

**CITY OF CAIRO
WATER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY**

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SECTION 1. INVITATION TO BID

**CITY OF CAIRO
WATER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY
GEFA Grant No.: DWLSL2022027**

Sealed Bids will be received for the **Water Service Line Inventory** project by the **City of Cairo** at **119 North Broad Street (P.O. Box 29), Cairo, GA 39828, until 2:00 P.M. on Friday, May 24, 2024**, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days.

Work: In general, the work to be done shall consist of field inspection and verification of approximately 4,488 water service lines to record pipe material data via meter box inspection, in accordance with the bid documents, specifications, and all other contract documents. This work will be awarded in one (1) contract with a **45** consecutive calendar day project completion schedule. This project will be bid on a unit sum basis for all specified work and will be awarded to the responsive and responsible bidder submitting the lowest total base bid.

Bonds: All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid. The successful bidder, if awarded the Contract, will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract amount. All bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current Circular 570 Listing.

Bid Documents: Bid documents are available on the Georgia Procurement Registry.

Requests for Information: For additional information, contact Project Administrator, Sunbelt Consulting, Sarah Rowley, P.E. at (229) 454-7196. Submit all questions via email to srowley@sunbeltga.com. The deadline for questions is May 21, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Replies of substance will be answered in the form of an addendum and made available to all potential bidders via the Georgia Procurement Registry.

Funding: Any Contract or Contracts awarded under this Invitation to Bid will be funded, in part, by a grant through the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) made through the funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Davis-Bacon, AIS, and BABA provisions apply.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to readvertise.

Owner: City of Cairo
By: Booker T. Gainor, IV
Title: Mayor
Date: April 23, 2024

(End of Section)

SECTION 2. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

INTENTION: It is intended that the Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, and Technical Specifications shall cover the complete work to which they relate.

PROJECT TIMELINE: Due to the nature of the reporting of the service line inventory to the Georgia EPD, *time is of the essence*. The following is a general anticipated timeline of the primary project activities. All prospective bidders must be capable of performing the work within the specified timeframe.

Advertisement for Bids	April 23, 2024
Bid Opening	May 24, 2024
Award of Contract	June 10, 2024
Notice of Award Issued	June 11, 2024
Acceptance of Notice of Award (return of Bonds and Insurance Documentation)	±June 26, 2024
Pre-Construction Meeting	±July 8, 2024
Notice to Proceed	±July 15, 2024
Completion of Project	±August 29, 2024 <i>(No later than September 13, 2024)</i>

2.01 DEFINED TERMS

In addition to the terms defined in the General Conditions, additional terms used in these Instructions to Bidders have the meanings indicated below which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof.

- 2.01.1 Bidder – One who submits a Bid directly to Owner as distinct from a sub-bidder, who submits a bid to a Bidder.
- 2.01.2 Successful Bidder – The lowest, responsible and responsive Bidder to whom Owner (on the basis of Owner’s evaluation as hereinafter provided) makes an award.
- 2.01.3 Bid – A complete and properly signed offer to execute work for the prices stipulated in Bid Form and submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents.
- 2.01.4 Addenda – Graphic or written documents issued by Project Administrator prior to the opening of Bids issued to clarify, revise, add to, or delete information in the original bidding documents or in previous addenda.

2.02 BID FORM

All bids must be made upon the Bid Forms hereto annexed and shall state the amount bid for each item shown, and all bids must be for materials and work called for in the specifications.

- 2.02.1 The Bid Form is included with the Bidding Documents; additional copies may be obtained from Project Administrator upon request.
- 2.02.2 All blanks on the Bid Form must be completed by printing in black ink or by typewriter.

- 2.02.3 Bids by corporations must be executed in the corporate name by the president or a vice-president (or other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign) and the corporate seal must be affixed and attested by the secretary or an assistant secretary. The corporate address and state of incorporation must be shown below the signature.
- 2.02.4 All names must be typed or printed in black ink below the signature.
- 2.02.5 The Bid shall contain an acknowledgement of receipt of all Addenda (the numbers of which must be filled in on the Bid Form).
- 2.02.6 The address and telephone number for communications regarding the Bid must be shown.

2.03 COPIES OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS:

- 2.03.1 Complete sets of Bidding Documents must be used in preparing Bids; neither Owner nor Project Administrator assumes any responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents.
- 2.03.2 Owner and Project Administrator in making copies of Bidding Documents available so only for the purpose of obtaining Bids for the Work and do not confer a license or grant for any other use.

2.04 EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS, OTHER DATA, AND SITE:

- 2.04.1 It is the responsibility of each Bidder before submitting a bid:
 - 2.04.1.1 *To examine and study thoroughly the Bidding Documents and other related data identified in the Bidding Documents;*
 - 2.04.1.2 *To visit the work site to ascertain by inspection pertinent location conditions such as location, character and accessibility of the site including existing surface and subsurface conditions in the work area; availability of facilities, location and character of existing work within or adjacent thereto, labor conditions, etc.*
 - 2.04.1.3 *To become familiar with and satisfy Bidder as to all federal, state, and local Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, or performance of the Work;*
 - 2.04.1.4 *To obtain and carefully study (or assume responsibility for doing so) all addition or supplementary examination investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data concerning conditions (surface, subsurface, and underground facilities) at or contiguous to the Site which may affect cost, progress, or performance of the Work or which relate any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction expressly required of the bidding documents, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto;*
 - 2.04.1.5 *To study and carefully correlate Bidder's knowledge and observations with the Bidding Documents and such other related data; and*
 - 2.04.1.6 *To promptly notify Project Administrator of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities or discrepancies which Bidder has discovered in or between the Biding Documents and such other related documents;*
 - 2.04.1.7 *To agree at the time of submitting its Bid that no further examinations, investigations,*

explorations, tests, studies or data are necessary for the determination of its Bid for performance of the work at the price bid and within the times and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents;

- 2.04.1.8 *To become aware of the general nature of the work to be performed by Owner and others at the Site that relates to the Work as indicate din the Bidding Documents;*
- 2.04.1.9 *To determine that the Bidding Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for the performance of the Work.*
- 2.04.2 The Owner shall make available to all prospective bidders, previous to receipt of bids, information that it may have as to sub-soil conditions and surface topography at the work site. Such information shall be given as the best factual information available without being considered as a representation of the Owner.
- 2.04.3 The submission of a Bid will constitute an incontrovertible representation by Bidder that Bidder has complied with every requirement of this Article 5, that without exception, the Bid is premised upon performing and furnishing the Work required by the Bidding Documents and applying any specific means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction that may be shown or indicated or expressly required by the Bidding Documents, that Bidder has given Project Administrator written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, and discrepancies that Bidder has discovered in the Bidding Documents and the written resolutions thereof by Project Administrator are acceptable to Bidder, and that the Bidding Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performing and furnishing the Work.

2.05 INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA:

- 2.05.1 All questions about the meaning or intent of the Bidding Documents are to be directed to Project Administrator. The person submitting the request shall do so in writing and be responsible for its prompt delivery. Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary by Project Administrator in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda and posted to the Georgia Procurement Registry. Questions received less than ten days prior to the date for opening of Bids may not be answered. Only questions answered by formal written Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.
- 2.05.2 Addenda may also be issued to modify the Bidding Documents as deemed advisable by Owner or Project Administrator.
- 2.05.3 Addenda will be delivered via the Georgia Procurement Registry. Copies of Addenda will not be delivered by mail, email, or fax except where specifically requested by Contractor in writing.

2.06 BID SECURITY:

- 2.06.1 Each Bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to Owner in an amount of five percent of Bidder's maximum Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond (on form attached, if a form is prescribed) issued by a surety company licensed in Georgia with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability".

2.06.2 The Bid security of Successful Bidder will be retained until such Bidder has executed the Agreement, furnished the required contract security and met the other conditions of the Notice of Award, whereupon the Bid security will be returned. If the Successful Bidder fails to execute and deliver the Agreement and furnish the required contract security within fifteen days after the Notice of Award, Owner may annul the Notice of Award and the Bid security of that Bidder will be forfeited. The Bid security of other Bidders whom Owner believes to have a reasonable chance of receiving the award may be retained by Owner until the earlier of the seventh day after the Effective Date of the Agreement or the sixty-first day after the Bid opening, whereupon Bid security furnished by such bidders will be returned. Bid security with Bids, which are not competitive, will be returned within seven days after the Bid opening.

2.07 CONTRACT COMPLETION TIME

The number of days within which, or by which the Work is to be (a) Substantially Completed and (b) also completed and ready for final payment are set forth in the Agreement. Provisions for liquidated damages, if any, are set forth in the Agreement.

2.08 SUBCONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS, AND OTHERS

2.08.1 If the Supplementary Conditions require the identity of certain Subcontractors, Suppliers, individuals, or entities to be submitted to Owner in advance of a specified date prior to the Effective Date of the Agreement, the apparent Successful Bidder, and any other Bidder so requested, shall within five days after Bid opening, submit to owner a list of all such Subcontractors, Suppliers, individuals, or entities proposed for those portions of the Work for which such identification is required. Such list shall be accompanied by an experience statement with pertinent information regarding similar projects and other evidence of qualification for each such Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity if requested by Owner. If Owner or Project Administrator, after due investigation, has reasonable objection to any proposed Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity, Owner may, before the Notice of Award is given, request apparent Successful Bidder to submit a substitute,

2.08.2 If apparent Successful Bidder declines to make any such substitution, Owner may award the Contract to the next lowest Bidder that proposes to use acceptable subcontractors, Suppliers, individuals, or entities. Declining to make requested substitutions would not constitute grounds for forfeiture of the bid security of any Bidder. Any Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity so listed and against which Owner or Project Administrator makes no written objection prior to the giving of the Notice of Award will be deemed acceptable to Owner and Project Administrator subject to revocation of such acceptance after the Effective Date of the Agreement as provided in paragraph 6.06 of the General Conditions.

2.08.3 Contractor shall not be required to employ any Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity against whom Contractor has reasonable objection.

2.09 SUBMITTAL OF BIDS

2.09.1 Bids shall be submitted at the time and place indicated in the Advertisement for Bids and shall be

enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope, marked with the project title, and name and address of Bidder, and accompanied by the Bid security and other required documents. If the Bid is sent through the mail or other delivery system, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate envelope with the notation "BID ENCLOSED" on the face of it.

- 2.09.2 Each Bidder is responsible for seeing that his Bid is received by the Owner at the location specified for the bid opening not later than the advertised time set for the opening of Bids. Whenever practical, it is recommended that bids be hand-delivered. If a bid is delivered by delivery service, Contractor should verify delivery of the bid with the delivery service AND receipt of the bid with the Owner. Owner assumes no responsibility for bids delivered after the specified bid date and time or bids delivered to the incorrect location.

2.10 ITEMS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH BID

The following items must be executed and submitted by the Bidder with their Bid. Failure to submit any of the items listed below will constitute a non-responsive bid.

- A. Bid Form (Section 3)
- B. Bid Bond (Section 4)
- C. Qualifications of Bidder (Section 5)
- D. Noncollusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder (Section 6)
- E. Security and Immigration Form (Section 7)
- F. GEFA Supplemental Conditions Forms (GEFA-9, GEFA-10)

2.11 MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

- 2.11.1 Bids may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed (in the manner that a Bid must be executed) and delivered to the place where Bids are to be submitted at any time prior to the opening of bids.
- 2.11.2 If, within forty-eight hours after Bids are opened, any Bidder files a duly signed, written notice with Owner and promptly thereafter demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of Owner that there was a material and substantial mistake in the preparation of its Bid, that Bidder may withdraw its Bid and the Bid security will be returned. Thereafter, that Bidder will be disqualified from further bidding on the Work to be provided.
- 2.11.3 OPENING OF BIDS: Bids will be opened and (unless obviously non-responsive) read aloud publicly at the place where Bids are to be submitted. An abstract of the amount of the base Bids and major alternates (if any) will be made available to Bidders after the opening of Bids.

2.12 ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

Bids may not be withdrawn (except as noted in Paragraph 2.11) after the time set for the opening of Bids. Bids will remain subject to acceptance for sixty (60) days after the day of the Bid opening, but the Owner may, in its sole discretion, release any Bid and return the Bid security prior to expiration of the acceptance period.

2.13 AWARD OF CONTRACT

- 2.13.1 Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive, or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.
- 2.13.2 Owner also reserves the right to waive all informalities not involving price, time or changes in the Work and to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder.
- 2.13.3 Discrepancies between the multiplication of units of Work and unit prices will be resolved in favor of the unit prices. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum. Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of the words.
- 2.13.4 In evaluating Bids, Owner will consider the qualification of Bidders, whether or not the Bids comply with the prescribed requirements, and such alternates, unit prices and other data, as may be requested in the Bid Form or prior to the Notice of Award.
- The Owner will also consider whether the Bidder involved:
- A. Maintains a permanent place of business;
 - B. Has adequate employees and equipment to do the work properly and expeditiously;
 - C. Has suitable financial status to meet obligations incidental to the work;
 - D. Has appropriate technical experience.
- 2.13.5 Owner may consider the qualifications and experience of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations proposed for those portions of the Work as to which the identity of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations must be submitted as provided in the Supplementary Conditions. Owner also may consider the operating costs, maintenance requirements, performance data and guarantees of major items of materials and equipment proposed for incorporation in the Work when such data is required to be submitted prior to the Notice of Award.
- 2.13.6 Owner may conduct such investigations as Owner deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of any bid and to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial ability of Bidders, proposed Subcontractors, Suppliers and other persons and organizations to perform and furnish the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents to Owner's satisfaction within the prescribed time.
- 2.13.7 If the contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the Bidder whose evaluation by Owner indicates to Owner that the award will be in the best interests of the Project.
- 2.13.8 If the contract is to be awarded, Owner will give Successful Bidder a Notice of Award within sixty (60) days after the day of the Bid opening.

2.14 MODIFICATIONS OF QUANTITIES

If the lowest bona fide Bid exceeds the money available for the Work, the Owner reserves the right to delete enough of the Work to bring the cost within the available funds. The Owner also reserves the right to delete whichever items or portions of items he considers to be in the best interest of the Owner.

2.15 CONTRACT SECURITY

The General Conditions and Supplementary Conditions set forth Owner's requirements as to performance and payment bonds. When the Successful Bidder delivers the executed Agreement to the Owner, it must be accompanied by the required performance and payment bonds.

2.16 SIGNING THE AGREEMENT

When the Owner gives a Notice of Award to the Successful Bidder, it will be accompanied by the required number of unsigned counterparts of the Agreement with all other written Contract Documents attached. Within fifteen (15) days thereafter, Contractor shall sign and deliver the required counterparts of the Agreement and attached documents to Owner with the required Bonds. Within ten (10) days thereafter, Owner shall deliver one fully signed counterpart to the Contractor.

2.17 LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Contractor shall comply with local, District, County, State and Federal laws applicable to the work.

The Contractor shall comply with the Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulations for Construction promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (PL 91-596) and under Section 107 of the Contract Work and Safety Standards Act (PL 91-54). The regulations are administered by the Department of Labor and the Contractor shall allow access to the project to personnel from that Department.

2.18 CONTRACTOR'S AND SUBCONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE

Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until he has obtained all the insurance required by the Supplementary Conditions and provided the required certificates of insurance to the Owner.

2.19 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

If the Owner is made to stop construction of the work because of an order from a Court or State Department, the contract shall be terminated. Payment will be made for work completed and a proration of the work underway, materials stored, and for the overhead and profit of the completed work and work underway. Payment will not be made for anticipated profit and overhead on work not completed or underway.

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SECTION 3. BID FORM

3.01 Project:

Water Service Line Inventory

3.02 This Bid is Submitted to:

**City of Cairo
119 North Broad Street (P.O. Box 29)
Cairo, GA 39818**

3.03 This Bid is Submitted From:

Bidder: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____

3.04 Conditions of Bid:

3.04.1 The undersigned Bidder proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to enter into an agreement with Owner in the form included in the Contract Documents to perform and furnish all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents for the Contract Price and within the Contract Time indicated in this Bid and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

3.04.2 Bidder accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Advertisement or Invitation to Bid and Instructions to Bidders, including without limitation those dealing with the disposition of Bid security. This Bid will remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the day of Bid opening. Bidder will sign and submit the Agreement with the Bonds and other documents required by the Bidding Requirements within fifteen days after the date of Owner's Notice of Award.

3.04.3 In submitting this Bid, Bidder represents, as more fully set forth in the Agreement, that:

3.04.3.1 *Bidder has examined copies of all the Bidding Documents and of the following Addenda (receipt of all which is hereby acknowledged):*

Date	Addenda Number

- 3.04.3.2 Bidder has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, Work, site, locality, and all local conditions and Laws and Regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work.
- 3.04.3.3 Bidder has studied carefully all reports and drawings of subsurface conditions and drawings of physical conditions which are identified in the Supplementary Conditions as provided in paragraph 4.2 of the General Conditions, and accepts the determination set forth in paragraph 5 of the Supplementary Conditions of the extent of the technical data contained in such reports and drawings upon which Bidder is entitled to rely.
- 3.04.3.4 Bidder has obtained and carefully studied (or assumes responsibility for obtaining and carefully studying) all such examinations, investigations, explorations, tests and studies (in addition to or to supplement those referred to in (c) above) which pertain to the subsurface or physical conditions at the site or otherwise may affect the cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work as Bidder considers necessary for the performance or furnishing of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents, including specifically the provisions of paragraph 4.2 of the General Conditions; and no additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports or similar information or data are or will be required by Bidder for such purposes.
- 3.04.3.5 Bidder has reviewed and checked all information and data shown or indicated on the Contract Documents with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the site and assumes responsibility for the accurate location of said Underground Facilities. No additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports or similar information or data in respect of said Underground Facilities are or will be required by Bidder in order to perform and furnish the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents, including specifically the provisions of paragraph 4.3 of the General Conditions.
- 3.04.3.6 Bidder has correlated the results of all such observations, examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports and studies with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.
- 3.04.3.7 Bidder has given Project Administrator written notice of all conflicts, errors or discrepancies that it has discovered in the Contract Documents and the written resolution thereof by Project Administrator is acceptable to Bidder.
- 3.04.3.8 This Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with an agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other corporation to refrain from bidding; and Bidder has not sought by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other Bidder or over Owner.
- 3.04.3.9 Bidder agrees to commence work under this Agreement on or before a date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed" of the Owner, and to fully complete the work within **45** consecutive calendar days from the "Notice to Proceed" date.
- 3.04.3.10 Bidder accepts the provisions of the Agreement as to liquidated damages in the event of failure to complete the Work on time.

3.04.4 Bidder will complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents for the following price(s):

3.04.4.1 *BASE BID*

The Contractor is directed to Section 15 “Measurement and Payment” for the methods and limits for payments to the Contractor for the pay items listed below:

BASE BID					
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1	Material Inventory, per meter, including removal of debris from meter box, recording pipe material data on the utility and customer side of the meter via the meter box, photographing meter contents, documenting broken meter boxes and leaks, and all associated work for a complete inventory	4,488	Each		
TOTAL BASE BID:					

Bidder agrees to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to construct the **Water Service Line Inventory** project for the **City of Cairo** for the sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____)

3.04.5 Bidder agrees that the Work will be complete and ready for final payment in accordance with paragraph 14.07.B of the General Conditions within **45** calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run.

3.04.6 Bidder accepts the provisions of the Agreement as to liquidated damages in the event of failure to complete the Work within the times specified in the Agreement.

3.04.7 The following documents are attached to and made a condition of this Bid:

3.04.7.1 *Required Bid Security in the form of 5% of the Bid Total Price.*

3.04.8 The undersigned further agrees that in case of failure on his part to execute the said contract and the Bond within fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days after written notice being given of the award of the contract, the check or bid bond accompanying this bid, and the monies payable thereon shall be paid into the funds of the Owner as liquidated damages for such failure, otherwise, the check or bid bond accompanying this proposal shall be returned to the undersigned.

3.04.9 Communications concerning this Bid shall be addressed to:

Sunbelt Consulting, LLC
P.O. Box 4071
Moultrie, GA 31776
Attn: Sarah Rowley, P.E.
srowley@sunbeltga.com

3.04.10 Terms used in this Bid which are defined in the General Conditions or Instructions to Bidders will have the meanings indicated in the General Conditions of Instructions.

The Bid shall be made on a Unit Price basis for all specified work. Bidder acknowledges that estimated quantities are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of bids, and final payment for all unit price bid items will be based on actual quantities.

Work shall begin at a mutually agreed upon date and a Notice to Proceed and shall be completed in accordance with the contract time stated herein. This bid complies with the Instruction to Bidders contained herein, all Addenda, (hereinafter listed and acknowledged as received), which are hereby made a part hereof and which shall govern in all matters of the work hereby proposed.

The Owner reserves the right to consider alternate bid pricing in the evaluation of bids and the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Authorized Signature

Company Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Tax ID#

Telephone Number

Seal (if Incorporated)

Email

(End of Section)

SECTION 4. BID BOND

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GRADY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we _____
(Name of Contractor) as PRINCIPAL, and we, _____
_____ (Legal title and address of the Surety), as
Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the **CITY OF CAIRO** for the sum of:

_____ Dollars (\$ _____)
lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind
ourselves, our heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these
presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted to the Owner a proposal for construction of:

Water Service Line Inventory

NOW THEREFORE, the conditions of this obligation are such that if the Bid be accepted, the Principal shall
within ten days after receipt of conformed contract documents execute a contract in accordance with the
Bid upon the terms, conditions and prices set forth therein, and in the form and manner required by the
Owner and execute a sufficient and satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond payable to the
Owner, each in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract price, in form and with
security satisfactory to the Owner, or in the event of the failure of the Contractor to execute and deliver
the Contract Agreement and give said Performance and Payment Bonds, the Contractor shall pay the
Owner the difference not to exceed the penalty hereof between the amount specified in said Proposal and
such larger amount for which the Owner may in good faith contract with another party to perform the
work covered by said Proposal, and execute the Special Assurances form, then this obligation shall be void;
otherwise, it shall be and remain in full force and virtue in law; and the Surety shall, upon failure of the
Principal to comply with any or all of the foregoing requirements within the time specified above,
immediately pay to the aforesaid Owner, upon demand, the amount hereof in good and lawful money of
the United States of America, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages.

This bond is given pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 36-91-40 et seq
and 36-91-50 et seq and all the provisions of the law referring to this character of bond as set forth in said
sections or as may be hereinafter enacted and these are hereby made a part hereof to the same extent as
if set out herein in full.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Principal has hereunder affixed its signature and said Surety has hereunto caused to be affixed its corporate signature and seal, by its duly authorized officers

Signed and sealed this _____ day of _____, 2024

(Principal)

(Witness)

(Title)

SEAL

(Surety)

(Witness)

(Title)

SEAL

(End of Section)

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDER

All questions must be answered, and the data given must be clear and comprehensive. This statement must be notarized. If necessary, questions may be answered on separate attached sheets. The Bidder may submit any additional information he desires.

1. Legal Name of Bidder: _____
2. Permanent main office address: _____
3. When organized: _____
4. If a corporation, where incorporated: _____
5. How many years have you been engaged in the contracting business under your present firm or trade name? _____
6. Contract on hand: (Schedule these, showing amount of each contract and the appropriate anticipated dates of completion.)

7. General character of work performed by your company. _____

8. Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you? If so, where and why? _____

9. Have you ever defaulted on a contract? If so, where and why? _____

10. List the more important projects recently completed by your company, stating the approximate cost for each, and the month and year completed.

11. List your major equipment available for this contract.

12. Experience in construction work similar in importance to this project.

13. Background and experience of the principal members of your organization, including the officers.

(End of Section)

SECTION 6. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

CERTIFICATION OF NON-COLLUSION OF PRIME BIDDER

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GRADY

_____, being first duly sworn, deposed and says that:

- (1) He/She is _____ (owner, partner, officer, representative or agent) of _____, the Bidder that has submitted the attached Bid;
- (2) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Bid and all pertinent circumstances respecting such Bid;
- (3) Such Bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Bid,
- (4) Neither said Bidder nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Bid in connection with the Contract for which the attached Bid has been submitted or to refrain from bidding in connection with such contract, or has in any manner directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Bid or of any other Bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the Bid price or the Bid price of any other Bidder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City of Cairo or any person interested in the proposed Contract and;
- (5) The prices or prices quoted in the attached Bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affidavit.

By: _____ Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20____.

(Notary Public)

My commission expires _____, 20____.

(End of Section)

SECTION 7. GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is contracting with the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners has registered with and is participating in a federal work authorization program* [any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603], in accordance with the applicability provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91.

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

EEV / Basic Pilot Program* User Identification Number

BY: Authorized Officer or Agent (Contractor Name)

Title of Authorized officer or Agent of Contractor

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS THE
_____ DAY OF _____, 20 _____

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
My Commission Expires: _____

* As of the effective date of O.C.G.A. 13-10-91, the applicable federal work authorization program is the "EEV / Basic Pilot Program" operated by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Social Security Administration (SSA)

(End of Section)

SECTION 8. NOTICE OF AWARD

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Water Service Line Inventory

The OWNER has considered the BID submitted by you for the above described WORK in response to its Advertisement for Bids dated April 23, 2025, and Instructions to Bidders.

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

You are required by the Instructions to Bidders to execute the Agreement and furnish the required CONTRACTOR's Performance BOND, Payment BOND, and Certificates of Insurance within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the Notice to you.

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

You are required to return an acknowledged copy of this NOTICE of AWARD to the OWNER.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

CITY OF CAIRO

By: _____

Title: _____

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

Receipt of the above NOTICE OF AWARD is hereby acknowledged:

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

CONTRACTOR: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

(End of Section)

SECTION 9. PERFORMANCE BOND

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GRADY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we _____
(Name of Contractor) as PRINCIPAL, (hereinafter known as "CONTRACTOR", and we, _____
_____ (Legal title and address of the Surety), as Surety
(hereinafter referred to as "SURETY"), do hereby acknowledge ourselves indebted and firmly bound and held unto the **CITY OF CAIRO** (Name of Owner) for the use and benefit of those entitled thereto, in the sum of:

_____ Dollars (\$ _____)
(Contract Sum) for the payment of which well and truly to be made, in lawful money of the United States, we do hereby bind ourselves, successors, assigns, heirs, and personal representatives.

BUT THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION OR BOND IS THIS:

WHEREAS, the OWNER has engaged the said CONTRACTOR for the sum of _____ Dollars (\$)
(Contract Sum) for the construction of **Water Service Line Inventory** as more sully appears in a written Agreement bearing the date of _____, 20____, a copy of which Agreement is by reference hereby made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, if said CONTRACTOR shall fully and faithfully perform all the undertakings and obligations under the said agreement or contract hereinbefore referred to and shall fully indemnify and save harmless the said OWNER from all costs and damage whatsoever which it may suffer by reason of any failure on the part of said CONTRACTOR to do so, and shall fully reimburse and repay the said default, and shall guarantee all products and workmanship against defects for a period of one year, then this obligation or bond shall be null and void, otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

And for value received it is hereby stipulated and agreed that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the said Agreement or Contract or in the work to be performed there under, or the Specifications accompanying the same shall in any way affect the obligations under the obligation or bond, and notice is hereby waived of any such damage, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Agreement or Contract or to the work or to the Specifications.

This bond is given pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 36-91-40 et seq and 36-91-70 et seq and all the provisions of the law referring to this character of bond as set forth in said sections or as may be hereinafter enacted and these are hereby made a part hereof to the same extent as if set out herein in full.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said CONTRACTOR has hereunder affixed its signature and said Surety has hereunto caused to be affixed its corporate signature and seal, by its duly authorized officers,

Signed and sealed this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Principal)

(Witness)

(Title)

SEAL

(Surety)

(Witness)

(Title)

SEAL

(End of Section)

SECTION 10. PAYMENT BOND

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GRADY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we _____
(Name of Contractor) as PRINCIPAL, (hereinafter known as "CONTRACTOR", and we, _____
_____ (Legal title and address of the Surety), as Surety
(hereinafter referred to as "SURETY"), do hereby acknowledge ourselves indebted and firmly bound and held unto the **CITY OF CAIRO** (Name of Owner) for the use and benefit of those entitled thereto, in the sum of:

_____ Dollars (\$ _____)
(Contract Sum) for the payment of which well and truly to be made, in lawful money of the United States, we do hereby bind ourselves, successors, assigns, heirs, and personal representatives.

BUT THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION OR BOND IS THIS:

WHEREAS, the OWNER has engaged the said CONTRACTOR for the sum of _____ Dollars (\$) (Contract Sum) for the construction of **Water Service Line Inventory** as more sully appears in a written Agreement bearing the date of _____, 20____, a copy of which Agreement is by reference hereby made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if said CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors to whom any portion of the work provided for in said Contract is sublet and all assignees of said Contractor and of such subcontractors shall promptly make payments to all persons supplying him or them with labor, products, services, or supplies for or in the prosecution of the work provided for in such Contract, or in any amendment or extension of or addition to said Contract, and for the payment of reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the claimants in suits on this bond, then the above obligation shall be void; otherwise, it shall remain if full force and effect.

HOWEVER, this bond is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- (a) Any person, firm or corporation that has furnished labor, products, or supplies for or in the prosecution of the work provided for in said Contract shall have a direct right of action against the CONTRACTOR and Surety on this bond, which right of action shall be asserted in a proceeding, instituted in the County in which the work provided for in said Contract is to be performed or in any county in which Contractor or Surety does business. Such right of action shall be asserted in proceedings instituted in the name of the claimant or claimants for his or their use and benefit against said CONTRACTOR or Surety or either of them (but not later than

one year after the final settlement or said Contract) in which action such claim or claims shall be adjudicated and judgment rendered thereon.

- (b) The Principal and Surety hereby designate and appoint the _____, as the agent of each them to receive and accept service of process or other pleading issued or filed in any proceeding instituted on this bond and hereby consent that such service shall be the same as personal service on the CONTRACTOR and/or Surety.
- (c) In no event shall the Surety be liable for a greater sum than the penalty of this bond, or subject to any suit, action or proceeding thereon that is instituted later than one year after the final settlement of said Contract.
- (d) This bond is given pursuant to and in accordance with provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 36-91-40 et seq and 36-91-90 et seq and all the provisions of law referring to this character of bond as set forth in said sections or as may be hereinafter enacted, and these are hereby made a part hereof to the same extent as if set out herein in full.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said CONTRACTOR has hereunder affixed its signature and said Surety has hereunto caused to be affixed its corporate signature and seal, by its duly authorized officers,

Signed and sealed this _____ day of _____, 20_____

(Principal)

(Witness)

(Title)

SEAL

(Surety)

(Witness)

(Title)

SEAL

(End of Section)

SECTION 11. AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is dated as of the ____ day of _____ in the year 20____, by and between the **City of Cairo** (hereinafter called OWNER) and **Contractor** (hereinafter called CONTRACTOR).

OWNER and CONTRACTOR, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, agree as follows:

11.01 WORK

CONTRACTOR shall complete all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents. The Work is generally described as follows:

Water Service Line Inventory

11.02 PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR

The Project has been developed by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, who is hereinafter called PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and who is to act as OWNER's representative, assume all duties and responsibilities and have the rights and authority assigned to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in the Contract Documents in connection with completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

11.03 CONTRACT TIME

11.03.1 CONTRACTOR agrees to commence Work under this Agreement on or before a date to be specified on a written "Notice to Proceed" of the OWNER and to fully complete the Work within **45** consecutive calendar days from the "Notice to Proceed" date.

11.03.2 Liquidated Damages. OWNER and CONTRACTOR recognize that time is of the essence of this Agreement and that OWNER will suffer financial loss if the Work is not completed within the times specified in paragraph 11.1 above, plus any extensions thereof allowed in accordance with Article 12 of the General Conditions. They also recognize the delays, expense and difficulties involved in proving in a legal or arbitration proceeding the actual loss suffered by OWNER if the Work is not completed on time. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof, OWNER and CONTRACTOR agree that as liquidated damages for delay (but not as a penalty) CONTRACTOR shall pay OWNER two-hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each day that expires after the time specified in paragraph 11.1.

11.04 CONTRACT PRICE

OWNER shall pay CONTRACTOR for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents in current as follows:

_____ Dollars (\$ _____)

11.05 PAYMENT PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall submit Applications for Payment in accordance with Article 14 of the General Conditions. Applications for Payment will be processed by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR as provided in the General Conditions.

11.05.1 Progress Payments; Retainage. OWNER shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Price on the basis of CONTRACTOR'S Applications for Payment as recommended by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, on or about the 25th day of each month during performance of the Work as provided in the paragraphs below. All such payments will be measured by the schedule of values established in paragraph 14.1 of the General Conditions.

11.05.1.1 For Cost of Work: Progress payments on account of the Cost of the Work will be made:

- A. Prior to Substantial Completion, progress payments will be made in an amount equal to the percentage indicated below, but, in each case, less the aggregate of payments previously made and less such amounts as PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR shall determine, or OWNER may withhold, including but not limited to liquidated damages, in accordance with paragraph 14.2 of the General Conditions.

95% of the work completed (with balance being retainage). If Work has been 50% completed as determined by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, and if the character and progress of the Work have been satisfactory to OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, OWNER, on recommendation of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, may determine that as long as the character and progress of the Work remain satisfactory to them, there will be no additional retainage on account of Work completed, in which case the remaining progress payments prior to Substantial Completion will be in an amount equal to 100% of the Work completed.

OWNER shall not deposit retainage in an escrow account for this project.

- B. Upon Substantial Completion, Owner shall pay an amount sufficient to increase total payments to Contractor to 100 percent of the Work completed, less 200 percent of the Market value of the Work remaining and less such amounts as Project Administrator shall determine in accordance with Paragraph 14.7 of the General Conditions.

11.05.2 Final Payment. Upon final completion and acceptance of the Work in accordance with paragraph 14.7 of the General Conditions, OWNER shall pay the remainder of the Contract Price as recommended by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR as provided in said paragraph 14.13.

11.06 CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

In order to induce OWNER to enter into this Agreement CONTRACTOR makes the following representations:

11.06.1 CONTRACTOR has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, Work, site, locality, and all local conditions and Laws and Regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work.

11.06.2 CONTRACTOR has studied carefully all reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions and drawings of physical conditions which are identified in the Supplementary Conditions as

provided in paragraph 4.2 of the General Conditions, and accepts the determination set forth in paragraph 5 of the Supplementary Conditions of the extent of the technical data contained in such reports and drawings upon which CONTRACTOR is entitled to reply.

11.06.3 CONTRACTOR has obtained and carefully studied (or assumes responsibility for obtaining and carefully studying) all such examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports and studies (in addition to or to supplement those referred to in paragraph 6.2 above) which pertain to the subsurface or physical conditions at or contiguous to the site or otherwise may affect the cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work as CONTRACTOR considers necessary for the performance or furnishing of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Time and in accordance of paragraph 4.2 of the General Conditions; and no additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports, studies or similar information or data are or will be required by CONTRACTOR for such purposes.

11.06.4 CONTRACTOR has reviewed and checked all information and data shown or indicated on the Contract Documents with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the site and assumes responsibility for the accurate location of said Underground Facilities. No additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports, studies or similar information or data in respect of said Underground Facilities are or will be required by CONTRACTOR in order to perform and furnish the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents, including specifically the provisions of paragraph 4.3 of the General Conditions.

11.06.5 CONTRACTOR has correlated the results of all such observations, examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports and studies with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

11.06.6 CONTRACTOR has given PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR written notice of all conflicts, errors or discrepancies that he has discovered in the Contract Documents and the written resolution thereof by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR is acceptable to CONTRACTOR.

11.07 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

11.07.1 This Agreement

11.07.2 Exhibits to this Agreement

11.07.3 Performance and Payment Bonds

11.07.4 Notice of Award

11.07.5 General Conditions

11.07.6 Supplementary Conditions

11.07.7 Specifications bearing the title Service Line Inventory and consisting of divisions as listed in table of contents thereof.

11.07.8 Addenda numbers ___ to ___, inclusive.

11.07.9 CONTRACTOR's Bid

11.07.10 Documentation submitted by CONTRACTOR prior to Notice of Award.

11.07.11 GEFA Contract Conditions

11.07.12 The following which may be delivered or issued after the Effective Date of the Agreement and are not attached hereto: All Written Amendments and other documents amending, modifying, or supplementing the Contract Documents pursuant to paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 of the General Conditions.

11.07.13 The documents listed in paragraphs 11.07 et seq. above are attached to this Agreement (except as expressly noted otherwise above).

There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above in this Section 11.07. The Contract Documents may only be amended, modified or supplemented as provided in paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 of the General Conditions.

11.08 MISCELLANEOUS

11.08.1 Terms used in this Agreement which are defined in Article 1 of the General Conditions will have the meanings indicated in the General Conditions.

11.08.2 No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Contract Documents will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and specifically but without limitation moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract Documents.

11.08.3 OWNER and CONTRACTOR each binds itself, its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto, its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives in respect of all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

11.08.4 Any provision or part of the Contract documents held void or unenforceable under any Law or Regulation shall be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and binding upon OWNER and CONTRACTOR, who agree that the Contract documents shall be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision that comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.

11.08.5 No delay or failure by OWNER to exercise any right under this Agreement , no custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms hereof shall constitute a waiver, and no partial or single exercise of such right, shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right, unless otherwise expressly provided herein.

11.09 OTHER PROVISIONS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF. OWNER and CONTRACTOR have signed this Agreement in **three (3)** counterparts. One counterpart each has been delivered to OWNER, CONTRACTOR and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR. All

portions of the Contract Documents have been signed or identified by OWNER and CONTRACTOR or by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR on their behalf.

This Agreement will be effective on _____, 20__.

CITY OF CAIRO

CONTRACTOR

By _____

By _____

[CORPORATE SEAL]

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Attest _____

Attest _____

Address for giving notices

Address for giving notices

(If OWNER is a public body, attach evidence of authority to sign and resolution or other documents authorizing execution of Agreement)

License No. _____

(If CONTRACTOR is a corporation, attach evidence of authority to sign.)

(End of Section)

SECTION 12. NOTICE TO PROCEED

To: _____

Date: _____

Project: Water Service Line Inventory

You are hereby notified to commence WORK in accordance with the Agreement dated _____, on or before _____, and you are to complete the WORK within **45** consecutive calendar days thereafter. The date of completion of all WORK is therefore _____.

CITY OF CAIRO

By: _____

Title: _____

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

Receipt of the above NOTICE OF TO PROCEED is hereby acknowledged:

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____

CONTRACTOR: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

(End of Section)

SECTION 13. GENERAL CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS

Wherever used in these General Conditions or in the other Contract Documents the following terms have the meanings indicated which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof:

Addenda - Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the opening of Bids which clarify, correct or change the bidding documents or the Contract Documents.

Agreement - The written agreement between OWNER and CONTRACTOR covering the Work to be performed; other Contract Documents are attached to the Agreement and made a part thereof as provided therein.

Application for Payment - The form accepted by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR which is to be used by CONTRACTOR in requesting progress for final payments and which is to include such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents.

Bid - The offer or proposal of the bidder submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the prices for the Work to be performed.

Bonds - Bid, performance and payment bonds and other instruments of security.

Change Order - A document recommended by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, which is signed by CONTRACTOR and OWNER and authorizes an addition, deletion or revision in the Work, or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time, issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement.

Contract Documents - The Agreement, Addenda (which pertain to the Contract Documents), CONTRACTOR'S Bid (including documentation accompanying the Bid and any post-Bid documentation submitted prior to the Notice of Award) when attached as an exhibit to the Agreement, the Bonds, these General Conditions, the Supplementary Conditions, the Specifications and the Drawings as the same are more specifically identified in the Agreement, together with all amendments, modifications and supplements issued pursuant to paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement.

Contract Price - The moneys payable by OWNER to CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents as stated in the Agreement (subject to the provisions of paragraph 11.9.1 in the case of Unit Price Work).

Contract Time - The number of days (computed as provided in paragraph 17.2) or the date stated in the Agreement for the completion of the Work.

CONTRACTOR - The person, firm, or corporation with whom OWNER has entered into the Agreement.

Defective - An adjective which when modifying the word Work refers to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty or deficient, or does not conform to the Contract Documents, or does not meet the requirements of any inspection, reference standard, test or approval referred to in the Contract Documents, or has been damaged prior to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's recommendation of final payment (unless responsibility for the protection thereof has been assumed by OWNER at Substantial Completion in accordance with paragraph 14.8 or 14.10).

Drawings - The drawings which show the character and scope of the Work to be performed and which have been prepared or approved by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and are referred to in the Contract Documents.

Effective Date of the Agreement - The date indicated in the Agreement on which it becomes effective, but if no such date is indicated it means the date on which the Agreement is signed and delivered by the last of the two parties to sign and deliver.

PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR - The person, firm or corporation named as such in the Agreement.

Field Order - A written order issued by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR which orders minor changes in the Work in accordance with paragraph 9.5 but which does not involve a change in the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

General Requirements - Sections of Division 1 of the Specifications.

Laws and Regulations; Laws or Regulations - Laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes and/or orders.

Notice of Award - The written notice by OWNER to the apparent successful bidder stating that upon compliance by the apparent successful bidder with the conditions precedent enumerated therein, within the time specified, OWNER will sign and deliver the Agreement.

Notice to Proceed - A written notice given by OWNER to CONTRACTOR (with a copy to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR) fixing the date on which the Contract Time will commence to run and on which CONTRACTOR shall start to perform CONTRACTOR's obligations under the Contract Documents.

OWNER - The public body or authority, corporation, association, firm or person with whom CONTRACTOR has entered into the Agreement and for whom the Work is to be provided.

Partial Utilization - Placing a portion of the Work in service for the purpose for which it is intended (or a related purpose) before reaching Substantial Completion for all the Work.

Project - The total construction of which the Work to be provided under the Contract Documents may be the whole, or a part as indicated elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

Resident Project Representative - The authorized representative of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR who is assigned to the site or any part thereof.

Shop Drawings - All drawings, diagrams, illustrations, schedules and other data which are specifically prepared by or for CONTRACTOR to illustrate some portion of the Work and all illustrations, brochures, standard schedules, performance charts, instructions, diagrams and other information prepared by a Supplier and submitted by CONTRACTOR to illustrate material or equipment for some portion of the Work.

Specifications - Those portions of the Contract Documents consisting of written technical descriptions of materials, equipment, construction systems, standards and workmanship as applied to the Work and certain administrative details applicable thereto.

Subcontractor - An individual, firm or corporation having a direct contract with CONTRACTOR or with any other Subcontractor for the performance of a part of the Work at the site.

Substantial Completion - The Work (or a specified part thereof) has progressed to the point where, in the opinion of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR as evidenced by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's definitive certificate of Substantial Completion, it is sufficiently complete, in accordance with the Contract Documents, so that the Work (or specified part) can be utilized for the purposes for which it is intended; or if there be no such certificate issued, when final payment is due in accordance with paragraph 14.13. The terms "substantially complete" and "substantially completed" as applied to any Work refer to Substantial Completion thereof.

Supplementary Conditions - The part of the Contract Documents which amends or supplements these General Conditions.

Supplier - A manufacturer, fabricator, supplier, distributor, materialman or vendor.

Underground Facilities - All pipelines, conduits, ducts, cables, wires, manholes, vaults, tanks tunnels or other such facilities or attachments, and any encasements containing such facilities which have been installed underground to furnish any of the following services or materials; electricity, gases, steam, liquid petroleum products, telephone or other communications, cable television, sewage and drainage removal, traffic or other control systems or water.

Unit Price Work - Work to be paid for on the basis of unit prices.

Work - The entire completed construction or the various separately identifiable parts thereof required to be furnished under the Contract Documents. Work is the result of performing services, furnishing labor and furnishing and incorporating materials and equipment into the construction, all as required by the Contract Documents.

Work Directive Change - A written directive to CONTRACTOR, issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement and signed by OWNER and recommended by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, ordering and addition, deletion or revision in the Work, or responding to

differing or unforeseen physical conditions under which the Work is to be performed as provided in paragraph 4.2 or 4.3 or to emergencies under paragraph 6.22. A Work Directive Change may not change the Contract Price or the Contract Time, but is evidence that the parties expect that the change directed or documented by a Work Directive Change will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order following negotiations by the parties as to its effect, if any, on the Contract Price or Contract Time as provided in paragraph 10.2.

Written Amendment - A written amendment of the Contract Documents, signed by OWNER and CONTRACTOR on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement and normally dealing with the nonProject Administratoring or nontechnical rather than strictly Work-related aspects of the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 2 - PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Delivery of Bonds:

2.1. When CONTRACTOR delivers the executed Agreements to OWNER, CONTRACTOR shall also deliver to OWNER such Bonds as CONTRACTOR may be required to furnish in accordance with paragraph 5.1.

Copies of Documents:

2.2. OWNER shall furnish to CONTRACTOR up to ten copies (unless otherwise specified in the Supplementary Conditions) of the Contract Documents as are reasonably necessary for the execution of the Work. Additional Copies will be furnished, upon request, at the cost of reproduction.

Commencement of Contract Time; Notice to Proceed:

2.3. The Contract Time will commence to run on the thirtieth day after the Effective Date of the Agreement, or, if a Notice to Proceed is given, on the day indicated in the Notice to Proceed. A Notice to Proceed may be given at any time within thirty days after the Effective Date of the Agreement. In no event will the Contract Time commence to run later than the seventy-fifth day after the day of Bid opening or the thirtieth day after the Effective Date of the Agreement, whichever date is earlier.

Starting the Project:

2.4. CONTRACTOR shall start to perform the Work on the date when the Contract Time commences to run, but no Work shall be done at the site prior to the date on which the Contract Time commences to run.

Before Starting Construction:

2.5. Before undertaking each part of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents and check and verify pertinent figures shown thereon and all applicable field measurements. CONTRACTOR shall promptly report in writing to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR any conflict, error or discrepancy which CONTRACTOR may discover and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR

before proceeding with any Work affected thereby; however, CONTRACTOR shall not be liable to OWNER or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR for failure to report any conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, unless CONTRACTOR had actual knowledge thereof or should reasonably have known thereof.

2.6. Within ten days after the Effective Date of the Agreement (unless otherwise specified in the General Requirements), CONTRACTOR shall submit to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR for review:

2.6.1. a preliminary Progress Schedule;

2.6.2. a preliminary Schedule of Submittals; and

2.6.3. a preliminary Schedule of Values for all of the Work which includes quantities and prices of items which when added together equal the Contract Price and subdivides the Work into component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during performance of the Work. Such prices will include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work.

2.7. Before any Work at the site is started, CONTRACTOR shall deliver to OWNER, with a copy to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, certificates (and other evidence of insurance requested by OWNER) which CONTRACTOR is required to purchase and maintain in accordance with paragraphs 5.3 and 5.4., and OWNER shall deliver to CONTRACTOR certificates (and other evidence of insurance requested by CONTRACTOR) which OWNER is required to purchase and maintain in accordance with paragraphs 5.6 and 5.7.

Preconstruction Conference:

Initial Acceptance of Schedules:

2.8. At least 10 days before submission of the first Application for Payment a conference attended by Contractor, Project Administrator, and others as appropriate will be held to review for acceptability to Project Administrator as provided below the schedules submitted in accordance with Paragraph 2.6. Contractor shall have an additional 10 days to make corrections and adjustments and to complete and resubmit the schedules. No progress payment shall be made to Contractor until acceptable schedules are submitted to Project Administrator.

2.8.1 The Progress Schedule will be acceptable to Project Administrator if it provides an orderly progression of the Work to completion within the Contract Times. Such acceptance will not impose on Project Administrator responsibility for the Progress Schedule, for sequencing, scheduling, or progress of the Work nor interfere with or relieve Contractor from Contractor's full responsibility therefor.

2.8.2 Contractor's Schedule of Submittals will be acceptable to Project Administrator if it provides a workable arrangement for reviewing and processing the required submittals.

2.8.3 Contractor's Schedule of Values will be acceptable to Project Administrator as to form and substance if it provides a reasonable allocation of the Contract Price to component parts of the Work.

ARTICLE 3 - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: INTENT, AMENDING, REUSE

Intent:

3.1. The Contract Documents comprise the entire agreement between OWNER and CONTRACTOR concerning the Work. The Contract Documents are complementary; what is called for by one is as binding as if called for by all. The Contract Documents will be construed in accordance with the law of the place of the Project.

3.2. It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete Project (or part 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 will 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, whether such reference be specific or by implication, shall mean the latest standard specification, manual, code or Laws or Regulations in effect at the time of opening of Bids (or, on the Effective Date of the Agreement if there were no Bids), except as may be otherwise specifically stated. However, no provision of any referenced standard specification, manual or code (whether or not specifically incorporated by reference in the Contract Documents) shall be effective to change the duties and responsibilities of OWNER, CONTRACTOR or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, or any of their consultants, agents or employees from those set forth in the Contract Documents, nor shall it be effective to assign to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, or any of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's consultants, agents or employees, any duty or authority to supervise or direct the furnishing or performance of the Work or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility contrary to the provisions of paragraph 9.15 or 9.16. Clarifications and interpretations of the Contract Documents shall be issued by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR as provided in paragraph 9.4.

3.3. If, during the performance of the Work, CONTRACTOR finds a conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, CONTRACTOR shall so report to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in writing at once and before proceeding with the Work affected thereby shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR; however, CONTRACTOR shall not be liable to OWNER or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR for failure to report any conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents unless CONTRACTOR had actual knowledge thereof or should reasonable have known thereof.

Amending and Supplementing Contract Documents:

3.4. The Contract Documents may be amended to provide for additions, deletions and revisions in the Work or to modify the terms and conditions thereof in one or more of the following ways:

3.4.1. a formal Written Amendment,

3.4.2. a Change Order (pursuant to paragraph 10.4), or

3.4.3. a Work Directive Change (pursuant to paragraph 10.1).

As indicated in paragraphs 11.2 and 12.1, Contract Price and Contact Time may only be changed by a Change Order or a Written Amendment.

3.5. In addition, the requirements of the Contract Documents may be supplemented, and minor variations and deviations in the Work may be authorized, in one or more of the followings ways:

3.5.1. a Field Order (pursuant to paragraph 9.5),

3.5.2. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's approval of a Shop Drawing or sample (pursuant to paragraphs 6.26 and 6.27), or

3.5.3. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's written interpretation or clarification (pursuant to paragraph 9.4).

Reuse of Documents:

3.6. Neither CONTRACTOR nor any Subcontractor or Supplier or other person or organization performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct or indirect contract with OWNER shall have or acquire any title to or ownership rights in any of the Drawings, Specifications or other documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the seal of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR; and they shall not reuse any of them on extensions of the Project or any other project without written consent of OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and specific written verification or adaptation by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR.

ARTICLE 4 - AVAILABILITY OF LANDS; PHYSICAL CONDITIONS; REFERENCE POINTS

Availability of Lands:

4.1. OWNER shall furnish, as indicated in the Contract Documents, the lands upon which the Work is to be performed, rights-of-way and easements for access thereto, and such other lands which are designated for the use of CONTRACTOR. Easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing facilities will be obtained and paid for by OWNER, unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. If CONTRACTOR believes that any delay in OWNER's furnishing these lands, rights-of-way or easements entitles CONTRACTOR to an extension of the Contract Time, CONTRACTOR may make a claim therefore as provided in Article 12. CONTRACTOR shall provide for all additional lands and access thereto that may be required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment.

Physical Conditions:

4.2.1. *Explorations and Reports:* Reference is made to the Supplementary Conditions for identification of those reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at the site that have been utilized by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in preparation of the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in such reports, but not upon

nontechnical data, interpretations or opinions contained therein or for the completeness thereof for CONTRACTOR's purposes. Except as indicated in the immediately preceding sentence and in paragraph 4.2.6, CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility with respect to subsurface conditions at the site.

4.2.2. *Existing Structures:* Reference is made to the Supplementary Conditions for identification of those drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface and subsurface structures (except Underground Facilities referred to in paragraph 4.3) which are at our contiguous to the site that have been utilized by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in preparation of the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in such drawings, but not for the completeness thereof for CONTRACTOR's purposes. Except as indicated in the immediately preceding sentence and in paragraph 4.2.6, CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility with respect to physical conditions in or relating to such structures.

4.2.3. *Report of Differing Conditions:* If CONTRACTOR believes that:

4.2.3.1. any technical data on which CONTRACTOR is entitled to rely as provided in paragraphs 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 is inaccurate, or

4.2.3.2. any physical condition uncovered or revealed at the site differs materially from that indicated, reflected or referred to in the Contract Documents,

CONTRACTOR shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as permitted by paragraph 6.22), notify OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in writing about the inaccuracy or difference.

4.2.4. *PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's Review:* PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will promptly review the pertinent conditions, determine the necessity of obtaining additional explorations or tests with respect thereto and advise OWNER in Writing (with a copy to CONTRACTOR) of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's findings and conclusions.

4.2.5. *Possible Document Change:* IF PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR concludes that there is a material error in the Contract Documents or that because of newly discovered conditions a change in the Contract Documents is required, a Work Directive Change or a change Order will be issued as provided in Article 10 to reflect and document the consequences of the inaccuracy or difference.

4.2.6. *Possible Price and Time Adjustments:* In each such case, an increase or decrease in the Contract Price or an extension or shortening of the Contract Time, or any combination thereof, will be allowable to the extent that they are attributable to any such inaccuracy of difference. If OWNER and CONTRACTOR are unable to agree as to the amount or length thereof, a claim may be made therefore as provided in Articles 11 and 12.

Physical Conditions - Underground Facilities:

4.3.1. *Shown or Indicated:* The information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the site is based on information and data furnished to OWNER or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR by the owners of such Underground Facilities or by others. Unless it is otherwise expressly provided in the Supplementary Conditions:

4.3.1.1. OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR shall not be responsible for the accuracy or completeness or any such information or data; and,

4.3.1.2. CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility for reviewing and checking all such information and data, for locating all Underground Facilities shown or indicated in the Contract Documents, for coordination of the Work with the owners of such Underground Facilities during construction, for the safety and protection thereof as provided in paragraph 6.20 and repairing any damage thereto resulting from the Work, the cost of all of which will be considered as having been included in the Contract Price.

4.3.2. *Not Shown or Indicated.* If an Underground Facility is uncovered or revealed at or contiguous to the site which was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents and which CONTRACTOR could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of, CONTRACTOR shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before performing any Work affected thereby (except in an emergency as permitted by paragraph 6.22), identify the owner of such Underground Facility and give written notice thereof to that owner and to OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will promptly review the Underground Facility to determine the extent to which the Contract Documents should be modified to reflect and document the consequences of the existence of the Underground Facility, and the Contract Documents will be amended or supplemented to the extent necessary. During such time, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the safety and protection of such Underground Facility as provided in paragraph 6.20. CONTRACTOR shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, to the extent that they are attributable to the extent to the existence of any Underground Facility that was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents and which CONTRACTOR could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of. If the parties are unable to agree as to the amount or length thereof, CONTRACTOR may make a claim therefore as provided in Articles 11 and 12.

Reference Points:

4.4. OWNER shall provide Project Administrating surveys to establish reference points for construction which in PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's judgment are necessary to enable CONTRACTOR to proceed with the Work. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for laying out the Work (unless otherwise specified in the General Requirements), shall protect and preserve the established reference points and shall make no changes or relocations without the prior written approval of OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall report to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR whenever a reference point is lost or destroyed or requires relocation because of necessary changes in grades or locations, and shall be responsible for the accurate replacement or relocation of such reference points by professionally qualified personnel.

ARTICLE 5 - BONDS AND INSURANCE

Performance and Other Bonds:

CONTRACTOR shall furnish performance and payment Bonds, each in an amount at least equal to the Contract Price as security for the faithful performance and payment of all CONTRACTOR's obligations under the Contract Documents. These Bonds shall remain in effect at least until one year after the date when final payment becomes due, except as otherwise provided by Law or Regulation or by the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR shall also furnish such other Bonds as are required by the Supplementary Conditions. All Bonds shall be in the forms prescribed by Law or Regulation or by the Contract Documents and be executed by such sureties as are named in the current list of "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" as published in Circular 570 (amended) by the Audit Staff Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Treasury Department. All Bonds signed by an agent must be accompanied by a certified copy of the authority to act.

5.2. If the surety on any Bond furnished by CONTRACTOR is declared a bankrupt or becomes insolvent or its right to do business is terminated in any state where any part of the Project is located or it ceases to meet the requirements of paragraph 5.1, CONTRACTOR shall within five days thereafter substitute another Bond and Surety, both of which must be acceptable to OWNER.

Contractor's Liability Insurance:

5.3. CONTRACTOR shall purchase and maintain such comprehensive general liability and other insurance as is appropriate for the Work being performed and furnished and as will provide protection from claims set forth below which may arise out of or result from CONTRACTOR's performance and furnishing of the Work and CONTRACTOR's other obligations under the Contract Documents, whether it is to be performed or furnished by CONTRACTOR, by any Subcontractor, by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the Work, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.

5.3.1. Claims under workers' or workmen's compensation, disability benefits and other similar employee benefit acts;

5.3.2. Claims for damages because of bodily injury occupational sickness or disease, or death on CONTRACTOR's employees;

5.3.3. Claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death of any person other than CONTRACTOR's employees;

5.3.4. Claims for damages insured by personal injury liability coverage which are sustained (a) by any person as a result of an offense directly or indirectly related to the employment of such person by CONTRACTOR, or (b) by any other person for any other reason;

5.3.5. Claims for damages, other than to the Work itself, because of injury to or destruction of tangible property wherever located, including loss of use resulting there from;

5.3.6. Claims arising out of operation of Laws or Regulations for damages because of bodily injury or death of any person or for damage to property; and

5.3.7. Claims for damages because of bodily injury or death of any person or property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of any motor vehicle.

The insurance required by this paragraph 5.3 shall include the specific coverages and be written for not less than the limits of liability and coverages provided in the Supplementary Conditions, or required by law, whichever is greater. The comprehensive general liability insurance shall include completed operations insurance. All of the policies of insurance so required to be purchased and maintained (or the certificates or other evidence thereof) shall contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled, materially changed or renewal refused until at least thirty days' prior written notice has been given to OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR by certified mail. All such insurance shall remain in effect until final payment and at all times thereafter when CONTRACTOR may be correcting, removing or replacing defective Work in accordance with paragraph 13.12. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall maintain such completed operations insurance for at least two years after final payment and furnish OWNER and with evidence of continuation of such insurance at final payment and one year thereafter.

5.4. The comprehensive general liability insurance required by paragraph 5.3 will include contractual liability insurance applicable to CONTRACTOR's obligations under paragraphs 6.30 and 6.31.

Owner's Liability Insurance:

5.5. OWNER shall be responsible for purchasing and maintaining OWNER's own liability insurance and, at OWNER's option, may purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect OWNER against claims which may arise from operations under the Contract Documents.

Property Insurance:

5.6. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, CONTRACTOR shall purchase and maintain property insurance upon the Work at the site to the full insurable value thereof (subject to such deductible amounts as may be provided in the Supplementary Conditions or required by Laws and Regulations). This insurance shall include the interests of OWNER, CONTRACTOR, Subcontractors, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's consultants in the Work, all of whom shall be listed as insured or additional insured parties, shall insure against the perils of fire and extended coverage and shall include "all risk" insurance for physical loss and damage including theft, vandalism and malicious mischief, collapse and water damage, and such other perils as may be provided in the Supplementary Conditions, and shall include damages, losses and expenses arising out of or resulting from any insured loss or incurred in the repair or replacement of any insured property (including but not limited to

fees and charges of Project Administrators, architects, attorneys and other professionals). If not covered under the "all risk" insurance or otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, CONTRACTOR shall purchase and maintain similar property insurance on portions of the Work stored on and off the site or in transit when such portions of the Work are to be included in an Application for Payment.

5.7. OWNER shall purchase and maintain such boiler and machinery insurance or additional property insurance as may be required by the Supplementary Conditions or Laws and Regulations which will include the interests of OWNER, CONTRACTOR, Subcontractors, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's consultants in the Work, all of whom shall be listed as insured or additional insured parties.

5.8 All the policies of insurance (or the certificates or other evidence thereof) required to be purchased and maintained by CONTRACTOR in accordance with paragraphs 5.6 and 5.7 will contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled or materially changed or renewal refused until at least thirty days' prior written notice has been given to OWNER by certified mail and will contain waiver provisions in accordance with paragraph 5.11.2.

5.9 OWNER shall not be responsible for purchasing and maintaining any property insurance to protect the interests of CONTRACTOR, Subcontractors or others in the Work to the extent of any deductible amounts that are provided in the Supplementary Conditions. The risk of loss within the deductible amount, will be borne by CONTRACTOR, Subcontractor or others suffering any such loss and if any of them wishes property insurance coverage within the limits of such amounts, each may purchase and maintain it at the purchaser's own expense.

5.10. If OWNER requests in writing that other special insurance be included in the property insurance policy, CONTRACTOR shall, if possible, include such insurance, and the cost thereof will be charged to CONTRACTOR by appropriate Change Order or Written Amendment. Prior to commencement of the Work at the site, CONTRACTOR shall in writing advise OWNER whether or not such other insurance has been procured by CONTRACTOR.

Waiver of Rights:

5.11.1. OWNER and CONTRACTOR waive all rights against each other for all losses and damages caused by any of the perils covered by the policies of insurance provided in response to paragraphs 5.6 and 5.7 and any other property insurance applicable to the Work, and also waive all such rights against the Subcontractors, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's consultants and all other parties named as insured in such policies for losses and damages so caused. As required by paragraph 6.11, each subcontract between CONTRACTOR and a Subcontractor will contain similar waiver provisions by the Subcontractor in favor of OWNER, CONTRACTOR, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's consultants and all other parties named as insured. None of the above waivers shall extend to the rights that any of the insured parties may have to the proceeds of insurance held by OWNER as trustee or otherwise payable under any policy so issued.

5.11.2 OWNER and CONTRACTOR intend that any policies provided in response to paragraphs 5.6 and 5.7 shall protect all of the parties insured and provide primary coverage for all losses and damages caused by the perils covered thereby. Accordingly, all such policies shall contain provisions to the effect that in the event of payment of any loss or damage the insurer will have no rights of recovery against any of the parties named as insureds or additional insureds, and if the insurers require separate waiver forms to be signed by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's consultant OWNER will obtain the same, and if such waiver forms are required of any Subcontractor, CONTRACTOR will obtain the same.

Receipt and Application of Proceeds:

5.12. Any insured loss under the policies of insurance required by paragraphs 5.6 and 5.7 will be adjusted with OWNER and made payable to OWNER as trustee for the insureds, as their interests may appear, subject to the requirements of any applicable mortgage clause and of paragraph 5.13. OWNER shall deposit in a separate account any money so received, and shall distribute it in accordance with such agreement as the parties in interest may reach. If no other special agreement is reached the damaged Work shall be repaired or replaced, the moneys so received applied on account thereof and the Work and the cost thereof covered by an appropriate Change Order or Written Amendment.

5.13. OWNER as trustee shall have power to adjust and settle any loss with the insurers unless one of the parties in interest shall object in writing within fifteen days after the occurrence of loss to OWNER's exercise of this power. If such objection be made, OWNER as trustee shall make settlement with the insurers in accordance with such agreement as the parties in interest may reach. If required in writing by any party in interest, OWNER as trustee shall, upon the occurrence of an insured loss, give bond for the proper performance of such duties.

Acceptance of Insurance:

5.14. If OWNER has any objection to the coverage afforded by or other provisions of the insurance required to be purchased and maintained by CONTRACTOR in accordance with paragraphs 5.3 and 5.4 on the basis of its not complying with the Contract Documents, OWNER shall notify CONTRACTOR in writing thereof within ten days of the date of delivery of such certificates to OWNER in accordance with paragraph 2.7. If CONTRACTOR has any objection to the coverage afforded by or other provisions of the policies of insurance required to be purchased and maintained by OWNER in accordance with paragraphs 5.6 and 5.7 on the basis of their not complying with the Contract Documents, CONTRACTOR shall notify OWNER in writing thereof within ten days of the date of delivery of such certificates to CONTRACTOR in accordance with paragraph 2.7 OWNER and CONTRACTOR shall each provide to the other such additional information in respect of insurance provided by each as the other may reasonably request. Failure by OWNER or CONTRACTOR to give any such notice of objection within the time provided shall constitute acceptance of such insurance purchased by the other as complying with the Contract Documents.

Partial Utilization - Property Insurance:

5.15. If OWNER finds it necessary to occupy or use a portion or portions of the Work prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work, such use or occupancy may be accomplished in accordance with paragraph 14.10; provided that no such use or occupancy shall commence before the insurers providing the property insurance have acknowledge notice thereof and in writing effected the changes in coverage necessitated thereby. The insurers providing the property insurance shall consent by endorsement on the policy or policies, but the property insurance shall not be canceled or lapse on account of any such partial use or occupancy.

ARTICLE 6-CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervision and Superintendence:

6.1. 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 solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction, but CONTRACTOR shall not be responsible for the negligence of others in the design or selection of a specific means, method, technique, sequence or procedure of construction which is indicated in and required by the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to see that the finished Work complies accurately with the Contract Documents.

6.2. CONTRACTOR shall keep on the Work at all times during its progress a competent resident superintendent, who shall not be replaced without written notice to OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR except under extraordinary circumstances. The superintendent will be CONTRACTOR's representative at the 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 CONTRACTOR.

Labor, Materials and Equipment:

CONTRACTOR shall provide competent, suitably qualified personnel to survey and lay out the Work and perform construction as required by the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR shall at all times maintain good discipline and order at the site. Except in connection with the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, and except as otherwise indicated in the Contract Documents, all Work at the site shall be performed during regular working hours, and CONTRACTOR will not permit overtime work or the performance of Work on Saturday, Sunday or any legal holiday without OWNER's written consent given after prior written notice to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR.

6.4. Unless otherwise specified in the General Requirements, CONTRACTOR shall furnish and assume full responsibility for all materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, light, heat, telephone, water sanitary facilities, temporary facilities and all other facilities and incidentals necessary for the furnishing, performance, testing, start-up and completion of the Work.

6.5. All materials and equipment shall be of good quality and new, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. If required by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, CONTRACTOR shall furnish satisfactory evidence (including reports of required tests) as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment. All materials and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned in accordance with the instruction of the applicable Supplier except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents; but no provision of any such instructions will be effective to assign to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, or any of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's consultants, agents or employees, any duty or authority to supervise or direct the furnishing or performance of the Work or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility contrary to the provisions of paragraph 9.15 or 9.16.

Adjusting Progress Schedule:

6.6 CONTRACTOR shall submit to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR for acceptance (to the extent indicated in paragraph 2.9) adjustments in the progress schedule to reflect the impact thereon of new developments; these will conform generally to the progress schedule then in effect and additionally will comply with any provisions of the General Requirements applicable thereto.

Substitutes or "Or-Equal" Items:

6.7.1. 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. In the case where the name is followed by words indicating that substitutions/"or equals" are permitted, materials or equipment of other Suppliers may be accepted by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR if sufficient information is submitted by CONTRACTOR to allow PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR to determine that the material or equipment proposed is equivalent or equal to that named. The procedure for review by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will include the following as supplemented in the General Requirements. Requests for review of substitute items of material and equipment will not be accepted by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR from anyone other than CONTRACTOR. If CONTRACTOR wishes to furnish or use a substitute item of material or equipment, CONTRACTOR shall make written application to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR for acceptance thereof, certifying that the proposed substitute will 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 will 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 OWNER for work on the Project) to adapt the design to the proposed substitute and whether or not incorporation or use of 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 will be indicated. The application will also 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 PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in evaluating the proposed substitute. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR may require CONTRACTOR to furnish at CONTRACTOR's expense additional data about the proposed substitute.

6.7.2. 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 PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, if CONTRACTOR submits sufficient information to allow PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR to determine that the substitute proposed is equivalent to that indicated or required by the Contract Documents. The procedure for review by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will be similar to that provided in paragraph 6.7.1 as applied by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and as may be supplemented in the General Requirements.

6.7.3. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will be allowed a reasonable time within which to evaluate each proposed substitute. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will be the sole judge of acceptability, and no substitute will be ordered, installed or utilized without PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's prior written acceptance which will be evidenced by either a Change Order or an approved Shop Drawing. OWNER may require CONTRACTOR to furnish at CONTRACTOR's expense a special performance guarantee or other surety with respect to any substitute. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will record time required by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's consultants in evaluating substitutions proposed by CONTRACTOR and in making changes in the Contract Documents occasioned thereby. Whether or not PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR accepts a proposed substitute, CONTRACTOR shall reimburse OWNER for the charges of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's consultants for evaluating each proposed substitute.

Concerning Subcontractors, Suppliers and Others:

6.8.1. CONTRACTOR shall not employ any Subcontractor, Supplier or other person or organization (including those acceptable to OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR as indicated in paragraph 6.8.2), whether initially or as a substitute, against whom OWNER or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR may have reasonable objection. CONTRACTOR shall not be required to employ any Subcontractor, Supplier or other person or organization to furnish or perform any of the Work against whom CONTRACTOR has reasonable objection.

6.8.2. If the Supplementary Conditions require the identity of certain Subcontractors, Suppliers or other persons or organizations (including those who are to furnish the principal items of materials and equipment) to be submitted to OWNER in advance of the specified date prior to the Effective Date of the Agreement for acceptance by OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and if CONTRACTOR has submitted a list thereof in accordance with the Supplementary Conditions, OWNER's or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's acceptance (either in writing or by failing to make written objection thereto by the date indicated for acceptance or objection in the bidding documents or the Contract Documents) of any such Subcontractor, Supplier or other person or

organization so identified may be revoked on the basis of reasonable objection after due investigation, in which case CONTRACTOR shall submit an acceptable substitute, the Contract Price will be increased by the difference in the cost occasioned by such substitution and an appropriate Change Order will be issued or Written Amendment signed. No acceptance by OWNER or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR of any such Subcontractor, Supplier or other person or organization shall constitute a waiver of any right of OWNER or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR to reject *defective Work*.

6.9 CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible to OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR for all acts and omissions of the Subcontractors, Suppliers and other persons and organization performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct or indirect contract with CONTRACTOR just as CONTRACTOR is responsible for CONTRACTOR's own acts and omissions. Nothing in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual relationship between OWNER or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and any such Subcontractor, Supplier or other person or organization, nor shall it create any obligation on the part of OWNER or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR to pay or to see to the payment of any moneys due any such Subcontractor, Supplier or other person or organization except as may otherwise be required by Laws and Regulations.

6.10. The divisions and sections of the Specifications and the identifications of any Drawings shall not control CONTRACTOR in dividing the Work among Subcontractors or Suppliers or delineating the Work to be performed by any specific trade.

6.11. All Work performed for CONTRACTOR by a Subcontractor will be pursuant to an appropriate agreement between CONTRACTOR and the Subcontractor which specifically binds the Subcontractor to the applicable terms and conditions of the Contract Documents for the benefit of OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and contains waiver provisions as required by paragraph 5.11. CONTRACTOR shall pay each Subcontractor a just share of any insurance moneys received by CONTRACTOR on account of losses under policies issued pursuant to paragraphs 5.6 and 5.7.

Patent Fees and Royalties:

6.12. CONTRACTOR shall pay all license fees and royalties and assume all costs incident to the use in the performance of the Work or the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product or device which is the subject of patent rights or copyrights held by others. If a particular invention, design process, product or device is specified in the Contract Documents for use in the performance of the Work and if to the actual knowledge of OWNER or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR its use is subject to patent rights or copyrights calling for the payment of any license fee or royalty to others, the existence of such rights shall be disclosed by OWNER in the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses (including attorneys' fees and court and arbitration costs) arising out of any infringement of patent rights or copyrights incident to the use in the performance of the Work or resulting from the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product or device not specified in the

Contract Documents, and shall defend all such claims in connection with any alleged infringement of such rights.

Permits:

6.13. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, CONTRACTOR shall obtain and pay for all construction permits and licenses. OWNER shall assist CONTRACTOR, when necessary, in obtaining such permits and licenses. CONTRACTOR shall pay all governmental charges and inspection fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work, which are applicable at the time of opening the Bids, or if there are no Bids on the Effective Date of the Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall pay all charges of utility owners for connections to the Work, and OWNER shall pay all charges of such utility owners for capital costs related thereto such as plant investment fees.

Laws and Regulations:

6.14.1. CONTRACTOR shall give all notices and comply with all Laws and Regulations applicable to furnishing and performance of the Work. Except where otherwise expressly required by applicable Laws and Regulations, neither OWNER nor PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR shall be responsible for monitoring CONTRACTOR's compliance with any Laws or Regulations.

6.14.2. If CONTRACTOR observes that the Specifications or Drawings are at variance with any Laws or Regulations, CONTRACTOR shall give PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR prompt written notice thereof, and any necessary changes will be authorized by one of the methods indicated in paragraph 3.4. If CONTRACTOR performs any Work knowing or having reason to know that it is contrary to such Laws or Regulations, and without such notice to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, CONTRACTOR shall bear all costs arising there from; however, it shall not be CONTRACTOR's primary responsibility to make certain that the Specifications and Drawings are in accordance with such Laws and Regulations.

Taxes:

6.15. CONTRACTOR shall pay all sales, consumer, use and other similar taxes required to be paid by CONTRACTOR in accordance with the Laws and Regulations of the place of the Project which are applicable during the performance of the Work.

Use of Premises:

6.16. CONTRACTOR shall confine 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 land and areas permitted by Laws and Regulations, rights-of-way, permits and easements, and shall not unreasonably encumber the premises which construction equipment or other materials or equipment. CONTRACTOR shall assume full responsibility for any damage to any such land or area, or to the owner or occupant thereof or of any land or areas contiguous thereto, resulting from the performance of the Work. Should any claim be made against OWNER or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR by any such owner or occupant because of the performance of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall promptly attempt to settle with such other party by agreement or otherwise resolve the

claim by arbitration or at law. CONTRACTOR shall, to the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, indemnify and hold OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR harmless from and against all claims damages, losses and expenses (including, but not limited to fees or Project Administrators, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court and arbitration costs) arising directly, indirectly or consequentially out of any action, legal or equitable, brought by any such other party against OWNER or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR to the extent based on a claim arising out of CONTRACTOR's performance of the Work.

6.17. During the progress of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall keep the premises free from accumulations of waste materials, rubbish and other debris resulting from the Work. At the completion of the Work CONTRACTOR shall remove all waste materials, rubbish and debris from and about the premises as well as all tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery, and surplus materials, and shall leave the site clean and ready for occupancy by OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall restore to original condition all property not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents.

6.18. 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.

Record Documents:

6.19. CONTRACTOR shall maintain in a safe place at the site one record copy of all Drawings, Specifications, Addenda, Written Amendments, Change Orders, Work Directive Changes, Field Orders and written interpretations and clarifications (issued pursuant to paragraph 9.4) in good order and annotated to show all changes made during construction. These record documents together with all approved samples and a counterpart of all approved Shop Drawings will be available to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR for reference. Upon completion of the Work, these record documents, samples and Shop Drawings will be delivered to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR for OWNER.

Safety and Protection:

6.20. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:

6.20.1 all employees on the Work and other persons and organizations who may be affected thereby;

6.20.2 all the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site; and

6.20.3. other property at the site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, utilities and Underground Facilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable Laws and Regulations of any public body (Including OSHA) having jurisdiction for the

safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss; and shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for such safety and protection. CONTRACTOR shall notify owners of adjacent property and of Underground Facilities and utility owners when prosecution of the Work may affect them, and shall cooperate with them in the protection, removal, relocation and replacement of their property. All damage, injury or loss to any property referred to in paragraph 6.20.2 or 6.20.3 caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by CONTRACTOR, any Sub-contractor, Supplier or any other person or organization directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the Work or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, shall be remedied by CONTRACTOR (except damage or loss attributable to the fault of Drawings or Specifications or to the acts or omissions of OWNER or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR or anyone employed by either of them or anyone for whose acts either of them may be liable, and not attributable, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the fault or negligence of CONTRACTOR). CONTRACTOR's duties and responsibilities for the safety and protection of the Work shall continue until such time as all the Work is completed and Project Administrator has issued a notice to OWNER and CONTRACTOR in accordance with paragraph 14.13 that the Work is acceptable (except as otherwise expressly provided in connection with Substantial Completion).

6.21. CONTRACTOR shall designate a responsible representative at the site whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. This person shall be CONTRACTOR's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by CONTRACTOR to OWNER.

Emergencies:

6.22. In emergencies affecting the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, CONTRACTOR, without special instruction or authorization from PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR or OWNER, is obligated to act to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. CONTRACTOR shall give PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR prompt written notice if CONTRACTOR believes that any significant changes in the Work or variations from the Contract Documents have been caused thereby. If PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR determines that a change in the Contract Documents is required because of the action taken in response to an emergency, a Work Directive Change or Change Order will be issued to document the consequences of the changes or variations.

Shop Drawings and Samples:

6.23. After checking and verifying all field measurements and after complying with applicable procedures specified in the General Requirements, CONTRACTOR shall submit to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR for review and approval in accordance with the accepted schedule of Shop Drawing submissions (see paragraph 2.9), or for other appropriate action if so indicated in the Supplementary Conditions, five copies (unless otherwise specified in the General Requirements) of all Shop Drawings, which will bear a stamp or specific written indication that CONTRACTOR has satisfied CONTRACTOR's responsibilities under the Contract Documents with respect to the review submission. All submissions will be identified as PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR may require. The data shown on the Shop Drawings will be complete with respect to quantities, dimensions, specified performance and design criteria,

materials and similar data to enable PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR to review the information as required.

6.24. CONTRACTOR shall also submit to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR for review and approval with such promptness as to cause no delay in Work, all samples required by the Contract Documents. All samples will have been checked by and accompanied by a specific written indication that CONTRACTOR has satisfied CONTRACTOR's responsibilities under the Contract Documents with respect to the review of the submission and will be identified clearly as to material, Supplier, pertinent data such as catalog numbers and the use for which intended.

6.25.1 Before submission of each Shop Drawing or sample CONTRACTOR shall have determined and verified all quantities, dimensions, specified performance criteria, installation requirements, materials, catalog numbers and similar data with respect thereto and reviewed or coordinated each Shop Drawing or sample with other Shop Drawings and samples and with the requirements of the Work and the Contract Documents.

6.25.2. At the time of each submission, CONTRACTOR shall give PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR specific written notice of each variation that the Shop Drawings or samples may have from the requirements of the Contract Documents, and, in addition, shall cause a specific notation to be made on each Shop Drawing submitted to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR for review and approval of each such variation.

6.26. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will review and approve with reasonable promptness Shop Drawings and samples, but PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's review and approval will be only for conformance with the design concept of the Project and for compliance with the information given in the Contract Documents and shall not extend to means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction (except where a specific means, method, technique, sequence or procedure of construction is indicated in or required by the Contract Documents) or to safety precautions or programs incident thereto. The review and approval of a separate item as such will not indicate approval of the assembly in which the item functions. CONTRACTOR shall make corrections required by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, and shall return the required number of corrected copies of Shop Drawings and submit as required new samples for review and approval. CONTRACTOR shall direct specific attention in writing to revisions other than the corrections called for by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR on previous submittals.

6.27. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's review and approval of Shop Drawings or samples shall not relieve CONTRACTOR from responsibility for any variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents unless CONTRACTOR has in writing called PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's attention to each such variation at the time of submission as required by paragraph 6.25.2 and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR has given written approval of each such variation by a specific written notation thereof incorporated in or accompanying the Shop Drawing or sample approval; nor will any approval by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR relieve CONTRACTOR from responsibility for errors or omissions in the Shop Drawings or from responsibility for having complied with the provisions of paragraph 6.25.1.

6.28. Where a Shop Drawing or sample is required by the Specifications, any related Work performed prior to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's review and approval of the pertinent submission will be the sole expense and responsibility of CONTRACTOR.

Continuing the Work:

6.29. CONTRACTOR shall carry on the Work and adhere to the progress schedule during all disputes or disagreements with OWNER. No Work shall be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, except as permitted by paragraph 15.5 or as CONTRACTOR and OWNER may otherwise agree in writing.

Indemnification:

6.30. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and their consultants, agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, direct, indirect or consequential (including but not limited to fees and charges of Project Administrators, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court and arbitration costs) arising out of or resulting from the performance of the Work, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense (a) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself) including the loss of use resulting there from and (b) is caused in whole or in part by a negligent act or omission of CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor, any person or organization directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the Work or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder or arises by or is imposed by Law and Regulations regardless of the negligence of any such party.

6.31. In any and all claims against OWNER or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR or any of their consultants, agents or employees by any employee of CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor, any person or organization directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the Work or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under paragraph 6.30 shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for CONTRACTOR or any such Subcontractor or other person or organization under workers' or workmen's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

6.32. The obligations of CONTRACTOR under paragraph 6.30 shall not extend to the liability of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's consultants, agents or employees arising out of the preparation or approval of maps, drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, Change Orders, designs or specifications.

ARTICLE 7 - OTHER WORK

Related Work at Site:

7.1. OWNER may perform other work related to the Project at the site by OWNER's own forces, have other work performed by utility owners or let other direct contracts therefore which shall contain General Conditions similar to these. If the fact that such other work is to be performed was not noted in the Contract Documents, written notice thereof will be given to CONTRACTOR prior to starting any such other work; and, if CONTRACTOR believes that such performance will involve additional expense to CONTRACTOR or requires additional time and the parties are unable to agree as to the extent thereof, CONTRACTOR may make a claim therefore as provided in Articles 11 and 12.

7.2. CONTRACTOR shall afford each utility owner and other contractor who is a party to such a direct contract (or OWNER, if OWNER is performing the additional work with OWNER'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 the 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 PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and the others whose work will be affected. The duties and responsibilities of CONTRACTOR under this paragraph are for the benefit of such utility owners and other contractors to the extent that there are comparable provisions for the benefit of CONTRACTOR in said direct contracts between OWNER and such utility owners and other contractors.

7.3. If any part of CONTRACTOR's Work depends for proper execution or results upon the work of any such other contractor or utility owner (or OWNER), CONTRACTOR shall inspect and promptly report to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR 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 so to report will constitute an acceptance of the other work as fit and proper for integration with CONTRACTOR's Work except for latent or nonapparent defects and deficiencies in the other work.

Coordination:

7.4. If OWNER contracts with others for the performance of other work on the Project at the site, the person or organization who will have authority and responsibility for coordination of the activities among the various prime contractors will be identified in the Supplementary Conditions, and the specific matters to be covered by such authority and responsibility will be itemized, and the extent of such authority and responsibilities will be provided in the Supplementary Conditions. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, neither OWNER nor PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR shall have any authority or responsibility in respect of such coordination.

ARTICLE 8 - OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

8.1. OWNER shall issue all communications to CONTRACTOR through PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR.

8.2. In case of termination of the employment of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, OWNER shall appoint an Project Administrator against whom CONTRACTOR makes no reasonable objection, whose status under the Contract Documents shall be that of the former PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR. Any dispute in connection with such appointment shall be subject to arbitration.

8.3. OWNER shall furnish the data required of OWNER under the Contract Documents promptly and shall make payments to CONTRACTOR promptly after they are due as provided in paragraphs 14.4 and 14.13.

8.4. OWNER's duties in respect of providing lands and easements and providing Project Administrating surveys to establish reference points are set forth in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.4. Paragraph 4.2 refers to OWNER's identifying and making available to CONTRACTOR copies of reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at the site and in existing structures which have been utilized by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in preparing the Drawings and Specifications.

8.5. OWNER's responsibilities in respect of purchasing and maintaining liability and property insurance are set forth in paragraphs 5.5 through 5.8.

8.6. OWNER is obligated to execute Change Orders as indicated in paragraph 10.4.

8.7. OWNER's responsibility in respect of certain inspections, tests and approvals is set forth in paragraph 13.4.

8.8. In connection with OWNER's right to stop Work or suspend Work, see paragraphs 13.10 and 15.1 Paragraph 15.2 deals with OWNER's right to terminate services of CONTRACTOR under certain circumstances.

ARTICLE 9 - PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR'S STATUS DURING CONSTRUCTION

Owner's Representative:

9.1. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will be OWNER's representative during the construction period. The duties and responsibilities and the limitations of authority of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR as OWNER's representative during construction are set forth in the Contract Documents and shall not be extended without written consent of OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR.

Visits to Site:

9.2. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will make visits to the site at intervals appropriate to the various stages of construction to observe the progress and quality of the executed Work and to determine, in general, if the Work is proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to

check the quality or quantity of the Work. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's efforts will be directed toward providing for OWNER a greater degree of confidence that the completed Work will conform to the Contract Documents. On the basis of such visits and on-site observations as an experienced and qualified design professional, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will keep OWNER informed of the progress of the Work and will endeavor to guard OWNER against defects and deficiencies in the Work.

Project Representation:

9.3. If OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR agree, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will furnish a Resident Project Representative to assist PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in observing the performance of the Work. The duties, responsibilities and limitations of authority of any such Resident Project Representative and assistants will be as provided in the Supplementary Conditions. If OWNER designates another agent to represent OWNER at the site who is not PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's agent or employee, the duties, responsibilities and limitations of authority of such other person will be as provided in the Supplementary Conditions.

Clarifications and Interpretation:

9.4. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will issue with reasonable promptness such written clarifications or interpretations of the requirements of the Contract Documents (in the form of Drawings or otherwise) as PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR may determine necessary, which shall be consistent with or reasonably inferable from the overall intent of the Contract Documents. If CONTRACTOR believes that a written clarification or interpretation justifies an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time and the parties are unable to agree to the amount or extent thereof, CONTRACTOR may make a claim therefore as provided in Article 11 or Article 12.

Authorized Variations in Work:

9.5. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR may authorize minor variations in the Work from the requirements of the Contract Documents which do not involve as adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time and are consistent with the overall intent of the Contract Documents. These may be accomplished by a Field Order and will be binding on OWNER, and also on CONTRACTOR who shall perform the Work involved promptly. If CONTRACTOR believes that a Field Order justifies an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time and the parties are unable to agree as to the amount or extent thereof, CONTRACTOR may make a claim therefore as provided in Article 11 or 12.

Rejecting Defective Work:

9.6. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will have authority to disapprove or reject Work which PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR believes to be defective, and will also have authority to require special inspection or testing of the Work as provided in paragraph 13.9, whether or not the Work is fabricated, installed or completed.

Shop Drawings, Change Orders and Payments:

9.7. In connection with PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's responsibility for Shop Drawings and samples, see paragraphs 6.23 through 6.29 inclusive.

9.8. In connection with PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's responsibilities as to Change Orders, see Articles 10, 11, and 12.

9.9. In connection with PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's responsibilities in respect of Applications for Payment, etc., see Article 14.

Determinations for Unit Prices:

9.10. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will determine the actual quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work performed by CONTRACTOR. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will review with CONTRACTOR PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's preliminary determinations on such matters before rendering a written decision thereon (by recommendation of an Application for Payment or otherwise). PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's written decisions thereon will be final and binding upon OWNER and CONTRACTOR, unless, within ten days after the date of any such decision, either OWNER or CONTRACTOR delivers to the other party to the Agreement and to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR written notice of intention to appeal from such a decision.

Decisions on Disputes:

9.11. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will be the initial interpreter of the requirements of the Contract Documents and judge of the acceptability of the Work thereunder. Claims, disputes and other matters relating to the acceptability of the Work or the interpretation of the requirements of the Contract Documents pertaining to the performance and furnishing of the Work and claims under Articles 11 and 12 in respect of changes in the Contract Price or Contract Time will be referred initially to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in writing with a request for a formal decision in accordance with this paragraph, which PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will render in writing within a reasonable time. Written notice of each such claim, dispute and other matter will be delivered by the claimant to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and the other party to the Agreement promptly (but in no event later than thirty days) after the occurrence of the event giving rise thereto, and written supporting data will be submitted to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and the other party within sixty days after such occurrence unless PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim.

9.12. When functioning as interpreter and judge under paragraphs 9.10 and 9.11, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will not show partiality to OWNER or CONTRACTOR and will not be liable in connection with any interpretation or decision rendered in good faith in such capacity. The rendering of a decision by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR pursuant to paragraphs 9.10 and 9.11 with respect to any such claim, dispute or other matter (except any which have been waived by the making or acceptance of final payment as provided in paragraph 14.16) will be a condition precedent to any exercise by OWNER or CONTRACTOR of such rights or remedies as either may otherwise have under the Contract Documents or by Laws or Regulations in respect of any such claim, dispute or other matter.

Limitations on PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's Responsibilities:

9.13. Neither PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's authority to act under this Article 9 or elsewhere in the Contract Documents nor any decision made by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in good faith either to exercise or not exercise such authority shall give rise to any duty or responsibility of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR to CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any other person or organization performing any of the Work, or to any surety for any of them.

9.14. Whenever in the Contract Documents the terms "as ordered", "as directed", "as required", "as allowed", "as approved" or terms of like effect or import are used, or the adjectives "reasonable", "suitable", "acceptable", "proper" or "satisfactory" or adjectives of like effect or import are used to describe a requirement, direction, review or judgment of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR as to the Work, it is intended that such requirement, direction, review or judgment will be solely to evaluate the Work for compliance with the Contract Documents (unless there is a specific statement indicating otherwise). The use of any such term or adjective shall not be effective to assign to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR any duty or authority to supervise or direct the furnishing or performance of the Work or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility contrary to the provisions of paragraph 9.15 or 9.16.

9.15. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will not be responsible for CONTRACTOR's means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will not be responsible for CONTRACTOR's failure to perform or furnish the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

9.16. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will not be responsible for the acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR or of any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or of any other person or organization performing or furnishing any of the Work.

ARTICLE 10 - CHANGES IN THE WORK

10.1. Without invalidating the Agreement and without notice to any surety, OWNER may, at any time or from time to time, order additions, deletions or revisions in the Work; these will be authorized by a Written Amendment, a Change Order, or a Work Directive Change. Upon receipt of any such document, CONTRACTOR shall promptly proceed with the Work involved which will be performed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents (except as otherwise specifically provided).

10.2. If OWNER and CONTRACTOR are unable to agree as to the extent, if any, of an increase or decrease in the Contract Price or an extension or shortening of the Contract Time that should be allowed as a result of a Work Directive Change, a claim may be made therefore as provided in Article 11 or Article 12.

10.3. CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time with respect to any Work performed that is not required by the Contract Documents as amended, modified and supplemented as provided in paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5, except in the case of an emergency as

provided in paragraph 6.22 and except in the case of uncovering Work as provided in paragraph 13.9.

10.4. OWNER and CONTRACTOR shall execute appropriate Change Orders (or Written Amendments)

10.4.1. changes in the Work which are ordered by OWNER pursuant to paragraph 10.1, are required because of acceptance of *defective* Work under paragraph 13.13 or correcting *defective* Work under paragraph 13.14, or are agreed to by the parties;

10.4.2. changes in the Contract Price or Contract Time which are agreed to by the parties; and

10.4.3. changes in the Contract Price or Contract Time which embody the substance of any written decision rendered by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR pursuant to paragraph 9.11;

provided that, in lieu of executing any such Change Order, an appeal may be taken from any such decision in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents and applicable Laws and Regulations, but during any such appeal, CONTRACTOR shall carry on the Work and adhere to the progress schedule as provided in paragraph 6.29.

10.5. If notice of any change affecting the general scope of the Work or the provisions of the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, Contract Price or Contract Time) is required by the provisions of any Bond to be given to a surety, the giving of any such notice will be CONTRACTOR's responsibility, and the amount of each applicable Bond will be adjusted accordingly.

ARTICLE 11 - CHANGE OF CONTRACT PRICE

11.1. The Contract Price constitutes the total compensation (subject to authorized adjustments) payable to CONTRACTOR for performing the Work. All duties, responsibilities and obligations assigned to or undertaken by CONTRACTOR shall be at his expense without change in the Contract Price.

11.2. The Contract Price may only be changed by a Change Order or by a Written Amendment. Any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract Price shall be based on written notice delivered by the party making the claim to the other party and to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR promptly (but in no event later than thirty days) after the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and stating the general nature of the claim. Notice of the amount of the claim with supporting data shall be delivered within sixty days after such occurrence (unless PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim) and shall be accompanied by claimant's written statement that the amount claimed covers all known amounts (direct, indirect and consequential) to which the claimant is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. All claims for adjustment in the Contract Price shall be determined by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in accordance with paragraph 9.11 if OWNER and CONTRACTOR cannot otherwise agree on the amount involved. No claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price will be valid if not submitted in accordance with this paragraph 11.2.

11.3. The value of any Work covered by a Change Order or of any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract Price shall be determined in one of the following ways:

11.3.1. Where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, by application of unit prices to the quantities of the items involved (subject to the provisions of paragraphs 11.9.1. through 11.9.3, inclusive).

11.3.2. By mutual acceptance of a lump sum (which may include an allowance for overhead and profit not necessarily in accordance with paragraph 11.6.2.1.).

11.3.3. On the basis of the Cost of the Work (determined as provided in paragraphs 11.4 and 11.5) plus a CONTRACTOR's Fee for overhead and profit (determined as provided in paragraphs 11.6 and 11.7).

Cost of the Work:

11.4. The term Cost of the Work means the sum of all costs necessarily incurred and paid by CONTRACTOR in the proper performance of the Work. Except as otherwise may be agreed to in writing by OWNER, such costs shall be in amounts no higher than those prevailing in the locality of the Project, shall include only the following items and shall not include any of the costs itemized in paragraph 11.5:

11.4.1. Payroll costs for employees in the direct employ of CONTRACTOR in the performance of the Work under schedules of job classifications agreed upon by OWNER and CONTRACTOR. Payroll costs for employees not employed full time on the Work shall be apportioned on the basis of their time spent on the Work. Payroll costs shall include, but not be limited to, salaries and wages plus the cost of fringe benefits which shall include social security contributions unemployment, excise and payroll taxes, workers' or workmen's compensation, health and retirement benefits, bonuses, sick leave, vacation and holiday pay applicable thereto. Such employees shall include superintendents and foremen at the site. The expenses of performing Work after regular working hours, on Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays, shall be included in the above to the extent authorized by OWNER.

11.4.2. Cost of all materials and equipment furnished and incorporated in the Work, including costs of transportation and storage thereof, and Suppliers' field services required in connection therewith. All cash discounts shall accrue to CONTRACTOR unless OWNER deposits funds with CONTRACTOR with which to make payments, in which case the cash discounts shall accrue to OWNER. All trade discounts, rebates and refunds and all returns from sale of surplus materials and equipment shall accrue to OWNER, and CONTRACTOR shall make provisions so that they may be obtained.

11.4.3. Payments made by CONTRACTOR to the Subcontractors for Work performed by Subcontractors. If required by OWNER, CONTRACTOR shall obtain competitive bids from Subcontractors acceptable to CONTRACTOR and shall deliver such bids to OWNER who will then determine, with the advice of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, which bids will be accepted. If a subcontract provides that the Subcontractor is to be paid on the

basis of Cost of the Work Plus a Fee, the Subcontractor's Cost of the Work shall be determined in the same manner as CONTRACTOR's Cost of the Work. All subcontracts shall be subject to the other provisions of the Contract Documents insofar as applicable.

11.4.4. Costs of special consultants (including but not limited to Project Administrators, architects, testing laboratories, surveyors, attorneys and accountants) employed for services specifically related to the Work.

11.4.5. Supplemental costs including the following:

11.4.5.1. The proportion of necessary transportation, travel and subsistence expenses of CONTRACTOR's employees incurred in discharge of duties connected with the Work.

11.4.5.2. Cost, including transportation and maintenance, of all materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, appliances, office and temporary facilities at the site and hand tools not owned by the workers, which are consumed in the performance of the Work, and cost less market value of such items used by not consumed which remain the property of CONTRACTOR.

11.4.5.3. Rentals of all construction equipment and machinery and the parts thereof whether rented from CONTRACTOR or others in accordance with rental agreements approved by OWNER with the advice of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, and the costs of transportation, loading, unloading, installation, dismantling and removal thereof - all in accordance with terms of said rental agreements. The rental of any such equipment, machinery or parts shall cease when the use thereof is not longer necessary for the Work.

11.4.5.4. Sales, consumer, use or similar taxes related to the Work, and for which CONTRACTOR is liable, imposed by Laws and Regulations.

11.4.5.5. Deposits lost for causes other than negligence of CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, and royalty payments and fees for permits and licenses.

11.4.5.6. Losses and damages (and related expenses), not compensated by insurance or otherwise, to the Work or otherwise sustained by CONTRACTOR in connection with the performance and furnishing of the Work (except losses and damages within the deductible amounts of property insurance established by OWNER in accordance with paragraph 5.9), provided they have resulted from causes other than the negligence of CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable. Such losses shall include settlements made with the written consent and approval of OWNER. No such losses, damages and expenses will be included in the Cost of Work for the purpose of determining CONTRACTOR's Fee. If, however, any such loss or damage requires reconstruction and CONTRACTOR is placed in charge thereof, CONTRACTOR shall be paid for services a fee proportionate to that stated in paragraph 11.6.2.

11.4.5.7. The cost of utilities, fuel and sanitary facilities at the site.

11.4.5.8. Minor expenses such as telegrams, long distance telephone calls, telephone service at the site, expressage and similar petty cash items in connection with the Work.

11.4.5.9. Cost of premiums for additional Bonds and insurance required because of changes in the Work and premiums for property insurance coverage within the limits of the deductible amounts established by OWNER in accordance with paragraph 5.9.

11.5. The term Cost of the Work shall not include any of the following:

11.5.1. Payroll costs and other compensation of CONTRACTOR's officers, executives, principals (of partnership and sole proprietorships), general managers, Project Administrators, architects, estimators, attorneys, auditors, accountants, purchasing and contracting agents, expeditors, timekeepers, clerks and other personnel employed by CONTRACTOR whether at the site or in CONTRACTOR's principal or a branch office for general administration of the Work and not specifically included in the agreed upon schedule of job classifications referred to in paragraph 11.4.1 or specifically covered by paragraph 11.4.4 - all of which are to be considered administrative costs covered by the CONTRACTOR's Fee.

11.5.2. Expenses of CONTRACTOR's principal and branch offices other than CONTRACTOR's office at the site.

11.5.3. Any part of CONTRACTOR's capital expenses, including interest on CONTRACTOR's capital employed for the Work and charges against CONTRACTOR for delinquent payments.

11.5.4. Cost of premiums for all Bonds and for all insurance whether or not CONTRACTOR is required by the Contract Documents to purchase and maintain the same (except for the cost of premiums covered by subparagraph 11.4.5.9. above).

11.5.5. Cost due to the negligence of CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, including but not limited to, the correction of *defective* Work, disposal of materials or equipment wrongly supplied and making good any damage to property.

11.5.6. Other overhead or general expenses costs of any kind and the costs of any item not specifically and expressly included in paragraph 11.4.

CONTRACTOR's Fee:

11.6. The CONTRACTOR's Fee allowed to CONTRACTOR for overhead and profit shall be determined as follows:

11.6.1. a mutually acceptable fixed fee; or if none can be agreed upon,

11.6.2. a fee based on the following percentages of the various portions of the Cost of the Work:

11.6.2.1. for costs incurred under paragraphs 11.4.1 and 11.4.2., the CONTRACTOR's Fee shall be fifteen percent;

11.6.2.2. for costs incurred under paragraph 11.4.3, the CONTRACTOR's Fee shall be five percent; and if a subcontract is on the basis of Cost of the Work Plus a Fee, the maximum allowable to CONTRACTOR on account of overhead and profit of all Subcontractors shall be fifteen percent;

11.6.2.3. no fee shall be payable on the basis of costs itemized under paragraphs 11.4.4, 11.4.5 and 11.5;

11.6.2.4. the amount of credit to be allowed by CONTRACTOR to OWNER for any such change which results in a net decrease in cost will be the amount of the actual net decreases plus a deduction in CONTRACTOR's Fee by an amount equal to ten percent of the net decrease; and

11.6.2.5. when both additions and credits are involved in any one change, the adjustment in CONTRACTOR's Fee shall be computed on the basis of the net change in accordance with paragraphs 11.6.2.1. through 11.6.2.4, inclusive.

11.7. Whenever the cost of any Work is to be determined pursuant to paragraph 11.4 or 11.5, CONTRACTOR will submit in form acceptable to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR an itemized cost breakdown together with supporting data.

Cash Allowances:

11.8. It is understood that CONTRACTOR has included in the Contract Price all allowances so named in the Contract Documents and shall cause the Work so covered to be done by such Subcontractors or Suppliers and for such sums within the limit of the allowances as may be acceptable to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR. CONTRACTOR agrees that:

11.8.1. The allowances include the cost to CONTRACTOR (less any applicable trade discounts) of materials and equipment required by the allowances to be delivered at the site, and all applicable taxes; and

11.8.2. CONTRACTOR's costs for unloading and handling on the site, labor, installation costs, overhead, profit and other expenses contemplated for the allowances have been included in the Contract Price and not in the allowances. No demand for additional payment on account of any thereof will be valid.

Prior to final payment, an appropriate Change Order will be issued as recommended by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR to reflect actual amounts due CONTRACTOR on account of Work covered by allowances, and the Contract Price shall be correspondingly adjusted.

Unit Price Work:

11.9.1. Where the Contract Documents provide that all or part of the Work is to be Unit Price Work, initially the Contract Price will be deemed to include for all Unit Price Work an amount equal to the sum of the established unit prices for each separately identified

item of Unit Price Work times the estimated quantity of each item as indicated in the Agreement. The estimated quantities of items of Unit Price Work are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids and determining an initial Contract Price. Determinations of the actual quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work performed by CONTRACTOR will be made by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in accordance with Paragraph 9.10.

11.9.2. Each unit price will be deemed to include an amount considered by CONTRACTOR to be adequate to cover CONTRACTOR's overhead and profit for each separately identified item.

11.9.3. There the quantity of any item of Unit Price Work performed by CONTRACTOR differs materially and significantly from the estimated quantity of such item indicated in the Agreement and there is no corresponding adjustment with respect to any other item of Work and if CONTRACTOR believes that CONTRACTOR has incurred additional expenses as a result thereof, CONTRACTOR may make a claim for an increase in the CONTRACTOR may make a claim for an increase in the Contract Price in accordance with Article 11 if the parties are unable to agree as to the amount of any such increase.

ARTICLE 12 - CHANGE OF CONTRACT TIME

12.1 The Contract Time may only be changed by a Change Order or a Written Amendment. Any claim for an extension or shortening of the Contract Time shall be based on written notice delivered by the party making the claim to the other party and to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR promptly (but in no event later than thirty days) after the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and stating the general nature of the claim. Notice of the extent of the claim with supporting data shall be delivered within sixty days after such occurrence (unless PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim) and shall be accompanied by the claimant's written statement that the adjustment claimed is the entire adjustment to which the claimant has reason to believe it is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. All claims for adjustment in the Contract Time shall be determined by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in accordance with paragraph 9.11 if OWNER and CONTRACTOR cannot otherwise agree. No claim for an adjustment in the Contract Time will be valid if not submitted in accordance with the requirements of this paragraph 12.1.

12.2. The Contract Time will be extended in an amount equal to time lost due to delays beyond the control of CONTRACTOR if a claim is made therefore as provided in paragraph 12.1. Such delays shall include, but not be limited to, acts of neglect by OWNER or others performing additional work as contemplated by Article 7, or to fires, floods, labor disputes, epidemics, abnormal weather conditions or acts of God.

12.3. All time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Agreement. The provisions of this Article 12 shall not exclude recovery for damages (including but not limited to fees and charges of Project Administrators, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court and arbitration costs) for delay by either party.

ARTICLE 13 - WARRANTY AND GUARANTEE; TESTS AND INSPECTIONS: CORRECTION, REMOVAL OR ACCEPTANCE OF DEFECTIVE WORK

Warranty and Guarantee:

13.1 CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees to OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR that all Work will be in accordance with the Contract Documents and will not be *defective*. Prompt notice of all defects shall be given to CONTRACTOR. All *defective* Work, whether or not in place, may be rejected, corrected or accepted as provided in this Article 13.

Access to Work:

13.2 PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's representatives, other representative of OWNER, testing agencies and governmental agencies with jurisdictional interests will have access to the Work at reasonable times for their observation, inspecting and testing. CONTRACTOR shall provide proper and safe conditions for such access.

Tests and Inspection:

13.3. CONTRACTOR shall give PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR timely notice of readiness of the Work for all required inspection, tests or approvals.

13.4. If Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction require any Work (or part thereof) to specifically be inspected, tested or approved, CONTRACTOR shall assume full responsibility therefore, pay all costs in connection therewith and furnish PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR the required certificates of inspection, testing or approval. CONTRACTOR shall also be responsible for and shall pay all costs in connection with any inspection or testing required in connection with OWNER's or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's acceptance of a Supplier of materials or equipment proposed to be incorporated in the Work, or of materials or equipment submitted for approval prior to CONTRACTOR's purchase thereof for incorporation in the Work. The cost of all inspections, tests and approvals in addition to the above which are required by the Contract Documents shall be paid by OWNER (unless otherwise specified).

13.5. All inspections, tests or approvals other than those required by Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction shall be performed by organizations acceptable to OWNER and CONTRACTOR (or by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR if so specified).

13.6. If any Work (including the work of others) that is to be inspected, tested or approved is covered without written concurrence of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, it must, if requested by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, be uncovered for observation. Such uncovering shall be at CONTRACTOR's expense unless CONTRACTOR has given PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR timely notice of CONTRACTOR's intention to cover the same and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR has not acted with reasonable promptness in response to such notice.

13.7. Neither observations by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR nor inspections, tests or approvals by others shall relieve CONTRACTOR with CONTRACTOR's obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Uncovering Work:

13.8 If any Work is covered contrary to the written request of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, it must, if requested by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, be uncovered for PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's observations and replaced at CONTRACTOR's expense.

13.9. If PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR considers it necessary or advisable that covered Work be observed by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR or inspected or tested by others, CONTRACTOR, at PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's request, shall uncover, expose or otherwise make available for observation, inspection or testing as PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR 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 Project Administrators, architects, attorneys and other professionals), and OWNER shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the CONTRACT Price, and, if the parties are unable to agree as to the amount thereof, may make a claim therefore as provided in Article 11. If, however, such Work is not found to be *defective*, CONTRACTOR shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, testing and reconstruction; and, if the parties are unable to agree as to the amount or extent thereof, CONTRACTOR may make a claim therefore as provided in Articles 11 and 12.

Owner May Stop the Work:

13.10. If the Work is *defective*, or CONTRACTOR fails to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, or fails to furnish or perform the Work in such a way that the completed Work will conform to the Contract Documents, OWNER may order CONTRACTOR to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of OWNER to stop the Work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of OWNER to exercise this right for the benefit of CONTRACTOR or any other party.

Correction or Removal of Defective Work:

13.11. If required by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, CONTRACTOR shall promptly, as directed, either correct all *defective* Work, whether or not fabricated, installed or completed, or, if the Work has been rejected by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, remove it from the site and replace it with *nondefective* Work. CONTRACTOR shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs of such correction or removal (including but not limited to fees and charges of Project Administrators, architects, attorneys and other professionals) made necessary thereby.

One Year Correction Period:

13.12. If within one year after the date of Substantial Completion or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by Laws or Regulations or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents or by any specific provision of the Contract Documents, any Work is found to be *defective*, CONTRACTOR shall promptly, without cost to OWNER and in accordance with OWNER's written instruction, either correct such *defective* Work, or, if it has been rejected by OWNER, remove it from the site and replace it with *nondefective* Work. If CONTRACTOR does not promptly comply with the terms of such instructions, or in an emergency where delay would cause serious risk of loss or damage, OWNER may have the *defective* Work corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced, and all direct, indirect and consequential costs of such removal and replacement (including but not limited to fees and charges or Project Administrators, architects, attorneys and other professionals) will be paid by CONTRACTOR. In special circumstances where a particular item of equipment is placed in continuous service before Substantial Completion of all the Work, the correction period for that item may start to run from an earlier date if so provided in the Specifications or by Written Amendment.

Acceptance of Defective Work:

13.13. If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of *defective* Work, OWNER (and, prior to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's recommendation of final payment, also PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR) prefers to accept it, OWNER may do so. CONTRACTOR shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs attributable to OWNER's evaluation of and determination to accept such *defective* Work (such costs to be approved by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR as to reasonableness and to include but not be limited to fees and charges of Project Administrators, architects, attorneys and other professionals). If any such acceptance occurs prior to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's recommendation of final payment, a Change Order will be issued incorporating the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents with respect to the Work; and OWNER shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the Contract Price, and, if the parties are unable to agree as to the amount thereof, OWNER may make a claim therefore as provided in Article 11. If the acceptance occurs after such recommendation, an appropriate amount will be paid by CONTRACTOR to OWNER.

OWNER May Correct Defective Work:

13.14. If CONTRACTOR fails within a reasonable time after written notice of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR to proceed to correct and to correct *defective* Work or to remove and replace rejected Work as required by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in accordance with paragraph 13.11, or if CONTRACTOR fails to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, or if CONTRACTOR fails to comply with any other provision of the Contract Documents, OWNER may, after seven days' written notice to CONTRACTOR, correct and remedy any such deficiency. In exercising the rights and remedies under this paragraph OWNER shall proceed expeditiously. To the extent necessary to complete corrective and remedial action, OWNER may exclude CONTRACTOR from all or part of the site, take possession of all or part of the Work, and suspend CONTRACTOR's services related thereto, take possession of CONTRACTOR's tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery at the site and incorporate in the Work all materials and

equipment stored at the site or for which OWNER has paid CONTRACTOR but which are stored elsewhere. CONTRACTOR shall allow OWNER, OWNER's representatives, agents and employees such access to the site as many be necessary to enable OWNER to exercise the rights and remedies under this paragraph. All direct, indirect and consequential costs of OWNER in exercising such rights and remedies will be charged against CONTRACTOR in an amount approved as to reasonableness by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, and a Change Order will be issued incorporating the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents with respect to the Work; and OWNER shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the Contract Price, and, if the parties are unable to agree as to the amount thereof, OWNER may make a claim therefore as provided in Article 11. Such direct, indirect and consequential costs will include but not be limited to fees and charges of Project Administrators, architects, attorneys and other professionals, all court and arbitration costs and all costs of repair and replacement of work of 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 OWNER of OWNER's rights and remedies hereunder.

ARTICLE 14 - PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR AND COMPLETION

Schedule of Values:

14.1 The schedule of values established as provided in paragraph 2.8 will serve as the basis for progress payments and will be incorporated into a form of Application for Payment acceptable to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR. Progress payments on account of Unit Price Work will be based on the number of units completed.

Application for Progress Payment:

14.2. At least twenty days before each progress payment is scheduled (but not more often than once a month), CONTRACTOR shall submit to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR for review an Application for Payment filled out and signed by CONTRACTOR covering the Work completed as of the date of the Application and accompanied by such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents. If payment is requested on the basis of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the site or at another location agreed to in writing, the Application for Payment shall also be accompanied by a bill of sale, invoice or other documentation warranting that OWNER has received the materials and equipment free and clear of all liens, charges, security interests and encumbrances (which are hereinafter in these General Conditions referred to as "Liens") and evidence that the materials and equipment are covered by appropriate property insurance and other arrangements to protect OWNER's interest therein, all of which will be satisfactory to OWNER. The amount of retainage with respect to progress payments will be as stipulated in the Supplementary Conditions.

CONTRACTOR's Warranty of Title:

14.3. CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees that title to all Work, materials and equipment covered by any Application for Payment, whether incorporated in the Project or not, will pass to OWNER no later than the time of payment free and clear of all Liens.

Review of Applications for Progress Payment:

14.4. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will, within ten days after receipt of each Application for Payment, either indicate in writing a recommendation of payment and present the Application to OWNER, or return the Application to CONTRACTOR indicating in writing PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's reasons for refusing to recommend payment. In the latter case, CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application. Thirty days after presentation of the Application for Payment with PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's recommendation, the amount recommended will (subject to the provisions of the last sentence of paragraph 14.7) become due and when due will be paid by OWNER to CONTRACTOR.

14.5. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's recommendation of any payment requested in an Application for Payment will constitute a representation by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR to OWNER, based on PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's on-site observations of the Work in progress as an experienced and qualified design professional and on PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's review of the Application for Payment and the accompanying data and schedules that the Work has progressed to the point indicated; that, to the best of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's knowledge, information and belief, the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents (subject to an evaluation of the Work as a functioning whole prior to or upon Substantial Completion, to the results of any subsequent tests called for in the Contract Documents, to a final determination of quantities and classifications for Unit Price Work under paragraph 9.10, and to any other qualifications stated in the recommendation); and that CONTRACTOR is entitled to payment of the amount recommended. However, by recommending any such payment PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will not thereby be deemed to have represented that exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections have been made to check the quality or the quantity of the Work beyond the responsibilities specifically assigned to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in the Contract Documents or that there may not be other matters or issues between the parties that might entitle CONTRACTOR to be paid additionally by OWNER or OWNER to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR.

14.6. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's recommendation of final payment will constitute an additional representation by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR to OWNER that the conditions precedent to CONTRACTOR's being entitled to final payment as set forth in paragraph 14.13 have been fulfilled.

14.7. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR may refuse to recommend the whole or any part of any payment if, in PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's opinion, it would be incorrect to make such representations to OWNER. PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR may also refuse to recommend any such payment, or, because of subsequently discovered evidence or the results of subsequent inspections or tests, nullify any such payment previously recommended, to such extents as may be necessary in PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's opinion to protect OWNER from loss because:

14.7.1. the Work is *defective*, or completed Work has been damaged requiring correction or replacement.

14.7.2. the Contract Price has been reduced by Written Amendment or Change Order,

14.7.3. OWNER has been required to correct *defective* Work or complete Work in accordance with paragraph 13.14, or

14.7.4. of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the events enumerated in paragraphs 15.2.1 through 15.2.9 inclusive.

OWNER may refuse to make payment of the full amount recommended by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR because claims have been made against OWNER on account of CONTRACTOR's performance or furnishing of the Work or Liens have been filed in connection with the Work or there are other items entitling OWNER to a set-off against the amount recommended, but OWNER must give CONTRACTOR immediate written notice (with a copy to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR) stating the reasons for such action.

Substantial Completion:

14.8. When CONTRACTOR considers the entire Work ready for its intended use CONTRACTOR shall notify OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in writing that the entire Work is substantially complete (except for items specifically listed by CONTRACTOR as incomplete) and request that PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR issue a certificate of Substantial Completion. Within a reasonable time thereafter, OWNER, CONTRACTOR and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR shall make an inspection of the Work to determine the status of completion. If PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR does not consider the Work substantially complete, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will notify CONTRACTOR in writing giving the reasons therefore. If PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR considers the Work substantially complete PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will prepare and deliver to OWNER a tentative certificate of Substantial Completion which shall fix the date of Substantial Completion. There shall be attached to the certificate a tentative list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment. OWNER shall have seven days after receipt of the tentative certificate during which to make written objection to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR as to any provisions of the certificate or attached list. If, after considering such objections, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR concludes that the Work is not substantially complete, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will within fourteen days after submission of the tentative certificate to OWNER notify CONTRACTOR in writing, stating the reasons therefore. If, after consideration of OWNER's objections, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR considers the Work substantially complete, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will within said fourteen days execute and deliver to OWNER and CONTRACTOR a definitive certificate of Substantial Completion (with a revised tentative list of items to be completed or corrected) reflecting such changes from the tentative certificate as PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR believes justified after consideration of any objections from OWNER. At the time of delivery of the tentative certificate of Substantial Completion PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will deliver to OWNER and CONTRACTOR a written recommendation as to division of responsibilities pending final payment between OWNER and CONTRACTOR with respect to

security, operation, safety, maintenance, heat, utilities, insurance and warranties. Unless OWNER and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing and so inform PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR prior to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's issuing the definitive certificate of Substantial Completion, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's aforesaid recommendation will be binding on OWNER and CONTRACTOR until final payment.

14.9 OWNER shall have the right to exclude CONTRACTOR from the Work after the date of Substantial Completion, but OWNER shall allow CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete or correct items on the tentative list.

Partial Utilization:

14.10. Use by OWNER of any finished part of the Work, which has specifically been identified in the Contract Documents, or which OWNER, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and CONTRACTOR agree constitutes a separately functioning and useable part of the Work that can be used by OWNER without significant interference with CONTRACTOR's performance of the remainder of the Work, may be accomplished prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work subject to the following:

14.10.1. OWNER at any time may request CONTRACTOR in writing to permit OWNER to use any such part of the Work which OWNER believes to be ready for its intended use and substantially complete. If CONTRACTOR agrees, CONTRACTOR will certify to OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR that said part of the Work is substantially complete and request PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR to issue a certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Work. CONTRACTOR at any time may notify OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR in writing that CONTRACTOR considers any such part of the Work ready for its intended use and substantially complete and request PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR to issue a certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Work. Within a reasonable time after either such request, OWNER, CONTRACTOR and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR shall make an inspection of that part of the Work to determine its status of completion. If PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR does not consider that part of the Work to be substantially complete, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will notify OWNER and CONTRACTOR in writing giving the reasons therefore. If PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR considers that part of the Work to be substantially complete, the provisions of paragraphs 14.8 and 14.9 will apply with respect to certification of Substantial Completion of that part of the Work and the division or responsibility in respect thereof and access thereto.

14.10.2. OWNER may at any time request CONTRACTOR in writing to permit OWNER to take over operation of any such part of the Work although it is not substantially complete. A copy of such request will be sent to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and within a reasonable time thereafter OWNER, CONTRACTOR and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR shall make an inspection of that part of the Work to determine its status of completion and will prepare a list of the items remaining to be completed or corrected thereon before final payment. If CONTRACTOR does not object in writing to OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR that such part of the Work is not ready for separate operation by OWNER, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will finalize the list of items to be completed or corrected and will deliver such list to OWNER and

CONTRACTOR together with a written recommendation as to the division of responsibilities pending final payment between OWNER and CONTRACTOR with respect to security, operation, safety, maintenance, utilities, insurance warranties and guarantees for that part of the Work which will become binding upon OWNER and CONTRACTOR at the time when OWNER takes over such operation (unless they shall have otherwise agreed in writing and so informed PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR). During such operation and prior to Substantial Completion of such part of the Work, OWNER shall allow CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete or correct items on said list and to complete other related Work.

14.10.3. No occupancy or separate operation of part of the Work will be accomplished prior to compliance with the requirements of paragraph 5.15 in respect of property insurance.

Final Inspection:

14.11. Upon written notice from CONTRACTOR that the entire Work or an agreed portion thereof is complete, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will make a final inspection with OWNER and CONTRACTOR and will notify CONTRACTOR in writing of all particulars in which this inspection reveals that the Work is incomplete or *defective*. CONTRACTOR shall immediately take such measures as are necessary to remedy such deficiencies.

Final Application for Payment:

14.12. After CONTRACTOR has completed all such corrections to the satisfaction of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and delivered all maintenance and operating instruction, schedules, guarantees, Bonds, certificates of inspection, marked-up record documents (as provided in paragraph 6.19) and other documents - all as required by the Contract Documents, and after PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR has indicated that the Work is acceptable (subject to the provisions of paragraph 14.16), CONTRACTOR may make application for final payment following the procedure for progress payments. The final Application for Payment shall be accompanied by all documentation called for in the Contract Documents, together which complete and legally effective releases of waivers (satisfactory to OWNER) of all Liens arising out of or filed in connection with the Work. In lieu thereof and as approved by OWNER, CONTRACTOR may furnish receipts or leases in full; an affidavit of CONTRACTOR that the releases and receipts include all labor, services, material and equipment for which a Lien could be filed, and that all payrolls, material and equipment bills, and other indebtedness connected with the Work for which OWNER or OWNER's property might in any way be responsible, have been paid or otherwise satisfied; and consent of the surety, if any, to final payment. If any Subcontractor of Supplier fails to furnish a release or receipt in full, CONTRACTOR may furnish a Bond or other collateral satisfactory to OWNER to indemnify OWNER against any Lien.

Final Payment and Acceptance:

14.13. If, on the basis of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's observation of the Work during construction and final inspection, and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's review of the final Application for Payment and accompanying documentation - all as required by the Contract Documents, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR is satisfied that the Work has been completed and CONTRACTOR's other obligations under

the Contract Documents have been fulfilled, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will, within ten days after receipt of the final Application for Payment, indicate in writing PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's recommendation of payment and present the Application to OWNER for payment. Thereupon PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will give written notice to OWNER and CONTRACTOR that the Work is acceptable subject to the provisions of paragraph 14.16. Otherwise, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will return the Application to CONTRACTOR, indicating in writing the reasons for refusing to recommend final payment, in which case CONTRACTOR shall make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application. Thirty days after presentation to OWNER of the Application and accompanying documentation, in appropriate form and substance, and with PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR's recommendation and notice of acceptability, the amount recommended by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR will become due and will be paid by OWNER to CONTRACTOR.

14.14. If, through no fault of CONTRACTOR, final completion of the Work is significantly delayed and if PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR so confirms, OWNER shall, upon receipt of CONTRACTOR's final Application for Payment and recommendation of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, and without terminating the Agreement, make payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted. If the remaining balance to be held by OWNER for Work not fully completed or corrected is less than the retainage stipulated in the Agreement, and if Bonds have been furnished as required in paragraph 5.1, the written consent of the surety to the payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted shall be submitted by CONTRACTOR to PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR with the Application for such payment. Such payment shall be made under the terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a waiver of claims.

Contractor's Continuing Obligation:

14.15. CONTRACTOR's obligation to perform and complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents shall be absolute. Neither recommendation of any progress or final payment by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, nor the issuance of a certificate of Substantial Completion, nor any payment by OWNER to CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents, nor any use or occupancy of the Work or any part thereof by OWNER, nor any act of acceptance by OWNER nor any failure to do so, nor any review and approval of a Shop Drawing or sample submission, nor the issuance of a notice of acceptability by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR pursuant to paragraph 14.13, nor any correction of *defective* Work by OWNER will constitute an acceptance of Work not in accordance with the Contract Documents or a release of CONTRACTOR's obligation to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents (except as provided in paragraph 14.16).

Waiver of Claims:

14.16. The making and acceptance of final payment will constitute:

14.16.1. a waiver of all claims by OWNER against CONTRACTOR, except claims arising from unsettled Liens, from *defective* Work appearing after final inspection pursuant to

paragraph 14.11 or from failure to comply with the Contract Documents or the terms of any special guarantees specified therein; however, it will not constitute a waiver by OWNER of any rights in respect of CONTRACTOR's continuing obligations under the Contract Documents; and

14.16.2. a waiver of all claims by CONTRACTOR against OWNER other than those previously made in writing and still unsettled.

ARTICLE 15 -SUSPENSION OF WORK AND TERMINATION

Owner May Suspend Work:

15.1. OWNER may, at any time and without cause, suspend the Work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than ninety days by notice in writing to CONTRACTOR and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR which will fix the date on which Work will be resumed. CONTRACTOR shall resume the Work on the date so fixed. CONTRACTOR shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to any suspension if CONTRACTOR makes an approved claim therefore as provided in Articles 11 and 12.

Owner May Terminate:

15.2. Upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:

15.2.1. if CONTRACTOR commences a voluntary case under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code (Title 11, United States Code), as now or hereafter in effect, or if CONTRACTOR takes any equivalent or similar action by filing a petition or otherwise under any other federal or state law in effect at such time relating to the bankruptcy or insolvency;

15.2.2. if a petition is filed against CONTRACTOR under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code as now or hereafter in effect at the time of filing, or if a petition is filed seeking any such equivalent or similar relief against CONTRACTOR under any other federal or state law in effect at the time relating to bankruptcy or insolvency;

15.2.3. if CONTRACTOR makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors;

15.2.4. if a trustee, receiver, custodian or agent of CONTRACTOR is appointed under applicable law or under contract, whose appointment or authority to take charge or property of CONTRACTOR is for the purpose of enforcing a Lien against such property or for the purpose of general administration of such property for the benefit of CONTRACTOR's creditors:

15.2.5. if CONTRACTOR admits in writing an inability to pay its debts generally as they become due;

15.2.6. if CONTRACTOR persistently fails to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment or failure to adhere to the progress

schedule established under paragraph 2.9 as revised from time to time);

15.2.7. if CONTRACTOR disregards Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction;

15.2.8. if CONTRACTOR disregards the authority of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR; or

15.2.9. if CONTRACTOR otherwise violates in any substantial way any provisions of the Contract Documents;

OWNER may, after giving CONTRACTOR (and the surety, if there be one) seven days' written notice and to the extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, terminate the services of CONTRACTOR, exclude CONTRACTOR from the site and take possession of the Work and of all CONTRACTOR's tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery at the site and use the same to the full extent they could be used by CONTRACTOR (without liability to CONTRACTOR for trespass or conversion), incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the site or for which OWNER has paid CONTRACTOR but which are stored elsewhere, and finish the Work as OWNER may deem expedient. In such case CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Work is finished. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds the direct, indirect and consequential costs of completing the Work (including but not limited to fees and charges of Project Administrators, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court and arbitration costs) such excess will be paid to CONTRACTOR. If such costs exceed such unpaid balance, CONTRACTOR shall pay the difference to OWNER. Such costs incurred by OWNER will be approved as to reasonableness by PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR and incorporated in a Change Order, but when exercising any rights or remedies under this paragraph OWNER shall not be required to obtain the lowest price for the Work performed.

15.3. Where CONTRACTOR's services have been so terminated by OWNER, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of OWNER against CONTRACTOR when existing or which may thereafter accrue. Any retention or payment of moneys due CONTRACTOR by OWNER will not release CONTRACTOR from liability.

15.4. Upon seven days' written notice to CONTRACTOR and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, OWNER may, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, elect to abandon the Work and terminate the Agreement. In such case, CONTRACTOR shall be paid for all Work executed and any expense sustained plus reasonable termination expenses, which will include, but not be limited to, direct, indirect and consequential costs (including, but not limited to, fees and charges of Project Administrators, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court and arbitration costs).

Contractor May Stop Work or Terminate:

15.5. If, through no act or fault of CONTRACTOR, the Work is suspended for a period of more than ninety days by OWNER or under an order of court or other public authority, or PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR fails to act on any Application for Payment within thirty days after it is submitted, or OWNER fails for thirty days to

pay CONTRACTOR any sum finally determined to be due, then CONTRACTOR may, upon seven days' written notice to OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, terminate the Agreement and recover from OWNER payment for all Work executed and any expense sustained plus reasonable termination expenses. In addition and in lieu of terminating the Agreement, if PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR has failed to act on an Application for Payment or OWNER has failed to make any payment as aforesaid, CONTRACTOR may upon seven days' written notice to OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR stop the Work until payment of all amounts then due. The provisions of this under paragraph 6.29 to carry on the Work in accordance with the progress schedule and without delay during disputes and disagreements with OWNER.

ARTICLE 16 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

16.1 METHODS AND PROCEDURES

In an effort to resolve any conflicts that arise during the construction of the project or following the completion of the project, the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR agree that all disputes between them arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise.

The OWNER and the CONTRACTOR further agree to include a similar mediation provision in all agreements with independent contractors and consultants retained for the project and to require all independent contractors and consultants also to include a similar mediation provision in all agreements with subcontractors, subconsultants, suppliers or fabricators so retained, thereby providing for mediation as the primary method for dispute resolution between the parties to those agreements.

ARTICLE 17 - MISCELLANEOUS

Giving Notice:

17.1. Whenever any provision of the Contract Documents requires the giving of written notice, it will be deemed to have been validly given if delivered in person to the individual or to a member of the firm or to an officer of the corporation for whom it is intended, or if delivered at or sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the last business address known to the giver of the notice.

Computation of Time:

17.2.1. When any period of time is referred to in the Contract Documents by days, it will be computed to exclude the first 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 will be omitted from the computation.

17.2.2. A calendar day of twenty-four hours measured from midnight to the next midnight shall constitute a day.

General:

17.3. Should OWNER or CONTRACTOR suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any error, omission or act of the other party or of any of the other party's employees or agents or others for whose acts the other party is legally liable, claim will be made in writing to the other party within a reasonable time of the first observance of such injury or damage. The provisions of this paragraph 17.3 shall not be construed as a substitute for or a waiver of the provisions of any applicable statute of limitations or repose.

17.4 The duties and obligations imposed by these General Conditions and the rights and remedies available hereunder to the parties hereto, and, in particular but without limitation, the warranties, guarantees and obligations imposed upon CONTRACTOR by paragraphs 6.30, 13.1, 13.12, 13.14, 14.3 and 15.2 and all of the rights and remedies available to OWNER and PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR thereunder, are in addition to, and are not to be construed in any way as a limitation of, any rights and remedies available to any or all of them which are otherwise imposed or available by Laws or Regulations, by special warranty or guarantee or by other provisions of the Contract Documents, and the provisions of this paragraph will be as effective as if repeated specifically in the Contract Documents in connection with each particular duty, obligation, right and remedy to which they apply. All representations, warranties and guarantees made in the Contract Documents will survive final payment and termination or completion of the Agreement.

(End of Section)

SECTION 14. SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS

These Supplementary Conditions amend or supplement the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract and other provisions of the Contract Documents as indicated below. All provisions that are not so amended or supplemented remain in full force and effect.

The terms used in these Supplementary Conditions will have the meanings indicated in the General Conditions. Additional terms used in these Supplementary Conditions have the meanings stated below, which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof.

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SC-2.3. Delete Paragraph 2.3 in its entirety and insert the following in its place:

The Contract Time will commence to run on the day indicated in the Notice to Proceed. A Notice to Proceed may be given at any time within 30 days after the Effective Date of the Agreement.

SC-2.4. Delete Paragraph 2.4 in its entirety and insert the following in its place:

The Contractor shall start to perform the Work within 10 calendar days of the date when the Contract Time commences to run, but no Work shall be done at the site prior to the date on which the Contract Time commences to run.

SC-2.5. Add the following to the end of Paragraph 2.5:

Any known discrepancy that Contractor adjusts without requesting interpretation or clarification from the Project Administrator shall be made at the risk of the Contractor, and Contractor shall bear all expenses arising from complications from such adjustment.

SC-2.7. Add the following to the end of Paragraph 2.7:

Failure of the Owner to demand such certificates or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of the Owner to identify a deficiency from evidence provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.

SC-4.2.1 Add the following to the end of Paragraph 4.2.1

In the preparation of Drawings and Specifications, Project Administrator has relied upon the following reports of explorations and test of sub-surface conditions at the site of the Work:

4.2.1.1 None

SC-4.3.3 Add a new Paragraph immediately after Paragraph 4.3.2:

4.3.3 In the preparation of Specifications, Project Administrator has relied upon the following drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface and sub-surface structures (except Underground Utilities) which are contiguous to the site of the Work:

4.3.3.1 None

SC-5.4. Delete Paragraph 5.4 and the heading entitled "Contractual Liability Insurance:" in its entirety and insert the following in its place:

5.4 The limits of liability for insurance required by Paragraph 5.3 of the General Conditions shall provide coverage for not less than the following amounts or greater where required by Laws and Regulations:

5.4.1. Workers' Compensation, and related coverages under Paragraphs 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 of the General Conditions:

- 5.4.1.1. State: Statutory
- 5.4.1.2. Applicable Federal
(e.g., Longshoremen's) Statutory
- 5.4.1.3. Employer's Liability \$ 200,000
- 5.4.1.4. **Contractor shall show Owner as additional insured.**

5.4.2. Contractor's Comprehensive General Liability under Paragraphs 5.3.3 through 5.3.6 of the General Conditions:

- 5.4.2.1 Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage

\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence
Or combined single limit	\$2,000,000
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
- 5.4.2.2. Property Damage liability insurance will provide Explosion, Collapse and Underground coverages where applicable.
- 5.4.2.3. Personal Injury, with employment exclusion deleted

\$1,000,000	Annual Aggregate
\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence

5.4.3. Comprehensive Automobile Liability under Paragraph 5.3.7 of the General Conditions:

- 5.4.3.1. Bodily Injury:

\$1,000,000	Each Person
\$2,000,000	Each Occurrence
- 5.4.3.2 Property Damage:

\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence
Or combined single limit	\$2,000,000

5.4.4 Builders Risk Insurance (Fire and Extended Coverage):

5.4.4.1 100% completed value based on the insurable portion of the project.

5.4.4.2 Policy must protect the interests of the Owner, Contractor, and Sub-Contractors against loss by fire, vandalism, malicious mischief, and all hazards included in a standard "All Risk" Coverage endorsement. Policies shall be in the name of the Owner and Contractor.

5.4.5 The comprehensive general liability insurance will include contractual liability insurance applicable to CONTRACTOR's obligations under paragraphs 6.30 and 6.31 of the General Conditions. Contractual Liability coverage shall provide coverage for not less than the following amounts:

5.4.5.1. Bodily Injury:

\$500,000 Each Occurrence

5.4.5.2 Property Damage:

\$100,000 Each Occurrence

\$ N/A Annual Aggregate

SC-6.3 Add the following language at the end of paragraph 6.3

Unless approved by owner, work hours will be Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

SC-6.4 Add the following language at the end of paragraph 6.4:

Contractor shall arrange for all necessary services through the local agencies at his own expense.

SC-6.8.3 Add a new paragraph immediately after Paragraph 6.8.2:

6.8.3. The Contractor shall not award work valued at more than **thirty (30%) percent** of the Contract Price to Subcontractor(s), without prior written approval of the Owner.

SC-6.33 Add a new paragraph immediately after Paragraph 6.32:

6.33 Contractor shall require any and all subcontractors to conform to the obligations under paragraph 6.30 prior to commencing any work.

SC-9.3 Add the following language at the end of paragraph 9.3:

The Owner reserves the right to provide Resident Project Representative services for this project through the services of the Project Administrator. The Duties, Responsibilities, and Limitations of Authority of the Resident Project Representative will be as stated in the Agreement Between Owner and Project Administrator, executed for this specific Project.

SC-11.9.2 Add the following language at the end of paragraph 11.9.2:

Direct payment will only be made items specifically listed in the Bid Form, and the cost of any other work will be included in the unit price for the item to which it relates.

SC-12.2 Add the following sub-Paragraphs to Paragraph 12.2

12.2.1 For the purposes of this contract, abnormal weather conditions shall be defined as wet weather conditions that exceed the normal, reasonably expected adverse weather days for that particular place at that particular time of year. Extension of time for abnormal weather conditions will be granted for those days where precipitation is one-eighth (0.125) inches or greater and where the number of such days exceed the normal, reasonably expected adverse weather days in that particular month. No reduction in Contract Time will be required for calendar months with less than the normal adverse weather days.

12.2.4 Requests for extension of Contract Time due to abnormal weather conditions must be submitted to Project Administrator with the monthly pay request for the month in which the delays occurred. Failure to request such extension with the pay request may invalidate the Contractor's right to an extension for these delays.

SC-12.3.1 Add the following sub-Paragraph to Paragraph 12.3:

12.3.1 If the Contractor fails to prosecute the work with such diligence as will insure the completion of each portion of the work within the Contract Time, plus any extensions made in accordance with Article 12 of the General Conditions, and if the Owner does not exercise his reservations as set forth in Article 13 of the General Conditions, the Contractor shall continue the work, in which event, liquidated damages for the delay will be impossible to determine. In lieu thereof, liquidated damages in the amount of \$250 per calendar day for each day that the work is delayed beyond the contract completion will be assessed to the Contractor until the work is completed.

SC-13.2 Delete Paragraph 13.2 in its entirety and insert the following in its place:

Project Administrator and Project Administrator's representatives, other representative of Owner, testing agencies, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Environmental Protection Division, the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, the Department of Labor, and any other governmental agencies with jurisdictional interests will have access to the Work at reasonable times for their observation, inspection, and testing. Contractor shall provide proper and safe conditions for such access.

SC-17.5 Add the following new Paragraphs immediately after Paragraph 17.4:

17.5 The Contractor acknowledges the requirement of the High Voltage Act of the General Assembly of Georgia by execution of the Agreement.

17.6 The Contractor shall comply with the Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulation for Construction promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (PL 91-596) and under Section 107 of the Contract Work and Safety Standards Act (PL 91-54). These regulations are administered by the Department of Labor and the Contractor shall allow access to the project to personnel from that Department.

17.7 The Contractor shall occupy the status of an Independent Contractor and the Contractor's employees are not employees of the Owner.

(End of Section)

SECTION 15. SERVICE LINE INVENTORY DEVELOPMENT

1. General Overview

The new Lead/Copper Rule Revision (LCRR) under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) requires community water systems and non-transient, non-community water systems, herein referred to as “water systems” or “systems,” to develop and submit to the Georgia EPD an inventory of service lines within the water system’s distribution system by October 16, 2024. The purpose of the inventory is to identify the location, material, and other pertinent information of service lines and ultimately create a replacement plan for all lead service lines and galvanized service lines downstream of lead pipe, also known as “galvanized requiring replacement,” within the public water distribution system. This includes the entirety of the service line from the water main to the structure. This project intends to prepare a service line inventory that includes information for all the services in the distribution system.

2. Proposed Scope of Work

The City of Cairo is requesting services to assist with the following tasks:

- A. Develop a Service Line Inventory (SLI) for the City of Cairo’s public water system. The SLI intends to identify the location and material of all water service lines in the water system. It shall document the service line material on the utility side and customer side of the water meter. The supply lines are to be visually inspected within the meter box for the material make-up of each supply line, including the Utility and Customer sides of the supply lines on each side of the meter. Progress is to be documented on the supplied spread sheet in digital format (csv or xlsx) or in a format approved by the City of Cairo.

3. Additional Information:

- A. The City of Cairo has approximately 4,488 known total service lines to be verified and inventoried.
- B. The City of Cairo will provide the location of service lines to be verified.
- C. The qualified contractor will have extensive knowledge of the New Lead and Copper rule.

4. Execution

- A. Water service line pipes shall be visually inspected and materials recorded.
- B. Water service lines are to be visually inspected within the meter box for the material make-up of each supply line, including both the Utility and Customer sides of the supply lines on each side of the meter.
- C. Progress shall be documented on a supplied spread sheet in digital format (csv or xlsx) or in a format approved by the City of Cairo. Spreadsheet shall be similar to the following:

Service ID	Address	Utility Pipe Material	Customer Pipe Material	Notes	Condition

The City will provide the Service ID, Address and GPS location of meters.

- D. For pipes that appear to be galvanized, pipes shall be tested with magnets, scratch tested or otherwise tested for the presence of lead.
- E. Photo documentation shall be taken for each service line inventoried. Photos shall include geo location information (geotag).
- F. The Contractor may opt to document the inventory with digital/electronic devices/software at no additional cost to the Owner. Digital/electronic records, shall be provided to the City in formats that can be accessed with typical, widely available software (xlxs or csv for inventory records and jpg, tif, png for photographs).
- G. Meter boxes shall be cleaned of debris, either manually or by vacuum. The contractor shall be responsible for the removal and legal disposal of all waste, trash, and rubbish resulting from the work under this contract. Work site shall be kept clean and orderly during progress of the work; trash shall be removed from the site or adequately containerized daily.
- H. The work shall include documenting any properties with broken boxes or leaks and reporting them to the Project Administrator on a weekly basis.

5. Measurement and Payment

- A. Measurement
Inventory of water service lines shall be measured on the basis of each water service inventoried, including utility and customer sides.
- B. Payment
Payment for water service inventory shall be at the unit price, per service, inventoried and shall include removal and disposal of debris from meter boxes, condition assessment (recording of leaks or broken boxes), and all labor, materials, equipment and incidentals required for a complete water service line inventory.

APPENDIX A. GEFA SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL CONDITIONS

GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL CONDITIONS

for

FEDERALLY ASSISTED STATE REVOLVING FUND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

December 7, 2022

The following standard language must be incorporated into construction contract documents and in all solicitations for offers and bids for all construction contracts or subcontracts in excess of \$10,000 to be funded in whole or in part by the federally-assisted State Revolving Fund in the state of Georgia.

These Supplemental General Conditions shall not relieve the participants in this project of responsibility to meet any requirements of other portions of this construction contract or of other agencies, whether these other requirements are more or less stringent. The requirements in these Supplemental General Conditions must be satisfied for work to be funded with the State Revolving Fund.

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INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

It is the policy of the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) to promote a fair share of subcontract, materials, equipment, and service awards to small, minority, and women-owned businesses for equipment, supplies, construction, and services. Compliance with these contract provisions is required for project costs to be eligible for SRF funding. The fair share objective is a goal, not a quota. Failure on the part of the apparent successful bidder to submit required information to the loan recipient (Owner) may be considered by the Owner in evaluating whether the bidder is responsive to bid requirements.

THE PRIME CONTRACTOR MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE OWNER:

A. Before beginning the work of any contract:

- 1) **DBE Compliance Form and related documentation.** The Owner must submit this information to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) to demonstrate compliance with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements. GEFA concurrence is recommended prior to award of the construction contract and is required prior to commencement of any SRF-funded construction. (Pages GEFA-4 and 5)
- 2) **Certification Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity.** This form is required for the Prime Contractor and for all subcontractors. The Prime Contractor form should be submitted with the DBE Compliance Form, and the subcontractor forms should be submitted as the subcontracts are executed. (Page GEFA-9)
- 3) **Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsible Matters.** This form is required for the Prime Contractor and for all subcontractors. The Prime Contractor form should be submitted with the DBE Compliance Form and the subcontractor forms should be submitted as the subcontracts are executed. (Page GEFA-10)

B. During the performance of the contract:

- 4) **Changes to Subcontractors Form.** If any changes, substitutions, or additions are proposed to the subcontractors included in previous GEFA concurrences, the Owner must submit this information to GEFA for prior concurrence for the affected subcontract work to be eligible for SRF funding. (Page GEFA-11)
- 5) **DBE Annual Report.** The Owner must submit this information to GEFA no later than October 20 of any year that the construction contract is active. (Page GEFA-12)
- 6) **Certified Payrolls.** These should be submitted to the Owner weekly for the Prime Contractor and all subcontractors. The Owner must maintain payroll records and make these available for inspection. Use U.S. Department of Labor form WH-347 or a similar form that contains all the information on the U.S. Department of Labor.

THE OWNER MUST SUBMIT INFORMATION FOR GEFA REVIEW AND CONCURRENCE TO:

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority
47 Trinity Ave SW
Fifth Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
404-584-1000 (phone)
404-584-1069 (fax)
waterresources@gefa.ga.gov

DBE COMPLIANCE FORM

ALL INFORMATION OUTLINED ON THIS FORM IS REQUIRED FOR DBE COMPLIANCE REVIEW. THE PROPOSED PRIME CONTRACTOR AND OWNER SHOULD ENSURE THAT THIS INFORMATION IS COMPLETE PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL.

Loan Recipient _____

SRF Loan Number _____

PRIME CONTRACTOR'S AND OWNER'S CERTIFICATIONS:

I certify that the information submitted on and with this form is true and accurate and that this firm has met and will continue to meet the conditions of this construction contract regarding DBE solicitation and utilization. I further certify that criteria used in selecting subcontractors and suppliers were applied equally to all potential participants and that EPA Forms 6100-2 and 6100-3 were distributed to all DBE subcontractors.

(Prime Contractor signature)

Date _____

(Printed name and title)

I certify that I have reviewed the information submitted on and with this form and that it meets the requirements of the Owner's State Revolving Fund loan contract.

(Signature of Owner or Owner's representative)

Date _____

(Printed name and title)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Owner contact _____

Owner phone number and email _____

Consulting Engineer contact _____

Consulting Engineer phone number and email _____

Proposed Prime Contractor _____

Prime Contractor contact _____

Prime Contractor phone number and email _____

Proposed total contract amount \$ _____

Proposed total MBE participation \$ _____ Percentage _____ Goal: 4.0 percent

Proposed total WBE participation \$ _____ Percentage _____ Goal: 4.0 percent

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Please submit the following with the DBE Compliance Form:

- a. List of all committed and uncommitted subcontractors by trade, including company name, address, telephone number, contact person, dollar amount of subcontract, and DBE/MBE/WBE status.
- b. Indicate in writing if no solicitations were made because the Prime Contractor intends to use only its own forces to accomplish the work.
- c. Proof of certification by EPA, SBA, DOT (or by state, local, tribal, or private entities whose certification criteria match EPA criteria) for each subcontractor listed as a DBE, MBE, or WBE.
- d. Documentation of solicitation efforts for prospective DBE firms, such as fax confirmation sheets, copies of solicitation letters and emails, printout of online solicitations, printouts of online search results, and copies and affidavits of publication in newspapers or other publications. (see also, "Six Good Faith Efforts", page GEFA-7).
 - i. The Prime Contractor shall use the necessary resources to identify and directly solicit no less than three certified MBE firms and three certified WBE firms to bid in each expected subcontract trade or area. If a diligent and documented search of the recommended directories does not identify three potential certified MBE firms and three potential certified WBE firms, then the Prime Contractor shall post an advertisement in the Owner's local legal organ, the Owner's official website, a regional newspaper in a larger community in the proximity, the Prime Contractor's website, or some other appropriate resource.
 - ii. The Prime Contractor is encouraged to follow-up each written, fax, or email solicitation with at least one logged phone call.
 - iii. Whenever possible, post solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
- e. Written justification for not selecting a certified DBE subcontractor that submitted a low bid for any subcontract area.
- f. Certification By Proposed Prime Contractor or Subcontractor Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity (GEFA-9)
- g. Certification By Proposed Prime or Subcontractor Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsible Matters. (GEFA-10)

END OF DBE COMPLIANCE FORM



DBE COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

THE PRIME CONTRACTOR MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE OWNER BEFORE THE WORK BEGINS:

Loan Recipient _____

SRF Loan Number _____

Include in Package Submittal

PRIME CONTRACTOR ONLY	TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	
ALL SUBCONTRACTORS, INCLUDING DBE FIRMS	TRADE	AMOUNT
ALL SUBCONTRACTORS, INCLUDING DBE FIRMS	TRADE	AMOUNT
DBE SUBCONTRACTORS ONLY	TRADE	AMOUNT
DBE SUBCONTRACTORS ONLY	TRADE	AMOUNT
PRIME CONTRACTOR ONLY <i>(Not applicable if self-performing all work, with no subcontracting)</i>		

1. **DBE Compliance Form.** The Owner must sign and submit this information to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) to demonstrate compliance with DBE requirements. GEFA concurrence is recommended prior to award of the construction contract and is required prior to commencement of any SRF-funded construction. (Pages GEFA-4 and 5)

2. **Certification Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity.** This form is required for the Prime Contractor and for all subcontractors. The Prime Contractor's form should be submitted with the DBE Compliance Form and the subcontractors' forms should be submitted as the subcontracts are executed. (Page GEFA-9)

3. **Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsible Matters.** This form is required for the Prime Contractor and for all subcontractors. The Prime Contractor's form should be submitted with the DBE Compliance Form and the subcontractors' forms should be submitted as the subcontracts are executed. (Page GEFA-10)

Uncommitted Trades

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Documentation of Good Faith Efforts

Newspaper ads	Internet Websites	Fax Confirmation	Copies of Solicitation Emails/letters	Copies of phone logs
PROOF OF CERTIFICATION FOR EACH SUBCONTRACTOR LISTED AS A DBE, MBE, OR WBE				

SIX GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

These good faith efforts are required methods to ensure that DBEs have the opportunity to compete for procurements funded by EPA financial assistance dollars. Such good faith efforts are described as follows:

1. Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. This will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever there are potential sources.
2. Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitation for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
3. Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. This will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.
4. Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.
5. Use the resources, services, and assistance of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and the Minority Business Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce (MBDA).
6. If the Prime Contractor awards subcontracts, it must take the steps described in items (1) through (5) listed above.

Please note that DBEs, MBEs, and WBEs must be certified by EPA, SBA, or DOT (or by state, local, tribal, or private entities whose certification criteria match EPA's). DBEs must be certified to be counted toward the Prime Contractor's MBE/WBE goals. "Self-certified" DBE subcontractors will not be counted toward the Prime Contractor's MBE/WBE goals. Depending upon the certifying agency, a DBE may be classified as a DBE, a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), or a Women's Business Enterprise (WBE).

The Prime Contractor must employ and document the **Six Good Faith Efforts** for all subcontracts, even if the Prime Contractor has achieved the fair share objectives.

The documentation of solicitations for the **Six Good Faith Efforts** must be detailed to allow for satisfactory review. Such documentation might include fax confirmation sheets, copies of solicitation letters/emails, printouts of the online solicitations, printouts of online search results, and affidavits of publication in newspapers or other publications. The Prime Contractor is encouraged to follow up each written, fax, or email solicitation with at least one logged phone call.

The Prime Contractor should attempt to identify and solicit DBEs in the geographic proximity of the project before soliciting those located farther away.

If a DBE subcontractor fails to complete work under the subcontract for any reason, the Prime Contractor must notify the Owner in writing prior to any termination and must employ the Six Good Faith Efforts described above if using a replacement subcontractor. Any proposed changes from the approved DBE subcontractor list must be reported to the Owner and to GEFA on the *Changes to Approved Subcontractors Form* (GEFA-14) prior to initiation of the action. EPA Forms Nos. 6100-3 and 6100-4 must also be submitted to GEFA for new DBE subcontracts.

RESOURCES FOR IDENTIFYING DBE SUBCONTRACTORS

RESOURCES FOR IDENTIFYING DBE SUBCONTRACTOR'S FOR DIRECT SOLICITATION:

Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program
404-631-1972
<https://www.dot.ga.gov/GDOT/Pages/DBE.aspx>

City of Atlanta, Georgia Office of Contract Compliance
404-330-6010
<https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/mayor-s-office/executive-offices/office-of-contract-compliance>

DeKalb County, Georgia
Office of Purchasing and Contracting
404-371-4730
<http://dekalbsbe.info/wordpress1/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/DeKalbCountyCertifiedVendorsListMay10-2016-Final2.pdf>

Fulton County, Georgia
Purchasing and Contract Compliance
404-612-5800

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program
404-848-4656

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
http://www.epa.gov/osbp/dbe_team.htm

For more information about DBE compliance, contact:
waterresources@gefa.ga.gov

NOTES:

- (1) The Prime Contractor shall use the necessary resources to identify and directly solicit no less than three certified MBE firms and three WBE firms to bid in each expected subcontract area or trade.
- (2) If a diligent and documented search of the recommended directories does not identify three potential certified MBE firms and three potential certified WBE firms, then the Prime Contractor shall post an advertisement in the Owner's local legal organ, the Owner's official website, a regional newspaper in a larger community in the proximity, the Prime Contractor's website, or some other appropriate resource. Whenever possible, post solicitation for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
- (3) Expenditures to a DBE that acts merely as a broker or passive conduit of funds, without performing, managing, or supervising the work of its subcontract in a manner consistent with normal business practices may not be counted.
- (4) The Prime Contractor should attempt to identify and first solicit DBEs in the geographic proximity of the project before soliciting those located farther away.
- (5) Contact GEFA Project Managers at 404-584-1000 or waterresources@gefa.ga.gov for further assistance or resources.

CERTIFICATION BY PROPOSED PRIME CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR REGARDING EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Proposed Prime Contractor
Proposed Subcontractor

This certification is required pursuant to Executive Order 11246, Part II, Section 203 (b), (30 F.R. 12319-25), (as amended by EO 11375 of Oct. 13, 1967, 32 FR 14303, 3 CFR, 1966-1970 Comp., p. 684; EO 12086 of Oct. 5, 1978, 43 FR 46501, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 230, EO 13672 of July 21, 2104, 79 FR 42971). Any bidder or prospective prime contractor, or any of the proposed subcontractors, shall state as an initial part of the bid or negotiations of the contract whether it has participated in any previous contract or subcontract subject to the equal opportunity clause; and, if so, whether it has filed all compliance reports due under applicable instructions.

Where the certification indicated that the prime or subcontractor has not filed a compliance report due under applicable instruction, such contractor shall be required to submit a compliance report.

(1) Bidder has participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity Clause.

YES _____ NO _____

(2) Compliance Reports were required to be filed in connection with such contract or subcontract.

YES _____ NO _____ (If YES, state what reports were filed and with what agency.)

(3) Bidder has filed all compliance reports due under applicable instructions, including SF-100 (EEO-1 Report).

YES _____ NO _____ (If NO, please explain in detail.)

The information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. (A willfully false statement is punishable by law – U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001.)

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

**CERTIFICATION BY PROPOSED PRIME CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR REGARDING
DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE MATTERS**

Proposed Prime Contractor
Proposed Subcontractor

Under Executive Order 12549 individuals or organizations debarred from participation in federal assistance programs may not receive an assistance award under federal program or sub-agreement there under for \$25,000 or more. Accordingly, each recipient of a state loan or a contract (engineering or construction) awarded under a loan must complete the following certification (see 2 CFR §1532.220).

The prospective participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency.
- (b) Have not within a three year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause of default.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection of this proposal or termination of the award. (A willfully false statement is punishable by law – U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001.)

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

_____ **I am unable to certify to the above statements. My explanation is as follows:**

CHANGES TO APPROVED SUBCONTRACTORS FORM

Loan Recipient _____ SRF Loan Number _____

CERTIFICATIONS:

I certify that the information submitted on and with this form is true and accurate and that this firm has met and will continue to meet the conditions of this construction contract regarding DBE solicitation and utilization. I further certify that criteria used in selecting subcontractors and suppliers were applied equally to all potential participants.

 (Prime Contractor signature) Date _____

 (Printed name and title)

I certify that I have reviewed the information submitted on and with this form and that it meets the requirements of the Owner's State Revolving Fund loan contract.

 (Signature of Owner or Owner's representative) Date _____

 (Printed name and title)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 1) If an approved subcontractor is terminated or replaced, please identify this company and briefly state reason.

Subcontractor Name:	Trade
Reason Terminated or Replaced	

- 2) For new or additional subcontractors, list name, trade, address, telephone number, contact person, dollar amount of subcontract, and DBE status.

New Subcontractor Name and Contact Person	Trade
Address	Telephone Number
Dollar Amount	DBE Status

- 1) Attach proof of certification by EPA, SBA, DOT (or by state, local, tribal, or private entities whose certification criteria match EPA's) for each subcontractor listed as a DBE, MBE, or WBE.
- 2) Attach documentation of Six Good Faith Efforts solicitation effort for all new subcontracts.
- 3) Provide justification for not selecting any certified DBE subcontractor that submitted a low bid for any subcontract area.
- 4) For each subcontractor, attach certifications regarding Equal Employment Opportunity (GEFA-9) and certifications regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other responsible Matters (GEFA-10)

DBE ANNUAL REPORT
FORM (5700-52A)

This form must be completed by recipients of federal financial assistance for procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, or services. SRF loan recipients are required to submit this report to GEFA by the 20th of October for the previous period of October 1 through September 30. Please submit a "negative" report even if \$0 is the amount paid to MBE/WBE subcontractors during the reporting period.

ANNUAL REPORT FORM (5700-52A)			
1. PRIME CONTRACTOR		2. REPORTING PERIOD (Complete date using current year.) Period Ending (September 30, _____)	
3. SUBMIT TO: Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Attention: DBE Compliance Coordinator 47 Trinity Ave SW Fifth Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303 waterresources@gefa.ga.gov		4. LOAN RECIPIENT (Name, Address, and Telephone)	
5. LOAN RECIPIENT (OWNER) REPORTING CONTACT	PHONE:	6. TYPE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Check one) CWSRF _____ DWSRF _____	7. SRF LOAN NUMBER
8. CONTRACTOR NAME AND TOTAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AMOUNT		9. ACTUAL DOLLAR AMOUNT PAID TO MBE/WBE SUBCONTRACTORS THIS PERIOD \$ MBE _____ \$ WBE _____ NEGATIVE REPORT (\$0) _____	
10. RECIPIENT'S MBE/WBE GOALS MBE 4.0 % WBE 4.0 %		11. TOTAL DOLLARS SPENT THIS PERIOD MBE \$ _____ WBE \$ _____ NON MBE/WBE \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____	
12. NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF LOAN RECIPIENT (OWNER).		13. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF LOAN RECIPIENT.	14. DATE
MBE/WBE PAYMENTS MADE DURING PERIOD			
NAME AND ADDRESS of DBE (SUB)CONTRACTOR (indicate if MBE or WBE firm)		TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT PAID AND DATE PAID \$ _____ DATE _____	

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- (a) The Prime Contractor is required to pay its subcontractors in accordance with the Georgia Prompt Payment Act (OCGA 13-11).
- (b) The Prime Contractor is required to insert the entirety of the Davis Bacon contract requirements into all subcontracts.
- (c) Sewer line and water line crossing of all roads and streets shall be done in accordance with the Georgia Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) Policies and Procedures and must comply with the Ga. D.O.T. Standard Specifications, Construction of Roads and Bridges, 1993 Edition.
- (d) Construction shall be carried out so as to prevent bypassing of wastewater flow and to prevent interruption of drinking water treatment during construction. EPD must receive written notification prior to any reduction in the level of treatment and must approve all temporary modifications to the treatment process prior to the activity.
- (e) Erosion and Sedimentation Control shall be accomplished in accordance with the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act of 1975 as currently amended and NPDES General Permits (Storm Water from Construction Sites). See also epd.georgia.gov and gaswcc.georgia.gov for information regarding permits.
- (f) Use of Chemicals: All chemicals used during project construction or furnished for project operation, whether herbicide, pesticide, disinfectant, polymer reactant or of other classification, must show approval of either EPA or USDA. Use of all such chemicals and disposal of residues shall be in conformance with state and local regulations as appropriate.
- (g) It is the duty of the Prime Contractor, the Owner and the Engineer to ensure the construction of the project, including the letting of contracts in connection therewith, shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations and requirements of the United States of America or any agency thereof, the state of Georgia or any agency thereof, territorial, or any local government laws or political subdivision and ordinances to the extent that such requirements do not conflict with federal laws and this subchapter.
- (h) EPD, EPA, and GEFA shall have access to the site and the project work at all times.

BONDS

Bonding requirements for Contracts of \$100,000 or less are contained in the General Conditions. Bond requirements of contracts in excess of \$100,000 are:

1. Bid guarantee equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The bid guarantee shall consist of a firm commitment such as a certified check or bid bond submitted with the bid;
2. Performance bond equal to 100 percent of the contract price, and;
3. Payment bond equal to 100 percent of the contract price. Bonds must be obtained from companies holding Certificates of Authority as acceptable sureties, issued by the U.S. Treasury.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

By the submission of this bid, each bidder acknowledges that he understands and agrees to be bound by the equal opportunity requirements of EPA regulations (40 CFR Part 8, particularly Section 8.4 (b)), which shall be applicable throughout the performance of work under any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation. Each bidder agrees that if awarded a contract, it will similarly bind contractually each subcontractor. In implementation of the foregoing policies, each bidder further understands and agrees that if awarded a contract, it must engage in affirmative action directed at promoting and ensuring equal employment opportunity in the workforce used under the contract (and that it must require contractually the same effort of all subcontractors whose subcontracts exceed \$10,000.00). The bidder understands and agrees that "affirmative action" as used herein shall constitute a good faith effort to achieve and maintain minority employment in each trade in the on-site workforce used on the project.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY NOTICE

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246)

1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the Equal Opportunity Clause which is included in the nondiscrimination Provision and Labor Standards, EPA Form 5720-4 and the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Construction Contract Specifications set forth herein.
2. The goals for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

Goals for minority participation for each trade	4.0 percent
Goals for female participation for each trade	4.0 percent

These goals are applicable to all the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a), and its efforts to meet the goals established for the geographical area where the contract resulting from this solicitation is to be performed. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minority and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation to the contract, the Executive Order, and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

3. The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 40CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under EPA financial assistance agreements. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract.
4. As used in this Notice, and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is (insert description of the geographical area where the contract is to be performed giving the state, county, and city, if any).

EEO Construction Contract Specifications

Executive Order 11246

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ofccp/executive-order-11246/as-amended>

Davis-Bacon and Related Acts

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction>

INSERT WAGE RATE DETERMINATION HERE

Wage Rates (for *Heavy Construction*) are state/county specific can be found at:

<http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts/dbra.htm>

Sample Payroll Form (WH-347) is found at:

<http://www.dol.gov/whd/forms/wh347.pdf>

Labor Standards Interview Form (SF-1445) is found at:

<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/forms/download/115910>

Davis-Bacon (WH-1321) poster is found at:

<http://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/posters/fedprojc.pdf> (*English*)

<http://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/posters/davispan.pdf> (*Spanish*)

Fair Labor Standards Act Minimum Wage poster is found at:

<http://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/posters/minwagebwp.pdf> (*English*)

<http://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/posters/minwagespbwP.pdf> (*Spanish*)

“EEO Is the Law” poster is found at:

https://www.eeoc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-10/22-088_EEOC_KnowYourRights_10_20.pdf

(*English*)

https://www.eeoc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-10/22-088_EEOC_KnowYourRightsSp_10_20.pdf

(*Spanish*)

OSHA poster is found at:

<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/osha3165.pdf>

(*English*)

<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/osha3167.pdf>

(*Spanish*)

CERTIFIED PAYROLL REVIEW CHECKLIST

(This is a recommended Certified Payroll Review Checklist for the Owner's use.)

CONTRACT ID City of CW/DWSRF#00 - 000	PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR X Construction
GENERAL WAGE DECISION AND DATE (Insert number and date)	PAYROLL PERIOD ENDING

INSTRUCTIONS: This checklist is to be used in conjunction with projects requiring Davis-Bacon Wage Rates and compliance reviews. All certified payrolls are to be date stamped upon receipt from the prime contractor.

Payroll Information Checklist:

- _____ Prime Contractor's or subcontractor's name and address
- _____ Contract ID numbers (GEFA SRF No.)
- _____ Week ending.
- _____ Project location.

- _____ Employee ID or Last four digits of Social Security
 - _____ Number Social Security Number removed
 - _____ Employee's work classification
 - _____ Identification of OJTs, apprentices, and program levels (%) on payrolls.
 - _____ Verify that OJT and Apprentice Program documentation is in project files.

- _____ Daily and weekly employee hours worked in each job classification.
 - _____ Daily and weekly employee overtime (or premium) hours worked
 - _____ Total weekly hours worked on all jobs (prevailing and non-prevailing wage).
 - _____ Base rate shown for each employee, overtime (or premium) rate shown when worked.
 - _____ Verify correct wage rates are being paid.
 - _____ Verify overtime is being paid correctly (over 40 hrs/wk, and Time and a half)
 - _____ Week's gross wages
 - _____ Week's itemized deductions.
 - _____ Week's net wages paid

- _____ Compliance statement attached.
 - _____ Method of fringe benefit payment described by checking either box (4)(a) or (4)(b).
 - _____ Fringe benefit package information in file and updated as needed (if 4(a) is checked)
 - _____ Exceptions explanation for fringe benefit (4)(c).
 - _____ Signature.

Compliance Review Checklist (for field reviews):

- _____ Verify work classifications reported are consistent with the work performed.
- _____ Compare payrolls with wage rate interviews when conducted.
- _____ Compare number of employees and hours worked with project documentation.

REVIEWED BY:	DATE
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Superseded General Decision Number: GA20230060

State: Georgia

Construction Type: Heavy

Heavy Construction, Includes Water and Sewer Lines, and Heavy Construction on Treatment Plant Sites and Industrial Sites (Refineries, Power Plants, Chemical and Manufacturing Plants, Paper Mills, Etc.)

Counties: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Calhoun, Camden, Charlton, Clay, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Decatur, Grady, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Miller, Mitchell, Pierce, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Telfair, Thomas, Tift, Turner, Ware and Wayne Counties in Georgia.

Note: Contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act are generally required to pay at least the applicable minimum wage rate required under Executive Order 14026 or Executive Order 13658. Please note that these Executive Orders apply to covered contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but do not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 5.1(a)(1).

If the contract is entered into on or after January 30, 2022, or the contract is renewed or extended (e.g., an option is exercised) on or after January 30, 2022:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Executive Order 14026 generally applies to the contract.. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$17.20 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in 2024.
If the contract was awarded on or between January 1, 2015 and January 29, 2022, and the contract is not renewed or extended on or after January 30, 2022:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Executive Order 13658 generally applies to the contract.. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$12.90 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on that contract in 2024.

The applicable Executive Order minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. If this contract is covered by one of the Executive Orders and a classification considered necessary for performance of work on the contract does not appear on this wage determination, the contractor must still submit a conformance request.

Additional information on contractor requirements and worker

protections under the Executive Orders is available at
<http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts>.

Modification Number	Publication Date
0	01/05/2024
1	03/22/2024

ELEC0177-003 01/01/2023

CHARLTON COUNTY

	Rates	Fringes
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 32.31	14.20

PAID HOLIDAYS: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July,
Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, The Day after Thanksgiving and
Christmas Day.

ELEC0508-010 03/01/2023

APPLING, ATKINSON, BACON, CAMDEN, CLINCH, COFFEE, PIERCE, WARE,
& WAYNE COUNTIES

	Rates	Fringes
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 29.00	4.8%+10.72

ELEC0613-019 09/02/2023

CLAY & QUITMAN COUNTIES

	Rates	Fringes
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 34.50	32%

ELEC1205-008 06/04/2023

BERRIEN, COOK, DECATUR, GRADY, SEMINOLE, & THOMAS COUNTIES

	Rates	Fringes
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 30.10	14%+7.85

ELEC1316-015 09/01/2023

JEFF DAVIS & TELFAIR COUNTIES

	Rates	Fringes
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 30.50	17.5%+8.35

* ELEC1531-008 01/01/2024

BEN HILL, CALHOUN, COLQUITT, IRWIN, MILLER, MITCHELL, RANDOLPH,
TIFT, & TURNER COUNTIES

	Rates	Fringes
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 28.00	4%+13.45

* SUGA2012-090 08/11/2012

	Rates	Fringes
CARPENTER (Form Work Only).....	\$ 15.21 **	0.00
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER...	\$ 14.11 **	1.78
LABORER: Common or General.....	\$ 11.00 **	0.00
LABORER: Pipelayer.....	\$ 12.00 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Backhoe/Excavator/Trackhoe.....	\$ 17.23	0.00
OPERATOR: Grader/Blade.....	\$ 18.88	1.32
OPERATOR: Loader.....	\$ 15.92 **	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Dump Truck.....	\$ 12.00 **	2.14

WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

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** Workers in this classification may be entitled to a higher minimum wage under Executive Order 14026 (\$17.20) or 13658 (\$12.90). Please see the Note at the top of the wage determination for more information. Please also note that the minimum wage requirements of Executive Order 14026 are not currently being enforced as to any contract or subcontract to which the states of Texas, Louisiana, or Mississippi, including their agencies, are a party.

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2017. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must provide employees with 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours they work, up to 56 hours of paid sick leave each year. Employees must be permitted to use paid sick leave for their own illness, injury or other health-related needs, including preventive care; to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is ill, injured, or has other health-related needs, including preventive care; or for reasons resulting from, or to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is a victim of, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts>.

Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (iii)).

The body of each wage determination lists the classification

and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of ""identifiers"" that indicate whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate for local), a survey rate (weighted average rate) or a union average rate (weighted union average rate).

Union Rate Identifiers

A four letter classification abbreviation identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than ""SU"" or ""UAVG"" denotes that the union classification and rate were prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2014. PLUM is an abbreviation identifier of the union which prevailed in the survey for this classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198 indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. 07/01/2014 is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate, which in this example is July 1, 2014.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all rate changes in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing this classification and rate.

Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the ""SU"" identifier indicate that no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As this weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

Survey wage rates are not updated and remain in effect until a new survey is conducted.

Union Average Rate Identifiers

Classification(s) listed under the UAVG identifier indicate that no single majority rate prevailed for those classifications; however, 100% of the data reported for the classifications was union data. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010 08/29/2014. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the state. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 08/29/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January of each year, to reflect a weighted average of the current negotiated/CBA rate of the union locals from which the rate is based.

WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

1.) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:

- * an existing published wage determination
- * a survey underlying a wage determination
- * a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
- * a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour National Office because National Office has responsibility for the Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this initial contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.) and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal process described here, initial contact should be with the Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations
Wage and Hour Division
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an interested party (those affected by the action) can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

Wage and Hour Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

Administrative Review Board
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

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END OF GENERAL DECISION"

APPENDIX B. GEFA AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL (AIS) SPECIAL
CONDITIONS

GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

For

FEDERALLY ASSISTED STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

March 18, 2014

The Following standard language must be incorporated into construction contract documents and in all solicitations for offers and bids for all construction contracts or subcontracts to be funded, in whole or in part, through the Federally-assisted State Revolving Fund in the State of Georgia for projects subject to the American Iron and Steel requirements.

These Special Conditions shall not relieve the participants in this project of responsibility to meet any requirements of other portions of this construction contract or of other agencies, whether these other requirements are more or less stringent. The requirements in these Special Conditions must be satisfied in order for work to be funded with the State Revolving Fund.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

These Special Conditions are based on guidance provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Public Law 113-76, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (Act), includes an “American Iron and Steel” (AIS) requirement that requires State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) assistance recipients to use iron and steel products that are produced in the United States for projects in this project. A copy of Section 436 of the Act is found in Appendix 3.

The products and materials subject to these requirements will be defined in Appendix 1 of these special conditions.

The Owner must maintain documentation of compliance with the AIS requirements. The documentation that the Owner maintains will be subject to review and audit by representatives of the state of Georgia, the EPA, the EPA Office of the Inspector General, and other federal authorities.

The Prime Contractor must provide certifications of compliance for all products subject to AIS requirements to the Owner prior to requesting payments for those products. The Owner or the Engineer may require certifications of compliance with submittals and shop drawings for these products as part of the submittal review process.

All manufacturing processes for a covered iron or steel product, as further defined in Appendix 1, must take place in the United States. If a covered product is taken out of the US for any part of the manufacturing process, it becomes foreign source material.

The EPA recommends the use of a step certification process to document the locations of the manufacturing processes involved with the production of steel and iron materials. A step certification is a process under which each handler (supplier, fabricator, manufacturer, processor, etc.) of the iron and steel products certifies that its step in the process was domestically performed. Each time a step in the manufacturing process takes place, the manufacturer delivers its work along with a certification of its origin. A certification should include the name of the manufacturer, the location of the manufacturing facility where the product or process took place (not its headquarters), a description of the product or item being delivered, and a signature by a manufacturer’s responsible party. Attached in Appendix 2 is a sample step certification.

Alternatively, the final manufacturer that delivers the iron or steel product to the worksite, vendor, or contractor, may provide a certification asserting that all manufacturing processes for the product and for its iron and steel components occurred in the United States. The EPA states that additional documentation may be needed if the certification lacks important information and recommends step certification as the best practice. A sample final manufacturer certification is attached in Appendix 2.

Contractor, supplier, and manufacturer records are subject to review and audit by the EPA, its Inspector General, and other federal authorities.

Failure to comply with these requirements may delay, limit, or prevent the disbursement of SRF funds to the Owner. Violations of AIS requirements will require correction by the Contractor as determined by the Owner and Engineer, including replacement of deficient products with compliant products and compensation for costs and other damages that may result. Violations may also subject the Owner, the Contractor, and suppliers to other enforcement actions within the discretion of the EPA and other federal authorities.

The Act permits EPA to issue waivers for a case or category of cases in which EPA finds (1) that applying these requirements would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron and steel products are not produced in the US in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or (3) inclusion of iron and steel products produced in the US will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent. The Contractor should notify the Owner and Engineer immediately if it finds that a waiver may be required.

By submitting a bid for this project and by executing this construction contract, the Contractor acknowledges to and for the benefit of the Owner and the state of Georgia that it understands that the goods and services under this Agreement are being funded with monies made available by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and that Federal law authorizing these Funds contains provisions commonly known as "American Iron and Steel" that requires all of the iron and steel products used in the project to be produced in the United States ("American Iron and Steel Requirement") including iron and steel products provided by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants to and for the benefit of the Owner and the state of Georgia that (a) the Contractor has reviewed and understands the American Iron and Steel Requirement, (b) all of the iron and steel products used in the project will be and/or have been produced in the United States in a manner that complies with the American Iron and Steel Requirement, unless a waiver of the requirement is approved, and (c) the Contractor will provide any further verified information, certification or assurance of compliance with this paragraph, or information necessary to support a waiver of the American Iron and Steel Requirement, as may be requested by the Owner or the state of Georgia. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, any failure to comply with this paragraph by the Contractor shall permit the Owner or the state of Georgia to recover as damages against the Contractor any loss, expense, or cost (including without limitation attorney's fees) incurred by the Owner or the state of Georgia resulting from any such failure (including without limitation any impairment or loss of funding, whether in whole or in part, from the state of Georgia or any damages owed to the state of Georgia by the Owner).

The Owner and the Contractor agree that the state of Georgia, as a lender to the Owner for the funding of its project, is a third-party beneficiary and neither this paragraph (nor any other provision of this Agreement necessary to give this paragraph force or effect) shall be amended or waived without the prior written consent of the state of Georgia.

Appendix 1 – Definitions

For purposes of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) projects that must comply with the AIS requirement, an iron or steel product is one of the following made primarily of iron or steel that is permanently incorporated into the project:

Lined or unlined pipes or fittings;
Manhole Covers;
Municipal Castings (defined in more detail below);
Hydrants;
Tanks;
Flanges;
Pipe clamps and restraints;
Valves;
Structural steel (defined in more detail below);
Reinforced precast concrete; and
Construction materials (defined in more detail below).

Product primarily of iron or steel: The product must be made of greater than 50% iron or steel, measured by cost. If one of the listed products is not made primarily of iron or steel, United States (US) provenance is not required. If a product is composed of more than 50% iron or steel, but is not listed in Section 436. (a)(2) of the Act, it is not required to be produced in the US. Alternatively, the iron or steel in such a product can be sourced from outside the US.

Steel: An alloy that includes at least 50 percent iron, between .02 and 2 percent carbon, and may include other elements. Other alloys of iron are not required to be produced in the US.

Produced in the United States: Production in the US of the iron or steel products used in the project requires that all manufacturing processes, including application of coatings, must take place in the United States, with the exception of metallurgical processes involving refinement of steel additives. All manufacturing processes includes processes such as melting, refining, forming, rolling, drawing, finishing, fabricating and coating. Further, if a domestic iron and steel product is taken out of the US for any part of the manufacturing process, it becomes foreign source material. However, raw materials such as iron ore, limestone and iron and steel scrap are not covered by the AIS requirement, and the material(s), if any, being applied as a coating are similarly not covered. Non-iron or steel components of an iron and steel product may come from non-US sources. For example, for products such as valves and hydrants, the individual non-iron and steel components do not have to be of domestic origin.

Municipal Castings: Municipal castings are cast iron or steel infrastructure products that are melted and cast. They typically provide access, protection, or housing for components incorporated into utility owned drinking water, storm water, wastewater, and surface infrastructure. They are typically made of grey or ductile iron, or steel. Examples of municipal castings include access hatches, ballast screen, benches, bollards, cast bases, cast iron hinged hatches, cast iron riser rings, catch basin inlets, cleanout/monument boxes, construction covers and frames, curb and corner guards, curb openings, detectable warning plates, downspout shoes, drainage grates, frames & curb inlets, inlets, junction boxes, lampposts, manhole covers, rings & frames, risers, meter boxes, steel hinged hatches, steel riser rings, trash receptacles, tree grates, tree guards, trench grates, and valve boxes.

Structural Steel: Structural steel is rolled flanged shapes, having at least one dimension of their cross-section 3 inches or greater, which are used in the construction of bridges, buildings, ships, railroad rolling

stock, and for numerous other constructional purposes. Such shapes are designated as wide-flange shapes, standard I-beams, channels, angles, tees and zees. Other shapes include H-piles, sheet piling, tie plates, cross ties, and those for other special purposes.

Reinforced Precast Concrete: While reinforced precast concrete may not be at least 50% iron or steel, in this particular case, the reinforcing rebar must be produced in the US and meet the same standards as for any other iron or steel product. Additionally, the casting of the concrete product must take place in the US. If the reinforced concrete is cast at the construction site, the reinforcing rebar is considered to be a construction material and must be produced in the US.

Construction Materials subject to AIS: Construction materials are those articles, materials, or supplies made primarily of iron and steel, that are permanently incorporated into the project, not including mechanical and/or electrical components, equipment and systems. Some of these products may overlap with what is also considered "structural steel". This includes, but is not limited to, the following products: welding rods, wire rod, bar, angles, concrete reinforcing bar, wire, wire cloth, wire rope and cables, tubing, framing, joists, trusses, fasteners, welding rods, decking, grating, railings, stairs, access ramps, fire escapes, ladders, wall panels, dome structures, roofing, ductwork, surface drains, cable hanging systems, manhole steps, fencing and fence tubing, guardrails, doors, gates, and screens.

Construction Materials not subject to AIS: Mechanical and/or electrical components, equipment and systems are not considered construction materials. The following examples are NOT considered construction materials: gear reducers, drives, mixers, heat exchangers, pumps, motors, blowers/aeration equipment, meters, variable frequency drives (VFDs), valve actuators, controls, supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA), membrane bioreactor systems, membrane filtration systems, filters, disinfection systems, belt presses, HVAC (excluding ductwork), water heaters, generators, cabinetry and housings, lighting fixtures, electrical conduit, emergency life systems, metal office furniture, shelving, laboratory equipment, and analytical instrumentation.

Items temporarily used during construction, which are removed from the project site upon completion of the project, are not required to be made of U.S. Iron or Steel. For example, trench boxes or scaffolding are not considered construction materials subject to AIS requirements.

Appendix 2 – Sample Certifications Step Certification

The following information is provided as a sample letter of step certification for American Iron and Steel compliance. Documentation must be provided on company letterhead. This is to be provided by each handler (supplier, fabricator, manufacturer, processor, etc.). Each time a step in the manufacturing process takes place, the handler delivers its work along with a certification of its origin.

Date

Company Name
Company Address
City, State Zip

Subject: American Iron and Steel Step Certification for Project (**Insert project name and SRF number**)

I, (company representative), certify that the (melting, bending, coating, galvanizing, cutting, etc.) process for (manufacturing or fabricating) the following products and/or materials shipped or provided for the subject project is in full compliance with the American Iron and Steel requirement as mandated in EPA's State Revolving Fund Programs.

List of items, products and/or materials:

If any of the above compliance statements change while providing material to this project, we will immediately notify the prime contractor and the engineer.

Signed by company representative

Appendix 2 – Sample Certifications

The following information is provided as a sample letter of the final manufacturer to certify American Iron and Steel compliance for the entire manufacturing process. Documentation must be provided on company letterhead.

Date

Company Name
Company Address
City, State Zip

Subject: American Iron and Steel Certification for Project (Insert project name and SRF number)

I, (company representative), certify that the following products and/or materials shipped/provided to the subject project are in full compliance with the American Iron and Steel requirement of P.L. 113-76 and as mandated in EPA's State Revolving Fund Programs.

List of items, products and/or materials:

If any of the above compliance statements change while providing material to this project, we will immediately notify the prime contractor and the engineer.

Signed by company representative

Appendix 3 – P.L. 113-76, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014

The Act states:

Sec. 436. (a)(1) None of the funds made available by a State water pollution control revolving fund as authorized by title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.) or made available by a drinking water treatment revolving loan fund as authorized by section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12) shall be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water system or treatment works unless all of the iron and steel products used in the project are produced in the United States.

(2) In this section, the term “iron and steel products” means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or category of cases in which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (in this section referred to as the “Administrator”) finds that—

(1) applying subsection (a) would be inconsistent with the public interest;

(2) iron and steel products are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or

(3) inclusion of iron and steel products produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

(c) If the Administrator receives a request for a waiver under this section, the Administrator shall make available to the public on an informal basis a copy of the request and information available to the Administrator concerning the request, and shall allow for informal public input on the request for at least 15 days prior to making a finding based on the request. The Administrator shall make the request and accompanying information available by electronic means, including on the official public Internet Web site of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(d) This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international agreements.

(e) The Administrator may retain up to 0.25 percent of the funds appropriated in this Act for the Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds for carrying out the provisions described in subsection (a)(1) for management and oversight of the requirements of this section.

(f) This section does not apply with respect to a project if a State agency approves the engineering plans and specifications for the project, in that agency’s capacity to approve such plans and specifications prior to a project requesting bids, prior to the date of the enactment of this Act.

Certification Letter Example

633 Chestnut Street Suite 1200
Chattanooga, TN 37460

Project name/location

Certification of Compliance with American Iron and Steel (AIS) Provisions

November 12, 2014

Specific items for project

Subject: ██████████ Construction, Custer Avenue, Lyons, IL

I, ██████████ certify that the following gate valves provided to the ██████████ project in Lyons, IL are in compliance with the American Iron and Steel requirement as mandated in the Environmental Protection Agency's State Revolving Fund Programs and as interpreted by the EPA.

Reference to AIS requirements

Items, Products and/or Materials:

1. A-2360-19, FL x MJ Resilient Wedge Gate Valve, 6" qty. 1, 8" qty. 1
2. A-2360-23, MJ x MJ Resilient Wedge Gate Valve, 8" qty. 5

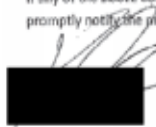
Where the items were manufactured

The products that are the subject of this certificate were manufactured in Chattanooga, TN.

All gate valve components are cast, machined, assembled and tested in the United States with the exception of fasteners, stem material and two small castings (stuffing box/op nut) which account for less than 10% of the manufacturing cost.

If any of the above compliance statements change while providing material to this project, we will promptly notify the prime contractor or the engineer.

Signature


VP Product Management & Marketing

Bonus Points for Notary. Not required



Notarized By: 
My Commission Expires: 5/27/18

APPENDIX C. GEFA BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA (BABA) SPECIAL
CONDITIONS

GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA ACT SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION for FEDERALLY ASSISTED STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

The following memorandum issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on November 3, 2022, provides implementation guidance for the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA). Exhibit D of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Loan Agreement requires compliance with BABA as needed. The following two links contain the required language for agreements.

[Appendix 1](#) language is required to be inserted into construction contracts to comply with BABA.

[Appendix 2](#) language is incorporated by reference into Exhibit D of GEFA's State Revolving Fund assistance agreements.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF WATER

November 3, 2022

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Build America, Buy America Act Implementation Procedures for EPA Office of Water Federal Financial Assistance Programs

FROM: Radhika Fox
Assistant Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Radhika Fox", written over a light blue horizontal line.

TO: EPA Regional Water Division Directors, Regions I – X
EPA Office of Water Office Directors

OVERVIEW

The Biden-Harris Administration recognized the Nation's critical need for infrastructure investment, championing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), which Congress passed on November 15, 2021 (also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)). The BIL will provide an unprecedented level of federal investment in water and wastewater infrastructure in communities across America.

In Title IX of the IIJA, Congress passed the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act, which establishes strong and permanent domestic sourcing requirements across all Federal financial assistance programs for infrastructure. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Water is honored to help lead the implementation of these provisions and is proud of its near decade of successful implementation of the American Iron and Steel (AIS) provisions for its flagship water infrastructure programs.

This is a transformational opportunity to build a resilient supply chain and manufacturing base for critical products here in the United States that will spur investment in good-paying American manufacturing jobs and businesses. EPA's efforts to implement BABA will help cultivate the domestic manufacturing base for a wide range of products commonly used across the water sector but not currently made domestically. This will take time, and flexibility will be important to ensure that EPA can leverage critical water investments on time and on budget to protect public health and improve water quality.

IMPLEMENTATION

Recognizing the opportunity and need for BABA implementation guidance, the Made in America Office (MIAO) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published [Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure](#) (OMB Guidance M-22-11) on April 18, 2022. The guidance provides government-wide implementation direction for all Federal financial assistance programs for infrastructure. Despite the extensive guidance developed by MIAO, EPA's Office of Water infrastructure investment programs have received many questions that were not addressed in OMB Guidance M-22-11 or that require further clarification for EPA water infrastructure programs. The following questions and answers serve to supplement OMB Guidance M-22-11 with implementation procedures specific to EPA's relevant water infrastructure programs.

Section 70914(a) of the IIJA states when a Buy America preference under BABA applies: "Not later than... [May 14, 2022], the head of each Federal agency shall ensure that none of the funds made available for a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure... may be obligated for a project unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States." Therefore, Federal financial infrastructure investments obligated on or after May 14, 2022, must comply with the BABA requirements. Absent a waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials permanently incorporated into an infrastructure project subject to the BABA requirements must be produced in the United States. For many of EPA's Office of Water infrastructure investment programs, the vast majority of products permanently incorporated into construction, maintenance, or repair projects must comply with the BABA requirements, with the exception of select construction materials (cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; or aggregate binding agents or additives), which are specifically excepted by the BABA statute.

EPA's Office of Water implements many infrastructure investment programs subject to BABA requirements, including the following:

- Alaska Native Villages and Rural Communities Water Grant Program (ANV) (and any associated Interagency Agreements with the Indian Health Service)
- Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs (CW and DWSRF)
- Clean Water and Drinking Water Grants to U.S. Territories and the District of Columbia
- Clean Water Indian and Drinking Water Tribal Infrastructure Grant Set-aside (and any associated Interagency Agreements with the Indian Health Service)
- Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, (CWPPRA) Programs
- Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding (also known as Community Grants)
- Geographic Programs¹
- Gulf Hypoxia Program
- National Estuaries Program (CWA Section 320)

¹ Geographic Programs include: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Chesapeake Bay, San Francisco Bay, Puget Sound, Long Island Sound, Gulf of Mexico, South Florida, Lake Champlain, Lake Pontchartrain, Southern New England Estuaries, Columbia River Basin, Pacific Northwest

- 319 Nonpoint Source Management Program Implementation
- Reducing Lead in Drinking Water Grant Program (SDWA §1459B)
- Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities Grants: Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Community Grant Program (SUDC), Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities (EC-SDC) and Drinking Water Infrastructure Resilience & Sustainability (SDWA §1459A)
- Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants (OSG)
- USMCA Implementing Legislation (Section 821 and Title IX, USMCA Supplemental Appropriations, 2020)
- U.S.-Mexico Border Water Infrastructure Program
- Voluntary School and Child Care Program Lead Testing and Remediation Grant Program (SDWA 1464(d))
- Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)

The questions and answers in this document apply to the implementation of BABA requirements for the Office of Water infrastructure programs listed above unless superseded by regulation, statute, or other applicable guidance. For many of the programs listed above which did not have domestic preference requirements prior to BABA, additional implementation details are pending or may be developed after the issuance of these procedures. In addition, EPA notes that more direction will be helpful to inform the determination and definition of domestic content in manufactured goods. Supplemental guidance on these and other issues, from either OMB or EPA, may be forthcoming. These implementation procedures may also apply to additional, unlisted EPA programs which may be required to apply BABA subsequent to publication of this memorandum (e.g., future funding programs which have been authorized, but not yet appropriated).

For more information on the BABA requirements, visit the EPA Office of Water’s dedicated website – <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/build-america-buy-america-baba> – or contact your funding authority (such as your grants officer, portfolio manager, or state contact). For information on approved waivers, visit <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/build-america-buy-america-baba-approved-waivers>. You may also email questions to BABA-OW@epa.gov.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SECTION 1: GENERAL

- Q1.1: Will EPA provide documentation for BABA for bid solicitations and suggested contract language? Will EPA provide suggested language for Assistance Agreements?
 - A1.1: See Appendix 1, which includes suggested language for construction contracts which addresses the BABA requirements. In addition to the language suggested in Appendix 1, EPA also recommends that assistance recipients prepare contract bid solicitation documents with a statement for the consulting engineers and construction firms as follows: “By signing payment application and recommending payment, Contractor certifies they have reviewed documentation for all products and materials submitted for payment, and the certifications are sufficient to demonstrate compliance with Build America, Buy America Act requirements.” In most cases, the assistance recipient’s representatives assume the responsibility for their clients to conduct due diligence on compliance with applicable domestic preference requirements.

All Federal Financial infrastructure assistance agreements subject to BABA must have a clause requiring compliance with the requirements. See Appendix 2 for example assistance agreement language.

- Q1.2: Would federally-financed infrastructure projects outside of the United States need to comply with the BABA requirements?
 - A1.2: No. According to the OMB Guidance (M-22-11), a “project” is defined as “...any activity related to the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure in the United States.” Therefore, the BABA requirements are not implicated for infrastructure projects occurring outside of the United States, such as projects funded through the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement with infrastructure activities occurring in Mexico or Canada (that is, outside the United States).
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- Q1.3: If most of the project is BABA compliant, and a small portion is not, can an assistance recipient self-fund (i.e., paying with non-federal dollars) the non-compliant products?
 - A1.3: Any project that is funded in whole or in part with federal assistance must comply with the BABA requirements, unless the requirements are otherwise waived. All iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in a project must meet the BABA requirements unless waived. Absent a waiver, there is no “small portion” or product that does not need to satisfy the BABA requirements unless the requirements are waived (or specifically excluded as is the case for cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; aggregate binding agents or additives; or non-permanent products). An assistance recipient may request a waiver or inquire as to whether a broad waiver, such as a *de minimis* waiver, might apply.

- Q1.4: How do international trade agreements affect the implementation of the BABA requirements?
 - A1.4: The BABA requirements apply in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international trade agreements. Typically, these obligations only apply to direct procurement by the entities that are signatories to these trade agreements. In general, assistance recipients are not signatories to such agreements, so these trade agreements have no impact on BABA implementation. In the few instances where such an agreement applies to a municipality, that municipality is responsible for determining its applicability and requirements and communicating with the funding authority (such as EPA and/or a state) on the actions taken to comply with BABA.

SECTION 2: PRODUCT COVERAGE

- Q2.1: For products made of iron and steel, what is the difference between predominantly and primarily iron and steel?
 - A2.1: EPA considers the terms “predominantly” and “primarily” to be interchangeable, such that a product is considered predominantly (or primarily) iron and steel if it contains greater than 50 percent iron and steel by material cost.
- Q2.2: What is the definition of construction materials (with examples)?
 - A2.2: From OMB Guidance M-22-11: “construction materials” include an article, material, or supply (other than an item of primarily iron or steel; a manufactured product; cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; aggregate binding agents or additives; or non-permanent products) that is or consists primarily of:
 - non-ferrous metals,
 - plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables), (including optic glass),
 - lumber, and
 - drywall.

For example, a plate of glass would be a construction material under BABA, but a framed window that incorporates the glass into a frame would be a manufactured product. Another common construction material for water infrastructure projects would be polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe and fittings. However, if PVC components are incorporated into a more complex product such as instrumentation and control equipment or a water treatment unit, those items would be manufactured products.

- Q2.3: What are manufactured products (with examples)?
 - A2.3: From OMB Guidance M-22-11: “...all manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States—this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total

cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation...”

The manufactured products category would cover the majority of potential water infrastructure products, including complex products made up of a variety of material types and components. For water infrastructure projects, common manufactured products would include, but not be limited to, pumps, motors, blowers, aerators, generators, instrumentation and control systems, gauges, meters, measurement equipment, treatment equipment, dewatering equipment, actuators, and many other mechanical and electrical items.

- Q2.4: Which category will valves fall under for BABA? Will it differ from the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements?
 - A2.4: For programs that are subject to BABA and AIS (SRF, WIFIA, and Community Project Funding), projects using valves should classify them as iron and steel products under BABA as long as their material cost is made up of more than 50 percent iron and/or steel. Valves with 50 percent or less iron and/or steel by material cost would be considered manufactured products under the BABA requirements.

In accordance with OMB Guidance M-22-11, an article, material, or supply should be classified into only one of the three categories: iron and steel, manufactured products, or construction materials. Under the AIS requirements, all valves made primarily of iron and steel (that is, those with iron and/or steel material cost greater than 50 percent) must comply with the AIS requirements. For BABA, EPA interprets Section IV of OMB Guidance M-22-11 to mean that iron and steel products are those items that are primarily iron and steel, the same as for the AIS requirements.

- Q2.5: Does EPA have a list of products to be classified as “Iron and Steel” under BABA?
 - A2.5: Although this list is not comprehensive, the following products were classified as AIS products if made primarily (more than 50 percent) of iron and/or steel by materials cost (for programs subject to both AIS and BABA, this list would be equivalent for “iron and steel” items or products under either requirement):

Products likely made “primarily” of iron and steel to be classified as <u>Iron and Steel</u> under BABA		
Lined and Unlined Pipe	Lined and Unlined Fittings	Tanks
Flanges	Pipe Clamps and Restraints	Structural Steel
Valves	Hydrants	Pre-Cast, Iron/Steel Reinforced Concrete (of all types, regardless of iron/steel content percentage)
Manhole Covers and other Municipal Castings	Access Hatches	Ballast Screens
Iron or Steel Benches	Bollards	Cast Bases
Cast Iron Hinged Hatches	Cast Iron Riser Rings	Catch Basin Inlets
Cleanout/Monument Boxes	Construction Covers and Frames	Curb and Corner Guards

Products likely made “primarily” of iron and steel to be classified as <u>Iron and Steel</u> under BABA		
Curb Boxes	Curb Openings	Curb Stops
Detectable Warning Plates	Downspout Shoes	Drainage Grates
Drainage Grate Frames and Curb Inlets	Inlets	Junction Boxes
Lampposts	Manhole Rings and Frames	Manhole Risers
Meter Boxes	Service Boxes	Steel Hinged Hatches
Steel Riser Rings	Trash Receptacles	Tree Grates
Tree Guards	Trench Grates	Valve Boxes
Valve Box Covers and Risers	Access Ramps	Aeration Pipes and Fittings (separate from aeration/blowers)
Angles	Backflow Preventers/Double Check Valves	Baffle Curtains
Iron or Steel Bar	Bathroom Stalls	Beam Clamps
Cable Hanging Systems	Clarifier Tanks	Coiled Steel
Column Piping	Concrete Reinforcing Bar, Wire, and Fibers	Condensate Sediment Traps
Corrugated Pipe	Couplings	Decking
Digester Covers	Dome Structures	Door Hardware
Doors	Ductwork	Expansion Joints
Expansion Tanks (diaphragm, surge, and hydropneumatics)	Fasteners	Fencing and Fence Tubing
Fire Escapes	Flanged Pipe	Flap Gates
Framing	Gate Valves	Generic Hanging Brackets
Grating	Ground Testing Boxes	Ground Test Wells
Guardrails	HVAC Registers, Diffusers, and Grilles	Joists
Knife Gates	Ladders	Lifting Hooks, J-bar, Connectors within, and Anchors for Concrete
Lockers	Man Baskets and Material Platforms	Manhole Steps
Mud Valves	Municipal Casting Junctions	Non-mechanical (aka stationary) Louvers and Dampers
Overhead Rolling Doors/ Uplifting Doors (manual open, no motor)	Pipe Connectors	Pipe Hangers
Pipe Pilings (any type of steel piling)	Pipe Spool (pipe, flanges, connectors, etc.)	Pipe Supports
Pitless Adaptors	Pre-fab Steel Buildings/Sheds (simple structure, unfurnished)	Pre-stressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe (PCCP)
Railings	Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) Valves	Roofing
Service Saddles	Sheet Piling	Sinks (not part of eyewash systems)
Solenoid Valves	Stairs	Static Mixers
Stationary Screens	Surface Drains	Tapping Sleeves
Telescoping Valves	Tipping Buckets	Trusses
Tubing	Valve Stem Extensions	Valve Stems (excluding handwheels and actuators)
Wall Panels	Wall Sleeves/Floor Sleeves	Welding Rods
Well Casing	Well Screens	Wire
Wire Cloth	Wire Rod	Wire Rope and Cables

Q2.6: Does EPA have a list of products that could be made “primarily” of iron and steel but would be classified as “manufactured products” under BABA?

A2.6: Although this list is not comprehensive, the following products would be considered “manufactured products” under the BABA requirements, even if the item might be composed primarily of iron and steel by materials cost (Note: These items are not subject to the AIS requirements.):

Products likely made “primarily” of iron and steel to be classified as <u>Manufactured Products</u> under BABA		
Actuator Superstructures/ Support Structures	Aeration Nozzles and Injectors	Aerators
Analytical Instrumentation	Analyzers (e.g., ozone, oxygen)	Automated Water Fill Stations
Blowers/Aeration Equipment	Boilers, Boiler Systems	Chemical Feed Systems (e.g., polymer, coagulant, treatment chemicals)
Chemical Injection Quills	Chemical Injectors	Clarifier Mechanisms/Arms
Compressors	Controls and Switches	Conveyors
Cranes	Desiccant Air Dryer Tanks	Dewatering Equipment
Dewatering Roll-offs	Disinfection Systems	Drives (e.g., variable frequency drives)
Electric/Pneumatic/Manual Accessories Used to Operate Valves (such as electric valve actuators)	Electrical Cabinetry and Housings (such as electrical boxes/enclosures)	Electrical Conduit
Electrical Junction Boxes	Electronic Door Locks	Elevator Systems (hydraulic, etc.)
Emergency Life Systems (including eyewash stations, emergency safety showers, fire extinguishers, fire suppression systems including sprinklers /piping/valves, first aid, etc.)	Exhaust Fans	Fall Protection Anchor Points
Fiberglass Tank w/Appurtenances	Filters (and appurtenances, including underdrains, backwash systems)	Flocculators
Fluidized Bed Incinerators	Galvanized Anodes/Cathodic Protection	Gear Reducers
Generators	Geothermal Systems	Grinders
Heat Exchangers	HVAC (excluding ductwork)	HVAC Dampers (if appurtenances to aerators/blowers)
HVAC Louvers (mechanical)	Intake and Exhaust Grates (if appurtenances to aerators/blowers)	Instrumentation
Laboratory Equipment	Ladder Fall Prevention Systems	Ladder Safety Posts
Lighting Fixtures	Lightning and Grounding Rods	Mechanical or Actuated Louvers/Dampers
Membrane Bioreactor Systems	Membrane Filtration Systems	Metal Office Furniture (fixed)
Meters (including flow, wholesale, water, and service connection)	Motorized Doors (unit)	Motorized Mixers
Motorized Screens (such as traveling screens)	Motors	Pelton Wheels
Pipeline Flash Reactors (similar to injectors)	Plate Settlers	Precast Concrete without Iron/Steel Reinforcement

Products likely made “primarily” of iron and steel to be classified as <u>Manufactured Products</u> under BABA		
Furnished Pre-fab Buildings (such as furnished with pumps, mechanics inside)	Presses (including belt presses)	Pressure Gauges
Pump Cans/Barrels and Strainers	Pumps	Mechanical Rakes
Safety Climb Cable	Sampling Stations (unless also act as hydrant)	Scrubbers
Sensors	Sequencing Batch Reactors (SBR)	Steel Shelving (fixed)
Slide and Sluice Gates	Spray Header Units	Steel Cabinets (fixed interior/furniture)
Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Systems	Tracer Wire	Valve Manual Gears, Actuators, Handles
Voltage Transformer	Water Electrostatic Precipitators (WESP)	Water Heaters
Weir Gates		

- Q2.7: Is asphalt paving a covered product under BABA?
 - A2.7: No. EPA interprets Section 70917(c) of the IIJA to exclude asphalt from BABA requirements. Asphalt paving is a type of concrete composed of an aggregate material mixed with a binder (bitumen). EPA considers asphalt concrete to be excluded by section 70917(c) due to its similarities with cement and cementitious materials.

SECTION 3: CO-FUNDING

- Q3.1: If projects are co-funded with funding mechanisms that don’t require BABA, must the entire project comply with BABA?
 - A3.1: Yes. Any project that is funded in whole or in part with federal assistance must comply with the BABA requirements, unless the requirements are otherwise waived. A “project” consists of all construction necessary to complete the building or work regardless of the number of contracts or assistance agreements involved so long as all the contracts and assistance agreements awarded are closely related in purpose, time, and place. This precludes the intentional splitting of projects into separate and smaller contracts or assistance agreements to avoid BABA’s applicability on some portions of a larger project, particularly where the activities are integrally and proximately related to the whole. However, there are many situations in which major construction activities are clearly undertaken in separate phases that are distinct in purpose, time, or place, in which case, separate contracts or assistance agreements would carry separate requirements.

- Q3.2: How will project requirements be determined for co-funded projects subject to potentially different general applicability/programmatic waiver conditions (such as different adjustment period waivers)?
 - A3.2: OMB Guidance M-22-11 addresses cases with project co-funding from separate programs. EPA would apply the guidance’s “cognizant” program determination to projects that are co-funded with different general applicability/programmatic waivers. For instance, if a project were co-funded between WIFIA and SRF and the majority of the Federal funding for the project is from WIFIA, then WIFIA would be the “cognizant” program for application and determination of waivers. In that case, any conditions from an applicable WIFIA waiver would apply.

SECTION 4: WAIVERS

- Q4.1: Who may apply for a waiver and how do you apply?
 - A4.1: Assistance recipients and their authorized representatives may apply for a project-specific waiver. EPA does not accept waiver requests from suppliers, distributors, or manufacturers unless the assistance recipient endorses and submits the request on its own behalf to the funding authority. In the case where multiple programs are providing federal funds to the project, the assistance recipient should submit the waiver request to the cognizant program, the one providing the greatest amount of federal funds for the project. For information on applying for cost waivers, see questions 4.4 and 4.5. For information on the SRF program roles and responsibilities, see question 7.6.

Project-specific waiver requests should generally include: (1) a brief summary of the project, (2) a description and explanation of the need for the waiver for the product(s) in question, (3) a brief summary of the due diligence conducted in search of domestic alternatives (which could include correspondence between assistance recipient and supplier/distributors), (4) the quantity and materials of the product(s) in question, (5) all engineering specifications and project design considerations relevant to the product(s) in question, (6) the approximate unit cost of items (both foreign and domestic) in addition to an estimated cost of the materials and overall project, (7) the date any products will be needed on site in order to avoid significant project schedule disruptions, and (8) any other pertinent information relevant to EPA’s consideration of the waiver (e.g., if relevant for SRF projects: whether the project is designated as an equivalency project, the date the plans and specifications were submitted to the state, the date of construction initiation, expected date of project completion, any special considerations such as local zoning and building ordinances, seismic requirements, or noise or odor control requirements).

In the case of indirect federal assistance, such as the SRF programs, the state authority reviews and conveys the waiver request to EPA. States should submit waiver requests to the appropriate program waiver request inbox. For SRF projects, please use CWSRFWaiver@epa.gov or DWSRFWaiver@epa.gov.

- Q4.2: Can an assistance recipient request a waiver based on a specification written for a specific brand or model of product (that is, a specification that names a branded item or model)?
 - A4.2: In most cases, performance-based specifications are expected and required for the majority of infrastructure projects funded by EPA’s financial assistance programs. In rare cases where “branded” or product-specific sourcing may be included in project specifications, it is suggested that the specifications include the item in question (that is, not simply a catalog page, but also materials of construction, sizing, quantities, and applicable engineering performance design characteristics for the project, etc.) in addition to the standard phrase “or equal.” For the purposes of product alternative market research, EPA will evaluate the BABA requirements based on performance-based engineering specifications for the product(s) in question. If the project’s specifications do not include performance-based specifications, or at least an “or equal” designation, EPA will base its research on an “or equal” designation using best professional judgment to the extent practicable.

- Q4.3: If a manufactured product is not readily available domestically, will EPA provide short-term “limited availability” product waivers?
 - A4.3: EPA will address the unavailability of domestic products through the waiver process, including potential national short-term waivers for specific products, if appropriate. To the extent practicable and with the intent to maximize domestic market and supply chain development, EPA intends to address issues of broad product unavailability with targeted, time-limited, and conditional waivers, as prescribed in OMB Guidance M-22-11. EPA will follow its robust and thorough product research processes (those put into place for the AIS requirements for the SRF and WIFIA programs and expanded for the new BABA requirements) to identify and determine those products for which proposed national/general applicability waivers may be appropriate.

- Q4.4: What information is needed when applying for a cost waiver under BABA?
 - A4.4: As part of the cost waiver request, the assistance recipient must demonstrate that implementation of the BABA requirements will increase the overall project cost more than 25 percent. Depending on the circumstances of the overall project cost increases, documentation to justify the cost waiver can vary but may include itemized cost estimates or bid tabulations comparing project costs with and without BABA implementation. Assistance recipients should begin assessing the potential cost impacts of the BABA requirements during the design phase of a project.

- Q4.5: Can administrative costs associated with tracking and verification of certifications be considered when determining if the cost of a project increases by 25 percent or more?
 - A4.5: Yes. Section 70914(b)(3) of the IIJA states that a waiver may be provided if the overall cost of the project increases by more than 25 percent due to the “inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States.” EPA interprets this to mean that the “inclusion” of the BABA-covered products could encompass

reasonable administrative costs associated with complying with the BABA requirements, such as staff, contractor, and technological resources to collect and track BABA compliance documentation.

- Q4.6: How can assistance recipients and construction contractors address product delivery delays?
 - A4.6: Assistance recipients should reasonably plan for material procurement to account for known potential supply chain issues or extended lead times and shall notify the funding authority well in advance of the issues so that prompt attention can be given to explore options. Where extended lead times for compliant products are impacting project schedules and may significantly impact construction progress, timely communication with the funding agency is important. For products that are unavailable within a reasonable timeframe to meet the objectives and schedule of a project, EPA may consider a non-availability waiver with adequate justification. An assistance recipient would need to apply for the waiver and contact its funding authority (such as EPA and/or a state) to initiate the waiver process.

SECTION 5: DOCUMENTING COMPLIANCE

- Q5.1: Who will be responsible for BABA enforcement?
 - A5.1: Responsibility for BABA implementation applies at all levels, from manufacturers to suppliers and distributors, construction contractors, assistance recipients, and funding authorities.

The manufacturers have responsibility to provide adequate and accurate documentation of the products manufactured. If suppliers and distributors are involved, they are responsible for passing along compliance documentation for products supplied to projects that are subject to the BABA requirements.

The assistance recipient and their representatives are primarily responsible for ensuring the documentation collected for products used on the project is sufficient to document compliance with the BABA requirements.

The funding authority is responsible for providing oversight and guidance as needed to ensure the proper implementation of the requirements. The Uniform Grants Guidance (UGG) (Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200) applies to many Federal financial assistance agreements that will include BABA requirements. The general provisions of 2 CFR Part 200 determine the responsible party for the grant funding authority.

For information on SRF program roles and responsibilities, see question 7.6.

At all levels, where fraud, waste, abuse, or any violation of the law is suspected, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) should be contacted immediately. The OIG can be reached at 1-888-546-8740 or OIG_Hotline@epa.gov. More information can be found at this website: <http://www.epa.gov/oig/hotline.htm>.

- Q5.2: When will the BABA requirements be assessed for compliance? Do assistance recipients need to have waivers for potential non-domestic products before assistance agreements are in place, at the time products are procured or products are incorporated into the project (i.e., used)?
 - A5.2: Compliance is assessed where the domestic product is used (or installed) at the project site. Proper compliance documentation, whether it is a BABA certification letter or a waiver, should accompany a product prior to its “use”, in accordance with Section 70914(a) of IIJA. This may occur prior to assistance agreements being in place but is not necessary. Additionally, communication of BABA requirements through appropriate Terms and Conditions in financial assistance agreements and in project solicitation and contract documents is key in ensuring all parties involved are informed of the requirements for the project before construction is underway.

- Q5.3: How can product compliance with the BABA requirements be demonstrated?
 - A5.3: Assistance recipients and their representatives should ensure that the products delivered to the construction site are accompanied by proper documentation that demonstrate compliance with the law and be made available to the funding authority upon request. The documentation may be received and maintained in hard copy, electronically, or could be embedded in construction management software. The use of a signed certification letter for the project is the most direct and effective form of compliance documentation for ensuring products used on site are BABA-compliant prior to their installation; however, other forms of documentation are also acceptable as long as collectively, the following can be demonstrated:
 - (1) Documentation linked to the project. For example, this can be in the form of the project name, project location, contract number, or project number.
 - (2) Documentation linked to the product used on the project. For example, description of product(s) (simple explanation sufficient to identify the product(s)), or an attached (or electronic link to) purchase order, invoice, or bill of lading.
 - (3) Documentation includes statement attesting that the products supplied to the assistance recipient are compliant with BABA requirement. Reference to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”) or the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) are also acceptable. For iron and steel items under BABA, references to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements are also acceptable and reciprocal with BABA for such items.
 - (4) Documentation that manufacturing occurred in the United States, which could include, for example, the location(s) of manufacturing for each manufacturing step that is being certified. It is acceptable for manufactured products to note a single point of manufacturing, documenting that the final point of manufacturing is in the United States. Note that each BABA category may require different determinations for compliance.
 - (5) Signature of company representative (on company letterhead and signature can be electronic). The signatory of the certifying statement affirms their knowledge of the manufacturing processes for the referenced product(s) and attests that the product meets the BABA requirements.

In addition to compliance documentation, assistance recipients or their representatives should also conduct a visual inspection of the product when it arrives to the project site, especially for iron and steel products which are often stamped with the country of origin. (Note: A country of origin stamp alone is not sufficient verification of compliance with BABA and assistance receipts should not rely on it to ensure compliance.)

EPA may develop alternative procedures for demonstrating compliance. Additional project- or program-specific instructions may be developed on a case-by-case basis in order to meet individual circumstances.

- Q5.4: Will EPA provide a form or template for tracking and documenting compliance?
 - A5.4: EPA does not require a specified format for tracking or documenting compliance. Assistance recipients are free to develop any system (from simple to complex software) for tracking items used on the project and the accompanying compliance documentation, e.g., certification letters, applicable waivers, if it helps with implementation and compliance. Elements that may help with keeping track of compliance may include: product description, quantity required/used, product category (i.e., iron and steel, manufactured product, or construction material), status of obtaining certification letter, product cost, and whether the item might qualify as *de minimis*, or qualify under another applicable waiver.
- Q5.5: If a manufacturer claims to comply with the Buy American Act, does it also comply with BABA?
 - A5.5: No. With the exception of the AIS requirements – which EPA interprets to be equivalent to the “iron and steel” requirements under BABA – EPA does not have an interpretation about the comparability of other domestic preference requirements relative to BABA. Any products that are to be certified as compliant with BABA should include a specific reference to the BABA requirements and appropriate attestation from a responsible manufacturing company official. See Question 5.3 for EPA’s recommendations for BABA certification letters.
- Q5.6: How will assistance recipients manage certification letters for hundreds, possibly thousands of products?
 - A5.6: EPA recognizes that the new BABA requirements will cover most products used in typical water and wastewater infrastructure projects, and that the number of items which may require certification at large and/or complex projects may reach several hundred. EPA is concerned about the potential administrative burden that this would place on assistance recipients. EPA recommends that projects with a high number of potentially covered products meet with their funding authority about potential compliance strategies to minimize burden and streamline compliance activity. Assistance recipients should prepare contract bid solicitation documents with a statement for the consulting engineers and construction firms as follows: “By signing payment application and recommending payment, Contractor certifies they have reviewed documentation for all products and materials submitted for payment, and the documentation is sufficient to demonstrate compliance with Build America,

Buy America Act requirements.” In most cases, the assistance recipient’s representatives may assume the responsibility for their clients to conduct due diligence on compliance with applicable domestic preference requirements.

- Q5.7: Who is responsible for documenting the 55 percent content requirement for manufactured products under BABA? What if the final manufacturer cannot trace or verify domestic origin for all components?
 - A5.7: The manufacturer who signs a certification letter is responsible for documenting compliance with any of the three categories of products (iron and steel, manufactured products, or construction materials). For manufactured products, BABA requires that greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product be from domestic sources. EPA recommends that the certification letter for manufactured products document whether the item passes the content test in the final product along with a statement attesting to compliance with the BABA requirements for manufactured products.
- Q5.8: How do final product fabricators document compliance when the final step of manufacturing may be simply assembling components?
 - A5.8: It is acceptable, in many cases, especially for highly complex manufactured products that utilize many sub-components, for the final point of assembly to certify without using a “step certification” process. Multiple certifications (i.e., step certifications) or a singular certification can be used for a product, as long as the certifying official is willing to attest to the product’s compliance with BABA requirements at all stages of manufacturing.
- Q5.9: Will Material Test Reports be acceptable in lieu of a BABA certification for iron and steel?
 - A5.9: Material Test Reports (MTRs, commonly referred to as “Mill Certifications” or “Mill Certs”) provide the chemical composition of steel and iron from a mill or foundry. If an MTR accompanies the delivery of steel or iron to a project site with an invoice or bill of lading, EPA will consider it sufficient to demonstrate compliance (equivalent to a certification letter) as long as the MTR includes a manufacturer representative’s signature in addition to the location (city and state) of the mill/foundry. It is common for MTRs to be the first letter in a “step certification” if the product is further fabricated or painted, etc., by another manufacturer.
- Q5.10: Can a manufacturer use a fillable certification letter for products?
 - A5.10: EPA recommends that certifications be signed by representatives of the manufacturing entity. EPA does not oppose manufacturers using forms to internally develop letters within their company, thereby providing signed, non-manipulable certification letters to suppliers, distributors, and/or assistance recipients. A fillable form that can be changed by someone outside of the manufacturer after signature does not demonstrate compliance and may create compliance concerns for the manufacturer or assistance recipient.

- Q5.11: Are product certifications from suppliers and distributors allowed?
 - A5.11: EPA recommends that representatives of product manufacturers certify compliance and discourages suppliers and distributors from creating certification letters. EPA does not rule out the possibility that a third-party certification process, such as a certification by a distributor, may be viable. However, EPA is currently not aware of a system or proposed system that meets the EPA’s recommendations for documentation of product certification.
- Q5.12: How long should assistance recipients keep compliance documentation?
 - A5.12: Assistance recipients should apply recordkeeping requirements for the project according to the procedures dictated by the funding authority. For most EPA grant programs, this is prescribed in the UGG at 2 CFR 200.334-200.338; e.g., the SRF programs require a minimum of three years. Other funding programs may require longer documentation retention periods.

SECTION 6: PROGRAMS WITH AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL REQUIREMENTS

- Q6.1: Does BABA supersede the American Iron and Steel (AIS) Requirements?
 - A6.1: The BABA requirements for items considered “iron and steel” are equivalent to those for covered iron and steel products under the AIS requirements in the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. These requirements apply to the CWSRF, DWSRF, WIFIA, and Water infrastructure Community Grants. BABA includes a “Savings Provision” (Section 70917(b)) that states that BABA does not affect existing domestic content procurement preferences for infrastructure projects funded by Federal financial assistance programs that meet the requirements of section 70914. EPA views the AIS requirements as meeting the “iron and steel” product requirements of BABA Section 70914, as they both include the key requirement that items made of iron and steel be wholly manufactured in the United States from the point of melting and/or pouring the iron or steel components through final manufacturing step. Because of the “Savings Provision” of Section 70917, the AIS requirements satisfy the “iron and steel” requirements of BABA. For the programs that have AIS requirements, EPA intends to implement BABA requirements the same way for iron and steel items as it has done for AIS products.
- Q6.2: For iron and steel products, does a manufacturer need to demonstrate compliance from initial melting through the finished product?
 - A6.2: For iron and steel products, the BABA requirements are the same as the existing AIS requirements, in that all of the iron and steel in a covered product (that is, the product is comprised of more than 50 percent iron and steel by material cost) must be melted and poured in the United States and all subsequent manufacturing processes (such as grinding, rolling, bending, reheating, and casting) must occur in the United States.

Q6.3: Will EPA apply the same manufacturing standards for BABA iron and steel products as for the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements?

- A6.3: Yes. For AIS, EPA did not require raw materials used in the production of steel or iron to be domestically sourced. For BABA, EPA interprets the requirements to be the same. Hence, like AIS, raw materials in the production of iron and steel subject to BABA requirements would not need to be domestically sourced. The key step for both AIS and BABA domestic iron and/or steel production is the melting/pouring (that is, the location of the furnace), which must be in the United States.
- Q6.4: Will the certification process be similar to the process established for the American Iron and Steel requirements?
 - A6.4: EPA expects the certification process for the BABA requirements to be very similar to that established for the AIS requirements. For iron and steel products, the process should remain the same for AIS and BABA. EPA recommends for manufactured products and for construction materials that certification letters include direct reference to the product/material content requirements under BABA, in addition to an affirmative statement verifying that the product meets the BABA requirements.
- Q6.5: Will duplicate certification letters be required for AIS and BABA for iron/steel products?
 - A6.5: No. Compliance with BABA requirements will be sufficient to demonstrate compliance with AIS requirements for iron and steel products. If a project is subject to BABA, the only demonstration of compliance necessary is with the BABA requirements, of which the iron and steel requirements are equivalent to those of the AIS statutory requirements: the iron or steel in a product made primarily or predominantly of iron and steel (comprising more than 50 percent iron and steel by material cost) must be melted and/or poured in the United States and all subsequent manufacturing processes must occur in the United States.

SECTION 7: PROGRAM-SPECIFIC ISSUES

- Q7.1.: How do the BABA requirements apply to Community Grants?
 - A7.1: The Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending grants for the construction of drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure and for water quality protection are subject to the requirements specified in the explanatory statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act (Explanatory Statement for Division G of P.L. 117-13, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022). The explanatory statement asserts: “Applicable Federal requirements that would apply to a Clean Water State Revolving Fund or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund project grant recipient shall apply to a grantee receiving a CPF grant under this section.” Therefore, the federally funded Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending grants are subject to the same requirements that apply to CWSRF or DWSRF projects, including BABA and AIS requirements. See also A1.2.

- Q7.2: Should SRF projects covered by the BABA SRF Projects Design Planning Adjustment Period Waiver follow the same procedures for demonstrating compliance as outlined for American Iron and Steel requirements?
 - A7.2: Yes. The SRF Design Planning Adjustment Period waiver does not waive the iron and steel requirements under BABA. The SRF programs have existing domestic preference requirements for SRF projects under CWA Section 608 and SDWA Section 1452(a)(4) (AIS requirements) to use iron and steel products that are produced in the United States. Sections 70917(a) and (b) of BIL explain the application of BABA to existing domestic preference requirements. Specifically, the savings provision in Section 70917(b) states that existing domestic preference requirements that meet BABA requirements are not affected by BABA. The statutory AIS requirements were existing at the time BABA became law and satisfy the BABA iron and steel requirements. Therefore, the statutory AIS requirements that have previously applied to SRF-funded projects will continue to do so, and compliance with AIS requirements will satisfy the BABA iron and steel requirements. Demonstration of compliance for iron and steel products will follow the AIS implementation policies for projects subject to the waiver.

- Q7.3: For SRF programs, is BABA considered a federal cross-cutting authority? (i.e., do “equivalency” rules apply?)
 - A7.3: Yes, BABA is considered a federal cross-cutting requirement that applies to SRF assistance equivalent to the federal capitalization grant (i.e., “equivalency” projects). EPA’s SRF regulations at 40 CFR 35.3145 and 35.3575 require states and recipients of SRF funds equivalent to the amount of the federal capitalization grant to comply with federal cross-cutting requirements. Section 70914 of the IIJA, which states when a Buy America preference applies, explains that “none of the funds made available for a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure...may be obligated for a project unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.” Therefore, BABA only applies to projects funded in an amount equivalent to the federal capitalization grant and not to those projects receiving funds in excess of the capitalization grant (i.e., “non-equivalency” projects). (Note: The AIS requirements continue to apply for all SRF projects, including non-equivalency projects, and all WIFIA and Community Grant projects, because equivalency does not apply.)

- Q7.4: Do the BABA requirements apply to Drinking Water State Revolving Fund set-asides?
 - A7.4: Due to requirements related to the deposit of funds in the DWSRF program, almost all of the funds used to conduct set-aside activities are Federal dollars. Therefore, Federal cross-cutting requirements must be applied to all set-aside activities. However, in the case of most set-aside activities, the cross-cutting requirements will not be implicated because of the nature of the activities conducted under the set-asides. Because the BABA requirements only apply to infrastructure, and infrastructure typically is not an eligible set-aside expenditure (with one potential exception being loans for incentive-based source water protection

measures under the Local Assistance and Other State Programs Set-Aside), the BABA requirements will not apply to most set-aside activities.

- Q7.5: What if an SRF project is refinanced using Federal financial assistance on or after May 14, 2022?
 - A7.5: If an SRF project began construction, financed from another funding source, prior to May 14, 2022, but is refinanced through an assistance agreement executed on or after that date, BABA requirements will apply to all construction that occurs on or after May 14, 2022, through completion of construction, unless a waiver applies. There is no retroactive application of the BABA requirements where a refinancing occurs for an SRF project that has completed construction prior to May 14, 2022. (Note: If SRF funding is used for the refinancing, the AIS requirements may still apply depending on the timing of construction.)
- Q7.6: What are the roles and responsibilities for SRF programs for BABA implementation?
 - A7.6: Implementation of the BABA requirements for the State Revolving Fund programs will continue the roles and responsibilities from the successful AIS implementation process.

As with AIS, it is both the assistance recipient's and the state's responsibility to ensure compliance with the BABA requirements. The state is the recipient of a federal capitalization grant and must comply with all grant conditions, including a condition requiring adherence to BABA requirements.

Consequently, states are strongly advised to conduct site visits of projects during construction and review documentation demonstrating the assistance recipient's proof of compliance. In EPA's experience, most states conduct periodic site visits and arrange timely meetings with funded projects. Observed best practices typically include a meeting early in the process (sometimes before bid and usually prior to commencing construction) and at least one project site visit during the construction process. Assistance recipients must maintain documentation of compliance with the BABA requirements, as explained in question 5.3. The documents must be kept by the assistance recipient and should be reviewed by the state during project reviews.

The state's role in the waiver process is to review any waiver requests submitted to the state to ensure that all necessary information has been provided by the assistance recipient prior to forwarding the request to EPA. If a state finds the request lacking, the state should work with the assistance recipient to help obtain complete information. Question 4.1 explains the information needed by EPA to expediently review a waiver request.

In order to implement the BABA requirements, EPA has developed an approach for effective and efficient implementation of the waiver process to allow projects to proceed in a timely manner. The framework described below will allow states, on behalf of the assistance recipients, to apply for waivers of the BABA requirements directly to EPA Headquarters. Only waiver requests received and/or endorsed from states will be considered. Pursuant to BABA, EPA has the responsibility to make findings as to the issuance of waivers to the BABA requirements.

Step-by-step SRF Waiver Process

The waiver process begins with the assistance recipient. To fulfill the BABA requirements, the assistance recipient must in good faith design the project (where applicable) and solicit bids for construction with American-made iron and steel, manufactured goods, and construction materials. It is essential that the assistance recipient include the BABA terms in any request for proposals or solicitations for bids, and in all contracts (see Appendix 2 for sample construction contract language). The assistance recipient may receive a waiver at any point before, during, or after the bid process, if one or more of three statutory conditions is demonstrated to EPA and approved.

To apply for a project-specific waiver, the assistance recipient should email the request in the form of a Word document (.doc) or editable PDF (.pdf) to the funding program. It is strongly recommended that each state identify a person or persons for BABA communications. The state designee(s) will review the application for the waiver and determine whether the necessary information has been included (Note: More information may be provided in the future regarding what information is required to be included in waiver requests). Once the waiver application is complete, the designee will forward the application to CWSRFWaiver@epa.gov or DWSRFWaiver@epa.gov.

Evaluation by EPA

After receiving an application for waiver of the BABA requirements and ensuring sufficient information was provided, EPA will publish the request on its website for 15 days and receive public comment. EPA will then determine whether the application properly and adequately documents and justifies the statutory basis cited for the waiver.

In the event that EPA finds that adequate documentation and justification has been submitted, the Administrator may grant a waiver to the assistance recipient. EPA will notify the state designee whether a waiver request has been approved or not approved as soon as such a decision has been made. Granting such a waiver is a four-step process:

1. Research – After receiving an application for a waiver, EPA will perform market research to determine whether the iron, steel, manufactured goods, or construction materials are available domestically.
2. Posting – After research, if no domestic product has been identified, EPA is required to publish the application and all material submitted with the application on EPA's website for 15 days. During that period, the public will have the opportunity to review the request and provide informal comment to EPA. The website can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/build-america-buy-america-baba-waivers-open-public-comment>.
3. Evaluation – After receiving an application for waiver of the BABA requirements, EPA will determine whether the application properly and adequately documents and justifies the statutory basis cited for the waiver to determine whether or not to grant the waiver.

3. Signature of waiver approval by the Administrator or another agency official with delegated authority – As soon as the waiver is signed and dated, EPA will notify the State SRF program and post the signed waiver on the Agency’s website. The assistance recipient should keep a copy of the signed waiver in its project files.

(Note: Additional steps may be required in the future regarding the waiver process depending on additional guidance from OMB)

APPENDIX 1

Example Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act Construction Contract Language

ALL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS MUST HAVE A CLAUSE REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH THE BABA REQUIREMENTS. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN A PROJECT'S CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. EPA MAKES NO CLAIMS REGARDING THE LEGALITY OF THIS CLAUSE WITH RESPECT TO STATE OR LOCAL LAW:

The Contractor acknowledges to and for the benefit of the _____ (“Owner”) and the _____ (the “Funding Authority”) that it understands the goods and services under this Agreement are being funded with federal monies and have statutory requirements commonly known as “Build America, Buy America;” that requires all of the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project to be produced in the United States (“Build America, Buy America Requirements”) including iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials provided by the Contactor pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor hereby represents and warrants to and for the benefit of the Owner and Funding Authority (a) the Contractor has reviewed and understands the Build America, Buy America Requirements, (b) all of the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project will be and/or have been produced in the United States in a manner that complies with the Build America, Buy America Requirements, unless a waiver of the requirements is approved, and (c) the Contractor will provide any further verified information, certification or assurance of compliance with this paragraph, or information necessary to support a waiver of the Build America, Buy America Requirements, as may be requested by the Owner or the Funding Authority. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, any failure to comply with this paragraph by the Contractor shall permit the Owner or Funding Authority to recover as damages against the Contractor any loss, expense, or cost (including without limitation attorney’s fees) incurred by the Owner or Funding Authority resulting from any such failure (including without limitation any impairment or loss of funding, whether in whole or in part, from the Funding Authority or any damages owed to the Funding Authority by the Owner). If the Contractor has no direct contractual privity with the Funding Authority, as a lender or awardee to the Owner for the funding of its project, the Owner and the Contractor agree that the Funding Authority is a third-party beneficiary and neither this paragraph (nor any other provision of this Agreement necessary to give this paragraph force or effect) shall be amended or waived without the prior written consent of the Funding Authority.

APPENDIX 2

Example Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act Assistance Agreement Language

ALL FEDERAL FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS MUST HAVE A CLAUSE REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH THE BABA REQUIREMENTS. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT (E.G., SRF LOAN AGREEMENT). EPA MAKES NO CLAIMS REGARDING THE LEGAL SUFFICIENCY OF THIS CLAUSE WITH RESPECT TO STATE LAW:

Comply with all federal requirements applicable to the assistance received (including those imposed by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”), Public Law No. 117-58) which the Participant understands includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements: that all of the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the Project are to be produced in the United States (“Build America, Buy America Requirements”) unless (i) the Participant has requested and obtained a waiver from the cognizant Agency¹¹ pertaining to the Project or the Project is otherwise covered by a general applicability waiver; or (ii) all of the contributing Agencies have otherwise advised the Participant in writing that the Build America, Buy America Requirements are not applicable to the Project.

Comply with all record keeping and reporting requirements under all applicable legal authorities, including any reports required by the funding authority (such as EPA and/or a state), such as performance indicators of program deliverables, information on costs and project progress. The Participant understands that (i) each contract and subcontract related to the Project is subject to audit by appropriate federal and state entities and (ii) failure to comply with the applicable legal requirements and this Agreement may result in a default hereunder that results in a repayment of the assistance agreement in advance of the maturity of the Bonds, termination and/or repayment of grants, cooperative agreements, direct assistance or other types of financial assistance, and/or other remedial actions.

¹¹ From OMB Guidance M-22-11: To avoid a need for duplicative waiver requests from entities that receive funding for one infrastructure project through multiple Federal agencies, the Federal agency contributing the greatest amount of Federal funds for the project should be considered the “Cognizant Agency for Made in America” and should take responsibility for coordinating with the other Federal awarding agencies. Such coordination will provide uniform waiver criteria and adjudication processes, minimize duplicative efforts among Federal agencies, and reduce burdens on recipients. The Cognizant Agency for Made in America shall be responsible for consulting with the other Federal awarding agencies, publicizing the proposed joint waiver, and submitting the proposed joint waiver for review to MIAO.