narrative, or a combination thereof. Within 21 days after receiving such a request, or such other time as may be stated in the request, the Contractor shall prepare and submit to the Architect a written proposal, properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data to facilitate evaluation. The stated time within which the Contractor must submit a proposal may be extended if, within that time, the Contractor makes a written request with reasonable justification thereof.

(2) The Contractor may voluntarily offer a change proposal which, in the Contractor's opinion, will reduce the cost of construction, maintenance, or operation or will improve the cost-effective performance of an element of the Project, in which case the Owner, through the Architect, will accept, reject, or respond otherwise within 21 days after receipt of the proposal, or such other reasonable time as the Contractor may state in the proposal.

(3) If the Contractor's proposal is acceptable to the Owner, or is negotiated to the mutual agreement of the Contractor and Owner, the Architect will prepare an appropriate Contract Change Order for execution. Upon receipt of the fully executed Contract Change Order, the Contractor shall proceed with the change.

(4) In advance of delivery of a fully executed Contract Change Order, the Architect may furnish to the Contractor a written authorization to proceed with an agreed change. However, such an authorization shall be effective only if it:

- (a) identifies the Contractor's accepted or negotiated proposal for the change,
- (b) states the agreed adjustments, if any, in Contract Sum and Contract Time,
- (c) states that funds are available to pay for the change, and
- (d) is signed by the Owner.

(5) If the Contractor and Owner cannot agree on the amount of the adjustment in the Contract Sum for a change, the Owner, through the Architect, may order the Contractor to proceed with the change on a Force Account basis, but the net cost to the Owner

shall not exceed the amount quoted in the Contractor's proposal. Such order shall state that funds are available to pay for the change.

(6) If the Contractor does not promptly respond to a request for a proposal, or the Owner determines that the change is essential to the final product of the Work and that the change must be effected immediately to avoid delay of the Project, the Owner may:

- (a)** determine with the Contractor a sufficient maximum amount to be authorized for the change and
- (b)** direct the Contractor to proceed with the change on a Force Account basis pending delivery of the Contractor's proposal, stating the maximum increase in the Contract Sum that is authorized for the change.

(7) Pending agreement of the parties or final resolution of any dispute of the total amount due the Contractor for a change in the Work, amounts not in dispute for such changes in the Work may be included in Applications for Payment accompanied by an interim Change Order indicating the parties' agreement with part of all of such costs or time extension. Once a dispute is resolved, it shall be implemented by preparation and execution of an appropriate Change Order.

ARTICLE 17

CLAIMS for EXTRA COST or EXTRA WORK

- A.** If the Contractor considers any instructions by the Architect, Owner, or public authority having jurisdiction to be contrary to the requirements of the Contract Documents and will involve extra work and/or cost under the Contract, the Contractor shall give the Architect written notice thereof within ten days after receipt of such instructions, and in any event before proceeding to execute such work. As used in this Article, "instructions" shall include written or oral clarifications, directions, instructions, interpretations, or determinations.
- B.** The Contractor's notification pursuant to Paragraph 17A shall state: **(1)** the date, circumstances, and source of the instructions, **(2)** that the Contractor considers the instructions to constitute a change to the Contract Documents and why, and **(3)** an estimate of extra cost and time that may be involved to the extent an estimate may be reasonably made at that time.
- C.** Except for claims relating to an emergency endangering life or property, no claim for extra cost or extra work shall be considered in the absence of prior notice required under Paragraph 17.A.
- D.** Within ten days of receipt of a notice pursuant to Paragraph 17.A, the Architect will respond in writing to the Contractor, stating one of the following:
 - (1)** The cited instruction is rescinded.
 - (2)** The cited instruction is a change in the Work and in which manner the Contractor is

- to proceed with procedures for Changes in the Work.
- (3) The cited instruction is reconfirmed, is not considered by the Architect to be a change in the Contract Documents, and the Contractor is to proceed with Work as instructed.
- E. If the Architect's response to the Contractor is as in Paragraph 17.D(3), the Contractor shall proceed with the Work as instructed. If the Contractor continues to consider the instructions to constitute a change in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall, within ten days after receiving the Architect's response, notify the Architect in writing that the Contractor intends to submit a claim pursuant to, Resolution of Claims and Disputes

ARTICLE 18 DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS

A. DEFINITION

“Differing Site Conditions” are:

(1) subsurface or otherwise concealed physical conditions at the Project site which differ materially from those indicated in the Contract Documents, or

(2) unknown physical conditions at the Project site which are of an unusual nature, differing materially from conditions ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in construction activities of the character required by the Contract Documents.

B. PROCEDURES

If Differing Site Conditions are encountered, then the party discovering the condition shall promptly notify the other party before the condition is disturbed and in no event later than ten days after discovering the condition. Upon such notice and verification that a Differing Site Condition exists, the Architect will, with reasonable promptness and with the Owner's concurrence, make changes in the Drawings and/or Specifications as are deemed necessary to conform to the Differing Site Condition. Any increase or decrease in the Contract Sum or Contract Time that is warranted by the changes will be made as provided under Changes in the Work. If the Architect determines a Differing Site Condition has not been encountered, the Architect shall notify the Owner and Contractor in writing, stating the reason for that determination.

ARTICLE 19 CLAIMS for DAMAGES

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

**ARTICLE 20
DELAYS**

- A.** A delay beyond the Contractor's control at any time in the commencement or progress of Work by an act or omission of the Owner, Architect, or any separate contractor or by labor disputes, unusual delay in deliveries, unavoidable casualties, fires, abnormal floods, tornadoes, or other cataclysmic events of nature, may entitle the Contractor to an extension of the Contract Time provided, however, that the Contractor shall, within ten days after the delay first occurs, give written notice to the Architect of the cause of the delay and its probable effect on progress of the entire Work.
- B.** Adverse weather conditions that are more severe than anticipated for the locality of the Work during any given month may entitle the Contractor to an extension of Contract Time provided, however;
- (1) the weather conditions had an adverse effect on construction scheduled to be performed during the period in which the adverse weather occurred, which in reasonable sequence would have an effect on completion of the entire Work,
- (2) the Contractor shall, within twenty-one days after the end of the month in which the delay occurs, give the Architect written notice of the delay that occurred during that month and its probable effect on progress of the Work, and
- (3) within a reasonable time after giving notice of the delay, the Contractor provides the Architect with sufficient data to document that the weather conditions experienced were unusually severe for the locality of the Work during the month in question. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, data documenting unusually severe weather conditions shall compare actual weather conditions to the average weather conditions for the month in question during the previous five years as recorded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) or similar record-keeping entities.
- C.** Adjustments, if any, of the Contract Time pursuant to this Article shall be incorporated into the Contract by a Contract Change Order prepared by the Architect and signed by the Contractor, Owner, and other signatories to the Construction Contract or, at closeout of the Contract, by mutual written agreement between the Contractor and Owner. The adjustment of the Contract Time shall not exceed the extent to which the delay extends the time required to complete the entire Work of the Contract.
- D.** The Contractor shall not be entitled to any adjustment of the Contract Sum for damage due to delays claimed pursuant to this Article.

**ARTICLE 21
OWNER'S RIGHT to CORRECT DEFECTIVE WORK**

If the Contractor fails or refuses to correct Defective Work in a timely manner that will avoid delay of completion, use, or occupancy of the Work or work by the Owner or separate contractors, the Architect may give the Contractor written Notice to Cure the Defective Work within a reasonable, stated time. If within ten days after receipt of the Notice to Cure the Contractor has not proceeded and satisfactorily continued to cure the Defective Work or provided the Architect with written verification that satisfactory positive action is in process to cure the Defective Work, the Owner may, without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Owner, correct the Defective Work and deduct the actual cost of the correction from payment then or thereafter due to the Contractor.

**ARTICLE 22
PROGRESS PAYMENTS**

A. FREQUENCY of PROGRESS PAYMENTS

Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Owner will make payments to the Contractor as the Work progresses based on monthly estimates prepared and certified by the Contractor, approved and certified by the Architect, and approved by the Owner and other authorities whose approval is required.

B. SCHEDULE of VALUES

Within ten days after receiving the Notice to Proceed the Contractor shall submit to the Architect a Schedule of Values, which is a breakdown of the Contract Sum showing the value of the various parts of the Work for billing purposes. The Schedule of Values shall be prepared on 8 1/2" x 11" paper in a format that is acceptable to the Architect and Owner and shall divide the Contract Sum into as many parts ("line items") as the Architect and Owner determine necessary to permit evaluation and to show amounts attributable to Subcontractors. The Contractor's overhead and profit are to be proportionately distributed throughout the line items of the Schedule of Values. Upon approval, the Schedule of Values shall be used as a basis for monthly Applications for Payment, unless it is later found to be in error. Approved change order amounts shall be added to or incorporated into the Schedule of Values as mutually agreed by the Contractor and Architect.

A. APPLICATIONS for PAYMENTS

(1) Based on the approved Schedule of Values, each monthly Application for Payment shall show the Contractor's estimate of the value of Work performed in each line item as of the end of the billing period. The Contractor's cost of materials and equipment not yet incorporated into the Work, but delivered and suitably stored on the site, may be considered in monthly Applications for Payment.

(2) The Contractor's estimate of the value of Work performed and stored materials must represent such reasonableness as to warrant certification by the Architect to the Owner in accordance with Article 23. Each monthly Application for Payment shall be supported by such data as will substantiate the Contractor's right to payment, including without limitation copies of requisitions from subcontractors and material suppliers.

(3) If no other date is stated in the Contract Documents or agreed upon by the parties, each monthly Application for Payment shall be submitted to the Architect on or about the first day of each month and payment shall be issued to the Contractor within thirty days after an Application for Payment is Certified pursuant to Article 23 and delivered to the Owner.

D. MATERIALS STORED OFF SITE

Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor's cost of materials and equipment to be incorporated into the Work, which are stored off the site, may also be considered in monthly Applications for Payment under the following conditions:

(1) the contractor has received written approval from the Architect and Owner to store the materials or equipment off site in advance of delivering the materials to the off site location;

(2) a Certificate of Insurance is furnished to the Architect evidencing that a special insurance policy, or rider to an existing policy, has been obtained by the Contractor providing all-risk property insurance coverage, specifically naming the materials or equipment stored, and naming the Owner as an additionally insured party;

(3) the Architect is provided with a detailed inventory of the stored materials or equipment and the materials or equipment are clearly marked in correlation to the inventory to facilitate inspection and verification of the presence of the materials or equipment by the Architect or Owner;

(4) the materials or equipment are properly and safely stored in a bonded warehouse, or a facility otherwise approved in advance by the Architect and Owner; and

(5) compliance by the Contractor with procedures satisfactory to the Owner to establish the Owner's title to such materials and equipment or otherwise protect the Owner's interest.

C. RETAINAGE

(1) "Retainage" is defined as the money earned and, therefore, belonging to the Contractor (subject to final settlement of the Contract) which has been retained by the Owner conditioned on final completion and acceptance of all Work required by the Contract Documents. Retainage shall not be relied upon by Contractor (or Surety) to cover or off-set unearned monies attributable to uncompleted or uncorrected Work.

(2) In making progress payments the Owner shall retain five percent of the estimated value of Work performed and the value of the materials stored for the Work; but after retainage has been held upon fifty percent of the Contract Sum, no additional retainage will be withheld.

D. CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION

(1) Each Application for Payment shall bear the Contractor's notarized certification that, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, information, and belief, the Work covered by the Application for Payment has been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents, that all amounts have been paid by the Contractor for Work for which previous Certificates for Payments were issued and payments received from the Owner and that the current payment shown in the Application for Payment has not yet been received.

(2) By making this certification the Contractor represents to the Architect and Owner that, upon receipt of previous progress payments from the Owner, the Contractor has promptly paid each Subcontractor, in accordance with the terms of its agreement with the Subcontractor, the amount due the Subcontractor from the amount included in the progress payment on account of the Subcontractor's Work and stored materials. The Architect and Owner may advise Subcontractors and suppliers regarding percentages of completion or amounts requested and/or approved in an Application for Payment on account of the Subcontractor's Work and stored materials.

E. PAYMENT ESTABLISHES OWNERSHIP

All material and Work covered by progress payments shall become the sole property of the Owner, but the Contractor shall not be relieved from the sole responsibility for the care and protection of material and Work upon which payments have been made and for the restoration of any damaged material and Work.

**ARTICLE 23
CERTIFICATION and APPROVALS for PAYMENT**

- A.** The Architect's review, approval, and certification of Applications for Payment shall be based on the Architect's general knowledge of the Work obtained through site visits and the information provided by the Contractor with the Application. The Architect shall not be required to perform exhaustive examinations, evaluations, or estimates of the cost of completed or uncompleted Work or stored materials to verify the accuracy of amounts requested by the Contractor, but the Architect shall have the authority to adjust the Contractor's estimate when, in the Architect's reasonable opinion, such estimates are overstated or understated.

- B.** Within seven days after receiving the Contractor's monthly Application for Payment, or such other time as may be stated in the Contract Documents, the Architect will take one of the following actions:

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(1) The Architect will approve and certify the Application as submitted and forward it as a Certification for Payment for approval by the Owner (and other approving authorities, if any) and payment.

(2) If the Architect takes exception to any amounts claimed by the Contractor and the Contractor and Architect cannot agree on revised amounts, the Architect will promptly issue a Certificate for Payment for the amount for which the Architect is able to certify to the Owner, transmitting a copy of same to the Contractor.

(3) To the extent the Architect determines may be necessary to protect the Owner from loss on account of any of the causes stated in Article 24, the Architect may subtract from the Contractor's estimates and will issue a Certificate for Payment to the Owner, with a copy to the Contractor, for such amount as the Architect determines is properly due and notify the Contractor and Owner in writing of the Architect's reasons for withholding payment in whole or in part.

C. Neither the Architect's issuance of a Certificate for Payment nor the Owner's resulting progress payment shall be a representation to the Contractor that the Work in progress or completed at that time is accepted or deemed to be in conformance with the Contract Documents.

D. The Architect shall not be required to determine that the Contractor has promptly or fully paid Subcontractors and suppliers or how or for what purpose the Contractor has used monies paid under the Construction Contract. However, the Architect may, upon request and if practical, inform any Subcontractor or supplier of the amount, or percentage of completion, approved or paid to the Contractor on account of the materials supplied or the Work performed by the Subcontractor.

**ARTICLE 24
PAYMENTS WITHHELD**

A. The Architect may nullify or revise a previously issued Certificate for Payment prior to Owner's payment thereunder to the extent as may be necessary in the Architect's opinion to protect the Owner from loss on account of any of the following causes not discovered or fully accounted for at the time of the certification or approval of the Application for Payment:

(1) Defective Work;

(2) filed, or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of, claims arising out of the Contract by other parties against the Contractor;

(3) the Contractor's failure to pay for labor, materials or equipment or to pay Subcontractors;

(4) reasonable evidence that the Work cannot be completed for the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum;

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(5) damage suffered by the Owner or another contractor caused by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, or anyone for whose acts they may be liable;

(6) reasonable evidence that the Work will not be completed within the Contract Time, and that the unpaid balance is insufficient to cover applicable liquidated damages; or

(7) the Contractor's persistent failure to conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents.

B. If the Owner deems it necessary to withhold payment pursuant to preceding Paragraph A, the Owner will notify the Contractor and Architect in writing of the amount to be withheld and the reason for same.

C. The Architect shall not be required to withhold payment for completed or partially completed Work for which compliance with the Contract Documents remains to be determined by Specified Inspections or Final Inspections to be performed in their proper sequence. However, if Work for which payment has been approved, certified, or made under an Application for Payment is subsequently determined to be Defective Work, the Architect shall determine an appropriate amount that will protect the Owner's interest against the Defective Work.

(1) If payment has not been made against the Application for Payment first including the Defective Work, the Architect will notify the Owner and Contractor of the amount to be withheld from the payment until the Defective Work is brought into compliance with the Contract Documents.

(2) If payment has been made against the Application for Payment first including the Defective Work, the Architect will withhold the appropriate amount from the next Application for Payment submitted after the determination of noncompliance, such amount to then be withheld until the Defective Work is brought into compliance with the Contract Documents.

D. The amount withheld will be paid with the next Application for Payment certified and approved after the condition for which the Owner has withheld payment is removed or otherwise resolved to the Owner's satisfaction.

E. The Owner shall have the right to withhold from payments due the Contractor under this Contract an amount equal to any amount which the Contractor owes the Owner under another contract.

**ARTICLE 25
SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION**

A. Substantial Completion is the stage in the progress of the Work when the Work or designated portion of the Work is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so that the Owner can occupy or utilize the Work for its intended use without disruption or interference by the Contractor in completing or correcting any remaining unfinished Work ("punch list" items).

Substantial Completion of the Work, or a designated portion of the Work, is not achieved until so agreed in a Certificate of Substantial Completion signed by the Contractor, Architect, and Owner.

- B.** The Contractor shall notify the Architect in writing when it considers the Work, or a portion of the Work which the Owner has agreed to accept separately, to be substantially complete and ready for a Final Inspection. In this notification the Contractor shall identify any items remaining to be completed or corrected for Final Acceptance prior to final payment.

- C.** Substantial Completion is achieved and a Final Inspection is appropriate only when a minimal number of punch list items exists and only a short period of time will be required to correct or complete them. Upon receipt of the Contractor's notice for a Final Inspection, the Architect will advise the Contractor in writing of any conditions of the Work which the Architect or Owner is aware do not constitute Substantial Completion, otherwise, a Final Inspection will proceed within a reasonable time after the Contractor's notice is given. However, the Architect will not be required to prepare lengthy listings of punch list items; therefore, if the Final Inspection discloses that Substantial Completion has not been achieved, the Architect may discontinue or suspend the inspection until the Contractor does achieve Substantial Completion.

D. CERTIFICATE of SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

(1) When the Work or a designated portion of the Work is substantially complete, the Architect will prepare and sign a Certificate of Substantial Completion to be signed in order by the Contractor, and Owner.

(2) When signed by all parties, the Certificate of Substantial Completion shall establish the Date of Substantial Completion which is the date upon which:

(a) the Work, or designated portion of the Work, is accepted by the Architect, and Owner as being ready for occupancy,

(b) the Contractor's one-year and special warranties for the Work covered by the Certificate commence, unless stated otherwise in the Certificate (the one-year warranty for punch list items completed or corrected after the period allowed in the Certificate shall commence on the date of their Final Acceptance) , and

(c) Owner becomes responsible for building security, maintenance, utility services, and insurance, unless stated otherwise in the Certificate.

(3) The Certificate of Substantial Completion shall set the time within which the Contractor shall finish all items on the "punch list" accompanying the Certificate. The completion of punch list items shall be a condition precedent to Final Payment.

(4) If the Work or designated portion covered by a Certificate of Substantial Completion includes roofing work, the General Contractor's (5-year) Roofing Guarantee, ABC Form C-9, must be executed by the Contractor and attached to the Certificate of Substantial Completion. If the Contract Documents specify any other roofing warranties to be provided by the roofing manufacturer, Subcontractor, or Contractor, they must also be attached to the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

- E.** The Date of Substantial Completion of the Work, as set in the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Work or of the last completed portion of the Work, establishes the extent to which the Contractor is liable for Liquidated Damages, if any; however, should the Contractor fail to complete all punch list items within thirty days, or such other time as may be stated in the respective Certificate of Substantial Completion, the Contractor shall bear any expenses, including additional Architectural services and expenses, incurred by the Owner as a result of such failure to complete punch list items in a timely manner.

**ARTICLE 26
OCCUPANCY or USE PRIOR to COMPLETION**

A. UPON SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

Prior to completion of the entire Work, the Owner may occupy or begin utilizing any designated portion of the Work on the agreed Date of Substantial Completion of that portion of the Work.

B. BEFORE SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

(1) The Owner shall not occupy or utilize any portion of the Work before Substantial Completion of that portion has been achieved.

(2) The Owner may deliver furniture and equipment and store, or install it in place ready for occupancy and use, in any designated portion of the Work before it is substantially completed under the following conditions:

- (a)** The Owner's storage or installation of furniture and equipment will not unreasonably disrupt or interfere with the Contractor's completion of the designated portion of the Work.
- (b)** The Contractor consents to the Owner's planned action (such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld).
- (c)** The Owner shall be responsible for insurance coverage of the Owner's furniture and equipment, and the Contractor's liability shall not be increased.
- (d)** The Contractor, Architect, and Owner will jointly inspect and record the condition of the Work in the area before the Owner delivers and stores or installs furniture and equipment; the Owner will equitably compensate the Contractor for making any repairs to the Work that may subsequently be required due to the Owner's delivery and storage or installation of furniture and equipment.
- (e)** The Owner's delivery and storage or installation of furniture and equipment shall not be deemed an acceptance of any Work not completed in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

**ARTICLE 27
FINAL PAYMENT**

A. PREREQUISITES to FINAL PAYMENT

The following conditions are prerequisites to Final Payment becoming due the Contractor:

- (1)** Full execution of a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Work, or each designated portion of the Work

(2) Final Acceptance of the Work.

(3) The Contractor's completion, to the satisfaction of the Architect and Owner, of all documentary requirements of the Contract Documents; such as delivery of "as-built" documents, operating and maintenance manuals, warranties, etc.

(4) Delivery to the Owner of a final Application for Payment, prepared by the Contractor and approved and certified by the Architect.

(5) Completion of an Advertisement for Completion pursuant to Paragraph C below.

(6) Delivery by the Contractor to the Owner through the Architect of a Release of Claims and such other documents as may be required by Owner, satisfactory in form to the Owner pursuant to Paragraph D below.

(7) Consent of Surety, if any, to Final Payment to Contractor.

(8) Delivery by the Contractor to the Architect and Owner of other documents, if any, required by the Contract Documents as prerequisites to Final Payment.

B. FINAL ACCEPTANCE of the WORK

"Final Acceptance of the Work" shall be achieved when all "punch list" items recorded with the Certificate(s) of Substantial Completion are accounted for by their completion or correction by the Contractor and acceptance by the Architect, and Owner

C. ADVERTISEMENT for COMPLETION

If the Contract Sum is more than \$100,000: the CONTRACTOR immediately after the completion of the contract shall give notice in writing to the OWNER. The OWNER, upon completion and acceptance by OWNER of the work, shall give notice of completion of the PROJECT by advertising and publishing on the OWNER website. The publication and advertisement shall be posted for three consecutive weeks. Final settlement shall not be made upon the contract until the expiration of 30 days after the completion of the notice.

D. RELEASE of CLAIMS

The Release of Claims and other documents referenced in Paragraph A(6) above are as follows:

(1) A release executed by Contractor of all claims and claims of lien against the Owner arising under and by virtue of the Contract, other than such claims of the Contractor, if any, as may have been previously made in writing and as may be specifically excepted by the Contractor from the operation of the release in stated amounts to be set forth therein

(2) An affidavit under oath, if required, stating that so far as the Contractor has knowledge or information, there are no claims or claims of lien which have been or will

be filed by any Subcontractor, Supplier or other party for labor or material for which a claim or claim of lien could be filed.

(3) A release, if required, of all claims and claims of lien made by any Subcontractor, Supplier or other party against the Owner or unpaid Contract funds held by the Owner arising under or related to the Work on the Project; provided, however, that if any Subcontractor, Supplier or others refuse to furnish a release of such claims or claims of lien, the Contractor may furnish a bond executed by Contractor and its Surety to the Owner to provide an unconditional obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Owner against any loss, cost or expense, including attorney's fees, arising out of or as a result of such claims, or claims of lien, in which event Owner may make Final Payment notwithstanding such claims or claims of lien. If Contractor and Surety fail to fulfill their obligations to Owner under the bond, the Owner shall be entitled to recover damages as a result of such failure, including all costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred to recover such damages.

E.EFFECT of FINAL PAYMENT

(1) The making of Final Payment shall constitute a waiver of Claims by the Owner except those arising from:

- (a)** liens, claims, security interests or encumbrances arising out of the Contract and unsettled;
- (b)** failure of the Work to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents;
- (c)** terms of warranties or indemnities required by the Contract Documents, or
- (d)** latent defects.

(2) Acceptance of Final Payment by the Contractor shall constitute a waiver of claims by Contractor except those previously made in writing, identified by Contractor as unsettled at the time of final Application for Payment, and specifically excepted from the release provided for in Paragraph D(1), above.

ARTICLE 28 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY

A. GENERAL WARRANTY

The Contractor warrants to the Owner and Architect that all materials and equipment furnished under the Contract will be of good quality and new, except such materials as may be expressly provided or allowed in the Contract Documents to be otherwise, and that none of the Work will be Defective Work.

B. ONE-YEAR WARRANTY

(1) If, within one year after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or each

designated portion of the Work (or otherwise as agreed upon in a mutually-executed Certificate of Substantial Completion), any of the Work is found to be Defective Work, the Contractor shall promptly upon receipt of written notice from the Owner or Architect, and without expense to either, replace or correct the Defective Work to conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents, and repair all damage to the site, the building and its contents which is the result of Defective Work or its replacement or correction.

(2) The one-year warranty for punch list items shall begin on the Date of Substantial Completion if they are completed or corrected within the time period allowed in the Certificate of Substantial Completion in which they are recorded. The one-year warranty for punch list items that are not completed or corrected within the time period allowed in the Certificate of Substantial Completion, and other Work performed after Substantial Completion, shall begin on the date of Final Acceptance of the Work. The Contractor's correction of Work pursuant to this warranty does not extend the period of the warranty. The Contractor's one-year warranty does not apply to defects or damages due to improper or insufficient maintenance, improper operation, or wear and tear during normal usage.

(3) Upon recognizing a condition of Defective Work, the Owner shall promptly notify the Contractor of the condition. If the condition is causing damage to the building, its contents, equipment, or site, the Owner shall take reasonable actions to mitigate the damage or its continuation, if practical. If the Contractor fails to proceed promptly to comply with the terms of the warranty, or to provide the Owner with satisfactory written verification that positive action is in process, the Owner may have the Defective Work replaced or corrected and the Contractor and the Contractor's Surety shall be liable for all expense incurred.

(4) Year-end Inspection(s): An inspection of the Work, or each separately completed portion thereof, is required near the end of the Contractor's one-year warranty period(s). The subsequent delivery of the Architect's report of a Year-end Inspection will serve as

confirmation that the Contractor was notified of Defective Work found within the warranty period.

(5) The Contractor's warranty of one year is in addition to, and not a limitation of, any other remedy stated herein or available to the Owner under applicable law.

C. GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S ROOFING GUARANTEE

(1) In addition to any other roof related warranties or guarantees that may be specified in the Contract Documents, the roof and associated work shall be guaranteed by the General Contractor against leaks and defects of materials and workmanship for a period of two (2) years, starting on the Date of Substantial Completion of the Project as stated in the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

This guarantee for punch list items shall begin on the Date of Substantial Completion if they are completed or corrected within the time period allowed in the Certificate of

Substantial Completion in which they are recorded. The guarantee for punch list items that are not completed or corrected within the time period allowed in the Certificate of Substantial Completion shall begin on the date of Final Acceptance of the Work.

(2) The “General Contractor’s Roofing Guarantee” (ABC Form C-9), included in the Project Manual, shall be executed in triplicate, signed by the appropriate party and submitted to the Architect for submission with the Certificate of Substantial Completion to the Owner.

(3) This guarantee does not include costs which might be incurred by the General Contractor in making visits to the site requested by the Owner regarding roof problems that are due to lack of proper maintenance (keeping roof drains and/or gutters clear of debris that cause a stoppage of drainage which results in water ponding, overflowing of flashing, etc.), or damages caused by vandalism or misuse of roof areas. Should the contractor be required to return to the job to correct problems of this nature that are determined not to be related to faulty workmanship and materials in the installation of the roof, payment for actions taken by the Contractor in response to such request will be the responsibility of the Owner. A detailed written report shall be made by the General Contractor on each of these ‘Service Calls’ with copies to the Architect, and Owner

D. SPECIAL WARRANTIES

(1) The Contractor shall deliver to the Owner through the Architect all special or extended warranties required by the Contract Documents from the Contractor, Subcontractors, and suppliers.

(2) The Contractor and the Contractor’s Surety shall be liable to the Owner for such special warranties during the Contractor’s two-year warranty; thereafter, the Contractor’s obligations relative to such special warranties shall be to provide reasonable assistance to the Owner in their enforcement.

E. ASSUMPTION of GUARANTEES of OTHERS

If the Contractor disturbs, alters, or damages any work guaranteed under a separate contract, thereby voiding the guarantee of that work, the Contractor shall restore the work to a condition satisfactory to the Owner and shall also guarantee it to the same extent that it was guaranteed under the separate contract.

ARTICLE 29

CONTRACTOR’S and SUBCONTRACTORS’ INSURANCE

A. GENERAL

(1) **RESPONSIBILITY.** The Contractor shall be responsible to the Owner from the time of the signing of the Construction Contract or from the beginning of the first work, whichever shall be earlier, for all injury or damage of any kind resulting from any

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negligent act or omission or breach, failure or other default regarding the work by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of who may be the owner of the property.

(2) INSURANCE PROVIDERS. Each of the insurance coverages required below shall be issued by an insurer licensed by the Insurance Commissioner to transact the business of insurance in the State of Alabama for the applicable line of insurance, and such insurer (or, for qualified self-insureds or group self-insureds, a specific excess insurer providing statutory limits) must have a Best Policyholders Rating of "A-" or better and a financial size rating of Class V or larger.

(3) NOTIFICATION ENDORSEMENT. Each policy shall be endorsed to provide that the insurance company agrees that the policy shall not be canceled, changed, allowed to lapse or allowed to expire for any reason until thirty days after the Owner has received written notice by certified mail as evidenced by return receipt or until such time as other insurance coverage providing protection equal to protection called for in the Contract Documents shall have been received, accepted and acknowledged by the Owner. Such notice shall be valid only as to the Project as shall have been designated by Project Name and Number in said notice.

(4) INSURANCE CERTIFICATES. The Contractor shall procure the insurance coverages identified below, or as otherwise required in the Contract Documents, at the Contractor's own expense, and to evidence that such insurance coverages are in effect, the Contractor shall furnish the Owner an insurance certificate(s) acceptable to the Owner and listing the Owner as the certificate holder. The insurance certificate(s) must be delivered to the Owner with the Construction Contract and Bonds for final approval and execution of the Construction Contract.

The insurance certificate must provide the following:

- (a) Name and address of authorized agent of the insurance company
- (b) Name and address of insured
- (c) Name of insurance company or companies

- (d) Description of policies
- (e) Policy Number(s)
- (f) Policy Period(s)
- (g) Limits of liability
- (h) Name and address of Owner as certificate holder
- (i) Project Name and Number, if any
- (j) Signature of authorized agent of the insurance company
- (k) Telephone number of authorized agent of the insurance company
- (l) Mandatory thirty day notice of cancellation / non-renewal / change

B. INSURANCE COVERAGES

Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall purchase the types of insurance coverages with liability limits not less than as follows:

(1) WORKERS' COMPENSATION and EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE

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(a) Workers' Compensation coverage shall be provided in accordance with the statutory coverage required in Alabama. A group insurer must submit a certificate of authority from the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations approving the group insurance plan. A self-insurer must submit a certificate from the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations stating the Contractor qualifies to pay its own workers' compensation claims.

(b) Employer's Liability Insurance limits shall be at least:

1. Bodily Injury by Accident - \$1,000,000 each accident
2. Bodily Injury by Disease - \$1,000,000 each employee

(2) COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

(a) Commercial General Liability Insurance, written on an ISO Occurrence Form (current edition as of the date of Advertisement for Bids) or equivalent, shall include, but need not be limited to, coverage for bodily injury and property damage arising from premises and operations liability, products and completed operations liability, blasting and explosion, collapse of structures, underground damage, personal injury liability and contractual liability. The Commercial General Liability Insurance shall provide at minimum the following limits:

Coverage	Limit
1. General Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000.00 per Project
2. Products, Completed Operations Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000.00 per Project
3. Personal and Advertising Injury	\$ 1,000,000.00 per Occurrence
4. Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000.00

(b) Additional Requirements for Commercial General Liability Insurance:

1. The policy shall name the Owner, Architect, and their agents, consultants and employees as additional insureds, state that this coverage shall be primary insurance for the additional insureds; and contain no exclusions of the additional insureds relative to job accidents.
2. The policy must include separate per project aggregate limits.

Indemnity:

The Contractor shall assume all liability for and shall indemnify and save harmless the Shelby County Commission, its officers, agents, and employees, and their successors and assigns, and their consultants and employees from all damages and liability for injury to any person or persons, and injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, by reason of an accident or occurrence arising from operations under the Contract, whether such operations be by himself or by any Subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, occurring on or about the premises or the ways and means immediately adjacent, during the term of the Contract, or any extension thereof, and shall also assume the liability for injury and/or damages to adjacent or neighboring property by reason of work done under this Contract.

The insurance shall extend to and include all of the Contractor's operations, regardless

of whether they may be in connection with work that is temporary, permanent, or classified as “extra work”.

(3) COMMERCIAL BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

(a) Commercial Business Automobile Liability Insurance which shall include coverage for bodily injury and property damage arising from the operation of any owned, non-owned or hired automobile. The Commercial Business Automobile Liability Insurance Policy shall provide not less than \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limits for each occurrence.

(b) The employees as additional insureds.

(4) COMMERCIAL UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE

(a) Commercial Umbrella Liability Insurance to provide excess coverage above the Commercial General Liability, Commercial Business Automobile Liability and the Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability to satisfy the minimum limits set forth herein.

(b) Minimum Combined Primary Commercial General Liability and Commercial/Excess

Umbrella Limits of:

1. \$ 5,000,000 per Occurrence
2. \$ 5,000,000 Aggregate

(c) Additional Requirements for Commercial Umbrella Liability Insurance:

1. The policy shall name the Owner, Architect, and their agents, consultants, and employees as additional insureds.
2. The policy must be on an "occurrence" basis.

(5) BUILDER’S RISK INSURANCE

(a) The Builder’s Risk Policy shall be made payable to the Owner and Contractor, as their interests may appear. The policy amount shall be equal to 100% of the

Contract Sum, written on a Causes of Loss - Special Form (current edition as of the date of Advertisement for Bids), or its equivalent. All deductibles shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

(b) The policy shall be endorsed as follows:

“The following may occur without diminishing, changing, altering or otherwise affecting the coverage and protection afforded the insured under this policy:

- (i) Furniture and equipment may be delivered to the insured premises and installed in place ready for use; or
- (ii) Partial or complete occupancy by Owner; or
- (iii) Performance of work in connection with construction operations insured by the Owner, by agents or lessees or other contractors of the Owner, or by contractors of the lessee of the Owner.”

C. SUBCONTRACTORS’ INSURANCE

(1) WORKERS' COMPENSATION and EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE.

The Contractor shall require each Subcontractor to obtain and maintain Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance coverages as described in preceding Paragraph B, or to be covered by the Contractor's Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance while performing Work under the Contract.

(2) LIABILITY INSURANCE. The Contractor shall require each Subcontractor to obtain and maintain adequate General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Umbrella Liability Insurance coverages similar to those described in preceding Paragraph B. Such coverage shall be in effect at all times that a Subcontractor is performing Work under the Contract.

(3) ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY. The Contractor shall have responsibility to enforce its Subcontractors' compliance with these or similar insurance requirements; however, the Contractor shall, upon request, provide the Architect or Owner acceptable evidence of insurance for any Subcontractor.

D. TERMINATION of OBLIGATION to INSURE

Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract Documents, the obligation to insure as provided herein shall continue as follows:

(1) BUILDER'S RISK INSURANCE. The obligation to insure under Subparagraph B(5) shall remain in effect until the Date of Substantial Completion as shall be established in the Certificate of Substantial Completion. In the event that multiple Certificates of Substantial Completion covering designated portions of the Work are issued, Builder's Risk coverage shall remain in effect until the Date of Substantial Completion as shall be established in the last issued Certificate of Substantial Completion.

(2) PRODUCTS and COMPLETED OPERATIONS. The obligation to carry Products and Completed Operations coverage specified under Subparagraph B(2) shall remain in effect for two years after the Date(s) of Substantial Completion.

(3) ALL OTHER INSURANCE. The obligation to carry other insurance coverages specified under Subparagraphs B(1) through B(4) and Paragraph C shall remain in effect after the Date(s) of Substantial Completion until such time as all Work required by the Contract Documents is completed. Equal or similar insurance coverages shall remain in effect if, after completion of the Work, the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, returns to the Project to perform warranty or maintenance work pursuant to the terms of the Contract Documents.

E. WAIVERS of SUBROGATION

The Owner and Contractor waive all rights against (1) each other and any of their subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, agents and employees, each of the other, and (2) the Architect, Architect's consultants, separate contractors performing construction or operations related to the Project, if any, and any of their subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, agents and employees, for damages caused by fire or other causes of loss to the extent covered by builder's risk insurance or other property insurance applicable to the Work or to other property located within or adjacent to the Project, except such rights as they may have to proceeds of such insurance held by the Owner or Contractor as fiduciary. The Owner or Contractor, as appropriate, shall require of the Architect, Architect's consultants, separate contractors, if any, and the subcontractor, sub-subcontractors, suppliers, agents and employees of any of them, by appropriate agreements, written where legally required for validity, similar waivers each in favor of other parties enumerated herein. The Policies shall provide such waivers of subrogation by endorsement or otherwise. A waiver of subrogation shall be effective as to the person or entity even though that person or entity would otherwise have a duty of indemnification, contractual or otherwise, did not pay the insurance premium directly or indirectly, and whether or not the person or entity had an insurable interest in the property damaged. The waivers provided for in this paragraph shall survive final acceptance and continue to apply to insured losses to the Work or other property on or adjacent to the Project.

**ARTICLE 30
PERFORMANCE and PAYMENT BONDS**

A. GENERAL

Upon signing and returning the Construction Contract to the Owner for final approval and execution, the Contractor shall, at the Contractor's expense, furnish to the Owner a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in a penal sum equal to 100% of the Contract Sum. Each bond shall be on the form contained in the Project Manual, shall be executed by a surety company (Surety) acceptable to the Owner and duly authorized

and qualified to make such bonds in the State of Alabama in the required amounts, shall be countersigned by an authorized, Alabama resident agent of the Surety who is qualified to execute such instruments, and shall have attached thereto a power of attorney of the signing official. The provisions of this Article are not applicable to this Contract if the Contract Sum is less than \$50,000, unless bonds are required for this Contract in the Supplemental General Conditions.

B. PERFORMANCE BOND

Through the Performance Bond, the Surety's obligation to the Owner shall be to assure the prompt and faithful performance of the Contract and Contract Change Orders. The Penal Sum shall remain equal to the Contract Sum as the Contract Sum is adjusted by Contract Change Orders. In case of default on the part of the Contractor, the Surety shall take charge of and complete the Work in accordance with the terms of the Performance Bond. Any reasonable expenses incurred by the Owner as a result of

default on the part of the Contractor, including architectural, engineering, administrative, and legal services, shall be recoverable under the Performance Bond.

C. PAYMENT BOND

Through the Payment Bond the Surety's obligation to the Owner shall be to guarantee that the contractor and its Subcontractors shall promptly make payment to all persons supplying labor, materials, or supplies for, or in, the prosecution of the Work, including the payment of reasonable attorneys fees incurred by successful claimants or plaintiffs in civil actions on the Bond. Any person or entity indicating that they have a claim of nonpayment under the Bond shall, upon written request, be promptly furnished a certified copy of the Bond and Construction Contract by the Contractor, Architect, Owner or whomever is recipient of the request.

D. CHANGE ORDERS

The Penal Sum shall remain equal to the Contract Sum as the Contract Sum is adjusted by Contract Change Orders. All Contract Change Orders involving an increase in the Contract Sum will require consent of Surety by endorsement of the Contract Change Order form. The Surety waives notification of any Contract Change Orders involving only extension of the Contract Time.

E. EXPIRATION

The obligations of the Contractor's performance bond surety shall be coextensive with the contractor's performance obligations under the Contract Documents; provided.

**ARTICLE 31
ASSIGNMENT**

The Contractor shall not assign the Contract or sublet it as a whole nor assign any moneys due or to become due to the Contractor thereunder without the previous written consent of the Owner (and of the Surety, in the case of a bonded Construction Contract). As prescribed by the Public Works Law, the Contract shall in no event be assigned to an unsuccessful bidder for the Contract whose bid was rejected because the bidder was not a responsible or responsive bidder.

**ARTICLE 32
CONSTRUCTION by OWNER or SEPARATE CONTRACTORS**

A. OWNER'S RESERVATION of RIGHT

- (1) The Owner reserves the right to self-perform, or to award separate contracts for, other portions of the Project and other Project related construction and operations on the site. The contractual conditions of such separate contracts shall be substantially similar to those of this Contract, including insurance requirements and the provisions of this Article
- (2) When separate contracts are awarded, the term "Contractor" in the separate Contract Documents shall mean the Contractor who executes the respective Construction Contract.

B. COORDINATION

Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Owner shall be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Owner's forces and separate contractors with the Work of the Contractor. The Contractor shall cooperate with the Owner and separate contractors, shall participate in reviewing and comparing their construction schedules relative to that of the Contractor when directed to do so, and shall make and adhere to any revisions to the construction schedule resulting from a joint review and mutual agreement.

C. CONDITIONS APPLICABLE to WORK PERFORMED by OWNER

Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, when the Owner self-performs construction or operations related to the Project, the Owner shall be subject to the same obligations to Contractor as Contractor would have to a separate contractor under the provision of this Article 32.

D. MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY

(1) The Contractor shall reasonably accommodate the required introduction and storage of materials and equipment and performance of activities by the Owner and separate contractors and shall connect and coordinate the Contractor's Work with theirs as required by the Contract Documents.

(2) By proceeding with an element or portion of the Work that is applied to or performed on construction by the Owner or a separate contractor, or which relies upon their operations, the Contractor accepts the condition of such construction or operations as being suitable for the Contractor's Work, except for conditions that are not reasonably discoverable by the Contractor. If the Contractor discovers any condition in such construction or operations that is not suitable for the proper performance of the Work, the Contractor shall not proceed, but shall instead promptly notify the Architect in writing of the condition discovered.

(3) The Contractor shall reimburse the Owner for any costs incurred by a separate contractor and payable by the Owner because of acts or omissions of the Contractor. Likewise, the Owner shall be responsible to the Contractor for any costs incurred by the Contractor because of the acts or omissions of a separate contractor.

(4) The Contractor shall not cut or otherwise alter construction by the Owner or a separate contractor without the written consent of the Owner and separate contractor;

such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Likewise, the Contractor shall not unreasonably withhold its consent allowing the Owner or a separate contractor to cut or otherwise alter the Work.

(5) The Contractor shall promptly remedy any damage caused by the Contractor to the construction or property of the Owner or separate contractors.

**ARTICLE 33
SUBCONTRACTS**

A. AWARD of SUBCONTRACTS and OTHER CONTRACTS for PORTIONS of the WORK

(1) Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, when delivering the executed Construction Contract, bonds, and evidence of insurance to the Architect, the Contractor shall also submit a listing of Subcontractors proposed for each principal portion of the Work and fabricators or suppliers proposed for furnishing materials or

equipment fabricated to the design of the Contract Documents. This listing shall be in addition to any naming of Subcontractors, fabricators, or suppliers that may have been required in the bid process. The Architect will promptly reply to the Contractor in writing stating whether or not the Owner, after due investigation, has reasonable objection to any Subcontractor, fabricator, or supplier proposed by the Contractor. The issuance of the Notice to Proceed in the absence of such objection by the Owner shall constitute notice that no reasonable objection to them is made.

(2) The Contractor shall not contract with a proposed Subcontractor, fabricator, or supplier to whom the Owner has made reasonable and timely objection. Except in accordance with prequalification procedures as may be contained in the Contract Documents, through specified qualifications, or on the grounds of reasonable objection, the Owner may not restrict the Contractor's selection of Subcontractors, fabricators, or suppliers.

(3) Upon the Owner's reasonable objection to a proposed Subcontractor, fabricator, or supplier, the Contractor shall promptly propose another to whom the Owner has no reasonable objection. If the proposed Subcontractor, fabricator, or supplier to whom the Owner made reasonable objection was reasonably capable of performing the Work, the Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be equitably adjusted by Contract Change Order for any resulting difference if the Contractor has acted promptly and responsively in this procedure.

(4) The Contractor shall not change previously selected Subcontractors, fabricators, or suppliers without notifying the Architect and Owner in writing of proposed substitute Subcontractors, fabricators, or suppliers. If the Owner does not make a reasonable objection to a proposed substitute within three working days, the substitute shall be deemed approved.

B. SUBCONTRACTUAL RELATIONS

(1) The Contractor agrees to bind every Subcontractor and material supplier (and require every Subcontractor to so bind its subcontractors and material suppliers) to all the provisions of the Contract Documents as they apply to the Subcontractor's and material supplier's portion of the Work.

(2) Nothing contained in the Contract Documents shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any Subcontractor and the Owner, nor to create a duty of the Architect, or Owner, to resolve disputes between or among the Contractor or its Subcontractors and suppliers or any other duty to such Subcontractors or suppliers.

ARCHITECT'S STATUS

- A.** The Architect is an independent contractor performing, with respect to this Contract, pursuant to an agreement executed between the Owner and the Architect. The Architect has prepared the Drawings and Specifications and assembled the Contract Document and is, therefore, charged with their interpretation and clarification as described in the Contract Documents. As a representative of the Owner, the Architect will endeavor to guard the Owner against variances from the requirements of the Contract Documents by the Contractor. On behalf of the Owner, the Architect will administer the Contract as described in the Contract Documents during construction

and the Contractor's one-year warranty.

- B.** So as to maintain continuity in administration of the Contract and performance of the Work, and to facilitate complete documentation of the project record, all communications between the Contractor and Owner regarding matters of or related to the Contract shall be directed through the Architect, unless direct communication is otherwise required to provide a legal notification. Unless otherwise authorized by the Architect, communications by and with the Architect's consultants shall be through the Architect. Unless otherwise authorized by the Contractor, communications by and with Subcontractors and material suppliers shall be through the Contractor.

C. ARCHITECT'S AUTHORITY

Subject to other provisions of the Contract Documents, the following summarizes some of the authority vested in the Architect by the Owner with respect to the Construction Contract and as further described or conditioned in other Articles of these General Conditions of the Contract.

(1) The Architect is authorized to:

- (a) approve "minor" deviations as defined in Article 9, Submittals,
- (b) make "minor" changes in the Work as defined in Article 19, Changes in the Work,
- (c) reject or require the correction of Defective Work,
- (d) require the Contractor to stop the performance of Defective Work,
- (e) adjust an Application for Payment by the Contractor pursuant to Article 30, Certification and Approval of payments, and
- (f) issue Notices to Cure.

(2) The Architect is not authorized to:

- (a) revoke, alter, relax, or waive any requirements of the Contract Documents (other than "minor" deviations and changes) without concurrence of the Owner,
- (b) finally approve or accept any portion of the Work without concurrence of the Owner,
- (c) issue instructions contrary to the Contract Documents,
- (d) issue Notice of Termination or otherwise terminate the Contract, or
- (e) require the Contractor to stop the Work except only to avoid the performance of Defective Work.

D. LIMITATIONS of RESPONSIBILITIES

(1) The Architect shall not be responsible to Contractors or to others for supervising or coordinating the performance of the Work or for the Construction Methods or safety of the Work, unless the Contract Documents give other specific instructions concerning these matters.

(2) The Architect will not be responsible to the Contractor (nor the Owner) for the Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents or for acts or omissions of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, or anyone for whose acts they may be liable. However, the Architect will report to the Owner and Contractor any Defective Work recognized by the Architect.

(3) The Architect will endeavor to secure faithful performance by Owner and Contractor, and the Architect will not show partiality to either or be liable to either for results of interpretations or decisions rendered in good faith.

E. ARCHITECT'S DECISIONS

Decisions by the Architect shall be in writing. The Architect's decisions on matters relating to aesthetic effect will be final and binding if consistent with the intent expressed in the Contract Documents. The Architect's decisions regarding disputes arising between the Contractor and Owner shall be advisory.

**ARTICLE 35
CASH ALLOWANCES**

- A.** All allowances stated in the Contract Documents shall be included in the Contract Sum. Items covered by allowances shall be supplied by the Contractor as directed by the Architect or Owner and the Contractor shall afford the Owner the economy of obtaining competitive pricing from responsible bidders for allowance items unless other purchasing procedures are specified in the Contract Documents.
- B.** Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents:
- (1) allowances shall cover the cost to the Contractor of materials and equipment delivered to the Project site and all applicable taxes, less applicable trade discounts;
 - (2) the Contractor's costs for unloading, storing, protecting, and handling at the site, labor, installation, overhead, profit and other expenses related to materials or equipment covered by an allowance shall be included in the Contract Sum but not in the allowances;
 - (3) if required, the Contract Sum shall be adjusted by Change Order to reflect the actual costs of an allowance.
- C.** Any selections of materials or equipment required of the Architect or Owner under an allowance shall be made in sufficient time to avoid delay of the Work.

**ARTICLE 36
PERMITS, LAWS, and REGULATIONS**

A. PERMITS, FEES AND NOTICES

- (1) Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall

secure and pay for the building permit and other permits and governmental fees, licenses, and inspections necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work which are customarily secured after award of the Construction Contract and which are in effect on the date of receipt of bids.

- (2) The Contractor shall comply with and give notices required by all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities applicable to performance of the Work.

B. TAXES

Unless stated otherwise in the Contract Documents, materials incorporated into the Work are exempt from sales and use tax pursuant to Section 40-9-33, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall be responsible for complying with rules and regulations of the Sales, Use, & Business Tax Division of the Alabama Department of Revenue regarding

certificates and other qualifications necessary to claim such exemption when making qualifying purchases from vendors. The Contractor shall pay all applicable taxes that are not covered by the exemption of Section 40-9-33 and which are imposed as of the date of receipt of bids, including those imposed as of the date of receipt of bids but scheduled to go into effect after that date.

C. COMPENSATION for INCREASES

The Contractor shall be compensated for additional costs incurred because of increases in tax rates imposed after the date of receipt of bids.

ARTICLE 37

ROYALTIES, PATENTS, and COPYRIGHTS

The Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, Architect, Architect's consultants and their agents, employees, and consultants from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of, related to, or resulting from all suits or claims for infringement of any patent rights or copyrights arising out of the inclusion of any patented or copyrighted materials, methods, or systems selected by the Contractor and used during the execution of or incorporated into the Work. This indemnification does not apply to any suits or claims of infringement of any patent rights or copyrights arising out of any patented or copyrighted materials, methods, or systems specified in the Contract Documents. However, if the Contractor has information that a specified material, method, or system is or may constitute an infringement of a patent or copyright, the Contractor shall be responsible for any resulting loss unless such information is promptly furnished to the Architect.

ARTICLE 38

USE of the SITE

- A. The Contractor shall confine its operations at the Project site to areas permitted by the Owner and by law, ordinances, permits and the Contract Documents and shall not **SHELBY**

unreasonably encumber the site with materials, equipment, employees' vehicles, or debris. The Contractor's operations at the site shall be restricted to the sole purpose of constructing the Work, use of the site as a staging, assembly, or storage area for other business which the Contractor may undertake shall not be permitted.

- B. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, temporary facilities, such as storage sheds, shops, and offices may be erected on the Project site with the approval of the Architect and Owner. Such temporary buildings and/or utilities shall remain the property of the Contractor, and be removed at the Contractor's expense upon completion of the Work, unless the Owner authorizes their abandonment without removal.

ARTICLE 39

CUTTING and PATCHING

- A. The Contractor shall be responsible for all cutting, fitting, or patching that may be required to execute the Work to the results indicated in the Contract Documents or to make its parts fit together properly.
- B. Any cutting, patching, or excavation by the Contractor shall be supervised and performed in a manner that will not endanger persons nor damage or endanger the Work or any fully or partially completed construction of the Owner or separate contractors.

ARTICLE 40
IN-PROGRESS and FINAL CLEANUP

A. IN-PROGRESS CLEAN-UP

(1) The Contractor shall at all times during the progress of the Work keep the premises and surrounding area free from rubbish, scrap materials and debris resulting from the Work. Trash and combustible materials shall not be allowed to accumulate inside buildings or elsewhere on the premises. At no time shall any rubbish be thrown from window openings. Burning of trash and debris on site is not permitted.

(2) The Contractor shall make provisions to minimize and confine dust and debris resulting from construction activities.

B. FINAL CLEAN-UP

(1) Before Substantial Completion or Final Acceptance is achieved, the Contractor shall have removed from the Owner's property all construction equipment, tools, and machinery; temporary structures and/or utilities including the foundations thereof (except such as the Owner permits in writing to remain); rubbish, debris, and waste materials; and all surplus materials, leaving the site clean and true to line and grade, and the Work in a safe and clean condition, ready for use and operation.

(2) In addition to the above, and unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall be responsible for the following special cleaning for all trades as the Work is completed:

(a) Cleaning of all painted, enameled, stained, or baked enamel work: Removal of all marks, stains, finger prints and splatters from such surfaces.

(b) Cleaning of all glass: Cleaning and removing of all stickers, labels, stains, and paint from all glass, and the washing and polishing of same on interior and exterior.

(c) Cleaning or polishing of all hardware: Cleaning and polishing of all hardware.

(d) Cleaning all tile, floor finish of all kinds: Removal of all splatters, stains, paint, dirt, and dust, the washing and polishing of all floors as recommended by the manufacturer or required by the Architect.

(e) Cleaning of all manufactured articles, materials, fixtures, appliances, and equipment: Removal of all stickers, rust stains, labels, and temporary covers, and cleaning and conditioning of all manufactured articles, material, fixtures, appliances, and electrical, heating, and air conditioning equipment as recommended or directed by the manufacturers, unless otherwise required by the Architect; blowing out or flushing out of all foreign matter from all equipment, piping, tanks, pumps, fans, motors, devices, switches, panels, fixtures, boilers, sanitizing potable water systems; and freeing identification plates on all equipment of excess paint and the polishing thereof.

C. OWNER'S RIGHT to CLEAN-UP

If the Contractor fails to comply with these clean-up requirements and then fails to comply with a written directive by the Architect to clean-up the premises within a specified time, the Architect or Owner may implement appropriate clean-up measures and the cost thereof shall be deducted from any amounts due or to become due the Contractor

**ARTICLE 41
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

- A.** Time is the essence of the Contract. Any delay in the completion of the Work required by the Contract Documents may cause inconvenience to the public and loss and damage to the Owner including but not limited to interest and additional administrative, architectural, inspection and supervision charges. By executing the Construction Contract, the Contractor agrees that the Contract Time is sufficient for the achievement of Substantial Completion.
- B.** The Contract Documents may provide in the Construction Contract or elsewhere for a certain dollar amount for which the Contractor and its Surety (if any) will be liable to the Owner as liquidated damages for each calendar day after expiration of the Contract Time that the Contractor fails to achieve Substantial Completion of the Work. If such daily liquidated damages are provided for, Owner and Contractor, and its Surety, agree that such amount is reasonable and agree to be bound thereby.
- C.** The amount of liquidated damages due under either paragraph B or C, above, may be deducted by the Owner from the moneys otherwise due the Contractor in the Final Payment, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages sustained, or the amount may be recovered from Contractor or its Surety. If part of the Work is substantially completed within the Contract Time and part is not, the stated charge for liquidated damages shall be equitably prorated to that portion of the Work that the Contractor fails to substantially complete within the Contract Time. It is mutually understood and agreed between the parties hereto that such amount is reasonable as liquidated damages.

END OF SECTION

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1.1 SECURITY DOCUMENTS

Bidders may obtain Bid Documents from the Shelby County Facilities & General Services office located at 280 McDow Road, Columbiana, AL 35051 (telephone 205/670-6461). Electronic copies can be requested by emailing rlecroy@shelbyal.com.

1.2 BID FORM

- A. In order to receive consideration, make all bids in strict accordance with the following:
1. Make bids upon the forms provided therefore, properly executed and with all items filled out.
 2. Do not change the wording of the Bid Form, and do not alter the Bid Form.
 3. Unauthorized conditions, limitations, or provisions attached to the proposal shall be cause for rejection of the proposal.
 4. Telegraphic bid or telegraphic modification of bid will not be considered.
 5. Bids received after the time specified for receiving them will not be considered.
 6. Late bids will be returned to the sender unopened.
 7. Each bid shall be addressed to the Owner, and shall be delivered to the Owner at the address given in the Invitation to Bid on or before the day and hour set for receiving bids.
 8. Each bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Work, the name of the Bidder and address, Bidder's State of Alabama general contractors license number, classification of license, limits of classification, expiration date, and the date and hour of the bid opening.
 9. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to see that his bid is received on time.

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Bidders are cautioned that, in order to be considered responsive, a complete bid for the project, including unit prices and any specified allowances, must be submitted. A bid for less or with exceptions or clarifications will not be considered responsive.

1.3 BONDS

A. BID BONDS

1. A Certified Check or Bid Bond for the lessor of five percent (5%) of the base bid amount or \$10,000 made payable to Shelby County Commission must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.
2. All Bid Bonds shall be on the standard form provided.
3. The Successful Bidder's bond will be retained until he has signed the Contract and furnished the required Labor and Materials Payment and Performance Bond.
4. The Owner reserves the right to retain the bond of the two next lowest Bidders until the lowest Bidder enters into contract or until 60 days after the Bid Opening, whichever is shorter.
5. All other Bid Bonds will be returned as soon as practicable, and in accordance with Alabama State Law.
6. If any bidder refuses to enter into a Contract, the Owner will retain his Bid Bond as liquidated damages, but not as a penalty.

B. OTHER BONDS

1. Prior to signing the Contract, the Owner will require the successful bidder to secure and post a Performance Bond in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract Sum, Labor and Materials Payment Bond in the amount of 50 percent of the Contract Sum.

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2. All such bonds shall be issued by Surety acceptable to the Owner. Include the costs of all such bonds in the proposed Contract Sum.

1.4 PRIOR TO BID

- A. Examination of Drawings, Project Manual and Site of Work:
 1. **Before submitting a Bid, each Bidder shall carefully examine the Drawings, read the Bid Documents, and visit the site of the Work.**
 2. Each Bidder shall fully inform himself prior to bidding as to all existing conditions and limitations under which the Work is to be performed, and he shall include in his Bid a sum to cover all costs of all items necessary to perform the Work as set forth in the proposed Bid Documents.
 3. Allowance will not be made to any Bidder because of lack of such examination or knowledge of the existing conditions.
 4. The submission of a Bid will be construed as conclusive evidence that the Bidder has made such examination.
- B. Interpretation of Bid Documents Prior to Bidding
 1. If any person contemplating submitting a Bid for construction of the Work is in doubt as to the true meaning of any part of the proposed Bid Documents, or finds discrepancies in or omissions from any part of the proposed Bid Documents, he may submit to the Owner a written request via email to rlecroy@shelbyal.com or interpretation thereof not later than three days before Bids are specified to be received.
 - a. The person submitting the request shall be responsible for its prompt delivery.

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- b. Interpretation or correction of proposed Bid Documents will be made only by Addendum and will be mailed, faxed, or delivered to each bidder of record. Each Addendum will have a location for acknowledgement of receipt and understanding of its contents. **Bids will not be considered complete if a signature of an officer of the bidding party does not appear thereon.**
- c. The Owner will not be responsible for any other explanations or interpretations of the proposed Bid Documents.

1.5 BIDS

A. Withdrawal of Bids

- 1. Any Bidder may withdraw his Bid, either personally or by written request, if received by the Owner at any time prior to scheduled time for opening bids.
- 2. Bidder cannot withdraw his Bid for a period of 60 days after the date set for receiving thereof.
- 3. Each Bid shall be subject to acceptance by the Owner during this period.

B. Award or Rejection of Bids

- 1. **The Contract, if awarded will be awarded to the responsive low Bidder who proposes the lowest Contract Sum on the basis of the Base Bid plus approved alternates**, subject to the Owner's right to reject any or all Bids and waive informality and irregularity in the Bids and in the bidding.

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- C. Proof of Competency of Bidder
 - 1. At the time of bid, bidder must furnish a list of previous projects successfully completed. The list provided must include specific contacts and telephone numbers for each project. All projects must meet the requirements listed in Section 1010.
 - 2. Any Bidder may be required to furnish additional evidence satisfactory to the Owner that he and his proposed Subcontractors have sufficient experience in the types of work called for to assure completion of the Contract in a satisfactory manner and that their current project workload will not limit their capability.

1.6 EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

- A. Public Works Contract.
- B. The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded by the Owner shall, within 10 days after Notice of Award and receipt of Agreement forms from the Owner, sign and deliver to the Owner all required copies of the Contract.
- C. The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded by the Owner shall receive five (5) sets of Construction documents. Any sets needed beyond the initial five sets may be purchased from the Owner.
- D. At or prior to the delivery of the signed Agreement, the Contractor shall deliver to the Owner the Labor and Materials Payment Bond, the Performance Bond, and the policies of insurance or Insurance Certificates as required by the Bid Documents.
- E. All bonds and policies of insurance must be approved by the Owner before the successful Bidder can proceed with the Work.

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- F. Failure or refusal to furnish bonds or insurance policies or certificates in a form satisfactory to the Owner and in a timely manner, shall subject the Bidder to loss of time from the allowable construction period equal to the time of delay in furnishing the required material.

1.7 CONTRACT TIMES

- A. Up to 180 days shall be allowed from the date the contract is signed by both parties to the time the Notice to proceed is issued to allow for procurement of project materials. After the Notice to Proceed is issued the time of performance specified in the project documents shall begin. Contractor agrees that the work will be substantially complete within 30 working days from the date of the Notice to Proceed.

- B. If the Contractor is delayed, hindered or impeded at any time in the progress of the Work for any reason or by any alleged act or neglect of the Owner, or the Architect, or by any employee of any of them or by a separate Contractor employed by the Owner, or by changes ordered in the scope of the Work, or by other causes beyond the Contractor's control, then the Contract Time may be extended by Change Order for such reasonable time as is agreed to by the Owner. However, to the fullest extent permitted by law, and notwithstanding any other provisions in the Contract Documents, and whether contemplated or not, and whether or not arising by active interference by the Owner and his agents and employees shall not be liable for any damages for delay whether for direct or indirect costs, extended home office overhead, idle

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or inefficient labor or equipment, cost escalations, or monetary claims of any nature arising from or attributable to delay by any cause whatsoever. The Contractor's sole and exclusive right and remedy for delay by any cause whatsoever is an extension of the Contract Time but no increase in the Contract Sum.

- C. No delay, interference, hindrance or disruption, from whatever source or cause, in the progress of the Contractor's Work shall be a basis for an extension of time unless the delay, interference, hindrance or disruption is (1) without the fault and not the responsibility of the Contractor, its subcontractors and suppliers and (2) directly affects the overall completion of the Work as reflected on the critical path of the updated Construction Schedule.
- D. The Contractor expressly agrees that the Owner shall have the benefit of any float in the construction schedule and delay to construction activities which do not affect the overall completion of the Work does not entitle the Contractor to any extension in the Contract Time.
- E. Time Extension for Unusually Severe Weather:

This provision specifies the procedure for determination of time extensions for unusually severe weather. In order for the Owner to award a time extension under this clause, the following conditions must be satisfied.

1. The weather experienced at the project site during the contract period must be found to be unusually severe, that is, more severe than the adverse weather anticipated for the project location during any given month.
2. The unusually severe weather must actually cause a delay to the completion of the project. The delay must be

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beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of
the contractor

1.8 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Should the Contractor fail to substantially complete the work within the specified time, an assessment of \$500 per day shall be applied as damages and not as a penalty.

1.9 COORDINATION

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to schedule and coordinate any required testing.

End of Section 00100

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INVITATION TO BID

Project: Almont Park Community Storm Room Project

Owner: Shelby County Commission

Sealed bids for the **ALMONT PARK COMMUNITY STORM ROOM PROJECT** will be received by the Shelby County Commission in the Chief Financial Officer's Office located at 200 West College Street, Room 125, Columbiana, AL 35051 until 2:00 p.m. on December 10, 2024 and at the time will be opened, and publicly read.

The owner requires the Project to be complete within the number of working days days indicated on the base bid and awarded alternates as shown on the project specifications. (See detail on construction time periods in Section 00-1020.)

All interested bidders may obtain copies of the Construction Documents upon receipt of a \$20.00 non-refundable payment. Checks should be made payable to the Shelby County Commission. Interested bidders may obtain Bid Documents from the Shelby County Department of Facilities & General Services office located at 280 McDow Road, Columbiana, Alabama 35051. Electronic copies of bid documents may be obtained at no cost by sending a request to rlecroy@shelbyal.com. Contact Gina LeCroy at rlecroy@shelbyal.com regarding any questions.

Bidders will be required to provide Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond or cashier's check in the amount of a sum no less than five (5) percent of the Bid Price.

Refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00201 – Instructions to Bidders

Submit your Bid on the Bid Form provided.

Your Bid will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of sixty (60) days after submission.

The attention of bidders is called to the provisions of State Law Governing General Contractors, as set forth in Sections 34-8-1 to 34-8-24, inclusive, Code of Alabama of 1975, as amended; and the provisions of said law shall govern bidders insofar as it is applicable.

The above-mentioned provisions of the Code make it illegal for the Owner to consider a bid from anyone who is not properly licensed under such code provisions. The Owner, therefore will not consider any bid unless the bidder produces evidence that he is licensed. Neither will the Owner enter into a Contract with a foreign corporation which is not qualified under State Law to do business in the State of Alabama.

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The attention of non-resident bidders is called to the provisions of Alabama Law, Section 39-3-5, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, relating to preference to be given to resident contractors in Alabama over non-resident contractors in the award of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of domicile of the non-resident contractor, and to the requirements that the bid documents tendered by any non-resident contractor must be accompanied by “a written opinion of an attorney-at-law licensed to practice law in such non-resident contractor’s state of domicile as to the preference, if any or none, granted by the law of the state to its own business entities whose principal places of business are in that state in the letting of any or all public contracts.”

All bidders must comply with the President’s Executive Order Number 11246 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. All bidders must comply with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act and the Contract Work hours Act. The attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

This project must meet any and all AIS Buy American Guidelines.

This project is subject to all other Federal Requirements for Federally Funded Projects:

- 1) Buy American Preference (49 USC § 50101)
- 2) Trade Restriction Certification (49 USC § 50104, 49 CFR part 30)
- 3) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (49 CFR part 26)
- 4) Procurement of Recovered Materials (2 CFR § 200.322, 40 CFR part 247, Solid Waste Disposal Act)
- 5) Debarment and Suspension (2 CFR part 180 (Subpart C), 2 CFR part 1200, DOT Order 4200.5)
- 6) Lobbying and Influencing Federal Employees. (31 USC § 1352, 2 CFR part 200 Appendix II(J), 49 CFR part 20 Appendix A)

Contractor awarded the project will be required to register in SAM (System for Award Management, www.sam.gov). Registration in SAM is required to participate in Federal funding programs. Information on registering for SAM can be found at <https://www.e-verify.gov/e-verify-user-manual>.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS

Bidding contractor will be required to provide evidence of E-Verify documentation and Section 84 business license.

IMMIGRATION LAW

By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

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OPEN TRADE

By signing this contract, vendor agrees that it is not currently engaged in, nor will it engage in, any boycott of a person or entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which the State of Alabama can enjoy open trade.

Please provide your bid response in triplicate, one original and two copies. Envelope must be sealed with Contractor Name, Contractor's License Number, Project Name, Bid Date and Time listed in the bottom left hand corner.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids.

Chad Scroggins
County Manager

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BID REQUIREMENTS**

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BID REQUIREMENTS

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

The Contractor shall provide certification of required coverage to the Owner. Certification shall provide Owner with **10 days Notice of Cancellation**. Required insurance shall not be written for less than the following limits, or greater if required by law. Additional named insured shall be the Shelby County Commission, its officers, agents, and employees, successors or assigns.

Contractor's Liability Insurance:

1. Worker's Compensation
 - a. State Statutory
 - b. Applicable Federal..... Statutory
 - c. Employer's Liability.....\$500,000
 - d. Benefits required by Union labor.....as applicable
 - e. Voluntary Compensation \$100,000
 - f. Broad Form all States Endorsement

2. Comprehensive General Liability (including Premises - Operations; Independent Contractor's Protective; Products and Completed Operations; Broad Form Property Damage; Contractual Liability; Personal Injury; all as combined single limits):
 - a. Bodily Injury/Property Damage, each occurrence.....\$1,000,000
 - b. Products/Completed Operations annual aggregate.....\$2,000,000

Products and Completed Operations Insurance shall be maintained for 3 years after the work has been completed; Property Damage liability insurance will provide X, C, or U coverage as applicable; Fellow employee Suits to be included.

3. Comprehensive Automobile Liability (owner, non-owned, hired): Combined single limits for bodily injury and property damage:
 - a. Bodily Injury/Property Damage, each occurrence.....\$1,000,000

Indemnity:

The Contractor shall assume all liability for and shall indemnify and save harmless the Shelby County Commission, its officers, agents, and employees, and their successors and assigns, and their consultants and employees from all damages and liability for injury to any person or persons, and injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, by reason of an accident or occurrence arising from operations under the Contract, whether such operations be by himself or by any Subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, occurring on or about the premises or the ways and means immediately adjacent, during the term of the Contract, or any extension thereof, and shall also assume the liability for injury and/or damages to adjacent or neighboring property by reason of work done under this Contract.

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BID REQUIREMENTS**

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The insurance shall extend to and include all of the Contractor's operations, regardless of whether they may be in connection with work that is temporary, permanent, or classified as "extra work".

NOTICE OF COMPLETION:

The CONTRACTOR immediately after the completion of the contract shall give notice in writing to the COUNTY. The COUNTY, upon completion and acceptance by COUNTY of the work, shall give notice of completion of the PROJECT by advertising and publishing on the COUNTY website. The publication and advertisement shall be posted for three consecutive weeks. Final settlement shall not be made upon the contract until the expiration of 30 days after the completion of the notice.

END OF BID REQUIREMENTS

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Bids shall be submitted in triplicate.

DATE: _____

TO: Mr. Chad Scroggins
Shelby County Commission
200 West College Street
Columbiana, AL 35051

Bidding Contractor

1. Pursuant to and in compliance with the Invitation to Bid and the proposed Contract Documents relating to the construction of:

**Almont Park Community Safe Room Project
Shelby County**

Including Addenda _____

The undersigned, having become thoroughly familiar with the terms and conditions of the proposed Contract Documents and with local conditions affecting the performance and costs of the Work at the place where the Work is to be completed, and having fully inspected the site in all particulars, hereby proposes and agrees to fully perform the Work within the time stated and in strict accordance with the proposed Contract Documents, including furnishing any and all labor and materials, and to do all work required to construct and complete said Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, for the following sum of money:

Total Base Bid Amount - _____

Deductive Alternate Amount _____
(Description: Reduce the capacity of the required shelter by half)

Total Base Bid less Deductive Alternate #1 _____

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2. I understand that Shelby County reserves the right to reject this Bid, but that this Bid shall remain open and not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days from the date prescribed for its receiving.
3. There will not be a pre-bid meeting for this project. Any questions or clarifications regarding the bid should be submitted in writing and answers will be provided.
4. The Bidder, if awarded the contract, hereby agrees to commence work under this contract on or before a date to be specified in a written Notice to Proceed from the Owner and to fully complete work as specified in the required timeframe.
5. If written notice of the acceptance of this Bid is mailed or delivered to the undersigned within sixty (60) days after the date set for the receiving of this Bid, or at any other time thereafter before it is withdrawn, the undersigned shall execute and deliver the Contract Documents to the Owner in accordance with this Bid as accepted, and will also furnish and deliver to the Owner the proof of insurance coverage, within ten (10) days after personal delivery or any deposit in the mails of the notification of acceptance of this Bid.
6. Notice of Acceptance or request for additional information may be addressed to the undersigned at the address set forth below.
7. The names of all persons interested in foregoing Bid as principals are:

(IMPORTANT NOTICE: If Bidder or other interested person is a corporation, give legal name of corporation, state where incorporated, and names of president and secretary; if a partnership, give name of firm and names of all individual co-partners composing the firm; if Bidder or interested person is an individual, give first and last names in full.)

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NOTE: If Bidder is a corporation, set forth the legal name of the corporation together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the corporation. If Bidder is a partnership, set forth the name of the firm together with the signature of the partner or partners authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the partnership.

The Bidder acknowledges by his signature that he agrees to requirements contained in the Invitation to Bid and the Instructions to Bidders, and that should he fail to execute a Contract with the Owner, should the Owner award said Contract to him, that the Owner may rightfully collect the sum of the Bid Bond. The required Bid Bond is attached to this Bid.

NAME OF FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ALABAMA GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE #: _____

SIGNED: _____

SIGNED BY: (PRINTED NAME) _____

TITLE: _____

Note: If a corporation, Bid must be signed by person authorized by corporation by-laws to bind it to a contract.

The entirety of this project shall be bid as a **“LUMP SUM BID”**. The Bidder agrees to perform all necessary work described in the **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS** for the project, constituted by the **LUMP SUM BID**.

FORM OF BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the contractor, as Principal, and _____
(Name of Surety)

_____, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto
(Address)

the **SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSION** as Obligee in the full and just sum of five percent (5%) of amount bid (Maximum amount - \$10,000.00), lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the said Principal is herewith submitting its proposal for

PROJECT NAME: _____

The condition of this obligation is such that:

If the aforesaid Principal shall be awarded the contract and said Principal will, within the time required, enter into a formal contract and give a good and sufficient bond to secure the performance of the terms and conditions of the contract, then this obligation will be void; otherwise, the Principal and the Surety will pay unto the Obligee the difference in money between the amount of the contract as awarded and the amount of the proposal of the next lowest acceptable bidder, but not to exceed the total amount of the proposal guaranty. If no other bids are received, the full amount of the proposal guaranty shall be retained and/or recovered as liquidated damages for such default.

Witness our hands and seals this _____ day of _____,
20____.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL BIDDER: (USE ONLY WHERE BIDDER IS AN INDIVIDUAL)

_____, Doing Business As, _____
(Name of Individual) (Business Name)

Business Mailing Address: _____

NAME OF PARTNERSHIP, JOINT VENTURE OR CORPORATION:

(Name of Partnership, Joint Venture or Corporation*) – (If Two Corporations**)

Business Mailing
Address: _____ BY: _____ (L.S.)

(Signature and Position or Title of
Officer Authorized to Sign Bids and
Contracts for the Firm)

Business Mailing
Address: _____ BY: _____ (L.S.)

(Signature and Position or Title of
Officer Authorized to Sign Bids and
Contracts for the Firm)

Business Mailing
Address: _____ BY: _____ (L.S.)

(Signature and Position or Title of
Officer Authorized to Sign Bids and
Contracts for the Firm)

* (Corporate Seal) Name of State under the laws of which the
Attest: Corporation was chartered:

(Secretary)

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Attest: Corporation was chartered:

(Secretary)

(Name of Surety)

BY: _____
(Attorney-in-Fact)

PROPOSAL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THIS FORM FOR BID BOND IS USED, AND BIDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS THIS FORM IS SIGNED BY PRINCIPAL AND SURETY OR A CERTIFIED CHECK IN THE PROPER AMOUNT IS FURNISHED. CASHIER'S CHECK IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

PLEASE LEAVE ATTACHED IN YOUR BIDDING FORM

**ALMONT PARK COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM PROJECT
PROJECT SUMMARY**

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Part 1 – General

Project Description:

Contractor shall provide design and construction services for the Almont Park Community Safe Room Project located at 255 Davis-Hawkins Street, Montevallo, AL 35115, Shelby County as shown on the project layout. The work shall comply with the following specifications;

Requirements for Contractor:

A Statement of Bidders Qualifications may be requested.

Construction Timeframe:

Project to be complete within the working days indicated in the Instructions to Bidders, Section 00100- Contract Times from date of Notice to Proceed.

Site Conditions:

- Site plan with aerial shows the approximate location of the proposed project.
- Owner shall be responsible for clearing and grading the site to +/- 0.1.
- The contractor shall be responsible for all excavation of the shelter footings and final grading and stabilization of the project site. Stabilization shall include establishing a permanent stand of grass.
- Contractor shall provide an electrical service to the project site.
- Owner shall be responsible for all required payments for permanent service to Alabama Power.
- Contractor shall connect to the City sewer line. (Contractor is responsible for all tapping fees.)
- Contractor shall connect to existing City water line. (Contractor is responsible for all tapping fees and cost of meter.)

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PROJECT NOTES**

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1. The successful bidder, upon notification by the County, shall have ten (10) days to execute a contract pertaining to the scope of work as identified within this bid proposal package. Failure to do so shall result in forfeiture of the bidder's bond subject to stipulations as provided herein.
2. After the contract is signed and executed by both parties, the County shall issue a "Notice to Proceed" to the successful bidder.
3. Upon failure of the Contractor to complete the contract work within the number of working days allowed on the Proposal Form, the Contractor shall be assessed liquidated damages of the amount specified in Section 00100..
4. The contractor shall locate all utilities prior to commencing construction. Prior to the start of construction, the contractor shall field verify the locations of all pipes, power lines, and utilities to check for conflicts with the construction project. The Contractor shall notify the County immediately if a conflict is found prior to commencement of construction. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to determine the exact location of all existing utilities, whether shown on the plans or not. In the event of a conflict it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to cooperate with the applicable utility company.
5. It is the responsibility of the contractor to verify all quantities and site conditions prior to bidding. The Contractor shall notify the Owner prior to bidding of any discrepancies in the plans.
6. The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all required construction permits.
7. Any erosion control devices required will be the responsibility of the Contractor and shall be installed and maintained by the Contractor per ALDOT and ADEM BMP specifications.
8. Approximate layout illustrations will be provided to the Contractor to perform the design and construction of the project.
9. The project limits will be closed to the public during construction.
10. The Contractor will be responsible for any and all aspects of job safety. The Owner will not supervise or inspect any safety feature.
11. It shall be the duty and the responsibility of the Contractor to give notification to the Project Manager 24 hours prior to commencement of any construction activity. Failure to notify as required may be grounds for non-acceptance.
12. The Owner reserves the right to omit and self-perform any individual item of work partially or in whole and award any combination of base bid and alternates.
13. Proof of Competency of Bidder – At the time of bid, bidder must furnish a list of similar projects successfully completed. The list provided must include specific contacts and telephone numbers for each project. Upon request prior to award of bid the County may request any bidder to furnish additional evidence satisfactory to the County that he and his proposed Subcontractors have sufficient experience in the types of work called for to assure completion of the Contract in a satisfactory manner and that their current project workload will not limit their capability. Successful Bidder shall submit a list of subcontractors to be employed on the project.

**ALMONT PARK COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM PROJECT
COST REPORTING AND PAYMENTS**

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Part 1 – General

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Procedural requirements for processing the following:
 - 1. Schedule of Values
 - 2. Cash flow projections for the project
 - 3. Unit prices (if any)
 - 4. Payment applications
 - 5. Payments at substantial completion
 - 6. Payment at final completion
 - 7. Identification of substitutions and alternatives in payment requests
 - 8. Accounting of Change Order amounts and allowances, and similar cost and pay-out related requirements

1.2 UNIT PRICE SCHEDULE (If Any)

- A. General:
 - a. It is recognized that unit price items are listed in the Bid Form, and that the Owner- Contractor Agreement records acceptance or rejection of each unit price, either as bid or as otherwise agreed upon by the date of the Agreement.
 - b. It is recognized that the utilization of unit prices is solely by means of Change orders as specified in General and Supplementary Conditions, and that established unit prices contain total costs as defined therein, and include each entity's margins for overhead and profit.
- B. Prepare Schedule of Established Unit prices to show generic name, unit of measure, price per unit, related specification sections, subcontractor (if any) assigned to the work so named, comments applicable to the Agreement terms which established it. Stated unit prices will apply for work added or work deducted.
- C. Owner reserves the right to reject the Contractor's measure of work-in-place which involves the use of established unit prices, and at Owner's expense to have the work measured by independent surveyor acceptable to Contractor.

1.3 PAYMENT REQUESTS

- A. General:
 - a. Except as otherwise indicated in the Contract Documents, comply with the procedures and requirements of the General Conditions, including the submittal of supporting documentation and waivers or releases of lien.
 - b. Refer to the Supplementary Conditions for requirements concerning "retainage" by Owner on payment

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COST REPORTING AND PAYMENTS**

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- c. Except as otherwise indicated, sequence of progress payments shall be made on a regular basis, and each must be consistent with previous applications and payments.

B. Payment Application Times:

The period of construction work covered by each payment request is the period indicated in the General Conditions.

C. Final Payment Application:

- a. The administrative actions and submittals which must precede or coincide with submittal of the final payment application can be summarized as follows but not necessarily limited to these:
 - i. Completion of project closeout requirements
 - ii. Completion of items specified for payment application at time of substantial completion (regardless of whether such application was made).
 - iii. Written assurance, satisfactory to Owner, that unsettled claims will be settled and that work not actually completed and accepted will be completed without undue delay.
 - iv. Transmittal of required project construction records to Owner.
 - v. Proof, satisfactory to Owner, that taxes, fees and similar obligations of the Contractor have been paid.
 - vi. Removal of temporary facilities, services, surplus materials, rubbish and similar provisions.
 - vii. Final payment for the work to be performed under this project shall be in accordance with the advertisement of completion requirements as set forth in the State of Alabama Public Works Bid Law requirements.

Part 2 – Products

Not Used

Part 3 –Execution

Not Used

END OF SECTION

**ALMONT PARK COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM PROJECT
MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT**

SECTION 01026 – Page 1 of 1

Part 1 – General

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. The entirety of the Project shall be bid per unit price. The Unit Prices indicated in the Bid Form shall be used for the payment and for the purpose of adding or deleting work items to or from the Contract during the course of the work. The Bidder agrees to perform all necessary work described in the Contract Documents. Alterations to the Construction Contract will be based on the unit prices established in the Base Bid Schedule, and the Bidder will receive no additional compensation for items covered under this scope. All materials and services provided for construction on this project shall meet or exceed the requirement of the project specifications outlined herein.

- B. Even though an item of work is included in the technical specifications, if it is not both covered herein and specifically itemized in the Bid Form, payment for it shall not be separately made. Such work shall be considered a necessary part of or incidental to its related work and shall be subsidiary obligation to the items of work being performed.

End of Section

**ALMONT PARK COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM PROJECT
CHANGE ORDER PROCEDURES**

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Part 1 – General

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Procedural requirements for considering and processing Change Orders.
- B. Related Requirements:
 - a) Agreement: The amounts of established unit prices
 - b) Conditions of the Contract:
 - 1. Methods of determining cost or credit to Owner resulting from changes in Work made on a time and material basis.
 - 2. Contractor's claims for additional costs
 - c) Section 01025: Cost Reporting and Payments

1.2 PRELIMINARY PROCEDURES

- A. Owner or Engineer may initiate a potential change by submitting a Proposal Request to Contractor. Request will include the following:
 - a) Detailed description of the change, products, and location of the change in the Project.
 - b) Supplementary or revised drawings and specifications.
 - c) The Projected time span for making the change, and a specific statement as to whether overtime work is, or is not, authorized.
 - d) A specific period of time during which the requested price will be considered valid.
 - e) Such request is for information only, and is not an instruction to execute the changes, nor is it a mandate to stop work in progress.
- B. Contractor may initiate a request for changes by submitting a written notice to Owner, containing the following:
- C. Provide full written data required to evaluate changes.
 - a) Maintain detailed records of work performed on a time-and-material/force account basis.
 - b) Provide full documentation to Owner upon request.
- D. Designate in writing the member of Contractor's organization:
 - a) Who is authorized to accept changes in the work
 - b) Who is responsible for informing others in the Contractor's organization of the authorization of changes in the work.
- E. Owner will designate in writing the person who is authorized to execute Change Orders.

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CHANGE ORDER PROCEDURES**

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1.3 CONSTRUCTION CHANGE DIRECTIVES

- A. In absence of total agreement on the terms of a Change Order, the Owner may prepare and issue a Construction Change Directive directing a change in the work, for subsequent inclusion in a Change order.
 - a) Construction Change Directive will describe changes in the Work, and describe the method of determining any change in the Contract Sum or Contract Time, or both
 - b) The Owner will sign construction Change Directive

- B. Upon receipt of a Construction Change Directive, Contractor shall do the following:
 - a) Promptly proceed with the change in the work involved
 - b) Promptly advise the Owner of the Contractor's agreement or disagreement with the method, if any provided in the Construction Change Directive for determining the proposed adjustment in the Contract Sum or Contract Time.

- C. A Construction Change Directive signed by the Contractor indicates the agreement of the Contractor therewith, including adjustment in Contract Sum and Contract Time or the method for determining them.
 - a) Such agreement shall be effective immediately and shall be recorded as a Change Order
 - b) If Contractor does not respond promptly or if he disagrees with the Construction Change Directive, he shall comply with General Conditions.

- D. A Construction Change Directive shall be processed in compliance with requirements of the General Conditions.

1.4 DOCUMENTATION OF PROPOSALS AND CLAIMS

- A. Support each quotation for a lump-sum proposal, and for each unit price that has not previously been established, with sufficient substantiating data to allow Owner to evaluate the quotation.

- B. On request provide additional data to support time and cost computations:
 - a. Labor required
 - b. Equipment required:
 - i. Recommended source of purchase and unit cost
 - ii. Quantities required
 - c. Taxes, insurance and bonds
 - d. Credit for work deleted from Contract, similarly documented
 - e. Overhead and profit, for subcontractor and General Contractor separately
 - f. Justification for any change in Contract Time

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CHANGE ORDER PROCEDURES**

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- C. Support each claim for additional costs, and for work done on a time-and – material/force account basis, with documentation as required for a lump sum proposal, plus the following additional information:
 - a. Name of the Owner’s authorized agent who ordered the Work, and date of the order
 - b. Dates and hours work was performed, and by whom
 - c. Time record, summary of hours worked, and hourly rates paid
 - d. Receipts and invoices for:
 - e. Equipment used, listing dates and times of use
 - f. Products used, listing of quantities
 - g. Subcontracts
 - h. Overhead and Profit, taxes, insurance

- D. Document requests for substitutions for Products as specified elsewhere in Division One

1.5 PREPARATION OF CHANGE ORDERS

- A. Contractor will prepare each Change Order.

- B. Change Order will describe change in the Work, both additions and deletions, with attachments of revised Contract Documents to define details of the change.

- C. Change Order will provide an accounting of the adjustment in the Contract Sum and in the Contract Time.

1.6 CORRELATION WITH CONTRACTOR’S SUBMITTALS

- A. Periodically revise Schedule of Values and Request for Payment forms to record each change as a separate item of Work, and to record the adjusted Contract Sum.

- B. Periodically revise the Construction Schedule to reflect each change in Contract Time. Revise sub-schedules to show changes for other items of Work affected by the changes.

- A. Upon completion of Work under a Change Order, enter pertinent changes in Record Documents.

PART 2 -- PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

End of Section

**ALMONT PARK COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM PROJECT
PROJECT MEETINGS**

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Part 1 – General

1.1 PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING

- A. Schedule meeting within the early stages of Construction as determined by the owner.
- B. Suggested Agenda: Contractor shall prepare written material, distribute lists, and discuss the following:
 - a. Identification of major Subcontractors and Suppliers
 - b. Projected construction schedule (To be supplied in bar chart format by the Contractor prior to beginning work)
 - c. Critical work sequencing
 - d. Major Equipment deliveries and priorities
 - e. Project coordination, including designation of responsible persons
 - f. Procedures for, and processing of:
 - i. Field decisions
 - ii. Proposal requests
 - iii. Submittals
 - iv. Change orders
 - v. Applications for payments
 - g. Adequacy of distribution of Contract Documents
 - h. Procedures for maintaining Record Documents
 - i. Use of premises
 - i. Work and storage areas
 - ii. Owner's requirements
 - j. Construction facilities, construction aids, and controls
 - k. Temporary utilities
 - l. Safety and first aid procedures
 - m. Security procedures
 - n. Housekeeping procedures
 - o. Working days/hours
 - p. Erosion control and stormwater management

1.2 PROGRESS MEETINGS

- A. Schedule progress meetings as determined by the owner when they are necessary.
- B. Suggested Agenda:
 - a. Review and approval of minutes of previous meeting
 - b. Review of work progress since previous meeting
 - c. Field observations, problems, conflicts.
 - d. Problems which impede construction schedule
 - e. Review of off-site fabrication, delivery schedules

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- f. Corrective measures and procedures required to regain projected schedule
- g. Revisions to construction schedule
- h. Plan progress and schedule for succeeding work period
- i. Coordination of schedules
- j. Review submittal schedules; expedite as required
- k. Review proposed changes for:
 - i. Effect on construction schedule and on completion date
 - ii. Effect on other contracts of the Project
- l. Other Business

Part 2 – Products

Not Used

Part 3 – Execution

Not Used

END OF SECTION

**ALMONT PARK COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM PROJECT
CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES**

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Part 1 – General

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

Procedures for preparation, submission and review of “Horizontal Bar Type” Progress or Construction Schedules for the entire project, and bi-weekly updating.

1.2 FORM OF SCHEDULES

Prepare Construction Schedules in the form of a horizontal bar chart prior to commencing the work. Work shall not commence until the Contractor submits the project schedule for review.

1.3 CONTENT OF SCHEDULES

- A. Construction Schedules shall include the following:
 - a. Complete sequence of construction by activity.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- B. Submit Design and Construction Schedule within thirty (30) days after date of a contract award
 - a. Owner will review design and schedule and return a copy marked approved or with comments.
 - b. If required, resubmit for final review

1.5 DISTRIBUTION

- A. Distribute copies of approved Design and Construction Schedule to job file and other concerned parties.
- B. Instruct all recipients to report any inability to comply and provide detailed explanation with suggested remedies.

1.6 DURATION AND MILESTONES

- A. The Contract Time shall commence to run on the date of issuance of the Notice to Proceed. The project shall be substantially completed within the number of working days indicated in Section 00100 after the Contract Time commences to Run. Upon reaching substantial completion, the successful contractor will be issued a letter stating the project has reached substantial completion, the work will be inspected, and a punch list will be generated and forwarded.
- B. The Contractor shall prosecute the work diligently and will avoid interfering with or delaying any progress of any other Contractors or the Owner’s own forces on other project related work.
- C. The Contractor shall commence work on site no later than 30 calendar days after a notice to proceed.

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CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES**

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Part 2 – Products

Not Used

Part 3 – Execution

Not Used

END OF SECTION

**ALMONT PARK COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM PROJECT
LAND DISTURBING AND EROSION CONTROL**

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Part 1 – General

1.1 SCOPE OF WORK

- A. Contractor shall utilize construction practices to minimize erosion and sediment runoff during construction. Installation of all required BMP's shall be the responsibility of the Contractor as outlined in the project notes.
- B. Work of this section includes the installation of devices to collect or trap silt from leaving the site as required and shall be performed by the Contractor if required.
- C. Work shall comply with the latest edition of city ordinance and/or regulations and requirements of any governing authorities in clearing and erosion control.
- D. The intent of these specifications is to ensure that erosion produced by this project is minimized to the maximum extent possible.
- E. All areas that are part of the trail construction shall be stabilized as soon as possible using the most appropriate BMP's.

- 1.2 REFERENCES – Alabama Department of Transportation – Standard Specifications for Highway Construction – Section 650 Topsoil, Section 651 Ground Preparation and Fertilizing for Erosion Control, Section 652 Seeding, Section 656 Mulching.

Part 2 – Products

2.1 MATERIALS:

- A. Temporary Cover: Rapidly growing plants, such as annual rye grass, small grain, sudangrass and millet as approved by Engineer.
- B. Fibrous Materials: An open mesh, web-like material such as jute netting, cotton and paper netting, fiberglass or plastic that will allow surface drainage to seep through and approved by Engineer.
- C. Rip Rap: Per drawings meeting the requirements of Alabama Department of Transportation Standard Specification Section 610.
- D. Crushed Stone: Per drawings and/or a stone ranging in size from one-half inch to two inches.
- E. Silt Fence: A porous netting on steel or wood post designed for sediment control and approved by Engineer.
- F. Topsoil: Topsoil shall meet the requirements of the Alabama Department of Transportation Standard Specification Section 650.

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Part 3 – Execution

3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Clearing and grubbing shall be kept to a minimum.
- B. Erosion control devices shall be installed that will not let silt leave the project confines. Additional measures may be necessary to prevent silt or erosion from leaving the site.
- C. Erosion control devices shall be maintained daily during construction and following a rain event and shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.
- D. A blanket of clean, crushed stone shall be installed at construction entrances and at any area used for parking. Stone shall be maintained until project is complete and shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.
- E. Filter traps shall be installed at all drainage structures to keep piping systems free of siltation. Protection shall be placed around drainage structures and will not allow silt to them. Protection shall remain in place and in good working condition until the site is permanently stabilized.
- F. All disturbed areas shall be seeded and mulched as soon as possible. To stabilize soils, temporary seeding and mulching is required in disturbed areas that will remain unfinished for extended periods.
- G. Any temporary or permanent stockpiles of topsoil, unsuitable material, excess material, etc., stored on site shall be confined with silt fence and vegetation.
- H. Owner shall obtain any permits required.
- I. The Contractor is responsible for necessary signs, flagmen, barricades and lights to protect the public when conducting any work near the roadway. All traffic control, markings, signs shall be in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Any road or street damaged that is used by the Contractor's equipment is the responsibility of the Contractor.

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3.2 TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD AND STAGING AREA (All-weather)

- A. If required it shall be subsidiary to the project any access roads and staging areas. Access and staging will be all-weather surface maintained by site contractor. “All-weather” means site contractor is responsible for all maintenance resulting from roadway use by contractors as well as by acts of weather.
- B. All-weather material will consist of any material to prevent erosion and any type of sediment loss off site.
- C. Areas beyond limits of work shall be **protected and shall remain undisturbed. No trees or underbrush shall be disturbed or scarred.** All work shall be in accordance with plans, details, and specifications. No drainage way shall be polluted with oils or greases. Any damage to areas beyond limits of work damaged by Contractor shall be repaired to Owner’s satisfaction at no cost to Owner.

END OF SECTION



SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA
PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT
For Projects Over \$100,000
Act 97-225

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into as of this _____ day of _____, 2024 by and between SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama (hereinafter called the COUNTY) and _____ (hereinafter called the CONTRACTOR). This agreement concerns the _____ Project as described in the noted attached plans index, specifications index, project issued addenda 1,2,3,4 & 5, and the contractor's bid (herein called the PROJECT).

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is currently involved in the planned construction of the PROJECT as specified in design and bid specifications dated _____ which said design and bid specifications are incorporated into this Contract by reference and made part and parcel hereof as fully as if set out herein. (See also attached bid by CONTRACTOR on the _____) and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid for the construction of the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY desires to engage and contract with the CONTRACTOR to provide technical, professional, and construction services and to construct and complete the PROJECT herein described; and

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR desires to contract to provide technical, professional, and construction services and to complete the construction of the PROJECT herein described:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR do hereby mutually agree, covenant, and contract as follows:

Section 1. CONTRACTOR

The COUNTY agrees to engage the CONTRACTOR, and the CONTRACTOR hereby agrees, to perform the construction services hereinabove and hereinafter set forth, and to construct the PROJECT described within this Contract in accord with the accompanying plans and specifications in a good, competent, and workmanlike manner as requested and determined by the COUNTY and in strict compliance with the design and bid specifications for such PROJECT as referenced in other portions of this Contract.

The CONTRACTOR will supply to the COUNTY prior to the commencing of work the following documents, together with any other documents as are required by Alabama law:

- A) Certificate of Insurance (with unconditional cancellation clause), said insurance in the amounts as specified in the contract documents and as approved by the COUNTY.
- B) Section 84 Business License, Applicable City Business License and all other licenses required by law to complete this project
- C) The CONTRACTOR will furnish to the COUNTY a performance bond equaling the total bid amount of the PROJECT payable to the COUNTY, which said bond shall be in form and substance as approved by the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall also execute and furnish to the COUNTY a payment bond securing the CONTRACTOR'S obligation to pay for all labor, materials, or supplies for work done pursuant to this contract, which said payment bond shall be in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the total contract price and shall be in form and substance as approved by the COUNTY. Said payment bond shall also provide bonded coverage to cover and to compensate for reasonable attorney fees incurred by a successful party in civil actions brought on the bond and ordered to be paid by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- D) The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the U. S. Government, the State of Alabama, any relevant municipality, and the COUNTY, and, specifically and without limitation, shall comply with all provisions of the Beason-Hammond Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, commonly referred to as the Immigration Act, and amendments thereto adopted from time to time during the performance of this Contract, and shall document CONTRACTOR'S compliance with said law and submit to the COUNTY or at the direction of COUNTY any and all affidavits and proof as are from time to time required by law or required by COUNTY.

The CONTRACTOR, by the execution of this Contract, certifies and confirms that it is, at the time of the signing of this document, in full compliance with the aforesaid Beason-Hammond Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, and further agrees that upon request from the COUNTY it will execute and file and take such action as is deemed by the COUNTY to be necessary to verify the CONTRACTOR'S continuing compliance therewith.

Section 2. Scope of Services

The CONTRACTOR shall provide all construction services, work and labor, and other professional and technical services to complete the PROJECT herein described, which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the activities, plans, and specifications described in the construction drawings, specifications, bid and related documents.

Section 3. Time of Performance

The CONTRACTOR shall begin work on the PROJECT upon the execution of this Contract and will continue, uninterrupted, for a period of time not to exceed _____ (____) working days beginning after receiving Notice to Proceed from the COUNTY. Said work to be completed in a good and workmanlike manner by the CONTRACTOR within the period of time specified.

Section 4. General Provisions

- (a) *Personnel.* The CONTRACTOR warrants that it has the expertise, professional personnel, and adequate work force capable of performing this Contract, as called for herein, in a satisfactory and proper manner, in accord with highest industry standards, or will secure the services of such personnel as may be required to perform such services, construct said PROJECT, and perform its obligations pursuant to this Contract.
- (b) *Office Space.* The CONTRACTOR agrees to provide and maintain the office space and facilities required to perform all services as called for under this Contract, at no expense to the COUNTY.
- (c) *Subcontracts.* None of the work or services covered by this contract shall be subcontracted without the prior approval of the COUNTY. Any work or services subcontracted hereunder shall be specified by written contract or agreement and shall be subject to each provision of this contract.
- (d) *Access to Materials.* The COUNTY agrees to make available to the CONTRACTOR, upon request, any maps, documents, and planning materials or any other information in its possession or otherwise readily available, which has a direct bearing on the PROJECT, at no expense to the CONTRACTOR.

(e) *Communications.* The representatives of the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR to whom communications regarding the PROJECT which is the subject of this contract should be directed are as follows:

(1) COUNTY: Trey Gauntt, PE, Chief Facilities Management Officer,
Shelby County Department of Facilities and General Services
280 McDow Road
Columbiana, Alabama 35051
(205) 670-6461
Email: trey@shelbyal.com

(2) CONTRACTOR: _____

(f) The CONTRACTOR shall perform the work and complete the PROJECT in accord with all laws of the State of Alabama, all laws of the United States of America, relevant municipal laws, and to the satisfaction of the COUNTY. Work will be performed by the CONTRACTOR under the direct supervision of the representative of the COUNTY, who will have sole authority of deciding if work conditions, such as weather, temperature, roadway conditions, and other details of construction are complied with by the CONTRACTOR. At the discretion of the COUNTY, work may be stopped or delayed at any time until conditions are appropriate, in the opinion of the COUNTY, in order that optimum results and work quality may be obtained from the PROJECT in the best interest of the COUNTY. The decision of the COUNTY upon any questions connected with the performance of this Contract or any failure or delay in the prosecution of the work by the CONTRACTOR shall be final and conclusive.

(g) Attachment A - Supplemental Conditions is hereby incorporated as part of this contract.

Section 5. Compensation and Method of Payment

(a) For services satisfactorily rendered under this Contract and approved by COUNTY, the COUNTY agrees to pay the CONTRACTOR for fulfillment of the terms and conditions of this Contract as specified in the specifications and bid documents. The total amount to be paid under this section for services shall not exceed _____ dollars and _____ cents (\$ _____). Such payment shall, if due, be made monthly at the end of each calendar month, but in no case later than forty-five (45) days after the acceptance by COUNTY that the estimate and terms of the contract providing for partial payment have been fulfilled. In preparing estimates, the material delivered on the site, materials suitably store, and insured off-site, and preparatory work done may be taken into consideration by COUNTY. If the amount due by COUNTY is not in dispute and the amount payable is not paid within the forty-five (45) day period, the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to interest from COUNTY at the rate assessed for underpayment of taxes under Section 40-1-44(a), Code of Alabama 1975, on the unpaid balance due. Interest payments shall not be due on payments made after the forty-five (45) day period because of administrative or processing delays at the close of the fiscal year. In

making the partial payments, there shall be retained not more than five percent (5%) of the estimated amount of work done and the value of materials stored on the site or suitably stored and insured off-site, and after fifty percent (50%) completion has been accomplished and approved by COUNTY, no further retainage shall be withheld. The retainage as set out herein shall be held until final completion and acceptance of all work covered by the contract. Retainage shall be held until all work has been completed to COUNTY's satisfaction. The CONTRACTOR immediately after the completion of the contract shall give notice in writing to the COUNTY. The COUNTY, upon completion and acceptance by COUNTY of the work, shall give notice of completion of the PROJECT by advertising and publishing on the COUNTY website. The publication and advertisement shall be posted for three consecutive weeks. Final settlement shall not be made upon the contract until the expiration of 30 days after the completion of the notice.

(b) PROVISIONS OUTLINING THE SOURCE OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED BY COUNTY TO FULFILL COUNTY'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS CONTRACT (indicate which applies by entering an appropriate mark opposite the following):

 X The funds to be utilized by COUNTY to fulfill its obligation under this contract are funds which are held by COUNTY at the time of the execution of this contract or will become available at a date following the execution of the contract.

 The source of funds to be utilized by COUNTY in fulfilling its obligation under this contract is a grant, award, or direct reimbursement from the State, federal government, or other source which will not become available until after the execution of this contract, and the provision of this contract requiring prompt payment shall not apply until COUNTY is in receipt of the funds as provided in the contract. Upon receipt of such funds, the forty-five (45) day requirement specified in this contract shall commence and shall be enforceable as provided herein.

Section 6. Terms and Conditions

(a) *Termination of Contract for Cause/Breach of Contract.* If through any cause the CONTRACTOR shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if the CONTRACTOR shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Contract, the COUNTY shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Contract by giving written notice to the CONTRACTOR of such termination and specifying the effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports, or other materials prepared by the CONTRACTOR under this Contract or during the construction performance, shall, at the option of the COUNTY, become its property.

Notwithstanding the above, the CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of liability to the COUNTY for damages sustained by the COUNTY by virtue of any breach of the Contract by the CONTRACTOR, and the COUNTY may withhold any payments to the CONTRACTOR for the purpose of set-off until such time as the exact amount of damages due the COUNTY from the CONTRACTOR is determined.

(b) *Termination for Convenience of the COUNTY.* The COUNTY may terminate this Contract at any time, with or without just cause, by giving written notice to the CONTRACTOR of such termination

and specifying the effective date thereof, at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents and other materials, as described in the above clause, shall, at the option of the COUNTY, become its property. If the Contract is terminated by the COUNTY as provided in this subparagraph (b), the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any work satisfactorily completed on said PROJECT.

(c) *Changes.* The COUNTY may, from time to time, request changes of the CONTRACTOR in the scope of services to be performed hereunder. Such changes, or renegotiation, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the CONTRACTOR's compensation, which is mutually agreed upon by and between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR, shall be incorporated in written amendments to this Contract. The Contract can be extended under mutually agreed provisions through a written amendment to this document.

(d) *Assignability.* The CONTRACTOR shall not assign any interest in this Contract, and shall not transfer any interest in the same whether by assignment or novation, without the prior written consent of the COUNTY provided, however, that claims for money by the CONTRACTOR from the COUNTY under this Contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Written notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be promptly furnished to the COUNTY.

This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of any successor to the COUNTY and such successor shall be deemed substituted for the COUNTY under the terms of this Contract. As used in this Contract, the term "successor" shall include any person, firm, employer, or other business entity which at any time, whether by merger, purchase, or otherwise, which assumes or is assigned responsibility of the COUNTY for the covered PROJECT. This Contract shall also be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the CONTRACTOR, his successors, executors, and administrators.

(e) *Reports and Information.* The CONTRACTOR, at such times and in such forms as the COUNTY may require, shall furnish to the COUNTY such periodic reports as it may request pertaining to the work or services undertaken pursuant to this Contract, the costs and obligations incurred or to be incurred in connection therewith, and any other matters covered by this Contract.

(f) *Findings Confidential.* All of the reports, information, data, etc., given to or prepared or assembled by the CONTRACTOR under this Contract are confidential, and the CONTRACTOR agrees that they shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the COUNTY.

(g) *Waiver of Trial by Jury.* The parties to this Contract desire to avoid the additional time and expense related to a jury trial of any disputes arising hereunder. Therefore, it is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto, and for their successors and assigns, that they shall and hereby waive trial by jury of any claim, counterclaim, or third-party claim, including any and all claims of injury or damages, brought by either party against the other arising out of or in any way connected with this Contract and the relationship which arises herefrom. The parties acknowledge and agree that this waiver is knowingly, freely, and voluntarily given, is desired by both parties, and is in the best interest of both parties.

(h) *Compliance with Local Laws.* The CONTRACTOR shall, throughout the performance of this Contract, comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the U. S. Government, the State of Alabama, any relevant municipality, and the COUNTY, and, specifically and without limitation, shall comply with all provisions of the Beason-Hammond Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, commonly referred to as the Immigration Act, as amended from time to time during the performance of this Contract, and shall document CONTRACTOR's compliance with said law and submit to the COUNTY or at the direction of COUNTY any and all affidavits and proof as are from time to time required by law or required by COUNTY .

(i) *Audits and Inspection/Access to Records/Record Retention.* At any time during normal business hours, with prior arrangement and as often as the COUNTY may deem necessary, the CONTRACTOR shall make available to the COUNTY for examination all of its records with respect to matters covered by this Contract and will permit the COUNTY to audit, examine, and make excerpts or transcripts from such records, and to make audits of all contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, conditions of employment, and other data relating to all matters covered by this Contract.

The CONTRACTOR shall retain all books, documents, papers, and records which are directly pertinent to this contract for a period of six (6) years following completion of the contracted work and expiration of the Contract, unless written permission to destroy them is granted by the COUNTY.

(j) *Interest of Members of the COUNTY and Other Local Public Officials.* No officer, member, or employee of the COUNTY and no member of its governing body, and no other public official of the governing body of the locality or localities in which the PROJECT is situated or being carried out, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of this PROJECT, shall participate in any decision relating to this Contract which affects his personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he is directly or indirectly interested or has any personal or pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract or the proceeds thereof. The CONTRACTOR shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.

(k) *Interest of the CONTRACTOR.* The CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Contract. The CONTRACTOR further covenants that, in the performance of this Contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

Section 7. Additional Services of CONTRACTOR

If authorized in writing by the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish additional services that are not considered as an integral part of the PROJECT plans and specifications. Under this Contract, all costs for additional services will be negotiated as to activities and compensation. Upon mutual written agreement between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR, and written authorization from the COUNTY to proceed, the CONTRACTOR will provide the additional service.

Section 8. Tax Responsibilities of CONTRACTOR

The parties to this Contract agree that the CONTRACTOR is an independent firm or person and that the relationship created by this Contract is that of an independent contractor. Further, the parties agree that the CONTRACTOR is not an employee of the COUNTY, and will not be treated as such for federal income tax purposes. In this regard, the CONTRACTOR acknowledges and accepts all tax responsibilities imposed by federal income tax laws, and any applicable state income tax laws, on self-employed persons, including, but not limited to, the responsibility of withholding from income the required amounts for federal income taxes, Social Security taxes, federal unemployment tax, and applicable state and local income taxes.

Section 9. Non-Exclusive Contract

The CONTRACTOR shall devote its time, attention, and energies to the fulfillment of this Contract. If, after satisfying its responsibilities to the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR desires to render similar services to any other persons, or on behalf of any other firms, associations, or corporations, then the CONTRACTOR may contract for such services; provided, however, that in the event that the rendering of such additional services by the CONTRACTOR interferes, in the opinion of the COUNTY, with the quality of services rendered to the COUNTY, then the COUNTY shall have the option of either requesting the CONTRACTOR to cease performing such additional services or canceling this Contract.

Section 10. Independent CONTRACTOR Relationship

In the performance of the work, duties, and obligations evolving under this Contract, it is mutually understood and agreed that the CONTRACTOR is at all times serving as an independent contractor providing the COUNTY with services as a contractor and/or independent contractor. Amounts paid to the CONTRACTOR by the COUNTY as compensation for providing said services and for the performance of this Contract are for services purchased, and amounts paid to the CONTRACTOR shall be deemed to be compensation to an independent contractor and shall not be subject to any tax withholding. It is expressly understood that the COUNTY is interested only in the results to be achieved, and the conduct and control of the work will be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR is not considered to be an agent or employee of the COUNTY for any purpose, and the CONTRACTOR will not be eligible to participate in any benefits the COUNTY provides for its own employees. It is further understood and agreed that the COUNTY does not agree to use the CONTRACTOR exclusively. It is further understood and agreed that, except as provided herein, the CONTRACTOR is free to contract for similar services to be performed for others during the term of this Contract.

Section 11. Indemnification and Liability

The COUNTY shall not be liable for any injury to the person or property of any person, firm, or corporation resulting directly or indirectly from CONTRACTOR's performance of this Contract, and the CONTRACTOR assumes full and complete responsibility therefore. The CONTRACTOR shall remain insured under terms of a public liability insurance policy as described in the "Certificate of Insurance" attached hereto as Attachment "A" during the entire term of this Contract and for the performance of all work herein provided. The CONTRACTOR shall further indemnify the COUNTY and hold the COUNTY safe and harmless from any and all liability,

lawsuits, judgments, attorney fees, and other costs incurred by the COUNTY in defending any claim or lawsuit made against the COUNTY by any person, firm, or corporation arising directly or indirectly out of any work performed by the CONTRACTOR pursuant hereto or any breach or alleged breach of duty or responsibility of the CONTRACTOR related thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR have caused this Contract to be executed by their duly authorized officers on the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

SHELBY COUNTY

By: Chad Scroggins
County Manager

Date

ATTEST:

CONTRACTOR

By (print): _____

Title: _____

Date

ATTACHMENT "A"
SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

- 1) Work must be coordinated with the COUNTY.
- 2) Construction documents, including the attached Project Plans and Specifications, are included as part of this Contract.
- 3) The CONTRACTOR must maintain work space clean and free of debris.
- 4) The CONTRACTOR's price proposal dated _____ is hereby incorporated as a part of this Contract. Construction documents, including the Project Plans and Specifications, are included as part of this Contract.
- 5) By signing this contract, CONTRACTOR represents and agrees that it is not currently engaged in, nor will it engage in, any boycott of a person or entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which the State of Alabama can enjoy open trade.
- 6)
- 7) The CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain liability insurance as required in the project specifications. A "Certificate of Insurance" shall be furnished to COUNTY and shall specify that such insurance is not subject to cancellation without prior written notice to COUNTY of at least thirty (30) days. Please request the additional insured to read: Shelby County, its officers, agents, and employees, successors or assigns.
- 8) When required by law the CONTRACTOR shall also provide to COUNTY a Certificate or Proof of Workmen's Compensation Insurance in form and substance acceptable to COUNTY.
- 9) Contractor agrees that it will fully comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as amended by the Immigration Act of 1990, and the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, which makes it unlawful for an employer in Alabama to knowingly hire or continue to employ an alien who is or has become unauthorized with respect to such employment or to fail to comply with the I-9 requirements or fails to use E-Verify to verify the eligibility to legally work in the United States for all of its new hires who are employed to work in the State of Alabama. Without limiting the foregoing, Contractor shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien, and shall have an officer or other managerial employee who is personally familiar with the Contractor's hiring practices to execute an affidavit to this effect on the form supplies by Shelby County and return the same to Shelby County. Contractor shall also enroll in the E-Verify Program prior to performing any work, or continuing to perform any ongoing work, and shall remain enrolled throughout the entire course of its performance hereunder, and shall attach to its affidavit the E-Verify Program for Employment Verification and Memorandum of Understanding and such other documentation as Shelby County may require to confirm Contractor's enrollment in the E-Verify Program. Contractor agrees not to knowingly allow any of its subcontractors, or any other party with whom it has a contract, to employ in the State of Alabama any illegal or undocumented aliens to perform any work in

connection with the Project, and shall include in all of its contracts a provision substantially similar to the paragraph. If Contractor receives actual knowledge of the unauthorized status of one of its employees in the State of Alabama, it will remove that employee from the project, jobsite or premises of Shelby County and shall comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as amended by the Immigration Act of 1990, and the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act. Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors, or other parties with whom it has a contract, to act in a similar fashion. If Contractor violates any term of this provision, this Agreement will be subject to immediate termination by Shelby County. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Shelby County from any and all losses, consequential damages, expenses included but not limited to, attorney's fees, claims, suits, liabilities, fines, penalties, and any other costs arising out of or in any way related to Contractor's failure to fulfill its obligations contained in this paragraph. Additionally, contractor shall provide County proof that you are in compliance with the immigration law by including a notarized E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding and provide your subcontractors notice of their compliance obligations and obtain from each a notarized Affidavit of Immigration Law Compliance-Subcontractor.

- 10) The contractor, person, firm, or corporation undertaking or contracting to undertake the herein described public works project agrees to use in the execution of the contract materials, supplies, and products manufactured, mined, processed, or otherwise produced in the United States or its territories, if the same are available at reasonable and competitive prices and are not contrary to any sole source specification implemented under subsection (f) of Section 39-2-2, Code of Alabama(1975), as amended. In the event the contractor breaches the agreement to use domestic products, and domestic products are not used, there shall be a downward adjustment in the contract price equal to any realized savings or benefits to the contractor.
- 11) If work being performed interferes with normal operations of the facility, the work shall be scheduled after hours as necessary.

CERTIFICATE OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES

The federally assisted construction contractor certifies that he does not maintain or provide for his employee any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated are maintained. The federally assisted construction contractor certifies further that he will not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he will not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The federally assisted construction contractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the equal opportunity clause in this contract. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washroom, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or other reason. The federally assisted construction contractor agrees that (except where he has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the equal opportunity clause, and that he will retain such certifications in his files.

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS OF REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES:

A Certification of Non-segregated Facilities must be submitted prior to the award of a contract or subcontract exceeding \$10,000, which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause.

Certification - The information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____ Name and Title of Signer
(Please Print)

Signature

Date

Note: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspensions, and implemented at 2 CFR Part 2867, for the prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 2 CFR Part 2867.20(a), the applicant certifies that it and its principals:

- A. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposal for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency:

- B. Have not within a three year period preceding this covered transaction 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) or private agreement or transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion or receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice, or commission of any offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects your present responsibility;

- C. 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 B. of this certification; and

- D. Have not within a three year period preceding this transaction had one of more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

I/we hereby certify that I/we are in complete compliance with all of the provisions noted above as of this date _____, 2024.

Print: _____

Print: _____

Print: _____

Print: _____

Print: _____

Print: _____

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) 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 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 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.

(2) 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 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 of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents of all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub- recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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 section 1352, title 31, United States Code. 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.

Organization: _____

Street address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

CERTIFIED BY: _____
type or print

TITLE: _____

(signature)

(date)

**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
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- 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.

ATTACHMENT A - EMPLOYMENT AND MATERIALS PREFERENCE FOR APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY SYSTEM OR APPALACHIAN LOCAL ACCESS ROAD CONTRACTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF AWARD

To: _____

Date: _____

Project: Almont Park Community
Safe Room Project

The OWNER has considered the BID submitted by you for the above described project in response to its Notice to Contractors dated _____.

You are hereby notified that your BID has been accepted for items in the amount of \$ _____.

You are required to execute the Agreement and furnish the required CONTRACTOR'S Performance BOND, Payment BOND and certificates of insurance within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of this Notice to you.

If you fail to execute said Agreement and to furnish said BONDS within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Notice, said OWNER will be entitled to consider all your rights arising out of the OWNER'S acceptance of your BID as abandoned and as a forfeiture of your BID BOND. The OWNER will be entitled to such other rights as may be granted by law.

You are required to return an acknowledged copy of this NOTICE OF AWARD to the OWNER. Please make your required submittals in the bid documents to be reviewed and approved prior to fabrication of the materials.

Shelby County
Owner

By _____
Chad Scroggins
Title: County Manager

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

Receipt of the above NOTICE OF AWARD is hereby acknowledged by _____
this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Contractor
By _____
Title

NOTICE TO PROCEED

To: _____ Date: _____

Project: Almont Park Community Safe Room Project

You are hereby notified to commence WORK in accordance with the Agreement dated _____ on or before _____ and you are to complete the WORK within _____ WORKING days thereafter. The date of completion of all WORK is therefore approximately _____.

Shelby County, AL
Owner

By: Fred M. Gauntt, III, PE
Title: Chief Facilities
Management Officer

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

Receipt of the above NOTICE TO PROCEED is hereby acknowledged
by _____ this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Contractor

By _____

Title

Sample Contractor Notice of Completion

CONTRACTOR NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In Accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended by Act 2023-497 (HB168), notice is hereby given that as of _____ (Insert Date),

_____ (Insert Contractor Name), has completed the
Contract for the project described as _____ (Insert Project Name).

Signature

Print Name

Title

Company Name

Date

Shelby County

Affidavit for Payment of Debts Incurred on Construction Projects

Project No. _____
County _____
Contractor _____
Description and Location of Project _____

This is to certify that all known debts for labor and materials used on the project and all approved sub-contractual obligations associated with the construction of Project _____, _____ County, have been paid or will be paid within five (5) days after final payment.

Sworn to this the _____ day of _____, _____.
(Month) (Year)

(Name)

(Title)

(Contractor)

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the _____ day of _____, _____.
(Month) (Year)

(Notary)

For _____ County _____ State

My commission expires _____
(Date)



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Alabama Department of Revenue NOTICE

Tax Guidance for Contractors, Subcontractors and Alabama Governmental Entities Regarding Construction-related Contracts

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Each exempt entity, contractor and subcontractor must make application for qualification of the exemption using Form ST: EXC-01 for each tax-exempt project. The application is available on the department's website at <http://revenue.alabama.gov/salestax/ST-EXC-01.pdf>. Applications should be submitted directly to the Sales and Use Tax Division Central Office, P.O Box 327710, Montgomery, AL 36132-7710.

The sales and use tax exemption provided for in Act 2013-205 applies to the purchase of building materials, construction materials and supplies, and other tangible personal property that become part of the structure pursuant to a qualifying contract entered into on or after January 1, 2014. Qualifying projects and contracts are those generally entered into with the following governmental entities, unless otherwise noted: the State of Alabama, a county or incorporated municipality of Alabama, an Alabama public school, or an Alabama industrial or economic development board or authority already exempt from sales and use taxes. **Please note that contracts entered into with the federal government and contracts pertaining to highway, road, or bridge construction or repair do not qualify for the exemption provided for in Act 2013-205.** [Reference: Sales and Use Tax Division Administrative Rule 810-6-3-.77 *Exemption for Certain Purchases by Contractors and Subcontractors in Conjunction with Construction Contracts with Certain Governmental Entities.*]

The Alabama Department of Revenue will assign each contractor and sub-contractor a consumers use tax account, if one is currently not in place, at the time the Form STC-1, *Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption for Government Entity Projects*, is issued.

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As another option for these types of contracts, as well as with other contracts entered into with other types of exempt entities, the Form ST:PAA1, *Purchasing Agent Appointment*, may be used. However, please be advised that the use of the Form ST:PAA1 option will require the exempt entity to be invoiced directly and pay for directly from their funds any construction and building material and supply purchases.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS – ALMONT PARK COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM

This invitation to bid is for the purchase and installation of one above ground community storm shelter with a minimum capacity of 186 people stand/seating plus one water closet = 197 people total.

Upon satisfactory award of this bid, the recommended award amount shall remain in effect and the same bid award may be utilized by the Shelby County for a period of 12 (twelve) months should additional community storm shelters be added. (Alternate structure geometry and configuration is acceptable if compliant with FEMA P.361, ICC-500 and all other code requirements and approved by the County.)

I. GENERAL

A. Scope of Work: Provide an above-ground, Quonset-style, pre-engineered, dual tube type with connector, pre-manufactured ¼" steel plate storm shelter with a minimum capacity of 186 people stand/seating plus one water closet = 197 people total that meets or exceeds FEMA P- 361 guidelines:

1. Performance criteria for the shelter shall be built on the design criteria outlined in FEMA 361 Third Edition, latest edition, and the manuals and publications listed therein, and in *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*, ASCE/SEI 7-05, latest edition.
2. FEMA P-361 and ASCE/SEI 7-05 present the information necessary for the computation of wind pressures and loads imposed by winds on the walls, roof, windows, and doors of a tornado shelter. The walls, ceiling, floor, foundation, and all connections joining these elements will be designed to resist the pressures and loads calculated from the design wind speed without localized element failure and without separating from one another.
3. The entire structure must resist failure from wind pressures and debris impacts. The structural elements and the building envelope must be designed to resist wind-induced loads as well as impacts from debris.

B Submittals

1. Product Data: Contractor will submit the following in accordance with the "Qualifications for Tornado Shelter Design" acceptance:
 - a. Manufacturer's specifications and other data needed to prove compliance with the specified requirements of FEMA P-361, ASCE;
 - b. A complete set of construction drawings signed and sealed by a registered Professional Engineer or Architect in the State of Alabama. Show drawings in sufficient detail of fabrication, installation, and anchorage;
 - c. Manufacturer's recommended installation procedures;
 - d. Layout of foundation and anchor bolt specifications;
 - e. Paint and coatings;
 - f. Ventilation, providing a minimum of 15 cubic feet per person per minute;
 - g. Door(s) and frame(s) must meet FEMA P-361 guidelines and be ADA compliant;
 - h. Photo of a completed shelter project similar to the one proposed herein.
 - i. Any documents required for permitting with local code official.

2. Definitions

- a. Building Width: Measured from outside to outside of sidewall frame
- b. Building Length: Measured from the outside to outside of end wall frame.
- c. Building Height: Measured from the intersection of the top of roof framing to the top of the concrete slab floor.

II. DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

- A. Design structural systems according to professional recognized methods and standards, and legally adopted building codes.
- B. The design of the proposed structure shall be completed by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Alabama.
- C. The approved design by the Professional Engineer shall include the foundation/floor slab design as well as the structure itself.

III. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

A. Wind Pressure

- 1. Wind pressures should be determined using ASCE/SEI 7-05. Pressures for main wind force resisting system are to be used for the walls, ceiling, structural attachments, and foundation. Pressures for components and cladding are to be used for the door and other attachments on the exterior of the structure.
- 2. The wind velocity service load (V) for computation of wind pressures shall be a minimum of 250 mph (three-second peak gust).
- 3. The structure walls, ceiling and floor shall withstand design pressures such that no element shall separate from another. Separation shall constitute failure of the structure.
- 4. The entire structure shall resist failure from overturning, shear (side) and uplift pressures.
- 5. The Allowable Stress Design (ASD) method shall be used for structure design. Unfactored load combinations shall be used in accordance with ASCE 7-05 for allowable stress design. Other environmental loads, such as earthquake or flood loads, should not be added.
- 6. No importance factor should be added to the pressure calculations. Therefore, the importance factor used in the design computations shall equal one (1). The internal gust coefficient (GCPi) shall be for buildings with no opening.
- 7. The roof of the structure shall be able to resist wind pressures as determined in FEMA P-361 and ASCE/SEI 7-05.

B. Impact Resistance

- 1. Loads from windborne impact shall be considered. Design assumptions should be based upon a design wind speed of 250 MPH propelling a 15-MPH missile horizontally at 100-MPH. The design missile is a nominal 2x4 wood board, 12 feet long, weighing 15 pounds, striking the structure on end at 90° to the surface. The vertical missile design speed is 2/3 of the horizontal speed.

2. The walls and ceiling of the structure shall resist perforation by the design missile such that the missile does not puncture the inside most surface of the shelter. Only structure wall openings used for access shall be permitted. No windows, skylights, etc. will be allowed.
3. The design shall assess the threat of adjacent structure collapse to the proposed shelter. If an adjacent structure is deemed a liability, the loads imposed upon the propose shelter due to adjacent structure collapse shall be considered an additional impact load.

C. Shelter Access

1. The proposed structure shall include a doorway with an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant width of 32" minimum. All thresholds must be wheelchair accessible.
2. The structure access door(s) and frame(s) shall resist the design wind pressures for components and cladding and the missile impact loads of FEMA P-361. Materials for the construction of access doors must be tested and approved by the Texas Tech WISE Research Center for missile impacts. All door(s) must include sufficient points of connection to the frame to resist wind design pressure and impact loads.

D. Shelter Ventilation

1. The proposed structure shall include forced air ventilation. A protective shroud or cowling, meeting the requirements of FEMA P-361, shall protect any ventilation openings and have interior baffles to prevent debris intake. The ventilation system shall be capable of providing a minimum number of air changes for the structure's occupancy rating of 15 cubic feet per person. The ventilation system shall include interior louvers to prevent insects from entering when not in use.
2. All mechanical, electrical, etc. equipment providing this ventilation shall be protected to the same standard as the structure.

E. Shelter Lighting and Signage

1. Emergency lighting shall be provided.
2. A lighted "EXIT" sign shall be installed over each door.

F. Shelter Sanitation Facilities

1. The contractor shall provide and install appropriate sanitary facilities for each structure. Appropriate and separate partitions shall be provided for the sanitary facility within the shelter.
 - a. Two (2) sanitary/restroom facilities shall be provided for the structure, including one (1) ADA compliant facility.
 - b. The contractor shall provide service connections for sanitary and potable water, including rough-in, service laterals, clean-out(s), service connections at existing manhole(s), water fittings, valves, casing, backfill, bedding, testing and associated appurtenances in accordance with project drawing(s). Sanitary and potable water service connections shall be in accordance with the local Water and Sewer Board standard specifications, contained herein.
2. Sanitary facility plumbing fixtures shall include:
 - a. White vitreous china toilet and hand sink. Acceptable manufacturers include American Standard, Crane, Eljer, Kohler, Toto or approved equal.

- b. White plastic toilet seat with molded stainless-steel hinge and no visible metal parts. Acceptable manufacturers include Olsonite, Sperzel, Church, Beneke, Bemis, Toto or approved equal.
- c. Separate traps installed as close to each fixture as possible for each fixture requiring connection to the drainage system
- d. Copper or brass fixture connections (no steel).
- e. A stop valve in the water supply to each fixture in an accessible location
- f. Acceptable hand sink faucet manufacturers include T&S Brass, Speakman, Chicago, Symmons, Eljer, Delta, Toto or approved equal.

G. Electrical Components & Connections

1. The contractor shall provide breaker box mounting brackets, with a welded receptacle box for light and switch installation and mounting brackets for fluorescent & emergency lighting. The structure shall be grounded at multiple locations with copper wire and grounding rods to meet national and local electrical code requirements.
2. The Owner shall be responsible for coordinating the provision of electrical service and all required connections and appurtenances to the proposed structure. The Owner will coordinate with the appropriate electric utility service as required. Electrical service will approximately 50' from structure.

H. Emergency Generator

1. The contractor shall provide and install an emergency back-up generator (natural gas or propane) and automatic transfer switch.
2. The emergency back-up generator shall include:
 - a. Digital, LED controller
 - b. Automatic Transfer Switch
 - c. Steel, sound attenuated enclosure
 - d. External circuit breaker and control panel access
 - e. Flexible fuel connector
 - f. Capability for propane operation. Contractor to supply full LP tanks.
 - g. Minimum 3-year warranty
 - h. UL 2200 listed
 - i. Rated for winds up to 180MPH
3. The emergency back-up generator shall be located within twenty-five (25) feet of the proposed primary structure. The emergency back-up generator shall be Generac, Inc. PowerPact Model 6988 or an approved equal.

I. Foundation

1. The Owner shall be responsible for the clearing and grading of the area for storm shelter at +/- 0.1'. The Contractor will be responsible for any excavation and grading to construct shelter as specified. Contractor shall provide a monolithic concrete slab/foundation system and reinforcement. The slab/foundation is to be designed as a part of the tornado shelter by the manufacturer's structural engineer and shall include a

vapor barrier. The Contractor shall form and finish the concrete.

J. Consideration of Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Access

1. The needs of disabled persons shall be accommodated, and the appropriate access for such persons must be provided in accordance with applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Doors, aisles, and restroom fixtures and accessories shall be handicap accessible.

K. Submittals

1. Design Data: Provide detailed Design Criteria and Guidelines. Design shall be certified by a Professional Engineer who is licensed in the State of Alabama;
2. Certification: Manufacturer certification that the building conforms to the contract documents and manufacturer's standard design processes;
3. Shop Drawings: Show building layout, primary and secondary framing member sizes and location, cross section, and product and connection details;
4. Product Data: Information on manufactured products to be incorporated into the project;
5. Color: White
6. Anchor Bolt Drawings: Layouts with bolt diameters'
7. Anchor Rod System (bolt pull test) Data: Testing data by an independent laboratory on pull strength of anchor bolts in foundation.
8. Emergency Back-Up Generator Housing: If a generator is used, the housing shall be designed and manufactured using like materials as the proposed structure and its design shall be certified by a Professional Engineer who is licensed in the State of Alabama.

IV. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

- A. The tornado shelter shall be an above ground, minimum 1/4" steel plate (or other approved material) constructed shelter with a minimum capacity of 186 people stand/seating plus one water closet = 197 people total.

1. For purposed of this project the tornado shelter shall consist of a steel enclosure that is permanently attached to a concrete slab/foundation and sealed with a water-resistant gasket material. The slab/foundation system and its reinforcement are to be designed as a part of the tornado shelter by the manufacturer's structural engineer.
2. The contractor shall be responsible for the final preparation of subgrade as required to accommodate the foundation system and set the floor elevation of the tornado shelter as indicated or required to provide wheelchair access and positive drainage away from the tornado shelter.

B. Site Location and Preparation

1. The proposed structure shall be located at Almont Park – 255 Davis-Hawkins Street, Montevallo, AL. See Figure 1 for approximate shelter location.

C. Materials

1. Select materials and material yield strength based upon building design requirements.
2. Shop coat: Sand blasted, primed and painted or powder coated white inside and outside.
3. Waterproof as required with a detail showing how water will be prevented from entering the tornado shelter.

D. Framing

1. Primary Framing: Welded steel frame as required to meet design criteria.
2. The frame shall be anchored to a cast-in-place monolithic slab/foundation that is reinforced as required by the manufacturer's design engineer.

E. Roof and Wall Panels

1. Steel walls, roof panels, doors and ventilation guards shall be constructed of ¼" thick steel materials, which have been tested and passed by the Texas Tech WISE Research Center, to meet the design criteria.
2. Panel construction shall form a weather tight barrier and shall be attached to the primary framework as required by the design engineer.

F. Doors

1. The door(s) shall be lockable for security.
2. The door(s) shall be operable so that they meet ADA standards.
3. The door(s) shall open, close, and lock in accordance with FEMA P-361 guidelines.

G. Sanitary Facility

1. Sanitary service meet all local codes.
2. Potable water service line shall be cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) pipe meeting the requirements of AWWA C904.
3. Fittings on PEX water service lines shall use Q-nut fittings. Push-on, "gator bite" or "shark bite" fittings are not allowed.
5. Cut-off ball valves shall be Nibco, Apollo or approved equal.
4. Valve boxes are required at all valves and shall be cast iron. PVC valve boxes are not allowed.

EXECUTION

C. Examination

1. The contractor shall verify the proposed structure size accommodates the number of occupants stated.
2. The contractor shall verify the foundation complies with the design criteria and is correctly installed.
3. The contractor shall verify the anchor system plates and bolts/rods have been tested and are the indicated size and installed as specified on the anchoring system shop drawings.

D. Erection & Installation

1. The contractor shall erect or install the building system in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, engineer's drawings, and other documents.
2. The contractor shall supply professional crane services for off-loading and placing the structure.
3. The contractor shall verify the entire building system works as required by the engineer's recommendations and specifications.

Almont Park Community Storm Shelter Project Site Plan



GILMORE-NICK CIR

CHISM CIR

CIR

HAYES CIR

Proposed Shelter
Location

DAVIS-HAWKINS ST

1 in = 50 ft