

# CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

This FIXED PRICE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR (the "Contract") is made and entered into by and between COLLIN COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the "Owner") and BERGER ENGINEERING COMPANY\_ (the "Contractor"). This Contract is executed under seal, and shall be effective on \_\_\_\_\_ ("Effective Date").

This Contract is for the construction of a project identified as **2022-177, HVAC Replacement for the Collin County Medical Examiner, Elections and Public Works Buildings** (the "Project").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and agreements stated herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree:

## 1. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

This Contract includes the plans and specifications for the Project identified thereon as such, plus the following (if any): Carrier Data Sheets, all of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. Change Orders issued hereafter, and any other amendments executed by the Owner and the Contractor, shall become and be a part of this Contract. Documents not included or expressly contemplated in this Paragraph 1 do not, and shall not, form any part of this Contract. **Notwithstanding, no deviations in the Contractor's Executed Bid form from the Invitation to Bid, Construction Plans or other Contract documents prepared by the County shall be incorporated herein unless expressly provided in this Contract. Any conflict with the Contractor's Executed Bid Form and the Invitation to Bid, Construction Plans and other contract documents prepared by the County shall be construed in favor of the contract documents prepared by the County.**

## 2. REPRESENTATIONS OF THE CONTRACTOR

In order to induce the Owner to execute this Contract and recognizing that the Owner is relying thereon, the Contractor, by executing this Contract, makes the following express representations to the Owner:

(A) The Contractor is fully qualified to act as the contractor for the Project and has, and shall maintain, any and all licenses, permits or other authorizations necessary to act as the contractor for, and to construct, the Project;

(B) The Contractor has become familiar with the Project site and the local conditions under which the Project is to be constructed and operated;

(C) The Contractor has received, reviewed and carefully examined all of the documents which make up this Contract, including, but not limited to, the plans and specifications, and has found them in all respects to be complete, accurate, adequate, consistent, coordinated and sufficient for construction.

(D) Contractor warrants good right and title to all material, supplies, and equipment installed or incorporated in the work and agrees upon completion of all work to deliver to Owner all material, supplies, and equipment installed or incorporated in the work constructed free of any claims, liens, or charges.

## 3. INTENT AND INTERPRETATION

With respect to the intent and interpretation of this Contract, the Owner and the Contractor agree as follows:

(A) This Contract, together with the Contractor's and Surety's Payment and Performance Bonds for the Project constitute the entire and exclusive agreements between the parties with reference to the Project, and said Contract supersedes any and all prior discussions, communications, representations, understandings, negotiations, or agreements. This Contract also supersedes any bid documents;

(B) Anything that may be required, implied or inferred by the documents which make up this Contract, or any one or more of them, shall be provided by the Contractor for the Contract Price;

(C) Nothing contained in this Contract shall create, nor be interpreted to create, privity or any other relationship whatsoever between the Owner and any person except the Contractor;

(D) When a word, term, or phrase is used in this Contract, it shall be interpreted or construed first, as defined herein; second, if not defined, according to its generally accepted meaning in the construction industry; and third, if there is no generally accepted meaning in the construction industry, according to its common and customary usage;

(E) The words "include", "includes", or "including", as used in this Contract, shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase, "without limitation";

(F) The specification herein of any act, failure, refusal, omission, event, occurrence or condition as constituting a material breach of this Contract shall not imply that any other, non-specified act, failure, refusal, omission, event, occurrence or condition shall be deemed not to constitute a material breach of this Contract;

(G) The Contractor shall have a continuing duty to read, examine, review, compare and contrast each of the documents which make up this Contract, shop drawings, and other submittals and shall give written notice to the Owner of any conflict, ambiguity, error or omission which the Contractor may find with respect to these documents before proceeding with the affected work. The express or implied approval by the Owner of any shop drawings or other submittals shall not relieve the Contractor of the continuing duties imposed hereby, nor shall any such approval be evidence of the Contractor's compliance with this Contract. The Owner has prepared, or had someone prepare, documents for the Project, including the plans and specifications for the Project, which are accurate, adequate, consistent, coordinated and sufficient for construction. **HOWEVER, THE OWNER MAKES NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER TO THE CONTRACTOR CONCERNING SUCH DOCUMENTS.** The Contractor again hereby acknowledges and represents that it has received, reviewed and carefully examined such documents, has found them to be complete, accurate, adequate, consistent, coordinated and sufficient for construction, and that the Contractor has not, does not, and will not rely upon any representations or warranties by the Owner concerning such documents, as no such representations or warranties have been or are hereby made;

(H) In the event of any conflict, discrepancy, or inconsistency among any of the documents which make up this Contract, the following shall control:

- (1) As between figures given on plans and scaled measurements, the figures shall govern;
- (2) As between large scale plans and small scale plans, the large scale plans shall govern;
- (3) As between plans and specifications, the requirements of the specifications shall govern;
- (4) As between this document and the plans or specifications, this document shall govern.

(I) The Owner's representative shall be the project manager.

#### 4. OWNERSHIP OF THE DOCUMENTS WHICH MAKE UP THE CONTRACT

The documents which make up this Contract, and each of them, as well as any other documents furnished by the Owner, shall remain the property of the Owner. The Contractor shall have the right to keep one (1) copy of the Contract upon completion of the Project; provided, however, that in no event shall the Contractor use, or permit to be used, any portion or all of such Contract on other projects without the Owner's prior written authorization.

#### 5. CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE

The Contractor shall perform all of the work required, implied or reasonably inferable from this Contract including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) Construction of the Project;

(B) The furnishing of any required surety bonds and insurance;

(C) The provision or furnishing, and prompt payment therefor, of labor, supervision, services, materials, supplies, equipment, fixtures, appliances, facilities, tools, transportation, storage, power, fuel, heat, light, cooling, or other utilities, required for construction and all necessary building permits and other permits required for the construction of the Project; and

(D) The creation and submission to the Owner of detailed and comprehensive as-built drawings depicting all as-built construction. Said as-built drawings shall be submitted to the Owner upon final completion of the Project and receipt and approval of same by the Owner shall be a condition precedent to final payment to the Contractor.

## 6. TIME FOR CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE

(A) The Contractor shall commence the performance of this Contract on \_\_\_\_\_ and shall diligently continue its performance to and until final completion of the Project. The Contractor shall accomplish Substantial Completion of the Project on or before \_\_\_\_\_ (210) days from notice to proceed;

(B) The Contractor shall pay the Owner the sum of one hundred dollars and zero cents (\$100.00) per day for each and every calendar day of unexcused delay in achieving Substantial Completion beyond the date set forth herein for Substantial Completion. Any sums due and payable hereunder by the Contractor shall be payable, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages representing an estimate of delay damages likely to be sustained by the Owner, estimated at the time of executing this Contract. When the Owner reasonably believes that Substantial Completion will be inexcusably delayed, the Owner shall be entitled, but not required, to withhold from any amounts otherwise due the Contractor an amount then believed by the Owner to be adequate to recover liquidated damages applicable to such delays. If and when the Contractor overcomes the delay in achieving Substantial Completion, or any part thereof, for which the Owner has withheld payment, the Owner shall promptly release to the Contractor those funds withheld, but no longer applicable, as liquidated damages;

(C) The term "Substantial Completion", as used herein, shall mean that point at which the Project is at a level of completion in strict compliance with this Contract such that the Owner or its designee can enjoy beneficial use or occupancy and can use or operate it in all respects, for its intended purpose. Partial use or occupancy of the Project shall not result in the Project being deemed substantially complete, and such partial use or occupancy shall not be evidence of Substantial Completion;

(D) All limitations of time set forth herein are material and are of the essence of this Contract.

## 7. FIXED PRICE AND CONTRACT PAYMENTS

(A) The Owner shall pay, and the Contractor shall accept, as full and complete payment for the Contractor's timely performance of its obligations hereunder the fixed price of three hundred nine thousand eight hundred thirty-two dollars and zero cents (\$309,832.00). The price set forth in this Subparagraph 7(A) shall constitute the Contract Price, which shall not be modified except by Change Order as provided in this Contract.

This fixed price above is based on the quantities indicated based on the actual scope of the project as shown on the construction plans. Should the quantities of any of the items of the work as listed in the executed Proposal and Bid Form be increased, the Contractor shall perform the additional work at the unit bid prices submitted.

Should the quantities of any of the items of the work as listed in the executed Proposal and Bid Form be decreased, the Fixed Price shall be reduced accordingly based on the above unit bid prices and the Contractor shall make no claim for anticipated profits or lost overhead for any decrease in quantities. Payments will be made on actual quantities installed, as measured in place;

(B) Within ten (10) calendar days of the effective date hereof, the Contractor shall prepare and present to the Owner the Contractor's Schedule of Values apportioning the Contract Price among the different elements of the Project for purposes of periodic and final payment. The Contractor's Schedule of Values shall be presented in whatever format, with such detail, and backed up with whatever supporting information the Owner requests. The Contractor shall not imbalance its Schedule of Values nor artificially inflate any element thereof. The violation of this provision by the Contractor shall constitute a material breach of this Contract. The Contractor's Schedule of Values will be utilized for the Contractor's Payment Requests but shall only be so utilized after it has been acknowledged in writing by the Owner;

(C) The Owner shall pay the Contract Price to the Contractor in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Paragraph 7. On or before the 1st day of each month after commencement of performance, but no more frequently than once monthly, the Contractor may submit a Payment Request for the period ending the 25th day of the month to the following:

Rick Monk  
Director of Facilities  
Collin County  
4600 Community Ave.  
McKinney, TX 75071

In accordance with the Texas Prompt Payment Act and 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. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Contractor shall not be paid for equipment and materials until after installation.

Each such Payment Request shall be signed by the Contractor and shall constitute the Contractor's representation that the quantity of work has reached the level for which payment is requested, that the work has been properly installed or performed in strict compliance with this Contract, and that the Contractor knows of no reason why payment should not be made as requested. Thereafter, the Owner shall review the Payment Request and may also review the work at the Project site or elsewhere to determine whether the quantity and quality of the work is as represented in the Payment Request and is as required by this Contract. The Owner shall approve in writing the amount which, in the opinion of the Owner, is properly owing to the Contractor. The amount of each such payment shall be the amount approved for payment by the Owner less such amounts, if any, otherwise owing by the Contractor to the Owner or which the Owner shall have the right to withhold as authorized by this Contract. The submission by the Contractor of a Payment Request also constitutes an affirmative representation and warranty that all work for which the Owner has previously paid is free and clear of any lien, claim, or other encumbrance from subcontractors, materialmen, suppliers and other person or entity who has, or might have a claim against the Owner for the work done on the Owner's property. Furthermore, the Contractor warrants and represents that, upon payment of the Payment Request submitted, title to all work included in such payment shall be vested in the Owner;

(D) When payment is received from the Owner, the Contractor shall immediately pay all subcontractors, materialmen, laborers and suppliers the amounts they are due for the work covered by such payment. In the event the Owner becomes informed that the Contractor has not paid a subcontractor, materialman, laborer, or supplier within 10 days after the Contractor's receipt of payment, the Owner shall have the right, but not the duty, to issue future checks and payment to the Contractor of amounts otherwise due hereunder naming the Contractor and any such subcontractor, materialman, laborer, or supplier as joint payees. Such joint check procedure, if employed by the Owner, shall create no rights in favor of any person or entity beyond the right of the named payees to payment of the check and shall not be deemed to commit the Owner to repeat the procedure in the future;

(E) Neither payment to the Contractor, utilization of the Project for any purpose by the Owner, nor any other act or omission by the Owner shall be interpreted or construed as an acceptance of any work of the Contractor not strictly in compliance with this Contract;

(F) The Owner shall have the right to refuse to make payment and, if necessary, may demand the return of a portion or all of the amount previously paid to the Contractor due to:

- (1) The quality of a portion, or all, of the Contractor's work not being in accordance with the requirements of this Contract;
- (2) The quantity of the Contractor's work not being as represented in the Contractor's Payment Request, or otherwise;
- (3) The Contractor's rate of progress being such that, in the Owner's opinion, Substantial Completion or final completion, or both, may be inexcusably delayed;
- (4) The Contractor's failure to use Contract funds, previously paid the Contractor by the Owner, to pay Contractor's Project-related obligations including, but not limited to, subcontractors, laborers and material and equipment suppliers;
- (5) Claims made, or likely to be made, against the Owner or its property;

(6) Loss caused by the Contractor;

(7) The Contractor's failure or refusal to perform any of its obligations to the Owner. In the event that the Owner makes written demand upon the Contractor for amounts previously paid by the Owner as contemplated in this Subparagraph 7(F), the Contractor shall promptly comply with such demand;

(G) If within thirty (30) days from the date payment to the Contractor is due, the Owner, without cause or basis hereunder, fails to pay the Contractor any amounts then due and payable to the Contractor, the Contractor shall have the right to cease work until receipt of proper payment after first providing ten (10) days' written notice of its intent to cease work to the Owner.

(H) When Substantial Completion has been achieved, the Contractor shall notify the Owner in writing and shall furnish to the Owner a proposed punch list listing of those matters yet to be finished. The Owner will thereupon conduct an inspection to confirm that the work is in fact substantially complete and shall upon determining that the work is substantially complete, shall review and revise, if necessary, the proposed punch list. Upon its confirmation that the Contractor's work is substantially complete, the Owner will so notify the Contractor in writing and will therein set forth the date of Substantial Completion and furnish the final punch list of items that need to be completed for final completion. If the Owner, through its inspection, fails to find that the Contractor's work is substantially complete, and is required to repeat all, or any portion, of its Substantial Completion inspection, the Contractor shall bear the cost of such repeat inspection(s) which cost may be deducted by the Owner from any payment then or thereafter due to the Contractor. Guarantees and equipment warranties required by this Contract shall commence on the date of Substantial Completion. Upon Substantial Completion, the Owner shall pay the Contractor an amount sufficient to increase total payments to the Contractor to ninety percent (90%) of the Contract Price less any amounts attributable to liquidated damages, and less the reasonable costs as determined by the Owner for completing all incomplete work, correcting and bringing into conformance all defective and nonconforming work, and handling any outstanding or threatened claims;

(I) When the Project is finally complete and the Contractor is ready for a final inspection, it shall notify the Owner thereof in writing. Thereupon, the Owner will perform a final inspection of the Project. If the Owner confirms that the Project is complete in full accordance with this Contract and that the Contractor has performed all of its obligations to the Owner hereunder, the Owner will furnish a final Approval for Payment and the Contractor is entitled to the remainder of the unpaid Contract Price, less any amount withheld pursuant to this Contract. If the Owner is unable to issue its final Approval for Payment and is required to repeat its final inspection of the Project, the Contractor shall bear the cost of such repeat inspection(s), which costs may be deducted by the Owner from the Contractor's final payment;

(J) If the Contractor fails to achieve final completion within 30 days of (i) Substantial Completion, or (ii) the Owner's delivery to the Contractor of the punch list described in Subparagraph 7(H) herein, whichever is later, the Contractor shall pay the Owner the sum of one hundred dollars and zero cents Dollars (\$100.00) per day for each and every calendar day of unexcused delay in achieving final completion beyond the date set forth herein for final completion of the work. Any sums due and payable hereunder by the Contractor shall be payable, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages representing an estimate of delay damages likely to be sustained by the Owner, estimated at or before the time of executing this Contract. When the Owner reasonably believes that final completion will be unexcusably delayed, the Owner shall be entitled, but not required, to withhold from any amounts otherwise due the Contractor an amount then believed by the Owner to be adequate to recover liquidated damages applicable to such delays. If and when the Contractor overcomes the delay in achieving final completion, or any part thereof, for which the Owner has withheld payment, the Owner shall promptly release to the Contractor those funds withheld, but no longer applicable, as liquidated damages;

(K) Prior to being entitled to receive final payment, and as a condition precedent thereto, the Contractor shall furnish the Owner, in the form and manner required by Owner, if any:

- (1) An affidavit that all of the Contractor's obligations to subcontractors, laborers, equipment or material suppliers, or other third parties in connection with the Project, have been paid or otherwise satisfied;
- (2) If applicable, consent(s) of surety to final payment;
- (3) All product warranties, operating manuals, instruction manuals and other record documents, drawings (including as-built drawings), satisfactory test results and things customarily required of the Contractor, or expressly required herein or set forth in the bid documents, as a part of or prior to Project closeout;

(L) 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.

## 8. INFORMATION AND MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY THE OWNER

(A) The Owner shall furnish to the Contractor, prior to the execution of this Contract, any and all written and tangible material in its possession concerning conditions below ground at the site of the Project. Such written and tangible material is furnished to the Contractor only in order to make complete disclosure of such material as being in the possession of the Owner and for no other purpose. By furnishing such material, the Owner does not represent, warrant, or guarantee its accuracy either in whole, in part, implicitly or explicitly, or at all, and shall have no liability therefor. The Owner shall also furnish, if appropriate, the legal description of the Project site, and any required survey;

(B) The Owner shall obtain all required authorizations, approvals, easements, and the like excluding the building permit and other permits or fees required of the Contractor by this Contract, or permits and fees customarily the responsibility of the Contractor;

(C) The Owner will provide the Contractor one (1) copy of the complete Contract. The Contractor will be charged, and shall pay the Owner, the actual cost of duplication for any additional copy of the Contract which it may require.

## 9. CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

In the event the Contractor fails or refuses to perform the work as required herein, the Owner may instruct the Contractor to cease and desist from performing further work in whole or in part. Upon receipt of such instruction, the Contractor shall immediately cease and desist as instructed by the Owner and shall not proceed further until the cause for the Owner's instructions has been corrected, no longer exists, or the Owner instructs that the work may resume. In the event the Owner issues such instructions to cease and desist, and in the further event that the Contractor fails and refuses within seven (7) days of receipt of same to provide adequate assurance to the Owner that the cause of such instructions will be eliminated or corrected, then the Owner shall have the right, but not the obligation, to carry out the work with its own forces, or with the forces of another contractor, and the Contractor shall be fully responsible and liable for the costs of performing such work by the Owner. The rights set forth herein are in addition to, and without prejudice to, any other rights or remedies the Owner may have against the Contractor.

## 10. DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONTRACTOR

In addition to any and all other duties, obligations and responsibilities of the Contractor set forth in this Contract, the Contractor shall have and perform the following duties, obligations and responsibilities to the Owner:

(A) The Contractor is again reminded of its continuing duties set forth in Subparagraph 3(G), which are by reference hereby incorporated in this Subparagraph 10(A). The Contractor shall not perform work without adequate plans and specifications, or, as appropriate, approved shop drawings, or other submittals. If the Contractor performs work knowing or believing it involves an error, inconsistency or omission in the Contract without first providing written notice to the Owner, the Contractor shall be responsible for such work and pay the cost of correcting same;

(B) All work shall strictly conform to the requirements of this Contract;

(C) The work shall be strictly supervised, the Contractor bearing full responsibility for any and all acts or omissions of those engaged in the work on behalf of the Contractor;

(D) The Contractor hereby warrants that all labor furnished under this Contract shall be competent to perform the tasks undertaken, that the product of such labor shall yield only first-class results, that all materials and equipment provided shall be new and of high quality, that the completed work will be complete, of high quality, without defects, and that all work strictly complies with the requirements of this Contract. Any work not strictly complying with the requirements of this Subparagraph shall constitute a breach of the Contractor's warranty;

(E) The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all required permits, fees and licenses customarily obtained by the Contractor. The Contractor shall comply with all legal requirements applicable to the work;

(F) The Contractor shall employ and maintain at the Project site only competent supervisory personnel. Key supervisory personnel assigned by the Contractor to this Project are as follows:

NAME FUNCTION

NAME	FUNCTION

So long as the individuals named above remain actively employed or retained by the Contractor, they shall perform the functions indicated next to their names unless the Owner agrees to the contrary in writing. In the event one or more individuals not listed above subsequently assumes one or more of those functions listed above, the Contractor shall be bound by the provisions of this Subparagraph 10(F) as though such individuals had been listed above;

(G) The Contractor, within fifteen (15) days of commencing the work, shall provide to the Owner, and comply with, the Contractor's schedule for completing the work. Such schedule shall be in a form acceptable to the Owner. The Contractor's schedule shall be updated no less frequently than monthly (unless the parties otherwise agree in writing) and shall be updated to reflect conditions encountered from time to time and shall apply to the total Project. Each such revision shall be furnished to the Owner. Strict compliance with the requirements of this Subparagraph 10(G) shall be a condition precedent to payment to the Contractor, and failure by the Contractor to strictly comply with said requirements shall constitute a material breach of this Contract;

(H) The Contractor shall keep an updated copy of this Contract at the site. Additionally, the Contractor shall keep a copy of approved shop drawings and other submittals. All of these items shall be available to the Owner at all regular business hours. Upon final completion of the work, all of these items shall be finally updated and provided to the Owner and shall become the property of the Owner;

(I) Shop drawings and other submittals from the Contractor do not constitute a part of the Contract. The Contractor shall not do any work requiring shop drawings or other submittals unless such shall have been approved in writing by the Owner. All work requiring approved shop drawings or other submittals shall be done in strict compliance with such approved documents. However, approval by the Owner shall not be evidence that work installed pursuant thereto conforms to the requirements of this Contract. The Owner shall have no duty to review partial submittals or incomplete submittals. The Contractor shall maintain a submittal log which shall include, at a minimum, the date of each submittal, the date of any resubmittal, the date of any approval or rejection, and the reason for any approval or rejection. The Contractor shall have the duty to carefully review, inspect and examine any and all submittals before submission of same to the Owner;

(J) The Contractor shall maintain the Project site in a reasonably clean condition during performance of the work. Upon final completion, the Contractor shall thoroughly clean the Project site of all debris, trash and excess materials or equipment;

(K) At all times relevant to this Contract, the Contractor shall permit the Owner to enter upon the Project site and to review or inspect the work without formality or other procedure.

## 11. 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.

## 12. NO DESIGN PROFESSIONAL

There is no architect or consulting engineer acting as Owner's agent including inspection of work or progress of Contractor in this contract. Accordingly, the Owner shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(A) The Owner shall draft proposed Change Orders;

(B) The Owner shall approve, or respond otherwise as necessary concerning shop drawings or other submittals received from the Contractor;

(C) The Owner shall be authorized to refuse to accept work which is defective or otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of this Contract. If the Owner deems it appropriate, the Owner shall be authorized to call for extra inspection or testing of the work for compliance with requirements of this Contract;

(D) The Owner shall review the Contractor's Payment Requests and shall approve in writing those amounts which, in the opinion of the Owner, are properly owing to the Contractor as provided in this Contract;

(E) The Owner shall, upon written request from the Contractor, perform those inspections required in Paragraph 7 hereinabove;

## 13. CLAIMS BY THE CONTRACTOR

Claims by the Contractor against the Owner are subject to the following terms and conditions:

(A) All Contractor claims against the Owner shall be initiated by a written claim submitted to the Owner. Such claim shall be received by the Owner no later than seven (7) calendar days after the event, or the first appearance of the circumstances, causing the claim, and same shall set forth in detail all known facts and circumstances supporting the claim;

(B) The Contractor and the Owner shall continue their performance hereunder regardless of the existence of any claims submitted by the Contractor;

(C) In the event the Contractor discovers previously concealed and unknown site conditions which are materially at variance from those typically and ordinarily encountered in the general geographical location of the Project, the Contract Price shall be modified, either upward or downward, upon the written claim made by either party within seven (7) calendar days after the first appearance to such party of the circumstances. As a condition precedent to the Owner having any liability to the Contractor due to concealed and unknown conditions, the Contractor must give the Owner written notice of, and an opportunity to observe, such condition prior to disturbing it. The failure by the Contractor to give the written notice and make the claim as provided by this Subparagraph 13(C) shall constitute a waiver by the Contractor of any rights arising out of or relating to such concealed and unknown condition;

(D) In the event the Contractor seeks to make a claim for an increase in the Contract Price, as a condition precedent to any liability of the Owner therefor, the Contractor shall strictly comply with the requirements of Subparagraph 13(A) above and such claim shall be made by the Contractor before proceeding to execute any additional or changed work. Failure of the condition precedent to occur shall constitute a waiver by the Contractor of any claim for additional compensation;



(E) In connection with any claim by the Contractor against the Owner for compensation in excess of the Contract Price, any liability of the Owner for the Contractor's cost shall be strictly limited to direct cost incurred by the Contractor and shall in no event include indirect cost or consequential damages of the Contractor. The Owner shall not be liable to the Contractor for claims of third-parties including subcontractors, unless and until liability of the Contractor has been established therefor in a court of competent jurisdiction;

(F) In the event the Contractor should be delayed in performing any task which at the time of the delay is then critical, or which during the delay becomes critical, as the sole result of any act or omission by the Owner or someone acting in the Owner's behalf, or by Owner-authorized Change Orders, unusually bad weather not reasonably anticipatable, fire or other Acts of God, the date for achieving Substantial Completion, or, as applicable, final completion, shall be appropriately adjusted by the Owner upon the written claim of the Contractor to the Owner. A task is critical within the meaning of this Subparagraph 13(F) if, and only if, said task is on the critical path of the Project schedule so that a delay in performing such task will delay the ultimate completion of the Project. Any claim for an extension of time by the Contractor shall strictly comply with the requirements of Subparagraph 13(A) above. If the Contractor fails to make such claim as required in this Subparagraph 13(F), any claim for an extension of time shall be waived.

#### 14. SUBCONTRACTORS

Upon execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall identify to the Owner, in writing, those parties intended as subcontractors on the Project. The Owner shall, in writing, state any objections the Owner may have to one or more of such subcontractors. The Contractor shall not enter into a subcontract with an intended subcontractor with reference to whom the Owner objects. All subcontracts shall afford the Contractor rights against the subcontractor which correspond to those rights afforded to the Owner against the Contractor herein, including those rights of Contract termination as set forth herein below.

#### 15. CHANGE ORDERS

One or more changes to the work within the general scope of this Contract may be ordered by Change Order. The Contractor shall proceed with any such changes, and same shall be accomplished in strict accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(A) Change Order shall mean a written order to the Contractor executed by the Owner after execution of this Contract, directing a change in the work and may include a change in the Contract Price or the time for the Contractor's performance, or any combination thereof;

(B) Any change in the Contract Price resulting from a Change Order shall be determined as follows:

(1) By mutual agreement between the Owner and the Contractor as evidenced by (a) the change in the Contract Price being set forth in the Change Order, (b) such change in the Contract Price, together with any conditions or requirements relating thereto, being initialed by both parties and (c) the Contractor's execution of the Change Order, or,

(2) If no mutual agreement occurs between the Owner and the Contractor, the change in the Contract Price, if any, shall be derived by determining the reasonable actual costs incurred or savings achieved, resulting from revisions in the work. Such reasonable actual costs or savings shall include a component for direct jobsite overhead and profit but shall not include home-office overhead or other indirect costs or components. Any such costs or savings shall be documented in the format and with such content and detail as the Owner requires.

(C) The execution of a Change Order by the Contractor shall constitute conclusive evidence of the Contractor's agreement to the ordered changes in the work, this Contract as thus amended, the Contract Price and the time for performance by the Contractor. The Contractor, by executing the Change Order, waives and forever releases any claim against the Owner for additional time or compensation for matters relating to or arising out of or resulting from the work included within or affected by the executed Change Order;

(D) The Contractor shall notify and obtain the consent and approval of the Contractor's surety with reference to all Change Orders if such notice, consent or approvals are required by the Owner, the Contractor's surety or by law. The Contractor's execution of the Change Order shall constitute the Contractor's warranty to the Owner that the surety has been notified of, and consents to, such Change Order and the surety shall be conclusively deemed to have been notified of such Change Order and to have expressly consented thereto.

(E) The owner's representative in this agreement is the project manager. No change orders or other modifications to this agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by the Purchasing Agent.

#### 16. DISCOVERING AND CORRECTING DEFECTIVE OR INCOMPLETE WORK

(A) In the event that the Contractor covers, conceals or obscures its work in violation of this Contract or in violation of a directive from the Owner, such work shall be uncovered and displayed for the Owner's inspection upon request, and shall be reworked at no cost in time or money to the Owner;

(B) If any of the work is covered, concealed or obscured in a manner not covered by Subparagraph 16(A) above, it shall, if directed by the Owner, be uncovered and displayed for the Owner's inspection. If the uncovered work conforms strictly to this Contract, the costs incurred by the Contractor to uncover and subsequently, replace such work shall be borne by the Owner. Otherwise, such costs shall be borne by the Contractor;

(C) The Contractor shall, at no cost in time or money to the Owner, correct work rejected by the Owner as defective or failing to conform to this Contract. Additionally, the Contractor shall reimburse the Owner for all testing, inspections and other expenses incurred as a result thereof;

(D) In addition to its warranty obligations set forth elsewhere herein, the Contractor shall be specifically obligated to correct any and all defective or nonconforming work for a period of twelve (12) months following final completion upon written direction from the Owner.

(E) The Owner may, but shall in no event be required to, choose to accept defective or nonconforming work. In such event, the Contract Price shall be reduced by the greater of (1) the reasonable costs of removing and correcting the defective or nonconforming work, and (2) the difference between the fair market value of the Project as constructed and the fair market value of the Project had it not been constructed in such a manner as to include defective or nonconforming work. If the remaining portion of the unpaid Contract Price, if any, is insufficient to compensate the Owner for the acceptance of defective or nonconforming work, the Contractor shall, upon written demand from the Owner, pay the Owner such remaining compensation for accepting defective or nonconforming work.

#### 17. TERMINATION BY THE CONTRACTOR

If the Owner repeatedly fails to perform its material obligations to the Contractor for a period of thirty (30) days after receiving written notice from the Contractor of its intent to terminate hereunder, the Contractor may terminate performance under this Contract by written notice to the Owner. In such event, the Contractor shall be entitled to recover from the Owner as though the Owner had terminated the Contractor's performance under this Contract for convenience pursuant to Subparagraph 19(A) hereunder.

#### 18. OWNER'S RIGHT TO SUSPEND CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE

(A) The Owner shall have the right at any time to direct the Contractor to suspend its performance, or any designated part thereof, for any reason whatsoever, or without reason, for a cumulative period of up to ten (10) calendar days. If any such suspension is directed by the Owner, the Contractor shall immediately comply with same;

(B) In the event the Owner directs a suspension of performance under this Paragraph 18, through no fault of the Contractor, the Owner shall pay the Contractor as full compensation for such suspension the Contractor's reasonable costs, actually incurred and paid, of:

- (1) demobilization and remobilization, including such costs paid to subcontractors;
- (2) preserving and protecting work in place;
- (3) storage of materials or equipment purchased for the Project, including insurance thereon;
- (4) performing in a later, or during a longer, time frame than that contemplated by this Contract.

#### 19. TERMINATION BY THE OWNER

The Owner may terminate this Contract in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(A) The Owner may, for any reason whatsoever, terminate performance under this Contract by the Contractor for convenience. The Owner shall give written notice of such termination to the Contractor specifying when termination becomes effective. The Contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the work and the Contractor shall stop work when such termination becomes effective. The Contractor shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts. The Contractor shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders. The Owner may direct the Contractor to assign the Contractor's right, title and interest under termination orders or subcontracts to the Owner or its designee. The Contractor shall transfer title and deliver to the Owner such completed or partially completed work and materials, equipment, parts, fixtures, information and Contract rights as the Contractor has. When terminated for convenience, the Contractor shall be compensated as follows:

(1) The Contractor shall submit a termination claim to the Owner specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with costs, pricing or other data required by the Owner. If the Contractor fails to file a termination claim within one (1) year from the effective date of termination, the Owner shall pay the Contractor, an amount derived in accordance with Subparagraph (3) below;

(2) The Owner and the Contractor may agree to the compensation, if any, due to the Contractor hereunder;

(3) Absent agreement to the amount due to the Contractor, the Owner shall pay the Contractor the following amounts:

(a) Contract prices for labor, materials, equipment and other services accepted under this Contract;

(b) Reasonable costs incurred in preparing to perform and in performing the terminated portion of the work, and in terminating the Contractor's performance, plus a fair and reasonable allowance for direct jobsite overhead and profit thereon (such profit shall not include anticipated profit or consequential damages); provided however, that if it appears that the Contractor would have not profited or would have sustained a loss if the entire Contract would have been completed, no profit shall be allowed or included and the amount of compensation shall be reduced to reflect the anticipated rate of loss, if any;

(c) Reasonable costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to Subparagraph 19(A) of this Paragraph. These costs shall not include amounts paid in accordance with other provisions hereof.

The total sum to be paid the Contractor under this Subparagraph 19(A) shall not exceed the total Contract Price, as properly adjusted, reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, and shall in no event include duplication of payment.

(B) If the Contractor does not perform the work, or any part thereof, in a timely manner, supply adequate labor, supervisory personnel or proper equipment or materials, or if it fails to timely discharge its obligations for labor, equipment and materials, or proceeds to disobey applicable law, or otherwise commits a violation of a material provision of this Contract, then the Owner, in addition to any other rights it may have against the Contractor or others, may terminate the performance of the Contractor and assume possession of the Project site and of all materials and equipment at the site and may complete the work. In such case, the Contractor shall not be paid further until the work is complete. After final completion has been achieved, if any portion of the Contract Price, as it may be modified hereunder, remains after the cost to the Owner of completing the work, including all costs and expenses of every nature incurred, has been deducted by the Owner, such remainder shall belong to the Contractor. Otherwise, the Contractor shall pay and make whole the Owner for such cost. This obligation for payment shall survive the termination of the Contract. In the event the employment of the Contractor is terminated by the Owner for cause pursuant to this Subparagraph 19(B) and it is subsequently determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction that such termination was without cause, such termination shall thereupon be deemed a Termination for Convenience under Subparagraph 19(A) and the provisions of Subparagraph 19(A) shall apply.

## 20. INSURANCE

The Contractor shall have and maintain insurance in accordance with the requirements of Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

## 21. SURETY BONDS

The Contractor shall furnish separate performance and payment bonds to the Owner. Each bond shall set forth a penal sum in an amount not less than the Contract Price. Each bond furnished by the Contractor shall incorporate by reference the terms of this Contract as fully as though they were set forth verbatim in such bonds and shall specifically reference paragraph 16(d) of this agreement. In the event the Contract Price is adjusted by Change Order executed by the Contractor, the penal sum of both the performance bond and payment bond shall be deemed increased by like amount. The performance, payment and maintenance bonds furnished by the Contractor shall be in form provided by the Owner and shall be executed by a surety, or sureties, reasonably acceptable to the Owner.

## 22. PROJECT RECORDS

All documents relating in any manner whatsoever to the Project, or any designated portion thereof, which are in the possession of the Contractor, or any subcontractor of the Contractor, shall be made available to the Owner for inspection and copying upon written request by the Owner. Furthermore, said documents shall be made available, upon request by the Owner, to any state, federal or other regulatory authority and any such authority may review, inspect and copy such records. Said records include, but are not limited to, all drawings, plans, specifications, submittals, correspondence, minutes, memoranda, tape recordings, videos, or other writings or things which document the Project, its design, and its construction. Said records expressly include those documents reflecting the cost of construction to the Contractor. The Contractor shall maintain and protect these documents for no less than four (4) years after final completion of the Project, or for any longer period of time as may be required by law or good construction practice.

## 23. APPLICABLE LAW

The law applicable to this Contract is hereby agreed to be the law of the State of Texas and venue shall be Collin County, Texas.

## 24. EXPENSES FOR ENFORCEMENT

In the event either Party hereto is required to employ an attorney to enforce the provisions of this Agreement or is required to commence legal proceedings to enforce the provisions hereof, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover from the other, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs incurred in connection with such enforcement, including collection.

## 25. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

Each party binds itself, its successors, assigns, executors, administrators or other representatives to the other party hereto and to successors, assigns, executors, administrators or other representatives of such other party in connection with all terms and conditions of this Contract. The Contractor shall not assign this Contract without prior written consent of the Owner.

## 26. FORCE MAJEURE

No party shall be liable or responsible to the other party, nor be deemed to have defaulted under or breached this Agreement, for any failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any term of this Agreement, when and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from acts beyond the affected party's reasonable control, including, without limitation: acts of God; flood, fire or explosion; war, invasion, riot or other civil unrest; actions, embargoes or blockades in effect on or after the date of this Agreement; or national or regional emergency (each of the foregoing, a "Force Majeure Event"). A party whose performance is affected by a Force Majeure Event shall give notice to the other party, stating the period of time the occurrence is expected to continue and shall use diligent efforts to end the failure or delay and minimize the effects of such Force Majeure Event.

## 27. SEVERABILITY

If any term or provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other term or provision of this Agreement or invalidate

or render unenforceable such term or provision in any other jurisdiction. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

2. NOTICES

All notices required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly delivered hereunder if mailed by first class certified mail, postage prepaid, to the respective parties at the respective addresses:

Owner:

Rick Monk  
Director of Facilities  
4600 Community Ave.  
McKinney, TX 75071

Bill Bilyeu  
Collin County Administrator  
2300 Bloomdale #4192  
McKinney, TX 75071

Collin County Purchasing  
2300 Bloomdale # 3160  
McKinney, TX 75071

Contractor:

Berger Engineering Company  
1617 W. Crosby Rd. #100  
Carrollton, TX 75006

Any party may at any time change its address for such notices by delivering or mailing to the other parties hereto, in the manner provided above, a notice of such change.

**OWNER**

Collin County

\_\_\_\_\_  
(TYPED NAME)

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(SIGNATURE)

Michelle Charnoski, NIGP-CPP, CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
2300 Bloomdale Rd., Ste. 3160  
McKinney, TX 75071

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINTED NAME, TITLE & ADDRESS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE OF EXECUTION)

**CONTRACTOR**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(TYPED NAME)

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINTED NAME, TITLE & ADDRESS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE OF EXECUTION)

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**Insurance Requirements:**

1. Before commencing work, the Contractor shall be required to furnish the Collin County Purchasing Agent with certified copies of all insurance certificate(s), at their own expense, indicating the coverage to remain in force throughout the term of this contract. Contractor shall also be required to furnish the Collin County Purchasing Agent with certified copies of subcontractor's insurance certificates required by the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, section 406.096(b), and coverages required herein in section 1.2.

1.1 Commercial General Liability insurance including but not limited to the coverage indicated below. Coverage shall not exclude or limit Products/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, or Cross Liability.

- Each Occurrence: \$2,000,000
- Personal & Adv. Injury: \$1,000,000
- Products/Completed Operation: \$2,000,000
- General Aggregate: \$2,000,000

1.2 Workers Compensation insurance as required by the laws of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, section 406.096(b).

- Liability, Each Accident: \$1,000,000
- Disease-Each Employee: \$1,000,000
- Disease – Policy Limit: \$1,000,000

1.3 Commercial Automobile Liability insurance including owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles used in connection with the contract.

- Combined Single Limit – Each Accident: \$1,000,000

1.4 Umbrella/Excess Liability insurance.

- Each Occurrence/Aggregate: \$1,000,000

1.5 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 \$1,000,000 aggregate.

2. With reference to the foregoing insurance requirement, the vendor shall endorse applicable insurance policies as follows:

2.1 A waiver of subrogation in favor of Collin County, its officials, employees, volunteers and officers shall be contained in all insurance coverages.

2.2 The vendor's insurance coverage shall name Collin County as additional insured under the General Liability policy.

2.3 All insurance policies shall be endorsed to require the insurer to immediately notify Collin County of any decrease in the insurance coverage limits.

2.4 All insurance policies shall be endorsed to the effect that Collin County will receive at least thirty (30) days' notice prior to cancellation, non-renewal or termination of the policy.

2.5 All copies of Certificates of Insurance shall reference the project/contract number.

3. All insurance shall be purchased from an insurance company that meets the following requirements:

3.1 A financial rating of A-VII or better as assigned by the BEST Rating Company or equivalent.

4. Certificates of Insurance shall be prepared and executed by the insurance company or its authorized agent, and shall contain provisions representing and warranting the following:

4.1 Sets forth all endorsements and insurance coverages according to requirements and instructions contained herein.

4.2 Sets forth the notice of cancellation or termination to Collin County.