

**GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

CITY OF CARROLLTON

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

It is understood and agreed that the Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Proposal, Proposal Data, Contract Agreement, Owner's Purchase Order, Owner's Resolution, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, General Conditions, Special Conditions, Specifications, Council of Governments Standard Specifications for Public Works, (current edition), Drawings, Addenda, and Change Orders issued by the Owner, specifications, and engineering data furnished by the Contractor and accepted by the Owner, are contract documents. Additionally, any other written instruments, correspondence, etc., bound in the volume of the contract documents at the time of execution by the Owner and Contractor shall be "contract documents" whether specifically designated as such or otherwise.

It is the intent of the contract documents that they be read as a whole and that all portions of the contract be interpreted so as to give meaning to their terms. In the event of any conflict in the contract documents, handwritten provisions shall prevail over typewritten and typewritten provisions shall prevail over preprinted matter. Additionally, the following order of precedence shall govern among the various contract documents, with the first listed having precedence over any documents listed thereafter.

- Scope of Work
- Contract Agreement
- Owners Resolution
- Addenda to Contract Conditions and Specifications "and Plans"
- Special Conditions
- General Conditions
- Technical Specifications
- Contract Conditions
- Contract Drawings
- All other Contract Documents
- General Design Standards
- Facility Services General Building Standards
- North Central Texas Council of Governments Standard Specifications for Public Works

The City reserves the right to let other contracts in connection with this work. The Contractor shall afford other contractors reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of their materials and execution of their work, and where required, shall properly connect and coordinate his work with theirs.

1.1 NO PREJUDICE AGAINST OWNER

It is understood and agreed by Contractor that Owner has independently prepared most of the Contract Documents and Contractor agrees that, notwithstanding any doctrine of law to the contrary, no presumption and/or prejudice against Owner shall be presumed against Owner (nor construed in favor of Contractor) by any court of competent jurisdiction in its interpretation of the Contract Documents.

2. DEFINITIONS

Words, phrases, or other expressions used in these contract documents shall have meanings as follows:

- a. "Contract", "contract", or "contract documents" shall include the items enumerated above under CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
- b. "Owner", "Agency", or "Inspector" shall mean the City of Carrollton, named and designated in the Contract Agreement. All notices, letters, and other communication directed to the Owner shall be addressed and delivered to:

City of Carrollton
P.O. Box 110535
Carrollton, Texas 75011-0535

Attn: Engineering Department

- c. "Contractor" shall mean the corporation, company, partnership, firm, or individual named and designated in the Contract Agreement, who has entered into this contract for the performance of the work covered thereby, and its, his, or their duly authorized representatives or its successors to the contract.
- d. "Subcontractor" shall mean and refer only to a corporation, partnership, or individual having a direct contract with the Contractor for performing work covered by these contract documents, or its successors to the contract.
- e. "Date of contract", or equivalent words, shall mean the date written on the Owner's Resolution, or the Owner's Purchase Order if a Resolution is not required, which shall also be the date written in the first paragraph of the Contract Agreement.
- f. "Day" or "days", unless herein otherwise expressly defined, shall mean a calendar day or days of 24 hours each.
- g. "The work" shall mean the equipment, supplies, materials, labor, and services to be furnished under the contract and the carrying out of all obligations imposed by the contract documents.
- h. "Drawings" or "plans" shall mean all (a) drawings furnished by the Owner or Engineer as a basis for proposals, (b) supplementary drawings furnished by the Owner to clarify and to define in greater detail the intent of the contract drawings and specifications, (c) drawings submitted by the successful bidder with his proposal, provided such drawings are acceptable to the Owner, (d) drawings furnished by the Owner to the Contractor during the progress of the work, and (e) engineering data and drawings submitted by the Contractor during the progress of work.
- i. Whenever in these contract documents the words "as ordered", "as directed", "as required", "as permitted", "as allowed", or words or phrases of like import are used, it shall be understood that the order, direction, requirements, permission, or allowance of the Owner is intended only to the extent of judging compliance with

the terms of the contract; none of these terms shall imply that the Owner has any authority or responsibility for supervision of the Contractor's forces or construction operations, such supervision and the sole responsibility therefor being strictly reserved for the Contractor.

- j. Similarly the words "approved", "reasonable", "suitable", "acceptable", "proper", "satisfactory", or words of like effect and import, unless otherwise particularly specified herein, shall mean approved, reasonable, suitable, acceptable, proper, or satisfactory in the judgement of the Owner, to the extent provided in "i" above.
- k. Whenever in these contract documents the expression "it is understood and agreed" or an expression of like import is used, such expression shall mean the mutual understanding and agreement of the parties executing the Contract Agreement.
- l. "Official Acceptance" shall mean the Owner's written acceptance of all work performed under this Contract.

3. CONTRACTOR'S PRELIMINARY OBLIGATION

It is the responsibility of the bidder to deliver his proposal at the proper time and to the proper place. The proposal shall be delivered in a manila envelope with the appropriate job name on the outside. The mere fact that a proposal was dispatched by mail, express, or otherwise, will not be considered. The bidder must have his proposal in the hands of the proper official before closing time. Bids received after the advertised closing time will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

The Contractor, as successful bidder, shall furnish the required payment, performance and maintenance bonds each in the amount of 100% of the contract price, a valid power- of- attorney proving the agent has the authority to execute the bonds for the surety, and certificates of insurance and an executed contract, within (10) days of notice of award. A certified copy of the Board Resolution authorizing said persons to sign and bind the firm must be included with each copy of the Contract. If such Contractor fails to enter into a contract or execute bonds as herein provided, the City may annul the award and award the contract to the bidder whose proposal was next most acceptable and the Contractor shall execute contract and bond as herein provided. The bidder to whom the first award was made shall then forfeit the bid security submitted with his proposal.

The official form of contract will be executed in seven copies. Two executed copies of the official contract documents and specifications (project manual) will be returned to the Contractor after the contracts and bonds have been approved and executed by the Owner. In addition to the two executed copies of the project manual, the Contractor will be furnished without charge two "field copies" of the plans. Additional sets may be obtained from the engineer at the cost of reproduction.

These additional plans are to be stamped approved by the Owner before they can be used on the project.

4. LEGAL ADDRESSES

All notices, letters, and other communications to the Contractor will be mailed or delivered to either the contractor's business address listed in the Proposal or the contractor's office in the vicinity of the work, with delivery to either of these addresses being deemed as delivery to the Contractor. The addresses of the Owner appearing on page 2 are hereby designated as the place to which all notices, letters, and other communication to the Owner shall be mailed or delivered. Either party may change his address at any time by an instrument in writing delivered to the Owner and to the other party.

5. SCOPE AND INTENT OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

It is the intent of the construction documents to achieve a satisfactorily sound and quality finished product. The specifications and drawings are intended to supplement but not necessarily duplicate each other. Any work exhibited in the one and not the other shall be executed as if it had been set forth in both, so that the work will be constructed according to the complete design as determined by the Owner.

Should anything necessary for a clear understanding of the work be omitted from the specifications and/or drawings, or should the requirements appear to be in conflict, the Contractor shall secure written instructions from the Owner before proceeding with the work affected thereby. It is understood and agreed that the work shall be performed accordingly to the true intent of the contract documents.

Owner disclaims to Contractor any express or implied warranties that the specifications and/or drawings included in the Contract Documents are accurate and sufficient for purpose of completing the work according to the terms of this Agreement.

6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The relationship of the Contractor to the Owner shall be that of an independent Contractor. Owner and Contractor agree that the negotiation, preparation and execution of the Contract Documents were negotiated, prepared, and executed as part of an arms-length transaction, and that no duty of good faith and fair dealing exists between Owner and Contractor, now, in the future, nor at any time in the past. The Owner shall not have the right to control the day to day activities of how the Contractor performs the work, being interested only in the results to be achieved.

7. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

The Contractor shall not assign or subcontract the work or any part thereof, without the previous written consent of the Owner, nor shall he assign, by power of attorney or otherwise, any of the money payable under this contract unless written consent of the Owner has been obtained. No right under this contract, nor claim for any money due or to become due hereunder shall be asserted against the Owner, or person acting for the Owner, by reason of any so called assignment of this contract or any part thereof, unless such assignment has been authorized by the written consent of the Owner. In case the Contractor is permitted to assign moneys due or to become due under this contract, the instrument of assignment shall contain a clause subordinating the claim of the assignee to all prior liens for services rendered or materials supplied for the performance of the work.

Should any subcontractor fail to perform in a satisfactory manner the work undertaken by him, his subcontract shall be immediately terminated by the Contractor upon notice from the Owner. The Contractor shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of his subcontractors, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them, as he is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by him. Nothing contained in this contract shall create any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the Owner.

It is the intent of these specifications that the Contractor shall perform the majority of the work with his own forces and under the management of his own organization. Only subcontractors who have been listed in the proposal and who are accepted by the Owner as provided in the General Conditions may subcontract specific portions of the work. All subcontractors shall be directly responsible to the Contractor and shall be under his general supervision. All work performed under subcontracts shall be subject to the same contract provisions as the work performed by the contractor's own forces.

This Contract is considered personal between the Contractor and Owner therefore, any sale of more than 50% ownership of Contractor shall be considered as an assignment.

8. ORAL STATEMENTS

It is understood and agreed that the written terms and provisions of this agreement shall supersede all oral statements of representatives of the Owner, and oral statements shall not be effective or be construed as being a part of the contract.

9. REFERENCE STANDARDS AND LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Reference to the standards of any technical society, organization, or association, or to codes of local or state authorities, shall mean the latest standard, code, specification, or tentative standard adopted and published at the date of taking bids, unless specifically stated otherwise.

The Contractor shall keep itself fully informed of, and shall observe and comply with, all laws, ordinances, and regulations which, in any manner, affect those engaged or employed on any work, or the materials and equipment used in any work or in any way affect the performance of any work, and of all orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals having jurisdiction or authority over work performed under the contract. If any discrepancy or inconsistency should be discovered between the contract and any such law, ordinance, regulation, order or decree, the Contractor shall immediately report the same in writing to the Owner. The Contractor shall be responsible for the compliance with the above provisions by subcontractors of all tiers.

Except as otherwise specified, the Contractor shall procure and pay for all permits and inspections and shall furnish any bonds, security or deposits required to permit performance of its work hereunder.

- (a) OSHA: all work and job site conditions shall, at all times, adhere to the requirements of the latest provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

- (b) **REQUIREMENTS AND CODES:** Wherever references are made in the contract to requirements or codes in accordance with which work is to be performed or tested, the addition or revision of the requirements or codes current on the date of this contract shall apply, unless otherwise expressly set forth. Unless otherwise specified, reference to such requirements or codes is solely for technical information.

This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and by such federal laws as may be applicable.

The parties agree that all claims, disputes, and other matters in question between the Contractor and the Owner arising out of or pertaining to the contract documents or the breach thereof, shall, except as otherwise expressly provided, be decided solely in the Courts of the State of Texas, in the County of Dallas.

Interest, if any, allowable on the claims of either party shall be at the current rate for judgments in the Courts of the State of Texas.

10. CONTRACTOR TO CHECK DRAWINGS AND SCHEDULES

The Contractor shall check all dimensions, elevations, and quantities indicated on the drawings and schedules furnished to him by the Owner. The Contractor shall notify the Owner of any discrepancy between the drawings and the conditions at the site, or any error or omission in drawings, or in the layout as given by stakes points, or instructions, which he may discover in the course of work. The Contractor will not be allowed to take advantage of any error or omission in the drawings or contract documents. Full instructions will be furnished by the Owner should such error or omission be discovered, and the Contractor shall carry out such instructions as if originally specified.

11. FIGURED DIMENSIONS TO GOVERN

Dimensions and elevations indicated on the drawings shall be accurately followed even though different from scaled measurements. No work indicated on the drawings, the dimensions of which are not indicated, shall be executed until necessary dimensions have been obtained from the Owner.

12. NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Neither the inspection by the Owner or any of their officials, employees, or agents, nor any order by the Owner for payment of money, or any payment for, or acceptance of, the whole or any part of the work by the Owner, nor any extension of time, nor any possession taken by the Owner or its employees, nor any action of the Owner shall operate as a waiver of any provision of this contract, or of any power herein reserved to the Owner, or of any right to damages herein, provided nor shall any waiver of any breach in this contract be held to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach.

13. CONTRACTOR'S SUPERINTENDENT AND EMPLOYEES

The Contractor represents that it is fully experienced and properly qualified to perform the class of work provided for herein, and that it is properly licensed, equipped, organized, and financed to perform such work.

The Contractor shall act as an independent contractor maintaining complete control over its employees and all of its subcontractors. The Contractor shall perform all work in an orderly and workmanlike manner, enforce strict discipline and order among its employees and assure strict discipline and order by its subcontractors.

Before starting work, the Contractor shall designate a competent, authorized representative to represent and act with full authority for the contract and shall inform the Owner in writing of the name, address, telephone number (day and night) of such representative, and of any change in such designation. This representative shall have authority to make binding and enforceable decisions in the name of the Contractor and to accept service of all notices which the Owner desires to serve or which are required by this contract to be served on the Contractor. As an alternate, such written notices may be mailed directly to the address of that party shown on the face of the Contract Agreement form. Such representative shall be present or be duly represented at the site of work at all times when work is actually in progress and, during period when work is suspended, arrangements acceptable to the Owner shall be made for any emergency work which may be required. The Contractor's authorized representative shall be supported by competent assistants, as necessary, and the authorized representative and its assistants shall be satisfactory to the Owner. All requirements, instructions, and other communications given to the Contractor's authorized representative by the Owner shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor.

The Contractor shall employ only fully experienced and properly qualified persons to perform any work. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining satisfactory conduct of its employees. The Contractor's site representative shall stay on the project until final completion of the work in accordance with the contract documents.

14. ENGINEERING INSPECTION

The Owner may appoint such inspectors, as the Owner deems proper to inspect the materials furnished and the work performed for compliance with the drawings and specifications. The Contractor shall furnish all reasonable assistance required by the Owner, or inspectors, for the proper inspection of the work. Should the Contractor object to any interpretation of the contract by any inspector, the Contractor may make written appeal to the Owner for a decision, but the Owner's decision shall be final.

Inspectors shall have the authority to reject work, which is unsatisfactory, faulty, or defective or does not conform to the requirements of the drawings and specifications. Inspection shall not relieve the Contractor from any obligation to construct the work strictly in accordance with the drawings and specifications. Work not so constructed shall be removed and replaced by the Contractor at his own expense.

15. RIGHT OF OWNER TO TERMINATE CONTRACT

If the work to be done under this contract is abandoned by the Contractor; or if this contract is assigned by him without the written consent of the Owner; or if the Contractor is adjudged bankrupt, or files for voluntary bankruptcy; or if a general assignment of his assets is made for the benefit of his creditors; or if a receiver is appointed for the Contractor of any of his property or if at any time in writing to the Owner determines that the performance of the work under this contract is being unnecessarily delayed, that the Contractor is violating any of the conditions of this contract, or that he is executing the same in bad faith or otherwise not in accordance with the terms of said contract; or if the work is not substantially completed within the time named for its completion or within the time to which such completion date may be extended; then the Owner may serve written notice upon the Contractor and his surety of the Owner's intention to terminate this contract. Unless within five (5) days after the serving of such notice, a satisfactory arrangement is made for continuance, this contract shall terminate. In the event of such termination, the surety shall have the right to take over and complete the work, provided that if the surety does not commence performance within 30 days, the Owner may take over and prosecute the work to completion, by contract or otherwise. The Contractor and his surety shall be liable to the Owner for all excess cost sustained by the Owner by reason of such prosecution and completion. The Owner may take possession of, and utilize in completing the work, all materials, equipment, tools, and plant on the site of the work, including such materials, etc., as may have been placed on the site by or at the direction of the Contractor.

The Owner may, at its option, terminate the performance of the work in accordance with this section, in whole, or from time to time in part, at any time by written notice thereof the Contractor, whether or not the Contractor is in default. Upon any such termination, Contractor shall waive any claims for damages, including loss of anticipated profits, on account thereof, but as the sole right and remedy of the Contractor, the Owner shall pay Contractor in accordance with subparagraph (b) below, provided, however, that those provisions of the contract documents which by their very nature survive final acceptance under the contract documents shall remain in full force and effect after such termination.

- (a) Upon receipt of any such notice, the Contractor shall, unless the notice requires otherwise:
 - (1) Immediately discontinue work on the date and to the extent specified in the notice;
 - (2) Place no further order or subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities, other than as may be necessary or required for completion of work under the contract that is not terminated;
 - (3) Promptly make every reasonable effort to obtain cancellation upon terms satisfactory to the Owner of all order and subcontracts to the extent they relate to the performance of work terminated, or assign to the Owner those orders and subcontracts, and revoke agreements specified in such notice; and

- (4) Assist the Owner, as specifically requested in writing, in the maintenance, protection and disposition of property acquired by the Owner under the contract.
- (b) Upon any such termination, the Owner will pay the Contractor an amount determined in accordance with the following (without duplication of any item):
 - (1) All amounts due and not previously paid to the Contractor for work completed in accordance with the contract prior to such notice, and for work thereafter completed as specified in such notice;
 - (2) The cost of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of work under subcontracts or orders as provided in subparagraph (a) (3) above;
 - (3) The reasonable cost incurred pursuant to subparagraph (a) (4) above; (4) Any other reasonable costs incidental to such termination of work.

The foregoing amounts will include a reasonable sum, under all of the circumstances, as profit for all work satisfactorily performed by the Contractor.

15.1 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Owner hereby reserves the right to terminate this Agreement without regard to fault or breach upon written notice to Contractor, effective immediately unless otherwise provided in said notice to Contractor, effective immediately unless otherwise provided in said notice. In the event of such termination, Owner shall pay as the sole amount due to Contractor in connection with the work (i) all sums due for Work performed to date including allowing profit and overhead (except retainage sums shall not be paid prior to thirty (30) days following the date of termination); and (ii) reasonable cost of termination. Such sums will be due and payable on the same conditions as set forth in this Agreement for final payment to the extent applicable. Upon receipt of such payment, the parties hereto shall have no further obligations to each other except for Contractor's obligations to perform corrective and/or warranty work and to indemnify Owner as provided for in this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that no profit, fee or other compensation shall be due or payable for unperformed work ontractor agrees that each subcontract and purchase order issued by it will reserve for Contractor the same right of termination provided by this Section

15.1 and Contractor further agrees to require that comparable provisions be included in all lower tier subcontracts and purchase orders.

Upon a determination by any court or body that termination of Contractor, or its successor in interest, was wrongful, such termination will be deemed converted to a termination for convenience and Contractor's remedy for wrongful termination is limited to the recovery of the payments permitted for termination for convenience as set forth above.

The rights and remedies of Owner and Contractor under this Agreement shall be non-exclusive, and shall be in addition to all the other remedies available to such parties at law or in equity, subject, however, in the case of Contractor, to the limitation contained above and other pertinent provisions of this Agreement.

16. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Contractor is aware of, and is fully informed of, the Contractor's obligations under Executive Order 11246, and, where applicable, shall comply with the requirements of such order and all orders, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder unless exempted therefrom.

Without limitation of the foregoing, the Contractor's attention is directed to 41 CFR Section 60-1.4, and the clause therein entitled "Equal Opportunity Clause" which, by this reference, is incorporated herein.

The Contractor is aware of, and is fully informed of, the Contractor's responsibilities under Executive Order No. 11701, "List of Job Openings for Veterans" and, where applicable, shall comply with the requirements of such order, and all orders, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder unless exempted therefrom.

Without limitation of the foregoing, the Contractor's attention is directed to 41 CFR 60-250 et seq. and the clause therein entitled "Affirmative Action Obligations of the Contractors and Subcontractors for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era" which, by this reference is incorporated herein.

The Contractor certifies those segregated facilities, including, but not limited to, washrooms, work areas, locker rooms, are not, and will not, be maintained or provided for the Contractor's employees. Where applicable, the Contractor shall obtain similar certification from any of its subcontractors, vendors, or suppliers performing work under this contract.

The Contractor is aware of, and is fully informed of, the Contractor's responsibilities under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and, where applicable, shall comply with the provisions of the Act, and the regulations promulgated thereunder unless exempted therefrom.

Without limitation of the foregoing, the Contractor's attention is directed to 41 CFR Section 60-741 and the clause entitled "Affirmative Action Obligations of the Contractors and Subcontractors for Handicapped Workers" which, by this reference, is incorporated herein. Contractor must also comply with the rules and regulations as established by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

**17. BEGINNING, PROGRESS, AND COMPLETION OF THE WORK;
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

The time of completion is of the essence of this contract. Unless otherwise specified in these contract documents or advised by written order of the Owner, the Contractor shall begin work within 10 days after the date of contract. The work shall be prosecuted to completion in accordance with the schedule provided for below and shall be 100% completed within time period stated in the Proposal.

The Owner and Contractor, recognizing that calculation of damages caused by Contractor's failure to complete within the contract time are difficult to assess, hereby agree that liquidated damages shall be assessed Contractor at the rate of \$250.00 per calendar day for each day Contractor is late in completing past completion date.

It is understood that the foregoing constitutes an agreement as to minimum amount of damages only for failure to complete the work within the specified time. Should the Owner suffer damages over and above the amount specified above for any failure or negligence on the Contractor's part, other than failure to complete the work within the specified time, the Owner may recover such additional amount.

A detailed construction schedule and monthly payment schedule shall be prepared by the Contractor and submitted to the Owner for review within ten (10) days of the effective beginning date of the Contract, or prior to the commencement of construction, whichever occurs first. The schedule shall contain the various activities required to perform the work and the dates the activities will be started and completed in order to complete the work in accordance with the specified schedule requirements. The Contractor is responsible for determining the sequence and time estimates of the detailed construction activities. However, the Owner reserves the right to require the Contractor to modify any portion of the schedule the Owner determines to be impractical or unreasonable; as required to coordinate the Contractor's activities with those of other Contractors, if any, engaged in work for the Owner on the site; to avoid undue interference with the Owner's operations; and to assure completion of the work by the date or dates stipulated. Upon acceptance by the Owner of the Contractor's detailed construction schedule, the Contractor will be responsible for maintaining such schedule.

If at any time the Contractor's work is behind schedule, he shall immediately put into effect definite procedures for getting the work back on schedule. The procedures shall be subject to review and modification by the Owner. The Contractor will not be allowed extra compensation for costs (whether for costs for materials used and/or labor to be paid) incurred by him because of Contractor's accelerated operations required to maintain the schedule.

17.1 EXTENSION OF TIME FOR DELAY

In the event the progress of the work is delayed or interrupted by occurrences or events which entitle Contractor to an extension of time pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, then the work completion date shall be extended for a period equal to the length of such delay if within seven (7) days after the commencement of any such delay, contractor delivers to Owner a written notice of such delay stating the nature thereof and within seven (7) days following the expiration of any such delay provides a written request for extension of the work completion date by reason of such delay and such request is approved by Owner, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Failure to deliver any such notice or request within the required period shall constitute an irrevocable waiver of any extension of the previously scheduled work completion date by reason of the cause in respect of which such notice and request were required to make only one such request with respect thereto. No extension of the previously scheduled work completion date (or right on the part of Contractor to secure any such extension) pursuant to this Section shall prejudice any right Owner may have under this Agreement, or otherwise, to terminate this Agreement.

Extension of time shall be Contractor's sole remedy for any such delay (except for Contractor's right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to the terms and provisions hereinafter set forth), unless the same shall have been caused by acts constituting intentional interference by Owner with Contractor's performance of the work and where to the extent that such acts continue after Contractor's notice to Owner of such interference. Owner's exercise of any of its rights to order changes in the work pursuant to this contract,

regardless of the extent of number of such changes, or Owner's exercise of any of its remedies of suspension of the work, or requirement or correction or re-execution of any defective work, shall not under any circumstances be construed as intentional interference with Contractor's performance of the work.

18. HINDRANCES AND DELAYS

The Contractor expressly agrees that the period of time named in the Proposal to complete all work includes allowance for all hindrances and delays incident to the work. The Contractor further agrees that no claims shall be made for hindrances and delays from any cause during the performance of the work, except as specifically provided for in the articles SUSPENSION OF WORK and EXTENSIONS OF TIME in these General Conditions.

18.1 RESEQUENCING OR ACCELERATION

In the event Contractor shall fall behind schedule at any time, for any reason, Owner shall be entitled to direct acceleration or resequencing of the work to bring the work back on schedule. In the event Contractor determines that the previously scheduled work completion date cannot be met by resequencing the work, then Contractor shall immediately provide to Owner, and in any event within seven (7) days after the date of receipt of any request by Owner for resequencing or acceleration, a plan to complete the work in the shortest possible time. No approval by the Owner of any plan for resequencing or acceleration of the work submitted by Contractor pursuant to this paragraph shall constitute a waiver by Owner of any damages or losses which Owner may suffer by reason of such resequencing or the failure of Contractor to meet the declared new scheduled completion date.

Owner shall additionally be entitled to direct the acceleration or resequencing of the work in order to achieve completion prior to the declared new scheduled completion date and Contractor shall be reimbursed by Owner for the amount of labor overtime actually incurred in respect thereto and shall be entitled to an increase adjustment the contract price to the extent of the labor portion of overtime so incurred.

19. SUSPENSION OF WORK

The Owner reserves the right to suspend and reinstate execution of the whole or any part of the work without invalidating the provisions of the contract. Orders for suspension or reinstatement of work will be issued by the Owner to the Contractor in writing. The time for completion of the work will be extended for a period equal to the time lost by reason of the suspension.

The Owner will pay extra costs and expenses, which are caused by work suspensions ordered by the Owner, to the Contractor.

20. EXTENSIONS OF TIME

Should the Contractor be delayed in the final completion of the work by any act or neglect of the Owner, or of any employee of either, or by any other Contractor employed by the Owner, or by strike, fire, regulatory agencies or other cause outside of the control of the Contractor and which, in the opinion of the Owner, could have been neither anticipated

nor avoided, then an extension of time sufficient to compensate for the delay, as determined by the Owner, will be granted by the Owner; provided that the Contractor gives the Owner notice in writing within 10 days of the cause of delay in each case and demonstrates that he has used all reasonable means to minimize the delay.

Extensions of time will not be granted for delays caused by unfavorable weather, unsuitable ground conditions, inadequate construction force, or the failure of the Contractor to place orders for equipment or materials sufficiently in advance to insure delivery when needed.

Failure of Owner furnished equipment and materials to arrive as scheduled, or failure of other construction Contractors to meet their schedule, shall not be justification for an extension of time, except where such failure causes, in the opinion of the Owner, an actual delay in the Contractor's work.

21. EXTRA OR CHANGE ORDER WORK

If a modification increases the amount of the work, and the added work or any part thereof is a type and character which can properly and fairly be classified under one or more unit price items of the Proposal listed in the Scope of Work section of this contract, then the added work or part thereof shall be paid for according to the amount actually done and at the applicable unit price. Otherwise, such work shall be paid for as hereinafter provided.

Claims for extra work will not be paid unless the work covered by such claims was authorized in writing by the Owner. The Contractor shall not have the right to prosecute or maintain an action in court to recover for extra work unless the claim is based upon a written order from the Owner. Payments for extra work will be based on agreed lump sums or on agreed unit prices as listed in the Scope of Work section of the contract whenever the Owner and the Contractor agree upon such prices before the extra work is started; otherwise, payments for extra work will be based on actual field cost plus the specified percentage allowance.

For the purpose of determining whether proposed extra work will be authorized, or for determining the payment method for extra work, the Contractor shall submit to the Owner, upon request, detailed cost estimate for proposed extra work. The Change Order Request shall indicate itemized quantities and charges for all elements of direct cost. Charges for the Contractor's subcontractor's extra profit, extra general superintendence, extra field office expense, and extra overheads shall be indicated as a percentage addition to the total estimated net cost. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the Contractor and the Owner, such percentage additions shall be 15 percent for the extra work performed by the Contractor's own forces or 20 percent for extra work performed by a subcontractor.

Further, the Change Order Request shall also include a suitable breakdown by trades and work classifications, Contractor's estimate of the changes in the cost of the work attributable to the changes set forth in such Change Order Request, a proposed adjustment to the scheduled completion date resulting from such Change Order Request, and any proposed adjustments of time and costs related to unchanged work resulting from such Change Order Request. If Owner approves in writing such estimate by Contractor, such Change Order Request and such estimate shall constitute a Change Order, and the cost of the contract price and previously scheduled work completion date shall be adjusted as set forth in such estimate. Change Orders shall not cause any modification to Contractor's fee except as specifically set forth herein, it being understood and agreed that Contractor will receive no fee based on the increased cost of the work resulting from Change Orders unless the new work requested is beyond the scope of the work, and then only to the extent thereof pursuant to the terms of this contract. Contractor shall include in each subcontract a limitation on the amount

of profit and overhead, which subcontractors can include in Change Orders, which limitation will be subject to the approval of Owner. Agreement on any Change Order shall constitute a final settlement on all items covered therein, subject to performance thereof and payment therefore pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

When payment for extra work is based on actual field cost, the Contractor will be paid the actual field cost plus an allowance of 15 percent if the extra work is performed by the Contractor's own forces or 20 percent if the extra work is performed by a subcontractor. The allowance will be paid as full compensation for the Contractor's and subcontractors extra profit, extra general superintendence, extra field office expense, extra overheads, and all other elements of extra cost not defined herein as actual field cost.

The actual field cost shall include only those extra costs for labor and materials expended in direct performance of the extra work. The form in which actual field cost records are kept, the construction methods, and the type and quantity of equipment used shall be acceptable to the Owner.

Construction equipment which the Contractor has on the job site and which is of a type and size suitable for use in performing the extra work shall be used. The hourly rental charges for equipment shall not exceed one-half of one percent of the latest applicable Associated Equipment Distributors published monthly rental rates and shall apply to only the actual time the equipment is used in performing the extra work.

When extra work requires the use of equipment, which the Contractor does not have on the job site, the Contractor shall obtain the concurrence of the Owner before renting or otherwise acquiring additional equipment. The rental charges for the additional equipment shall not exceed the latest applicable Associated Equipment Distributors published rental rates.

21.1 DECREASED WORK

If a modification decreases the amount of work to be done, such decrease shall not constitute the basis for a claim for damages or anticipated profits on work affected by such decrease. Where the value of omitted work is not covered by applicable unit prices, the Owner shall determine on an equitable basis the amount of (a) credit due the Owner for contract work not done as a result of an authorized change, (b) allowance to the Contractor for any actual loss incurred in connection with the purchase, delivery, and subsequent disposal of materials or equipment required for use on the work as planned and which could not be used in any part of the work as actually built, and (c) any other adjustment of the contract amount where the method to be used in making such adjustment is not clearly defined in the contract documents.

Unless otherwise agreed upon by the Owner and the Contractor, the credit due the Owner for reductions in the amount of work to be done shall be the estimated field cost of the deleted work plus an overhead allowance of:

Ten percent of the estimated field cost if the work was to have been done by the Contractor's own forces, or;

Fifteen percent of the estimated field cost if the work was to be done by a subcontractor.

Field cost referred to above shall include the category of costs listed as actual field costs, items (a) to (f) inclusive of the article entitled EXTRA WORK.

22. PROTECTION OF WORK AND PROPERTY

The Contractor shall be responsible for and shall bear any and all risk of loss of, or damage to work in progress, all materials delivered to the site, and all materials, tools, and equipment until completion and final acceptance of the work to be performed under this contract.

The Contractor shall promptly take all precautions which are necessary and adequate against any conditions created during the progress of the Contractor's activities hereunder which involve a risk of bodily harm to persons or a risk of damage to any property. Contractor shall continuously inspect all work, materials and equipment to discover and determine, and shall be solely responsible for discovery, determination and correction of any conditions which involve a risk of bodily harm to persons or damage to property.

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable safety laws, standards, codes and regulations in the jurisdiction where the work is being performed specifically but without limiting the generality of the foregoing and regardless of any exemptions provided by law, with all rules, regulations and standards adopted pursuant to the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

The Contractor will preserve and protect all existing vegetation such as trees, shrubs, and grass on or adjacent to the site of work which is not to be removed and which does not unreasonably interface with the construction work. Care will be taken in removing trees authorized for removal to avoid damage to vegetation to remain in place. The Contractor will protect from damage all existing improvements, utilities, roads, and bridges at or near the site of work and will repair or restore any damage to such facilities resulting from failure to comply with the requirements of this contract of the failure to exercise reasonable care in the performance of the work. Under no circumstances will county or township roads and bridges be subject to greater than normal highway truck loadings.

The Contractor shall provide and maintain such temporary work as is required for the protection of the public and those employed in or about the work site, including all signs, guards, barricades, night lights and any other temporary protection as may be necessary. Contractor shall provide and maintain such temporary work as is required for protection of finished work, including building paper, boxing, planking, protective coating, and such other protection as may be deemed necessary by the Owner. All such work shall be returned to original condition by the Contractor on completion of the contract.

Whenever necessary to maintain proper temperatures for performance of work, or to protect or to close in work in place, Contractor shall provide and maintain temporary enclosures as directed by the Owner for all openings or exterior surfaces that are not enclosed with finishing materials.

The Contractor shall protect all the work including buildings, structures, equipment, excavations, trenches, etc. from water damage including damage by rainwater, ground water, backing-up of drains, downspouts of sewers and shall construct and maintain all necessary drainage and do all pumping required to protect or to perform the work. Contractor shall provide protection to any equipment in place, as required to prevent damage by moisture. Contractor, in general, shall at all times carefully protect the work, materials, and equipment against damage from the weather, and comply with the directions of the Owner in order to avoid any adverse effect on the project from weather conditions.

The Contractor assumes all liability for its failure to comply with the provisions of this Article. The Contractor shall include this Article in its entirety in all subcontracts for any work at the project site.

Upon the failure of the Contractor or its subcontractors to comply with any of the requirements of the Article, the Owner shall have the authority to stop any operations of the Contractor or its subcontractors affected by such failure until such failure is remedied. No part of the time lost due to any such stop orders shall be made the subject of a claim for extension of time or for increased costs or damages by the Contractor or its subcontractors.

23. SAFETY

The Contractor shall at all times conduct all operations under the Contractor in a manner to avoid the risk of bodily harm to persons or risk of damage to any property. The Contractor shall promptly take all precautions, which are necessary and adequate against any conditions, which involve a risk of bodily harm to persons or a risk of damage to any property. The Contractor shall continuously inspect all work, materials and equipment to discover and determine any such conditions and shall be solely responsible for discovery, determination and correction of any such conditions. The Contractor shall designate an employee as safety supervisor who is acceptable to the Owner.

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and standards. The Contractor shall coordinate with other Contractors and subcontractors on safety matters and shall promptly comply with any specific safety directions given to the Contractor by the Owner.

The Contractor shall erect and maintain, as required by existing conditions and progress of the work, all reasonable safeguards for safety and protection, including posting danger signs and other warnings against hazard, promulgating safety regulations and notifying the Owner and users of adjacent properties and utilities.

The Contractor shall maintain a Safety Program with detail commensurate with the work to be performed. Such review shall not relieve the Contractor of its responsibility for safety, nor shall it be construed as limiting in any manner the Contractor's obligation to undertake any action which may be necessary or required to establish and maintain safe working conditions at the site.

The Contractor shall maintain accurate accident and injury reports.

The Contractor shall hold regular scheduled meetings to instruct its personnel on safety practices. The Contractor shall furnish safety equipment and enforce the use of such equipment by its employees.

All equipment furnished and installed on this project shall be manufactured and installed in accordance with the applicable parts of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, and its subsequent amendments and revisions. All work shall be performed in accordance with the regulations and requirements of the above noted Act, revisions and amendments.

EXCAVATION SAFETY PROCEDURE

In a municipality or in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality as provided by the Municipal Annexation (Chapter 43) Texas Local Government Code, on construction projects in which excavation will exceed a depth of five feet, the bid document and the contract must include detailed plans and specifications for excavation safety systems.

Prior to execution of a contract the Contractor will be required to submit an excavation safety plan for the project. This excavation safety plan must be designed and sealed by a professional engineer registered in the State of Texas with professional experience in soil mechanics. The Contractor is responsible for obtaining borings and soil analysis as required for plan design. The excavation safety plan shall be designed in conformance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards and Regulations.

After review of the excavation safety plan, the City Engineer will forward the reviewed plan to the appropriate city construction division for use in inspection. Plans for construction will not be released by the City Engineer until this plan is reviewed. Changes in the excavation safety plan after initiation of construction may not be cause for extension of time or change order, and will require the same review process. Contractor accepts sole responsibility for compliance with all applicable safety requirements. The review is only for general conformance with OSHA Safety Standards. Release of the excavation safety plan by the City Engineer does not relieve Contractor from any property damage or bodily injury (including death) that arises from use of the excavation safety plan, from Contractor's negligence in performance of contract work, or from city's failure to note exceptions to the excavation plan. The safety plan shall remain the sole responsibility and liability of the Contractor. A separate pay item for an excavation and support system shall be included in the bid documents.

Contractors have three ways to meet OSHA standards for excavation safety. They are as follows:

1. Minimum angle of repose for sloping of the sides of excavations.
2. Utilization of trench box.
3. Shoring, sheeting and bracing methods.

Contractors electing to utilize the minimum angle of repose must submit:

1. Soil classification according to the unified soil classification system including water content and plasticity indexes, and a minimum angle of slope excavation.
2. A detailed plan of the excavation area and the impact on existing right-of-way and infrastructure.

3. Waiver of claim for delay of cost.

Contractors electing to utilize a trench box must submit:

1. Physical dimensions, materials, position in the trench, expected loads, and the strength of the box.
2. Waiver of claim for delay cost.

Contractors electing to utilize shoring, sheeting and bracing must submit:

1. Dimensions and materials of all uprights, stringers, cross-bracing and spacing required to meet OSHA requirements.
2. Waiver of claim for delay cost.

24. TAXES, PERMITS AND LICENSES

The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all licenses, permits, and inspections required for the work.

The Contractor shall pay all appropriate sales taxes, excluding materials permanently retained by the City of Carrollton franchise taxes, income taxes, gross receipts taxes, and other business or occupation taxes imposed upon the Contractor.

25. PATENTS

Royalties and fees for patents covering materials, articles, apparatus, devices, equipment, or processes used in the work, shall be included in the contract amount. The Contractor shall satisfy all demands that may be made at any time for such royalties or fees and he shall be liable for any damages or claims for patent infringements. The Contractor shall, at his own cost and expense, defend all suits or proceedings that may be instituted against the Owner for alleged infringement of any patents involved in the work and, in case of an award of damages, the Contractor shall pay such award. Final payment to the Contractor by the Owner will not be made while any such suit or claim remains unsettled.

In the event the Contractor is found to have infringed a patent, the Contractor shall either replace the part or process with a non-infringing part or process approved by the Owner, or secure the right to use the infringing part or process. Either choice shall be at the Contractor's expense.

26. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

Unless specifically provided otherwise in each case, all materials and equipment furnished for permanent installation in the work shall conform to applicable standard specifications and shall be new, unused, and undamaged when installed or otherwise incorporated in the work. No such material or equipment shall be used by the Contractor for any purpose other than that intended or specified, unless such use is specifically authorized by the Owner in each case.

All required tests in connection with acceptance of source of materials shall be made at the Contractor's expense by a properly equipped laboratory of established reputation whose work and testing facilities are acceptable to the Owner. Any change in origin or method of reparation or manufacture of a material be routinely tested will require new tests. Reports of all tests shall be furnished to the Owner in as many copies as required.

27. GUARANTEE

Contractor shall guarantee that all products are in accordance with the manufacturer's guarantees, warranties, or Policies. Any replacement of defective material or materials will be made in accordance with such guarantee or warranty policies but, in any case, responsibility does not end with the replacement of the defective part or parts, and no responsibility will be assumed by the Owner for unauthorized repair or replacement of said equipment. Nor any expense will be incurred due to failure of said equipment excepting replacement of its defective part or parts by the manufacturer and in accordance with said manufacturer's policies.

Contractor's warranty against defects in material and workmanship shall extend two years from the date of final payment.

28. INSURANCE

The Contractor shall secure and maintain throughout the duration of this contract insurance of such types and in such amount as may be necessary to protect himself and the interest of the Owner against all hazards or risks of loss as hereinafter specified. The form and limits of such insurance, together with the underwriter thereof in each case, shall be acceptable to the Owner but regardless of such acceptance it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to maintain adequate insurance coverage at all times. Failure of the Contractor to maintain adequate coverage shall not relieve him of any contractual responsibility or obligation.

Satisfactory certificates of insurance shall be filed with the Owner prior to starting any construction work on this contract. The certificates shall state that 30 days advance written notice will be given to the Owner before any policy covered thereby is changed or canceled. No deductibles shall be shown on the certificate.

The Contractor shall comply with all Federal, State and local laws and ordinances relating to Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, Pensions, etc.

28.1 WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE

(A) Definitions:

Certificate of coverage ("certificate") - copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement (TWCC-81, TWCC-82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

Duration of the project - includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity. **Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor" in §406.096)** - includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of

any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

- (B) The contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
- (C) **The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract.**
- (D) If the coverage period shown on the contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.
- (E) The contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:
 - (1) a certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and
 - (2) no later than seven days after receipt by the contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
- (F) The contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter.
- (G) The contractor shall notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten days after the contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.
- (H) The contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.
- (I) The contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project, to:
 - (1) provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, §401.011(44) for all of its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;
 - (2) provide to the contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;
 - (3) provide the contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of certificate of coverage ends during the

- duration of the project;
 - (4) obtain from each other person with whom it contracts, and provide to the contractor:
 - (a) a certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and
 - (b) a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;
 - (5) retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter;
 - (6) notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within 10 days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and
 - (7) contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required by paragraphs (1) - (7), with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.
- (J) By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the Contractor is representing to the governmental entity that all employees of the Contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.
- (K) The Contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the Contractor which entitles the governmental entity to declare the contract void if the Contractor does not remedy the breach within ten days after receipt of notice of breach from the governmental entity.

28.2 COMPREHENSIVE AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

This insurance shall be written in comprehensive form and shall protect the Contractor against all claims for injuries to members of the public and damage to property of others arising from the use of motor vehicles licensed for highway use, whether they are owned, non-owned, or hired.

The liability limits shall not be less than:

Bodily injury\$250,000/person
\$500,000/occurrence

under builder's risk insurance. The value shall include the aggregate value of the Owner furnished equipment and materials to be erected or installed by the Contractor not otherwise insured under builder's risk insurance.

29. DEFENSE OF SUITS

In case any action in court is brought against the Owner, or any officer or agent of the Owner, for the failure, omission, or neglect of the Contractor to perform any of the covenants, acts, matters, or things by this contract undertaken; or for injury or damage caused by the alleged negligence of the Contractor or his subcontractors or his or their agents, or in connection with any claim based on lawful demands of subcontractors, workmen, materialmen, or suppliers the Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Owner and his officers and agents, from all losses, damages, costs, expenses, judgements, or decrees arising out of such action.

30. PATENT INDEMNITY

The Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees. He shall defend all suits or claims for infringement of any patent rights and shall save the Owner harmless from loss on account thereof, except that the Owner shall be responsible for all such loss when a particular design, process or the product of a particular manufacturer or manufacturers is specified. But, if the Contractor has reason to believe that the design, process, or product specified is an infringement of a patent, he shall be responsible for such loss unless he promptly gives such information to the Owner.

31. INDEMNITY AND RELEASE

The Contractor is solely responsible for and shall defend, indemnify, and hold Owner (or any of Owner's representatives or employees), free and harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, demands, losses, damages, costs or expense to all persons (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of resulting from or occurring in connection with the performance of the work that is (i) attributable to any bodily or personal injury, sickness, diseases or death of any person or any damage or injury to or destruction of real or personal property (other than the work itself) including the loss of use thereof, and (ii) caused in whole or in part by any negligent, strict liability or other act or omission of contractor, any subcontractor or supplier, their respective agents or employees or any other party for whom any of them may be liable regardless of whether such is caused in part by the negligent, strict liability or other act or omission of a party or parties indemnified hereunder.

Said indemnity and hold harmless agreement shall also apply to claims arising from accidents to contractor, its agents or employees, whether occasioned by contractor or its employees, the owner or his employees, or by any other person or persons.

The foregoing indemnification obligation shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable under workers' or workmen's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

32. FINAL PAYMENT AND RELEASE

Acceptance by the Contractor of last payment shall be a release to the Owner and every officer and agent thereof, from all claims and liability hereunder for anything done or furnished for, or relating to the work, or for any act or neglect of the Owner or of any person relating to or affecting the work.

33. INSPECTION

The Owner shall have the right, without extra charge therefore; to inspect all materials and equipment supplied under this contract at any time, including the place of manufacture, either during performance of the work, on final inspection, or during any applicable warranty period. The Owner or its designated representative shall have the right to reject equipment, materials and work not complying with the requirements of this contract. The Owner shall notify the Contractor in writing that such equipment, material or work is rejected. Thereupon, rejected work shall be satisfactorily corrected, rejected equipment shall be satisfactorily repaired or replaced with satisfactory equipment, and rejected material shall be satisfactorily replaced with satisfactory material, all in accordance with the contract, and the Contractor shall promptly segregate and remove rejected materials and equipment from the premises. All such correcting, repairing, replacing, and removing shall be by and at the expense of the Contractor.

The Owner will perform inspections in such a manner so as not to delay the work unreasonably, and the Contractor shall perform its work in such a manner as not to delay inspection unreasonably.

34. FINAL INSPECTION

When the work has been completed and at a time mutually agreeable to the Owner and Contractor, the Owner will make a final inspection of the work as to the acceptability and completeness of the work.

35. CLAIMS FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS

The Contractor shall pay all subcontractors and other persons furnishing labor or materials for the work from the contract amount. The Contractor is aware of, and is fully informed of the Contractor's responsibility under article 601f V.T.C.S. pertaining to payments for goods and services contracted for by State agencies or political subdivisions, applies to construction contracts. The Contractor shall be responsible for payment to vendors and subcontractors in accordance with Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code. No third party shall have any contractual privity with the Owner. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Owner from all claims for labor and materials furnished under this contract. When requested by the Owner, the Contractor shall submit satisfactory evidence that all persons, firms, or corporations who have done work or furnished materials under this contract, for which the Owner may become legally liable, have been fully paid or satisfactorily secured. In case such evidence is not furnished or is not satisfactory, an amount will be retained money due the Contractor which in addition to any other sums that may be retained will be sufficient, in the opinion of the Owner, to liquidate all such claims. Such sum will be retained until the claims as aforesaid are fully settled or satisfactorily secured.

Before final acceptance of the work by the Owner, the Contractor shall submit to the Owner in duplicate a notarized affidavit stating that all subcontractors, vendors, persons, or firms who have furnished labor or materials for the work have been fully paid and that all taxes have been paid. A statement from the surety shall also be submitted consenting to the making of the final payment.

36. ESTIMATES AND PAYMENTS

On or about the first day of each month the Contractor shall make an estimate of the value of the work completed. The Contractor and the Owner shall review the estimate prior to submitting the formal invoice to the Owner. The estimated cost of repairing, replacing, or rebuilding any part of the work or replacing materials which do not conform to the drawings and specifications will be deducted from the estimated value by the Owner.

The Contractor shall furnish to the Owner such detailed information as he may request to aid in the preparation of monthly estimates. After each estimate has been found acceptable, the Owner will pay to the Contractor on or about the 25th day of the month 90% of the estimated value less any previous payments. The Contractor shall be responsible for payment to vendors and subcontractors in accordance with article Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code.

There will be no payments for materials stored on the site.

After official acceptance of the work, the Owner will prepare a final estimate of the work done under this contract. Preparation of the final estimate will not be made until the affidavit and statement required in the article entitles CLAIMS FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS have been received. The Owner will, within 30 days thereafter, pay the entire balance due after deducting all amounts to be retained under any provision of this contract.

36.1 PAYMENTS

Payments may be withheld by Owner for (1) defective work not remedied, (2) claims filed by third parties, (3) failure of the Contractor to make payments properly to subcontractors or for labor, materials or equipment, (4) reasonable evidence that the work cannot be completed for the unpaid balance of the contract price, (5) damage to the Owner or another contractor, (6) reasonable evidence that the work will not be completed by the scheduled work completion date and that the unpaid balance of the contract price would not be adequate to cover actual or liquidated damages for the anticipated delay, (7) persistent failure to carry out the work in accordance with the Contract Documents or (8) statutory retainage as described in Chapter 53 of the Texas Property Code.

37. LIENS

Neither the Contractor, nor any of his subcontractors, workers or suppliers shall have the right of lien against the work performed under this contract, or any property of the Owner to secure payment for labor and materials.

38. STATE LAW

This contract is performable in the State of Texas and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Venue on any suit hereunder shall be in Dallas County, Texas.