

**STANDARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
DOCUMENTS**

FOR

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
AND**

FORM A: Construction- A/E Designed

(Revised June 2016)

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
AND _____ FOR
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGNED CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ("County"), hereby contracts with _____ ("Contractor"), a _____ corporation for profit, to perform all work ("Work") in connection with _____ ("Project"), as detailed in the attached Plans and Specifications and other Contract Documents hereafter specified.

SECTION 1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

- A. The Contract Documents include this Agreement, including Amendments and Exhibits, the Exhibits described in Section 6, Change Orders, Work Directive Changes, Field Orders and the solicitation documents, including addenda. These Contract Documents are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. A copy of all Contract Documents shall be maintained by Contractor at the Project site at all times during the performance of the Work.
- B. In case of any inconsistency or conflict among the provisions of the agreement and any other terms and conditions of any documents comprising the Contract Documents, the provisions of the Agreement shall control. Concerning the Contract Documents, the order of precedence shall be as follows: 1) the Agreement, including Amendments and Exhibits; 2) Change Orders; 3) Work Directive Changes; 4) Field Orders; 5) the Solicitation Documents, including addenda. The Contract Documents listed above represent the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto, and supersede prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral.
- C. County shall furnish to the Contractor up to four (4) sets of the Contract Documents for execution of the Work. Additional copies of the Contract Documents are available at the cost of reproduction.

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF WORK.

Contractor agrees to furnish and pay for all management, supervision, financing, labor, materials, tools, fuel, supplies, utilities, equipment and services of every kind and type necessary to diligently, timely, and fully perform and complete in a good workmanlike manner the Work required by the Contract Documents.

SECTION 3. CONTRACT AMOUNT.

In consideration of the faithful performance by Contractor of the covenants in this Agreement to the full satisfaction and acceptance of County, County agrees to pay, or cause to be paid, to Contractor the following amount (herein "Contract Amount"), in accordance with the terms of this Agreement:

[Describe Contract Amount]

SECTION 4. BONDS.

- A.** Contractor shall provide at his expense Performance and Payment Bonds, in the form prescribed in Exhibit B, in the amount of 100% of the Contract Amount. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be underwritten by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida and otherwise acceptable to County; provided; however, the surety shall be rated as "A-" (excellent) or better as to general policy holders rating and Class V or higher rating as to financial size category and the amount required shall not exceed 5% of the reported policy holders surplus, all as reported in the most current Best Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company, Inc. of 75 Fulton Street, New York, New York 10038.
- B.** If the surety for any bond furnished by Contractor is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent, its right to do business is terminated in the State of Florida, or it ceases to meet the requirements imposed by the Contract Document, the Contractor shall, within five (5) calendar days thereafter, substitute another bond and surety, both of which shall be subject to the County's approval. Failure by Contractor to maintain its bonds in full force and effect at all times, including the warranty period, shall be grounds for termination of this Contract.
- C.** Per §255.05, Florida Statutes, the Contractor shall be required to execute and record the Performance and Payment bonds. The bonds must state the name and principal business address of both the Principal and the Surety and a description of the project sufficient to identify it. (The filing costs are \$10.00 for the first page and \$8.50 for each remaining page).

SECTION 5. CONTRACT TIME AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.

- A.** Time is of the essence in the performance of the Work under this Agreement. Contractor shall commence the Work within ten (10) calendar days from the Commencement Date, established in the Notice to Proceed. No Work shall be performed at the Project site prior to the Commencement Date. Contractor shall provide 48 hours notice prior to beginning the Work. The Work shall be substantially completed within _____ () calendar days from the Commencement Date. The Work shall be fully completed and deemed ready by the County for final completion within _____ () calendar days from the Substantial Completion Date. The Contract Time shall be the time period from the Commencement Date to the date of final completion totaling _____ () calendar days (herein "Contract Time").
- B.** County and Contractor recognize that, since time is of the essence for this Agreement, the County will suffer financial loss if the Work is not substantially completed within the time specified. Should Contractor fail to substantially complete the Work within the time period noted above, County shall be entitled to assess, as liquidated damages, but not as a penalty, \$_____ for each calendar day thereafter until substantial completion is achieved. The Project shall be deemed to be substantially completed by the County on the date that the County's Architect certifies in writing that the construction of the project, or specified part thereof, is sufficiently completed in accordance with the Contract Documents, so that the Project or specified part can be utilized for the purposes for which it is intended. Along with such certification, the County's Architect shall compile a "punch list" of any remaining exceptions that do not adversely affect the use of the Project. Completion of these items will be required prior to final payment.

- C. Contractor hereby expressly waives and relinquishes any right which it may have to seek to characterize the above noted liquidated damages as a penalty, which the parties agree represents a fair and reasonable estimate of the County's actual damages at the time of contracting if Contractor fails to substantially complete the Work in accordance with the progress schedule.
- D. When any period of time is referenced to by days herein, it shall be computed to exclude the first day and include the last day of such period. If the last day of any such period falls on a Saturday or Sunday or on a day made a legal holiday by the law of the applicable jurisdiction, such day shall be omitted from the computation, and the last day shall become the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

SECTION 6. EXHIBITS INCORPORATED.

The following documents are expressly agreed to be incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

- Exhibit A: General Terms and Conditions
- Exhibit B: Form of Performance and Payment Bonds
- Exhibit C: Insurance Requirements
- Exhibit D: Form of Release and Affidavit
- Exhibit E: Form of Contractor Application for Payment
- Exhibit F: Form of Change Order
- Exhibit G: Owner Direct Purchases- FORM OF0205 (if applicable)
- Exhibit H: Working Drawings / Plans prepared by Architect/Engineer and Identified as Follows: **[Description/Sheet No./Date]**
- Exhibit I: Technical Specifications **[Description/Date]**
- Exhibit J: Supplemental Terms and Conditions
- Exhibit K: Federal Documents (if applicable)
- Exhibit L: Solicitation Documents Index

SECTION 7. NOTICES.

A. All notices required or made pursuant to this Agreement by the Contractor to the County shall be in writing and delivered by hand or by United States Postal Service Department, first class mail, postage pre-paid, return receipt requested, addressed to the following:

 Attn: _____

B. All notices required or made pursuant to this Agreement by County to Contractor shall be made in writing and shall be delivered by hand or by United States Postal Service Department, first class mail, postage pre-paid, return receipt requested, addressed to the following:

 Attn: _____

C. Either party may change its above noted address by giving written notice to the other party in accordance with the requirements of this Section.

SECTION 8. MODIFICATION.

No modification or change to the Agreement shall be valid or binding upon the parties unless in writing and executed by the party or parties intended to be bound by it.

SECTION 9. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.

Subject to other provisions hereof, the Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties to the Agreement.

SECTION 10. GOVERNING LAW.

The Agreement shall be interpreted under and its performance governed by the laws of the State of Florida and the parties agree that venue shall be in Escambia County, Florida for any matter which is the subject of this Contract.

SECTION 11. NO WAIVER.

The failure of the County to enforce at any time or for any period of time any one or more of the provisions of the Agreement shall not be construed to be and shall not be a waiver of any such provision or provisions or of its right thereafter to enforce each and every such provision.

SECTION 12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

Each of the parties hereto agrees and represents that the Agreement comprises the full and entire agreement between the parties affecting the Work contemplated, and no other agreement or understanding of any nature concerning the same has been entered into or will be recognized, and that all negotiations, acts, work performed, or payments made prior to the execution hereof shall be deemed merged in, integrated and superseded by the Agreement.

SECTION 13. SEVERABILITY.

Should any provision of the Agreement be determined by a court to be unenforceable, such a determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section or part thereof.

SECTION 14. PUBLIC RECORDS.

The Contractor acknowledges that this Agreement and any related financial records, audits, reports, plans correspondence, and other documents may be subject to disclosure to members of the public pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Contractor shall maintain all such public records and, upon request, provide a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected within a reasonable time. Contractor shall also ensure that any public records that are exempt or exempt and confidential from disclosure are not disclosed except as authorized by law. Upon the expiration or termination of the Agreement, Contractor agrees to maintain all public records for a minimum period of five (5) fiscal years in accordance with the applicable records retention schedules established by the Florida Department of State. In the event the Contractor fails to abide by the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the

County may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy and after giving the Contractor and surety, if any, seven days written notice, during which period the Contractor still fails to allow access to such documents, terminate the contract. In such case, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment. Reasonable terminal expenses incurred by the County may be deducted from any payments left owing the Contractor (excluding monies owed the Contractor for subcontractor work).

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

Escambia County
Office of the County Administrator
221 Palafox Place, Suite 420
Pensacola, Florida 32502
(850) 595-4947

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature: the parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature: Escambia County, Florida through its Board of County Commissioners, signing by its County Administrator, duly authorized to execute this Agreement, and _____ signing by and through its President, duly authorized to execute same.

COUNTY:
Escambia County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida acting by and through its duly authorized Board of County Commissioners.

Witness: _____

By: _____
County Administrator

Witness: _____

Date: _____

BCC Approved: _____

CONTRACTOR:
_____, a _____
Corporation, authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

ATTEST: Corporate Secretary

By: _____

By: _____
Secretary

Its: President

(Corporate Seal)

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Section 1. INTENT OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- 1.1. It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete project (or portion thereof) to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Any work, materials or equipment that may reasonably be inferred from the Contract Documents as being required to produce the intended result shall be supplied whether or not specifically called for. When words which have a well known technical or trade meaning are used to describe work, materials or equipment, such words shall be interpreted in accordance with that meaning. Reference to standard specifications, manuals or codes of any technical society, organization or association or to the laws or regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Project, whether such reference be specific or by implication, shall mean the latest standard specification, manual, code, law or regulation in affect at the time the Work is performed, except as may be otherwise specifically stated herein.
- 1.2. If during the performance of the Work Contractor discovers a conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Document, Contractor immediately shall report same to Architect/Engineer in writing and before proceeding with the Work affected thereby shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from the Architect/Engineer. Contractor shall take field measurements and verify field conditions and shall carefully compare such field measurements and conditions and other information known to Contractor with the Contract Documents before commencing any portion of the Work.
- 1.3. Drawings are intended to show general arrangements, design and extent of Work and are not intended to serve as shop drawings. Specifications are separated into divisions for convenience of reference only and shall not be interpreted as establishing divisions for the Work, trades, subcontracts, or extent of any part of the Work. In the event of a discrepancy between or among the drawings, specifications of other Contract Document provisions, Contractor shall be required to comply with the provision which is the more restrictive or stringent requirement upon the Contractor, as determined by the Architect/Engineer. Unless otherwise specifically mentioned, all anchors, bolts, screws, fittings, fillers, hardware, accessories, trim and other parts required in connection with any portion of the Work to make a complete, serviceable, finished and first quality installation shall be furnished and installed as part of the Work, whether or not called for by the Contract Documents.
- 1.4. "Architect", where referenced on the drawings or in the specifications or in other related documents, shall mean the Escambia County Architect or the designated representative thereof.

Section 2. INVESTIGATION AND UTILITIES

- 2.1. Contractor shall have the sole responsibility of satisfying itself concerning the nature and location of the Work and the general and local conditions, and particularly, but without limitation, with respect to the following: those affecting transportation, access, disposal,

handling and storage of materials; availability and quality of labor; water and electric power; availability and condition of roads; work area; living facilities; climatic conditions and seasons; physical conditions at the work-site and the Project area as a whole; topography and ground

surface conditions; nature and quality of the surface materials to be encountered; subsurface conditions; equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during performance of the Work; and all other costs associated with such performance. The failure of Contractor to acquaint itself with any applicable conditions shall not relieve Contractor from any of its responsibilities to perform under the Contract Documents, nor shall it be considered the basis for any claim for additional time or compensation.

- 2.2. Contractor shall locate all existing roadways, railways, drainage facilities and utility services above, upon, or under the Project site, said roadways, railways, drainage facilities and utilities being referred to in this Section 2 as the "Utilities". Contractor shall contact the owners of all Utilities to determine the necessity for relocating or temporarily interrupting any Utilities during the construction of the Project. Contractor shall schedule and coordinate its Work around any such relocation or temporary service interruption. Contractor shall be responsible for properly shoring, supporting and protecting all Utilities at all times during the course of the Work.

Section 3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1. The Contractor, within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the Notice of Award, shall prepare and submit to County, for review and approval, a progress schedule for the Project (herein "Progress Schedule"). The Progress Schedule may be provided in an electronic format. The Progress Schedule shall relate to all Work required by the Contract Documents and shall provide for expeditious and practicable execution of the Work within the Contract Time. The Progress Schedule shall indicate the dates for starting and completing the various stages of the Work and shall include dates of Shop Drawing Submittals.
- 3.2. The Progress Schedule shall be updated monthly by the Contractor. All monthly updates to the Progress Schedule shall be subject to the County's review and approval. Contractor shall submit the updates to the Progress Schedule with its Applications for Payment noted below. The County's review and approval of the submitted Progress Schedule updates shall be a condition precedent to the County's obligation to pay Contractor.

Section 4. PROGRESS PAYMENTS

- 4.1. Prior to submitting its first Application for Payment, Contractor shall submit to County and the Architect/Engineer, for its review and approval, a schedule of values based upon the Contract Price, listing the major elements of the Work and the dollar value for each element. After its approval by the County and Architect/Engineer, this schedule of values shall be used as the basis for the Contractor's Applications for Payment. This schedule shall be updated and submitted along with a completed and notarized copy of the Application for Payment form attached to the Agreement as Exhibit E.
- 4.2. Prior to submitting its first monthly Application for Payment, Contractor shall submit to County and the Architect/Engineer a complete list of all its proposed subcontractors and materialmen, showing the work and materials involved and the dollar amount of each proposed subcontract and purchase order. The first Application for Payment shall be submitted no earlier than thirty (30) days after the Commencement Date.

- 4.3.** If payment is requested on the basis of materials and equipment not incorporated into the Project, but delivered and suitably stored at the site or at another location agreed to by the County in writing, the Application for Payment will subdivide the work into component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for a progress payment and shall also be accompanied by a bill of sale, invoice or other documentation warranting that upon payment by County, the County shall receive the materials and equipment free and clear of all liens, charges, security interests and encumbrances, together with evidence that the materials and equipment are covered by appropriate property insurance and other arrangements to protect County's interest therein, all of which shall be subject to the County's prior written approval.
- 4.4.** Contractor shall submit ___ (__) original copies of each of its Applications for Payment to the Architect/Engineer on or before the 25th day of each month for work performed during the previous month. Invoices received after the 25th day of each month shall be considered for payment as part of the next month's application. Within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of each Application for Payment, the Architect/Engineer shall either: (1) indicate approval of the requested payment; (2) indicate approval of only a portion of the requested payment, stating in writing the reasons therefore; or (3) return the Application for Payment to the Contractor indicating, in writing, the reason for refusing to approve payment. In the event of a total or partial denial of the Application for Payment by the Architect/Engineer, the Contractor may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application for Payment for reconsideration within ten (10) calendar days of receiving notice of refusal.

If re-submittal of the Application for Payment is refused by the Architect/Engineer, in whole or in part, the Contractor may submit a written request to the County Administrator for an administrative decision within two (2) business days of receiving notice of refusal. Upon receiving a timely request, an administrative decision shall be rendered within ten (10) calendar days with written notification provided to the Contractor.

If the administrative decision is disputed, the Contractor may submit a written request to the County Administrator for an administrative hearing before the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) within two (2) business days of receiving said decision. A hearing shall be scheduled within ten (10) business days from the date the request is received, and the Contractor will receive written notice of the hearing date. The DRC may, within its discretion, render a final decision at the hearing or may elect to mail a written decision to the property owner within a period not to exceed ten (10) calendar days from the hearing date. The DRC's written decision shall be considered administratively final.

The County shall, within twenty (20) business days after County approval of an Application for Payment, pay the Contractor the amounts so approved. Provided, however, in no event shall the County be obligated to pay an amount greater than that portion of the Application for Payment approved.

- 4.5** County shall retain ten percent (10%) of the gross amount of each monthly payment request or ten percent (10%) of the portion thereof approved by the County for payment, whichever is less. Such sum shall be accumulated and not released to Contractor until final payment is due. Any interim interest on such sums shall accrue to County.

Due to circumstances beyond the Contractor's control and at the County's sole discretion, a percentage of the amount retained from the gross amount of each monthly payment may be reduced prior to final completion of the Project and said percentage released to the Contractor upon receiving a certificate of substantial completion and approval from the Architect/Engineer. Release of any portion or percentage of sums retained prior to final completion of the Project shall in no way imply approval or

acceptance of Contractor's work.

- 4.6 Monthly payments to Contractor shall in no way imply approval or acceptance of Contractor's work.
- 4.7 Each Application for Payment shall be accompanied by Release and Affidavit, in the form attached as Exhibit D, showing that all materials, labor, equipment and other bills associated with that portion of the Work payment is being requested on have been paid in full. The County shall not be required to make payment until and unless these affidavits are furnished by Contractor.
- 4.8 Applications for Payment will not be approved unless all submittals required by the Contract documents, up to that point, are provided and "As-Built" record documents are maintained as required by Section 8.2.
- 4.9 Contractor agrees and understands that funding limitations exist and that the expenditure of funds must be spread over the duration of the Project at regular intervals based on the Contract Amount and Progress Schedule. Accordingly, prior to submitting its first monthly Application for Payment, Contractor shall prepare and submit for County's and Architect/Engineer's review and approval, a detailed Project Funding Schedule, which shall be updated as necessary and approved by County to reflect approved adjustments to the Contract Amount and Contract Time. No voluntary acceleration or early completion of the Work shall modify the time of payments to Contractor as set forth in the approved Project Funding Schedule.

Section 5. PAYMENTS WITHHELD.

- 5.1. The Architect/Engineer or County may decline to approve any Application for Payment, or portions thereof, because of subsequently discovered evidence or subsequent inspections. The Architect/Engineer or County may nullify the whole or any part of any approval for payment previously issued and County may withhold any payments otherwise due Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement between County and Contractor, to such extent as may be necessary in the County's opinion to protect it from loss because of: (a) defective Work not remedied; (b) third party claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of such claims; (c) failure of Contractor to make payment properly to subcontractors or for labor, materials or equipment; (d) reasonable doubt that the Work can be completed for the unpaid balance of the Contract Amount; (e) reasonable indication that the Work will not be completed within the Contract Time; (f) unsatisfactory prosecution of the Work by the Contractor; or (g) any other material breach of the Contract Documents. If these conditions are not remedied or removed, County may, after three (3) days written notice, rectify the same at Contractor's expense. County also may offset against any sums due Contractor the amount of any liquidated or unliquidated obligations of Contractor to County, whether relating to or arising out of this Agreement or any other agreement between Contractor and County.

Section 6. FINAL PAYMENT

- 6.1. County shall make final payment to Contractor within thirty (30) calendar days after the Work is finally inspected and accepted by County and Architect/Engineer in accordance with Section 20.1 herein, provided that Contractor first, and as an explicit condition precedent to the accrual of Contractor's right to final payment, shall have furnished County with a properly executed and notarized copy of the Release and Affidavit attached as Exhibit D, as well as, a duly executed copy of the Surety's consent to final payment and such other documentation that may be required by the Contract Documents or the County.

- 6.2. Contractor's acceptance of final payment shall constitute a full waiver of any and all claims by Contractor against County arising out of this Agreement or otherwise relating to the Project, except those previously made in writing and identified by Contractor as unsettled at the time of the final Application for Payment. Neither the acceptance of the Work nor payment by County shall be deemed to be a waiver of County's right to enforce any obligations of Contractor hereunder or to the recovery of damages for defective Work not discovered by the Architect/Engineer or County at the time of final inspection.

Section 7. SUBMITTALS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

- 7.1. Contractor shall carefully examine the Contract Documents for all requirements for approval of materials to be submitted such as shop drawings, data, test results, schedules and samples. When submitted for the Architect's review, Shop Drawings shall bear the Contractor's certification that the Contractor has reviewed, checked, and approved the Shop Drawings and that they are in conformance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. Contractor shall submit all such materials at its own expense and in such form as required by the Contract Documents in sufficient time to prevent any delay in the delivery of such materials and the installation thereof.
- 7.2. Prior to submitting its first Application for Payment, Contractor shall provide to County a DVD or video tape in VHS format showing the pre-existing conditions located within the limits of construction.
- 7.3. Whenever materials or equipment are specified or described in the Contract Documents by using the name of a proprietary item or the name of a particular supplier, the naming of the item is intended to establish the type, function and quality required. Unless the name is followed by words indicating that no substitution is permitted, materials or equipment of other suppliers may be accepted by County if sufficient information is submitted by Contractor to allow the County to determine that the material or equipment proposed is equivalent or equal to that named. Requests for review of substitute items of material and equipment will not be accepted by County from anyone other than Contractor and all such requests must be submitted by Contractor to County within thirty (30) calendar days after Notice to Proceed is received by Contractor.
- 7.4. If Contractor wishes to furnish or use a substitute item of material or equipment, Contractor shall make application to the County for acceptance thereof, certifying that the proposed substitute shall perform adequately the functions and achieve the results called for by the general design, be similar and of equal substance to that specified and be suited to the same use as that specified. The application shall state that the evaluation and acceptance of the proposed substitute will not prejudice Contractor's achievement of substantial completion on time, whether or not acceptance of the substitute for use in the Work will require a change in any of the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with County for the Project) to adapt the design to the proposed substitute and whether or not incorporation or use by the substitute in connection with the Work is subject to payment of any license fee or royalty. All variations of the proposed substitute from that specified will be identified in the application and available maintenance, repair and replacement service shall be indicated. The application also shall contain an itemized estimate of all costs that will result directly or indirectly from acceptance of such substitute, including costs for redesign and claims of other contractors affected by the resulting change, all of which shall be considered by the County in evaluating the proposed substitute. The County may require Contractor to furnish at Contractor's expense additional data about the proposed substitute.

- 7.5.** If a specific means, method, technique, sequence or procedure of construction is indicated in or required by the Contract Documents, Contractor may furnish or utilize a substitute means, method, sequence, technique or procedure of construction acceptable to the County, if Contractor submits sufficient information to allow the County to determine that the substitute proposed is equivalent to that indicated or required by the Contract Documents. The procedures for submission to and review by the County shall be the same as those provided herein for substitute materials and equipment.
- 7.6.** The County shall be allowed a reasonable time within which to evaluate each proposed substitute. The County shall be the sole judge of acceptability, and no substitute will be ordered, installed or utilized without the County's prior written acceptance, which shall be evidenced by either a Change Order or an approved Shop Drawing. The County may require Contractor to furnish at Contractor's expense a special performance guarantee or other surety with respect to any substitute.

Section 8. DAILY REPORTS, AS-BUILTS, AND MEETINGS

- 8.1.** Unless waived in writing by County, Contractor shall complete and submit, along with its Application for Payment, to the County on a monthly basis a daily log of the Contractor's work for the preceding month in a format approved by the County. The daily log shall document all activities of Contractor at the Project site including, but not limited to, the following:
- 8.1.1.** Weather conditions showing the high and low temperatures during work hours, the amount of precipitation received on the Project site, and any other weather conditions which adversely affect the Work;
 - 8.1.2.** Soil conditions which adversely affect the Work;
 - 8.1.3.** The hours of operation by Contractor's personnel and subcontractor's personnel;
 - 8.1.4.** The number of Contractor's and subcontractor's personnel present and working at the Project site, by subcontract and trade;
 - 8.1.5.** All equipment present at the Project site, description of equipment use and designation of time equipment was used (specifically indicating any down time);
 - 8.1.6.** Description of Work being performed at the Project site;
 - 8.1.7.** Any unusual or special occurrences at the Project site;
 - 8.1.8.** Materials received at the Project site; and
 - 8.1.9.** A list of all visitors to the Project site.

The daily log shall not constitute nor take the place of any notice required to be given by Contractor to County or Architect/Engineer pursuant to the Contract Documents.

- 8.2.** Contractor shall maintain in a safe place at the Project site one record copy of the Contract Documents, as well as all shop drawings and other Contractor submittals and all written interpretations and clarifications issued by the County, in good order and annotated to show all changes made during construction. The annotated drawings shall be continuously updated by the Contractor throughout the prosecution of the Work to accurately reflect all field changes that are made to adapt the Work to field conditions, changes resulting from Change Orders,

Work Directive Changes and Field Orders, and all concealed and buried installations of piping, conduit and utility services. All buried and concealed items, both inside and outside the Project site, shall be accurately located on the annotated drawings as to depth and in relationship to not less than two (2) permanent features (e.g. interior or exterior wall faces). The annotated drawings shall be clean and all changes, corrections and dimensions shall be given in a neat and legible manner in a contrasting color. The "As-Built" record documents, together with all approved samples and a counterpart of all approved shop drawings shall be available to County for reference. Upon completion of the Work, and as a condition precedent to Contractor's entitlement to final payment, these "As-Built" record documents, samples and shop drawings shall be delivered to County by Contractor.

- 8.3. Contractor shall keep all records and supporting documentation which concern or relate to the Work hereunder for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of termination of this Agreement or the date the Project is completed, whichever is later. County, or any duly authorized agents or representatives of County, shall have the right to audit, inspect and copy all such records and documentation as often as they deem necessary during the period of this Agreement and during the five (5) year period noted above; provided, however, such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours.

Section 9. CONTRACT TIME AND TIME EXTENSIONS

- 9.1. Contractor shall diligently pursue the completion of the Work and coordinate the Work being done on the Project by its subcontractors and materialmen, as well as coordinating its Work with all work of others at the Project Site, so that its Work or the work of others shall not be delayed or impaired by any act or omission of Contractor. Contractor shall be solely responsible for all construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures, as well as coordination of all portions of the Work under the Contract Documents.
- 9.2. Should Contractor be obstructed or delayed in the prosecution of or completion of the Work as a result of unforeseeable causes beyond the control of Contractor, and not due to its fault or neglect, including but not restricted to acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of government, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine regulations, strikes or lockouts, Contractor shall notify the County in writing within forty-eight (48) hours after the commencement of such delay, stating the cause or causes thereof, or be deemed to have waived any right which Contractor may have had to request a time extension.
- 9.3. No interruption, interference, inefficiency, suspension or delay in the commencement or progress of the Work from any cause whatever, including those for which County may be responsible, in whole or in part, shall relieve Contractor of his duty to perform or give rise to any right to damages or additional compensation from County. Contractor expressly acknowledges and agrees that it shall receive no damages for delay. Contractor's sole remedy, if any, against County will be the right to seek an extension to the Contract Time; provided, however, the granting of any such time extension shall not be a condition precedent to the aforementioned "No Damage For Delay" provision. This paragraph shall expressly apply to claims for early completion, as well as to claims based on late completion.

Section 10. CHANGES IN THE WORK

- 10.1.** County shall have the right at any time during the progress of the Work to increase or decrease the Work. Promptly after being notified of a change, Contractor shall submit an itemized estimate of any cost or time increases or savings it foresees as a result of the change. Except in an emergency endangering life or property, or as expressly set forth herein, no addition or changes to the Work shall be made except upon written order of County, and County shall not be liable to the Contractor for any increased compensation without such written order. No officer, employee or agent of County is authorized to direct any extra or changed work orally.
- 10.2.** A Change Order, in the form attached as Exhibit F to this Agreement, shall be issued and executed promptly after an agreement is reached between Contractor and County concerning the requested changes. Contractor shall promptly perform changes authorized by duly executed Change Orders. The Contract Amount shall be adjusted in the Change Order in the manner as County and Contractor shall mutually agree.
- 10.3.** If County and Contractor are unable to agree on a Change Order for the requested change, Contractor shall, nevertheless, promptly perform the change as directed by County in a written Work Directive Change. In that event, the Contract Amount and Contract Time shall be adjusted as directed by County. If Contractor disagrees with the County's adjustment determination, Contractor must make a claim pursuant to Section 11 of these General Conditions or else be deemed to have waived any claim on this matter it might otherwise have had.
- 10.4.** In the event a requested change results in an increase to the Contract Amount, the amount of the increase shall be limited to the Contractor's reasonable direct labor and material costs and reasonable actual equipment costs as a result of the change (including allowance for labor burden costs) plus a maximum ten percent (10%) markup for all overhead and profit. In the event such change Work is performed by a Subcontractor, a maximum ten percent (10%) markup for all overhead and profit for all Subcontractors' and sub-subcontractors' direct labor and material costs and actual equipment costs shall be permitted, with a maximum five percent (5%) markup thereon by the Contractor for all of its overhead and profit, for a total maximum markup of fifteen percent (15%). All compensation due Contractor and any Subcontractor or sub-subcontractor for field and home office overhead is included in the markups noted above.
- 10.5.** County shall have the right to conduct an audit of Contractor's books and records to verify the accuracy of the Contractor's claim with respect to Contractor's costs associated with any Change Order.
- 10.6.** The County shall have authority to order minor changes in the Work not involving an adjustment to the Contract Amount and not inconsistent with the intent of the Contract Documents. Such changes may be affected by Field Order or by other written order. Such changes shall be binding on the Contractor.

Section 11. CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

- 11.1.** A Claim is a demand or assertion by one of the parties seeking an adjustment or interpretation of the terms of the Contract Documents, payment of money, extension of time or other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract Documents. The term "Claim" also includes other disputes and matters in question between County and Contractor arising out of or relating to the Contract Documents. The responsibility to substantiate a Claim shall rest with the party

making the Claim.

- 11.2. Claims by the Contractor shall be made in writing to the County and Architect/Engineer within forty-eight (48) hours after the first day of the event giving rise to such Claim or else the Contractor shall be deemed to have waived the Claim. Written supporting data shall be submitted to the County and Architect/Engineer within fifteen (15) calendar days after the occurrence of the event, unless the County grants additional time in writing, or else the Contractor shall be deemed to have waived the Claim. All claims shall be priced in accordance with the provisions of Subsection 10.4.
- 11.3. The Contractor shall proceed diligently with its performance as directed by the County, regardless of any pending Claim, action, suit or administrative proceeding, unless otherwise agreed to by the County in writing. County shall continue to make payments in accordance with the Contract Documents during the pendency of any Claim.

Section 12. OTHER WORK

- 12.1. County may perform other work related to the Project at the site by County's own forces, have other work performed by utility owners or let other direct contracts. If the fact that such other work is to be performed is not noted in the Contract Documents, notice thereof will be given to Contractor. If Contractor believes that such performance will involve additional expense to Contractor or require additional time, Contractor shall send written notice of that fact to County and Architect/Engineer within forty-eight (48) hours of being notified of the other work. If the Contractor fails to send the above required forty-eight (48) hour notice, the Contractor will be deemed to have waived any rights it otherwise may have had to seek an extension to the Contract Time or adjustment to the Contract Amount.
- 12.2. Contractor shall afford each utility owner and other contractor (or County, if County is performing the additional work with County's employees) proper and safe access to the site and a reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of such work and shall properly connect and coordinate its Work with theirs. Contractor shall do all cutting, fitting and patching of the Work that may be required to make its several parts come together properly and integrate with such other work. Contractor shall not endanger any work of others by cutting, excavating or otherwise altering their work and will only cut or alter their work with the written consent of the Architect/Engineer and the others whose work will be affected.
- 12.3. If any part of Contractor's Work depends for proper execution or results upon the work of any other contractor or utility owner (or County), Contractor shall inspect and promptly report to Architect/Engineer in writing any delays, defects or deficiencies in such work that render it unavailable or unsuitable for such proper execution and results. Contractor's failure to report will constitute an acceptance of the other work as fit and proper for integration with Contractor's Work.

Section 13. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

- 13.1 Contractor shall pay on behalf of or indemnify and hold harmless County and its agents, officers and employees from and against all liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including attorney's and paralegal fees, incurred by County to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of Contractor or by any person, firm or corporation to whom any portion of the Work is subcontracted by Contractor or resulting from the use by Contractor, or by anyone for whom Contractor is legally liable, of any materials, tools, machinery or other property of County. Contractor's obligation as provided herein shall

be limited to its proportionate share of liability to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of Contractor or by any person, firm or corporation to whom any portion of the Work is subcontracted by Contractor, and Contractor shall not be required to pay on behalf of or indemnify and hold harmless County where County's negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be the sole cause of its liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including attorney's fees and paralegal fees.

County and Contractor agree one percent (1%) of the Contract Amount paid by County to Contractor shall be given as separate consideration for this indemnification, and any other indemnification of County by Contractor provided for within the Contract Documents, the sufficiency of such separate consideration being acknowledged by Contractor by Contractor's acceptance and execution of the Agreement.

Contractor agrees that such indemnification by Contractor relating to any matter which is the subject of this Agreement shall extend throughout the term of this Agreement and any applicable statutes of limitations thereafter. Contractor's obligation to indemnify shall not be limited by, or in any way to, any insurance coverage or by any provision in or exclusion or omission from any policy of insurance.

- 13.2** Contractor shall obtain and carry, at all times during its performance under the Contract Documents, insurance of the types and in the amounts set forth in Exhibit C to the Agreement. All insurance policies shall be from responsible companies duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida and/or responsible risk retention group insurance companies or trusts which are registered with the State of Florida. Foreign or off-shore insurance carriers are not acceptable for work under this contract unless admitted to the State of Florida. All commercial insurance carriers providing the Contractor with required insurance shall be a minimum financial size category of VII according to the AM Best Rating Guide, latest edition. An A or better Best Rating is "preferred"; however, other ratings if "Secure Best Ratings" may be considered. Within ten (10) calendar days after Notice of Award is received by Contractor and prior to the commencement of work, Contractor shall provide County with properly executed Certificates of Insurance to evidence Contractor's compliance with the insurance requirements of the Contract Documents. Said Certificates of Insurance shall be on forms approved by County, such as "Acord Form 25". The Certificates of Insurance shall be personally, manually signed by the authorized representatives of the insurance company/companies shown on the Certificates of Insurance, with proof that they are authorized representatives thereof. Certificates of Insurance shall be mailed to Escambia County in care of: Purchasing Manager, Office of Purchasing, P.O. Box 1591, Pensacola, Florida 32597-1591. In addition, certified, true and exact copies of all insurance policies required hereunder shall be provided to County, on a timely basis, when requested by County.
- 13.3** The Certificates of Insurance and required insurance policies shall contain provisions that thirty (30) days prior written notice by registered or certified mail shall be given County of any cancellation, intent not to renew, or reduction in the policies or coverages, except in the application of the aggregate limits provisions. In the event of a reduction in the aggregate limit of any policy, Contractor shall immediately take steps to have the aggregate limit reinstated to the full extent permitted under such policy.
- 13.4** All insurance coverages of the Contractor shall be primary to any insurance or self insurance program carried by the County applicable to this Project. The acceptance by County of any Certificate of Insurance does not constitute approval or agreement by the County that the insurance requirements have been satisfied or that the insurance policy shown on the Certificate of Insurance is in compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. No

work shall commence at the Project site unless and until the required Certificates of Insurance are received by the County.

- 13.5** Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors to procure and maintain, until the completion of the subcontractor's work, insurance of the types and to the limits specified in Exhibit C, unless such insurance requirements for the subcontractor is expressly waived in writing by the County. All liability insurance policies, other than professional liability, worker's compensation and employer's liability policies, obtained by Contractor to meet the requirements of the Contract Documents shall name Escambia County as an additional insured and shall contain severability of interest provisions. Escambia County shall also be designated as certificate holder with the address of P. O. Box 1591, Pensacola, Florida 32597-1591. If any insurance provided pursuant to the Contract Documents expires prior to the completion of the Work, renewal Certificates of Insurance and, if requested by County, certified, true copies of the renewal policies, shall be furnished by Contractor within thirty (30) days prior to the date of expiration. Upon expiration of an insurance policy term during the course of work under the contract, succeeding insurance policies shall be consecutive to the expiring policy.
- 13.6** All liability policies shall be underwritten on the "occurrence" basis, unless otherwise approved in writing by the County Division of Risk Management. "Claims made" policies, if approved by the Risk Manager, and subsequent insurance certificates shall provide a "retro-date" which shall include the effective date of the contract. "Claims-made" renewals or carrier and policy replacements shall reflect the original "retro-date."
- 13.7** Should at any time the Contractor not maintain the insurance coverages required herein, the County may terminate the Agreement or at its sole discretion shall be authorized to purchase such coverages and charge the Contractor for such coverages purchased. The County shall be under no obligation to purchase such insurance, nor shall it be responsible for the coverages purchased or the insurance company or companies used. The decision of the County to purchase such insurance coverages shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of any of its rights under the Contract Documents.
- 13.8** Contractor shall submit to County a copy of all accident reports arising out of any personal injuries or property damages arising or alleged to have arisen on account of any work by Contractor or sub-Contractor under the contract documents.
- 13.9** Duty To Provide Legal Defense. Contractor shall pay for and provide a legal defense for the County, which shall include attorneys' fees and costs, both of which will be done only if and when requested by the County, for all liabilities, damages, losses, and costs as described in paragraph 13.1 above. Such payment on the behalf of the County shall be in addition to any and all other legal remedies available to the County and shall not be considered to be the County's exclusive remedy.

Section 14. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

- 14.1.** Contractor agrees to comply, at its own expense, with all federal, state and local laws, codes, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations and requirements applicable to the Project, including but not limited to those dealing with taxation, worker's compensation, equal employment and safety. If Contractor observes that the Contract Documents are at variance therewith, it shall promptly notify County and Architect/Engineer in writing. Compliance with the above laws shall include but is not limited to: (1) the Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 CFR 1910 and 1926, respectively, General Industry Standards and Construction Industry Standards, including regulations regarding Trenching and Shoring; (2) the Florida Workers' Compensation

Law, Chapter 440, Florida Statutes; (3) Rules 38F and 38I, Florida Administrative Code; and (4) Florida Department of Transportation Manual of Traffic Control and Safe Practices. Failure to adhere to the requirements of the above named laws and regulations regarding safety and traffic control shall be grounds for an immediate work stoppage, either by County staff or the Contractor, until the deficiency is corrected.

14.2 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION (E-VERIFY)

In accordance with State of Florida, Office of the Governor, Executive Order 11-116 (superseding Executive Order 11-02; Verification of Employment Status), in the event performance of this Agreement is or will be funded using state or federal funds, the CONTRACTOR must comply with the Employment Eligibility Verification Program ("E-Verify Program") developed by the federal government to verify the eligibility of individuals to work in the United States and 48 CFR 52.222-54 (as amended) is incorporated herein by reference. If applicable, in accordance with Subpart 22.18 of the Federal Acquisition Register, the CONTRACTOR must (1) enroll in the E-Verify Program, (2) use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of all new hires working in the United States, except if the CONTRACTOR is a state or local government, the CONTRACTOR may choose to verify only new hires assigned to the Agreement; (3) use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of all employees assigned to the Agreement; and (4) include these requirement in certain subcontracts, such as construction. Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify Program can be obtained via the internet at the Department of Homeland Security Web site: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.

Section 15. CLEANUP AND PROTECTIONS.

- 15.1. Contractor agrees to keep the Project site clean at all times of debris, rubbish and waste materials arising out of the Work. At the completion of the Work, Contractor shall remove all debris, rubbish and waste materials from and about the Project site, as well as all tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery and surface materials, and shall leave the Project site clean and ready for occupancy by County.
- 15.2. Any existing surface or subsurface improvements, including, but not limited to, pavements, curbs, sidewalks, pipes, utilities, footings, structures, trees and shrubbery, not indicated in the Contract Documents to be removed or altered, shall be protected by Contractor from damage during the prosecution of the Work. Any such improvements so damaged shall be restored by Contractor to the condition equal to that existing at the time of Contractor's commencement of the Work. Non-compliance with directives of this section may serve as a basis of rejection of Application for Payment.

Section 16. ASSIGNMENT

- 16.1 Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or any part thereof, without the prior consent in writing of County. If Contractor does, with approval, assign this Agreement or any part thereof, it shall require that its assignee be bound to it and to assume toward Contractor all of the obligations and responsibilities that Contractor has assumed toward County.

Section 17. PERMITS, LICENSES AND TAXES.

- 17.1. All permits and licenses necessary for the prosecution of the Work shall be procured and paid for by Contractor. All permits or fees, including but not limited to, all license fees, permit fees, impact fees or inspection fees payable by Contractor to County have been disclosed to Contractor in the bidding documents or other request for proposal at the time the Project was

let for bid. If Contractor performs any Work without obtaining, or contrary to, such permits or licenses, Contractor shall bear all costs arising therefrom. Contractor shall pay all governmental charges and inspection fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work.

- 17.2.** Contractor shall pay all sales, consumer, use and other similar taxes associated with the Work or portions thereof, which are applicable during the performance of the Work.

Section 18. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT.

- 18.1** Contractor shall be considered in material default of the Agreement and such default shall be considered cause for County to terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, as further set forth in this Section, if Contractor: (1) fails to begin the Work under the Contract Documents within the time specified herein; or (2) fails to properly and timely perform the Work as directed by the County or Architect/Engineer or as provided for in the approved Progress Schedule; or (4) performs the Work unsuitably or neglects or refuses to remove materials or to correct or replace such Work as may be rejected as unacceptable or unsuitable; or (5) discontinues the prosecution of the Work; or (6) fails to resume Work which has been suspended within a reasonable time after being notified to do so; or (7) becomes insolvent or is declared bankrupt, or commits any act of bankruptcy; or (8) allows any final judgment to stand against it unsatisfied for more than ten (10) days; or (9) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or (10) fails to obey any applicable codes, laws, ordinances, rules or regulations with respect to the Work; or (11) materially breaches any other provision of the Contract Documents.
- 18.2** County shall notify Contractor in writing of Contractor's default(s). If County determines that Contractor has not remedied and cured the default(s) within seven (7) calendar days following receipt by Contractor of said written notice, then County, at its option, without releasing or waiving its rights and remedies against the Contractor's sureties and without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may be entitled to hereunder or by law, may terminate Contractor's right to proceed under the Agreement, in whole or in part, and take possession of all or any portion of the Work and any materials, tools, equipment, and appliances of Contractor, take assignments of any of Contractor's subcontracts and purchase orders, and complete all or any portion of Contractor's Work by whatever means, method or agency which County, in its sole discretion, may choose.
- 18.3** If County deems any of the foregoing remedies necessary, Contractor agrees that it shall not be entitled to receive any further payments hereunder until after the Project is completed. All monies expended and all of the costs, losses, damages and extra expenses, including all management, administrative and other overhead and other direct and indirect expenses (including Architect/Engineer and attorneys' fees) or damages incurred by County incident to such completion, shall be deducted from the Contract Amount, and if such expenditures exceed the unpaid balance of the Contract Amount, Contractor agrees to pay promptly to County on demand the full amount of such excess, including costs of collection, attorney's fees (including appeals) and interest thereon at the maximum legal rate of interest until paid. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Amount exceeds all such costs, expenditures and damages incurred by the County to complete the Work, such excess shall be paid to the Contractor. The amount to be paid to the Contractor or County, as the case may be, shall be certified by the Architect/Engineer, upon application, and this obligation for payment shall survive termination of the Agreement.
- 18.4** The liability of Contractor hereunder shall extend to and include the full amount of any and all sums paid, expenses and losses incurred, damages sustained, and obligations assumed by County in good faith under the belief that such payments or assumptions were necessary or

required, in completing the Work and providing labor, materials, equipment, supplies, and other items therefore or re-letting the Work, in settlement, discharge or compromise of any claims, demands, suits, and judgments pertaining to or arising out of the Work hereunder.

- 18.5** If, after notice of termination of Contractor's right to proceed pursuant to this Section, it is determined for any reason that Contractor was not in default, or that its default was excusable, or that County is not entitled to the remedies against Contractor provided herein, then Contractor's remedies against County shall be the same as and limited to those afforded Contractor below under Subsection 19.1, Termination for Convenience.
- 18.6** If the Contractor refuses to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with this Agreement then the County may, without prejudice to any right or remedy and after giving the Contractor and his surety, if any, seven (7) days written notice, during which period Contractor still fails to allow access, terminate the employment of the Contractor and take possession of the site and of all materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery thereon, owned by the Contractor, and may finish the project by whatever method it may deem expedient. In such case, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Project is finished. Reasonable terminal expenses incurred by the County may be deducted from any payments left owing the Contractor (excluding monies owed the Contractor for subcontract work).

Section 19. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE AND RIGHT OF SUSPENSION

- 19.1.** County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause upon seven (7) calendar days written notice to Contractor. In the event of such termination for convenience, Contractor's recovery against County shall be limited to that portion of the Contract Amount earned through the date of termination, together with any retainage withheld and reasonable termination expenses incurred, but Contractor shall not be entitled to any other or further recovery against County, including, but not limited to, damages or any anticipated profit on portions of the Work not performed.
- 19.2.** County shall have the right to suspend all or any portions of the Work upon giving Contractor two (2) calendar days' prior written notice of such suspension. If all or any portion of the Work is so suspended, Contractor's sole and exclusive remedy shall be to seek an extension of time to its schedule in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Contract Documents. In no event shall the Contractor be entitled to any additional compensation or damages. Provided, however, if the ordered suspension exceeds three (3) months, the Contractor shall have the right to terminate the Agreement with respect to that portion of the Work which is subject to the ordered suspension.

Section 20. COMPLETION

- 20.1.** Upon receipt of written notice, the County will ascertain whether the work or designated portions thereof are ready for the Architect's substantial completion inspection. From the Architect's list of incomplete or unsatisfactory items, a schedule for the County's review will be prepared for their completion indicating such completion dates. The County will issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion when the work has been deemed substantially complete by the County.
- 20.2.** Upon receipt of written notice that the Work is ready for final inspection and acceptance and upon receipt of a final Application for Payment, the County shall promptly make such inspection and, if it finds the work acceptable and fully performed under the Contract

Documents, shall promptly issue a Certificate of Final Completion and Recommendation for Payment, stating that, on the basis of observations and inspections, the Work has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents and that the entire balance found to be due the Contractor is due and payable. The final payment shall not become due and payable until Contractor submits: (1) the Release and Affidavit in the form attached as Exhibit D, (2) consent of surety to final payment, (3) if required by County, other data establishing payment or satisfaction of all obligations, such as receipts, releases and waivers of liens, arising out of the Contract Documents, to the extent and in such form as may be designated by County, (4) a published copy of the Notice of Completion as provided for in this section and (5) all required close out document as provided in the contract documents. County reserves the right to inspect the Work and make an independent determination as to the Work's acceptability. Unless and until the County is completely satisfied, the final payment shall not become due and payable.

- 20.3.** After the Work is ready for final inspection and acceptance by the County, a legal advertisement must be published by the Contractor in a local newspaper of a general countywide circulation at least thirty (30) days before final payment shall be made. Example of such publication is as follows:

Legal Notice of Completion

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Contractor has completed and has ready for acceptance by the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, the following construction project:

(Project Name and Address)

(Legal Name and Address - entity of the Contractor)

Subcontractors, material men, and other persons having payment claims against the Contractor relating to this project should govern themselves accordingly.

Section 21. WARRANTY

- 21.1.** Contractor shall obtain and assign to County all express warranties given to Contractor or any subcontractors by any material men supplying materials, equipment or fixtures to be incorporated into the Project. Contractor warrants to County that any materials and equipment furnished under the Contract Documents shall be new unless otherwise specified, and that all Work shall be of good quality, free from all defects and in conformance with the Contract Documents. Contractor further warrants to County that all materials and equipment furnished under the Contract Documents shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned in accordance with the instructions of the applicable manufacturers, fabricators, suppliers or processors except as otherwise provided for in the Contract Documents. If, within two (2) years after substantial completion and acceptance, any Work is found to be defective or not in conformance with the Contract Documents, Contractor shall correct it promptly after receipt of written notice from County. Contractor shall also be responsible for and pay for replacement or repair of adjacent materials or Work, which may be damaged as a result of such replacement or repair. These warranties are in addition to those implied warranties to which County is entitled as a matter of law. The Performance Bond shall remain in full force and effect throughout the two (2) year Warranty Period.

Section 22. TESTS AND INSPECTIONS

- 22.1.** County, Architect/Engineer, their respective representatives, agents and employees, and any governmental agencies with jurisdiction over the Project shall have access at all times to the Work, whether the Work is being performed on or off of the Project site, for their observation, inspection and testing. Contractor shall provide proper, safe conditions for such access. Contractor shall provide Architect/Engineer with timely notice of readiness of the Work for all required inspections, tests or approvals.
- 22.2.** If the Contract Documents or any codes, laws, ordinances, rules or regulations of any public authority having jurisdiction over the Project requires any portion of the Work to be specifically inspected, tested or approved, Contractor shall assume full responsibility therefore, pay all costs in connection therewith and furnish Architect/Engineer the required certificates of inspection, testing or approval. All inspections, tests or approvals shall be performed in a manner and by organizations acceptable to the Architect/Engineer and County.
- 22.3.** If any Work that is to be inspected, tested or approved is covered without written concurrence from the Architect/Engineer, such work must, if requested by Architect/Engineer, be uncovered for observation. Such uncovering shall be at Contractor's expense unless Contractor has given Architect/Engineer timely notice of Contractor's intention to cover the same and Architect/Engineer has not acted with reasonable promptness to respond to such notice. If any Work is covered contrary to written directions from Architect/Engineer, such Work must, if requested by Architect/Engineer, be uncovered for Architect/Engineer's observation and be replaced at Contractor's sole expense.
- 22.4.** The County shall charge to Contractor and may deduct from any payments due Contractor all engineering and inspection expenses incurred by County in connection with any overtime work. Such overtime work consisting of any work during the construction period beyond the regular eight (8) hour day and for any work performed on Saturday, Sunday or holidays.
- 22.5.** Neither observations by the Architect/Engineer nor inspections, tests or approvals by others shall relieve Contractor from Contractor's obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- 22.6.** Prior to payment for any Work for which testing is specified, Contractor shall provide the County a copy of reasonably acceptable test results relating to such work as required by the technical specifications of the solicitation.

Section 23. DEFECTIVE WORK

- 23.1.** Work not conforming to the requirements of the construction plans or Contract Documents or work conforming to the construction plans or contract documents containing errors or omissions, including, but not limited to, design flaws shall be deemed defective Work. If required by County or Architect/Engineer, Contractor shall as directed, either correct all defective Work, whether or not fabricated, installed or completed, or, if the defective Work has been rejected by County or Architect/Engineer, remove it from the site and replace it with undefective Work. Contractor shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs of such correction or removal (including, but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals) made necessary thereby, and shall hold County harmless for same.
- 23.2.** If the County or Architect/Engineer considers it necessary or advisable that covered Work be observed by Architect/Engineer or inspected or tested by others, Contractor, at County's or

Architect/Engineer's request, shall uncover, expose or otherwise make available for observation, inspection or tests as County or Architect/Engineer may require, that portion of the Work in question, furnishing all necessary labor, material and equipment. If it is found that such Work is defective, Contractor shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs of such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection and testing and of satisfactory reconstruction (including, but not limited to, fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals), and County shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the Contract Amount. If, however, such Work is not found to be defective, Contractor shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Amount and/or an extension of the Contract Time, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, testing and reconstruction.

- 23.3.** If any portion of the Work is defective, or Contractor fails to supply sufficient skilled workers with suitable materials or equipment, or fails to finish or perform the Work in such a way that the completed Work will conform to the Contract Documents, County or Architect/Engineer may order Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of County or Architect/Engineer to stop the Work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of County or Architect/Engineer to exercise this right for the benefit of Contractor or any other party.
- 23.4.** Should the County determine, at its sole opinion, it is in the County's best interest to accept defective Work, the County may do so. Contractor shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs attributable to the County's evaluation of and determination to accept defective Work. If such determination is rendered prior to final payment, a Change Order shall be executed evidencing such acceptance of such defective Work, incorporating the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents and reflecting an appropriate decrease in the Contract Amount. If the County accepts such defective Work after final payment, Contractor at the discretion of the County shall promptly pay County an appropriate amount to adequately compensate County for its acceptance of the defective Work or shall increase in the Work's warranty period beyond two (2) years.
- 23.5.** If Contractor fails, within a reasonable time after the written notice from County or Architect/Engineer, to correct defective Work or to remove and replace rejected defective Work as required by Architect/Engineer or County, or if Contractor fails to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, or if Contractor fails to comply with any of the provisions of the Contract Documents, County may, after seven (7) days' written notice to Contractor, correct and remedy any such deficiency. To the extent necessary to complete corrective and remedial action, County may exclude Contractor from any or all of the Project site, take possession of all or any part of the Work, and suspend Contractor's services related thereto, take possessions of Contractor's tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery at the Project site and incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Project site or for which County has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere. Contractor shall allow County or Architect/Engineer, and their respective representatives, agents, and employees such access to the Project site as may be necessary to enable County to exercise the rights and remedies under this Subsection. All direct, indirect and consequential costs of County in exercising such rights and remedies shall be charged against Contractor, and a Change Order shall be issued, incorporating the necessary revisions to the Contract Documents, including an appropriate decrease to the Contract Amount. Such direct, indirect and consequential costs shall include, but not be limited to, fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals, all court and arbitration costs and all costs of repair and replacement of work or others destroyed or damaged by correction, removal or replacement of Contractor's defective Work. Contractor shall not be allowed an extension of the Contract Time because of any delay in performance of the Work attributable to the exercise by County of County's rights and remedies hereunder.

Section 24. SUPERVISION AND SUPERINTENDENTS

24.1. Contractor shall supervise and direct the Work competently and efficiently, devoting such attention thereto and applying such skills and expertise as may be necessary to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. Contractor shall be responsible to see that the finished Work complies accurately with the Contract Documents. Contractor shall keep on the Work at all times during its progress a competent resident superintendent, who shall not be replaced without prior written notice to County except under extraordinary circumstances. The superintendent shall be Contractor's representative at the Project site and shall have authority to act on behalf of Contractor. All communications given to the superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor. County shall have the right to direct Contractor to remove and replace its Project superintendent, with or without cause.

Section 25. PROTECTION OF WORK

25.1. Contractor shall fully protect the Work from loss or damage and shall bear the cost of any such loss or damage until final payment has been made. If Contractor, or any one for whom Contractor is legally liable, is responsible for any loss or damage to the Work, or other work or materials of County or County's separate contractors, Contractor shall be charged with the same, and any monies necessary to replace such loss or damage shall be deducted from any amounts due Contractor.

25.2. Contractor shall not load nor permit any part of any structure to be loaded in any manner that will endanger the structure, nor shall Contractor subject any part of the Work or adjacent property to stresses or pressures that will endanger it.

Section 26. EMERGENCIES

26.1. In the event of an emergency affecting the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Project site or adjacent thereto, Contractor, without special instruction or authorization from County or Architect/Engineer is obligated to act to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. Contractor shall give Architect/Engineer written notice within forty-eight (48) hours after the occurrence of the emergency, if Contractor believes that any significant changes in the Work or variations from the Contract Document have been caused thereby. If the Architect/Engineer determines that a change in the Contract Documents is required because of the action taken in response to an emergency, a Change Order shall be issued to document the consequences of the changes or variations. If Contractor fails to provide the forty-eight (48) hour written notice noted above, the Contractor shall be deemed to have waived any right it otherwise may have had to seek an adjacent to the Contract Amount or an extension to the Contract Time.

Section 27. USE OF PREMISES

27.1. Contractor shall confine all construction equipment, the storage of materials and equipment and the operations of workers to the Project site and land and areas identified in and permitted by the Contract Documents and other lands and areas permitted by law, rights of way, permits and easements, and shall not unreasonably encumber the Project site with construction equipment or other material or equipment. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for any damage to any such land or area, or to the owner or occupant thereof, or any land or areas contiguous thereto, resulting from the performance of the Work.

Section 28. SAFETY

- 28.1.** The Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:
- 28.1.1.** All employees of the Work and other persons and/or organizations who may be affected thereby;
 - 28.1.2.** All the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Project site; and
 - 28.1.3.** Other property on Project site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, utilities and any underground structures or improvements not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the contract documents.
- 28.2** The Contractor shall comply with all applicable codes, laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss. The Contractor shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for such safety and protection. The Contractor shall notify owners of adjacent property and of underground structures and improvements and utility owners when prosecution of the Work may affect them, and shall cooperate with them in the protection, removal, relocation or replacement of their property. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for the safety and protection of the Work shall continue until such time as the Work is completed and final acceptance of same by County has occurred.
- 28.3** The Contractor shall designate a responsible representative at the Project site whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. This person shall be Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by the Contractor to the County.
- 28.4** The Contractor shall adhere at all times to the minimum safety guidelines for construction and renovation projects as set out in **Exhibit C** of this Agreement.

Section 29. PROJECT MEETINGS.

- 29.1.** Prior to the commencement of Work, the Contractor shall attend a preconstruction conference with the County to discuss the Progress Schedule, procedures for handling shop drawings and other submittals, and for processing Applications for Payment, and to establish a working understanding among the parties as to the Work. During the prosecution of the Work, the Contractor shall attend any and all meetings convened by the Architect/Engineer or County with respect to the Project, when directed to do so by County or Architect/Engineer. Contractor shall have its subcontractors and suppliers attend all such meetings (including the preconstruction conference) as may be directed by the County or Architect/Engineer.