CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

THIS CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between NORTH TEXAS BRIDGE CO., INC a TEXAS corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), and COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (hereinafter referred to as "County" or "OWNER"), to be effective from and after the date hereinafter provided.

For and in consideration of the covenants and agreements contained herein, and for the mutual benefits to be obtained hereby, the parties hereto agree as follows:

CONTRACT SUM

The County shall pay the Contractor in current funds for the performance of the work, subject to additions and deductions by Change orders as provided in the Contract Documents. The contract sum shall be the amount of Three Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Zero Cents ($342,873.00).

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Construction Agreement, having been previously approved by the Commissioners' Court of Collin County, Texas, shall be effective upon the date of delivery and execution by Contractor, provided the County executes the same within five (5) consecutive calendar days after said delivery and execution by Contractor.

I. CONTRACT GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 DEFINITIONS

Words which have well-known technical or construction industry meanings shall have their commonly understood meanings in the Contract Documents, unless a different meaning is stated in the Contract Documents. The following words and expressions, or pronouns used in their place, shall wherever they appear in this contract be construed as follows, unless a different meaning is clear from the context:

Addendum, Bulletin or Letter of Clarification: Any additional contract provisions, or change, revisions or clarification of the Contract Documents issued in writing by the OWNER, to prospective bidders prior to the receipt of bids.

Contract or Contract Documents: The written agreement covering the performance of the work. The Contract and Contract Documents include this written Construction Agreement between OWNER and CONTRACTOR, Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Requests for Proposal, all Addenda, the Specifications, including the general and supplemental special and technical conditions; Drawings, provisions, plans or working drawings — and any supplemental changes or agreements pertaining to the Work or materials therefor; and bonds and any additional documents incorporated by reference in the above.

CONTRACTOR: The person, persons, partnership, firm, corporation, association or organization, or any combination thereof, entering into the contract for the execution of the work, acting directly or through a duly authorized representative.

Other CONTRACTORS: Any contractor, other than the CONTRACTOR or his subcontractors, who has a direct contact with the OWNER for work on or adjacent to the site of the work.

Contract Work or Work: Everything expressly or impliedly required to be furnished and done by the CONTRACTOR by the Contract Documents.

Engineer: The term "Engineer" means the Engineer or his duly authorized representative. The Engineer shall be understood to be the engineer of the OWNER, and nothing contained in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual or agency relationship between the Engineer and the CONTRACTOR.

Architect: The term "Architect" means the Architect or his duly authorized representative. The Architect shall be understood to be the Architect of the OWNER, and nothing contained in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual or agency relationship between the Architect and the CONTRACTOR.

Extra Work: Work other than that which is expressly or impliedly required by the Contract Documents at the time of the execution of the contract.

Change Order: A written order to the CONTRACTOR authorizing and directing an addition, deletion or revision in the work within the general scope of the Contract Documents, or authorizing an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract time.

Contract Price: The total amount of money payable to the CONTRACTOR under the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents. When used in such context, it may also mean the unit price of an item of work under the Contract terms.

OWNER'S Representative: The Architect or Engineer or other duly authorized assistant, agent, engineer, inspector or superintendent acting within the scope of their particular duties.

Drawings or Contract Drawings: Those drawings that are the graphic and pictorial portions of the Contract Documents showing the design, location and dimensions of the Work, including but not limited to, the plans, elevations, sections, details, schedules, diagrams, any bulletin, or any detailed drawing furnished by the OWNER, pertaining or supplemental thereto.

Specifications: Those portions of the Contract Documents that specify the requirements for materials, equipment, systems, standards and workmanship for performance of the Work, and related services.

Inspector: Any representative of the OWNER designated to inspect the work.

Materialman or Supplier: Any subcontractor contracting with the CONTRACTOR, or any of his subcontractors, to fabricate or deliver or who actually fabricates or delivers materials, supplies or equipment to be consumed or incorporated into the Work.

Notice: Written notice effective the date of the postmark thereon, or if hand delivered, effective the date of hand delivery.

OWNER: COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, a political subdivision of the State of Texas. The term OWNER means the OWNER or its authorized representative.

Payment Bond: A bond in the amount of the Contract executed by a corporate surety in accordance with all Texas Law, including but not limited to, Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code and Chapter 3503 of the Texas Insurance Code, for public works projects as security furnished by the CONTRACTOR and his sureties soley for the protection of payment bond beneficiaries supplying labor and materials in the prosecution of the Contract Work.

Performance Bond: A bond in the amount of the Contract executed by a corporate surety in accordance with all Texas Law, including but not limited to, Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code and Chapter 3503 of the Texas Insurance Code, for public works projects as security furnished by the CONTRACTOR and his sureties soley for the protection of the Owner; conditioned on the faithful performance of the Contract Work in accordance with the plans, specification, and Contract Documents.

Maintenance Bond: A bond executed by a corporate surety for 10% of the Contract Price that complies with all Texas Laws, including but not limited to, Chapter 3503 of the Texas Insurance Code, guaranteeing the prompt, full and faithful performance of the general guaranty and warranty contained in the Contract Documents, and Texas Law.

Project: The total construction of the work described in the Contract Documents performed by the Contractor, Other Contractor or the Owner in whole or part.

Proposal: The written statement or statements duly submitted to the OWNER by the person, persons, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation proposing to do the Work contemplated, including the approved form on which the formal bids for the Work are to be proposed.

Plan, or Plans: The plans are the drawings or reproductions therefrom made by the Owner or Owner's Representative and approved by the Owner showing the dimensions, location, design and position of the various elements of the Project and

Work, including plans, elevations, sections, details, schedules, diagrams, working drawings, preliminary drawings, and such supplemental drawings as the Owner may issue to clarify other drawings or for the purpose of showing changes in the Contract Work authorized by the Owner, or for showing details not shown therein.

Special Provisions or Conditions: The special clauses of the Contract, or Contract Documents, setting forth conditions or requirements peculiar to the specific Project involved, supplementing the standard or general specifications and taking precedence over any conditions or requirements of the standard or general specifications with which they are in conflict.

Specifications or Contract Specifications: All of the general, special and technical conditions or provisions, and all addendum or supplements thereto consiting of written requirements for materials, equipment, systems, standards and performance of the work.

Site: The area upon or in which the CONTRACTOR'S operations are carried on, and such other areas adjacent thereto as may be designated as such by the OWNER.

Subcontractors: Any persons, firm or corporation, other than employees of the CONTRACTOR, who or which contracts with the CONTRACTOR to furnish, or who actually furnishes, labor and/or materials and equipment at or about the site.

Sureties: The corporate bodies which are bound by such bonds as are required with and for the CONTRACTOR. The sureties engaged to be responsible for the entire and satisfactory fulfillment of the Contract and for any and all requirements as set out in the specifications, Contract or plans.

The Work: All work including the furnishing of all labor, materials, tools, equipment, required submittals and incidentals to be performed by the CONTRACTOR under the terms of the Contract.

Directed, Required, Approved and Words of Like Import: Whenever they apply to the Work or its performance, the words "directed," "required," "permitted," "ordered," "designated," "established," "prescribed" and words of like import used in the Contract, specifications or upon the drawings shall imply the direction, requirement, permission, order, designation or prescription of the OWNER; and "approved," "acceptable," "satisfactory" and words of like import shall mean approved by, acceptable to or satisfactory to the OWNER.

Equal: Materials, articles or methods which are of equal or higher quality than those specified or shown on the drawings and as further defined in the "or equal" clause. Substitution of Materials shall be determined by the Architect or Engineer at his or her discretion, and approved by the Owner.

Working Time, Completion Time or Contract Time: The time set forth in the Contract for the performance and completion of the Work contracted for. The time may be expressed as calendar days, working days or a specific date.

Calendar Day or Days: Any successive days of the week or month, no days being excepted.

Working Day: A working day is defined as a calendar day not including Saturdays, Sundays or those legal holidays as specified in the list prepared by the OWNER for contract purposes. Nothing in this definition shall be construed as prohibiting the CONTRACTOR from working on Saturdays if he so desires, however permission of the OWNER shall be necessary if the CONTRACTOR chooses to work on Saturday. Work on Sundays shall not be permitted without the written permission of the OWNER. If Saturday or Sunday work is permitted, working time shall be charged on the same basis as week days. Where the working time is expressed as calendar days or a specific date, the concept of working days shall no longer be relevant to the contract.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

1.2 The parties agree that the Contract Documents shall consist of the following documents in addition to any other documents referenced or incorporated herein:

A. This written Construction Agreement, including any changes or modifications;

B. All addenda including the following listed and numbered addenda:
Addendum No. 1 dated _____ Received _____

C. Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidder, The Invitation to Bid and Bid Form;

D. The Special/Supplemental Conditions;

E. The Specifications and the Project Drawings (if any);

F. The Construction Details shown on plans;

G. The Standard Specifications and Standard Drawings from the Public Works Construction Standards-North Central Texas Council of Governments, 2004 edition and all subsequent addendums;

H. The Texas Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets and Bridges, as adopted by the Texas Department of Transportation on June 1, 2004, hereinafter referred to as the "Texas Standard Specifications";

I. The Performance Bond in the sum of ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) of the total Contract Price;

J. The Payment Bond in the sum of ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) of the total Contract Price; and,

K. The Maintenance Bond in the sum of TEN PERCENT (10%) of the total Contract Price.

1.2.1 PRIORITY OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

These Contract Documents (A through K above) form the Construction Agreement and are a part of this Construction Agreement as if fully set forth herein. In the event of an inconsistency in any of the provisions of the Contract Documents, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence to the Contract Documents in the order in which they are listed above.

1.2.2 THE CONTRACT

The Contract Documents form the Contract. The Contract represents the entire integrated agreement between the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR and supercedes all prior negotiations, and representations by either party.

1.3 CORRELATION AND INTENT OF DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents are complementary and what is called for by any one shall be as binding as if called for by all. The intent of the documents, unless otherwise specifically provided, is to produce complete and finished work, which the CONTRACTOR undertakes to do in full compliance with the Contract Documents. It is not intended to mention every item of work in the specifications which can be adequately shown on the drawings nor to show on the drawings all items of work described or required by the specifications. All materials or labor for work shown on the drawings or reasonably inferable therefrom as being necessary to produce a finished job shall be provided by the CONTRACTOR whether or not same is expressly covered in the specifications. No verbal conversation, understanding or agreement with any officer or employee or agent of the OWNER, either before or after the execution of the Contract, shall affect or modify any of the terms, conditions or obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

1.3.1 CONTRACT DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The OWNER shall furnish the CONTRACTOR one copy of the Contract Drawings and any supplemental drawings and specifications reasonably necessary for the proper execution of the work. At least one copy of all drawings and specifications shall be accessible at all times to the OWNER at the job site.

1.3.2 SUPPLEMENTAL DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS

In order to carry out the intent of the Contract Documents and to assist the CONTRACTOR in performing its work, the OWNER, after the execution of the Contract, may, by supplemental drawings, specifications or otherwise, furnish additional information or instructions as may be necessary for construction purposes.

All such supplemental drawings, specifications or instructions are intended to be consistent with the Contract Documents and reasonably inferable therefrom. Therefore, no extra costs shall be allowed by the OWNER on a claim that particular supplemental drawings, specifications or instructions differ from the requirements of the Contract Documents, incurring extra costs, unless the CONTRACTOR has first brought the matter, in writing, to the OWNER'S attention for adjustment before proceeding with the work covered by such.

If the OWNER decides that there is no departure from the requirements of the Contract Documents, the CONTRACTOR shall then proceed with the work as shown, specified or directed. If the OWNER shall decide that extra work is involved, he shall so modify the supplemental drawings, specifications or instructions to eliminate the extra work, or cause a written Change Order to be issued in accordance with the Contract Documents.

1.3.3 ERRORS AND CORRECTIONS IN DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The CONTRACTOR shall not take advantage of any apparent errors, omissions or discrepancies in the drawings or specifications; and the Architect or Engineer shall be permitted to make such corrections or interpretations as may be necessary for the fulfillment of the intent of the Contract Documents. In case of any errors, omissions or discrepancies in the drawings or specifications, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly submit the matter to the OWNER or OWNER'S Representative in writting who, in turn, shall promptly make a determination and issue the necessary instructions in writing. Any adjustment by the CONTRACTOR without this determination and instructions shall be at the CONTRACTOR'S own risk and expense. The Work is to be made complete as intended by the Contract Documents.

1.3.4 EXISTING STRUCTURES

The plans show the general locations of some known surface and subsurface structures. The locations of many gas mains, water mains, conduits, sewers, other utilities, etc., however, are unknown, and the OWNER assumes no responsibility for failure to show any or all of these structures on the plans or to show them in their exact locations. It is mutually agreed that such failure shall not be considered sufficient basis for claims for additional compensation for Extra Work or for increasing the pay quantities in any manner whatsoever. The CONTRACTOR shall be soley responsible for locating all gas mains, water mains, conduits, sewers, other utilities etc., so as to perform the Work without damaging the same.

II. THE WORK

2.1 SCOPE OF WORK

Contractor shall provide all labor, supervision, materials, and equipment necessary to perform all work required by the Contract Documents in connection with IFB 02180-10, Construction, Bridge: County Road 638 over Sabine Creek

2.2 CHANGE OR MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

2.2.1 ALTERATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The OWNER reserves the right to make such changes in the plans and specifications and in the character of the work as may be necessary or desirable to insure completion in the most satisfactory manner, provided such changes do not materially alter the original plans and specifications or change the general nature of the Work as a whole. Such changes shall not be considered as waiving or invalidating any condition or provision of the Contract or bonds. Such changes shall be issued by the Architect or Engineer.

2.2.2 INCREASED OR DECREASED QUANTITIES OF WORK

The OWNER reserves the right and may from time to time, by written order, and without notice to any surety, make changes in the quantity or time of performance of the Work, as may be considered necessary or desirable and such changes shall not be considered as waiving or invalidating any conditions or provisions of the Contract or bonds. The CONTRACTOR shall perform all the Contract Work in strict compliance with the Contract Documents, and shall not make any changes to the Work without prior written authorization from the OWNER, in the form of a written Change Order. If such changes increase or decrease either the cost or the time necessary for the performance of the Work, then the parties will mutually agree upon an equitable adjustment to the price or time to perform the Work pursuant to the terms of the Contract.

2.2.3 EXTRA WORK/CHANGE ORDERS

When any work is necessary to the proper completion of the Project and for which no prices are provided for in the Bid or Proposal and Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall do such work, but only when and as ordered in writing by the OWNER. The OWNER may order changes in the Work without invalidating Contract. Payment for Extra Work shall be made as provided herein. Contractor agrees that overhead and profit for Extra Work shall not exceed 10% of the total cost of the Extra Work. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any additional funds for any work or extra work performed on the Project, unless a Change Order is issued and

signed by the Owner. The CONTRACTOR shall perform the work as altered, whether increased or decreased, and no allowances shall be made for anticipated profits. Nothing in this section shall give rise to any claims for any delay or acceleration damages, and the CONTRACTORS sole remedy for any delays in the Project shall remain an equitiable extention of time as provided for in the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees to waive all rights or claims for compensation for any additional or other work not specifically authorized by the OWNER.

2.3 DISPUTED WORK AND CLAIMS FOR ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION

If the CONTRACTOR is of the opinion that (a) the work necessary or required to accomplish the result intended by this Contract, or (b) any work ordered to be done as Contract Work by the OWNER is extra work or additional work and not Contract Work, or (c) any determination or order of the OWNER violates the terms and provisions of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly, either before proceeding with such work or complying with such order or determination, notify the OWNER in writing of his contentions with respect thereto and request a final determination thereof.

Such determination of the OWNER shall be given in writing to the CONTRACTOR. If the OWNER determines that the work in question is Extra Work and not Contract Work, or that the order complained of requires performance by the CONTRACTOR beyond that required by the Contract or violates the terms and provisions of the Contract, thereupon the OWNER shall cause either (a) the issuance of a written Change Order covering the Extra Work as provided herein, or (b) the determination or order complained of to be rescinded or so modified so as to not require performance beyond that required by the terms and provisions of the Contract.

If the OWNER determines that the work in question is Contract Work and not Extra Work, or that the determination or order complained of does not require performance by the CONTRACTOR beyond that required by the Contract or violate the terms and provisions of the Contract, he shall direct the CONTRACTOR to proceed, and the CONTRACTOR must promptly comply. In order to reserve his right to claim compensation for such work resulting from such compliance, however, the CONTRACTOR must, within 20 calendar days after receiving the OWNER'S determination and direction, notify the OWNER in writing that the work is being performed, or that the determination and direction is being complied with, under protest.

If the CONTRACTOR fails to so appeal to the OWNER for a determination or, having so appealed, should the CONTRACTOR thus fail to notify the OWNER in writing of his protest, the CONTRACTOR shall be deemed to have waived any claim for extra compensation or damages therefore. No oral appeals or oral

protests, no matter to whom made, shall be deemed even substantial compliance with the provisions of this item.

In addition to the foregoing requirements, the CONTRACTOR shall, upon notice from the OWNER, produce for examination and audit at the CONTRACTOR'S office, by the representatives of the OWNER, all his books and records showing all of his acts and transactions in connection with contractual performance as well as relating to or arising by reason of the matter in dispute. At such examination a duly authorized representative of the CONTRACTOR may be present.

Unless the aforesaid requirements and conditions are complied with by the CONTRACTOR, the OWNER shall be released from all claims arising under, relating to or by reason of disputed work or extra work. It is further stipulated and agreed that no conduct on the part of the OWNER or any agent or employee of the OWNER shall ever be construed as a waiver of the requirements of this section, when such requirements constitute an absolute condition precedent to any approval of any claim for extra compensation, notwithstanding any other provisions of the Contract Documents; and in any action against the OWNER to recover any sum in excess of the contract amount, the CONTRACTOR must allege and prove strict compliance with the provisions of this section. The CONTRACTOR ASSUMES THE RISK OF NONPAYMENT, for failing to comply with any of the requirements of this section.

III. CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND ASSURANCES.

In consideration of, and to induce the award of this contract to him, the CONTRACTOR represents and warrants: (a) That he is financially solvent, and sufficiently experienced and competent to perform the work; (b) That the facts stated in the proposal and the information given by him pursuant to the bidding documents are true and correct in all respects; (c) That he has read, understood and complied with all the requirements set forth in the bidding documents; (d) That he is familiar with and understands all laws and regulations applicable to the work; and (e) unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Contract Documents, the CONTRACTOR shall do all the Work and shall furnish all the tools, equipment, machinery, materials, labor and appliances, except as herein otherwise specified, necessary or proper for performing and completing the work required by this Contract, in the manner and within the time herein prescribed.

By executing the contract, the CONTRACTOR represents that he has visited the site of Work, has fully familiarized himself with the local and on-site conditions under which the work is to be performed and has correlated his observation with the requirements of the Contract Documents. In addition, the CONTRACTOR represents that he has satisfied himself as to subsurface conditions at the site of the

Work. Information, data and representations contained in the Contract Documents pertaining to the conditions at the site, including subsurface conditions, are for information only and are not warranted or represented in any manner to accurately show the conditions at the site of the Work. The CONTRACTOR agrees that he shall make no claims for damages, additional compensation or extension of time against the OWNER because of encountering actual conditions in the course of the Work which vary or differ from conditions or information contained in the Contract Documents. All risks of differing subsurface conditions shall be borne solely by the CONTRACTOR.

The CONTRACTOR shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents and shall at once report to the OWNER any error, inconsistency or omission he may discover. The CONTRACTOR shall perform no portion of the Work at any time without Contract Documents or, where required, approved shop drawings, product data or samples for such portion of the work.

3.1.1 SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA AND SAMPLES

A. Shop drawings are drawings, diagrams, schedules and other data specially prepared for the work by the CONTRACTOR or any subcontractor, manufacturer, supplier or distributor to illustrate some portion of the Work.

B. Product data are illustrations, standard schedules, performance charts, instructions, brochures, diagrams and other information furnished by the CONTRACTOR to illustrate a material, product or system for some portion of the work.

C. Samples are physical examples which illustrate materials, equipment or workmanship and establish standards by which the work shall be judged.

D. the CONTRACTOR shall provide, review, approve and submit to the Architect or Engineer with reasonable promptness and in such sequence as to cause no delay in the Work or in the work of the OWNER or any separate contractor, all shop drawings, product data and samples required by the Contract Documents. The Work will be performed in accordance with submittals approved by the Architect or Engineer. The CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved responsibility for deviations from the requirements of the Contract Documents by errors or ommisions by the OWNER, Architect or Engineer in approving Shop Drawings, Product Data, samples or any other submittals.

E. By approving and submitting shop drawings, product data and samples, the CONTRACTOR represents that he has determined and verified all materials, field measurements, and field construction criteria related

thereto, or shall do so, and that he has checked and coordinated the information contained within such submittals with the requirements of the Work and of the Contract Documents.

F. As the Architect's or Engineer's review is only for general conformance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, the CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of responsibility for any deviation from the requirements of the Contract Documents by the Architect's or Engineer's approval of shop drawings, product data or samples unless the CONTRACTOR has specifically informed the Architect and Engineer in writing of such deviation at the time of submission and the Architect and Engineer have given written approval to the specific deviation. The CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved from responsibility for errors or omissions in the shop drawings, product data or samples by the Architect's or Engineer's approval thereof. The CONTRACTOR shall direct specific attention, in writing or on resubmitted shop drawings, product data or samples, to revisions other than those requested by the Architect or Engineer on previous submittals.

G. the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for delays caused by rejection of the submittal of inadequate or incorrect shop drawings, product data or samples. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for seeing that any "approved" copies of shop drawings bearing the approval of the Architect or Engineer are allowed on the job site. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for providing all copies of approved shop drawings necessary for the construction operations.

H. the CONTRACTOR shall keep adequate records of submittal and approvals so that an accurate up-to-date record file is maintained at the job site at all times.

I. No portion of the work requiring submission of a shop drawing, product data or sample shall be commenced until the submittal has been approved by the Architect or Engineer. All such portions of the work shall be in accordance with approved submittals.

3.1.2 SURETY BONDS

With the execution and delivery of the contract, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish and file with the OWNER in the amounts herein required, the surety bonds specified hereunder. Without exception, the OWNER'S bond forms, attached hereto as Section 00610 and 00611 must be used, and exclusive venue for any lawsuit in connection with such bonds shall be specified as the county in which the OWNER'S principal office is located. Such surety bonds shall be in accordance with Texas Law, including but not limited to,

the provisions of Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code and Chapter 3503 of the Texas Insurance Code. These bonds shall automatically be increased by the amount of any change order or supplemental agreement which increases the contract price with or without notice to the surety, but in no event shall a change which reduces the contract amount reduce the penal amount of such bonds.

A. Performance Bond. A good and sufficient bond in an amount not less than 100 percent of the total amount of the Contract Price guaranteeing the full and faithful execution of the Work and performance of the Contract in accordance with the plans, specifications and Contract Documents, including any extensions thereof, for the protection of the OWNER. This bond shall provide for the repair and/or replacement of all defects due to faulty materials and workmanship that appear within a period of one year from the date of completion and acceptance of the improvement by the OWNER or such lesser or greater period as may be designated in the Contract Documents.

B. Payment Bond. A good and sufficient bond in an amount not less than 100 percent of the total amount of the Contract Price guaranteeing the full and proper protection of all payment bond beneficiaries and claimants supplying labor and material in the prosecution of the work provided for in said Contract and for the use of each claimant.

C. Maintenance Bond. A good and sufficient bond in an amount not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the Contract Price guaranteeing the project against defects.

D. Sureties. No sureties shall be accepted by the OWNER who are now in default or delinquent on any bonds or who are interested in any litigation against the OWNER. All bonds shall be made on forms furnished by the OWNER and shall be executed by not less than one corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of Texas and acceptable to the OWNER. The sureties shall be listed in the most current Federal Register Treasury List. Each bond shall be executed by the CONTRACTOR and surety. Each surety shall designate an agent resident in the OWNER'S jurisdictional area acceptable to the OWNER to whom any requisite notices may be delivered and on whom service of process may be had in matters arising out of such suretyship. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all sureties.

E. Additional or Substitute Bonds. If at any time the OWNER is or becomes dissatisfied with any surety, then upon the performance or payment bond, the CONTRACTOR shall, within five days after notice from the OWNER to do so, substitute an acceptable bond (or bonds), or

provide an additional bond, in such form and sum and signed by such other surety or sureties as may be satisfactory to the OWNER. The premiums on such bonds shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR without recourse to the OWNER. No further payments under the contract shall be deemed due or payable until the substitute or additional bonds shall have been furnished and accepted by the OWNER.

3.1.3 PERMITS AND FEES

The CONTRACTOR shall secure and pay for all building permits and other permits and governmental fees, licenses and inspections necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work which are normally and legally required for the construction of similar projects in the State of Texas. The CONTRACTOR will give all notices required by laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and lawful orders of authorized public authorities required for the proper and legal performance of the Work.

3.14 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AT SITE

The CONTRACTOR shall keep and maintain at the Project site one record copy of the Contract Documents, including but not limited to, the Drawings, Specifications, addenda, Change Orders, submittals, Product Data, Samples and other modifications, in good order and marked to show the current construction of the Project. These documents shall be available to the OWNER, Architect or Engineer to review at any time and shall be submitted to the OWNER upon completion of the Project, along with a complete set of as built drawings.

3.2 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

3.2.1 PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK

In addition to those matters elsewhere expressly made the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR shall have the full and direct responsibility for the performance and completion of the Work under this Contract and for any act or neglect of the CONTRACTOR, his agents, employees or subcontractors. He shall bear all losses, if any, resulting on account of the amount and character of the Work, or because the conditions under which the work must be done are different from what were estimated or anticipated by him, or because of weather, floods, elements or other causes.

3.2.2 MEANS AND METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION

Unless otherwise expressly provided in the contract drawings, specifications or bulletins, the means and methods of construction shall be such as the CONTRACTOR may choose; subject, however, to the OWNER'S right to prohibit means and methods proposed by the CONTRACTOR which in the OWNER'S judgment:

A. shall constitute a hazard to the Work, or to persons or property, or shall violate express requirements of applicable laws or ordinances; or
B. shall cause unnecessary or unreasonable inconvenience to the public; or
C. shall not produce finished work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents; or
D. shall not assure the Work to be completed within the time allowed by the contract.

The OWNER'S approval of the CONTRACTOR'S means or methods of construction, or the OWNER'S failure to exercise his right to prohibit such means or methods, shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR of his responsibility for the Work or of his obligation to accomplish the result intended by the Contract Documents; nor shall the exercise or non-exercise of such rights to prohibit create a cause of action for damages or provide a basis for any claim by the CONTRACTOR against the OWNER. The CONTRACTOR shall be soley responsible for, the construction means and methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, and for the safety precautions and programs in conection with the Work or the Project.

If the Contract Documents specify any means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, the CONTRACTOR shall evaluate said specifications and determine that they are safe for the proper prosecution of the Work. The CONTRACTOR shall be soley responsible for the job site safety of such means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures. If the CONTRACTOR determines the the specified means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures may not be safe, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the OWNER and Architect or Engineer and shall not proceed without further instructions.

3.2.3 CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

The CONTRACTOR, immediately after being awarded the contract, shall prepare and submit for the OWNER, and Architect or Engineer's information an estimated progress schedule for the work. The progress schedule shall be related to the entire Project to the extent required by the Contract Documents and shall provide for expeditious and reasonable execution of the work, not to exceed the time limits for completion

provided in the Contract Documents. The progress schedule shall be updated as the Work proceeds or the schedule changes and immediately upon request by the OWNER. The CONTRACTOR shall also prepare a schedule of submittals that allows for a reasonable time for the OWNER, Architect or Engineer to review the submittals so as not to delay the Project.

3.2.4 TIME OF PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK

The CONTRACTOR shall begin the work to be performed under this Contract not later than 10 days from the date specified in the purchase or work order and shall conduct the work in such a manner and with sufficient equipment, material and labor as is necessary to insure its completion within the working time. It is the intent of this specification to provide a continuous construction operation without delay except as occasioned by unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the CONTRACTOR, and it shall be the CONTRACTOR's responsibility to execute the work in the most expeditious manner.

Work shall be done only during the regular and commonly accepted and prescribed working hours. No work shall be done on nights, Sundays or regular holidays unless permission is given by the OWNER

Time is of the Essence for the performance of the Work by the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR agrees that the time allotted for the performance of the Work is reasonable.

3.2.5 PERFORMANCE OF EXTRA OR DISPUTED WORK

While the CONTRACTOR or his subcontractor is performing Extra Work in accordance with the OWNER'S written order, the cost of which is to be determined on a time and material basis, or is performing disputed work or complying with a determination or order under protest, the CONTRACTOR shall, on the Monday following the performance of the work, furnish the OWNER'S representative at the site with three copies of verified statements showing:

A. the name and number of each workman employed on such extra work or engaged in complying with such determination or order, the character of extra work each is doing and the wages paid to him, including the rate and amount of payroll taxes, contributions for insurance, and federal social security; and

B. the nature, cost and quantity of any materials, plant equipment or construction equipment furnished or used in connection with the

performance of such extra work or in complying with such determination or order, and from whom purchased or rented.

The CONTRACTOR and his subcontractors, when required by the OWNER, must also produce for inspection and audit by designated OWNER representatives, any and all of his books, vouchers, records, daily job diaries and reports, canceled checks, etc. showing the nature and quantity of labor, materials and equipment actually used in the performance of the extra work; the amounts expended therefore; and the costs incurred for insurance premiums and other items of expense directly chargeable to such extra work. The CONTRACTOR must permit the OWNER'S representatives to make extracts therefrom or copies thereof as may be desired.

Failure of the CONTRACTOR to comply strictly with the requirements of this section shall constitute a waiver of any claim for extra compensation on account of the performance of such extra work.

3.3 QUALITY OF WORK

3.3.1 INSPECTION AND TESTS

The CONTRACTOR shall furnish the OWNER with every reasonable accommodation and opportunity to ascertain whether or not the work performed is in accordance with the requirements and intent of the plans and specifications. Any work done or materials used without suitable inspection by the OWNER may be ordered removed and replaced at the CONTRACTOR'S expense. The CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved from his obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents either by the activities or duties of the OWNER in his administration of the contract, or by inspections, tests or approvals required or performed by persons other than the CONTRACTOR.

Unless otherwise provided, the CONTRACTOR shall make arrangements for all tests, inspections and approvals with an independent testing laboratory or entity required by the Contract Documents or by laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of public authorities having jurisdiction over the Work or items to be tested, inspected or approved. If additional testing or inspection is required they shall be performed at the CONTRACTOR'S expense.

3.3.2 REMOVAL OF DEFECTIVE AND UNAUTHORIZED WORK

All work which has been rejected or condemned shall be repaired, or if it cannot be repaired satisfactorily, it shall be removed and replaced at the

CONTRACTOR'S expense. Defective materials shall be immediately removed from the site of the work. Work done without line and grade having been given, work done beyond the lines or not in conformity with the grades shown on the plans or as given, save as herein provided, work done without written authority and prior agreement in writing as to process, shall be done at the CONTRACTOR'S risk and shall be considered unauthorized and at the option of the OWNER may be ordered removed at the CONTRACTOR'S expense.

Upon failure of the CONTRACTOR to repair satisfactorily or to remove and replace, if so directed, rejected, unauthorized or condemned work or materials immediately after receiving notice form the OWNER, the OWNER shall, after giving written notice to the CONTRACTOR, have the authority to cause defective work to be remedied or removed and replaced, or to cause unauthorized work to be removed and to deduct the cost thereof from any monies due or to become due the CONTRACTOR. Alternatively, the OWNER may, at its option, declare the CONTRACTOR in default.

3.3.3 WORKING AREA; COORDINATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS; FINAL CLEANUP

The CONTRACTOR shall confine his equipment, storage of materials and construction operations to the area shown on the contract drawings or stated in the specifications, prescribed by ordinance, laws, or permits or as may be directed by the OWNER, and shall not unreasonably encumber the site or public right-of-way with his construction equipment, plant or materials.

Such area shall not be deemed for the exclusive use of the CONTRACTOR. Other contractors of the OWNER may enter upon and use such portions of the area and for such items as determined by the OWNER are necessary for all purposes required by their contracts. The CONTRACTOR shall give to such other contractors all reasonable facilities and assistance to the end that the work on this and other contracts shall not be unduly or unreasonably delayed. Any additional areas desired by the CONTRACTOR for his use shall be provided by him at his own cost and expense.

The CONTRACTOR is responsible for cutting, fitting or patching any parts of the Work where such work is necessary to make the Work complete, for parts to fit together, or for any damage to the Work prior to Final Acceptance.

The CONTRACTOR shall keep the Project and the surrounding area clean and free from the accumulation of waste materials or trash. Upon completion of the work and before final acceptance and final payment shall be made, the CONTRACTOR shall completely clean and remove from the site of the work surplus and discarded materials, temporary structures and debris of every kind. He shall leave the site of the work in a neat and orderly condition equal to that which originally existed, or as called for in the Contract Documents. Surplus and waste materials removed from the site of the work shall be disposed of at locations satisfactory to the OWNER, and at the CONTRACTOR'S sole cost.

3.4 LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

3.4.1. PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS

The CONTRACTOR shall pay all royalties and license fees and shall provide, by suitable legal agreement with the patentee or owner, for the use of any design, device, material or process covered by letters, patent or any copyright. The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, hold and save the OWNER and its officers, employees and agents harmless from all liability and claims for infringement of any patent or copyright.

In the event that any claims, suit or action at law or in equity of any kind whatsoever is brought against the OWNER, or its officers, employees or agents involving any such patents, copyrights or license rights, then the OWNER shall have the right to and may retain from any money due or to become due to the CONTRACTOR such sum deemed necessary by the OWNER for its protection until such claim or suit shall have been settled and satisfactory evidence to that effect shall have been furnished the OWNER.

3.4.2 INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the CONTRACTOR and his sureties shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the OWNER and all of its, past, present and future, officers, agents and employees from all suits, cause of action, claims, liabilities, losses, fines, penalties, liens, demands, obligations, actions, proceedings, of any kind, character, name and description brought or arising, on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, destruction or damage to any property on account of, in whole or part, the operations of the CONTRACTOR, his agents, employees or subcontractors; or on account of any negligent act or fault of the CONTRACTOR, his agents, employees or subcontractors in the execution of said Contract; failing to comply with any law, ordinance, regulation, rule or order of any governmental or regulatory body including

those dealing with health, safety, welfare or the environment; on account of the failure of the CONTRACTOR to provide the necessary barricades, warning lights or signs; and shall be required to pay any judgment, with cost, which may be obtained against the OWNER growing out of such injury or damage. In no event shall OWNER be liable to CONTRACTOR for indirect or consequential damages or loss of income or profit irrespective of the cause, fault or reason for same. CONTRACTOR'S duty to indemnify herein shall not be limited by any limitation on the type or amount of damages payable by or for CONTRACTOR or any Subcontractor under workman's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or any other employee benefit acts.

In addition, the CONTRACTOR likewise covenants and agrees to, and does hereby, indemnify and hold harmless the OWNER from and against any and all injuries, loss or damages to property of the OWNER during the performance of any of the terms and conditions of this Contract, arising out of or in connection with or resulting from, in whole or in part, any and all alleged acts or omissions of officers, agents, servants, employees, contractors, subcontractors, licenses or invitees of the CONTRACTOR.

The rights and responsibilities provided in this indemnification provision shall survive the termination or completion of this Contract.

3.5 SUPERVISION AND CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES

3.5.1. SUPERVISION BY CONTRACTOR

The status of the CONTRACTOR is that of an independent CONTRACTOR under Texas law and the work under this Contract shall be under the direct charge and superintendence of the CONTRACTOR. Except where the CONTRACTOR is an individual and gives his personal superintendence to the work, the CONTRACTOR shall provide a competent superintendent or general foreman on the work site at all times during progress with full authority to act for the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall also provide an adequate staff for the coordination and expediting of the Work.

The superintendent and staff shall be satisfactory to the OWNER. The superintendent or general foreman shall not be changed during this Contract except with the written consent of the OWNER or unless the superintendent or general foreman proves unsatisfactory to the CONTRACTOR and ceases to be in his employ.

If the superintendent should be or become unsatisfactory to the OWNER, he shall be replaced by the CONTRACTOR upon written direction of the

OWNER, and in such event, the CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to file a claim for any additional working time or money from the OWNER.

3.5.2 EMPLOYEES

The CONTRACTOR shall employ only competent, efficient workmen and shall not use on the work any unfit person or one not skilled in the work assigned to him and shall at all times maintain good order among its employees. Whenever the OWNER shall inform the CONTRACTOR in writing that, in his opinion, any employee is unfit, unskilled, disobedient, or is disrupting the orderly progress of the work, such employee shall be removed from the work and shall not again be employed on it. Under urgent circumstances, the OWNER may orally require immediate removal of an employee for cause, to be followed by written confirmation.

The CONTRACTOR shall supervise and direct all the work, using his best skill and attention. He shall be solely responsible for all construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures and safety procedures and for coordinating all portions of the Work under the Contract. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to the OWNER for the acts and omissions of his employees, subcontractors and their agents, employees and subcontractors performing any of the work under a contract with the CONTRACTOR.

3.5.3 LABOR AND MATERIALS

Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the CONTRACTOR shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, water, heat, utilities, transportation and other facilities and services necessary for the proper execution and completion of the work, whether temporary or permanent and whether or not incorporated or to be incorporated into the work.

The CONTRACTOR shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among his employees and shall not employ on the work site any unfit person or anyone not skilled in the task assigned to him.

The rate of progress shall be such that the whole work shall be performed and the premises cleaned up in accordance with the Contract within the working time established in the Contract, unless an extension of time is made in the manner hereinafter specified.

3.5.4 WAGE SCALE

In accordance with The Texas Government Code, Title 10, Chapter 2258, Prevailing Wage Rates, the general prevailing wage rate has been

determined for this locality for the craft or type of workman needed to execute work of a similar character of the project listed herein. The Contractor shall pay the prevailing wage rate in this locality to all his/her employees and subcontractors performing work on this project, and in no event shall the Contractor pay less than the rate shown in the following schedule.

GENERAL DECISION: TX20080043 02/08/2008 TX43

Date: February 8, 2008
General Decision Number: TX20080043 02/08/2008

Superseded General Decision Number: TX20070045

State: Texas

Construction Types: Heavy and Highway

Counties: Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Grayson, Johnson,Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wichita Counties in Texas.

HEAVY AND HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN WICHITA COUNTY ONLY.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ONLY FOR REMAINING COUNTIES.

Modification Number	Publication Date
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	Rates	Fringes
Air Tool Operator	$ 10.06	0.00
Asphalt Distributor Operator	$ 13.99	0.00
Asphalt paving machine operator	$ 12.78	0.00
Asphalt Raker	$ 11.01	0.00
Asphalt Shoveler	$ 8.80	0.00
Batching Plant Weigher	$ 14.15	0.00
Broom or Sweeper Operator	$ 9.88	0.00
Bulldozer operator	$ 13.22	0.00
Carpenter	$ 12.80	0.00
Concrete Finisher, Paving	$ 12.85	0.00
Concrete Finisher, Structures	$ 13.27	0.00
Concrete Paving Curbing Machine Operator	$ 12.00	0.00
Concrete Paving Finishing Maching Operator	$ 13.63	0.00
Concrete Paving Joint Sealer Operator	$ 12.50	0.00
Concrete Paving Saw Operator	$ 13.56	0.00
Concrete Paving Spreader Operator	$ 14.50	0.00
Concrete Rubber	$ 10.61	0.00
Crane, Clamshell, Backhoe, Derrick, Dragline, Shovel Operator	$ 14.12	0.00

Electrician	$ 18.12	0.00
Flagger	$ 8.43	0.00
Form Builder/Setter, Structures	$ 11.63	0.00
Form Setter, Paving & Curb	$ 11.83	0.00
Foundation Drill Operator, Crawler Mounted	$ 13.67	0.00
Foundation Drill Operator, Truck Mounted	$ 16.30	0.00
Front End Loader Operator	$ 12.62	0.00
Laborer, common	$ 9.18	0.00
Laborer, Utility	$ 10.65	0.00
Mechanic	$ 16.97	0.00
Milling Machine Operator, Fine Grade	$ 11.83	0.00
Mixer operator	$ 11.58	0.00
Motor Grader Operator, Fine Grade	$ 15.20	0.00
Motor Grader Operator, Rough	$ 14.50	0.00
Oiler	$ 14.98	0.00
Painter, Structures	$ 13.17	0.00
Pavement Marking Machine Operator	$ 10.04	0.00
Pipelayer	$ 11.04	0.00
Reinforcing Steel Setter, Paving	$ 14.86	0.00
Reinforcing Steel Setter, Structure	$ 16.29	0.00
Roller Operator, Pneumatic, Self-Propelled	$ 11.07	0.00
Roller Operator, Steel Wheel, Flat Wheel/Tamping	$ 10.92	0.00
Roller Operator, Steel Wheel, Plant Mix Pavement	$ 11.28	0.00
Scraper Operator	$ 11.42	0.00
Servicer	$ 12.32	0.00
Slip Form Machine Operator	$ 12.33	0.00
Spreader Box operator	$ 10.92	0.00
Tractor operator, Crawler Type	$ 12.60	0.00
Tractor operator, Pneumatic	$ 12.91	0.00
Traveling Mixer Operator	$ 12.03	0.00
Truck driver, lowboy-Float	$ 14.93	0.00
Truck driver, Single Axle, Heavy	$ 11.47	0.00
Truck driver, Single Axle, Light	$ 10.91	0.00
Truck Driver, Tandem Axle, Semi-Trailer	$ 11.75	0.00
Truck Driver, Transit-Mix	$ 12.08	0.00
Wagon Drill, Boring Machine, Post Hole Driller Operator	$ 14.00	0.00
Welder	$ 13.57	0.00
Work Zone Barricade Servicer	$ 10.09	0.00

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) (ii)).

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In the listing above, the "SU" designation means that
rates listed under the identifier do not reflect
collectively bargained wage and fringe benefit rates.
Other designations indicate unions whose rates have been
determined to be prevailing.
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Except for work on legal holidays, the "General Prevailing Rate of Per Diem Wage" for the various crafts or type of workers or mechanics is the product of (a) the number of hours worked per day, except for overtime hours, times (b) the above respective rate per hour.

For legal holidays, the "General Prevailing Rate of Per Diem Wage" for the various crafts or type of workers or mechanics is the product of (a) one and one-half times the above respective rate per hour, times (b) the number of hours worked on the legal holiday.

For overtime work, the "General Prevailing Rate of Per Diem Wage" for the various crafts or type of workers or mechanics is the product of (a) one and one-half times the above respective rate per hour, times (b) the number of hours worked on overtime.

Under the provisions of Texas Government Code, Title 10, Chapter 2258, Prevailing Wage Rates, the contractor or subcontractor of the contractor shall forfeit as a penalty to the entity on whose behalf the contract is made or awarded, sixty dollars ($60.00) for each calendar day, or portion thereof, that the worker is paid less than the wage rates stipulated in the contract.

If the construction project involves the expenditure of Federal funds in excess of $2,000, the minimum wages to be paid various classes of laborers and mechanics will be based upon the wages that will be determined by the Secretary of Labor to be prevailing for the corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on the project of a character similar to the Contract Work.

3.5.5 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The CONTRACTOR shall fully comply with all local, state and federal laws, including all codes, ordinances and regulations applicable to this Contract and the Work to be done thereunder, which exist or which may be enacted later by governmental bodies having jurisdiction or authority for such enactment.

All work required under this Contract is intended to comply with all requirements of law, regulation, permit or license. If the CONTRACTOR finds that there is a variance, he shall immediately report this to the OWNER for resolution.

3.5.5.1 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all local, state and federal employment and discrimination laws and shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or any other class protected by law.

3.5.6 RAILWAY CROSSINGS

Where the Work encroaches upon any right-of-way of any railway, the OWNER shall secure the necessary easement for the work. Where railway tracks are to be crossed, the CONTRACTOR shall observe all the regulations and instructions of the railway company as to methods of doing the work or precautions for safety of property and the public. All negotiations with the railway company, except for right-of-way, shall be made by the CONTRACTOR. The railway company shall be notified by the CONTRACTOR not less than five days prior to commencing the work. The CONTRACTOR shall not be paid separate compensation for such railway crossing but shall receive only the compensation as set out in the proposal.

3.5.7 OTHER CONTRACTORS; OBLIGATION TO COOPERATE

The OWNER reserves the right to perform construction on the Project with its own forces or may award other contracts for additional work on this Project, and the CONTRACTOR shall fully cooperate with such other contractors and shall coordinate and fit his work to be done hereunder to such additional work as may be contracted by the OWNER. The CONTRACTOR shall not commit or permit any act which shall interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor.

Upon receiving written notice from the CONTRACTOR that the OWNER or another contractor is failing to coordinate his work with the Work under this Contract as directed by the OWNER, the OWNER shall promptly investigate the charge and take such necessary action as the situation may require. However, the OWNER shall not be liable to the CONTRACTOR for damages suffered by the CONTRACTOR due to the fault or negligence of another contractor or through failure of another contractor to carry out the directions of the OWNER. Should any interference occur between contractors, the Architect or Engineer may furnish the CONTRACTOR with written instructions designating priority of effort, whereupon the CONTRACTOR shall immediately comply with such direction. In such event, the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to an extension of working time only for unavoidable delays verified by the Architect or Engineer;

however, no increase in the Contract Price shall be due the CONTRACTOR.

3.5.8 SUBCONTRACTS

The CONTRACTOR shall not make any subcontract for performing any portion of the Work included in the contract without written notice to the OWNER. This contract having been made pursuant to the bid submitted by the CONTRACTOR and in reliance with the CONTRACTOR'S personal qualifications and responsibility, the OWNER reserves the right to withhold approval of any subcontractor which the OWNER may deem would not be in the OWNER'S best interest.

The CONTRACTOR shall, as soon as practicable after signing the Contract, submit a separate written notice to the OWNER identifying each proposed subcontractor. Upon request of the OWNER, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly furnish additional information tending to establish that any proposed subcontractor has the necessary facilities, skill, integrity, past experience and financial resources to perform the work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.

If the OWNER determines that any proposed subcontractor is unacceptable, he shall so notify the CONTRACTOR, who may thereupon submit another proposed subcontractor unless the CONTRACTOR decides to do the work himself. Disapproval by the OWNER of any proposed subcontractor shall not provide a basis for any claim by the CONTRACTOR.

If an approved subcontractor fails to properly perform the work undertaken, he shall be removed from the job upon request of the OWNER, following notification to the CONTRACTOR in writing of the request for removal and the reasons therefore.

Each subcontract entered into shall provide that the provisions of this Contract shall apply to such subcontractor and his officers and employees in all respects as if he and they were employees of the CONTRACTOR. The OWNER'S decision not to disapprove of any subcontract shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR of any of his responsibilities, duties and liabilities hereunder. The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the acts, omissions, negligence or defaults of his subcontractors and of such subcontractor's officers, agents and employees, each of whom shall, for this purpose, be deemed to be the agent or employee of the CONTRACTOR to the extent of his subcontract.

The CONTRACTOR agrees to bind each subcontractor and each subcontractor agrees to be bound by the terms of the Contract Documents insofar as applicable to his work. The CONTRACTOR and each subcontractor jointly and severally agree that nothing in the Contract Documents or otherwise shall create or be deemed to create any rights in favor of a subcontractor against the OWNER; nor shall be deemed or construed to impose upon the OWNER any obligation, liability or duty to a subcontractor; or to create any contractual relation whatsoever between a subcontractor and the OWNER.

The provisions contained herein shall likewise apply to any sub-subcontracts.

3.6 PROTECTION OF WORK AND OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

3.6.1 PROTECTION OF WORK

During performance and up to date of final acceptance, the CONTRACTOR shall be under the absolute obligation to protect the finished work against any damage, loss or injury. In the event of such damage, loss or injury, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly replace or repair such work, whichever the OWNER shall determine to be preferable. The obligation to deliver finished work in strict accordance with the Contract prior to final acceptance shall be absolute and shall not be affected by the OWNER'S approval of or failure to prohibit means and methods of construction used by the CONTRACTOR. All risk of loss or damage to the work shall be borne solely by the CONTRACTOR until final completion and acceptance of all work by the OWNER, as evidenced by the OWNER'S issuance of a certificate of acceptance.

3.6.2 PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

The CONTRACTOR shall have the responsibility to provide and maintain all warning devices and take all precautionary measures required by law or otherwise to protect persons and property while said persons or property are approaching, leaving or within the work site or any area adjacent to said work site. No separate compensation shall be paid to the CONTRACTOR for the installation or maintenance of any warning devices, barricades, lights, signs or any other precautionary measures required by law or otherwise for the protection of persons or property.

The CONTRACTOR shall assume all duties owed by the OWNER to the general public in connection with the general public's immediate approach to and travel through the work site and the area adjacent to said work site.

Where the work is carried on in or adjacent to any street, alley, sidewalk, public right-of-way or public place, the CONTRACTOR shall at his own cost and expense provide such flagmen and watchmen and furnish, erect and maintain such warning devices, barricades, lights, signs and other precautionary measures for the protection of persons or property as may be prudent or necessary, or as are required by law. The CONTRACTOR'S responsibility for providing and maintaining flagmen, watchmen, warning devices, barricades, signs and lights and other precautionary measures shall not cease until the project shall have been completed and accepted by the OWNER, and shall cease when the certificate of acceptance is issued by the OWNER pursuant to the Contract Documents.

If the OWNER discovers that the CONTRACTOR has failed to comply with the applicable federal and state law (by failing to furnish the necessary flagmen, warning devices, barricades, lights, signs or other precautionary measures for the protection of persons or property), the OWNER may order the CONTRACTOR to take such additional precautionary measures as required by law to be taken to protect persons and property.

In addition, the CONTRACTOR shall be held responsible for all damages to the work and other public or private property due to the failure of warning devices, barricades, signs, lights or other precautionary measures in protecting said property; and whenever evidence is found of such damage, the OWNER may order the damaged portion immediately removed and replaced by and at the cost and expense of the CONTRACTOR.

3.6.3 SAFETY; TRENCH SAFETY; UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY; PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND SAFETY;

The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for complying with state laws and federal regulations relating to safety, trench safety, and underground utility safety, including those which may be enacted during the performance under this Contract. The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of the The Standard Specifications and Standard Drawings from the Public Works Construction Standards-North Central Texas Council of Governments, 2004 edition and all subsequent addendums and the Instructions to Bidders regarding trench safety, public convenience and safety, and sanitary provisions. The CONTRACTOR shall be soley responsible for, the construction means and methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, or for the safety precautions and programs in conection with the Work and the Project.

3.7 MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP; WARRANTIES AND GUARANTEES

Unless otherwise expressly provided in the contract drawings or specifications, the work shall be performed in accordance with the best modern practice with materials and workmanship of the highest quality and suitable for their purpose. The OWNER shall judge and determine the CONTRACTOR'S compliance with these requirements.

3.7.1 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

The CONTRACTOR shall be free to secure the approved materials, equipment and articles from sources of his own selection. However, if the OWNER finds that the work shall be delayed or adversely affected in any way because a selected source of supply cannot furnish a uniform product in sufficient quantity and at the time required and a suitable source does exist, or the product is not suitable for the Work, the OWNER shall have the right to require the original source of supply changed by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall have no claim for extra cost or damage because of this requirement.

The CONTRACTOR warrants to the OWNER that all materials and equipment furnished under this contract shall be new unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents and that same shall be of good quality and workmanship, free from faults and defects and in conformance with the Contract Documents. All materials and equipment not conforming to these requirements, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized, may be considered defective and shall be promptly repaired or replaced by the CONTRACTOR at the CONTRACTOR's sole cost upon demand of the OWNER. If required by the OWNER, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment.

3.7.1.1 "OR EQUAL" CLAUSE

A. Whenever a material or article required is specified or shown on the plans, by using the name of a proprietary product or of a particular manufacturer or vendor, any material or article which the Architect or Engineer determines shall perform adequately the duties imposed by the general design or which the Architect or Engineer deems to be of similar appearance (in cases where appearance is of importance) shall be considered equal and satisfactory, provided the material or article so proposed is of equal substance and function. Authorization for any substitution of materials or articles must be obtained by the CONTRACTOR from the Architect or Engineer before proceeding with such substitution.

B. Should an authorized substitution require redesign of a portion of the work or alterations to the plans or specifications in order for the materials or articles which are to be substituted to properly fit or in other ways to be satisfactory, the Architect or Engineer shall accomplish such redesigns and alterations. The CONTRACTOR shall bear all reasonable costs associated with redesign and alteration efforts performed by the Architect or Engineer.

3.7.2 WORKMANSHIP

The CONTRACTOR shall promptly correct or replace all work rejected by the OWNER as defective or as failing to conform to the Contract Documents whether observed before or after substantial completion and whether or not fabricated, installed or completed. The CONTRACTOR shall bear all costs of correcting such rejected work, including costs incurred for additional services made necessary thereby.

3.8 WARRANTIES

3.8.1 SPECIAL WARRANTY

If within one year after final acceptance of the work by the OWNER, as evidenced by the final certificate of acceptance or within such longer or shorter period of time as may be prescribed by law or by the terms of any other applicable special warranty on designated equipment or portions of work as required by the Contract Documents, any of the work is found to be defective or not in accordance with the Contract Documents, the CONTRACTOR shall correct it promptly after receipt of a written notice from the OWNER to do so. This obligation shall survive termination or completion of the Contract. The OWNER shall give such notice promptly after discovery of the condition.

The CONTRACTOR shall remove from the site all portions of the work which are defective or nonconforming and which have not been corrected unless removal is waived in writing by the OWNER.

3.8.2 SUBCONTRACTORS' AND MANUFACTURERS' WARRANTIES

All subcontractors', manufacturers' and suppliers' warranties and guarantees, express or implied, respecting any part of the work and any materials used therein, shall be obtained and enforced by the CONTRACTOR for the benefit of the OWNER without the necessity of separate transfer or assignment thereof.

3.8.3 CORRECTED WORK WARRANTY
Any work repaired or replaced, pursuant to this section, shall be subject to the provisions of this section to the same extent as work originally performed.

3.8.4 RIGHTS AND REMEDIES
The rights and remedies of the OWNER provided in this section are in addition to, and do not limit, any rights or remedies afforded to the OWNER by law or any other provision of the Contract Documents, or in any way limit the OWNER'S right to recovery of damage due to default under the Contract. No action or inaction by the OWNER shall constitute a waiver of a right or duty afforded it under the Contract.

IV. INSURANCE

4.1 CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE

Before commencing work, the CONTRACTOR and each subcontractor shall be required, at its own expense, to furnish the Collin County Purchasing Agent with certified copies of all insurance certificate(s) required by Texas Law, and the coverages required herein, indicating the coverage is to remain in force throughout the term of this Contract. Without limiting any of the other obligations or liabilities of the CONTRACTOR, during the term of the Contract the CONTRACTOR and each subcontractor at their own expense shall purchase and maintain the herein stipulated minimum insurance with companies duly approved to do business in the State of Texas and satisfactory to the OWNER. Certificates of each policy shall be delivered to the OWNER before any work is started, along with a written statement from the issuing company stating that said policy shall not be canceled, nonrenewed or materially changed without 30 days advance written notice being given to the OWNER.

In addition to any coverage required by Texas Law, the CONTRACTOR shall provide the following coverages at not less than the specified amounts:

4.2 Workers Compensation insurance required by Texas Law at statutory limits, including employer's liability coverage at minimum limits. In addition to these, the CONTRACTOR must comply with all the requirements of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation; (Note: If you have questions concerning these requirements, you are instructed to contact the DWC.)

By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the CONTRACTOR is representing to the OWNER that all employees of the CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors who will provide services on the Project will be covered by workers compensation coverage for the duration of the Project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes

and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the CONTRACTOR to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.

The CONTRACTOR'S failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of Contract by the Contractor which entitles the OWNER to declare the Contract void if the CONTRACTOR does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the OWNER.

4.3 Broad form commercial general liability insurance, including independent contractor's liability, completed operations and contractual liability, written on an occurance form, covering, but not limited to, the liability assumed under the indemnification provisions of this contract, fully insuring CONTRACTOR'S (or subcontractor's) liability for injury to or death of OWNER'S employees and third parties, extended to include personal injury liability coverage with damage to property, with minimum limits as set forth below:

General Aggregate $2,000,000
Products — Components/Operations Aggregate $1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury $ 1,000,000
Each Occurrence $ 1,000,000

4.3.1 The policy shall include coverage extended to apply to completed operations, asbestos hazards (if this project involves work with asbestos) and XCU (explosion, collapse and underground) hazards. The completed operations coverage must be maintained for a minimum of one year after final completion and acceptance of the work, with evidence of same filed with OWNER.

4.4 Comprehensive automobile and truck liability insurance, covering owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, with a combined bodily injury and property damage minimum limit of $600,000 per occurrence; or separate limits of $500,000 for bodily injury (per person), $500,000 for bodily injury (per accident) and $100,000 for property damage. Such insurance shall include coverage for loading and unloading hazards.

4.5 OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE

CONTRACTOR shall obtain, pay for and maintain at all times during the prosecution of the work under this contract an OWNER'S protective liability insurance policy naming the OWNER as insured for property damage and bodily injury, which may arise in the prosecution of the Work or CONTRACTOR'S operations under this Contract. Coverage shall be on an "occurrence" basis, and

the policy shall be issued by the same insurance company that carries the CONTRACTOR'S liability insurance with a combined bodily injury and property damage minimum limit of $1,000,000 per occurrence and $2,000,000 aggregate.

4.6 "UMBRELLA" LIABILITY INSURANCE

CONTRACTOR shall obtain, pay for and maintain umbrella liability insurance during the contract term, insuring CONTRACTOR for an amount of not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence combined limit for bodily injury and property damage that follows from and applies in excess of the primary liability coverages required hereinabove. The policy shall provide "drop down" coverage where underlying primary insurance coverage limits are insufficient or exhausted. OWNER shall be named as an additional insured.

4.7 RAILROAD PROTECTIVE INSURANCE

When required in the Special Provisions, CONTRACTOR shall obtain, maintain and present evidence of railroad protective insurance (RPI). The policy shall be in the name of the railroad company having jurisdiction over the right-of-way involved. The minimum limit of coverage shall meet the specifications provided by the railroad company. The OWNER shall specify the amount of RPI necessary.

4.8 POLICY ENDORSEMENTS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Each insurance policy to be furnished by CONTRACTOR shall include the following conditions by endorsement to the policy:

A. each policy shall name the OWNER as an additional insured as to all applicable coverage;
B. each policy shall require that 30 days prior to the cancellation, nonrenewal or any material change in coverage, a notice thereof shall be given to OWNER by certified mail;
C. the term "OWNER" shall include all past, present or future, authorities, boards, bureaus, commissions, divisions, departments and offices of the OWNER and individual members, elected official, officers, employees and agents thereof in their official capacities and/or while acting on behalf of the OWNER;
D. the policy phrase "other insurance" shall not apply to the OWNER where the OWNER is an additional insured on the policy;
E. all provisions of the contract concerning liability, duty and standard of care together with the indemnification provision, shall be underwritten by contractual liability coverage sufficient to include such obligations within applicable policies;
F. each policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of OWNER, and its, past, present and future, officials, employees, and volunteers; and,

G. each certificate of insurance shall reference the Project and Contract number, contain all the endorsement required herein, and require a notice to the OWNER of cancellation.

Insurance furnished by the CONTRACTOR shall be in accordance with the following requirements:

A. any policy submitted shall not be subject to limitations, conditions or restrictions deemed inconsistent with the intent of the insurance requirements to be fulfilled by the CONTRACTOR. The OWNER'S decision thereon shall be final;
B. all policies are to be written through companies duly licensed to transact that class of insurance in the State of Texas with a financial ratings of B+ VII or better as assigned by BEST Rating Company or equivalent; and
C. All liability policies required herein shall be written with an "occurrence" basis coverage trigger.

CONTRACTOR agrees to the following:

A. CONTRACTOR hereby waives subrogation rights for loss or damage to the extent same are covered by insurance. Insurers shall have no right of recovery or subrogation against the OWNER, it being the intention that the insurance policies shall protect all parties to the Contract and be primary coverage for all losses covered by the policies;
B. Companies issuing the insurance policies and CONTRACTOR shall have no recourse against the OWNER for payment of any premiums or assessments for any deductibles, as all such premiums and deductibles are the sole responsibility and risk of the CONTRACTOR;
C. Approval, disapproval or failure to act by the OWNER regarding any insurance supplied by the CONTRACTOR (or any subcontractors) shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR of full responsibility or liability for damages and accidents as set forth in the Contract Documents. Neither shall the bankruptcy, insolvency or denial of liability by the insurance company exonerate the CONTRACTOR from liability; and
D. No special payments shall be made for any insurance that the CONTRACTOR and subcontractors are required to carry; all are included in the Contract Price and the Contract unit prices. Any of such insurance policies required under this section may be written in combination with any of the others, where legally permitted, but none of the specified limits may be lowered thereby.

V. OWNERS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

MONTHLY ESTIMATE, PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND FINAL PAYMENTS

5.1 Progress and final payments shall be paid to the Contractor based upon the progress of the Project as indicated by the approved Applications for Payment, certificates of acceptance, or Certificates for Payment, that include an approved Schedule of Values that will be submitted by the CONTRACTOR to the OWNER prior to the commencement of the Work and in accordance with the following:

5.2 MONTHLY ESTIMATES

The CONTRACTOR shall deliver to the OWNER an itemized Application for Payment that shall include the work completed, materials stored at the Project site but not incorporated into the work, materials ready to be installed and stored at another agreed location, and the percentage of Work completed, through the 20th day of each month, on an Application for Payment with a schedule of values previously submitted by the Contractor and approved by the Owner. Prior to release of funds in connection with any Application for Payment, the Owner may request, and the Contractor must provide, properly executed statements of full or partial releases of claims acceptable to Owner in form and content, for all persons or entities supplying labor or materials to the Project.

5.2.1 The Application for Payment is a representation by the CONTRACTOR to the OWNER that the construction has progressed to the point indicated, the quality of the Work covered by the application is in accordance with the Contract Documents, and the Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount requested.

5.2.2 INSPECTION AND PARTIAL PAYMENTS

Whenever the CONTRACTOR shall submit an Application for Payment to the OWNER for work performed by the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the Architect or Engineer that the improvement is ready for inspection. The Architect or Engineer shall then make such inspection, and will have the authority to reject work that does not conform to the Contract Documents. If the work is satisfactory and in accordance with the specifications and Contract Documents, the Architect or Engineer shall issue a Certificate for Payment.

5.2.3 Within thirty (30) days of the Owner's receipt of a properly submitted and correct Application for Payment, and the issuance of a Certificate for Payment, the Owner shall make payment to the Contractor, in the amount approved by the Owner less 5% retainage. Such payment shall be adjusted for work that is incomplete or not in accordance with the Contract Documents or that is the subject of a separate contract, or subcontract or supplier claim or lien against the Contractor or the payment bonds for the project.

5.2.4 No partial or final payment or the entire use or occupancy of the Project by the OWNER shall be considered acceptance of work that does not strictly comply with the Contract Documents or release the CONTRACTOR of any of his responsibilities under the Contract.

5.2.5 PAYMENT FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL; NO LIENS

The CONTRACTOR for himself or any of his subcontractors shall pay all indebtedness which may become due to any person, firm or corporation having furnished labor, material or both in the performance of this Contract. It shall be the responsibility of each person, firm or corporation claiming to have furnished labor, materials or both, in connection with this Contract, to protect his or its interest in the manner prescribed by applicable laws of the State of Texas, provided, however, that as this Contract provides for a public works project, no lien of any kind shall ever exist or be placed against the Work or any portion thereof, or any public funds or retainage held by the OWNER; and any subcontactor shall look soley to the CONTRACTOR and the payment bond surety, and not the OWNER, for payment of any outstanding amounts due for labor, materials or any other indebtedness in connection with the Work. However, the OWNER may, at any time prior to making final payment, require the CONTRACTOR to furnish a Consent of Surety to any payment due the CONTRACTOR for completed work and may, at the discretion of the OWNER or the request of the Surety, make the check jointly payable to the CONTRACTOR and the Surety. The Owner shall have no obligation under this Agreement to pay or to be responsible in any way for payment to any Architect, Engineer, another design professional, contractor, subcontractor or supplier performing portions of the Work, pursuant to a contract with the Contractor.

5.2.6 PAYMENT WITHHELD

In addition to express provisions elsewhere contained in the contract, the OWNER may withhold from any payment otherwise due the CONTRACTOR such amount as determined necessary to protect the OWNER'S interest, or, if it so elects, may withhold or retain all or a portion of any progress payment or refund payment on account of:

A. unsatisfactory progress of the Work not caused by conditions beyond the CONTRACTOR'S control,
B. defective work not corrected,
C. CONTRACTOR'S failure to carry out instructions or orders of the OWNER or his representative,
D. a reasonable doubt that the Contract can be completed for the balance then unpaid,

E. work or execution thereof not in accordance with the Contract Documents,
F. claim filed by or against the CONTRACTOR or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of claims,
G. failure of the CONTRACTOR to make payments to subcontractor or for material or labor,
H. damage to another contractor,
I. unsafe working conditions allowed to persist by the CONTRACTOR,
J. failure of the CONTRACTOR to provide work schedules as required by the OWNER,
K. use of subcontractors without the OWNER'S approval or,
L. failure of the CONTRACTOR to keep current as-built record drawings at the job site or to turn same over in completed form to the OWNER.
When the above grounds are removed, payment shall be made for amounts withheld because of them, and OWNER shall never be liable for interest on any delayed or late payment.

5.2.7 PAYMENT FOR EXTRA WORK

The extra work done by the CONTRACTOR as authorized and approved by the Architect or Engineer shall be paid for in the manner hereinafter described, and the compensation thus provided shall be accepted by the CONTRACTOR as payment in full for all labor, materials, tools, equipment and incidentals and all superintendents' and timekeepers' services, all insurance, bond and all other overhead expense incurred in the performance of the extra work.

Payment for extra work shall be made by one of the following methods:

A. Method "A" — by unit prices agreed on in writing by the OWNER and CONTRACTOR before said extra work is commenced, subject to all other conditions of the contract.

B. Method "B" — by lump sum price agreed on in writing by the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR before said extra work is commenced, subject to all other conditions of the contract.

5.2.8 SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

The Project will be considered substantially complete when the OWNER can utilize the Project for its intended purpose and the Work is in conformance with the Contract Documents.

5.3 APPLICATION FOR FINAL PAYMENT.

Upon full performance of all the Contract Work and the full performance of all the provisions of the Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall submit a final application for payment to the OWNER, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the Architect or Engineer that the improvement is ready for inspection. All warranties and guaranties required of the CONTRACTOR by the Contract Documents shall be assembled and delivered by the CONTRACTOR to the OWNER as Part of the final Application for Payment. The Contractor will assign to the Owner all manufacturer's warranties relating to materials and labor used in the work and will perform the Work in such a manner as to preserve all such manufacturer's warranties. The CONTRACTOR will deliver a certificate evidencing that insurance and bonds required by the Contract Documents will remain in full force and effect pursuant to the requirements of the Contract. The final Certificate for Payment will not be issued until all such warranties and guaranties have been received and accepted by the Owner, and a Certificate of Acceptance is issued by the Architect or Engineer.

5.3.1 FINAL INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

Whenever the improvements provided for by the Contract shall have been completely performed on the part of the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the OWNER, and Architect or Engineer that the improvement is ready for final inspection. The Architect or Engineer shall then make such final inspection, and if the work is satisfactory and in accordance with the specifications and Contract Documents, the CONTRACTOR shall be issued a certificate of acceptance.

5.3.2 FINAL PAYMENT

Whenever the improvements provided for by the Contract shall have been completely performed on the part of the CONTRACTOR, as evidenced in the certificate of acceptance, and all required submissions provided to the OWNER, a final estimate showing the value of the work shall be prepared by the Architect or Engineer as soon as the necessary measurements and computations can be made. All prior estimates upon which payments have been made are subject or necessary corrections or revisions in the final payment. The amount of this final estimate, less any sums that have been previously paid, or deducted under the provisions of the Contract, shall be paid the CONTRACTOR within 30 days after the final acceptance, provided that the CONTRACTOR has furnished to the OWNER a consent of surety and an affidavit or other satisfactory evidence that all indebtedness connected with the Work and all sums of money due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished for and used in the performance of the work have been paid or otherwise satisfied, or that the person or persons to whom the same may respectively be due have consented to such final payment.

The acceptance by the CONTRACTOR of the final payment as aforesaid shall operate as and shall be a release to the OWNER from all claims or liabilities under the Contract, including all subcontractor claims, for anything done or furnished or relating to the Work under the Contract or for any act or neglect of said OWNER relating to or connected with the Contract.

All warranties and guarantees shall commence from the date of the certificate of acceptance. No interest shall be due the CONTRACTOR on any partial or final payment or on the retainage.

5.3 MODIFICATIONS TO CONTRACT WORK OR TIME OF PERFORMANCE

5.3.1 OWNER'S RIGHT TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND WORK

5.3.2 REASONS FOR SUSPENSION

The OWNER shall have the right by written order to temporarily suspend the work, in whole or in part, whenever, in the judgment of the OWNER, such temporary suspension is required:

A. in the interest of the OWNER generally,
B. due to government or judicial controls or orders which make performance of this contract temporarily impossible or illegal,
C. to coordinate the work of separate contractors at the job site,
D. to expedite the completion of a separate contract even though the completion of this particular Contract may be thereby delayed,
E. because of weather conditions unsuitable for performance of the Work, or
F. because the CONTRACTOR is proceeding contrary to contract provisions or has failed to correct conditions considered unsafe for workmen.

The written order of the OWNER to the CONTRACTOR shall state the reasons for suspending the work and the anticipated periods for such suspension. Upon receipt of the OWNER'S written order, the CONTRACTOR shall suspend the work covered by the order and shall take such means and precautions as may be necessary to properly protect the finished and partially finished work, the unused materials and uninstalled equipment, including the providing of suitable drainage about the work and erection of temporary structures where necessary. The CONTRACTOR shall not suspend the Work without written direction from the OWNER and shall proceed with the work promptly when notified by the OWNER to resume operations.

5.3.3 NO ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION

No additional compensation shall be paid to the CONTRACTOR for a temporary suspension of the Work by the OWNER or otherwise where same is caused by the fault of the CONTRACTOR. Where such temporary suspension is not due to the fault of the CONTRACTOR, he shall be entitled to:

A. an equitable extension of working time for the completion of the work, not to exceed the delay caused by such temporary suspension, as determined by the OWNER; and

B. the actual and necessary costs of properly protecting the finished and partially finished work, unused materials and uninstalled equipment during the period of the ordered suspension as determined by the OWNER as being beyond the Contract requirements, such costs, if any, to be determined pursuant to the terms of the Contract; and

C. where the CONTRACTOR elects to move equipment from the job site and then return it to the site when the work is ordered resumed, the actual and necessary costs of these moves, in an amount determined by the OWNER pursuant to the terms of the Contract.

5.3.4 USE OF COMPLETED PORTIONS OF WORK

The OWNER may, after written notice to the CONTRACTOR, and without incurring any liability for increased compensation to the CONTRACTOR, take over and use any completed portion of the Work prior to the final completion and acceptance of the entire work included in the Contract, and notwithstanding that the time allowed for final completion has not expired. The OWNER and CONTRACTOR agree that occupancy of portions of the Work by the OWNER shall not in any way evidence the substantial completion of the entire work or signify the OWNER's acceptance of the Work.

The CONTRACTOR shall not object to, nor interfere in any way with, such occupancy or use after receipt of the OWNER'S written notice. Immediately prior to such occupancy and use, the OWNER shall inspect such portion of the Work to be taken over and shall furnish the CONTRACTOR a written statement of the work, if any, still to be done on such part. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly thereafter complete such unfinished work to permit occupancy and use on the date specified in the

OWNER'S written order, unless the OWNER shall permit specific items of work to be finished after the occupancy and use by the OWNER.

In the event the CONTRACTOR is unreasonably delayed by the OWNER exercising its rights under this section, the CONTRACTOR may submit a request for an extension of time; CONTRACTOR'S sole remedy for an unreasonable delay shall be an extention of time and shall not be entitled to any additional compensation.

5.4 COMMENCMENT; TIME OF COMPLETION; DELAYS; EXTENSION OF TIME; LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

5.4.1 COMMENCEMENT; TIME OF COMPLETION

Contractor shall commence work within ten (10) consecutive calendar days after receiving from County a notice to proceed. Contractor agrees and covenants that the number of consecutive calendar days allowed to complete all work following a notice to proceed shall be as follows:

One Hundred and Twenty (120) Consecutive calendar days.

5.4.2. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE ON TIME

Time is of the essence in the progress and completion of this Contract. For each calendar day that any Work shall remain uncompleted after the time specified in the proposal and the Contract, or the increased time granted by the OWNER, or as equitably increased by additional work or materials ordered after the Contract is signed, the sum per day given in the following schedule, unless otherwise specified in the special provisions, shall be deducted from the monies due the CONTRACTOR:

Two Hundred and Forty Dollars ($240.00) Per Day

The sum of money thus deducted for such delay, failure or noncompletion is not to be considered as a penalty, but shall be deemed, taken and treated as reasonable liquidated damages, per calendar day that the CONTRACTOR shall be in default after the time stipulated in the Contract for completing the Work. The said amounts are fixed and agreed upon by and between OWNER and CONTRACTOR because of the impracticability and extreme difficulty of fixing and ascertaining the actual damages the OWNER in such event would sustain; and said amounts are agreed to be the amount of damages which the OWNER would sustain and which shall be retained from the monies due, or that may become due, the CONTRACTOR under this Contract; and if said monies be insufficient to

cover the amount owing, then the CONTRACTOR or his surety shall pay any additional amounts due.

5.4.3 EXTENTIONS OF TIME

The CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to an extension of working time under this Contract only when claim for such extension is submitted to the OWNER in writing by the CONTRACTOR within seven days from and after the time when any alleged cause of delay shall occur, and then only when such time is approved by the OWNER. In adjusting the Contract working time for the completion of the Project, unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the CONTRACTOR, including, acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the OWNER, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, or delays of subcontractors due to such causes beyond their control shall be taken into consideration.

If the satisfactory execution and completion of the Contract should require work and materials in greater amounts or quantities than those set forth in the Contract, requiring more time for completion than the anticipated time, then the contract working time shall be equitably increased, but not more than in the same proportion as the cost of the additional work bears to the cost of the original work contracted for. No allowances shall be made for delays or suspension of the performance of the Work due to the fault of the CONTRACTOR.

No adjustment to working time shall be made if, concurrently with the equitable cause for delay, there existed a cause for delay due to the fault or negligence of the CONTRACTOR, his agents, employees or subcontractors; and no adjustment shall be made to the Contract Price and the CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to claim or receive any additional compensation as a result of or arising out of any delay resulting in adjustment to the working time hereunder, including delays caused by the acts or negligence of the OWNER. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract Documents, all claims for extension of working time must be submitted in accordance with the provisions of this Contract, and no act of the OWNER shall be deemed a waiver or entitlement of such extension.

5.5 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE OWNER

5.5.1 NOTICE OF TERMINATION

The performance of the Work under this Contract may be terminated by the OWNER in whole or from time to time in part, in accordance with this section, whenever the OWNER shall determine that such termination is in

the best interest of the OWNER. Any such termination shall be effected by mailing a notice of termination to the CONTRACTOR specifying the extent to which performance of work under the Contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. Receipt of the notice shall be deemed conclusively presumed and established when the letter is placed in the United States Mail by the OWNER. Further, it shall be deemed conclusively presumed and established that such termination is made with just cause as therein stated; and no proof in any claim, demand or suit shall be required of the OWNER regarding such discretionary action.

5.5.2 CONTRACTOR ACTION

After receipt of a notice of termination, and except as otherwise directed by the OWNER, Architect or Engineer, the CONTRACTOR shall:

A. stop work under the Contract on the date and to the extent specified in the notice of termination;
B. place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services or facilities except as may be necessary for completion of such portion the Work under the Contract as is not terminated;
C. terminate all orders and subcontracts to the extent that they relate to the performance of work terminated by the notice of termination;
D. transfer title to the OWNER and deliver in the manner, at the times, and to the extent, if any, directed by the OWNER, Architect or Engineer:
    1. the fabricated or unfabricated parts, work in process, completed work, supplies and other material produced as a part of, or acquired in connection with the performance of, the work terminated by the notice of termination; and
    2. the completed or partially completed plans, drawings, information and other property which, if the Contract had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to the OWNER.
E. complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by the notice of termination; and
F. take such action as may be necessary, or as the Architect or Engineer may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to its Contract which is in the possession of the CONTRACTOR and in which the OWNER has or may acquire an interest.

At a time not later than 30 days after the termination date specified in the notice of termination, the CONTRACTOR may submit to the OWNER a

list, certified as to the quantity and quality, of any or all items of termination inventory not previously disposed of, exclusive of items the disposition of which has been directed or authorized by the Architect or Engineer. Not later than 15 days thereafter, the OWNER shall accept title to such items and remove them or enter into a storage agreement covering the same, provided that the list submitted shall be subject to verification by the Architect or Engineer upon removal of the items, or, if the items are stored, within 45 days from the date of submission of the list, and provided that any necessary adjustments to correct the list as submitted shall be made prior to final settlement.

5.5.3 TERMINATION CLAIM

Within 60 days after notice of termination, the CONTRACTOR shall submit his termination claim to the Architect or Engineer in the form and with the certification prescribed by the OWNER. Unless one or more extensions in writing are granted by the OWNER upon request of the CONTRACTOR, made in writing within such 60-day period or authorized extension thereof, any and all such claims shall be conclusively deemed waived.

5.5.4 AMOUNTS

The CONTRACTOR and OWNER may agree upon the whole or any part of the amount or amounts to be paid to the CONTRACTOR by reason of the total or partial termination of work pursuant hereto, provided that such agreed amount or amounts shall never exceed the total contract price as reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made and as further reduced by the Contract Price of work not terminated. The contract shall be amended accordingly, and the CONTRACTOR shall be paid the agreed amount. No amount shall be due for lost or anticipated profits. Nothing prescribing the amount to be paid to the CONTRACTOR in the event of failure of the CONTRACTOR and the OWNER to agree upon the whole amount to be paid to the CONTRACTOR by reason of the termination of work pursuant to this section, shall be deemed to limit, restrict or otherwise determine or affect the amount or amounts which may be agreed upon to be paid to the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this paragraph.

5.5.5 FAILURE TO AGREE

In the event of the failure of the CONTRACTOR and the OWNER to agree, as provided herein, upon the whole amount to be paid to the CONTRACTOR by reason of the termination of work pursuant to this section, the OWNER shall determine, on the basis of information available to it, the amount, if any, due to the CONTRACTOR by reason of the

termination and shall pay to the CONTRACTOR the amounts determined. No amount shall be due for lost or anticipated profits.

5.5.6 DEDUCTIONS

In arriving at the amount due the CONTRACTOR under this section, there shall be deducted (a) all unliquidated advance or other payments on account theretofore made to the CONTRACTOR, applicable to the terminated portion of this contract; (b) any claim which the OWNER may have against the CONTRACTOR in connection with this Contract; and (c) the agreed price for or the proceeds of sale of any materials, supplies or other things kept by the CONTRACTOR or sold, pursuant to the provisions of this clause, and not otherwise recovered by or credited to the OWNER.

5.5.7 ADJUSTMENT

If the termination hereunder be partial prior to the settlement of the terminated portion of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR may file with the Owner a request in writing for an equitable adjustment of the price or prices specified in the Contract relating to the continued portion of the Contract (the portion not terminated by the notice of termination), and such equitable adjustment as may be agreed upon shall be made in such price or prices; nothing contained herein, however, shall limit the right of the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR to agree upon the amount or amounts to be paid to the CONTRACTOR for the completion of the continued portion of the Contract when said contract does not contain an established contract price for such continued portion.

5.5.8 NO LIMITATION OF RIGHTS

Nothing contained in this section shall limit or alter the rights which the OWNER may have for termination of this Contract under any other provision of this Contract or any other right which OWNER may have for default or breach of contract by CONTRACTOR.

5.6 CONTRACTOR DEFAULT: OWNER'S RIGHT TO SUSPEND WORK AND ANNUL CONTRACT

The Work or any portion of the Work under contract shall be suspended immediately on written order of the OWNER declaring the CONTRACTOR to be in default. A copy of such notice shall be served on the CONTRACTOR'S surety. The contract may be annulled by the OWNER for any good cause or causes, among others of which special reference is made to the following:

A. failure of the CONTRACTOR to start the work within 10 days from date specified in the written work order issued by the OWNER to begin the work;
B. evidence that the progress of the work being made by the CONTRACTOR is insufficient to complete the work within the specified working time;
C. failure of the CONTRACTOR to provide sufficient and proper equipment, materials or construction forces for properly executing the Work;
D. evidence that the CONTRACTOR has abandoned the Work or discontinuance of the performance of the Work or any part thereof and failure to resume performance within a reasonable time after notice to do so;
E. evidence that the CONTRACTOR has become insolvent or bankrupt, or otherwise financially unable to carry on the Work;
F. deliberate failure on the part of the CONTRACTOR to observe any requirements of the specifications or to comply with any orders given by the Architect or Engineer as provided for in the specifications;
G. failure of the CONTRACTOR to promptly make good any defects in materials or workmanship, or any defects of any nature, the correction of which has been directed in writing by the OWNER;
H. evidence of collusion for the purpose of illegally procuring a contract or perpetrating fraud on the OWNER in the construction of work under contract;
I. repeated violations of safe working procedures;
J. the filing by the CONTRACTOR of litigation against the OWNER prior to final completion of the Work. When the Work is suspended for any of the causes itemized above, or for any other cause or causes, the CONTRACTOR shall discontinue the Work or such part thereof as the OWNER shall designate, whereupon the surety may either at its option assume the Contract or that portion thereof which the OWNER has ordered the CONTRACTOR to discontinue and perform the same or, with the written consent of the OWNER, sublet the same, provided, however, that the surety shall exercise its option within two weeks after the written notice to discontinue the work has been served upon the CONTRACTOR and upon the surety or its authorized agents. The surety in such event shall assume the CONTRACTOR'S place in all respects and shall be paid by the OWNER for all work performed by it in accordance with the terms of the Contract, but in no event shall such payments exceed the contract amount, regardless of the cost to the surety to complete the Work.

In the event that the surety assumes the CONTRACTOR'S place, duties and responsibilities in the Contract, all monies remaining due the CONTRACTOR at the time of his default shall thereupon become due and payable to the surety as the work progresses, subject to all terms of the Contract. In case the surety does not,

within the hereinabove specified time, exercise its obligation to assume the Contract or that portion thereof which the OWNER has ordered the CONTRACTOR to discontinue, then the OWNER shall have the power to complete by contract or otherwise, as it may determine, the Work herein described or such part thereof as it may deem necessary; and the CONTRACTOR hereto agrees that the OWNER shall have the right to take possession of or use any or all of the materials, plans, tools, equipment, supplies and property of every kind provided by the CONTRACTOR for the purpose of the Work and to procure other tools, equipment and materials for the completion of the same and to charge to the account of the CONTRACTOR the expense of said contract for labor, materials, tools, equipment and expenses incident thereto. The expense so charged shall be deducted by the OWNER out of such monies as may be due or may at any time thereafter become due the CONTRACTOR under and by virtue of the Contract or any part thereof.

The OWNER shall not be required to obtain the lowest bid for the work of completing the Contract, but the expenses to be deducted shall be the actual cost of such work. In case such expense is less than the sum which would have been payable under the contract if the same had been completed by the CONTRACTOR, then in such case the OWNER may pay the CONTRACTOR the difference in the cost, provided that the CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any claim for damages or for loss of anticipated profits.

In case such expense shall exceed the amount which would have been payable under the Contract if the same had been completed by the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR and his surety shall pay the amount of the excess to the OWNER on notice from the OWNER for excess due including any costs incurred by the OWNER, such as inspection, legal fees and liquidated damages. When any particular part of the Work is being carried out by the OWNER by contract or otherwise under the provisions of this section, the CONTRACTOR shall continue the remainder of the Work in conformity with the terms of the contract and in such manner as not to hinder or interfere with the performance of workmen employed as above provided by the OWNER or surety.

5.7 SUSPENSION BY COURT ORDER AGAINST THE OWNER

The CONTRACTOR shall suspend such part or parts of the Work pursuant to a court order issued against the OWNER and shall not be entitled to additional compensation by virtue of such court order; neither shall the CONTRACTOR be liable to the OWNER in the event the Work is suspended by such court order, unless such suspension is due to the fault or negligence of the CONTRACTOR. A delay of the CONTRACTOR due to a court order against the OWNER, or due to the OWNER'S failure to secure right-of-way at the time required or because of a conflict of a utility with the Work, shall not be cause for additional compensation for damages sustained by the CONTRACTOR, but may be a cause for extension

of contract working time only. The CONTRACTOR'S sole remedy for any suspensions of the Work is an equitable extention of time to perform the Work.

5.8 NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS OR ESTOPPEL

The OWNER, or any officer or agent thereof, shall not be precluded at any time, either before or after final completion and acceptance of the Work and final payment therefore from:

A. showing the true and correct amount, classifications, quality and character of the Work done and materials furnished by the CONTRACTOR or any other person under this Contract, or from showing at any time that any determination, return, decision, approval, order, letter, payment or certification is untrue and incorrect or improperly made in any particular, or that the Work or the materials or any parts thereof do not in fact conform to the contract requirements; and (b) demanding the recovery from the CONTRACTOR of any overpayments made to him, or such damages as the OWNER may sustain by reason of the CONTRACTOR'S failure to perform each and every part of this Contract in strict accordance with its terms; or both.

VI. AUTHORITY OF THE ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER

6.1 All work shall be performed in a good and workmanlike manner and to the satisfaction of the Architect or Engineer. The Architect or Engineer shall decide all questions which arise as to the quality and acceptability of materials furnished, work performed, manner of performance, rate of progress of the work, sequence of the construction, interpretation of the plans and specifications, acceptable fulfillment of the Contract, compensation, mutual rights between contractors under these specifications and suspension of the Work. He shall determine the amount and quality of work performed and materials furnished, and his decisions and estimates shall be final. His estimate in such event shall be a condition precedent to the right of the CONTRACTOR to receive money due him under the Contract.

6.2 OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVES

Where the Contract Documents indicate that determinations, directions or approvals shall be made by the OWNER or "Owner's representatives," this shall mean the OWNER acting directly, or through duly authorized persons acting within the limit of authority delegated to them. Any determination, direction or approval of such authorized representatives shall be subject to review by the OWNER. For purposes of administering the schedule or the payment provisions of this Contract the Architect or Engineer may act as the Owner's representative for purposes of approving payments, changes, scheduling, or acceptance of the Work, at the OWNER'S discretion.

6.3 INSPECTIONS OF WORK PROGRESS

The Architect or Engineer shall visit the site at during construction of the Project as necessary as the Owner's Representative to verify that the Work is being performed in compliance with the Contract Documents and shall be given total access to the Project by the CONTRACTOR. Site visits or inspections by the Architect or Engineer shall in no way relieve the CONTRACTOR of any of its responsibilities or duties pursuant to the Contract Documents. The Architect or Engineer will neither have control over, nor be responsible for, the construction means and methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, or for the safety precautions and programs in conection with the Work or the Project. The CONTRACTOR shall be soley responsible for, the construction means and methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, or for the safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work or the Project.

6.4 CONSTRUCTION STAKES

Architect/Engineer will provide the Contractor with primary horizontal and vertical control to consist of one construction baseline and two benchmarks.

The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to preserve any and/or all markings and staking. Payment for costs of restaking shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

6.5 APPROVAL OF SUBMITTALS

The Architect or Engineer shall review and approve or take other appropriate action the CONTRACTOR's submittals such as Shop Drawings, Product Data and Samples, for the purpose of checking for conformance with the Contract Documents. The Architect or Engineers review of the submittals shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR of any of its obligations to perform the Work in strict compliance with the Contract Documents. The Architect or Engineer's review shall not be considered approval of safety precautions, means and methods, techniques, sequences or procedures that are the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

VII. CLAIMS OR DISPUTES

7.1 CLAIMS AGAINST OWNER AND ACTION THEREON.

No claim against the OWNER under the Contract or for breach of the Contract or additional compensation for extra or disputed work shall be made or asserted against the OWNER under the Contract or in any court action, unless the CONTRACTOR shall have strictly complied with all requirements relating to the

giving of notice and information with respect to such claim as required by the Contract.

7.2 CLAIM AGAINST OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES OR AGENT OF THE OWNER.

No claim whatsoever shall be made by the CONTRACTOR against any, past, present or future, officer, employee or agent of the OWNER for or on account of, anything done or omitted to be done in connection with this Contract.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

8.1 FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ANY CONTRACT BY OWNER'S OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS

No officer, employee or agent of the OWNER shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with the OWNER or be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in the sale to the OWNER of any land, materials, supplies or services, except on behalf of the OWNER as an officer or employee. Any willful violation of this article shall constitute malfeasance in office, and any officer or employee guilty thereof shall thereby forfeit his office or position. Any violation of this article with the knowledge, expressed or implied, of the persons, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation contracting with the OWNER shall render the contract involved voidable by the OWNER.

8.2 SERVICE OF NOTICES

The OWNER and the CONTRACTOR shall each designate addresses where all notices, directions or other communication may be delivered or to which they may be mailed.

Notices to the surety or sureties on contract bonds shall be directed or delivered to the home office, or to the agent or agents who executed the bonds on behalf of the surety or sureties, or to their designated agent for delivery of notices.

Actual delivery of any such notice, direction or communication to the aforesaid places or depositing it in a postpaid wrapper addressed thereto in any post office regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service shall be conclusively deemed to be sufficient service thereof upon the above persons as of the date of such delivery or deposit.

The designated addresses may be changed at any time by an instrument in writing executed by the party changing the addresses and delivered to the other party.

Nothing herein contained shall, however, be deemed to preclude or tender inoperative the service of any notice, direction or communication upon the above

parties personally or, if the CONTRACTOR be a corporation, upon any officer or director thereof.

8.3 UNLAWFUL PROVISIONS DEEMED STRICKEN

In the event a term, condition, or provision of this Agreement is determined to be void, unenforceable, or unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that term, condition, or provision shall be deleted and the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

8.4 ALL LEGAL PROVISIONS INCLUDED

It is the intent and agreement of the parties to this contract that all legal provisions of law required to be inserted herein shall be and are inserted herein. If through mistake or oversight, however, any such provision is not herein inserted, or is not inserted in proper form, then upon application of either party, the contract shall be amended so as to strictly comply with the law and without prejudice to the rights of either party hereunder.

8.5 ASSIGNMENTS

The CONTRACTOR shall not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of this contract, or his right to execute it, or his right, title or interest in it or any part thereof without the previous written consent of the surety company and the written approval of the OWNER.

The CONTRACTOR shall not assign, either legally or equitably, by power of attorney or otherwise, any of the monies due or to become due under this Contract or its claim thereto without the prior written consent of the surety company and the written approval of the OWNER.
The approval of the OWNER of a particular assignment, transfer or conveyance shall not dispense with such approval to any further or other assignments.

The approval by the OWNER of any assignment, transfer or conveyance shall not operate to release the CONTRACTOR or surety hereunder from any of the Contract and bond obligations, and the CONTRACTOR shall be and remain fully responsible and liable for the defaults, negligent acts and omissions of his assignees, their agents and employees, as if they were his own.

8.6 STATE AND LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES

The OWNER qualifies for exemption from the state and local sales and use taxes, pursuant to the provisions of Section 151.309 of the Texas Limited Sales, Excise and Use Tax Act. Therefore, the CONTRACTOR shall not pay such taxes which would otherwise be payable in connection with the performance of this Contract.

The CONTRACTOR shall issue an exemption certificate in lieu of the tax on the purchase, rental or lease of:

A. all materials, supplies, equipment and other tangible personal property incorporated into the real property being improved; and
B. all materials, supplies, equipment and other tangible personal property used or consumed by the CONTRACTOR in performing the Contract with the OWNER. Materials and supplies "used in the performance of a contract" include only those materials actually incorporated into the property being improved and those supplies directly used to incorporate such materials into the property being improved. Overhead supplies and supplies used indirectly or only incidental to the performance of the Contract with the OWNER are not included in the exemption.

Under "reasons said purchaser is claiming this exemption" in the exemption certificate, the CONTRACTOR must name the OWNER and the project for which the equipment, material and supplies are being purchased, leased or rented.

8.7 VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW

The parties agree that the laws of the State of Texas shall govern the interpretation, validity, performance and enforcement of this Construction Agreement, and that the exclusive venue for any legal proceeding involving this Construction Agreement shall be in Collin County, Texas.

8.8 NO WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS

Inspection by the Architect, Engineer, or OWNER; any order, measurement, quantity or certificate by the Architect or Engineer; any order by the OWNER for payment of money; any payment for or acceptance of any work; or any extension of time or any possession taken by the OWNER shall not operate as a waiver of any provisions of the contract or any power therein reserved to the OWNER of any rights or damages therein provided. Any waiver of any breach of contract shall not be held to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. The OWNER reserves the right to correct any error that may be discovered in any estimate that may have been paid and to adjust the same to meet the requirements of the Contract Documents. The OWNER reserves the right to recover by process of law sums as may be sufficient to correct any error or make good any deficiency in the Work resulting from such error, dishonesty or collusion by the CONTRACTOR or his agents, discovered in the Work after the final payment has been made.

Neither final acceptance of the Work, nor final payment shall relieve the CONTRACTOR of responsibility for faulty materials or workmanship, and the CONTRACTOR shall promptly remedy any defects due thereto and pay for any

damage to other work resulting therefrom. Likewise, neither final acceptance nor final payment, nor partial or entire use or occupancy of the work by the OWNER shall constitute acceptance of work not done in accordance with the Contract Documents or relieve CONTRACTOR of liability with respect to any expressed or implied warranties or responsibility for faulty materials or workmanship, whether same be patently or latently defective.

8.9 OBLIGATION TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS

Any failure or neglect on the part of OWNER, Architect or Engineer or inspectors to enforce provisions herein dealing with supervision, control, inspection, testing or acceptance and approval of the work shall never operate to relieve CONTRACTOR from full compliance with the Contract Documents nor render OWNER liable to CONTRACTOR for money damages, extensions of time or increased compensation of any kind.

8.10 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

Subject to the limitations upon assignment and transfer herein contained, this contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns.

8.11 HEADINGS

The title and headings contained in the Contract Documents and the subject organization are used only to facilitate reference, and in no way define or limit the scope of intent of any of the provisions of this Contract.

8.12 ENTIRE AGREEMENT; AMENDMENTS; BINDING EFFECT

This Construction Agreement, including the Contract Documents and all the documents incorporated therein represents the entire and integrated agreement between the OWNER, Collin County, and the CONTRACTOR, and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. This Construction Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both, the OWNER, Collin County, and the CONTRACTOR.

8.13 INTERPRETATION

Although this Agreement is drafted by the OWNER, Collin County, should any part be in dispute, the parties agree that this Contruction Agreement shall not be construed more favorable for either party. No rule of construction requiring that ambiguities in this Contract shall be construed more favorably for either party shall apply.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Construction Agreement upon the year and date indicated beneath their signatures hereto.

CONTRACTOR:

NORTH TEXAS BRIDGE CO., INC

By: President

Date: 7-19-10

ATTEST:

Secretary

COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS:

By: Franklin Ybarbo

Franklin Ybarbo, Purchasing Agent

Date: 7/19/10

2010-442-07-12

Collin County Commissioners' Court Order No.

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF COLLIN §

BEFORE ME, STEPHEN GOODMAN on this day personally appeared PRESIDENT, of North Tx Bridge Co., a TEXAS corporation, known to me (or proved to me on the oath of) PERSONALLY or through TX DRIVERS LICENSE (description of identity card or other document) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same as the act and deed of the corporation, for the purposes and consideration therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 9th day of July, 2010

B J Kesterson
Notary Public, State of Texas

B. J. KESTERSON
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
April 07, 2013

B J KESTERSON
Printed Name

My Commission expires on the 7th day of April, 2013.

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF COLLIN §

BEFORE ME, Sherrie LaFollett on this day personally appeared _____, Purchasing Agent of COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, known to me (or proved to me on the oath of) _____ or through _____ (description of identity card or other document) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same as the act and deed of COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, for the purposes and consideration therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this the 19 day of July, 2010.

Sherrie LaFollett
Notary Public, State of Texas

SHERRIE LAFOLLETT
Notary Public
STATE OF TEXAS
My Comm. Exp. 02/19/2012

Sherrie LaFollett
Printed Name

My Commission expires on the 19 day of February, 2012.