



# Collin County Purchasing

**2024-054**

## **Professional Services, Forensic Engineering Services**

Issue Date: 12/5/2023

Questions Deadline: 12/21/2023 05:00 PM (CT)

Response Deadline: 1/11/2024 02:00 PM (CT)

Collin County Purchasing

### **Contact Information**

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Address: Purchasing

Admin. Building

Ste.3160

2300 Bloomdale Road

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McKinney, TX 75071

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Fax: (972) 548-4694

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## Event Information

Number: 2024-054  
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Type: Request for Qualifications  
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Response Deadline: 1/11/2024 02:00 PM (CT)  
Notes: Please log in to view RFQ documents.

## Ship To Information

Address: See Purchase Order  
McKinney, TX 75071

## Billing Information

Address: Auditor  
Admin. Building  
Ste. 3100  
2300 Bloomdale Rd.  
Ste. 3100  
McKinney, TX 75071

## Bid Attachments

### **LEGAL\_NOTICE\_2024-054.doc**

Legal Notice

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### **General\_Instructions\_Qualifications\_07.18.2022.docx**

1.0 General Instructions RFQ

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### **Terms\_of\_Contract\_Qualifications\_-\_9.9.21.docx**

Terms of Contract - Qualifications

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### **RFQ\_2024-054\_Specs.doc**

RFQ 2024-054 Specifications

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### **Sample Agreement - Engineering Services 9.9.21.docx**

Attachment A-Sample ESA

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### **Exhibit A - Construction Agreement Engineer.pdf**

Exhibit A - Construction Agreement Engineer Sample

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### **HB23\_CIQ\_Rev.\_1.docx**

Information Regarding Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

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### **CIQ\_113015.pdf**

Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

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### **W-9 rev 2018.pdf**

W-9 Form

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## Requested Attachments

### **Conflict of Interest Questionnaire**

#### **W-9**

*(Attachment required)*

# Qualification Statement

(Attachment required)

## Bid Attributes

<b>1</b>	<b>eBid Notice</b> Collin County exclusively uses IonWave Technologies, Inc. (Collin County eBid) for the notification and dissemination of all solicitations. The receipt of solicitations through any other means may result in your receipt of incomplete specifications and/or addendums which could ultimately render your bid/proposal non-compliant. Collin County accepts no responsibility for the receipt and/or notification of solicitations through any other means. Please initial.  <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <i>(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)</i>
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<b>2</b>	<b>Contact Information</b> List the contact name, email address and phone number of the main person(s) Collin County should contact in reference to this solicitation. Contact(s) shall be duly authorized by the company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual to respond to any questions, clarification, and or offers in response to this solicitation.  <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <i>(Required: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)</i>
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<b>3</b>	<b>Exceptions (for RFP/RFQ)</b> Do you take exception to the specifications? If so, by separate attachment, please state your exceptions. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>(Required: Check only one)</i>
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<b>4</b>	<b>Insurance Acknowledgement</b> I understand that the insurance requirements of this solicitation are required and are included in the submitted pricing. A certificate of insurance shall be submitted to the Purchasing department if I am awarded all or a portion of the resulting contract. Please initial.  <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <i>(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)</i>
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**5 Subcontractors**

State the business name of all subcontractors and the type of work they will be performing under this contract. If you are fully qualified to self-perform the entire contract, please respond with "Not Applicable-Self Perform".

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**6 Reference No. 1**

List a company or governmental agency, other than Collin County, where these same/like products/services, as stated herein, have been provided. Texas references are preferred. Include the following: Company/Entity, Contact, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone, and E-Mail. It is the responsibility of the Bidder/Proposer to ensure submitted references will be responsive to the County's requests. The County reserves the right to contact references other than those listed, and to consider any information acquired from all references during the evaluation process.

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**7 Reference No. 2**

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**9 Debarment Certification**

I certify that neither my company nor an owner or principal of my company has been debarred, suspended or otherwise made ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension," as described in the Federal Register and Rules and Regulations. Please initial.

*(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)*

**10 Immigration and Reform Act**

I declare and affirm that my company is in compliance with the Immigration and Reform Act of 1986 and all employees are legally eligible to work in the United States of America. I further understand and acknowledge that any non-compliance with the Immigration and Reform Act of 1986 at any time during the term of this contract will render the contract voidable by Collin County. Please initial.

*(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)*

**11 Disclosure of Certain Relationships**

Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor considering doing business with a local government entity disclose the vendor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. Subchapter 6 of the code requires a vendor to file a conflict of interest questionnaire (CIQ) if a conflict exists. By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of Collin County no later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of an event that requires the statement to be filed. A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates the code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor. By submitting a response to this request, the vendor represents that it is in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code. Please send completed forms to the Collin County County Clerk's Office located at 2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 2104, McKinney, TX 75071. Please initial.

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**2** **Anti-Collusion Statement**

Bidder certifies that its Bid/Proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a Bid/Proposal for the same materials, services, supplies, or equipment and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. No premiums, rebates or gratuities permitted; either with, prior to, or after any delivery of material or provision of services. Any such violation may result in Agreement cancellation, return of materials or discontinuation of services and the possible removal from bidders list. Please initial.

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**3** **Disclosure of Interested Parties**

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**4** **Notification Survey**

In order to better serve our offerors, the Collin County Purchasing Department is conducting the following survey. We appreciate your time and effort expended to submit your bid. Should you have any questions or require more information please call (972) 548-4165. How did you receive notice of this request?

Plano Star Courier    Plan Room    Collin County eBid Notification    Collin County Website  
 Other

*(Required: Check only one)*

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**5** **Critical Infrastructure Affirmation**

Pursuant to section 2274.0102 of the Texas Government Code, Respondent certifies that neither it nor its parent company, nor any affiliate of Respondent or its parent company, is: (1) majority owned or controlled by citizens or governmental entities of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or any other country designated by the Governor under Government Code Section 2274.0103, or (2) headquartered in any of those countries. Please initial.

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**6** **Energy Company Boycotts**

Pursuant to Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code, should the contract have a value of \$100,000 or more and the company employs 10 or more full-time employees, Respondent represents and warrants that: (1) it does not, and will not for the duration of the contract, boycott energy companies, and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the contract, Respondent shall promptly notify Agency. Please initial.

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**17 Firearm Entities and Trade Associations Discrimination**

Pursuant to section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code, should the contract have a value of \$100,000 or more and the company employs 10 or more full-time employees, Respondent verifies that: (1) it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and (2) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the contract, Respondent shall promptly notify Agency. Please initial.

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*(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)*

**18 Offeror Acknowledgment**

Offeror acknowledges that they understand the specifications, any and all addenda, agrees to the terms and conditions, and can provide the minimum requirements stated herein. Offeror acknowledges they have read the document in its entirety and is familiar with local conditions under which work is to be performed and will be responsible for any and all errors in the statement submitted resulting from Offeror's failure to do so. If statement is accepted, offeror further certifies and agrees to furnish any and all services upon conditions in the specifications of the Statement of Qualifications. Please initial.

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*(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)*

**Bid Lines**

**1 Please attach your Qualification Statement**

*(Line excluded from response total)*

Supplier Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Additional notes  
*(Attach separate sheet)*

**Supplier Information**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Supplier Notes**

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The undersigned hereby certifies the foregoing qualifications submitted by the company hereinafter called "offeror" is the duly authorized agent of said company and the person signing said qualification has been duly authorized to execute same. Offeror affirms that they are duly authorized to execute this contract; this company; corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this qualification in collusion with any other offeror or other person or persons engaged in the same line of business; and that the contents of this qualification as to terms and conditions of said qualification have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this qualification.

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*Print Name*

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*Signature*



## **1.0 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

### 1.0.1 Definitions

1.0.1.1 Offeror: refers to submitter.

1.0.1.2 Provider: refers to a Successful Service Provider.

1.0.1.3 Statement: refers to those documents required to be submitted to Collin County, by an Offeror.

1.0.1.4 SOQ: refers to Statement of Qualifications

1.0.1.5 RFQ: refers to Request for Qualifications

1.1 If Offeror does not wish to submit a Statement at this time, please submit a No Bid/Response.

1.2 Awards shall be made not more than ninety (90) days after the time set for opening of submittals.

1.3 Collin County is always conscious and extremely appreciative of your time and effort in preparing your Statement.

1.4 Collin County exclusively uses IonWave Technologies, Inc. (Collin County eBid) for the notification and dissemination of all solicitations. The receipt of solicitations through any other company may result in the receipt of incomplete specifications and/or addenda which could ultimately render your Statement non-compliant. Collin County accepts no responsibility for the receipt and/or notification of solicitations through any other company.

1.5 A Statement may not be withdrawn or canceled by the Offeror prior to the ninety-first (91<sup>st</sup>) day following public opening of submittals and only prior to award.

1.6 It is understood that Collin County, Texas reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Statements for any or all services covered in a SOQ and to waive informalities or defects in Statements or to accept such Statements as it shall deem to be in the best interest of Collin County.

1.7 All SOQs submitted in hard copy paper form shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked on the outside with the RFQ number and name. A hard copy paper form Statement shall be manually signed in ink by a person having the authority to bind the firm in a contract. Statements shall be mailed or hand delivered to the Collin County Purchasing Department.

1.8 Statements submitted via email, oral, telegraphic or telephonic will not be accepted. SOQs may be submitted in electronic format via Collin County eBid.

1.9 All SOQs submitted electronically via Collin County eBid shall remain locked until official date and time of opening as stated in the Special Terms and Conditions of the RFQ.

1.10 Time/date stamp clock in Collin County Purchasing Department shall be the official time of receipt for all SOQs submitted in hard copy paper form only, no flash drives, CD-ROMs or any other form of “plug and play” portable storage device will be accepted as a Statement. SOQs received in the Collin County Purchasing Department after submission deadline shall be considered void and unacceptable. Absolutely no late submittals will be considered. Collin County accepts no responsibility for technical difficulties related to electronic submittals.

- 1.11 For hard copy paper form Statements, any alterations made prior to opening date and time must be initialed by the signer of the SOQ guaranteeing authenticity. Statements cannot be altered or amended after submission deadline.
- 1.12 Collin County is by statute exempt from the State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax.
- 1.13 Any interpretations, corrections and/or changes to a RFQ and related Specifications or extensions to the opening/receipt date will be made by addenda to the respective document by the Collin County Purchasing Department. Questions and/or clarification requests must be submitted no later than the date specified in the solicitation. Those received at a later date may not be addressed prior to the public opening. Sole authority to authorize addenda shall be vested in Collin County Purchasing Agent as entrusted by the Collin County Commissioners Court. Addenda may be transmitted electronically via Collin County eBid.
- 1.13.1 Addenda will be transmitted to all that are known to have received a copy of the RFQ and related Specifications. However, it shall be the sole responsibility of the Offeror to verify issuance/non-issuance of addenda and to check all avenues of document availability (i.e. **Collin County eBid** <https://collincountytexas.com>, telephoning Purchasing Department directly, etc.) prior to opening/receipt date and time to insure Offeror's receipt of any addenda issued. Offeror shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda.
- 1.14 All materials and services shall be subject to Collin County approval.
- 1.15 Collin County reserves the right to make award as it deems to be in the best interest of the County.
- 1.16 The Offeror shall comply with Commissioners Court Order No. 96-680-10-28, Establishment of Guidelines & Restrictions Regarding the Acceptance of Gifts by County Officials & County Employees.
- 1.17 Offerors taking exception to the specifications shall do so at their own risk. By offering substitutions, Offeror shall state these exceptions in the section provided in the RFQ or by attachment. Exception/substitution, if accepted, must meet or exceed specifications stated therein. Collin County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all of the exception(s)/substitution(s) deemed to be in the best interest of the County.
- 1.18 Minimum Standards for Responsible Prospective Offerors: A prospective Offeror must meet the following minimum requirements:
- 1.18.1 have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- 1.18.2 be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery/completion schedule;
- 1.18.3 have a satisfactory record of performance;
- 1.18.4 have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
- 1.18.5 be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.
- Collin County may request documentation and other information sufficient to determine Offeror's ability to meet these minimum standards listed above.
- 1.19 Offeror shall bear any/all costs associated with its preparation of an SOQ submittal.
- 1.20 Public Information Act: Collin County is governed by the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. All information submitted by prospective bidders during the bidding process is subject to release under the Act.

1.21 The Offeror shall comply with Commissioners Court Order No. 2004-167-03-11, County Logo Policy.

1.22 Openings: All Statements submitted (Offeror's name) will be read at the County's regularly scheduled bid opening for the designated project. However, the reading of a bid at bid opening should be not construed as a comment on the responsiveness of such bid or as any indication that the County accepts such bid as responsive.

The County will make a determination as to the responsiveness of Statements submitted based upon compliance with all applicable laws, Collin County Purchasing Guidelines, and project documents, including but not limited to the specifications and contract documents. The County will notify the successful Offeror upon award of the contract and, according to state law; all Statements received will be available for inspection at that time.

1.23 Offeror 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.

## 2.0 TERMS OF CONTRACT

- 2.1 Any resulting contract resulting from an accepted Statement of Qualifications shall be in the form of Collin County's standard Architects/Engineers agreement. No different or additional terms will become part of this contract with the exception of an Amendment.
- 2.2 No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting contract. All Amendments to the contract will be made in writing by Collin County Purchasing Agent.
- 2.3 No public official shall have interest in the contract, in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171.
- 2.4 The Provider shall comply with Commissioners' Court Order No. 96-680-10-28, Establishment of Guidelines & Restrictions Regarding the Acceptance of Gifts by County Officials & County Employees.
- 2.5 Design, strength, quality of materials and workmanship must conform to the highest standards of manufacturing and engineering practice.
- 2.6 Statements must comply with all federal, state, county and local laws concerning the type(s) of product(s)/service(s)/equipment/project(s) contracted for, and the fulfillment of all ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements.
- 2.7 All products must be new and unused, unless otherwise specified, in first-class condition and of current manufacture. Obsolete products, including products or any parts not compatible with existing hardware/software configurations will not be accepted.
- 2.8 Provider shall provide any and all notices as may be required under the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988, 28 CFR Part 67, Subpart F, to its employees and all sub-contractors to insure that Collin County maintains a drug-free work place.
- 2.9 Provider shall defend, indemnify and save harmless Collin County and all its officers, agents and employees and all entities, their officers, agents and employees who are participating in this contract from all suits, claims, actions, damages (including personal injury and or property damages), or demands of any character, name and description, (including attorneys' fees, expenses and other defense costs of any nature) brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of Provider's breach of the contract arising from an award, and/or any negligent act, error, omission or fault of the Provider, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier of Provider in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from an award. Provider shall pay in full any judgment with costs, including attorneys' fees and expenses which are rendered against Collin County and/or participating entities arising out of such breach, act, error, omission and/or fault.  
  
Providers must be in compliance with the provisions of Section 2254.0031 of the Texas Government Code, which incorporates by reference Section 271.904(d) of the Texas Local Government Code. Providers/Respondent shall perform services (1) with professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent engineers or architects practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional license, and (2) as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent engineer or architect.
- 2.10 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.

- 2.11 The contract shall remain in effect until any of the following occurs: delivery of product(s) and/or completion and acceptance by Collin County of product(s) and/or service(s), contract expires or is terminated by either party with thirty (30) days written notice prior to cancellation and notice must state therein the reasons for such cancellation. Collin County reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately in the event the Provider fails to meet delivery or completion schedules, or otherwise perform in accordance with the specifications. Breach of contract or default authorizes the County to purchase elsewhere and charge the full increase in cost and handling to the defaulting Provider.
- 2.12 Collin County Purchasing Department shall serve as Contract Administrator or shall supervise agents designated by Collin County.
- 2.13 Provider shall notify the Purchasing Department immediately if delivery/completion schedule cannot be met. If delay is foreseen, the Provider shall give written notice to the Purchasing Agent. The County has the right to extend delivery/completion time if reason appears valid.
- 2.14 Collin County shall generate a purchase order(s) to the Provider and the purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices. Collin County will not be responsible for any services rendered without a valid purchase order number.
- 2.15 Invoices shall be mailed directly to the Collin County Auditor's Office, 2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 3100, McKinney, Texas 75071. All invoices shall show:
  - 2.15.1 Collin County Purchase Order Number;
  - 2.15.2 Provider's Name, Address and Tax Identification Number;
  - 2.15.3 Detailed breakdown of all charges for the product(s) and/or service(s) including applicable time frames.
- 2.16 Payment will be made in accordance with V.T.C.A., Government Code, Title 10, Subtitle F, Chapter 2251.
- 2.17 All warranties shall be stated as required in the Uniform Commercial Code.
- 2.18 The Provider and Collin County agree that both parties have all rights, duties, and remedies available as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code.
- 2.19 The Provider agrees to protect Collin County from any claims involving infringements of patents and/or copyrights.
- 2.20 The contract will be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Should any portion of the contract be in conflict with the laws of the State of Texas, the State laws shall invalidate only that portion. The remaining portion of the contract shall remain in effect. The contract is performable in Collin County, Texas.
- 2.21 The Provider shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey the contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval from Collin County.
- 2.22 The apparent silence of any part of the specification as to any detail or to the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of the specification shall be made on the basis of this statement.

- 2.23 Provider shall not fraudulently advertise, publish or otherwise make reference to the existence of a contract between Collin County and Provider for purposes of solicitation. As exception, Provider may refer to Collin County as an evaluating reference for purposes of establishing a contract with other entities.
- 2.24 The Provider understands, acknowledges and agrees that if the Provider sub-contracts with a third party for services and/or material, the primary Provider (awardee) accepts responsibility for full and prompt payment to the third party. Any dispute between the primary Provider and the third party, including any payment dispute, will be promptly remedied by the primary Provider. Failure to promptly render a remedy or to make prompt payment to the third party (sub-contractor) may result in the withholding of funds from the primary Provider by Collin County for any payments owed to the third party.
- 2.25 Criminal History Background Check: If required, ALL individuals may be subject to a criminal history background check performed by Collin County prior to access being granted to Collin County facilities. Upon request, Vendor/Contractor/Provider shall provide list of individuals to the Collin County Purchasing Department within five (5) working days.
- 2.26 Non-Disclosure Agreement: When applicable, Provider shall be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement acknowledging that all information to be furnished is in all respects confidential in nature, other than information which is in the public domain through other means and that any disclosure or use of same by Provider, except as provided in the contract/agreement, may cause serious harm or damage to Collin County. Therefore, Provider agrees that Provider will not use the information furnished for any purpose other than that stated in contract/agreement, and agrees that Provider will not either directly or indirectly by agent, employee, or representative disclose this information, either in whole or in part, to any third party, except on a need to know basis for the purpose of evaluating any possible transaction. This agreement shall be binding upon Collin County and Provider, and upon the directors, officers, employees and agents of each.
- 2.27 Providers must be in compliance with the Immigration and Reform Act of 1986 and all employees specific to this solicitation must be legally eligible to work in the United States of America.
- 2.28 Certification of Eligibility: This provision applies if the anticipated Contract exceeds \$100,000.00 and as it relates to the expenditure of federal grant funds. By submitting a statement in response to this solicitation, the Provider certifies that at the time of submission, he/she is not on the Federal Government's list of suspended, ineligible, or debarred contractors. In the event of placement on the list between the time of statement submission and time of award, the Provider will notify the Collin County Purchasing Agent. Failure to do so may result in terminating this contract for default.
- 2.29 Notice to Providers delivering goods or performing services within the Collin County Detention Facility: The Collin County Detention Facility houses persons who have been charged with and/or convicted of serious criminal offenses. When entering the Detention Facility, you could: (1) hear obscene or graphic language; (2) view partially clothed male inmates; (3) be subjected to verbal abuse or taunting; (4) risk physical altercations or physical contact, which could be minimal or possibly serious; (5) be exposed to communicable or infectious diseases; (6) be temporarily detained or prevented from immediately leaving the Detention Facility in the case of an emergency or "lockdown"; and (7) subjected to a search of your person or property. While the Collin County Sheriff's Office takes every reasonable precaution to protect the safety of visitors to the Detention Facility, because of the inherently dangerous nature of a Detention Facility and the type of the persons incarcerated therein, please be advised of the possibility of such situations exist and you should carefully consider such risks when entering the Detention Facility. By entering the Collin County Detention Facility, you acknowledge that you are aware of such potential risks and willingly and knowingly choose to enter the Collin County Detention Facility.

- 2.30 Delays and Extensions of Time when applicable:
- 2.30.1 If the Provider is delayed at any time in the commence or progress of the Work by an act or neglect of the Owner or Architect/Engineer, or of an employee of either, or of a separate contractor employed by the Owner, or by changes ordered in the Work, or by labor disputes, fire, unusual delay in deliveries, unavoidable casualties or other causes beyond the Provider's control, or by delay authorized by the Owner pending mediation and arbitration, or by other causes which the Owner or Architect/Engineer determines may justify delay, then the Contract Time shall be extended by Amendment for such reasonable time as the Owner/Architect/Engineer may determine.
- 2.30.2 If adverse weather conditions are the basis for a Claim for additional time, such Claim shall be documented by data substantiating that weather conditions were abnormal for the period of time and could not have been reasonably anticipated, and that the weather conditions had an adverse effect on the scheduled construction.
- 2.31 Disclosure of Certain Relationships: Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor considering doing business with a local government entity disclose the vendor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. Subchapter 6 of the code requires a vendor to file a conflict of interest questionnaire (CIQ) if a conflict exists. By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of Collin County no later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of an event that requires the statement to be filed. A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates the code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor. By submitting a response to this request, the vendor represents that it is in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code. Please send completed forms to the Collin County County Clerk's Office located at 2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 2104, McKinney, TX 75071.
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- 2.33 Providers must be in compliance with the provisions of Section 2252.152 and Section 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code which states, in part, contracts with companies engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or Foreign Terrorist Organizations are prohibited. A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company that is listed on the Comptroller of the State of Texas website identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051 or Section 2253.253 which do business with Iran, Sudan or any Foreign Terrorist Organization. This Act is effective September 1, 2017.
- 2.34 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.

**NOTE:** All other terms and conditions (i.e. Insurance Requirements, Bond Requirements, etc.) shall be stated in the individual Solicitation documents as Special Terms, Conditions and Specifications.



3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION:
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- 3.1 INTRODUCTION: Collin County is soliciting information from qualified firms for Forensic Engineering Services that may be required on existing and upcoming County projects. It is intended that this contract will be for a period of one (1) year beginning upon the passage of an enabling order from Commissioners Court and the execution by each of the authorized representatives who are parties hereto, with the option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year terms.
- 3.2 PUBLIC INFORMATION: All information, documentation, and other materials submitted in response to this solicitation are considered non-confidential and/or non-proprietary and are subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act (*Texas Government Code*, Chapter 552.001, *et seq.*) after a contract is awarded. The Owner strictly complies with all statutes, court decisions, and opinions of the Texas Attorney General with respect to disclosure of RFQ information.
- 3.3 TYPE OF CONTRACT: Any contract resulting from this solicitation will be in the form of the ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT. (See Attachment A-Sample ESA)
- 3.4 EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS: The evaluation of the Qualifications shall be based on the requirements described in this RFQ. All properly submitted Qualifications will be reviewed, evaluated, and ranked by the Owner. Qualifications **shall not** include any information regarding Offerer's fees, pricing, or other compensation.
- 3.5 OWNER'S RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Qualifications and re-solicit for new Qualifications, or to reject any and all proposals and temporarily or permanently abandon the Project. Owner makes no representations, written or oral, that it will enter into any form of agreement with any Offeror to this RFQ for any project and no such representation is intended or should be construed by the issuance of this RFQ.
- 3.6 ACCEPTANCE OF EVALUATION METHODOLOGY: By submitting its Qualifications in response to this RFQ, Offeror accepts the evaluation process and acknowledges and accepts that determination of the "most qualified" firm will require subjective judgments by the Owner.
- 3.7 NO REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS: Offeror acknowledges and accepts that any costs incurred from the Offeror's participation in this RFQ shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of the Offeror.
- 3.8 INSURANCE: Collin County shall require insurance per Exhibit "E" of the Engineering Services Agreement to be provided upon award of a contract.

- 3.9 The certifications and provisions stated in Acknowledgement Forms for Terms and Conditions for Federally Funded Projects shall apply when Collin County expends federal funds for any contract resulting from this procurement process.

4.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES:
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The scope of services entails providing Forensic engineering services on Collin County projects. The selected Engineering firm will conduct forensic engineering services to assist the County in the determination of causes of material failures and to provide recommendations on how to correct the problem. The work may also require expert witness testimony services regarding the results of the forensic investigation.

- 4.1 Engineer shall examine with the Construction and Projects Department the requirements for each specific project when there is any specific Collin County project in planning. Engineer shall review with Collin County alternative approaches to design and construction of projects. Projects, subject to Commissioners Court approval. The award of this RFQ does not guarantee any projects will be conducted within the term. A purchase order will be issued to the awarded offeror when specific projects come in plans.
- 4.2 Upon mutual agreement, Engineer shall prepare, for approval by Collin County, schematic design documents consisting of drawings/plans and other documents as required.
- 4.3 Based on approval of documents by Collin County, Engineer shall prepare construction documents consisting of drawings/plans and specifications setting forth in detail the requirements for the construction of the project. Documents shall incorporate bidding information, bidding forms and conditions of the contract, as required by Collin County.
- 4.4 Engineer shall attend pre-bid conferences and shall assist Collin County in tabulating and evaluating the bids received. Engineer shall obtain Contractor's Qualification Statements from the bidders under consideration for award and shall check references, background and the bidder's availability to construct the project and submit his recommendations to Collin County.
- 4.5 When required and authorized by Collin County, Engineer shall provide administration of the contract as set forth in the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract for Construction. Please see "Exhibit A - Construction Agreement Engineer Sample" for General and supplementary Conditions in detail.
- 4.6 Engineer shall visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction, or as otherwise required and agreed upon by Engineer and Collin County.
- 4.7 Engineer shall advise Collin County in writing of defects and deficiencies in the work which he has observed. Engineer shall not have the authority to reject work

which does not conform to the contract documents but shall notify Collin County when work is to be rejected.

- 4.8 Engineer shall review and certify the amounts owing to the Contractor based on observations at the site and on evaluations of the Contractor's applications for payment and shall issue certificates for payment in such amounts.
- 4.9 Engineer shall review and approve or other action as might be necessary upon the Contractor's submittals requested in the contract documents.
- 4.10 Engineer shall prepare Request for Pricing, if necessary, and shall make proper recommendations in writing to Collin County regarding Change Orders to the contract. Collin County Purchasing Agent shall be responsible for the issuance of all Change Orders. If Change Orders require additional engineering services such as drawings, plans, etc., the costs for such services will be adjusted and paid to the Engineer, as mutually agreed upon by Collin County and the Engineer. No additional payments shall be made to the Engineer for Change Orders not requiring additional engineering services.
- 4.11 Engineer shall conduct inspections to determine the dates of Substantial and Final Completion; shall receive and forward to Collin County for the County's review written warranties and related documents required by the contract documents and shall issue final Certificate for Payment
- 4.12 Reimbursables: Engineer shall keep records of expenses for additional services/reimbursables and shall present them to Collin County for approval and payment. Expenses/reimbursables, additional services shall not be considered or paid to Engineer without prior written approval for such expenses/reimbursables and additional services. Upon prior written approval, Collin County shall make payment only on those reimbursables billed at exact cost. Collin County shall, under no circumstances, pay at a multiplier for reimbursables or additional services. Engineer shall submit to Collin County all original invoices for proposed reimbursables. Payments to the Engineer shall be made in accordance with V.T.C.A., Government Code, Title 10, Subtitle F, Chapter 2251 according to schedules agreed upon by both Collin County and the Engineer.
- 4.13 The County requires that the selected firms for Forensic Engineering services will be directed by a registered Professional Engineer, with a minimum of five (5) years' experience, licensed in the State of Texas, who is identified as the firm's project manager and whose specialty and recent experience is in the specific area of engineering for which the firm will provide forensic engineering services to the County. The project manager must be the local, primary contact for proposals and for resolving quality of service issues and issues related to the firm's contractual relationship with the County.

**5.0 QUALIFICATIONS SUBMITTAL FORMAT**

The qualifications submittal shall be divided into tabbed, marked sections and shall include but not limited to information for each of the following:

**OFFEROR'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND AVAILABILITY TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS (Maximum of two (2) printed pages per question)**

- 5.1 Provide a statement of interest including a narrative describing the Prime Firm's unique qualifications as they pertain to this request. Qualifications should include both Design licensing, Commissioning, RCDD, and Fire Prevention certifications.
- 5.2 Provide a statement on the availability and commitment of the Prime Firm and assigned principal(s) and professionals to undertake projects.
- 5.3 Provide a brief history of the Prime Firm including when the firms were established, type of ownership and office locations. If more than one office is listed indicate the office that will manage the project. If the firm has changed name or ownership with in the last three (3) years indicate the former name.
- 5.4 Provide a listing of number of professional staff by discipline located in the office that will manage projects.
- 5.5 Provide an Organization Chart for the team proposed for projects.
- 5.6 Provide resumes of key personnel from the Prime Firm and consultants who will be assigned to projects. Resumes limited to two (2) pages per person.

**PRIME FIRM'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES**

- 5.7 Is your company currently for sale or involved in any transaction to expand or to become acquired by another business entity? If yes, please explain the impact both in organizational and directional terms.
- 5.8 Provide any details of all past or pending litigation or claims filed against your company that would affect your company's performance under a Contract with the Owner.
- 5.9 Is your company currently in default on any loan agreement or financing agreement with any bank, financial institution, or other entity? If yes, specify date(s), details, circumstances, and prospects for resolution.
- 5.10 Does any relationship exist by relative, business associate, capital funding agreement, or any other such kinship between your firm and any Owner employee or elected official? If so, please explain.

- 5.11 Provide a claims history under professional malpractice insurance for the past five (5) years for the Prime Firm and any team members proposed to provide professional architectural or engineering services.

### **OFFEROR'S PERFORMANCE ON PAST REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS**

- 5.12 List a maximum of three (3) projects for which you have provided forensic engineering services. List the projects in order of priority, with the most relevant project listed first. For all consultants are named in the response indicate the projects they also worked on. Provide the following information for each project listed:

- 5.12.1 Project name, location, contract delivery method, and description
- 5.12.2 Color images (photographic or machine reproductions)
- 5.12.3 Final project size in gross square feet
- 5.12.4 Type of construction (new, renovation, or expansion)
- 5.12.5 Actual start and finish dates
- 5.12.6 Actual Notice to Proceed and Substantial Completion dates for construction
- 5.12.7 Description of professional services Prime Firm provided for the project
- 5.12.8 Name of Project Manager (individual responsible to the Owner for the overall success of the project)
- 5.12.9 Name of Project Architect (individual responsible for coordinating the day to day work)
- 5.12.10 Name of Project Designer (individual responsible for design concepts)
- 5.12.11 Consultants References (for each project listed above, identify the following):
  - 5.12.11.1 The Owner's name and representative who served as the day-to-day liaison during the design and construction phases of the project, including telephone number
  - 5.12.11.2 Contractor's name and representative who served as the day-to-day liaison during the Preconstruction and/or construction phase of the project, including telephone number
  - 5.12.11.3 Length of business relationship with the Owner.

References shall be considered relevant based on specific project participation and experience with the Respondent. The Owner may contact references during any part of this process. The Owner reserves the right to contact any other references at any time during the RFQ process.

### **OFFEROR'S KNOWLEDGE OF BEST PRACTICES**

- 5.13 Describe the Prime Firm's design philosophy, design methodology, and its process for integrating institutional standards into design.

- 5.14 Describe the Prime Firm's quality assurance program explaining the method used and how the firm maintains quality control during the development of Construction Documents and quality assurance during the Construction phase of a project. Provide specific examples of how these techniques or procedures were used for any combination of three (3) projects listed in response to 5.12.
- 5.15 Describe your cost estimating methods for the design and construction phases. How do you develop cost estimates and how often are they updated? For any combination of three (3) projects listed in response to 5.12, provide examples of how these techniques were used and what degree of accuracy was achieved.
- 5.16 Describe the way in which your firm develops and maintains work schedules to coordinate with the Owner's project schedule. For any combination of three (3) projects listed in response to Criteria 5.12, provide examples of how these techniques were used.
- 5.17 Describe the types of records, reports, monitoring systems, and information management systems, which your firm used in the management of the projects listed above. Describe how you used these systems for any combination of three (3) projects listed in response to 5.12.
- 5.18 Describe how you plan to ensure continuity of project objectives starting with design solution, moving through construction documents, and finishing with a constructed project that meets the Owner's requirements.
- 5.19 Describe how you track Owner input and review comments on your design document submittals to confirm that they have been addressed. Provide examples of reports/logs used for tracking response to and closure on Owner comments.

**OFFEROR'S ABILITY TO IDENTIFY AND RESOLVE PROBLEMS  
ON PAST PROJECTS**

- 5.20 Describe your understanding of the administrative challenges and opportunities associated with providing Design and Construction Administration services and your strategy for resolving these issues.
- 5.21 What do you perceive are the critical issues for these projects?
- 5.22 Understanding schedule limitations provide an analysis of the Owner's project planning schedule and describe how you plan to develop and communicate design, scope, and budget options in a form that will quickly facilitate the Owner's decision making.
- 5.23 Describe the project team's experience with renovation/expansion projects in occupied facilities.

- 5.24 For any three (3) of the projects listed in response to 5.12, describe any conflicts with the Owner, Consultants, Contractor, or subcontractors, and describe the methods your firm used to resolve those conflicts.
- 5.25 Provide examples of how the Respondent has creatively incorporated mechanical, electrical, and plumbing solutions in similar structures.

<b>6.0 RANKING CRITERIA</b>
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The evaluation of professional qualifications of the Proposers will be based on the following criteria:

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
Statement of Qualifications and Ability to Undertake The Project – Proposed Personnel	20
Prime Firm’s Ability To Provide Services	10
Respondent’s Performance On Past Representative Projects	45
Respondent’s Knowledge Of Best Practices	10
Respondent’s Ability To Identify And Resolve Problems On Past Projects	10
Respondent’s Proposal Format	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>



<b>7.0 FORMAT FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS</b>
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**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1 Qualifications shall be prepared SIMPLY AND ECONOMICALLY, providing a straightforward, CONCISE description of the Offeror's ability to meet the requirements of this RFQ. Emphasis shall be on the QUALITY, completeness, clarity of content, responsiveness to the requirements, and an understanding of Owner's needs.
- 7.2 Qualifications shall be a MAXIMUM of fifty (50) PRINTED PAGES. The cover, table of contents, divider sheets, Collin County RFQ document, signature page, conflict of interest questionnaire, and W-9 do not count as printed pages.
- 7.3 Qualifications may be submitted online via <http://collincountytx.ionwave.net>. Qualifications submitted online are preferred.
- 7.4 Qualifications submitted via email, CD-ROM, or Flash Drive will not be accepted.
- 7.5 If submitting manually, qualifications shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or box with RFQ name, number, and name of firm printed on the outside of the envelope or box. Manual submittals shall be sent/delivered to the following address and shall be received prior to the date/time for opening:

Collin County Purchasing  
2300 Bloomdale, Suite 3160  
McKinney, TX 75071

Paper copies shall be printed on letter size (8 ½ x 11) paper and assembled using spiral type bindings, staples, or binder clips. Do not use metal-ring hard cover binders. Manual submittals shall include an electronic copy in a searchable format.

It shall be the responsibility of the firm to insure that their submittal reaches Collin County Purchasing prior to the date/time for the opening no matter which submission method is used.

- 7.6 Offerors shall carefully read the information contained in this RFQ and submit a complete response to all requirements and questions as directed. Incomplete qualifications will be considered non-responsive and subject to rejection.
- 7.7 Qualifications and any other information submitted by Offerors in response to this RFQ shall become the property of the Owner.

- 7.8 The Owner will not compensate Offerors for any expenses incurred in Qualifications preparation or for any presentations that may be made, unless agreed to in writing in advance or required by law. Offerors submit Qualifications at their own risk and expense.
- 7.9 Qualifications that are qualified with conditional clauses, alterations, items not called for in the RFQ documents, or irregularities of any kind are subject to rejection by the Owner, at its option.
- 7.10 The Owner makes no representations of any kind that an award will be made as a result of this RFQ. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Qualifications, waive any formalities or minor technical inconsistencies, or delete any item/requirements from this RFQ when deemed to be in Owner's best interest.
- 7.11 Qualifications shall consist of answers to questions identified in Section 5 of the RFQ. It is not necessary to repeat the question in the Qualifications; however, it is essential to reference the question number with the corresponding answer.
- 7.12 Failure to comply with all requirements contained in this Request for Qualifications may result in the rejection of the Qualifications.
- 7.13 Additional attachments shall NOT be included with the Qualifications. Only the responses provided by the Offeror to the questions identified in Section 5 of this RFQ will be used by Collin County for evaluation.
- 7.14 Separate and identify each criteria response to Section 5 of this RFQ by use of a divider sheet with an integral tab for ready reference.

TABLE OF CONTENTS:

- 7.15 Submittals shall include a "Table of Contents" and give page numbers for each part of the Qualifications.

PAGINATION:

- 7.16 Number all pages of the submittal sequentially using Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, etc.)

**8.0 SIGNATURE**

This execution of offer must be completed, signed, and returned with the respondent's qualifications. Failure to complete, sign and return this execution of offer with the qualifications may result in rejection of the qualifications. Signing a false statement may void the submitted qualifications or any agreements or other contractual arrangements, which may result from the submission of respondent's qualifications. A false certification shall be deemed a material breach of contract and, at owner's option, may result in termination of any resulting contract or purchase order.

**8.1 REPRESENTATIONS**

By signing below, Respondent represents and warrants that:

- 8.1.1 the Qualifications and all statements and information prepared and submitted in response to this RFQ are current, complete, true and correct;
- 8.1.2 it is not given, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount trip, favor or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted Qualifications or any subsequent proposal. Failure to sign below, or signing a false statement, may void the Response or any resulting contracts at the Owner's option, and the Respondent may be removed from all future proposal lists at this County;
- 8.1.3 the individual signing this document and the documents made part of the RFQ is authorized to sign such documents on behalf of the Respondent and to bind the Respondent under any contract which may result from the submission of the Response;
- 8.1.4 no relationship, whether as a relative, business associate, by capital funding agreement or by any other such kinship exists between Respondent and an employee of Collin County, Texas
- 8.1.5 no compensation has been received for participation in the preparation of this RFQ (ref. Section 2155.004 Texas Government Code);
- 8.1.6 Respondent complies with all federal laws and regulations pertaining to Equal Employment Opportunities and Affirmative Action;
- 8.1.7 to the best of its knowledge, no member Collin County Commissioners' Court or Elected official has a financial interest, directly or indirectly, in the Project; and
- 8.1.8 each individual or business entity proposed by Respondent as a member of its team that will engage in the practice of engineering or architecture will be selected based on demonstrated competence and qualifications only.

8.2 REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED?

8.3 ORIGINAL AND FOUR (4) COPIES INCLUDED IF SUBMITTING MANUALLY?

8.4 ALL QUESTIONS ADDRESSED IN REQUIRED FORMAT?

8.5 COMPLETED SIGNATURE?

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# ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered by and between COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as "County", and, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Engineer", to be effective from and after the date as provided herein.

## WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to engage the services of the Engineer for \_\_\_\_\_ "Project"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineer desires to render such engineering services for the County upon the terms and conditions provided herein.

## NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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

### 1. Retention of the Engineer

The County hereby agrees to retain the Engineer to perform professional engineering services in connection with the Project; Engineer agrees to perform such services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, exercising the same degree of care, skill, and diligence as is ordinarily possessed and exercised by a member of the same profession, currently practicing, under similar circumstances.

### II. Scope of Services

2.1 The parties agree that Engineer shall perform such services as are set forth herein and described in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and thereby made a part of this Agreement. Work for each phase shall be preceded by a Notice to Proceed issued by County. The parties understand and agree that deviations or modifications in the form of written change orders may be authorized from time to time by the County.

2.2 The Engineer will serve as County's professional engineering representative under this Agreement, providing professional engineering, consultation, advice and furnishing customary services incidental thereto. The Engineer agrees to cooperate and coordinate with other design professionals, the County and its contractors to help facilitate efficient construction of the Project and maintain the Project schedule.

2.3 The Engineer shall advise the County with regard to the necessity for subcontract work such as special surveys, tests, test borings, or other subsurface investigations in connection with design and engineering work to be performed hereunder. The Engineer shall also advise the County concerning the results of same. Such survey, test, and investigations shall be furnished to the County.

2.4 The presence or duties of the Engineer's personnel at a construction site, whether as on-site representatives or otherwise, do not make the Engineer or its personnel in any way

responsible for those duties that belong to County's construction contractors or other entities, and do not relieve the construction contractors or any other entity of their obligations, duties, and responsibilities, including but not limited to, all construction methods, means, techniques, sequences and procedures necessary for completing all portions of the construction work in accordance with the Contract Documents and any health or safety precautions required by such construction work. The Engineer and its personnel have no authority to exercise any control over any construction contractor or other entity or their employees in connection with their work or any health or safety precautions.

2.5 The Engineer will make periodic recommendations for periodic construction progress payments to the construction contractor. Recommendations by the Engineer to the County for periodic construction progress payments to the construction contractor will be based on the Engineer's knowledge, information, and belief from sampling and observation that the work has progressed to the point indicated. Such recommendations do not represent that there are not other matters at issue between the County and the construction contractor that affect the amount that should be paid.

2.6 The Engineer agrees to provide a complete and coordinated set of drawings and specifications for the construction of the Project, exercising the same degree of care, skill, and diligence as is ordinarily possessed and exercised by a member of the same profession, currently practicing, under similar circumstances. Construction drawings, specifications, and other construction documents prepared by the Engineer or its consultants and submitted to the County for approval or contractors for bidding or negotiation purposes shall be complete and capable of construction "as is". While the utility of communications between design professionals and construction contractors for the purpose of clarifying design intent is recognized, the Project should be capable of construction without the necessity of formal revisions or contract modifications to provide missing design information after construction contracts are awarded. Said documents shall comply with all applicable codes, ordinances, statutes, and regulations governing the design of the Project.

2.7 The Engineer shall assist the County in the preparation and filing of documents required for the approval of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project.

### **III. Schedule of Services**

3.1 The Engineer agrees to commence its services immediately upon execution of this Agreement, or as otherwise directed in writing by the County, and to proceed diligently with said services to completion as described in the Completion Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and thereby made a part of this Agreement. Engineer shall not be considered in default of this Agreement for delays in performance caused by circumstances beyond its reasonable control. Should such circumstances occur, the Engineer shall, within a reasonable time of being prevented from performing, give written notice to the County describing the circumstances preventing continued performance and the efforts being made to resume performance of this Agreement.

3.2 In the event that the Engineer is delayed in the progress of the work on the Project by an act or neglect of the County, County's employees, or separate contractors employed by the County, or by changes ordered in the Project, fire, adverse weather conditions not reasonably anticipated, unavoidable casualties or other causes beyond the Engineer's control, or delay authorized by the County pending arbitration, or by other causes which the County and Engineer agree may justify delay, then the Contract Time shall be reasonably extended by Contract Amendment. The County shall have the right at any time to delay or

suspend the work or any part thereof for any reasonable time and if this happens, the Engineer's sole remedy for any delays or suspension shall be any extension of time. However, should the delay continue for more than one year past the original completion date in the completion

schedule, the Engineer may request to renegotiate their professional fee provided that the fee is reasonable and substantiated by documents showing the need for the requested increase. Any request for a fee increase shall be submitted to County for final approval. The County shall not be independently liable to the Engineer for any delay or interference caused by circumstances beyond the County's control or any delay caused by any other person or entity.

#### **IV. Compensation and Method of Payment**

The parties agree that Engineer shall be compensated for all services provided pursuant to this Agreement in the amount and manner described and set forth in the Payment Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and thereby made a part of this Agreement. Engineer further agrees that it will prepare and present such monthly progress reports and itemized statements as are described in said Exhibit "C". Payment will be made in accordance with The Texas Government Code, Title 10, Subtitle F, Chapter 2251. Engineer further agrees to the following terms prior to payment being due by County:

##### **A. Invoice and Payment**

- (1) The Engineer shall provide the County sufficient documentation to reasonably substantiate the invoices.
- (2) The Engineer will issue monthly invoices for all work performed under the Agreement.
- (3) In the event of disputed or contested billing, only that portion so contested will be withheld from payment, and the undisputed portion will be paid. The County will exercise reasonableness in contesting any portion thereof. NO interest will accrue on any contested portion of the billing until mutually resolved.
- (4) In the event of any conflict between Paragraph IV and Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code, The Texas Government Code shall prevail.

#### **V. Information to be provided by the County**

5.1 The County agrees to furnish to Engineer, prior to the Engineer's commencement of its services, all that information set forth and described on Exhibit "D", which is attached hereto and thereby made a part of this Agreement.

5.2 The County will make its facilities accessible to the Engineer as required for the Engineer's performance of its services. The Engineer represents that it understands the scope of this Agreement and has reviewed and inspected the Project sites, and can fully perform its obligations pursuant to this Agreement. Any failure of the Engineer to acquaint itself with the available information will not relieve the Engineer from its responsibilities pursuant to this Agreement.

5.3 The County shall disclose, to the extent known to the County, the results of prior tests, inspections or investigations conducted for the Project upon request by the Engineer.

#### **VI. Progress Meetings**

In addition to providing the monthly progress reports as required under Paragraph IV herein above, Engineer agrees to attend all monthly progress meetings scheduled by County,

and at such meetings to outline work accomplished and special problem or delays encountered in connection with the Project during the previous report period, as well as planned work activities and special problems and delays anticipated for the next report period. The Engineer agrees to

cooperate and coordinate with other design professionals, the County and its contractors to help facilitate efficient construction of the Project and maintain the Project schedule.

### **VII. Insurance**

Engineer agrees to meet all insurance requirements as set forth on Exhibit "E" which is attached hereto and thereby made a part of this Agreement.

### **VIII. Indemnity**

Engineer agrees to indemnify the County to the fullest extent allowed by section 271.904 of the Texas Local Government Code, including payment of the County's reasonable attorneys' fees to the extent such is allowed under 271.904(b).

The Engineer must be in compliance with the provisions of Section 2254.0031 of the Texas Government Code, which incorporates by reference Section 271.904(d) of the Texas Local Government Code. The Engineer shall perform services (1) with professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent Engineers practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional license, and (2) as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent Engineer.

### **IX. Independent Contractor**

In the performance of services hereunder, the Engineer shall be deemed an independent contractor and shall not, with respect to its acts or omissions, be deemed an agent, subcontractor or employee of the County.

### **X. Assignment and Subletting**

The Engineer agrees that neither this Agreement nor the services to be performed hereunder will be assigned or sublet without the prior written consent of the County. The Engineer further agrees that the assignment or subletting or any portion or feature of the services required in the performance of this Agreement shall not relieve the Engineer from its full obligations to the County as provided by this Agreement.

### **XI. Audits and Records/Prohibited Interest**

11.1 The Engineer agrees that at any time during normal business hours, and as often as County may deem necessary, Engineer shall make available to representatives of the County for examination all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement, and will permit such representatives of the County to audit, examine, copy and make excerpts or transcripts from such records, and to make audits of all contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, conditions of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this Agreement, all for a period of three (3) years from the date of final settlement of this Agreement or of such other or longer period, if any, as may be required by applicable statute or other lawful requirements.

11.2 The Engineer agrees that it is aware of the conflict of interest requirements of the state law which are applicable to persons entering into contracts with the County and will abide by the same. Further, a lawful representative of Engineer shall execute the Affidavit shown in Exhibit "F". Engineer understands and agrees that the existence of a conflict of interest during the term of this Agreement will render the agreement voidable.



11.3 The Engineer acknowledges to the County that it has made full disclosure in writing of any existing conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest, including personal

financial interest, direct or indirect, in property abutting the proposed Project and business relationships with persons or entities with interest in abutting properties.

## **XII. Contract Termination**

The parties agree that County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to Engineer. In the event of such termination without cause, Engineer shall deliver to County all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, reports, photographs or other items prepared by Engineer in connection with this Agreement. Engineer shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to County in the event of the County's breach of any material term of this Agreement, including but not limited to compensation and method of payment. Regardless of which party initiates termination, Engineer shall be entitled to compensation for any and all services completed to the satisfaction of County in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement prior to termination.

## **XIII. Cost Estimates**

The parties recognize and agree that any and all Engineer's estimates of probable construction costs (estimates) prepared by Engineer in connection with the Project represent the best judgment of Engineer as a design professional familiar with the construction industry, but that the Engineer has no control over costs or the price of labor, equipment or materials or over the Contractor's methods of pricing and does not guarantee that any bids solicited or received in connection with the Project will not vary from estimates prepared by Engineer.

## **XIV. Ownership of Documents**

Original drawings and specifications (Instruments of Service) created by Engineer are the property of the Engineer; however, the Project is the property of the County, and Engineer may not use the drawings and specifications for any purpose not relating to the Project without County's consent. County shall be furnished with such reproductions of drawings and specifications as County may reasonably require. Upon completion of the services or any earlier termination of this Agreement under Article XII, and payment in full of all monies due Engineer, Engineer will revise drawings to reflect significant changes made during construction as per the marked-up prints, drawings, and other data furnished to the Engineer by or through the County or Contractor. Engineer will promptly furnish the County with one (1) complete set of reproducible record prints. All such reproductions shall be the property of the County who may use them without the Engineer's permission for any proper purpose relating to the Project, including but not limited to, maintenance of the Project, additions to the Project, or completion of the Project. The aforementioned revisions will be based upon information supplied by the County's construction contractor and will be assumed by Engineer to be complete and accurate. As such, Engineer shall not be responsible for errors or omissions resulting therefrom. Prints shall be furnished, as an additional service, at any other time requested by County. The County may use such drawings in any manner it desires; provided, however, that the Engineer shall not be liable for the use of such drawings for any project other than the Project described herein.

## **XV. Complete Contract**

15.1 This Agreement, including the exhibits hereto numbered "A" through "F", constitute the entire agreement by and between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior written or oral understandings. This Agreement may only be amended,

supplemented, modified or canceled by a duly executed written instrument, signed by the County and the Engineer.

15.2 Warranties contained in this Agreement are in addition to and not in lieu of, any and all other liability imposed upon the Engineer by law with respect to the Engineer's duties, obligations, and performance hereunder. The Engineer's liability hereunder shall survive the County's final acceptance and payment for the Project. All representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement, including without limitation, this paragraph, shall survive the final completion of the Work or earlier termination of this Agreement. The Engineer acknowledges that the County is relying upon the Engineer's skill and experience in performing the services pursuant to this Agreement.

**XVI. Mailing of Notices**

Unless instructed otherwise in writing, Engineer agrees that all notices or communications to the County permitted or required under this Agreement shall be addressed to the County at the following address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

County agrees that all notices or communications to Engineer permitted or required under this Agreement shall be addressed to Engineer at the following address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

All notices or communications required to be given in writing by one party or the other shall be considered as having been given to the date such notice or communication is posted by the sending party.

**XVII. Miscellaneous**

**A. Paragraph Headings**

The paragraph headings contained herein are for convenience only and are not intended to define or limit the scope of any provision in this Agreement.

**B. Interpret Contract Fairly**

Although this Agreement is drafted by County, should any part be in dispute, the parties agree that the Agreement shall not be construed more favorable for either party.

**C. Venue/Governing Law**

The parties agree that the laws of the State of Texas shall govern this Agreement, and that it is performable in Collin County, Texas. The venue for any litigation related to this Agreement shall be in Collin County, Texas.

#### **D. Parties Bound**

County and Engineer, and their partners, successors, subcontractors, executors, legal representatives, and administrators are hereby bound to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

#### **E. Severability**

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.

#### **F. Effective Date**

This Agreement shall be effective from and after execution by both parties hereto.

#### **G. Term of Agreement**

The term of Agreement shall conform to the schedule as stipulated in Exhibit "B" attached herein. No other extension shall be authorized unless granted by written agreement between the County and Engineer.

#### **H. Observe and Comply**

Engineer shall at all times observe and comply with all federal and State laws and regulations and with all City ordinances and regulations which in any way affect this Agreement and the work hereunder, and shall observe and comply with all orders, laws, ordinances and regulations which may exist or may be enacted later by governing bodies having jurisdiction or authority for such enactment. No plea of misunderstanding or ignorance thereof shall be considered. Engineer agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless County and all of its officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims or liability arising out of the violation or any such order, law, ordinance, or regulation, whether it be by itself or its employees.

#### **I. 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.

#### **J. 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.

**WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEALS** on the date indicated below.

COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Charnoski, NIGP-CPP, CPPB  
Purchasing Agent

Court Order No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLE

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**STATE OF TEXAS**        }  
  }  
**COUNTY OF COLLIN**    }

**BEFORE ME,** \_\_\_\_\_ on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation, known to me (or proved to me on the oath of \_\_\_\_\_ or through Texas 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Texas

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

My Commission expires on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**STATE OF TEXAS**        }  
  }  
**COUNTY OF COLLIN**    }

**BEFORE ME,** \_\_\_\_\_ on this day personally appeared Michelle Charnoski, Purchasing Agent of COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, known to me 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Texas

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

My Commission expires on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXHIBIT "A"**

SCOPE OF SERVICES

SAMPLE

## **EXHIBIT "B"**

### FINAL DESIGN COMPLETION SCHEDULE

Refer to the attached schedule for deliverable/milestone dates. Actual deliverable/milestone dates may be subject to change based on delayed critical path task items that are outside of the control of the Engineer and/or the County. A revised project design schedule will be provided by the Engineer in the event that an adjustment is necessary.

SAMPLE

## **EXHIBIT "C"**

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Invoices will be transmitted to the County on a monthly basis based on a percentage of completion up to that time, and payments to the Engineer will be made as follows:

A derivation of the total contract fee amount is attached.

SAMPLE



**EXHIBIT "D"**

INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY

SAMPLE

## EXHIBIT "E"

### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Before commencing work, the vendor shall be required, at its own expense, to furnish the Collin County Purchasing Agent with certified copies of all insurance certificate(s) indicating the coverage to remain in force throughout the term of this contract.

1.1.1 Commercial General Liability insurance at minimum combined single limits of (\$1,000,000 per-occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate) for bodily injury and property damage, which coverage shall include products/completed operations at \$2,000,000 per occurrence. Coverage must be written on an occurrence form.

1.1.2 Workers Compensation insurance at statutory limits, including employers liability coverage at \$500,000. In addition to these, the contractor must meet each stipulation below as required by the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation. (Note: If you have questions concerning these requirements, you are instructed to contact the DWC at (512)440-3789).

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

Duration of the project includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity.

Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor" in 406.096) includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

1.1.2.2 The contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.

1.1.2.3 The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract.

1.1.2.4 If the coverage period shown on the contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the contractor must,

prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.

1.1.2.5 The contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:

1.1.2.5.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and

1.1.2.5.2 no later than seven (7) days after receipt by the contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.

1.1.2.6 The contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter.

1.1.2.7 The contractor shall notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

1.1.2.8 The contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.

1.1.2.9 The contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project, to:

1.1.2.9.1 provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all of its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;

1.1.2.9.2 provide to the contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;

1.1.2.9.3 provide the contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;

1.1.2.9.4 obtain from each other person with whom it contracts, and provide to the contractor:

1.1.2.9.4.1 a certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and

1.1.2.9.4.2 a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage

period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;

1.1.2.9.5 retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter;

1.1.2.9.6 notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and

1.1.2.9.7 contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required by paragraphs 1.1.2.1 through 1.1.2.7, with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

1.1.2.10 By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the contractor is representing to the governmental entity that all employees of the contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by workers compensation coverage for 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.

1.1.2.11 The contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the contractor which entitles the governmental entity to declare the contract void if the contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the governmental entity.

1.1.3 Commercial Automobile Liability insurance shall be no less than \$1,000,000 combined single limits per accident for bodily injury and property damage, including owned, non-owned, and hired vehicle coverage.

1.1.4 Professional Liability Insurance at minimum limits of \$1,000,000. This policy must have a two (2) year extended period of coverage, (i.e. tail coverage). If you choose to have project coverage endorsed onto your base policy, this would be acceptable.

1.2 The required limits may be satisfied by any combination of primary, excess or umbrella liability insurances, provided the primary policy complies with the above requirements and the excess umbrella is following form. The vendor may maintain reasonable and customary deductibles, subject to approval by County.

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

1.3.1 A waiver of subrogation in favor of County, its officials, employees, volunteers and officers shall be contained in all policies.

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

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

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

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

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

1.5 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:

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

1.5.2 Sets forth the notice of cancellation or termination to County.

**EXHIBIT "F"**

**AFFIDAVIT OF REGULATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The undersigned declares and affirms that during the term of this contract they will maintain compliance as defined in Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Local Government Code Title 5, Section C, Chapter 171.

I further understand and acknowledge that the existence of a conflict of interest at any time during the term of this contract will render the contract voidable.

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**STATE OF TEXAS** }

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**COUNTY OF** \_\_\_\_\_ }

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**BEFORE ME**, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, 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 for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE**, this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Texas

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

My Commission expires on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

## CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

THIS CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ \_\_\_\_\_).

### 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.

**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 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 solely 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 solely 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 consisting 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Addendum No. 2 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 November 1, 2014, 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 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 writing 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 solely 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 **(Bid #, Bid Title)**

### 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 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 equitable extension 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 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 for a minimum period of three (3) years following final payment or termination of contract 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 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 Engineer. The CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved responsibility for deviations from the requirements of the Contract Documents by errors or omissions by the OWNER 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 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 Engineer's approval of shop drawings, product data or samples unless the CONTRACTOR has specifically informed the Engineer in writing of such deviation at the time of submission and the 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 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 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 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 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 (100%) 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 (100%) 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 ten percent (10%) 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 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 solely responsible for, the construction means and methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, and for the safety precautions and programs in connection 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 solely 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 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 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 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, address and telephone 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, along with copies of invoices for such materials, plant equipment or construction equipment.

The CONTRACTOR and his subcontractors, when required by the OWNER, must also produce for inspection for a minimum period of three (3) years following final payment or termination of contract, produce for examination 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 from 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.

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**Construction Type: Highway**

Counties: Archer, Callahan, Clay, Collin, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Ellis, Grayson, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise Counties in Texas.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (excluding tunnels, building structures in rest area projects & railroad construction; bascule, suspension & spandrel arch bridges designed for commercial navigation, bridges involving marine construction; and other major bridges).

Note: Under Executive Order (EO) 13658, an hourly minimum wage of \$10.35 for calendar year 2018 applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.35 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in calendar year 2018. The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Please note that this EO applies to the above-mentioned types of contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but it does not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 5.1(a)(2)-(60). Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

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	Rates	Fringes
CONCRETE FINISHER (Paving and Structures).....	\$ 14.12	
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 19.80	
FORM BUILDER/FORM SETTER		
Paving & Curb.....	\$ 13.16	
Structures.....	\$ 13.84	
LABORER		
Asphalt Raker.....	\$ 12.69	
Flagger.....	\$ 10.06	
Laborer, Common.....	\$ 10.72	
Laborer, Utility.....	\$ 12.32	
Pipelayer.....	\$ 13.24	
Work Zone Barricade Servicer.....	\$ 11.68	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:		
Asphalt Distributor.....	\$ 15.32	
Asphalt Paving Machine.....	\$ 13.99	

Broom or Sweeper.....	\$ 11.74
Concrete Pavement	
Finishing Machine.....	\$ 16.05
Concrete Saw.....	\$ 14.48
Crane Operator, Lattice	
Boom 80 Tons or Less.....	\$ 17.27
Crane Operator, Lattice	
Boom over 80 Tons.....	\$ 20.52
Crane, Hydraulic 80 Tons	
or Less.....	\$ 18.12
Crawler Tractor.....	\$ 14.07
Excavator, 50,000 pounds	
or less.....	\$ 17.19
Excavator, over 50,000	
pounds.....	\$ 16.99
Foundation Drill , Truck	
Mounted.....	\$ 21.07
Foundation Drill, Crawler	
Mounted.....	\$ 17.99
Front End Loader 3 CY or	
Less.....	\$ 13.69
Front End Loader, over 3 CY.	\$ 14.72
Loader/Backhoe.....	\$ 15.18
Mechanic.....	\$ 17.68
Milling Machine.....	\$ 14.32
Motor Grader, Fine Grade....	\$ 17.19
Motor Grader, Rough.....	\$ 16.02
Pavement Marking Machine....	\$ 13.63
Reclaimer/Pulverizer.....	\$ 11.01
Roller, Asphalt.....	\$ 13.08
Roller, Other.....	\$ 11.51
Scraper.....	\$ 12.96
Small Slipform Machine.....	\$ 15.96
Spreader Box.....	\$ 14.73
Servicer.....	\$ 14.58
Steel Worker (Reinforcing).....	\$ 16.18
TRUCK DRIVER	
Lowboy-Float.....	\$ 16.24
Off Road Hauler.....	\$ 12.25
Single Axle.....	\$ 12.31
Single or Tandem Axle Dump	
Truck.....	\$ 12.62
Tandem Axle Tractor with	
Semi Trailer.....	\$ 12.86
Transit-Mix.....	\$ 14.14
WELDER.....	\$ 14.84

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

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Note: Executive Order (EO) 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors applies to all contracts subject to the

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

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

#### Union Rate Identifiers

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

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

#### Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the "SU" identifier indicate that no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average

rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As this weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

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

#### Union Average Rate Identifiers

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

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

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#### WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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END OF GENERAL DECISION

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 Contractors doing business with OWNER agree to comply with Federal Executive Order 13465 E-Verify. It is OWNER'S intention and duty to comply and support the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) which includes provisions addressing employment eligibility, employment verification and non-discrimination. According to the INA, contractors/employers may hire only persons who may legally work in the United States. Subsequently, contractors and subcontractors doing business with OWNER must confirm their enrollment in the E-Verify system which verifies employment eligibility through completion and checking of I-9 forms. OWNER reserves the right to audit contractors process to verify enrollment compliance.

### 3.5.6 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.

#### 3.5.6.1 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.

### 3.5.7 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.

### 3.5.8 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 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 Engineer; however, no increase in the Contract Price shall be due the CONTRACTOR.

### 3.5.9 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 solely responsible for, the construction means and methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, or for the safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work and the Project.

#### 3.6.4 STORM WATER PROTECTION

The Contractor shall perform, track, participate, implement, and comply with storm water pollution prevention minimum control measures, protocols, and best management practices (BMP) and ensure that water quality standards are not violated in accordance with all regulations and policies as they apply to the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System general permits. Applicable permits include: 1) Texas Construction General Permit (TXR150000).

Contractors will obtain permit coverage for construction activities disturbing over one acre of land (total acreage is cumulative across all portions of the project). BMPs include, but are not limited to:

- Preparing and implementing a site-specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) as outlined in the permit and prior to any soil disturbance.
- Installing and managing erosion and sediment control.
- Make available, upon request, permit associated documentation.
- Practicing spill prevention and good housekeeping.
- Meeting the requirements of the MS4 permit.

### 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 Engineer determines shall perform adequately the duties imposed by the general design or which the 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 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 Engineer shall accomplish such redesigns and alterations. The CONTRACTOR shall bear all reasonable costs associated with redesign and alteration efforts performed by the 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 shall be required, 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. 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 4.2. 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 for the CONTRACTOR and each subcontractor 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 \$1,000,000. In addition to these, the CONTRACTOR and each subcontractor must comply with all the requirements of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, section 406.096(b); (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 occurrence form, covering, but not limited to, the liability assumed under the indemnification provisions of this contract, fully insuring CONTRACTOR'S and its subcontractors 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:

Per Project Aggregate \$5,000,000

Products — Components/Operations Aggregate \$5,000,000

Personal and Advertising Injury \$ 1,000,000

Each Occurrence \$ 2,000,000

Contractor's Pollution Liability \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 (Occurrence Form)

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 \$1,000,000 per occurrence; or separate limits of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury (per person), \$1,000,000 for bodily injury (per accident) and \$1,000,000 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

All policies 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 A-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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Engineer that the improvement is ready for inspection. The 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 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 subcontractor shall look solely 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 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 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 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 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 Engineer that the improvement is ready for final inspection. The 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 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 extension of time and shall not be entitled to any additional compensation.

#### 5.4 COMMENCEMENT; 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:

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##### 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:

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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 EXTENSIONS 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 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 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 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 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 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 Engineer and the OWNER in the form and with the certification prescribed herein. 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. The termination claim shall (1) list all Contract Work which the CONTRACTOR has completed but for which the CONTRACTOR asserts it has not been paid, including any retainage; (2) list of all 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 Contract and the itemized cost for each such fabricated or unfabricated part, work in process, completed work, supplies and other material; (3) list all costs and expenses saved as a result of the termination of the Contract. The termination claim must include a copy of all invoices for fabricated or unfabricated parts, supplies and other material produced as a part of, or acquired in connection with the performance of the Contract for which the CONTRACTOR seeks compensation; all invoices for any subcontractors providing services related to the Contract; and (3) evidence of payment of all material suppliers and subcontractors, together with CONTRACTOR's certification that all such-material suppliers and subcontractors have been fully paid together with executed lien releases from each such material supplier and subcontractor. The termination claim may not include any request for payment of Extra Work for which a Change Order has not been issued or for which the CONTRACTOR has not fully and timely complied with the provisions of section 2.3 of this Contract.

### 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 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 extension 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 ENGINEER**

6.1 All work shall be performed in a good and workmanlike manner and to the satisfaction of the Engineer. The 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 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 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 Engineer shall in no way relieve the CONTRACTOR of any of its responsibilities or duties pursuant to the Contract Documents. The 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 connection with the Work or the Project. The CONTRACTOR shall be sole 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

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 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 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 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 Engineer or OWNER; any order, measurement, quantity or certificate by the 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 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. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that no representations have been made to it, upon which it is relying in entering into this Contract, which are not expressly set forth in the Contract Documents.

8.13 INTERPRETATION

Although this Agreement is drafted by the OWNER, Collin County, should any part be in dispute, the parties agree that this Construction 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.

8.14 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.

8.15 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.

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

**CONTRACTOR:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

**COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Charnoski, NIGP-CPP, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Collin County Commissioners Court Order No.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

**STATE OF TEXAS** §

**COUNTY OF** \_\_\_\_\_ §

**BEFORE ME,** \_\_\_\_\_ on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ corporation,  
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 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 \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Texas

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

My Commission expires on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**STATE OF TEXAS** §

**COUNTY OF COLLIN**§

**BEFORE ME,** \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Texas

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

My Commission expires on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

## **INFORMATION REGARDING** **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

During the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, House Bill 914 was signed into law effective September 1, 2015, which added Chapter 176 to the Texas Local Government Code. Recent changes have been made to Chapter 176 pursuant to HB23, which passed the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. Chapter 176 mandates the public disclosure of certain information concerning persons doing business or seeking to do business with Collin County, including family, business, and financial relationships such persons may have with Collin County officers or employees involved in the planning, recommending, selecting and contracting of a vendor for this procurement.

For a copy of Form CIQ and CIS:

[http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/conflict\\_forms.htm](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/conflict_forms.htm)

The vendor acknowledges by doing business or seeking to do business with Collin County that he/she has been notified of the requirements under Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code and that he/she is solely responsible for complying with the terms and conditions therein. Furthermore, any individual or business entity seeking to do business with Collin County who does not comply with this practice may risk award consideration of any County contract.

For a listing of current Collin County Officers:

<http://www.collincountytx.gov/government/Pages/officials.aspx>

At the time of this solicitation being released, the following are known to be involved in the planning, recommending, selecting, and contracting for the attached procurement:

Department:

Bill Burke – Director of Building Projects, Construction & Projects  
David Dooley – Building Projects Coordinator  
Rick Monk – Director of Facilities

Purchasing:

Michelle Charnoski, NIGP-CPP, CPPB – Purchasing Agent  
Marci Chrismon, CPPB – Assistant Purchasing Agent  
Ruyue Ding – Senior Buyer

Commissioners Court:

Chris Hill – County Judge  
Susan Fletcher – Commissioner Precinct No. 1  
Cheryl Williams – Commissioner Precinct No. 2  
Darrell Hale – Commissioner Precinct No. 3  
Duncan Webb – Commissioner Precinct No. 4

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**  
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

**FORM CIQ**

**This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.**

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

**1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.**

**2**  **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.** (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

**3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Officer

**4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.**

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes       No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes       No

**5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.**

**6**  Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

**7**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

**Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a):** "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

**Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):**

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

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(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

**Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)**

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

<b>Print or type.</b> See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<b>1</b> Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	<b>2</b> Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	<b>3</b> Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes.	<b>4</b> Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate	Exempt payee code (if any) _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ <b>Note:</b> Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is <b>not</b> disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.	Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	<small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>
	<b>5</b> Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
<b>6</b> City, state, and ZIP code		
<b>7</b> List account number(s) here (optional)		

## Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

<b>Social security number</b>											
				-			-				
<b>or</b>											
<b>Employer identification number</b>											
				-							

## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

*If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.*