



**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
AND
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
HIGHWAY 80/I-95
INTERCHANGE
BEAUTIFICATION
REVISION #1**

PREPARED FOR:
CITY OF POOLER

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DOCUMENT 00 11 16**INVITATION TO BID****Legal Notice**

1. Sealed proposals for Highway 80/I-95 Interchange Beautification owned by The City of Pooler will be received by **Kiley Fusco, City Clerk at The City of Pooler, City Hall Council Chambers (100 US-80, Pooler, GA 31322)** until **2:00 PM on Thursday, May 9, 2024** at which time they will be publicly opened.
2. The project consists of the following generally described work: Grading, landscaping, and close coordination with a signage installation vendor at the intersection of Highway 80 and Interstate 95.
3. Plans and Specifications are open to inspection at The City of Pooler, City Hall Council Chambers 100 US-80, Pooler, GA 31322 or may be obtained from Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., 50 Park of Commerce Way, Savannah, Georgia 31405 upon payment of \$100 (plus shipping charges as applicable). The payment is non-refundable.
4. Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier's check in an amount not less than 10% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in **Georgia** with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability." Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.
5. Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.
6. A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held on **Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024 at 2:00 P.M.** in The City Hall Council Chambers of City of Pooler (100 US-80, Pooler, GA 31322).

END OF INVITATION TO BID

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

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

ARTICLE 1 **DEFINED TERMS:** In addition to the terms defined in the General Conditions, Section 00 72 43, (EJCDC C-700) (2007), additional terms used in these Instructions to Bidders have the meanings indicated below which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof.

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

ARTICLE 2 **BID FORM:** All Bids must be made upon the Bid Forms hereto annexed, and shall state the amount bid for each item shown, and all bids must be for materials and work called for in the specifications. **Deposits for plans and specifications are not refundable.**

- 2.1 The Bid Form is included with the Bidding Documents; additional copies may be obtained from Engineer.
- 2.2 All blanks on the Bid Form must be completed by printing in black ink or by typewriter.
- 2.3 Bids by corporations must be executed in the corporate name by the president or a vice-president (or other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign) and the corporate seal must be affixed and attested by the secretary or an assistant secretary. The corporate address and state of incorporation must be shown below the signature.
- 2.4 All names must be typed or printed in black ink below the signature.
- 2.5 The Bid shall contain an acknowledgment of receipt of all Addenda (the numbers of which must be filled in on the Bid Form.)

- 2.6 The address and telephone number for communications regarding the Bid must be shown.

ARTICLE 3 QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS:

- 3.1 To demonstrate qualifications to perform the Work, each Bidder must be prepared to submit within five days after Bid opening upon Owner's request detailed written evidence such as financial data, previous experience, present commitments, and other such data as may be necessary to assist Owner in determining Contractor's qualifications.
- 3.2 Each Bid must contain evidence of Contractor's authority to conduct business in the state where the Work is to be performed. State Contractor license number, if applicable, must also be shown on the Bid Form.

ARTICLE 4 COPIES OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS:

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

ARTICLE 5 EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS, OTHER DATA, AND SITE:

- 5.1 It is the responsibility of each Bidder before submitting a bid:
- 5.1.1 To examine and study thoroughly the Bidding Documents and other related data identified in the Bidding Documents;
 - 5.1.2 To visit the work site to ascertain by inspection pertinent local conditions such as location, character and accessibility of the site including existing surface and subsurface conditions in the work area; availability of facilities, location and character of existing work within or adjacent thereto, labor conditions, etc.
 - 5.1.3 To become familiar with and satisfy Bidder as to all federal, state, and local Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, or performance of the Work;
 - 5.1.4 To obtain and carefully study (or assume responsibility for doing so) all addition or supplementary examination investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data concerning conditions (surface, subsurface, and Underground Facilities) at or contiguous to the Site which may affect cost, progress, or performance of the Work or which relate any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Bidder, including any specific means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction expressly

required of the bidding documents, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto;

- 5.1.5 To study and carefully correlate Bidder's knowledge and observations with the Bidding Documents and such other related data; and
- 5.1.6 To promptly notify Engineer of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities or discrepancies which Bidder has discovered in or between the Bidding Documents and such other related documents;
- 5.1.7 to agree at the time of submitting its Bid that no further examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies or data are necessary for the determination of its Bid for performance of the Work at the price bid and within the times and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents;
- 5.1.8 To become aware of the general nature of the work to be performed by OWNER and others at the Site that relates to the Work as indicated in the Bidding Documents;
- 5.1.9 To determine that the Bidding Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for the performance of the Work.
- 5.2 The Owner shall make available to all prospective bidders, previous to receipt of bids, information that it may have as to sub-soil conditions and surface topography at the work site. Such information shall be given as the best factual information available without being considered as a representation of the Owner.
- 5.3 The submission of a Bid will constitute an incontrovertible representation by Bidder that Bidder has complied with every requirement of this Article 5, that without exception, the Bid is premised upon performing and furnishing the Work required by the Bidding Documents and applying any specific means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction that may be shown or indicated or expressly required by the Bidding Documents, that Bidder has given ENGINEER written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, and discrepancies that Bidder has discovered in the Bidding Documents and the written resolutions thereof by ENGINEER are acceptable to Bidder, and that the Bidding Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performing and furnishing the Work.

ARTICLE 6 PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A pre-Bid conference will be held at **2:00 p.m. on April 23rd, 2024 at City of Pooler (100 US-80, Pooler, GA 31322)**. Representatives of OWNER and ENGINEER will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference. ENGINEER will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda as ENGINEER considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

ARTICLE 7 INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA:

- 7.1 All questions about the meaning or intent of the Bidding Documents are to be directed to Engineer. The person submitting the request shall do so in writing and be responsible for its prompt delivery. Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary by Engineer in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda mailed or delivered to all parties recorded by Engineer as having received the Bidding Documents. Questions received less than ten days prior to the date for opening of Bids may not be answered. Only questions answered by formal written Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.
- 7.2 Addenda may also be issued to modify the Bidding Documents as deemed advisable by Owner or Engineer.

ARTICLE 8 BID SECURITY:

- 8.1 Each Bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to Owner in an amount of ten percent of Bidder's maximum Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond (on form attached, if a form is prescribed) issued by a surety company licensed in **Georgia** with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability."
- 8.2 The Bid security of Successful Bidder will be retained until such Bidder has executed the Agreement, furnished the required contract security and met the other conditions of the Notice of Award, whereupon the Bid security will be returned. If the Successful Bidder fails to execute and deliver the Agreement and furnish the required contract security within fifteen days after the Notice of Award, Owner may annul the Notice of Award and the Bid security of that Bidder will be forfeited. The Bid security of other Bidders whom Owner believes to have a reasonable chance of receiving the award may be retained by Owner until the earlier of the seventh day after the Effective Date of the Agreement or the sixty-first day after the Bid opening, whereupon Bid security furnished by such bidders will be returned. Bid security with Bids that are not competitive will be returned within seven days after the Bid opening.

ARTICLE 9 CONTRACT COMPLETION TIME: The number of days within which, or by which the Work is to be (a) Substantially Completed and (b) also completed and ready for final payment are set forth in the Agreement. Provisions for liquidated damages, if any, are set forth in the Agreement.

ARTICLE 10 SUBSTITUTE AND "OR-EQUAL" ITEMS:

- 10.1 The Contract, if awarded, will be on the basis of materials and equipment specified or described in the Bidding Documents without consideration of possible substitute or "or-equal" items. Whenever it is specified or described in the Bidding Documents that a substitute or "or-equal" item of material or equipment may be furnished or used by CONTRACTOR if

acceptable to ENGINEER, application for such acceptance will not be considered by ENGINEER until after the Effective Date of the Agreement. The procedure for submission of any such application by CONTRACTOR and consideration by ENGINEER is set forth in the General Conditions and may be supplemented in the General Requirements.

ARTICLE 11 SUBCONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS, AND OTHERS:

- 11.1 Each bid must be accompanied by a list of Subcontractors, Suppliers, individuals, or entities proposed for those portions of the Work for which such identification is required. Such list shall be accompanied by an experience statement with pertinent information regarding similar projects and other evidence of qualification for each such Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity. If OWNER or ENGINEER, after due investigation, has reasonable objection to any proposed Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity, OWNER or ENGINEER may, before the Notice of Award is given, request apparent Successful Bidder to submit a substitute, in which case apparent Successful Bidder shall submit an acceptable substitute, Bidder's Bid price will be increased (or decreased) by the difference in cost occasioned by such substitution, and OWNER may consider such price adjustment in evaluating Bids and making the contract award.
- 11.2 If apparent Successful Bidder declines to make any such substitution, OWNER may award the Contract to the next lowest Bidder proposing to use acceptable Subcontractors, Suppliers, individuals, or entities. Declining to make requested substitutions will not constitute grounds for forfeiture of the Bid security of any Bidder. Any Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity so listed and against which OWNER or ENGINEER makes no written objection prior to the giving of the Notice of Award will be deemed acceptable to OWNER and ENGINEER subject to revocation of such acceptance after the Effective Date of the Agreement as provided in paragraph 6.06 of the General Conditions.
- 11.3 CONTRACTOR shall not be required to employ any Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity against whom CONTRACTOR has reasonable objection.

ARTICLE 12 SUBMITTAL OF BIDS: Bids shall be submitted at the time and place indicated in the Invitation to Bid and shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope, marked with the project title, and name and address of Bidder, and accompanied by the Bid security and other required documents. If the Bid is sent through the mail or other delivery system, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate envelope with the notation "BID ENCLOSED" on the face of it. Contractor license number(s) shall be written on the face of the bid envelope.

Each Bidder is responsible for seeing their Bid is received by the Owner not later than the advertised time set for the opening of Bids.

ARTICLE 13 MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:

- 13.1 Bids may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed (in the manner a Bid must be executed) and delivered to the place where Bids are to be submitted at any time prior to the opening of bids.
- 13.2 If, within twenty-four hours after Bids are opened, any Bidder files a duly signed, written notice with Owner and promptly thereafter demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of Owner there was a material and substantial mistake in the preparation of its Bid, Bidder may withdraw its Bid and the Bid security will be returned. Thereafter, Bidder will be disqualified from further bidding on the Work to be provided.

ARTICLE 14 OPENING OF BIDS: Bids will be opened and (unless obviously non-responsive) read aloud publicly at the place where Bids are to be submitted. An abstract of the amount of the base Bids and major alternates (if any) will be made available to Bidders after the opening of Bids.

ARTICLE 15 ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS: Bids may not be withdrawn (except as noted in Paragraph 13) after the time set for the opening of Bids. Bids will remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the day of the Bid opening, but the Owner may, in its sole discretion, release any Bid and return the Bid security prior to expiration of the acceptance period.

ARTICLE 16 AWARD OF CONTRACT:

- 16.1 Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to a Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive, or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.
- 16.2 Owner also reserves the right to waive all informalities not involving price, time, or changes in the Work and to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder. Discrepancies between the multiplication of units of Work and unit prices will be resolved in favor of the unit prices. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum. Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of the words.
- 16.3 In evaluating Bids, Owner will consider the qualification of Bidders, whether or not the Bids comply with the prescribed requirements, and such alternates, unit prices and other data, as may be requested in the Bid Form or prior to the Notice of Award.

The Owner will also consider whether the Bidder involved:

- a) Maintains a permanent place of business;

- b) Has adequate plant and equipment to do the work properly and expeditiously;
- c) Has suitable financial status to meet obligations incidental to the work;
- d) Has appropriate technical experience.

- 16.4. Owner may consider the qualifications and experience of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations proposed for those portions of the Work as to which the identity of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations must be submitted as provided in the Supplementary Conditions. Owner also may consider the operating costs, maintenance requirements, performance data and guarantees of major items of materials and equipment proposed for incorporation in the Work when such data is required to be submitted prior to the Notice of Award.
- 16.5. Owner may conduct such investigations as Owner deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of any bid and to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial ability of Bidders, proposed Subcontractors, Suppliers and other persons and organizations to perform and furnish the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents to Owner's satisfaction within the prescribed time.
- 16.6. If the contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the Bidder whose evaluation by Owner indicates the award will be in the best interest of the Project.
- 16.7. If the contract is to be awarded, Owner will give Successful Bidder a Notice of Award within 60 days after the day of the Bid opening.

ARTICLE 17 MODIFICATIONS OF QUANTITIES: If the lowest bona fide Bid exceeds the money available for the Work, the Owner reserves the right to delete enough of the Work to bring the cost within the available funds. The Owner also reserves the right to delete whichever items or portions of items considered to be in the best interest of the Owner.

ARTICLE 18 CONTRACT SECURITY: The General Conditions and Supplementary Conditions set forth Owner's requirements as to performance and payment bonds. When the Successful Bidder delivers the executed Agreement to the Owner, it must be accompanied by the required performance and payment bonds.

ARTICLE 19 SIGNING THE AGREEMENT: When the Owner gives a Notice of Award to the Successful Bidder, it will be accompanied by the required number of unsigned counterparts of the Agreement with all other written Contract Documents attached. Within 15 days thereafter, Contractor shall sign and deliver the required counterparts of the Agreement and attached documents to Owner with the required Bonds. Within 10 days thereafter, Owner shall deliver one fully signed counterpart to Contractor.

ARTICLE 20 LAWS AND REGULATIONS: The Contractor shall comply with local, District, County, State, and Federal laws applicable to the work.

The Contractor shall comply with the Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulations for Construction promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 as amended through January 1, 2004 (PL 91-596) and under Section 107 of the Contract Work and Safety Standards Act (PL) 91-54). The regulations are administered by the Department of Labor and the Contractor shall allow access to the project to personnel from this Department.

ARTICLE 21 CONTRACTOR'S AND SUBCONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE: Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until obtaining all the insurance required by the Supplementary Conditions.

ARTICLE 22 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT: If the Owner is made to stop construction of the work because of an order from a Court or State Department, the contract shall be terminated. Payment will be made for work completed and a proration of the work underway, materials stored, and for the overhead and profit of the completed work and work underway. Payment will not be made for anticipated profit and overhead on work not completed or underway.

DOCUMENT 00 41 43**BID FORM**

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION: Highway 80/I-95 Interchange
Beautification

**CONTRACT IDENTIFICATION
AND NUMBER:** 25396.1002

THIS BID IS SUBMITTED TO: City of Pooler

1. The undersigned BIDDER proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to enter into an agreement with OWNER in the form included in the Contract Documents to perform and furnish all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents for the Bid Price and within the Bid Times indicated in this Bid and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.
2. BIDDER accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Advertisement or Invitation to Bid and Instructions to Bidders, including without limitation those dealing with the disposition of Bid security. This Bid will remain subject to acceptance for 30 days after the day of Bid opening, or for such longer period of time BIDDER may agree to in writing upon request of OWNER. –
3. In submitting this Bid, BIDDER represents, as more fully set forth in the Agreement, that:
 - a. BIDDER has examined and carefully studied the Plans and Specifications for the work and contractual documents relative thereto, and has read all Technical Provisions, Supplementary Conditions, and General Conditions, furnished prior to the opening of Bids and can fulfill the requirements of the work to be performed.
 - b. BIDDER further acknowledges hereby receipt of the following Addenda:

ADDENDUM NO.	DATE
1 (from previous bid)	3/8/2024

- c. BIDDER has visited the site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local and site conditions possibly affecting cost, progress, performance and furnishing of the Work;
- d. BIDDER is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state, and local Laws and Regulations possibly affecting cost, progress, performance and furnishing of the

Work.

- e. BIDDER has carefully studied all reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or contiguous to the site and all drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface or subsurface structure at or contiguous to the site (except underground Facilities) have been identified in the Supplementary Conditions. BIDDER acknowledges such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents and may not be complete for BIDDER's purposes. BIDDER acknowledges OWNER and Engineer do not assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information and data shown or indicated in the Bidding Documents with respect to Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the site. BIDDER has obtained and carefully studied (or assumes responsibility for having done so) all such additional or supplementary examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies and data concerning conditions (surface, subsurface and Underground Facilities) at or contiguous to the site or otherwise which may affect cost progress, performance or furnishing of the work or which relate to any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction to be employed by BIDDER and safety precautions and programs incident thereto. BIDDER does not consider any additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the determination of this Bid for performance and furnishing of the Work in accordance with the times, price and other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents.
 - f. BIDDER is aware of the general nature of Work to be performed by Owner and others at the site relating to Work for which this Bid is submitted as indicated in the Bidding Documents.
 - g. BIDDER has correlated the information known to BIDDER, information and observations obtained from visits to the site, reports and drawings identified in the Bidding Documents and all additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data with the Bidding Documents.
 - h. BIDDER has given ENGINEER written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies BIDDER has discovered in the Bidding Documents and the written resolution thereof by ENGINEER is acceptable to BIDDER. The Bidding Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performing and furnishing the Work for which this Bid is submitted.
 - i. This bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; BIDDER has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid; BIDDER has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from bidding; and BIDDER has not sought by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other Bidder or over OWNER.
4. BIDDER will complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents for the following price(s):

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY		COST	
		NUMBER OF UNITS	UNIT MEASURE	PER UNIT	TOTAL COST
	IDENTIFICATION				
Erosion Control					
1	Silt Fence - Sd1-NS		LF		\$ -
2	Tree Protection Fencing		LF		\$ -
3	Construction Entrance		EA		\$ -
4	Check Dam - Stone		EA		\$ -
5	Slotted Board Dam with Stone		EA		\$ -
6	Rip Rap Outlet Protection		SY		\$ -
7	NPDES Inspections & Testing		LS		\$ -
8	Temporary Grassing		SY		\$ -
9	Permanent Grassing - Seed		SY		\$ -
Clearing & Grading					
1	Site Clearing - Stump/Debris Removal		AC		\$ -
2	On-site Cut/Fill		CY		\$ -
3	Fine Grade (Ditches/Slopes)		SY		\$ -
Mobilization					
1	Contractor Mobilization		LS		\$ -
2	Traffic Control - If Needed		LS		\$ -
Landscaping					
1	Tonto Crape Myrtle - 4' to 6' Ht.		EA		\$ -
2	Alta Southern Magnolia - 10' to 12' Ht.		EA		\$ -
3	Carissa Holly - Cont.; 18"X18"		EA		\$ -
4	Purple Diamond Loropetalum - Cont.; 24"X24"		EA		\$ -
5	Coral Drift Rose - Cont.; 12"X12"		EA		\$ -
6	Big Blue Liriope - Cont.; 6"X12"		EA		\$ -
7	Dwarf Fakahatchee Grass - Cont.; 6"X12"		EA		\$ -
8	1 Year of Maintenance and Warranty (including establishment watering and mowing)		LS		\$ -
9	Double Shredded Hardwood Mulch - 3" Min.		NA	Price to be included in plantings	
10	Grassing (Included	Permanent grassing cost captured in Erosion Control			
11	Signs - Materials and Install (NIC - by sign company)			N/A	By Others
12	Grading/compaction of fill needed for sign foundations and fine grading around signs once installed (To be included in grading cost, no additional unit cost item)			N/A	
13	Power to Sign (NIC - City of Pooler to provide)				By City of Pooler
14	Lighting for Sign (NIC - by sign company)				By Others
	SUBTOTAL:				\$ -
	TOTAL:				\$ -
ALTERNATE #1:	Permanent Grassing - SOD		SY		

TOTAL BID FOR ALL ESTIMATED PRICES _____
(Use words)

_____ (\$ _____)
(Figures)

Unit Prices have been computed in accordance with paragraph 11.03.C of the General Conditions.

BIDDER acknowledges estimated quantities are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids, and final payment for all Unit Price Bid items will be based on actual quantities determined as provided, determined as provided in the Contract Documents.

Required Base Bid quantities of the items listed below are set forth in the Specifications. If increases or decreases in these quantities occur, the Contract Price is to be adjusted by Change Order on the basis of the following:

Item & Location in Specifications	Unit for Adjustment	Adjustment Price Per Unit

Adjustment prices are subject to acceptance by OWNER, and rejection of one or more adjustment prices will not invalidate acceptance of this Bid.

5. BIDDER agrees the Work will be substantially complete and complete and ready for final payment in accordance with paragraph 14.07 of the General Conditions within 120 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run.
6. BIDDER accepts provisions of the Agreement as to liquidated damages in the event of failure to complete the Work within times specified in the Agreement. There are no liquidated damages included in this contract.
7. The following documents are attached to and made a condition of this Bid:
 - a. Required Bid Security in the form of 10 percent of the Bid Total Price.
 - b. A tabulation of Subcontractors, Suppliers and other persons and organizations required to be identified in this Bid.
 - c. Required BIDDER's Qualification Statement with supporting data.
8. The undersigned further agrees in case of failure on his/her part to execute the said contract and the Bond within 15 consecutive calendar days after written notice being

given of the award of the contract, the check or bid bond accompanying this bid, and the monies payable thereon shall be paid into the funds of the Owner as liquidated damages for such failure, otherwise, the check or bid bond accompanying this proposal shall be returned to the undersigned.

9. Communications concerning this Bid shall be addressed to:

Thomas & Hutton
50 Park of Commerce Way
Savannah, Georgia 31405
Attn: Lauren Davenport

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

SUBMITTED on _____, 20__.

CONTRACTOR'S NAME

ADDRESS:

BY: _____

State Contractor License No. _____

State Utility Contractor License No. _____

DOCUMENT 00 43 13

BID SECURITY FORM

BIDDER (Name and Address):

SURETY (Name and Address of Principal Place of Business):

OWNER (Name and Address):**The City of Pooler****100 US Hwy 80****Pooler, Georgia 31322****BID**

BID DUE DATE: _____

PROJECT: _____ Highway 80/I-95 Interchange Beautification

BOND

BOND NUMBER: _____ DATE: _____

(Not later than Bid Due Date)

PENAL SUM: _____

(10% of Bid Sum)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Surety and Bidder, intending to be legally bound hereby, subject to the terms printed on the reverse side hereof, do each cause this Bid Bond to be duly executed on its behalf by its authorized officer, agent, or representative.

BIDDER**SURETY**

_____ (Seal) _____ (Seal)

Bidder's Name and Corporate Seal Surety's Name and Corporate Seal

By: _____

Signature and Title

By: _____

Signature and Title
(Attach Power of Attorney)

Attest: _____

Signature and Title

Attest: _____

Signature and Title

Note: (1) Above addresses are to be used for giving required notice.

(2) Any singular reference to Bidder, Surety, Owner, or other party shall be considered plural where applicable.

PENAL SUM FORM

1. Bidder and Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to pay to Owner upon default of Bidder the penal sum set forth on the face of this Bond.
2. Default of Bidder shall occur upon the failure of Bidder to deliver within the time required by the Bidding Documents the executed Agreement required by the Bidding Documents and any performance and payment bonds required by the Bidding Documents and Contract Documents.
3. This obligation shall be null and void if:
 - 3.1 Owner accepts Bidder's bid and Bidder delivers within the time required by the Bidding Documents (or any extension thereof agreed to in writing by Owner) the executed Agreement required by the Bidding Documents and any performance and payment bonds required by the Bidding Documents and Contract Document, or
 - 3.2 All bids are rejected by Owner, or
 - 3.3 Owner fails to issue a notice of award to Bidder within the time specified in the Bidding Documents (or any extension thereof agreed to in writing by bidder and, if applicable, consented to by Surety when required by paragraph 5 hereof.)
4. Payment under this Bond will be due and payable upon default of Bidder and within 30 calendar days after receipt by Bidder and Surety of written notice of default from Owner, which notice will be given with reasonable promptness, identifying this Bond and the Project and including a statement of the amount due.
5. Surety waives notice of and any and all defenses based on arising out of any time extension to issue notice of award agreed to in writing by Owner and Bidder, provided that the time for issuing notice of award including extensions shall not in the aggregate exceed 120 days from Bid Due Date without Surety's written consent.
6. No suit or action shall be commenced under this Bond prior to 30 calendar days after the notice of default required in paragraph 4 above is received by Bidder and Surety, and in no case later than one year after Bid Due Date.
7. Any suit or action under this Bond shall be commenced only in a court of competent jurisdiction located in the state in which the Project is located.
8. Notice required hereunder shall be in writing and sent to Bidder and Surety at their respective addresses shown on the face of this Bond. Such notices may be sent by personal delivery, commercial courier or by United States Registered or Certified Mail, return receipt requested, postage pre-paid, and shall be deemed to be effective upon receipt by the party concerned.
9. Surety shall cause to be attached to this Bond a current and effective Power of Attorney evidencing the authority of the officer, agent or representative who executed this Bond on behalf of Surety to execute, seal and deliver such Bond and bind the Surety thereby.
10. This Bond is intended to conform to all applicable statutory requirements. Any applicable requirement of any applicable statute that has been omitted from this Bond shall be deemed to be included herein as if set forth at length. If any provision of the Bond conflicts with any applicable provision of any applicable statute, then the provision of said statute shall govern and the remainder of this Bond that is not in conflict therewith shall continue in full force and effect.
11. The term "bid" as used herein includes a bid, offer or proposal as applicable.

SECTION 00 51 00**NOTICE OF AWARD**

Dated _____

TO: _____
(Bidder)ADDRESS: _____
_____JOB NO.: J-25396.1002PROJECT: Highway 80/I-95 Interchange BeautificationCONTRACT
FOR:**Grading, landscaping, and installation of signage at the intersection of Highway 80 and Interstate 95.**

You are notified your Bid dated _____, 20____, for the above Contract has been considered. You are the apparent successful bidder and have been awarded a contract for:

Grading, landscaping, and installation of signage at the intersection of Highway 80 and Interstate 95.

The Contract Price of your contract is _____
_____ Dollars (\$_____).

_____ copies of each of the proposed Contract Documents (except drawings) accompany this Notice of Award.

_____ sets of the Drawings will be delivered separately or otherwise made available to you immediately.

You must comply with the following conditions precedent within 15 days of this Notice of Award, which is by _____, 20____.

1. You must deliver to the OWNER 3 fully executed counterparts of the Agreement including all the Contract Documents. Each of the Contract Documents must bear your signature on the page(s) _____.
2. You must deliver with the executed Agreement the Contract Security Bonds as specified in the Instructions to Bidders (Article 8), General Conditions (paragraph 5.01) and Supplementary Conditions.

Failure to comply with these conditions within the time specified will entitle OWNER to consider your bid in default, to annul this Notice of Award and to declare your Bid Security forfeited.

Within ten days after you comply with the above conditions, OWNER will return to you one fully signed counterpart of the Agreement with the Contract Documents attached.

OWNER

By: _____

(Title)

ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
(Authorized Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

DOCUMENT 00 52 43**AGREEMENT FORM**

THIS AGREEMENT is dated as of the _____ day of _____ in the year 2024 by and between City of Pooler (hereinafter called OWNER) and _____ (hereinafter called CONTRACTOR).

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

ARTICLE 1 WORK

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

Grading, landscaping, and installation of signage at the intersection of Highway 80 and Interstate 95.

ARTICLE 2 ENGINEER

The Project has been designed by Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. who is hereinafter called ENGINEER and who is to act as OWNER's representative, assume all duties and responsibilities and have the rights and authority assigned to ENGINEER in the Contract Documents in connection with the completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 3 CONTRACT TIMES

All time limits for Substantial Completion and completion and readiness for final payment as stated in the Contract Documents are of essence to the Contract.

- 3.1 The Work will be substantially completed within **120 days** after the date when the Contract Times commence to run as provided in paragraph 2.03 of the General Conditions and completed and ready for final payment in accordance with paragraph 14.07 of the General Conditions within **150 days** after the date when the Contract Times commence to run. Included in the contract times are 5 days for rain delay. Time delays due to rain in excess of the above days shall be reported by the Contractor to the Engineer in writing, within 30 days of each event. **The contractor shall prioritize the grading work around the county signs (signs will be installed by others).**

ARTICLE 4 CONTRACT PRICE4.1 *UNIT PRICE WORK*

OWNER shall pay CONTRACTOR for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents an amount in current funds of the amounts determined for all Unit Price Work, an amount equal to the sum of the established unit price for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work times the estimated quantity of item as indicated in the CONTRACTOR'S UNIT PRICE BID (attached hereto as an exhibit), said amount being:

_____(dollars), \$ _____
 (use words) (figures)

As provided in paragraph 11.03 of the General Conditions estimated quantities are not guaranteed, and determinations of actual quantities and classification are to be made by ENGINEER as provided in paragraph 9.07 of the General Conditions. Unit prices have been computed as provided in paragraph 11.03C of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE 5 PAYMENT PROCEDURES

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

- 5.1 *Progress Payments; Retainage.* OWNER shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Price on the basis of CONTRACTOR's Applications for Payment as recommended by ENGINEER, on or about the **25th** day of each month during performance of the Work as provided in paragraphs 5.1.1., 5.1.1.2. and 5.2. below. All such payments will be measured by the schedule of values established in paragraph 2.07 of the General Conditions (and in the case of Unit Price Work based on the number of units completed) as provided in the General Requirements.

- 5.1.1 *For Cost of Work:* Progress payments on account of the Cost of the Work will be made:

- 5.1.1.1 Prior to Substantial Completion, progress payments will be made in an amount equal to the percentage indicated below, but, in each case, less the aggregate of payments previously made and less such amounts as ENGINEER shall determine, or OWNER may withhold, in accordance with paragraph 14.02 of the General Conditions.

90% of the Work completed (with the balance being retainage). If Work has been 50% completed as determined by ENGINEER, and if the character and progress of the Work have been satisfactory to OWNER and ENGINEER, OWNER, on recommendation of ENGINEER, may determine as long as the character and progress of the Work remain satisfactory to them, there will be no additional retainage on account of Work completed, in which case the remaining progress payments prior to Substantial Completion will be in an amount equal to 100% of the Work completed.

90% of Cost of the Work (with the balance being retainage) applicable to materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work (but delivered, suitably stored and accompanied by documentation satisfactory to OWNER as provided in paragraph 14.02.A.1 of the General Conditions).

5.1.1.2 Upon Substantial Completion, in an amount sufficient to increase the total payments to CONTRACTOR to **95%** of the Cost of the Work, (with the balance being retainage), less such amounts as ENGINEER shall determine, or OWNER may withhold, in accordance with paragraph 14.02 of the General Conditions.

5.2 *Final Payment.* Upon final completion and acceptance of the Work in accordance with paragraph 14.07 of the General Conditions, OWNER shall pay the remainder of the Contract Price as recommended by ENGINEER as provided in said paragraph 14.07.

ARTICLE 6 INTEREST

All moneys not paid within thirty (30) days of the due date as provided in Article 14 of the General Conditions, shall bear interest at the rate of 6 percent annually or the minimum required by law at the place of the Project, whichever is greater.

ARTICLE 7 CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

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

- 7.1 CONTRACTOR has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents (including the Addenda indicated in Article 8 hereinafter) and the other related data identified in the Bidding Documents.
- 7.2 CONTRACTOR has visited the site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local and site conditions possibly affecting cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work.
- 7.3 CONTRACTOR is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state, and local Laws and Regulations possibly affecting cost, progress, performance and furnishing of the Work.
- 7.4 CONTRACTOR has carefully studied all reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or contiguous to the Site and all drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at or contiguous to the Site (except Underground Facilities) which have been identified in the Supplementary Conditions as provided in the General Conditions. CONTRACTOR acknowledges such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents and may not be complete for CONTRACTOR's purposes. CONTRACTOR acknowledges OWNER and ENGINEER do not assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the site. CONTRACTOR has obtained and carefully studied (or assumes responsibility for having done so) all such additional supplementary examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies and data concerning conditions (surface, subsurface and Underground Facilities) at or contiguous to the site or otherwise which may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the construction to be employed by CONTRACTOR and safety precautions and programs incident thereto. CONTRACTOR does not consider any additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the

performance and furnishing of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Times and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

- 7.5 CONTRACTOR is aware of the general nature of work to be performed by OWNER and others at the site relating to the Work as indicated in the Contract Documents.
- 7.6 CONTRACTOR has correlated the information known to CONTRACTOR, information and observations obtained from visits to the site, reports and drawings identified in the Contract Documents and all additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data with the Contract Documents.
- 7.7 CONTRACTOR has given ENGINEER written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies CONTRACTOR has discovered in the Contract Documents and the written resolution thereof by ENGINEER is acceptable to CONTRACTOR, and the Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.

ARTICLE 8 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents which comprise the entire agreement between OWNER and CONTRACTOR concerning the Work consist of the following:

- 8.1 Invitation to Bid (Pages 00 11 16-1 to 00 11 16-2, inclusive)
- 8.2 Instructions to Bidders (pages 00 21 13-1 to 00 21 13-8, inclusive)
- 8.3 Bid Form (pages 00 41 43-1 to 00 41 43-5, inclusive)
- 8.4 Bid Security (pages 00 43 13-1 to 00 43 13-2, inclusive)
- 8.5 Notice of Award (pages 00 51 00-1 to pages 00 51 00-2, inclusive)
- 8.6 Agreement Form – Unit Price (Single – Prime Contract) (pages 00 52 43-1 to 00 52 43-8, inclusive)
- 8.7 Notice to Proceed (pages 00 55 00-1 to 00 55 00-2, inclusive)
- 8.8 Performance Bond (pages 00 61 13.13-1 to 00 61 13.13-5, Inclusive)
- 8.9 Payment Bond (pages 00 61 13.16-1 to 00 61 13.16-5, inclusive)
- 8.10 General Conditions (pages 00 72 43-1 to 00 72 43-62, inclusive)
- 8.11 Supplementary Conditions (pages 00 73 00-1 to 00 73 00-4, inclusive)
- 8.12 Special Conditions (pages 00 80 00-1 to 00 80 00-6, inclusive)
- 8.13 Summary of Work (pages 01 11 00-1 to 01 11 00-3, inclusive)

- 8.14 Unit Prices (pages 01 22 00-1 to 01 22 00-2, inclusive)
- 8.15 Submittal Procedures (pages 01 33 00-1 to 01 33 00-7, inclusive)
- 8.16 Quality Control (pages 01 45 00-1 to 01 45 00-3, inclusive)
- 8.17 Bidders Qualifications (pages 01 45 13-1 to 01 45 13-8, inclusive)
- 8.18 Testing and Inspecting Services (pages 01 45 23-1 to 01 45 23-4, inclusive)
- 8.19 Traffic Control (pages 01 55 26-1 to 01 55 26-3, inclusive)
- 8.20 Temporary Tree and Plant Protection (pages 01 56 39-1 to 01 56 39-2, inclusive)
- 8.21 Closeout Procedures (pages 01 77 00-1 to 01 77 00-4, inclusive)
- 8.22 Operation and Maintenance Data (pages 01 78 23-1 to 01 78 23-4, inclusive)
- 8.23 Bonds (pages 01 78 33-1 to 01 78 33-2, inclusive)
- 8.24 Warranties (pages 01 78 36-1 to 01 78 36-2, inclusive)
- 8.25 Technical Specifications consisting of 7 sections, as listed in the Table of Contents.
- 8.26 Drawings consisting of sheets CO through L3.1 with each sheet bearing the following general title:

Sheet	Description	Job No.	P.E. Signature Date
CO	Sheet Index	25396.1002	5/2/2023
G1.1	General Notes and Legend	25396.1002	5/2/2023
G1.2	Sheet Index	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EX1.1	Existing Conditions	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EX1.2	Existing Conditions	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EX1.3	Existing Conditions	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EX1.4	Existing Conditions	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EC1.1	Erosion Control Notes	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EC1.2	Erosion Control Notes	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EC1.3	Erosion Control Notes	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EC2.1	Erosion Control Plan – Initial	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EC2.2	Erosion Control Plan – Initial	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EC2.3	Erosion Control Plan – Initial	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EC2.4	Erosion Control Plan – Initial	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EC3.1	Erosion Control Plan – Final	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EC3.2	Erosion Control Plan – Final	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EC3.3	Erosion Control Plan – Final	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EC3.4	Erosion Control Plan – Final	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EC4.1	Erosion Control Details	25396.1002	5/2/2023
EC4.2	Erosion Control Details	25396.1002	5/2/2023
C1.1	Grading Plan	25396.1002	5/2/2023

Sheet	Description	Job No.	P.E. Signature Date
C1.2	Grading Plan	25396.1002	5/2/2023
C1.3	Grading Plan	25396.1002	5/2/2023
C1.4	Grading Plan	25396.1002	5/2/2023
C1.5	U – Bottom Swale Detail	25396.1002	5/2/2023
L1.1	Planting Plan	25396.1002	5/2/2023
L1.2	Planting Plan	25396.1002	5/2/2023
L1.3	Planting Plan	25396.1002	5/2/2023
L1.4	Planting Plan	25396.1002	5/2/2023
L2.1	Planting Details	25396.1002	5/2/2023
L2.2	Landscaping Specifications	25396.1002	5/2/2023
L2.3	Grassing Specifications	25396.1002	5/2/2023
L3.1	Schematic Sign Details	25396.1002	5/2/2023

8.27 Addenda numbers ____ to ____, inclusive.

Exhibits to this Agreement:

- a. CONTRACTOR's Bid (page ____ through page ____ inclusive) marked "Exhibit ____."
- b. Documentation submitted by CONTRACTOR prior to Notice of Award (pages ____ to ____, inclusive).
- c. Any modification, including Change Orders, duly delivered after execution of Agreement.

There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above in this Article 8. The Contract Documents may only be amended, modified, or supplemented as provided in paragraph 3.04 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE 9 MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.1 Terms used in this Agreement which are defined in Article 1 of the General Conditions will have the meanings indicated in the General Conditions.
- 9.2 No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Contract Documents will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and, specifically but without limitation, moneys becoming due and moneys due, may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract Documents.
- 9.3 OWNER and CONTRACTOR each binds itself, its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto, its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

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

ARTICLE 10 OTHER PROVISIONS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OWNER and CONTRACTOR have signed this Agreement in five counterparts. Two counterparts each have been delivered to OWNER and CONTRACTOR and one counterpart to ENGINEER. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed, initialed or identified by Owner and Contractor or identified by ENGINEER on their behalf.

This Agreement will be effective on _____, 20____ (which is the Effective Date of the Agreement).

OWNER _____

CONTRACTOR _____

BY (typed) _____

BY (typed) _____

BY _____

BY _____

ATTEST _____

ATTEST _____

Address for giving notices

City Hall Council Chambers
100 US-80
Pooler, Georgia 31322

Address for giving notices

License No. _____

Agent for service of process: _____

CORPORATE SEAL

CORPORATE SEAL

Section 00 55 00
NOTICE TO PROCEED

Dated: _____

TO: _____
(Bidder)

ADDRESS: _____

JOB NO.: J- 25396.1002

PROJECT: Highway 80/I-95 Interchange Beautification

CONTRACT
FOR: Grading, landscaping, and close coordination with a signage installation vendor at
the intersection of Highway 80 and Interstate 95.

You are notified the Contract Times under the above contract will commence to run on _____,
20____. By such date, you are to start performing your obligations under the Contract Documents. In
accordance with Article 3 of the Agreement the dates of Substantial Completion and completion
and readiness for final payment are _____, 20__ and _____, 20__, respectively.

Before you may start any Work at the site, paragraph 2.01 of the General Conditions provides you
and OWNER must each deliver to the other (with copies to ENGINEER and other identified additional
insureds) certificates of insurance which each is required to purchase and maintain in accordance
with the Contract Documents.

Before you may start any Work at the site, you must have submitted the following: Certificate of Insurance, Performance Bond, and Payment Bond.

CITY OF POOLER, GEORGIA

OWNER

By: _____

(Title)

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE TO PROCEED

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
(Authorized Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

DOCUMENT 00 61 13.13**PERFORMANCE BOND FORM**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, _____,
(Name & Address of Contractor)

hereinafter called "Principal" and _____,
(Name & Address of Surety)

_____ of _____

State of Georgia, hereinafter called the "Surety" are held and firmly bound unto **The City of Pooler** hereinafter called the "Owner" in the penal sum of:

_____ Dollars (\$_____)
(Contract Sum)

lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to OWNER, for the payment whereof well and truly to be made we do bind ourselves, our respective executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the above bounden Principal has entered into a certain contract with the Owner dated the _____ day of _____, 2024 for the construction of:

Highway 80/I-95 Interchange Beautification

which said contract is incorporated hereby by reference and made a part hereof, and is hereinafter referred to as the Construction Contract.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such, if the Principal shall promptly and faithfully perform and comply with the terms and conditions of said contract; and shall indemnify and save harmless the Owner against and from all costs, expenses, damages, injury or loss to which said Owner may be subjected by reason of any wrongdoing, including patent infringement, misconduct, want of care or skill, default, or failure of performance on the part of said Principal, its agents, subcontractors or employees, in the execution or performance of said Construction Contract, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

1. The Contractor and the Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Owner for the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. If the Contractor performs the Construction Contract, the Surety and the Contractor shall have no obligation under this Bond, except to participate in conferences as provided in Subparagraph 3.1.

3. If there is no Owner Default, the Surety's obligations under this Bond shall arise after:
 - 3.1 The Owner has notified the Contractor and the Surety at its address described in Paragraph 10 below, the Owner is considering declaring a Contractor Default and has requested and attempted to arrange a conference with the Contractor and the Surety to be held not later than fifteen days after receipt of such notice to discuss methods of performing the Construction Contract. If the Owner, the Contractor and the Surety agree, the Contractor shall be allowed a reasonable time to perform the Construction Contract, but such an agreement shall not waive the Owner's right, if any, subsequently to declare a Contractor Default; and
 - 3.2 The Owner has declared a Contractor Default and formally terminated the Contractor's right to complete the contract. Such Contractor Default shall not be declared earlier than twenty days after the Contractor and the Surety have received notice as provided in Subparagraph 3.1; and
 - 3.3 The Owner has agreed to pay the Balance of the Contract Price to the Surety in accordance with the terms of the Construction Contract or to a Contractor selected to perform the Construction Contract in accordance with the terms of the contract with the Owner.
4. When the Owner has satisfied the conditions of Paragraph 3, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense, take one of the following actions:
 - 4.1 Arrange for the Contractor, with consent of the Owner, to perform and complete the Construction Contract; or
 - 4.2 Undertake to perform and complete the Construction Contract itself, through its agents or through independent Contractors; or
 - 4.3 Obtain bids or negotiated proposals from qualified Contractors acceptable to the Owner in a contract for performance and completion of the Construction Contract, arrange for a contract to be prepared for execution by the Owner and the Contractor selected with the Owner's concurrence, to be secured with performance and payment bonds executed by a qualified surety equivalent to the bonds issued on the Construction Contract, and pay to the Owner the amount of damages as described in Paragraph 6 in excess of the Balance of the Contract Price incurred by the Owner resulting from the Contractor's default; or
 - 4.4 Waive its right to perform and complete, arrange for completion, or obtain a new Contractor and with reasonable promptness under the circumstances:
 - 4.4.1 After investigation, determine the amount for which it may be liable to the Owner and, as soon as practicable after the amount is determined, tender payment therefor to the Owner; or
 - 4.4.2 Deny liability in whole or in part and notify the Owner citing reasons therefor.

5. If the Surety does not proceed as provided in paragraph 4 with reasonable promptness, the Surety shall be deemed to be in default on this Bond fifteen days after receipt of an additional written notice from the Owner to the Surety demanding that the Surety perform its obligations under this Bond, and the Owner shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Owner. If the Surety proceeds as provided in Subparagraph 4.4, and the Owner refuses the payment tendered or the Surety has denied liability, in whole or in part, without further notice the Owner shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Owner.
6. After the Owner has terminated the Contractor's right to complete the Construction Contract, and if the Surety elects to act under Subparagraph 4.1, 4.2, or 4.3 above, then the responsibilities of the Surety to the Owner shall not be greater than those of the Contractor under the Construction Contract. To the limit of the amount of this Bond, but subject to commitment by the Owner of the Balance of the Contract Price to mitigation of costs and damages on the Construction Contract, the Surety is obligated without duplication for:
 - 6.1 The responsibilities of the Contractor for correction of defective work and completion of the Construction Contract:
 - 6.2 Additional legal, design professional and delay costs resulting from the Contractor's Default, and resulting from the actions or failure to act of the Surety under Paragraph 4; and
 - 6.3 Liquidated damages, or if no liquidated damages are specified in the Construction Contract, actual damages caused by delayed performance or non-performance of the Contractor.
7. The Surety shall not be liable to the Owner or others for obligations of the Contractor unrelated to the Contract, and the Balance of the Contract Price shall not be reduced or set off on account of any such unrelated obligations. No right of action shall accrue on this Bond to any person or entity other than the Owner or its heirs, executors, administrators, or successors.
8. The Surety hereby waives notice of any changes, including changes of time, to the Construction Contract or to related subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.
9. Any proceeding, legal or equitable, under this Bond may be instituted in any court of competent jurisdiction in the location in which the work or part of the work is located and shall be instituted within two years after Contractor Default or within two years after the Contractor ceased working or within two years after the Surety refuses or fails to perform its obligations under this Bond, whichever occurs first. If the provisions of this Paragraph are void or prohibited by law, the minimum period of limitation available to sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable.
10. Notice to the Surety, the Owner or the Contractor shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the signature page.

11. When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction was to be performed, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. The intent is this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.
12. DEFINITIONS:
- 12.1 Balance of the Contract Price: The total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor under the Construction Contract after all proper adjustments have been made, including allowance to the Contractor of any amounts received or to be received by the Owner in settlement of insurance or other claims for damages to which the Contractor is entitled, reduced by all valid and proper payments made to or on behalf of the Contractor under the Construction Contract.
- 12.2 Construction Contract: The agreement between the Owner and the Contractor identified on the signature page, including all Contract Documents and changes thereto;
- 12.3 Contractor Default: Failure of the Contractor, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to perform or otherwise to comply with the terms of the Construction Contract.
- 12.4 Owner Default: Failure of the Owner, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to pay the Contractor as required by the Construction Contract or to perform and complete or comply with the other terms thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed in six counterparts, each one of which shall be deemed an original, on this the ____ day of _____, 20__.

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL:

Principal

(Principal) Secretary

By: _____
(Signature & Title)

(SEAL)

Address

Witness as to Principal

Address

SURETY:

Surety (Company)

(Surety) Secretary

(SEAL)

Witness as to Surety

Address

By: _____
Attorney-in-Fact

Notes:

1. Date of Bond must not be prior to date of Contract. If Contractor is a Partnership, all partners should execute bond.
2. Bond must be countersigned by a Georgia resident agent.
3. Surety companies executing bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the state where the project is located.

DOCUMENT 00 61 13.16**PAYMENT BOND FORM**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, _____,
(Name & Address of Contractor)

hereinafter called "Principal" and _____,
(Name & Address of Surety)

_____ of _____

State of Georgia, hereinafter called the "Surety" are held and firmly bound unto The City of Pooler hereinafter called the "Owner" in the penal sum of:

_____ Dollars (\$_____)
(Contract Sum)

lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to OWNER, for the payment whereof well and truly to be made we do bind ourselves, our respective executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the above bounden Principal has entered into a certain contract with the Owner dated the _____ day of _____, 2024 for the construction of:

Highway 80/I-95 Interchange Beautification

which said contract is incorporated hereby by reference and made a part hereof, and is hereinafter referred to as the Construction Contract.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such, if the Principal shall promptly make payment to all claimants as hereinafter defined, for all labor and materials supplied in the prosecution of the work provided for in said Construction Contract, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect, subject, however, to the following conditions:

1. The Contractor and the Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Owner for the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. With respect to the Owner, this obligation shall be null and void if the Contractor:
 - 2.1 Promptly makes payment, directly or indirectly, for all sums due Claimants; and
 - 2.2 Defends, indemnifies and holds harmless the Owner from claims, demands, liens or suits by any person or entity whose claim, demand, lien

or suit is for payment for labor, materials or equipment furnished for use in the performance of the Construction Contract, provided the Owner has promptly notified the Contractor and the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) of any claims, demands, liens or suits and tendered defense of such claims, demands, liens or suits to the Contractor and the Surety, and provided there is no Owner Default.

3. With respect to Claimants, this obligation shall be null and void if the Contractor promptly makes payment, directly or indirectly, for all sums due.
4. The Surety shall have no obligation to Claimants under this Bond until:
 - 4.1 Claimants who are employed by or have a direct contract with the Contractor have given notice to the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the Owner, stating a claim is being made under this Bond and, with substantial accuracy, the amount of claim.
 - 4.2 Claimants who do not have a direct contract with the Contractor:
 - 4.2.1 Have furnished written notice to the Contractor and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the Owner, within 90 days after having last performed labor or last furnished materials or equipment included in the claim stating, with substantial accuracy, the amount of the claim and the name of the party to whom the materials were furnished or supplied or for whom the labor was performed; and
 - 4.2.2 Have either received a rejection in whole or in part from the Contractor, or not received within 30 days of furnishing the above notice, any communication from the Contractor by which the Contractor has indicated the claim will be paid directly or indirectly; and
 - 4.2.3 Not having been paid within 30 days, have sent a written notice to the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the Owner, stating a claim is being made under this Bond and enclosing a copy of the previous written notice furnished to the Contractor.
5. Compliance shall be considered sufficient if a notice required by paragraph 4 is given by the Owner to the Contractor or to the Surety.
6. When the Claimant has satisfied the conditions of Paragraph 4, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense take the following actions:
 - 6.1 Send an answer to the Claimant, with a copy to the Owner, within 45 days after receipt of the claim stating the amounts undisputed and basis for challenging any amounts disputed.
 - 6.2 Pay or arrange for payment of any undisputed amounts.

7. The Surety's total obligation shall not exceed the amount of this Bond, and the amount of this Bond shall be credited for any payments made in good faith by the Surety.
8. Amounts owed by the Owner to the Contractor under the Construction Contract shall be used for the performance of the Construction Contract and to satisfy claims, if any, under any Construction Performance Bond. By the Contractor furnishing and the Owner accepting this Bond, they agree all funds earned by the Contractor in the performance of the Construction Contract are dedicated to satisfy obligations of the Contractor and the Surety under this Bond, subject to the Owner's priority to use the funds for the completion of the work.
9. The Surety shall not be liable to the Owner, Claimants or others for obligations of the Contractor unrelated to the Construction Contract. The Owner shall not be liable for payment of any costs or expenses of any Claimant under this Bond, and shall have under this Bond no obligations to make payments to, give notices on behalf of, or otherwise have obligations to Claimants under this Bond.
10. The Surety hereby waives notice of any change, including changes of time, to the Construction Contract or to related subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.
11. No suit or action shall be commenced by a Claimant under this bond other than in a court of competent jurisdiction in the location in which the work or part of the work is located or after the expiration of one year from the date (1) on which the Claimant gave the notice required by Subparagraph 4.1 or Clause 4.2.3, or (2) on which the last labor or service was performed by anyone or the last materials or equipment were furnished by anyone under the Construction Contract, whichever of (1) or (2) first occurs. If the provisions of this paragraph are void or prohibited by law, the minimum period of limitation available to Sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable.
12. Notice to the Surety, Owner or Contractor shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the signature page. Actual receipt of notice by the Surety, Owner, or Contractor, however accomplished, shall be sufficient compliance as of the date received at the address shown on the signature page.
13. When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction was to be performed, any provision in the Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. The intent is this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.
14. Upon request of any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of this Bond, the Contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of this Bond or shall permit a copy to be made.
15. DEFINITIONS:
 - 15.1 Claimant: An individual or entity having a direct contract with the Contractor or with a Subcontractor of the Contractor to furnish labor,

material, or equipment for use in the performance of the Contract. The intent of this Bond shall be to include without limitation in the terms "labor, materials or equipment," that part of water, gas, power, light, heat, oil, gasoline, telephone service or rental equipment used in the Construction Contract, architectural and engineering services required for performance of the work of the Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors, and all other items for which a mechanic's lien may be asserted in the jurisdiction where the labor, materials or equipment were furnished.

- 15.2 Construction Contract: The agreement between the Owner and the Contractor identified on the signature page, including all Contract Documents and changes thereto.
- 15.3 Owner Default: Failure of the Owner, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to pay the Contractor as required by the Construction Contract or to perform and complete or comply with the other terms thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed in six counterparts, each one of which shall be deemed an original, on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL:

Principal

(Principal) Secretary

By:_____
(Signature & Title)

(SEAL)

Address

Witness as to Principal

Address

SURETY:

Surety (Company)

(Surety) Secretary

(SEAL)

Witness as to Surety

Address

By: _____
Attorney-in-Fact

Notes:

1. Date of Bond must not be prior to date of Contract. If Contractor is a Partnership, all partners should execute bond.
2. Bond must be countersigned by a Georgia resident agent.
3. Surety companies executing bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the state where the project is located.

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ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

1.01 *Defined Terms*

- A. Wherever used in the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents and printed with initial capital letters, the terms listed below will have the meanings indicated which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof. In addition to terms specifically defined, terms with initial capital letters in the Contract Documents include references to identified articles and paragraphs, and the titles of other documents or forms.
1. *Addenda*—Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the opening of Bids which clarify, correct, or change the Bidding Requirements or the proposed Contract Documents.
 2. *Agreement*—The written instrument which is evidence of the agreement between Owner and Contractor covering the Work.
 3. *Application for Payment*—The form acceptable to Engineer which is to be used by Contractor during the course of the Work in requesting progress or final payments and which is to be accompanied by such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents.
 4. *Asbestos*—Any material that contains more than one percent asbestos and is friable or is releasing asbestos fibers into the air above current action levels established by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
 5. *Bid*—The offer or proposal of a Bidder submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the prices for the Work to be performed.
 6. *Bidder*—The individual or entity who submits a Bid directly to Owner.
 7. *Bidding Documents*—The Bidding Requirements and the proposed Contract Documents (including all Addenda).
 8. *Bidding Requirements*—The advertisement or invitation to bid, Instructions to Bidders, Bid security of acceptable form, if any, and the Bid Form with any supplements.
 9. *Change Order*—A document recommended by Engineer which is signed by Contractor and Owner and authorizes an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times, issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement.
 10. *Claim*—A demand or assertion by Owner or Contractor seeking an adjustment of Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, or other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract. A demand for money or services by a third party is not a Claim.
 11. *Contract*—The entire and integrated written agreement between the Owner and Contractor concerning the Work. The Contract supersedes prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, whether written or oral.

12. *Contract Documents*—Those items so designated in the Agreement. Only printed or hard copies of the items listed in the Agreement are Contract Documents. Approved Shop Drawings, other Contractor submittals, and the reports and drawings of subsurface and physical conditions are not Contract Documents.
13. *Contract Price*—The moneys payable by Owner to Contractor for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents as stated in the Agreement (subject to the provisions of Paragraph 11.03 in the case of Unit Price Work).
14. *Contract Times*—The number of days or the dates stated in the Agreement to: (i) achieve Milestones, if any; (ii) achieve Substantial Completion; and (iii) complete the Work so that it is ready for final payment as evidenced by Engineer's written recommendation of final payment.
15. *Contractor*—The individual or entity with whom Owner has entered into the Agreement.
16. *Cost of the Work*—See Paragraph 11.01 for definition.
17. *Drawings*—That part of the Contract Documents prepared or approved by Engineer which graphically shows the scope, extent, and character of the Work to be performed by Contractor. Shop Drawings and other Contractor submittals are not Drawings as so defined.
18. *Effective Date of the Agreement*—The date indicated in the Agreement on which it becomes effective, but if no such date is indicated, it means the date on which the Agreement is signed and delivered by the last of the two parties to sign and deliver.
19. *Engineer*—The individual or entity named as such in the Agreement.
20. *Field Order*—A written order issued by Engineer which requires minor changes in the Work but which does not involve a change in the Contract Price or the Contract Times.
21. *General Requirements*—Sections of Division 1 of the Specifications.
22. *Hazardous Environmental Condition*—The presence at the Site of Asbestos, PCBs, Petroleum, Hazardous Waste, or Radioactive Material in such quantities or circumstances that may present a substantial danger to persons or property exposed thereto.
23. *Hazardous Waste*—The term Hazardous Waste shall have the meaning provided in Section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 USC Section 6903) as amended from time to time.
24. *Laws and Regulations; Laws or Regulations*—Any and all applicable laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, and orders of any and all governmental bodies, agencies, authorities, and courts having jurisdiction.
25. *Liens*—Charges, security interests, or encumbrances upon Project funds, real property, or personal property.
26. *Milestone*—A principal event specified in the Contract Documents relating to an intermediate completion date or time prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work.

27. *Notice of Award*—The written notice by Owner to the Successful Bidder stating that upon timely compliance by the Successful Bidder with the conditions precedent listed therein, Owner will sign and deliver the Agreement.
28. *Notice to Proceed*—A written notice given by Owner to Contractor fixing the date on which the Contract Times will commence to run and on which Contractor shall start to perform the Work under the Contract Documents.
29. *Owner*—The individual or entity with whom Contractor has entered into the Agreement and for whom the Work is to be performed.
30. *PCBs*—Polychlorinated biphenyls.
31. *Petroleum*—Petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof which is liquid at standard conditions of temperature and pressure (60 degrees Fahrenheit and 14.7 pounds per square inch absolute), such as oil, petroleum, fuel oil, oil sludge, oil refuse, gasoline, kerosene, and oil mixed with other non-Hazardous Waste and crude oils.
32. *Progress Schedule*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, describing the sequence and duration of the activities comprising the Contractor's plan to accomplish the Work within the Contract Times.
33. *Project*—The total construction of which the Work to be performed under the Contract Documents may be the whole, or a part.
34. *Project Manual*—The bound documentary information prepared for bidding and constructing the Work. A listing of the contents of the Project Manual, which may be bound in one or more volumes, is contained in the table(s) of contents.
35. *Radioactive Material*—Source, special nuclear, or byproduct material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 USC Section 2011 et seq.) as amended from time to time.
36. *Resident Project Representative*—The authorized representative of Engineer who may be assigned to the Site or any part thereof.
37. *Samples*—Physical examples of materials, equipment, or workmanship that are representative of some portion of the Work and which establish the standards by which such portion of the Work will be judged.
38. *Schedule of Submittals*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, of required submittals and the time requirements to support scheduled performance of related construction activities.
39. *Schedule of Values*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, allocating portions of the Contract Price to various portions of the Work and used as the basis for reviewing Contractor's Applications for Payment.

40. *Shop Drawings*—All drawings, diagrams, illustrations, schedules, and other data or information which are specifically prepared or assembled by or for Contractor and submitted by Contractor to illustrate some portion of the Work.
41. *Site*—Lands or areas indicated in the Contract Documents as being furnished by Owner upon which the Work is to be performed, including rights-of-way and easements for access thereto, and such other lands furnished by Owner which are designated for the use of Contractor.
42. *Specifications*—That part of the Contract Documents consisting of written requirements for materials, equipment, systems, standards and workmanship as applied to the Work, and certain administrative requirements and procedural matters applicable thereto.
43. *Subcontractor*—An individual or entity having a direct contract with Contractor or with any other Subcontractor for the performance of a part of the Work at the Site.
44. *Substantial Completion*—The time at which the Work (or a specified part thereof) has progressed to the point where, in the opinion of Engineer, the Work (or a specified part thereof) is sufficiently complete, in accordance with the Contract Documents, so that the Work (or a specified part thereof) can be utilized for the purposes for which it is intended. The terms “substantially complete” and “substantially completed” as applied to all or part of the Work refer to Substantial Completion thereof.
45. *Successful Bidder*—The Bidder submitting a responsive Bid to whom Owner makes an award.
46. *Supplementary Conditions*—That part of the Contract Documents which amends or supplements these General Conditions.
47. *Supplier*—A manufacturer, fabricator, supplier, distributor, materialman, or vendor having a direct contract with Contractor or with any Subcontractor to furnish materials or equipment to be incorporated in the Work by Contractor or Subcontractor.
48. *Underground Facilities*—All underground pipelines, conduits, ducts, cables, wires, manholes, vaults, tanks, tunnels, or other such facilities or attachments, and any encasements containing such facilities, including those that convey electricity, gases, steam, liquid petroleum products, telephone or other communications, cable television, water, wastewater, storm water, other liquids or chemicals, or traffic or other control systems.
49. *Unit Price Work*—Work to be paid for on the basis of unit prices.
50. *Work*—The entire construction or the various separately identifiable parts thereof required to be provided under the Contract Documents. Work includes and is the result of performing or providing all labor, services, and documentation necessary to produce such construction, and furnishing, installing, and incorporating all materials and equipment into such construction, all as required by the Contract Documents.
51. *Work Change Directive*—A written statement to Contractor issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement and signed by Owner and recommended by Engineer ordering an

addition, deletion, or revision in the Work, or responding to differing or unforeseen subsurface or physical conditions under which the Work is to be performed or to emergencies. A Work Change Directive will not change the Contract Price or the Contract Times but is evidence that the parties expect that the change ordered or documented by a Work Change Directive will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order following negotiations by the parties as to its effect, if any, on the Contract Price or Contract Times.

1.02 Terminology

A. The words and terms discussed in Paragraph 1.02.B through F are not defined but, when used in the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents, have the indicated meaning.

B. *Intent of Certain Terms or Adjectives:*

1. The Contract Documents include the terms “as allowed,” “as approved,” “as ordered,” “as directed” or terms of like effect or import to authorize an exercise of professional judgment by Engineer. In addition, the adjectives “reasonable,” “suitable,” “acceptable,” “proper,” “satisfactory,” or adjectives of like effect or import are used to describe an action or determination of Engineer as to the Work. It is intended that such exercise of professional judgment, action, or determination will be solely to evaluate, in general, the Work for compliance with the information in the Contract Documents and with the design concept of the Project as a functioning whole as shown or indicated in the Contract Documents (unless there is a specific statement indicating otherwise). The use of any such term or adjective is not intended to and shall not be effective to assign to Engineer any duty or authority to supervise or direct the performance of the Work, or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility contrary to the provisions of Paragraph 9.09 or any other provision of the Contract Documents.

C. *Day:*

1. The word “day” means a calendar day of 24 hours measured from midnight to the next midnight.

D. *Defective:*

1. The word “defective,” when modifying the word “Work,” refers to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty, or deficient in that it:
 - a. does not conform to the Contract Documents; or
 - b. does not meet the requirements of any applicable inspection, reference standard, test, or approval referred to in the Contract Documents; or
 - c. has been damaged prior to Engineer’s recommendation of final payment (unless responsibility for the protection thereof has been assumed by Owner at Substantial Completion in accordance with Paragraph 14.04 or 14.05).

E. *Furnish, Install, Perform, Provide:*

1. The word “furnish,” when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, shall mean to supply and deliver said services, materials, or equipment to the Site (or some other specified location) ready for use or installation and in usable or operable condition.
 2. The word “install,” when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, shall mean to put into use or place in final position said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.
 3. The words “perform” or “provide,” when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, shall mean to furnish and install said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.
 4. When “furnish,” “install,” “perform,” or “provide” is not used in connection with services, materials, or equipment in a context clearly requiring an obligation of Contractor, “provide” is implied.
- F. Unless stated otherwise in the Contract Documents, words or phrases that have a well-known technical or construction industry or trade meaning are used in the Contract Documents in accordance with such recognized meaning.

ARTICLE 2 – PRELIMINARY MATTERS

2.01 *Delivery of Bonds and Evidence of Insurance*

- A. When Contractor delivers the executed counterparts of the Agreement to Owner, Contractor shall also deliver to Owner such bonds as Contractor may be required to furnish.
- B. *Evidence of Insurance:* Before any Work at the Site is started, Contractor and Owner shall each deliver to the other, with copies to each additional insured identified in the Supplementary Conditions, certificates of insurance (and other evidence of insurance which either of them or any additional insured may reasonably request) which Contractor and Owner respectively are required to purchase and maintain in accordance with Article 5.

2.02 *Copies of Documents*

- A. Owner shall furnish to Contractor up to ten printed or hard copies of the Drawings and Project Manual. Additional copies will be furnished upon request at the cost of reproduction.

2.03 *Commencement of Contract Times; Notice to Proceed*

- A. The Contract Times will commence to run on the thirtieth day after the Effective Date of the Agreement or, if a Notice to Proceed is given, on the day indicated in the Notice to Proceed. A Notice to Proceed may be given at any time within 30 days after the Effective Date of the Agreement. In no event will the Contract Times commence to run later than the sixtieth day after the day of Bid opening or the thirtieth day after the Effective Date of the Agreement, whichever date is earlier.

2.04 *Starting the Work*

- A. Contractor shall start to perform the Work on the date when the Contract Times commence to run. No Work shall be done at the Site prior to the date on which the Contract Times commence to run.

2.05 *Before Starting Construction*

- A. *Preliminary Schedules:* Within 10 days after the Effective Date of the Agreement (unless otherwise specified in the General Requirements), Contractor shall submit to Engineer for timely review:
 - 1. a preliminary Progress Schedule indicating the times (numbers of days or dates) for starting and completing the various stages of the Work, including any Milestones specified in the Contract Documents;
 - 2. a preliminary Schedule of Submittals; and
 - 3. a preliminary Schedule of Values for all of the Work which includes quantities and prices of items which when added together equal the Contract Price and subdivides the Work into component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during performance of the Work. Such prices will include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work.

2.06 *Preconstruction Conference; Designation of Authorized Representatives*

- A. Before any Work at the Site is started, a conference attended by Owner, Contractor, Engineer, and others as appropriate will be held to establish a working understanding among the parties as to the Work and to discuss the schedules referred to in Paragraph 2.05.A, procedures for handling Shop Drawings and other submittals, processing Applications for Payment, and maintaining required records.
- B. At this conference Owner and Contractor each shall designate, in writing, a specific individual to act as its authorized representative with respect to the services and responsibilities under the Contract. Such individuals shall have the authority to transmit instructions, receive information, render decisions relative to the Contract, and otherwise act on behalf of each respective party.

2.07 *Initial Acceptance of Schedules*

- A. At least 10 days before submission of the first Application for Payment a conference attended by Contractor, Engineer, and others as appropriate will be held to review for acceptability to Engineer as provided below the schedules submitted in accordance with Paragraph 2.05.A. Contractor shall have an additional 10 days to make corrections and adjustments and to complete and resubmit the schedules. No progress payment shall be made to Contractor until acceptable schedules are submitted to Engineer.
 - 1. The Progress Schedule will be acceptable to Engineer if it provides an orderly progression of the Work to completion within the Contract Times. Such acceptance will not impose on

Engineer responsibility for the Progress Schedule, for sequencing, scheduling, or progress of the Work, nor interfere with or relieve Contractor from Contractor's full responsibility therefor.

2. Contractor's Schedule of Submittals will be acceptable to Engineer if it provides a workable arrangement for reviewing and processing the required submittals.
3. Contractor's Schedule of Values will be acceptable to Engineer as to form and substance if it provides a reasonable allocation of the Contract Price to component parts of the Work.

ARTICLE 3 – CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: INTENT, AMENDING, REUSE

3.01 *Intent*

- A. The Contract Documents are complementary; what is required by one is as binding as if required by all.
- B. It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete project (or part thereof) to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Any labor, documentation, services, materials, or equipment that reasonably may be inferred from the Contract Documents or from prevailing custom or trade usage as being required to produce the indicated result will be provided whether or not specifically called for, at no additional cost to Owner.
- C. Clarifications and interpretations of the Contract Documents shall be issued by Engineer as provided in Article 9.

3.02 *Reference Standards*

- A. Standards, Specifications, Codes, Laws, and Regulations
 1. Reference to standards, specifications, manuals, or codes of any technical society, organization, or association, or to Laws or Regulations, whether such reference be specific or by implication, shall mean the standard, specification, manual, code, or Laws or Regulations in effect at the time of opening of Bids (or on the Effective Date of the Agreement if there were no Bids), except as may be otherwise specifically stated in the Contract Documents.
 2. No provision of any such standard, specification, manual, or code, or any instruction of a Supplier, shall be effective to change the duties or responsibilities of Owner, Contractor, or Engineer, or any of their subcontractors, consultants, agents, or employees, from those set forth in the Contract Documents. No such provision or instruction shall be effective to assign to Owner, Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, any duty or authority to supervise or direct the performance of the Work or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility inconsistent with the provisions of the Contract Documents.

3.03 *Reporting and Resolving Discrepancies*

A. *Reporting Discrepancies:*

1. *Contractor's Review of Contract Documents Before Starting Work:* Before undertaking each part of the Work, Contractor shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents and check and verify pertinent figures therein and all applicable field measurements. Contractor shall promptly report in writing to Engineer any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy which Contractor discovers, or has actual knowledge of, and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from Engineer before proceeding with any Work affected thereby.
2. *Contractor's Review of Contract Documents During Performance of Work:* If, during the performance of the Work, Contractor discovers any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy within the Contract Documents, or between the Contract Documents and (a) any applicable Law or Regulation, (b) any standard, specification, manual, or code, or (c) any instruction of any Supplier, then Contractor shall promptly report it to Engineer in writing. Contractor shall not proceed with the Work affected thereby (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 6.16.A) until an amendment or supplement to the Contract Documents has been issued by one of the methods indicated in Paragraph 3.04.
3. Contractor shall not be liable to Owner or Engineer for failure to report any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy in the Contract Documents unless Contractor had actual knowledge thereof.

B. *Resolving Discrepancies:*

1. Except as may be otherwise specifically stated in the Contract Documents, the provisions of the Contract Documents shall take precedence in resolving any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy between the provisions of the Contract Documents and:
 - a. the provisions of any standard, specification, manual, or code, or the instruction of any Supplier (whether or not specifically incorporated by reference in the Contract Documents); or
 - b. the provisions of any Laws or Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work (unless such an interpretation of the provisions of the Contract Documents would result in violation of such Law or Regulation).

3.04 *Amending and Supplementing Contract Documents*

- A. The Contract Documents may be amended to provide for additions, deletions, and revisions in the Work or to modify the terms and conditions thereof by either a Change Order or a Work Change Directive.
- B. The requirements of the Contract Documents may be supplemented, and minor variations and deviations in the Work may be authorized, by one or more of the following ways:

1. A Field Order;
2. Engineer's approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample (subject to the provisions of Paragraph 6.17.D.3); or
3. Engineer's written interpretation or clarification.

3.05 *Reuse of Documents*

A. Contractor and any Subcontractor or Supplier shall not:

1. have or acquire any title to or ownership rights in any of the Drawings, Specifications, or other documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the seal of Engineer or its consultants, including electronic media editions; or
2. reuse any such Drawings, Specifications, other documents, or copies thereof on extensions of the Project or any other project without written consent of Owner and Engineer and specific written verification or adaptation by Engineer.

B. The prohibitions of this Paragraph 3.05 will survive final payment, or termination of the Contract. Nothing herein shall preclude Contractor from retaining copies of the Contract Documents for record purposes.

3.06 *Electronic Data*

- A. Unless otherwise stated in the Supplementary Conditions, the data furnished by Owner or Engineer to Contractor, or by Contractor to Owner or Engineer, that may be relied upon are limited to the printed copies (also known as hard copies). Files in electronic media format of text, data, graphics, or other types are furnished only for the convenience of the receiving party. Any conclusion or information obtained or derived from such electronic files will be at the user's sole risk. If there is a discrepancy between the electronic files and the hard copies, the hard copies govern.
- B. Because data stored in electronic media format can deteriorate or be modified inadvertently or otherwise without authorization of the data's creator, the party receiving electronic files agrees that it will perform acceptance tests or procedures within 60 days, after which the receiving party shall be deemed to have accepted the data thus transferred. Any errors detected within the 60-day acceptance period will be corrected by the transferring party.
- C. When transferring documents in electronic media format, the transferring party makes no representations as to long term compatibility, usability, or readability of documents resulting from the use of software application packages, operating systems, or computer hardware differing from those used by the data's creator.

ARTICLE 4 – AVAILABILITY OF LANDS; SUBSURFACE AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS; HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS; REFERENCE POINTS

4.01 *Availability of Lands*

- A. Owner shall furnish the Site. Owner shall notify Contractor of any encumbrances or restrictions not of general application but specifically related to use of the Site with which Contractor must comply in performing the Work. Owner will obtain in a timely manner and pay for easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing facilities. If Contractor and Owner are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, as a result of any delay in Owner's furnishing the Site or a part thereof, Contractor may make a Claim therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05.
- B. Upon reasonable written request, Owner shall furnish Contractor with a current statement of record legal title and legal description of the lands upon which the Work is to be performed and Owner's interest therein as necessary for giving notice of or filing a mechanic's or construction lien against such lands in accordance with applicable Laws and Regulations.
- C. Contractor shall provide for all additional lands and access thereto that may be required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment.

4.02 *Subsurface and Physical Conditions*

- A. *Reports and Drawings:* The Supplementary Conditions identify:
 - 1. those reports known to Owner of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or contiguous to the Site; and
 - 2. those drawings known to Owner of physical conditions relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at the Site (except Underground Facilities).
- B. *Limited Reliance by Contractor on Technical Data Authorized:* Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of the "technical data" contained in such reports and drawings, but such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents. Such "technical data" is identified in the Supplementary Conditions. Except for such reliance on such "technical data," Contractor may not rely upon or make any claim against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors with respect to:
 - 1. the completeness of such reports and drawings for Contractor's purposes, including, but not limited to, any aspects of the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto; or
 - 2. other data, interpretations, opinions, and information contained in such reports or shown or indicated in such drawings; or
 - 3. any Contractor interpretation of or conclusion drawn from any "technical data" or any such other data, interpretations, opinions, or information.

4.03 *Differing Subsurface or Physical Conditions*

A. *Notice:* If Contractor believes that any subsurface or physical condition that is uncovered or revealed either:

1. is of such a nature as to establish that any “technical data” on which Contractor is entitled to rely as provided in Paragraph 4.02 is materially inaccurate; or
2. is of such a nature as to require a change in the Contract Documents; or
3. differs materially from that shown or indicated in the Contract Documents; or
4. is of an unusual nature, and differs materially from conditions ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in the Contract Documents;

then Contractor shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before further disturbing the subsurface or physical conditions or performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 6.16.A), notify Owner and Engineer in writing about such condition. Contractor shall not further disturb such condition or perform any Work in connection therewith (except as aforesaid) until receipt of written order to do so.

B. *Engineer’s Review:* After receipt of written notice as required by Paragraph 4.03.A, Engineer will promptly review the pertinent condition, determine the necessity of Owner’s obtaining additional exploration or tests with respect thereto, and advise Owner in writing (with a copy to Contractor) of Engineer’s findings and conclusions.

C. *Possible Price and Times Adjustments:*

1. The Contract Price or the Contract Times, or both, will be equitably adjusted to the extent that the existence of such differing subsurface or physical condition causes an increase or decrease in Contractor’s cost of, or time required for, performance of the Work; subject, however, to the following:
 - a. such condition must meet any one or more of the categories described in Paragraph 4.03.A; and
 - b. with respect to Work that is paid for on a unit price basis, any adjustment in Contract Price will be subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 9.07 and 11.03.
2. Contractor shall not be entitled to any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times if:
 - a. Contractor knew of the existence of such conditions at the time Contractor made a final commitment to Owner with respect to Contract Price and Contract Times by the submission of a Bid or becoming bound under a negotiated contract; or
 - b. the existence of such condition could reasonably have been discovered or revealed as a result of any examination, investigation, exploration, test, or study of the Site and

contiguous areas required by the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents to be conducted by or for Contractor prior to Contractor's making such final commitment; or

- c. Contractor failed to give the written notice as required by Paragraph 4.03.A.
3. If Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, a Claim may be made therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05. However, neither Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors shall be liable to Contractor for any claims, costs, losses, or damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) sustained by Contractor on or in connection with any other project or anticipated project.

4.04 *Underground Facilities*

A. *Shown or Indicated:* The information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the Site is based on information and data furnished to Owner or Engineer by the owners of such Underground Facilities, including Owner, or by others. Unless it is otherwise expressly provided in the Supplementary Conditions:

1. Owner and Engineer shall not be responsible for the accuracy or completeness of any such information or data provided by others; and
2. the cost of all of the following will be included in the Contract Price, and Contractor shall have full responsibility for:
 - a. reviewing and checking all such information and data;
 - b. locating all Underground Facilities shown or indicated in the Contract Documents;
 - c. coordination of the Work with the owners of such Underground Facilities, including Owner, during construction; and
 - d. the safety and protection of all such Underground Facilities and repairing any damage thereto resulting from the Work.

B. *Not Shown or Indicated:*

1. If an Underground Facility is uncovered or revealed at or contiguous to the Site which was not shown or indicated, or not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before further disturbing conditions affected thereby or performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 6.16.A), identify the owner of such Underground Facility and give written notice to that owner and to Owner and Engineer. Engineer will promptly review the Underground Facility and determine the extent, if any, to which a change is required in the Contract Documents to reflect and document the

consequences of the existence or location of the Underground Facility. During such time, Contractor shall be responsible for the safety and protection of such Underground Facility.

2. If Engineer concludes that a change in the Contract Documents is required, a Work Change Directive or a Change Order will be issued to reflect and document such consequences. An equitable adjustment shall be made in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, to the extent that they are attributable to the existence or location of any Underground Facility that was not shown or indicated or not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy in the Contract Documents and that Contractor did not know of and could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of or to have anticipated. If Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any such adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, Owner or Contractor may make a Claim therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05.

4.05 *Reference Points*

- A. Owner shall provide engineering surveys to establish reference points for construction which in Engineer's judgment are necessary to enable Contractor to proceed with the Work. Contractor shall be responsible for laying out the Work, shall protect and preserve the established reference points and property monuments, and shall make no changes or relocations without the prior written approval of Owner. Contractor shall report to Engineer whenever any reference point or property monument is lost or destroyed or requires relocation because of necessary changes in grades or locations, and shall be responsible for the accurate replacement or relocation of such reference points or property monuments by professionally qualified personnel.

4.06 *Hazardous Environmental Condition at Site*

- A. *Reports and Drawings:* The Supplementary Conditions identify those reports and drawings known to Owner relating to Hazardous Environmental Conditions that have been identified at the Site.
- B. *Limited Reliance by Contractor on Technical Data Authorized:* Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of the "technical data" contained in such reports and drawings, but such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents. Such "technical data" is identified in the Supplementary Conditions. Except for such reliance on such "technical data," Contractor may not rely upon or make any claim against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors with respect to:
 1. the completeness of such reports and drawings for Contractor's purposes, including, but not limited to, any aspects of the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor and safety precautions and programs incident thereto; or
 2. other data, interpretations, opinions and information contained in such reports or shown or indicated in such drawings; or
 3. any Contractor interpretation of or conclusion drawn from any "technical data" or any such other data, interpretations, opinions or information.

- C. Contractor shall not be responsible for any Hazardous Environmental Condition uncovered or revealed at the Site which was not shown or indicated in Drawings or Specifications or identified in the Contract Documents to be within the scope of the Work. Contractor shall be responsible for a Hazardous Environmental Condition created with any materials brought to the Site by Contractor, Subcontractors, Suppliers, or anyone else for whom Contractor is responsible.
- D. If Contractor encounters a Hazardous Environmental Condition or if Contractor or anyone for whom Contractor is responsible creates a Hazardous Environmental Condition, Contractor shall immediately: (i) secure or otherwise isolate such condition; (ii) stop all Work in connection with such condition and in any area affected thereby (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 6.16.A); and (iii) notify Owner and Engineer (and promptly thereafter confirm such notice in writing). Owner shall promptly consult with Engineer concerning the necessity for Owner to retain a qualified expert to evaluate such condition or take corrective action, if any. Promptly after consulting with Engineer, Owner shall take such actions as are necessary to permit Owner to timely obtain required permits and provide Contractor the written notice required by Paragraph 4.06.E.
- E. Contractor shall not be required to resume Work in connection with such condition or in any affected area until after Owner has obtained any required permits related thereto and delivered written notice to Contractor: (i) specifying that such condition and any affected area is or has been rendered safe for the resumption of Work; or (ii) specifying any special conditions under which such Work may be resumed safely. If Owner and Contractor cannot agree as to entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, as a result of such Work stoppage or such special conditions under which Work is agreed to be resumed by Contractor, either party may make a Claim therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05.
- F. If after receipt of such written notice Contractor does not agree to resume such Work based on a reasonable belief it is unsafe, or does not agree to resume such Work under such special conditions, then Owner may order the portion of the Work that is in the area affected by such condition to be deleted from the Work. If Owner and Contractor cannot agree as to entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times as a result of deleting such portion of the Work, then either party may make a Claim therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05. Owner may have such deleted portion of the Work performed by Owner's own forces or others in accordance with Article 7.
- G. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Contractor, Subcontractors, and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to a Hazardous Environmental Condition, provided that such Hazardous Environmental Condition: (i) was not shown or indicated in the Drawings or Specifications or identified in the Contract Documents to be included within the scope of the Work, and (ii) was not created by Contractor or by anyone for whom Contractor is responsible. Nothing in this Paragraph 4.06.G shall obligate Owner to indemnify any individual or entity from and against the consequences of that individual's or entity's own negligence.

- H. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to a Hazardous Environmental Condition created by Contractor or by anyone for whom Contractor is responsible. Nothing in this Paragraph 4.06.H shall obligate Contractor to indemnify any individual or entity from and against the consequences of that individual's or entity's own negligence.
- I. The provisions of Paragraphs 4.02, 4.03, and 4.04 do not apply to a Hazardous Environmental Condition uncovered or revealed at the Site.

ARTICLE 5 – BONDS AND INSURANCE

5.01 *Performance, Payment, and Other Bonds*

- A. Contractor shall furnish performance and payment bonds, each in an amount at least equal to the Contract Price as security for the faithful performance and payment of all of Contractor's obligations under the Contract Documents. These bonds shall remain in effect until one year after the date when final payment becomes due or until completion of the correction period specified in Paragraph 13.07, whichever is later, except as provided otherwise by Laws or Regulations or by the Contract Documents. Contractor shall also furnish such other bonds as are required by the Contract Documents.
- B. All bonds shall be in the form prescribed by the Contract Documents except as provided otherwise by Laws or Regulations, and shall be executed by such sureties as are named in the list of "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" as published in Circular 570 (amended) by the Financial Management Service, Surety Bond Branch, U.S. Department of the Treasury. All bonds signed by an agent or attorney-in-fact must be accompanied by a certified copy of that individual's authority to bind the surety. The evidence of authority shall show that it is effective on the date the agent or attorney-in-fact signed each bond.
- C. If the surety on any bond furnished by Contractor is declared bankrupt or becomes insolvent or its right to do business is terminated in any state where any part of the Project is located or it ceases to meet the requirements of Paragraph 5.01.B, Contractor shall promptly notify Owner and Engineer and shall, within 20 days after the event giving rise to such notification, provide another bond and surety, both of which shall comply with the requirements of Paragraphs 5.01.B and 5.02.

5.02 *Licensed Sureties and Insurers*

- A. All bonds and insurance required by the Contract Documents to be purchased and maintained by Owner or Contractor shall be obtained from surety or insurance companies that are duly licensed or authorized in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located to issue bonds or insurance policies for the limits and coverages so required. Such surety and insurance companies shall also

meet such additional requirements and qualifications as may be provided in the Supplementary Conditions.

5.03 *Certificates of Insurance*

- A. Contractor shall deliver to Owner, with copies to each additional insured and loss payee identified in the Supplementary Conditions, certificates of insurance (and other evidence of insurance requested by Owner or any other additional insured) which Contractor is required to purchase and maintain.
- B. Owner shall deliver to Contractor, with copies to each additional insured and loss payee identified in the Supplementary Conditions, certificates of insurance (and other evidence of insurance requested by Contractor or any other additional insured) which Owner is required to purchase and maintain.
- C. Failure of Owner to demand such certificates or other evidence of Contractor's full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of Owner to identify a deficiency in compliance from the evidence provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.
- D. Owner does not represent that insurance coverage and limits established in this Contract necessarily will be adequate to protect Contractor.
- E. The insurance and insurance limits required herein shall not be deemed as a limitation on Contractor's liability under the indemnities granted to Owner in the Contract Documents.

5.04 *Contractor's Insurance*

- A. Contractor shall purchase and maintain such insurance as is appropriate for the Work being performed and as will provide protection from claims set forth below which may arise out of or result from Contractor's performance of the Work and Contractor's other obligations under the Contract Documents, whether it is to be performed by Contractor, any Subcontractor or Supplier, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable:
 - 1. claims under workers' compensation, disability benefits, and other similar employee benefit acts;
 - 2. claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of Contractor's employees;
 - 3. claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death of any person other than Contractor's employees;
 - 4. claims for damages insured by reasonably available personal injury liability coverage which are sustained:

- a. by any person as a result of an offense directly or indirectly related to the employment of such person by Contractor, or
 - b. by any other person for any other reason;
 5. claims for damages, other than to the Work itself, because of injury to or destruction of tangible property wherever located, including loss of use resulting therefrom; and
 6. claims for damages because of bodily injury or death of any person or property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of any motor vehicle.
- B. The policies of insurance required by this Paragraph 5.04 shall:
1. with respect to insurance required by Paragraphs 5.04.A.3 through 5.04.A.6 inclusive, be written on an occurrence basis, include as additional insureds (subject to any customary exclusion regarding professional liability) Owner and Engineer, and any other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions, all of whom shall be listed as additional insureds, and include coverage for the respective officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of all such additional insureds, and the insurance afforded to these additional insureds shall provide primary coverage for all claims covered thereby;
 2. include at least the specific coverages and be written for not less than the limits of liability provided in the Supplementary Conditions or required by Laws or Regulations, whichever is greater;
 3. include contractual liability insurance covering Contractor's indemnity obligations under Paragraphs 6.11 and 6.20;
 4. contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled, materially changed or renewal refused until at least 30 days prior written notice has been given to Owner and Contractor and to each other additional insured identified in the Supplementary Conditions to whom a certificate of insurance has been issued (and the certificates of insurance furnished by the Contractor pursuant to Paragraph 5.03 will so provide);
 5. remain in effect at least until final payment and at all times thereafter when Contractor may be correcting, removing, or replacing defective Work in accordance with Paragraph 13.07; and
 6. include completed operations coverage:
 - a. Such insurance shall remain in effect for two years after final payment.
 - b. Contractor shall furnish Owner and each other additional insured identified in the Supplementary Conditions, to whom a certificate of insurance has been issued, evidence satisfactory to Owner and any such additional insured of continuation of such insurance at final payment and one year thereafter.

5.05 *Owner's Liability Insurance*

- A. In addition to the insurance required to be provided by Contractor under Paragraph 5.04, Owner, at Owner's option, may purchase and maintain at Owner's expense Owner's own liability insurance as will protect Owner against claims which may arise from operations under the Contract Documents.

5.06 *Property Insurance*

- A. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, Owner shall purchase and maintain property insurance upon the Work at the Site in the amount of the full replacement cost thereof (subject to such deductible amounts as may be provided in the Supplementary Conditions or required by Laws and Regulations). This insurance shall:
1. include the interests of Owner, Contractor, Subcontractors, and Engineer, and any other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them, each of whom is deemed to have an insurable interest and shall be listed as a loss payee;
 2. be written on a Builder's Risk "all-risk" policy form that shall at least include insurance for physical loss or damage to the Work, temporary buildings, falsework, and materials and equipment in transit, and shall insure against at least the following perils or causes of loss: fire, lightning, extended coverage, theft, vandalism and malicious mischief, earthquake, collapse, debris removal, demolition occasioned by enforcement of Laws and Regulations, water damage (other than that caused by flood), and such other perils or causes of loss as may be specifically required by the Supplementary Conditions.
 3. include expenses incurred in the repair or replacement of any insured property (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers and architects);
 4. cover materials and equipment stored at the Site or at another location that was agreed to in writing by Owner prior to being incorporated in the Work, provided that such materials and equipment have been included in an Application for Payment recommended by Engineer;
 5. allow for partial utilization of the Work by Owner;
 6. include testing and startup; and
 7. be maintained in effect until final payment is made unless otherwise agreed to in writing by Owner, Contractor, and Engineer with 30 days written notice to each other loss payee to whom a certificate of insurance has been issued.
- B. Owner shall purchase and maintain such equipment breakdown insurance or additional property insurance as may be required by the Supplementary Conditions or Laws and Regulations which will include the interests of Owner, Contractor, Subcontractors, and Engineer, and any other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions, and the officers, directors,

members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them, each of whom is deemed to have an insurable interest and shall be listed as a loss payee.

- C. All the policies of insurance (and the certificates or other evidence thereof) required to be purchased and maintained in accordance with this Paragraph 5.06 will contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled or materially changed or renewal refused until at least 30 days prior written notice has been given to Owner and Contractor and to each other loss payee to whom a certificate of insurance has been issued and will contain waiver provisions in accordance with Paragraph 5.07.
- D. Owner shall not be responsible for purchasing and maintaining any property insurance specified in this Paragraph 5.06 to protect the interests of Contractor, Subcontractors, or others in the Work to the extent of any deductible amounts that are identified in the Supplementary Conditions. The risk of loss within such identified deductible amount will be borne by Contractor, Subcontractors, or others suffering any such loss, and if any of them wishes property insurance coverage within the limits of such amounts, each may purchase and maintain it at the purchaser's own expense.
- E. If Contractor requests in writing that other special insurance be included in the property insurance policies provided under this Paragraph 5.06, Owner shall, if possible, include such insurance, and the cost thereof will be charged to Contractor by appropriate Change Order. Prior to commencement of the Work at the Site, Owner shall in writing advise Contractor whether or not such other insurance has been procured by Owner.

5.07 *Waiver of Rights*

- A. Owner and Contractor intend that all policies purchased in accordance with Paragraph 5.06 will protect Owner, Contractor, Subcontractors, and Engineer, and all other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions as loss payees (and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them) in such policies and will provide primary coverage for all losses and damages caused by the perils or causes of loss covered thereby. All such policies shall contain provisions to the effect that in the event of payment of any loss or damage the insurers will have no rights of recovery against any of the insureds or loss payees thereunder. Owner and Contractor waive all rights against each other and their respective officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them for all losses and damages caused by, arising out of or resulting from any of the perils or causes of loss covered by such policies and any other property insurance applicable to the Work; and, in addition, waive all such rights against Subcontractors and Engineer, and all other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions as loss payees (and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them) under such policies for losses and damages so caused. None of the above waivers shall extend to the rights that any party making such waiver may have to the proceeds of insurance held by Owner as trustee or otherwise payable under any policy so issued.
- B. Owner waives all rights against Contractor, Subcontractors, and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them for:

1. loss due to business interruption, loss of use, or other consequential loss extending beyond direct physical loss or damage to Owner's property or the Work caused by, arising out of, or resulting from fire or other perils whether or not insured by Owner; and
 2. loss or damage to the completed Project or part thereof caused by, arising out of, or resulting from fire or other insured peril or cause of loss covered by any property insurance maintained on the completed Project or part thereof by Owner during partial utilization pursuant to Paragraph 14.05, after Substantial Completion pursuant to Paragraph 14.04, or after final payment pursuant to Paragraph 14.07.
- C. Any insurance policy maintained by Owner covering any loss, damage or consequential loss referred to in Paragraph 5.07.B shall contain provisions to the effect that in the event of payment of any such loss, damage, or consequential loss, the insurers will have no rights of recovery against Contractor, Subcontractors, or Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them.

5.08 *Receipt and Application of Insurance Proceeds*

- A. Any insured loss under the policies of insurance required by Paragraph 5.06 will be adjusted with Owner and made payable to Owner as fiduciary for the loss payees, as their interests may appear, subject to the requirements of any applicable mortgage clause and of Paragraph 5.08.B. Owner shall deposit in a separate account any money so received and shall distribute it in accordance with such agreement as the parties in interest may reach. If no other special agreement is reached, the damaged Work shall be repaired or replaced, the moneys so received applied on account thereof, and the Work and the cost thereof covered by an appropriate Change Order.
- B. Owner as fiduciary shall have power to adjust and settle any loss with the insurers unless one of the parties in interest shall object in writing within 15 days after the occurrence of loss to Owner's exercise of this power. If such objection be made, Owner as fiduciary shall make settlement with the insurers in accordance with such agreement as the parties in interest may reach. If no such agreement among the parties in interest is reached, Owner as fiduciary shall adjust and settle the loss with the insurers and, if required in writing by any party in interest, Owner as fiduciary shall give bond for the proper performance of such duties.

5.09 *Acceptance of Bonds and Insurance; Option to Replace*

- A. If either Owner or Contractor has any objection to the coverage afforded by or other provisions of the bonds or insurance required to be purchased and maintained by the other party in accordance with Article 5 on the basis of non-conformance with the Contract Documents, the objecting party shall so notify the other party in writing within 10 days after receipt of the certificates (or other evidence requested) required by Paragraph 2.01.B. Owner and Contractor shall each provide to the other such additional information in respect of insurance provided as the other may reasonably request. If either party does not purchase or maintain all of the bonds and insurance required of such party by the Contract Documents, such party shall notify the other party in writing of such failure to purchase prior to the start of the Work, or of such failure to maintain prior to any change in the required coverage. Without prejudice to any other right or remedy, the other party may elect to obtain equivalent bonds or insurance to protect such other party's

interests at the expense of the party who was required to provide such coverage, and a Change Order shall be issued to adjust the Contract Price accordingly.

5.10 *Partial Utilization, Acknowledgment of Property Insurer*

- A. If Owner finds it necessary to occupy or use a portion or portions of the Work prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work as provided in Paragraph 14.05, no such use or occupancy shall commence before the insurers providing the property insurance pursuant to Paragraph 5.06 have acknowledged notice thereof and in writing effected any changes in coverage necessitated thereby. The insurers providing the property insurance shall consent by endorsement on the policy or policies, but the property insurance shall not be canceled or permitted to lapse on account of any such partial use or occupancy.

ARTICLE 6 – CONTRACTOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES

6.01 *Supervision and Superintendence*

- A. Contractor shall supervise, inspect, and direct the Work competently and efficiently, devoting such attention thereto and applying such skills and expertise as may be necessary to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction. Contractor shall not be responsible for the negligence of Owner or Engineer in the design or specification of a specific means, method, technique, sequence, or procedure of construction which is shown or indicated in and expressly required by the Contract Documents.
- B. At all times during the progress of the Work, Contractor shall assign a competent resident superintendent who shall not be replaced without written notice to Owner and Engineer except under extraordinary circumstances.

6.02 *Labor; Working Hours*

- A. Contractor shall provide competent, suitably qualified personnel to survey and lay out the Work and perform construction as required by the Contract Documents. Contractor shall at all times maintain good discipline and order at the Site.
- B. Except as otherwise required for the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Site or adjacent thereto, and except as otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, all Work at the Site shall be performed during regular working hours. Contractor will not permit the performance of Work on a Saturday, Sunday, or any legal holiday without Owner’s written consent (which will not be unreasonably withheld) given after prior written notice to Engineer.

6.03 *Services, Materials, and Equipment*

- A. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall provide and assume full responsibility for all services, materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, light, heat, telephone, water, sanitary facilities, temporary facilities, and all other facilities and incidentals necessary for the performance, testing, start-up, and completion of the Work.

- B. All materials and equipment incorporated into the Work shall be as specified or, if not specified, shall be of good quality and new, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. All special warranties and guarantees required by the Specifications shall expressly run to the benefit of Owner. If required by Engineer, Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence (including reports of required tests) as to the source, kind, and quality of materials and equipment.
- C. All materials and equipment shall be stored, applied, installed, connected, erected, protected, used, cleaned, and conditioned in accordance with instructions of the applicable Supplier, except as otherwise may be provided in the Contract Documents.

6.04 *Progress Schedule*

- A. Contractor shall adhere to the Progress Schedule established in accordance with Paragraph 2.07 as it may be adjusted from time to time as provided below.
 - 1. Contractor shall submit to Engineer for acceptance (to the extent indicated in Paragraph 2.07) proposed adjustments in the Progress Schedule that will not result in changing the Contract Times. Such adjustments will comply with any provisions of the General Requirements applicable thereto.
 - 2. Proposed adjustments in the Progress Schedule that will change the Contract Times shall be submitted in accordance with the requirements of Article 12. Adjustments in Contract Times may only be made by a Change Order.

6.05 *Substitutes and "Or-Equals"*

- A. Whenever an item of material or equipment is specified or described in the Contract Documents by using the name of a proprietary item or the name of a particular Supplier, the specification or description is intended to establish the type, function, appearance, and quality required. Unless the specification or description contains or is followed by words reading that no like, equivalent, or "or-equal" item or no substitution is permitted, other items of material or equipment or material or equipment of other Suppliers may be submitted to Engineer for review under the circumstances described below.
 - 1. *"Or-Equal" Items:* If in Engineer's sole discretion an item of material or equipment proposed by Contractor is functionally equal to that named and sufficiently similar so that no change in related Work will be required, it may be considered by Engineer as an "or-equal" item, in which case review and approval of the proposed item may, in Engineer's sole discretion, be accomplished without compliance with some or all of the requirements for approval of proposed substitute items. For the purposes of this Paragraph 6.05.A.1, a proposed item of material or equipment will be considered functionally equal to an item so named if:
 - a. in the exercise of reasonable judgment Engineer determines that:
 - 1) it is at least equal in materials of construction, quality, durability, appearance, strength, and design characteristics;

- 2) it will reliably perform at least equally well the function and achieve the results imposed by the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole; and
 - 3) it has a proven record of performance and availability of responsive service.
- b. Contractor certifies that, if approved and incorporated into the Work:
- 1) there will be no increase in cost to the Owner or increase in Contract Times; and
 - 2) it will conform substantially to the detailed requirements of the item named in the Contract Documents.

2. *Substitute Items:*

- a. If in Engineer's sole discretion an item of material or equipment proposed by Contractor does not qualify as an "or-equal" item under Paragraph 6.05.A.1, it will be considered a proposed substitute item.
- b. Contractor shall submit sufficient information as provided below to allow Engineer to determine if the item of material or equipment proposed is essentially equivalent to that named and an acceptable substitute therefor. Requests for review of proposed substitute items of material or equipment will not be accepted by Engineer from anyone other than Contractor.
- c. The requirements for review by Engineer will be as set forth in Paragraph 6.05.A.2.d, as supplemented by the General Requirements, and as Engineer may decide is appropriate under the circumstances.
- d. Contractor shall make written application to Engineer for review of a proposed substitute item of material or equipment that Contractor seeks to furnish or use. The application:
 - 1) shall certify that the proposed substitute item will:
 - a) perform adequately the functions and achieve the results called for by the general design,
 - b) be similar in substance to that specified, and
 - c) be suited to the same use as that specified;
 - 2) will state:
 - a) the extent, if any, to which the use of the proposed substitute item will prejudice Contractor's achievement of Substantial Completion on time,
 - b) whether use of the proposed substitute item in the Work will require a change in any of the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with Owner for other work on the Project) to adapt the design to the proposed substitute item, and

- c) whether incorporation or use of the proposed substitute item in connection with the Work is subject to payment of any license fee or royalty;
 - 3) will identify:
 - a) all variations of the proposed substitute item from that specified, and
 - b) available engineering, sales, maintenance, repair, and replacement services; and
 - 4) shall contain an itemized estimate of all costs or credits that will result directly or indirectly from use of such substitute item, including costs of redesign and claims of other contractors affected by any resulting change.
- B. *Substitute Construction Methods or Procedures:* If a specific means, method, technique, sequence, or procedure of construction is expressly required by the Contract Documents, Contractor may furnish or utilize a substitute means, method, technique, sequence, or procedure of construction approved by Engineer. Contractor shall submit sufficient information to allow Engineer, in Engineer's sole discretion, to determine that the substitute proposed is equivalent to that expressly called for by the Contract Documents. The requirements for review by Engineer will be similar to those provided in Paragraph 6.05.A.2.
- C. *Engineer's Evaluation:* Engineer will be allowed a reasonable time within which to evaluate each proposal or submittal made pursuant to Paragraphs 6.05.A and 6.05.B. Engineer may require Contractor to furnish additional data about the proposed substitute item. Engineer will be the sole judge of acceptability. No "or equal" or substitute will be ordered, installed or utilized until Engineer's review is complete, which will be evidenced by a Change Order in the case of a substitute and an approved Shop Drawing for an "or equal." Engineer will advise Contractor in writing of any negative determination.
- D. *Special Guarantee:* Owner may require Contractor to furnish at Contractor's expense a special performance guarantee or other surety with respect to any substitute.
- E. *Engineer's Cost Reimbursement:* Engineer will record Engineer's costs in evaluating a substitute proposed or submitted by Contractor pursuant to Paragraphs 6.05.A.2 and 6.05.B. Whether or not Engineer approves a substitute so proposed or submitted by Contractor, Contractor shall reimburse Owner for the reasonable charges of Engineer for evaluating each such proposed substitute. Contractor shall also reimburse Owner for the reasonable charges of Engineer for making changes in the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with Owner) resulting from the acceptance of each proposed substitute.
- F. *Contractor's Expense:* Contractor shall provide all data in support of any proposed substitute or "or-equal" at Contractor's expense.

6.06 *Concerning Subcontractors, Suppliers, and Others*

- A. Contractor shall not employ any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity (including those acceptable to Owner as indicated in Paragraph 6.06.B), whether initially or as a replacement, against whom Owner may have reasonable objection. Contractor shall not be

required to employ any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity to furnish or perform any of the Work against whom Contractor has reasonable objection.

- B. If the Supplementary Conditions require the identity of certain Subcontractors, Suppliers, or other individuals or entities to be submitted to Owner in advance for acceptance by Owner by a specified date prior to the Effective Date of the Agreement, and if Contractor has submitted a list thereof in accordance with the Supplementary Conditions, Owner's acceptance (either in writing or by failing to make written objection thereto by the date indicated for acceptance or objection in the Bidding Documents or the Contract Documents) of any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity so identified may be revoked on the basis of reasonable objection after due investigation. Contractor shall submit an acceptable replacement for the rejected Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity, and the Contract Price will be adjusted by the difference in the cost occasioned by such replacement, and an appropriate Change Order will be issued. No acceptance by Owner of any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity, whether initially or as a replacement, shall constitute a waiver of any right of Owner or Engineer to reject defective Work.
- C. Contractor shall be fully responsible to Owner and Engineer for all acts and omissions of the Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other individuals or entities performing or furnishing any of the Work just as Contractor is responsible for Contractor's own acts and omissions. Nothing in the Contract Documents:
 - 1. shall create for the benefit of any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity any contractual relationship between Owner or Engineer and any such Subcontractor, Supplier or other individual or entity; nor
 - 2. shall create any obligation on the part of Owner or Engineer to pay or to see to the payment of any moneys due any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity except as may otherwise be required by Laws and Regulations.
- D. Contractor shall be solely responsible for scheduling and coordinating the Work of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other individuals or entities performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct or indirect contract with Contractor.
- E. Contractor shall require all Subcontractors, Suppliers, and such other individuals or entities performing or furnishing any of the Work to communicate with Engineer through Contractor.
- F. The divisions and sections of the Specifications and the identifications of any Drawings shall not control Contractor in dividing the Work among Subcontractors or Suppliers or delineating the Work to be performed by any specific trade.
- G. All Work performed for Contractor by a Subcontractor or Supplier will be pursuant to an appropriate agreement between Contractor and the Subcontractor or Supplier which specifically binds the Subcontractor or Supplier to the applicable terms and conditions of the Contract Documents for the benefit of Owner and Engineer. Whenever any such agreement is with a Subcontractor or Supplier who is listed as a loss payee on the property insurance provided in Paragraph 5.06, the agreement between the Contractor and the Subcontractor or Supplier will contain provisions whereby the Subcontractor or Supplier waives all rights against Owner,

Contractor, Engineer, and all other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions to be listed as insureds or loss payees (and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them) for all losses and damages caused by, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from any of the perils or causes of loss covered by such policies and any other property insurance applicable to the Work. If the insurers on any such policies require separate waiver forms to be signed by any Subcontractor or Supplier, Contractor will obtain the same.

6.07 *Patent Fees and Royalties*

- A. Contractor shall pay all license fees and royalties and assume all costs incident to the use in the performance of the Work or the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product, or device which is the subject of patent rights or copyrights held by others. If a particular invention, design, process, product, or device is specified in the Contract Documents for use in the performance of the Work and if, to the actual knowledge of Owner or Engineer, its use is subject to patent rights or copyrights calling for the payment of any license fee or royalty to others, the existence of such rights shall be disclosed by Owner in the Contract Documents.
- B. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Contractor, and its officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals, and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to any infringement of patent rights or copyrights incident to the use in the performance of the Work or resulting from the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product, or device specified in the Contract Documents, but not identified as being subject to payment of any license fee or royalty to others required by patent rights or copyrights.
- C. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to any infringement of patent rights or copyrights incident to the use in the performance of the Work or resulting from the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product, or device not specified in the Contract Documents.

6.08 *Permits*

- A. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, Contractor shall obtain and pay for all construction permits and licenses. Owner shall assist Contractor, when necessary, in obtaining such permits and licenses. Contractor shall pay all governmental charges and inspection fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work which are applicable at the time of opening of Bids, or, if there are no Bids, on the Effective Date of the Agreement. Owner shall pay all charges of utility owners for connections for providing permanent service to the Work.

6.09 *Laws and Regulations*

- A. Contractor shall give all notices required by and shall comply with all Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Except where otherwise expressly required by applicable Laws and Regulations, neither Owner nor Engineer shall be responsible for monitoring Contractor's compliance with any Laws or Regulations.
- B. If Contractor performs any Work knowing or having reason to know that it is contrary to Laws or Regulations, Contractor shall bear all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such Work. However, it shall not be Contractor's responsibility to make certain that the Specifications and Drawings are in accordance with Laws and Regulations, but this shall not relieve Contractor of Contractor's obligations under Paragraph 3.03.
- C. Changes in Laws or Regulations not known at the time of opening of Bids (or, on the Effective Date of the Agreement if there were no Bids) having an effect on the cost or time of performance of the Work shall be the subject of an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times. If Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any such adjustment, a Claim may be made therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05.

6.10 *Taxes*

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

6.11 *Use of Site and Other Areas*

A. *Limitation on Use of Site and Other Areas:*

1. Contractor shall confine construction equipment, the storage of materials and equipment, and the operations of workers to the Site and other areas permitted by Laws and Regulations, and shall not unreasonably encumber the Site and other areas with construction equipment or other materials or equipment. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for any damage to any such land or area, or to the owner or occupant thereof, or of any adjacent land or areas resulting from the performance of the Work.
2. Should any claim be made by any such owner or occupant because of the performance of the Work, Contractor shall promptly settle with such other party by negotiation or otherwise resolve the claim by arbitration or other dispute resolution proceeding or at law.
3. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to any claim or action, legal or equitable, brought

by any such owner or occupant against Owner, Engineer, or any other party indemnified hereunder to the extent caused by or based upon Contractor's performance of the Work.

- B. *Removal of Debris During Performance of the Work:* During the progress of the Work Contractor shall keep the Site and other areas free from accumulations of waste materials, rubbish, and other debris. Removal and disposal of such waste materials, rubbish, and other debris shall conform to applicable Laws and Regulations.
- C. *Cleaning:* Prior to Substantial Completion of the Work Contractor shall clean the Site and the Work and make it ready for utilization by Owner. At the completion of the Work Contractor shall remove from the Site all tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery, and surplus materials and shall restore to original condition all property not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents.
- D. *Loading Structures:* Contractor shall not load nor permit any part of any structure to be loaded in any manner that will endanger the structure, nor shall Contractor subject any part of the Work or adjacent property to stresses or pressures that will endanger it.

6.12 *Record Documents*

- A. Contractor shall maintain in a safe place at the Site one record copy of all Drawings, Specifications, Addenda, Change Orders, Work Change Directives, Field Orders, and written interpretations and clarifications in good order and annotated to show changes made during construction. These record documents together with all approved Samples and a counterpart of all approved Shop Drawings will be available to Engineer for reference. Upon completion of the Work, these record documents, Samples, and Shop Drawings will be delivered to Engineer for Owner.

6.13 *Safety and Protection*

- A. Contractor shall be solely responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. Such responsibility does not relieve Subcontractors of their responsibility for the safety of persons or property in the performance of their work, nor for compliance with applicable safety Laws and Regulations. Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:
 - 1. all persons on the Site or who may be affected by the Work;
 - 2. all the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Site; and
 - 3. other property at the Site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, utilities, and Underground Facilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of construction.
- B. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Laws and Regulations relating to the safety of persons or property, or to the protection of persons or property from damage, injury, or loss; and

shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for such safety and protection. Contractor shall notify owners of adjacent property and of Underground Facilities and other utility owners when prosecution of the Work may affect them, and shall cooperate with them in the protection, removal, relocation, and replacement of their property.

- C. Contractor shall comply with the applicable requirements of Owner's safety programs, if any. The Supplementary Conditions identify any Owner's safety programs that are applicable to the Work.
- D. Contractor shall inform Owner and Engineer of the specific requirements of Contractor's safety program with which Owner's and Engineer's employees and representatives must comply while at the Site.
- E. All damage, injury, or loss to any property referred to in Paragraph 6.13.A.2 or 6.13.A.3 caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by Contractor, any Subcontractor, Supplier, or any other individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, shall be remedied by Contractor (except damage or loss attributable to the fault of Drawings or Specifications or to the acts or omissions of Owner or Engineer or anyone employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, and not attributable, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the fault or negligence of Contractor or any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them).
- F. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for safety and for protection of the Work shall continue until such time as all the Work is completed and Engineer has issued a notice to Owner and Contractor in accordance with Paragraph 14.07.B that the Work is acceptable (except as otherwise expressly provided in connection with Substantial Completion).

6.14 *Safety Representative*

- A. Contractor shall designate a qualified and experienced safety representative at the Site whose duties and responsibilities shall be the prevention of accidents and the maintaining and supervising of safety precautions and programs.

6.15 *Hazard Communication Programs*

- A. Contractor shall be responsible for coordinating any exchange of material safety data sheets or other hazard communication information required to be made available to or exchanged between or among employers at the Site in accordance with Laws or Regulations.

6.16 *Emergencies*

- A. In emergencies affecting the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Site or adjacent thereto, Contractor is obligated to act to prevent threatened damage, injury, or loss. Contractor shall give Engineer prompt written notice if Contractor believes that any significant changes in the Work or variations from the Contract Documents have been caused thereby or are required as a result thereof. If Engineer determines that a change in the Contract Documents is

required because of the action taken by Contractor in response to such an emergency, a Work Change Directive or Change Order will be issued.

6.17 *Shop Drawings and Samples*

A. Contractor shall submit Shop Drawings and Samples to Engineer for review and approval in accordance with the accepted Schedule of Submittals (as required by Paragraph 2.07). Each submittal will be identified as Engineer may require.

1. *Shop Drawings:*

- a. Submit number of copies specified in the General Requirements.
- b. Data shown on the Shop Drawings will be complete with respect to quantities, dimensions, specified performance and design criteria, materials, and similar data to show Engineer the services, materials, and equipment Contractor proposes to provide and to enable Engineer to review the information for the limited purposes required by Paragraph 6.17.D.

2. *Samples:*

- a. Submit number of Samples specified in the Specifications.
- b. Clearly identify each Sample as to material, Supplier, pertinent data such as catalog numbers, the use for which intended and other data as Engineer may require to enable Engineer to review the submittal for the limited purposes required by Paragraph 6.17.D.

B. Where a Shop Drawing or Sample is required by the Contract Documents or the Schedule of Submittals, any related Work performed prior to Engineer's review and approval of the pertinent submittal will be at the sole expense and responsibility of Contractor.

C. *Submittal Procedures:*

1. Before submitting each Shop Drawing or Sample, Contractor shall have:

- a. reviewed and coordinated each Shop Drawing or Sample with other Shop Drawings and Samples and with the requirements of the Work and the Contract Documents;
- b. determined and verified all field measurements, quantities, dimensions, specified performance and design criteria, installation requirements, materials, catalog numbers, and similar information with respect thereto;
- c. determined and verified the suitability of all materials offered with respect to the indicated application, fabrication, shipping, handling, storage, assembly, and installation pertaining to the performance of the Work; and
- d. determined and verified all information relative to Contractor's responsibilities for means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto.

2. Each submittal shall bear a stamp or specific written certification that Contractor has satisfied Contractor's obligations under the Contract Documents with respect to Contractor's review and approval of that submittal.
3. With each submittal, Contractor shall give Engineer specific written notice of any variations that the Shop Drawing or Sample may have from the requirements of the Contract Documents. This notice shall be both a written communication separate from the Shop Drawings or Sample submittal; and, in addition, by a specific notation made on each Shop Drawing or Sample submitted to Engineer for review and approval of each such variation.

D. Engineer's Review:

1. Engineer will provide timely review of Shop Drawings and Samples in accordance with the Schedule of Submittals acceptable to Engineer. Engineer's review and approval will be only to determine if the items covered by the submittals will, after installation or incorporation in the Work, conform to the information given in the Contract Documents and be compatible with the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole as indicated by the Contract Documents.
2. Engineer's review and approval will not extend to means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction (except where a particular means, method, technique, sequence, or procedure of construction is specifically and expressly called for by the Contract Documents) or to safety precautions or programs incident thereto. The review and approval of a separate item as such will not indicate approval of the assembly in which the item functions.
3. Engineer's review and approval shall not relieve Contractor from responsibility for any variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents unless Contractor has complied with the requirements of Paragraph 6.17.C.3 and Engineer has given written approval of each such variation by specific written notation thereof incorporated in or accompanying the Shop Drawing or Sample. Engineer's review and approval shall not relieve Contractor from responsibility for complying with the requirements of Paragraph 6.17.C.1.

E. Resubmittal Procedures:

1. Contractor shall make corrections required by Engineer and shall return the required number of corrected copies of Shop Drawings and submit, as required, new Samples for review and approval. Contractor shall direct specific attention in writing to revisions other than the corrections called for by Engineer on previous submittals.

6.18 *Continuing the Work*

- A. Contractor shall carry on the Work and adhere to the Progress Schedule during all disputes or disagreements with Owner. No Work shall be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, except as permitted by Paragraph 15.04 or as Owner and Contractor may otherwise agree in writing.

6.19 *Contractor's General Warranty and Guarantee*

- A. Contractor warrants and guarantees to Owner that all Work will be in accordance with the Contract Documents and will not be defective. Engineer and its officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors shall be entitled to rely on representation of Contractor's warranty and guarantee.
- B. Contractor's warranty and guarantee hereunder excludes defects or damage caused by:
 - 1. abuse, modification, or improper maintenance or operation by persons other than Contractor, Subcontractors, Suppliers, or any other individual or entity for whom Contractor is responsible; or
 - 2. normal wear and tear under normal usage.
- C. Contractor's obligation to perform and complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents shall be absolute. None of the following will constitute an acceptance of Work that is not in accordance with the Contract Documents or a release of Contractor's obligation to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents:
 - 1. observations by Engineer;
 - 2. recommendation by Engineer or payment by Owner of any progress or final payment;
 - 3. the issuance of a certificate of Substantial Completion by Engineer or any payment related thereto by Owner;
 - 4. use or occupancy of the Work or any part thereof by Owner;
 - 5. any review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample submittal or the issuance of a notice of acceptability by Engineer;
 - 6. any inspection, test, or approval by others; or
 - 7. any correction of defective Work by Owner.

6.20 *Indemnification*

- A. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to the performance of the Work, provided that any such claim, cost, loss, or damage is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), including the loss of use resulting therefrom but only to the extent caused by any negligent act or omission of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable .

- B. In any and all claims against Owner or Engineer or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors by any employee (or the survivor or personal representative of such employee) of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under Paragraph 6.20.A shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for Contractor or any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.
- C. The indemnification obligations of Contractor under Paragraph 6.20.A shall not extend to the liability of Engineer and Engineer's officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors arising out of:
 - 1. the preparation or approval of, or the failure to prepare or approve maps, Drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, Change Orders, designs, or Specifications; or
 - 2. giving directions or instructions, or failing to give them, if that is the primary cause of the injury or damage.

6.21 *Delegation of Professional Design Services*

- A. Contractor will not be required to provide professional design services unless such services are specifically required by the Contract Documents for a portion of the Work or unless such services are required to carry out Contractor's responsibilities for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures. Contractor shall not be required to provide professional services in violation of applicable law.
- B. If professional design services or certifications by a design professional related to systems, materials or equipment are specifically required of Contractor by the Contract Documents, Owner and Engineer will specify all performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy. Contractor shall cause such services or certifications to be provided by a properly licensed professional, whose signature and seal shall appear on all drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications, Shop Drawings and other submittals prepared by such professional. Shop Drawings and other submittals related to the Work designed or certified by such professional, if prepared by others, shall bear such professional's written approval when submitted to Engineer.
- C. Owner and Engineer shall be entitled to rely upon the adequacy, accuracy and completeness of the services, certifications or approvals performed by such design professionals, provided Owner and Engineer have specified to Contractor all performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy.
- D. Pursuant to this Paragraph 6.21, Engineer's review and approval of design calculations and design drawings will be only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with performance and design criteria given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. Engineer's review and approval of Shop Drawings and other submittals (except design calculations and design drawings) will be only for the purpose stated in Paragraph 6.17.D.1.

- E. Contractor shall not be responsible for the adequacy of the performance or design criteria required by the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 7 – OTHER WORK AT THE SITE

7.01 *Related Work at Site*

- A. Owner may perform other work related to the Project at the Site with Owner's employees, or through other direct contracts therefor, or have other work performed by utility owners. If such other work is not noted in the Contract Documents, then:
1. written notice thereof will be given to Contractor prior to starting any such other work; and
 2. if Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times that should be allowed as a result of such other work, a Claim may be made therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05.
- B. Contractor shall afford each other contractor who is a party to such a direct contract, each utility owner, and Owner, if Owner is performing other work with Owner's employees, proper and safe access to the Site, provide a reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of such other work, and properly coordinate the Work with theirs. Contractor shall do all cutting, fitting, and patching of the Work that may be required to properly connect or otherwise make its several parts come together and properly integrate with such other work. Contractor shall not endanger any work of others by cutting, excavating, or otherwise altering such work; provided, however, that Contractor may cut or alter others' work with the written consent of Engineer and the others whose work will be affected. The duties and responsibilities of Contractor under this Paragraph are for the benefit of such utility owners and other contractors to the extent that there are comparable provisions for the benefit of Contractor in said direct contracts between Owner and such utility owners and other contractors.
- C. If the proper execution or results of any part of Contractor's Work depends upon work performed by others under this Article 7, Contractor shall inspect such other work and promptly report to Engineer in writing any delays, defects, or deficiencies in such other work that render it unavailable or unsuitable for the proper execution and results of Contractor's Work. Contractor's failure to so report will constitute an acceptance of such other work as fit and proper for integration with Contractor's Work except for latent defects and deficiencies in such other work.

7.02 *Coordination*

- A. If Owner intends to contract with others for the performance of other work on the Project at the Site, the following will be set forth in Supplementary Conditions:
1. the individual or entity who will have authority and responsibility for coordination of the activities among the various contractors will be identified;
 2. the specific matters to be covered by such authority and responsibility will be itemized; and
 3. the extent of such authority and responsibilities will be provided.

- B. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, Owner shall have sole authority and responsibility for such coordination.

7.03 *Legal Relationships*

- A. Paragraphs 7.01.A and 7.02 are not applicable for utilities not under the control of Owner.
- B. Each other direct contract of Owner under Paragraph 7.01.A shall provide that the other contractor is liable to Owner and Contractor for the reasonable direct delay and disruption costs incurred by Contractor as a result of the other contractor's wrongful actions or inactions.
- C. Contractor shall be liable to Owner and any other contractor under direct contract to Owner for the reasonable direct delay and disruption costs incurred by such other contractor as a result of Contractor's wrongful action or inactions.

ARTICLE 8 – OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

8.01 *Communications to Contractor*

- A. Except as otherwise provided in these General Conditions, Owner shall issue all communications to Contractor through Engineer.

8.02 *Replacement of Engineer*

- A. In case of termination of the employment of Engineer, Owner shall appoint an engineer to whom Contractor makes no reasonable objection, whose status under the Contract Documents shall be that of the former Engineer.

8.03 *Furnish Data*

- A. Owner shall promptly furnish the data required of Owner under the Contract Documents.

8.04 *Pay When Due*

- A. Owner shall make payments to Contractor when they are due as provided in Paragraphs 14.02.C and 14.07.C.

8.05 *Lands and Easements; Reports and Tests*

- A. Owner's duties with respect to providing lands and easements and providing engineering surveys to establish reference points are set forth in Paragraphs 4.01 and 4.05. Paragraph 4.02 refers to Owner's identifying and making available to Contractor copies of reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions and drawings of physical conditions relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at the Site.

8.06 *Insurance*

- A. Owner's responsibilities, if any, with respect to purchasing and maintaining liability and property insurance are set forth in Article 5.

8.07 *Change Orders*

- A. Owner is obligated to execute Change Orders as indicated in Paragraph 10.03.

8.08 *Inspections, Tests, and Approvals*

- A. Owner's responsibility with respect to certain inspections, tests, and approvals is set forth in Paragraph 13.03.B.

8.09 *Limitations on Owner's Responsibilities*

- A. The Owner shall not supervise, direct, or have control or authority over, nor be responsible for, Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Owner will not be responsible for Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

8.10 *Undisclosed Hazardous Environmental Condition*

- A. Owner's responsibility in respect to an undisclosed Hazardous Environmental Condition is set forth in Paragraph 4.06.

8.11 *Evidence of Financial Arrangements*

- A. Upon request of Contractor, Owner shall furnish Contractor reasonable evidence that financial arrangements have been made to satisfy Owner's obligations under the Contract Documents.

8.12 *Compliance with Safety Program*

- A. While at the Site, Owner's employees and representatives shall comply with the specific applicable requirements of Contractor's safety programs of which Owner has been informed pursuant to Paragraph 6.13.D.

ARTICLE 9 – ENGINEER'S STATUS DURING CONSTRUCTION

9.01 *Owner's Representative*

- A. Engineer will be Owner's representative during the construction period. The duties and responsibilities and the limitations of authority of Engineer as Owner's representative during construction are set forth in the Contract Documents.

9.02 *Visits to Site*

- A. Engineer will make visits to the Site at intervals appropriate to the various stages of construction as Engineer deems necessary in order to observe as an experienced and qualified design professional the progress that has been made and the quality of the various aspects of Contractor's executed Work. Based on information obtained during such visits and observations, Engineer, for the benefit of Owner, will determine, in general, if the Work is proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents. Engineer will not be required to make exhaustive or

continuous inspections on the Site to check the quality or quantity of the Work. Engineer's efforts will be directed toward providing for Owner a greater degree of confidence that the completed Work will conform generally to the Contract Documents. On the basis of such visits and observations, Engineer will keep Owner informed of the progress of the Work and will endeavor to guard Owner against defective Work.

- B. Engineer's visits and observations are subject to all the limitations on Engineer's authority and responsibility set forth in Paragraph 9.09. Particularly, but without limitation, during or as a result of Engineer's visits or observations of Contractor's Work, Engineer will not supervise, direct, control, or have authority over or be responsible for Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work.

9.03 *Project Representative*

- A. If Owner and Engineer agree, Engineer will furnish a Resident Project Representative to assist Engineer in providing more extensive observation of the Work. The authority and responsibilities of any such Resident Project Representative and assistants will be as provided in the Supplementary Conditions, and limitations on the responsibilities thereof will be as provided in Paragraph 9.09. If Owner designates another representative or agent to represent Owner at the Site who is not Engineer's consultant, agent or employee, the responsibilities and authority and limitations thereon of such other individual or entity will be as provided in the Supplementary Conditions.

9.04 *Authorized Variations in Work*

- A. Engineer may authorize minor variations in the Work from the requirements of the Contract Documents which do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times and are compatible with the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole as indicated by the Contract Documents. These may be accomplished by a Field Order and will be binding on Owner and also on Contractor, who shall perform the Work involved promptly. If Owner or Contractor believes that a Field Order justifies an adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, and the parties are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any such adjustment, a Claim may be made therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05.

9.05 *Rejecting Defective Work*

- A. Engineer will have authority to reject Work which Engineer believes to be defective, or that Engineer believes will not produce a completed Project that conforms to the Contract Documents or that will prejudice the integrity of the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole as indicated by the Contract Documents. Engineer will also have authority to require special inspection or testing of the Work as provided in Paragraph 13.04, whether or not the Work is fabricated, installed, or completed.

9.06 *Shop Drawings, Change Orders and Payments*

- A. In connection with Engineer's authority, and limitations thereof, as to Shop Drawings and Samples, see Paragraph 6.17.
- B. In connection with Engineer's authority, and limitations thereof, as to design calculations and design drawings submitted in response to a delegation of professional design services, if any, see Paragraph 6.21.
- C. In connection with Engineer's authority as to Change Orders, see Articles 10, 11, and 12.
- D. In connection with Engineer's authority as to Applications for Payment, see Article 14.

9.07 *Determinations for Unit Price Work*

- A. Engineer will determine the actual quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor. Engineer will review with Contractor the Engineer's preliminary determinations on such matters before rendering a written decision thereon (by recommendation of an Application for Payment or otherwise). Engineer's written decision thereon will be final and binding (except as modified by Engineer to reflect changed factual conditions or more accurate data) upon Owner and Contractor, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 10.05.

9.08 *Decisions on Requirements of Contract Documents and Acceptability of Work*

- A. Engineer will be the initial interpreter of the requirements of the Contract Documents and judge of the acceptability of the Work thereunder. All matters in question and other matters between Owner and Contractor arising prior to the date final payment is due relating to the acceptability of the Work, and the interpretation of the requirements of the Contract Documents pertaining to the performance of the Work, will be referred initially to Engineer in writing within 30 days of the event giving rise to the question.
- B. Engineer will, with reasonable promptness, render a written decision on the issue referred. If Owner or Contractor believes that any such decision entitles them to an adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times or both, a Claim may be made under Paragraph 10.05. The date of Engineer's decision shall be the date of the event giving rise to the issues referenced for the purposes of Paragraph 10.05.B.
- C. Engineer's written decision on the issue referred will be final and binding on Owner and Contractor, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 10.05.
- D. When functioning as interpreter and judge under this Paragraph 9.08, Engineer will not show partiality to Owner or Contractor and will not be liable in connection with any interpretation or decision rendered in good faith in such capacity.

9.09 *Limitations on Engineer's Authority and Responsibilities*

- A. Neither Engineer's authority or responsibility under this Article 9 or under any other provision of the Contract Documents nor any decision made by Engineer in good faith either to exercise

or not exercise such authority or responsibility or the undertaking, exercise, or performance of any authority or responsibility by Engineer shall create, impose, or give rise to any duty in contract, tort, or otherwise owed by Engineer to Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, any other individual or entity, or to any surety for or employee or agent of any of them.

- B. Engineer will not supervise, direct, control, or have authority over or be responsible for Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Engineer will not be responsible for Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- C. Engineer will not be responsible for the acts or omissions of Contractor or of any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or of any other individual or entity performing any of the Work.
- D. Engineer's review of the final Application for Payment and accompanying documentation and all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, certificates of inspection, tests and approvals, and other documentation required to be delivered by Paragraph 14.07.A will only be to determine generally that their content complies with the requirements of, and in the case of certificates of inspections, tests, and approvals that the results certified indicate compliance with, the Contract Documents.
- E. The limitations upon authority and responsibility set forth in this Paragraph 9.09 shall also apply to the Resident Project Representative, if any, and assistants, if any.

9.10 *Compliance with Safety Program*

- A. While at the Site, Engineer's employees and representatives shall comply with the specific applicable requirements of Contractor's safety programs of which Engineer has been informed pursuant to Paragraph 6.13.D.

ARTICLE 10 – CHANGES IN THE WORK; CLAIMS

10.01 *Authorized Changes in the Work*

- A. Without invalidating the Contract and without notice to any surety, Owner may, at any time or from time to time, order additions, deletions, or revisions in the Work by a Change Order, or a Work Change Directive. Upon receipt of any such document, Contractor shall promptly proceed with the Work involved which will be performed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents (except as otherwise specifically provided).
- B. If Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on entitlement to, or on the amount or extent, if any, of an adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, that should be allowed as a result of a Work Change Directive, a Claim may be made therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05.

10.02 *Unauthorized Changes in the Work*

- A. Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times with respect to any work performed that is not required by the Contract Documents as amended, modified, or supplemented as provided in Paragraph 3.04, except in the case of an emergency as provided in Paragraph 6.16 or in the case of uncovering Work as provided in Paragraph 13.04.D.

10.03 *Execution of Change Orders*

- A. Owner and Contractor shall execute appropriate Change Orders recommended by Engineer covering:
 - 1. changes in the Work which are: (i) ordered by Owner pursuant to Paragraph 10.01.A, (ii) required because of acceptance of defective Work under Paragraph 13.08.A or Owner's correction of defective Work under Paragraph 13.09, or (iii) agreed to by the parties;
 - 2. changes in the Contract Price or Contract Times which are agreed to by the parties, including any undisputed sum or amount of time for Work actually performed in accordance with a Work Change Directive; and
 - 3. changes in the Contract Price or Contract Times which embody the substance of any written decision rendered by Engineer pursuant to Paragraph 10.05; provided that, in lieu of executing any such Change Order, an appeal may be taken from any such decision in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents and applicable Laws and Regulations, but during any such appeal, Contractor shall carry on the Work and adhere to the Progress Schedule as provided in Paragraph 6.18.A.

10.04 *Notification to Surety*

- A. If the provisions of any bond require notice to be given to a surety of any change affecting the general scope of the Work or the provisions of the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, Contract Price or Contract Times), the giving of any such notice will be Contractor's responsibility. The amount of each applicable bond will be adjusted to reflect the effect of any such change.

10.05 *Claims*

- A. *Engineer's Decision Required:* All Claims, except those waived pursuant to Paragraph 14.09, shall be referred to the Engineer for decision. A decision by Engineer shall be required as a condition precedent to any exercise by Owner or Contractor of any rights or remedies either may otherwise have under the Contract Documents or by Laws and Regulations in respect of such Claims.
- B. *Notice:* Written notice stating the general nature of each Claim shall be delivered by the claimant to Engineer and the other party to the Contract promptly (but in no event later than 30 days) after the start of the event giving rise thereto. The responsibility to substantiate a Claim shall rest with the party making the Claim. Notice of the amount or extent of the Claim, with supporting data

shall be delivered to the Engineer and the other party to the Contract within 60 days after the start of such event (unless Engineer allows additional time for claimant to submit additional or more accurate data in support of such Claim). A Claim for an adjustment in Contract Price shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 12.01.B. A Claim for an adjustment in Contract Times shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 12.02.B. Each Claim shall be accompanied by claimant's written statement that the adjustment claimed is the entire adjustment to which the claimant believes it is entitled as a result of said event. The opposing party shall submit any response to Engineer and the claimant within 30 days after receipt of the claimant's last submittal (unless Engineer allows additional time).

- C. *Engineer's Action:* Engineer will review each Claim and, within 30 days after receipt of the last submittal of the claimant or the last submittal of the opposing party, if any, take one of the following actions in writing:
1. deny the Claim in whole or in part;
 2. approve the Claim; or
 3. notify the parties that the Engineer is unable to resolve the Claim if, in the Engineer's sole discretion, it would be inappropriate for the Engineer to do so. For purposes of further resolution of the Claim, such notice shall be deemed a denial.
- D. In the event that Engineer does not take action on a Claim within said 30 days, the Claim shall be deemed denied.
- E. Engineer's written action under Paragraph 10.05.C or denial pursuant to Paragraphs 10.05.C.3 or 10.05.D will be final and binding upon Owner and Contractor, unless Owner or Contractor invoke the dispute resolution procedure set forth in Article 16 within 30 days of such action or denial.
- F. No Claim for an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times will be valid if not submitted in accordance with this Paragraph 10.05.

ARTICLE 11 – COST OF THE WORK; ALLOWANCES; UNIT PRICE WORK

11.01 *Cost of the Work*

- A. *Costs Included:* The term Cost of the Work means the sum of all costs, except those excluded in Paragraph 11.01.B, necessarily incurred and paid by Contractor in the proper performance of the Work. When the value of any Work covered by a Change Order or when a Claim for an adjustment in Contract Price is determined on the basis of Cost of the Work, the costs to be reimbursed to Contractor will be only those additional or incremental costs required because of the change in the Work or because of the event giving rise to the Claim. Except as otherwise may be agreed to in writing by Owner, such costs shall be in amounts no higher than those prevailing in the locality of the Project, shall not include any of the costs itemized in Paragraph 11.01.B, and shall include only the following items:

1. Payroll costs for employees in the direct employ of Contractor in the performance of the Work under schedules of job classifications agreed upon by Owner and Contractor. Such employees shall include, without limitation, superintendents, foremen, and other personnel employed full time on the Work. Payroll costs for employees not employed full time on the Work shall be apportioned on the basis of their time spent on the Work. Payroll costs shall include, but not be limited to, salaries and wages plus the cost of fringe benefits, which shall include social security contributions, unemployment, excise, and payroll taxes, workers' compensation, health and retirement benefits, bonuses, sick leave, vacation and holiday pay applicable thereto. The expenses of performing Work outside of regular working hours, on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holidays, shall be included in the above to the extent authorized by Owner.
2. Cost of all materials and equipment furnished and incorporated in the Work, including costs of transportation and storage thereof, and Suppliers' field services required in connection therewith. All cash discounts shall accrue to Contractor unless Owner deposits funds with Contractor with which to make payments, in which case the cash discounts shall accrue to Owner. All trade discounts, rebates and refunds and returns from sale of surplus materials and equipment shall accrue to Owner, and Contractor shall make provisions so that they may be obtained.
3. Payments made by Contractor to Subcontractors for Work performed by Subcontractors. If required by Owner, Contractor shall obtain competitive bids from subcontractors acceptable to Owner and Contractor and shall deliver such bids to Owner, who will then determine, with the advice of Engineer, which bids, if any, will be acceptable. If any subcontract provides that the Subcontractor is to be paid on the basis of Cost of the Work plus a fee, the Subcontractor's Cost of the Work and fee shall be determined in the same manner as Contractor's Cost of the Work and fee as provided in this Paragraph 11.01.
4. Costs of special consultants (including but not limited to engineers, architects, testing laboratories, surveyors, attorneys, and accountants) employed for services specifically related to the Work.
5. Supplemental costs including the following:
 - a. The proportion of necessary transportation, travel, and subsistence expenses of Contractor's employees incurred in discharge of duties connected with the Work.
 - b. Cost, including transportation and maintenance, of all materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, appliances, office, and temporary facilities at the Site, and hand tools not owned by the workers, which are consumed in the performance of the Work, and cost, less market value, of such items used but not consumed which remain the property of Contractor.
 - c. Rentals of all construction equipment and machinery, and the parts thereof whether rented from Contractor or others in accordance with rental agreements approved by Owner with the advice of Engineer, and the costs of transportation, loading, unloading, assembly, dismantling, and removal thereof. All such costs shall be in accordance with the terms of

said rental agreements. The rental of any such equipment, machinery, or parts shall cease when the use thereof is no longer necessary for the Work.

- d. Sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes related to the Work, and for which Contractor is liable, as imposed by Laws and Regulations.
- e. Deposits lost for causes other than negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, and royalty payments and fees for permits and licenses.
- f. Losses and damages (and related expenses) caused by damage to the Work, not compensated by insurance or otherwise, sustained by Contractor in connection with the performance of the Work (except losses and damages within the deductible amounts of property insurance established in accordance with Paragraph 5.06.D), provided such losses and damages have resulted from causes other than the negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable. Such losses shall include settlements made with the written consent and approval of Owner. No such losses, damages, and expenses shall be included in the Cost of the Work for the purpose of determining Contractor's fee.
- g. The cost of utilities, fuel, and sanitary facilities at the Site.
- h. Minor expenses such as telegrams, long distance telephone calls, telephone service at the Site, express and courier services, and similar petty cash items in connection with the Work.
- i. The costs of premiums for all bonds and insurance Contractor is required by the Contract Documents to purchase and maintain.

B. *Costs Excluded:* The term Cost of the Work shall not include any of the following items:

- 1. Payroll costs and other compensation of Contractor's officers, executives, principals (of partnerships and sole proprietorships), general managers, safety managers, engineers, architects, estimators, attorneys, auditors, accountants, purchasing and contracting agents, expeditors, timekeepers, clerks, and other personnel employed by Contractor, whether at the Site or in Contractor's principal or branch office for general administration of the Work and not specifically included in the agreed upon schedule of job classifications referred to in Paragraph 11.01.A.1 or specifically covered by Paragraph 11.01.A.4, all of which are to be considered administrative costs covered by the Contractor's fee.
- 2. Expenses of Contractor's principal and branch offices other than Contractor's office at the Site.
- 3. Any part of Contractor's capital expenses, including interest on Contractor's capital employed for the Work and charges against Contractor for delinquent payments.
- 4. Costs due to the negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, including but not

limited to, the correction of defective Work, disposal of materials or equipment wrongly supplied, and making good any damage to property.

5. Other overhead or general expense costs of any kind and the costs of any item not specifically and expressly included in Paragraphs 11.01.A.
- C. *Contractor's Fee:* When all the Work is performed on the basis of cost-plus, Contractor's fee shall be determined as set forth in the Agreement. When the value of any Work covered by a Change Order or when a Claim for an adjustment in Contract Price is determined on the basis of Cost of the Work, Contractor's fee shall be determined as set forth in Paragraph 12.01.C.
- D. *Documentation:* Whenever the Cost of the Work for any purpose is to be determined pursuant to Paragraphs 11.01.A and 11.01.B, Contractor will establish and maintain records thereof in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and submit in a form acceptable to Engineer an itemized cost breakdown together with supporting data.

11.02 Allowances

- A. It is understood that Contractor has included in the Contract Price all allowances so named in the Contract Documents and shall cause the Work so covered to be performed for such sums and by such persons or entities as may be acceptable to Owner and Engineer.
- B. *Cash Allowances:*
 1. Contractor agrees that:
 - a. the cash allowances include the cost to Contractor (less any applicable trade discounts) of materials and equipment required by the allowances to be delivered at the Site, and all applicable taxes; and
 - b. Contractor's costs for unloading and handling on the Site, labor, installation, overhead, profit, and other expenses contemplated for the cash allowances have been included in the Contract Price and not in the allowances, and no demand for additional payment on account of any of the foregoing will be valid.
- C. *Contingency Allowance:*
 1. Contractor agrees that a contingency allowance, if any, is for the sole use of Owner to cover unanticipated costs.
- D. Prior to final payment, an appropriate Change Order will be issued as recommended by Engineer to reflect actual amounts due Contractor on account of Work covered by allowances, and the Contract Price shall be correspondingly adjusted.

11.03 Unit Price Work

- A. Where the Contract Documents provide that all or part of the Work is to be Unit Price Work, initially the Contract Price will be deemed to include for all Unit Price Work an amount equal to

the sum of the unit price for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work times the estimated quantity of each item as indicated in the Agreement.

- B. The estimated quantities of items of Unit Price Work are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids and determining an initial Contract Price. Determinations of the actual quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor will be made by Engineer subject to the provisions of Paragraph 9.07.
- C. Each unit price will be deemed to include an amount considered by Contractor to be adequate to cover Contractor's overhead and profit for each separately identified item.
- D. Owner or Contractor may make a Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price in accordance with Paragraph 10.05 if:
 - 1. the quantity of any item of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor differs materially and significantly from the estimated quantity of such item indicated in the Agreement; and
 - 2. there is no corresponding adjustment with respect to any other item of Work; and
 - 3. Contractor believes that Contractor is entitled to an increase in Contract Price as a result of having incurred additional expense or Owner believes that Owner is entitled to a decrease in Contract Price and the parties are unable to agree as to the amount of any such increase or decrease.

ARTICLE 12 – CHANGE OF CONTRACT PRICE; CHANGE OF CONTRACT TIMES

12.01 *Change of Contract Price*

- A. The Contract Price may only be changed by a Change Order. Any Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price shall be based on written notice submitted by the party making the Claim to the Engineer and the other party to the Contract in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 10.05.
- B. The value of any Work covered by a Change Order or of any Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price will be determined as follows:
 - 1. where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, by application of such unit prices to the quantities of the items involved (subject to the provisions of Paragraph 11.03); or
 - 2. where the Work involved is not covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, by a mutually agreed lump sum (which may include an allowance for overhead and profit not necessarily in accordance with Paragraph 12.01.C.2); or
 - 3. where the Work involved is not covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents and agreement to a lump sum is not reached under Paragraph 12.01.B.2, on the basis of the Cost of the Work (determined as provided in Paragraph 11.01) plus a Contractor's fee for overhead and profit (determined as provided in Paragraph 12.01.C).

C. *Contractor's Fee*: The Contractor's fee for overhead and profit shall be determined as follows:

1. a mutually acceptable fixed fee; or
2. if a fixed fee is not agreed upon, then a fee based on the following percentages of the various portions of the Cost of the Work:
 - a. for costs incurred under Paragraphs 11.01.A.1 and 11.01.A.2, the Contractor's fee shall be 15 percent;
 - b. for costs incurred under Paragraph 11.01.A.3, the Contractor's fee shall be five percent;
 - c. where one or more tiers of subcontracts are on the basis of Cost of the Work plus a fee and no fixed fee is agreed upon, the intent of Paragraphs 12.01.C.2.a and 12.01.C.2.b is that the Subcontractor who actually performs the Work, at whatever tier, will be paid a fee of 15 percent of the costs incurred by such Subcontractor under Paragraphs 11.01.A.1 and 11.01.A.2 and that any higher tier Subcontractor and Contractor will each be paid a fee of five percent of the amount paid to the next lower tier Subcontractor;
 - d. no fee shall be payable on the basis of costs itemized under Paragraphs 11.01.A.4, 11.01.A.5, and 11.01.B;
 - e. the amount of credit to be allowed by Contractor to Owner for any change which results in a net decrease in cost will be the amount of the actual net decrease in cost plus a deduction in Contractor's fee by an amount equal to five percent of such net decrease; and
 - f. when both additions and credits are involved in any one change, the adjustment in Contractor's fee shall be computed on the basis of the net change in accordance with Paragraphs 12.01.C.2.a through 12.01.C.2.e, inclusive.

12.02 *Change of Contract Times*

- A. The Contract Times may only be changed by a Change Order. Any Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Times shall be based on written notice submitted by the party making the Claim to the Engineer and the other party to the Contract in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 10.05.
- B. Any adjustment of the Contract Times covered by a Change Order or any Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Times will be determined in accordance with the provisions of this Article 12.

12.03 *Delays*

- A. Where Contractor is prevented from completing any part of the Work within the Contract Times due to delay beyond the control of Contractor, the Contract Times will be extended in an amount equal to the time lost due to such delay if a Claim is made therefor as provided in Paragraph 12.02.A. Delays beyond the control of Contractor shall include, but not be limited to, acts or

neglect by Owner, acts or neglect of utility owners or other contractors performing other work as contemplated by Article 7, fires, floods, epidemics, abnormal weather conditions, or acts of God.

- B. If Owner, Engineer, or other contractors or utility owners performing other work for Owner as contemplated by Article 7, or anyone for whom Owner is responsible, delays, disrupts, or interferes with the performance or progress of the Work, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times, or both. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is conditioned on such adjustment being essential to Contractor's ability to complete the Work within the Contract Times.
- C. If Contractor is delayed in the performance or progress of the Work by fire, flood, epidemic, abnormal weather conditions, acts of God, acts or failures to act of utility owners not under the control of Owner, or other causes not the fault of and beyond control of Owner and Contractor, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in Contract Times, if such adjustment is essential to Contractor's ability to complete the Work within the Contract Times. Such an adjustment shall be Contractor's sole and exclusive remedy for the delays described in this Paragraph 12.03.C.
- D. Owner, Engineer, and their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors shall not be liable to Contractor for any claims, costs, losses, or damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) sustained by Contractor on or in connection with any other project or anticipated project.
- E. Contractor shall not be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times for delays within the control of Contractor. Delays attributable to and within the control of a Subcontractor or Supplier shall be deemed to be delays within the control of Contractor.

ARTICLE 13 – TESTS AND INSPECTIONS; CORRECTION, REMOVAL OR ACCEPTANCE OF DEFECTIVE WORK

13.01 Notice of Defects

- A. Prompt notice of all defective Work of which Owner or Engineer has actual knowledge will be given to Contractor. Defective Work may be rejected, corrected, or accepted as provided in this Article 13.

13.02 Access to Work

- A. Owner, Engineer, their consultants and other representatives and personnel of Owner, independent testing laboratories, and governmental agencies with jurisdictional interests will have access to the Site and the Work at reasonable times for their observation, inspection, and testing. Contractor shall provide them proper and safe conditions for such access and advise them of Contractor's safety procedures and programs so that they may comply therewith as applicable.

13.03 *Tests and Inspections*

- A. Contractor shall give Engineer timely notice of readiness of the Work for all required inspections, tests, or approvals and shall cooperate with inspection and testing personnel to facilitate required inspections or tests.
- B. Owner shall employ and pay for the services of an independent testing laboratory to perform all inspections, tests, or approvals required by the Contract Documents except:
 - 1. for inspections, tests, or approvals covered by Paragraphs 13.03.C and 13.03.D below;
 - 2. that costs incurred in connection with tests or inspections conducted pursuant to Paragraph 13.04.B shall be paid as provided in Paragraph 13.04.C; and
 - 3. as otherwise specifically provided in the Contract Documents.
- C. If Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction require any Work (or part thereof) specifically to be inspected, tested, or approved by an employee or other representative of such public body, Contractor shall assume full responsibility for arranging and obtaining such inspections, tests, or approvals, pay all costs in connection therewith, and furnish Engineer the required certificates of inspection or approval.
- D. Contractor shall be responsible for arranging and obtaining and shall pay all costs in connection with any inspections, tests, or approvals required for Owner's and Engineer's acceptance of materials or equipment to be incorporated in the Work; or acceptance of materials, mix designs, or equipment submitted for approval prior to Contractor's purchase thereof for incorporation in the Work. Such inspections, tests, or approvals shall be performed by organizations acceptable to Owner and Engineer.
- E. If any Work (or the work of others) that is to be inspected, tested, or approved is covered by Contractor without written concurrence of Engineer, Contractor shall, if requested by Engineer, uncover such Work for observation.
- F. Uncovering Work as provided in Paragraph 13.03.E shall be at Contractor's expense unless Contractor has given Engineer timely notice of Contractor's intention to cover the same and Engineer has not acted with reasonable promptness in response to such notice.

13.04 *Uncovering Work*

- A. If any Work is covered contrary to the written request of Engineer, it must, if requested by Engineer, be uncovered for Engineer's observation and replaced at Contractor's expense.
- B. If Engineer considers it necessary or advisable that covered Work be observed by Engineer or inspected or tested by others, Contractor, at Engineer's request, shall uncover, expose, or otherwise make available for observation, inspection, or testing as Engineer may require, that portion of the Work in question, furnishing all necessary labor, material, and equipment.

- C. If it is found that the uncovered Work is defective, Contractor shall pay all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, and testing, and of satisfactory replacement or reconstruction (including but not limited to all costs of repair or replacement of work of others); and Owner shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the Contract Price. If the parties are unable to agree as to the amount thereof, Owner may make a Claim therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05.
- D. If the uncovered Work is not found to be defective, Contractor shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times, or both, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, testing, replacement, and reconstruction. If the parties are unable to agree as to the amount or extent thereof, Contractor may make a Claim therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05.

13.05 *Owner May Stop the Work*

- A. If the Work is defective, or Contractor fails to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, or fails to perform the Work in such a way that the completed Work will conform to the Contract Documents, Owner may order Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of Owner to stop the Work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of Owner to exercise this right for the benefit of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, any other individual or entity, or any surety for, or employee or agent of any of them.

13.06 *Correction or Removal of Defective Work*

- A. Promptly after receipt of written notice, Contractor shall correct all defective Work, whether or not fabricated, installed, or completed, or, if the Work has been rejected by Engineer, remove it from the Project and replace it with Work that is not defective. Contractor shall pay all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such correction or removal (including but not limited to all costs of repair or replacement of work of others).
- B. When correcting defective Work under the terms of this Paragraph 13.06 or Paragraph 13.07, Contractor shall take no action that would void or otherwise impair Owner's special warranty and guarantee, if any, on said Work.

13.07 *Correction Period*

- A. If within one year after the date of Substantial Completion (or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents) or by any specific provision of the Contract Documents, any Work is found to be defective, or if the repair of any damages to the land or areas made available for Contractor's use by Owner or permitted by Laws and Regulations as contemplated in Paragraph 6.11.A is found to be defective, Contractor shall promptly, without cost to Owner and in accordance with Owner's written instructions:

1. repair such defective land or areas; or
 2. correct such defective Work; or
 3. if the defective Work has been rejected by Owner, remove it from the Project and replace it with Work that is not defective, and
 4. satisfactorily correct or repair or remove and replace any damage to other Work, to the work of others or other land or areas resulting therefrom.
- B. If Contractor does not promptly comply with the terms of Owner's written instructions, or in an emergency where delay would cause serious risk of loss or damage, Owner may have the defective Work corrected or repaired or may have the rejected Work removed and replaced. All claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such correction or repair or such removal and replacement (including but not limited to all costs of repair or replacement of work of others) will be paid by Contractor.
- C. In special circumstances where a particular item of equipment is placed in continuous service before Substantial Completion of all the Work, the correction period for that item may start to run from an earlier date if so provided in the Specifications.
- D. Where defective Work (and damage to other Work resulting therefrom) has been corrected or removed and replaced under this Paragraph 13.07, the correction period hereunder with respect to such Work will be extended for an additional period of one year after such correction or removal and replacement has been satisfactorily completed.
- E. Contractor's obligations under this Paragraph 13.07 are in addition to any other obligation or warranty. The provisions of this Paragraph 13.07 shall not be construed as a substitute for, or a waiver of, the provisions of any applicable statute of limitation or repose.

13.08 *Acceptance of Defective Work*

- A. If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, Owner (and, prior to Engineer's recommendation of final payment, Engineer) prefers to accept it, Owner may do so. Contractor shall pay all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) attributable to Owner's evaluation of and determination to accept such defective Work (such costs to be approved by Engineer as to reasonableness) and for the diminished value of the Work to the extent not otherwise paid by Contractor pursuant to this sentence. If any such acceptance occurs prior to Engineer's recommendation of final payment, a Change Order will be issued incorporating the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents with respect to the Work, and Owner shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the Contract Price, reflecting the diminished value of Work so accepted. If the parties are unable to agree as to the amount thereof, Owner may make a Claim therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05. If the acceptance occurs after such recommendation, an appropriate amount will be paid by Contractor to Owner.

13.09 *Owner May Correct Defective Work*

- A. If Contractor fails within a reasonable time after written notice from Engineer to correct defective Work, or to remove and replace rejected Work as required by Engineer in accordance with Paragraph 13.06.A, or if Contractor fails to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, or if Contractor fails to comply with any other provision of the Contract Documents, Owner may, after seven days written notice to Contractor, correct, or remedy any such deficiency.
- B. In exercising the rights and remedies under this Paragraph 13.09, Owner shall proceed expeditiously. In connection with such corrective or remedial action, Owner may exclude Contractor from all or part of the Site, take possession of all or part of the Work and suspend Contractor's services related thereto, take possession of Contractor's tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery at the Site, and incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere. Contractor shall allow Owner, Owner's representatives, agents and employees, Owner's other contractors, and Engineer and Engineer's consultants access to the Site to enable Owner to exercise the rights and remedies under this Paragraph.
- C. All claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) incurred or sustained by Owner in exercising the rights and remedies under this Paragraph 13.09 will be charged against Contractor, and a Change Order will be issued incorporating the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents with respect to the Work; and Owner shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the Contract Price. If the parties are unable to agree as to the amount of the adjustment, Owner may make a Claim therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05. Such claims, costs, losses and damages will include but not be limited to all costs of repair, or replacement of work of others destroyed or damaged by correction, removal, or replacement of Contractor's defective Work.
- D. Contractor shall not be allowed an extension of the Contract Times because of any delay in the performance of the Work attributable to the exercise by Owner of Owner's rights and remedies under this Paragraph 13.09.

ARTICLE 14 – PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR AND COMPLETION

14.01 *Schedule of Values*

- A. The Schedule of Values established as provided in Paragraph 2.07.A will serve as the basis for progress payments and will be incorporated into a form of Application for Payment acceptable to Engineer. Progress payments on account of Unit Price Work will be based on the number of units completed.

14.02 *Progress Payments*

A. Applications for Payments:

- 1. At least 20 days before the date established in the Agreement for each progress payment (but not more often than once a month), Contractor shall submit to Engineer for review an

Application for Payment filled out and signed by Contractor covering the Work completed as of the date of the Application and accompanied by such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents. If payment is requested on the basis of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the Site or at another location agreed to in writing, the Application for Payment shall also be accompanied by a bill of sale, invoice, or other documentation warranting that Owner has received the materials and equipment free and clear of all Liens and evidence that the materials and equipment are covered by appropriate property insurance or other arrangements to protect Owner's interest therein, all of which must be satisfactory to Owner.

2. Beginning with the second Application for Payment, each Application shall include an affidavit of Contractor stating that all previous progress payments received on account of the Work have been applied on account to discharge Contractor's legitimate obligations associated with prior Applications for Payment.
3. The amount of retainage with respect to progress payments will be as stipulated in the Agreement.

B. Review of Applications:

1. Engineer will, within 10 days after receipt of each Application for Payment, either indicate in writing a recommendation of payment and present the Application to Owner or return the Application to Contractor indicating in writing Engineer's reasons for refusing to recommend payment. In the latter case, Contractor may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application.
2. Engineer's recommendation of any payment requested in an Application for Payment will constitute a representation by Engineer to Owner, based on Engineer's observations of the executed Work as an experienced and qualified design professional, and on Engineer's review of the Application for Payment and the accompanying data and schedules, that to the best of Engineer's knowledge, information and belief:
 - a. the Work has progressed to the point indicated;
 - b. the quality of the Work is generally in accordance with the Contract Documents (subject to an evaluation of the Work as a functioning whole prior to or upon Substantial Completion, the results of any subsequent tests called for in the Contract Documents, a final determination of quantities and classifications for Unit Price Work under Paragraph 9.07, and any other qualifications stated in the recommendation); and
 - c. the conditions precedent to Contractor's being entitled to such payment appear to have been fulfilled in so far as it is Engineer's responsibility to observe the Work.
3. By recommending any such payment Engineer will not thereby be deemed to have represented that:
 - a. inspections made to check the quality or the quantity of the Work as it has been performed have been exhaustive, extended to every aspect of the Work in progress, or

- involved detailed inspections of the Work beyond the responsibilities specifically assigned to Engineer in the Contract Documents; or
- b. there may not be other matters or issues between the parties that might entitle Contractor to be paid additionally by Owner or entitle Owner to withhold payment to Contractor.
4. Neither Engineer's review of Contractor's Work for the purposes of recommending payments nor Engineer's recommendation of any payment, including final payment, will impose responsibility on Engineer:
- a. to supervise, direct, or control the Work, or
 - b. for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or
 - c. for Contractor's failure to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to Contractor's performance of the Work, or
 - d. to make any examination to ascertain how or for what purposes Contractor has used the moneys paid on account of the Contract Price, or
 - e. to determine that title to any of the Work, materials, or equipment has passed to Owner free and clear of any Liens.
5. Engineer may refuse to recommend the whole or any part of any payment if, in Engineer's opinion, it would be incorrect to make the representations to Owner stated in Paragraph 14.02.B.2. Engineer may also refuse to recommend any such payment or, because of subsequently discovered evidence or the results of subsequent inspections or tests, revise or revoke any such payment recommendation previously made, to such extent as may be necessary in Engineer's opinion to protect Owner from loss because:
- a. the Work is defective, or completed Work has been damaged, requiring correction or replacement;
 - b. the Contract Price has been reduced by Change Orders;
 - c. Owner has been required to correct defective Work or complete Work in accordance with Paragraph 13.09; or
 - d. Engineer has actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the events enumerated in Paragraph 15.02.A.

C. Payment Becomes Due:

- 1. Ten days after presentation of the Application for Payment to Owner with Engineer's recommendation, the amount recommended will (subject to the provisions of Paragraph 14.02.D) become due, and when due will be paid by Owner to Contractor.

D. Reduction in Payment:

1. Owner may refuse to make payment of the full amount recommended by Engineer because:
 - a. claims have been made against Owner on account of Contractor's performance or furnishing of the Work;
 - b. Liens have been filed in connection with the Work, except where Contractor has delivered a specific bond satisfactory to Owner to secure the satisfaction and discharge of such Liens;
 - c. there are other items entitling Owner to a set-off against the amount recommended; or
 - d. Owner has actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the events enumerated in Paragraphs 14.02.B.5.a through 14.02.B.5.c or Paragraph 15.02.A.
2. If Owner refuses to make payment of the full amount recommended by Engineer, Owner will give Contractor immediate written notice (with a copy to Engineer) stating the reasons for such action and promptly pay Contractor any amount remaining after deduction of the amount so withheld. Owner shall promptly pay Contractor the amount so withheld, or any adjustment thereto agreed to by Owner and Contractor, when Contractor remedies the reasons for such action.
3. Upon a subsequent determination that Owner's refusal of payment was not justified, the amount wrongfully withheld shall be treated as an amount due as determined by Paragraph 14.02.C.1 and subject to interest as provided in the Agreement.

14.03 Contractor's Warranty of Title

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

14.04 Substantial Completion

- A. When Contractor considers the entire Work ready for its intended use Contractor shall notify Owner and Engineer in writing that the entire Work is substantially complete (except for items specifically listed by Contractor as incomplete) and request that Engineer issue a certificate of Substantial Completion.
- B. Promptly after Contractor's notification, Owner, Contractor, and Engineer shall make an inspection of the Work to determine the status of completion. If Engineer does not consider the Work substantially complete, Engineer will notify Contractor in writing giving the reasons therefor.
- C. If Engineer considers the Work substantially complete, Engineer will deliver to Owner a tentative certificate of Substantial Completion which shall fix the date of Substantial Completion. There shall be attached to the certificate a tentative list of items to be completed or corrected before

final payment. Owner shall have seven days after receipt of the tentative certificate during which to make written objection to Engineer as to any provisions of the certificate or attached list. If, after considering such objections, Engineer concludes that the Work is not substantially complete, Engineer will, within 14 days after submission of the tentative certificate to Owner, notify Contractor in writing, stating the reasons therefor. If, after consideration of Owner's objections, Engineer considers the Work substantially complete, Engineer will, within said 14 days, execute and deliver to Owner and Contractor a definitive certificate of Substantial Completion (with a revised tentative list of items to be completed or corrected) reflecting such changes from the tentative certificate as Engineer believes justified after consideration of any objections from Owner.

- D. At the time of delivery of the tentative certificate of Substantial Completion, Engineer will deliver to Owner and Contractor a written recommendation as to division of responsibilities pending final payment between Owner and Contractor with respect to security, operation, safety, and protection of the Work, maintenance, heat, utilities, insurance, and warranties and guarantees. Unless Owner and Contractor agree otherwise in writing and so inform Engineer in writing prior to Engineer's issuing the definitive certificate of Substantial Completion, Engineer's aforesaid recommendation will be binding on Owner and Contractor until final payment.
- E. Owner shall have the right to exclude Contractor from the Site after the date of Substantial Completion subject to allowing Contractor reasonable access to remove its property and complete or correct items on the tentative list.

14.05 *Partial Utilization*

- A. Prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work, Owner may use or occupy any substantially completed part of the Work which has specifically been identified in the Contract Documents, or which Owner, Engineer, and Contractor agree constitutes a separately functioning and usable part of the Work that can be used by Owner for its intended purpose without significant interference with Contractor's performance of the remainder of the Work, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. Owner at any time may request Contractor in writing to permit Owner to use or occupy any such part of the Work which Owner believes to be ready for its intended use and substantially complete. If and when Contractor agrees that such part of the Work is substantially complete, Contractor, Owner, and Engineer will follow the procedures of Paragraph 14.04.A through D for that part of the Work.
 - 2. Contractor at any time may notify Owner and Engineer in writing that Contractor considers any such part of the Work ready for its intended use and substantially complete and request Engineer to issue a certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Work.
 - 3. Within a reasonable time after either such request, Owner, Contractor, and Engineer shall make an inspection of that part of the Work to determine its status of completion. If Engineer does not consider that part of the Work to be substantially complete, Engineer will notify Owner and Contractor in writing giving the reasons therefor. If Engineer considers that part of the Work to be substantially complete, the provisions of Paragraph 14.04 will apply with respect to certification of Substantial Completion of that part of the Work and the division of responsibility in respect thereof and access thereto.

4. No use or occupancy or separate operation of part of the Work may occur prior to compliance with the requirements of Paragraph 5.10 regarding property insurance.

14.06 *Final Inspection*

- A. Upon written notice from Contractor that the entire Work or an agreed portion thereof is complete, Engineer will promptly make a final inspection with Owner and Contractor and will notify Contractor in writing of all particulars in which this inspection reveals that the Work is incomplete or defective. Contractor shall immediately take such measures as are necessary to complete such Work or remedy such deficiencies.

14.07 *Final Payment*

A. *Application for Payment:*

1. After Contractor has, in the opinion of Engineer, satisfactorily completed all corrections identified during the final inspection and has delivered, in accordance with the Contract Documents, all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, certificates or other evidence of insurance, certificates of inspection, marked-up record documents (as provided in Paragraph 6.12), and other documents, Contractor may make application for final payment following the procedure for progress payments.
2. The final Application for Payment shall be accompanied (except as previously delivered) by:
 - a. all documentation called for in the Contract Documents, including but not limited to the evidence of insurance required by Paragraph 5.04.B.6;
 - b. consent of the surety, if any, to final payment;
 - c. a list of all Claims against Owner that Contractor believes are unsettled; and
 - d. complete and legally effective releases or waivers (satisfactory to Owner) of all Lien rights arising out of or Liens filed in connection with the Work.
3. In lieu of the releases or waivers of Liens specified in Paragraph 14.07.A.2 and as approved by Owner, Contractor may furnish receipts or releases in full and an affidavit of Contractor that: (i) the releases and receipts include all labor, services, material, and equipment for which a Lien could be filed; and (ii) all payrolls, material and equipment bills, and other indebtedness connected with the Work for which Owner might in any way be responsible, or which might in any way result in liens or other burdens on Owner's property, have been paid or otherwise satisfied. If any Subcontractor or Supplier fails to furnish such a release or receipt in full, Contractor may furnish a bond or other collateral satisfactory to Owner to indemnify Owner against any Lien.

B. *Engineer's Review of Application and Acceptance:*

1. If, on the basis of Engineer's observation of the Work during construction and final inspection, and Engineer's review of the final Application for Payment and accompanying

documentation as required by the Contract Documents, Engineer is satisfied that the Work has been completed and Contractor's other obligations under the Contract Documents have been fulfilled, Engineer will, within ten days after receipt of the final Application for Payment, indicate in writing Engineer's recommendation of payment and present the Application for Payment to Owner for payment. At the same time Engineer will also give written notice to Owner and Contractor that the Work is acceptable subject to the provisions of Paragraph 14.09. Otherwise, Engineer will return the Application for Payment to Contractor, indicating in writing the reasons for refusing to recommend final payment, in which case Contractor shall make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application for Payment.

C. Payment Becomes Due:

1. Thirty days after the presentation to Owner of the Application for Payment and accompanying documentation, the amount recommended by Engineer, less any sum Owner is entitled to set off against Engineer's recommendation, including but not limited to liquidated damages, will become due and will be paid by Owner to Contractor.

14.08 *Final Completion Delayed*

- A. If, through no fault of Contractor, final completion of the Work is significantly delayed, and if Engineer so confirms, Owner shall, upon receipt of Contractor's final Application for Payment (for Work fully completed and accepted) and recommendation of Engineer, and without terminating the Contract, make payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted. If the remaining balance to be held by Owner for Work not fully completed or corrected is less than the retainage stipulated in the Agreement, and if bonds have been furnished as required in Paragraph 5.01, the written consent of the surety to the payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted shall be submitted by Contractor to Engineer with the Application for such payment. Such payment shall be made under the terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a waiver of Claims.

14.09 *Waiver of Claims*

- A. The making and acceptance of final payment will constitute:
 1. a waiver of all Claims by Owner against Contractor, except Claims arising from unsettled Liens, from defective Work appearing after final inspection pursuant to Paragraph 14.06, from failure to comply with the Contract Documents or the terms of any special guarantees specified therein, or from Contractor's continuing obligations under the Contract Documents; and
 2. a waiver of all Claims by Contractor against Owner other than those previously made in accordance with the requirements herein and expressly acknowledged by Owner in writing as still unsettled.

ARTICLE 15 – SUSPENSION OF WORK AND TERMINATION

15.01 *Owner May Suspend Work*

- A. At any time and without cause, Owner may suspend the Work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than 90 consecutive days by notice in writing to Contractor and Engineer which will fix the date on which Work will be resumed. Contractor shall resume the Work on the date so fixed. Contractor shall be granted an adjustment in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times, or both, directly attributable to any such suspension if Contractor makes a Claim therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05.

15.02 *Owner May Terminate for Cause*

- A. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events will justify termination for cause:
 - 1. Contractor's persistent failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment or failure to adhere to the Progress Schedule established under Paragraph 2.07 as adjusted from time to time pursuant to Paragraph 6.04);
 - 2. Contractor's disregard of Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction;
 - 3. Contractor's repeated disregard of the authority of Engineer; or
 - 4. Contractor's violation in any substantial way of any provisions of the Contract Documents.
- B. If one or more of the events identified in Paragraph 15.02.A occur, Owner may, after giving Contractor (and surety) seven days written notice of its intent to terminate the services of Contractor:
 - 1. exclude Contractor from the Site, and take possession of the Work and of all Contractor's tools, appliances, construction equipment, and machinery at the Site, and use the same to the full extent they could be used by Contractor (without liability to Contractor for trespass or conversion);
 - 2. incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere; and
 - 3. complete the Work as Owner may deem expedient.
- C. If Owner proceeds as provided in Paragraph 15.02.B, Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Work is completed. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) sustained by Owner arising out of or relating to completing the Work, such excess will be paid to Contractor. If such claims, costs, losses, and damages exceed such unpaid balance, Contractor shall pay the difference to Owner. Such claims, costs, losses, and damages incurred by Owner will be reviewed by Engineer as to their reasonableness and, when

so approved by Engineer, incorporated in a Change Order. When exercising any rights or remedies under this Paragraph, Owner shall not be required to obtain the lowest price for the Work performed.

- D. Notwithstanding Paragraphs 15.02.B and 15.02.C, Contractor's services will not be terminated if Contractor begins within seven days of receipt of notice of intent to terminate to correct its failure to perform and proceeds diligently to cure such failure within no more than 30 days of receipt of said notice.
- E. Where Contractor's services have been so terminated by Owner, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of Owner against Contractor then existing or which may thereafter accrue. Any retention or payment of moneys due Contractor by Owner will not release Contractor from liability.
- F. If and to the extent that Contractor has provided a performance bond under the provisions of Paragraph 5.01.A, the termination procedures of that bond shall supersede the provisions of Paragraphs 15.02.B and 15.02.C.

15.03 *Owner May Terminate For Convenience*

- A. Upon seven days written notice to Contractor and Engineer, Owner may, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of Owner, terminate the Contract. In such case, Contractor shall be paid for (without duplication of any items):
 - 1. completed and acceptable Work executed in accordance with the Contract Documents prior to the effective date of termination, including fair and reasonable sums for overhead and profit on such Work;
 - 2. expenses sustained prior to the effective date of termination in performing services and furnishing labor, materials, or equipment as required by the Contract Documents in connection with uncompleted Work, plus fair and reasonable sums for overhead and profit on such expenses;
 - 3. all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) incurred in settlement of terminated contracts with Subcontractors, Suppliers, and others; and
 - 4. reasonable expenses directly attributable to termination.
- B. Contractor shall not be paid on account of loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss arising out of or resulting from such termination.

15.04 *Contractor May Stop Work or Terminate*

- A. If, through no act or fault of Contractor, (i) the Work is suspended for more than 90 consecutive days by Owner or under an order of court or other public authority, or (ii) Engineer fails to act on any Application for Payment within 30 days after it is submitted, or (iii) Owner fails for 30 days

to pay Contractor any sum finally determined to be due, then Contractor may, upon seven days written notice to Owner and Engineer, and provided Owner or Engineer do not remedy such suspension or failure within that time, terminate the Contract and recover from Owner payment on the same terms as provided in Paragraph 15.03.

- B. In lieu of terminating the Contract and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, if Engineer has failed to act on an Application for Payment within 30 days after it is submitted, or Owner has failed for 30 days to pay Contractor any sum finally determined to be due, Contractor may, seven days after written notice to Owner and Engineer, stop the Work until payment is made of all such amounts due Contractor, including interest thereon. The provisions of this Paragraph 15.04 are not intended to preclude Contractor from making a Claim under Paragraph 10.05 for an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times or otherwise for expenses or damage directly attributable to Contractor's stopping the Work as permitted by this Paragraph.

ARTICLE 16 – DISPUTE RESOLUTION

16.01 *Methods and Procedures*

- A. Either Owner or Contractor may request mediation of any Claim submitted to Engineer for a decision under Paragraph 10.05 before such decision becomes final and binding. The mediation will be governed by the Construction Industry Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association in effect as of the Effective Date of the Agreement. The request for mediation shall be submitted in writing to the American Arbitration Association and the other party to the Contract. Timely submission of the request shall stay the effect of Paragraph 10.05.E.
- B. Owner and Contractor shall participate in the mediation process in good faith. The process shall be concluded within 60 days of filing of the request. The date of termination of the mediation shall be determined by application of the mediation rules referenced above.
- C. If the Claim is not resolved by mediation, Engineer's action under Paragraph 10.05.C or a denial pursuant to Paragraphs 10.05.C.3 or 10.05.D shall become final and binding 30 days after termination of the mediation unless, within that time period, Owner or Contractor:
 - 1. elects in writing to invoke any dispute resolution process provided for in the Supplementary Conditions; or
 - 2. agrees with the other party to submit the Claim to another dispute resolution process; or
 - 3. gives written notice to the other party of the intent to submit the Claim to a court of competent jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 17 – MISCELLANEOUS

17.01 *Giving Notice*

- A. Whenever any provision of the Contract Documents requires the giving of written notice, it will be deemed to have been validly given if:

1. delivered in person to the individual or to a member of the firm or to an officer of the corporation for whom it is intended; or
2. delivered at or sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the last business address known to the giver of the notice.

17.02 *Computation of Times*

- A. When any period of time is referred to in the Contract Documents by days, it will be computed to exclude the first and include the last day of such period. If the last day of any such period falls on a Saturday or Sunday or on a day made a legal holiday by the law of the applicable jurisdiction, such day will be omitted from the computation.

17.03 *Cumulative Remedies*

- A. The duties and obligations imposed by these General Conditions and the rights and remedies available hereunder to the parties hereto are in addition to, and are not to be construed in any way as a limitation of, any rights and remedies available to any or all of them which are otherwise imposed or available by Laws or Regulations, by special warranty or guarantee, or by other provisions of the Contract Documents. The provisions of this Paragraph will be as effective as if repeated specifically in the Contract Documents in connection with each particular duty, obligation, right, and remedy to which they apply.

17.04 *Survival of Obligations*

- A. All representations, indemnifications, warranties, and guarantees made in, required by, or given in accordance with the Contract Documents, as well as all continuing obligations indicated in the Contract Documents, will survive final payment, completion, and acceptance of the Work or termination or completion of the Contract or termination of the services of Contractor.

17.05 *Controlling Law*

- A. This Contract is to be governed by the law of the state in which the Project is located.

17.06 *Headings*

- A. Article and paragraph headings are inserted for convenience only and do not constitute parts of these General Conditions.

DOCUMENT 00 73 00**SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS**

These Supplementary Conditions amend or supplement the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract, Section 00 72 43, (EJCDC C-700, 2007 Edition) and other provisions of the Contract Documents as indicated below. All provisions that are not so amended or supplemented remain in full force and effect.

SC-1 The terms used in these Supplementary Conditions which are defined in the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract, Section 00 72 43, (EJCDC C-700, 2007 Edition) have the meanings assigned to them in the General Conditions.

SC-2.05.A.4 Add the following new paragraph to the General Conditions after paragraph 2.05.A.3:

4. "A schedule of anticipated shipping dates for materials and equipment. It is intended that equipment and materials be so scheduled as to arrive at the job site just prior to time for installation to prevent excessive materials on hand for inventory and necessity for extensive storage facilities at the job site."

SC-5.04.B.7 Add the following new paragraph to the General Conditions after paragraph 5.04.B.6:

7. Bonding surety shall be located in the state in which the work is being performed.

The Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until it has obtained all the insurance required under this paragraph and such insurance has been accepted by the Owner, nor shall the Contractor allow any Subcontractor to commence work on its subcontract until the insurance required of the Subcontractor has been so obtained and accepted.

- a. Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of the contract, the statutory Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all of its employees to be engaged in work on the project under the contract and, in case such work is sublet, the Contractor should require the Subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all the latter's employees to be engaged in such work.
- b. Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of the contract, Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance. The policy shall protect Contractor and any Subcontractor performing work covered by the contract from claims for damages or personal injury, including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damage, which may arise from

operations under the contract, whether such operations be by Contractor, Subcontractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them and the amount of such insurance should be not less than:

- (1) Bodily Injury Liability Insurance, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for injuries, including wrongful death to any one person and subject to the same limit for each person in an amount not less than \$2,000,000.00 on account of one accident. Contractual liability should be endorsed on the policy.
- (2) Property Damage Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for damages on account of any one accident, and in an amount not less than \$2,000,000.00 for damages on account of all accidents.

- c. Builder's Risk Insurance (Fire and Extended Coverage): The Contractor shall have adequate fire and standard extended coverage, with a company or companies acceptable to the Owner, in force on the project.

The provisions with respect to Builder's Risk Insurance shall in no way relieve the Contractor of its obligation of completing the work covered by the Contract.

- d. Proof of Carriage of Insurance: The Contractor shall furnish the Owner with certificates showing the type, amount, class of operations, effective dates, and date of expiration of policies. Such certificates shall contain substantially the following statement: "The insurance covered by this certification shall not be canceled or materially altered, except after 10 days written notice has been received by the Owner."

SC-6.02.B Add the following:

The Contractor shall provide in writing any requests to work on weekends. Requests shall be submitted to the Owner and Engineer for consideration a minimum of 48 hours prior to the requested weekend.

SC-6.08 Add the following:

The Contractor shall not proceed until all encroachment permits, curb cut permits, highway crossing permits, and railroad crossing permits have been secured. Contact Owner to ascertain status of permits.

SC-6.09.D Add a new paragraph after paragraph 6.09.C of the General Conditions that reads as follows:

"D. The Contractor shall comply with the Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulations for Construction promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 as amended through January 1, 2004 (PL

91–596) and under Section 107 of the Contract Work and Safety Standards Act (PL 91–54). The regulations are administered by the Department of Labor and the Contractor shall allow access to the project to personnel from that Department.

The Bidder's attention is directed to the fact all applicable State laws, municipal ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the contract throughout and they will be deemed to be included in the contract the same as though herein written in full.

The Contractor shall keep fully informed of all laws, ordinances and regulations of Federal, State, City and County, in any manner affecting those engaged or employed in the work, or the materials used in the work, or in any way affecting the conduct of the work, and of all orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals having any jurisdiction or authority over same. Contractor shall at all times, observe and comply with all such existing and future laws, ordinances, and regulations."

SC–6.12.B Add a new paragraph after paragraph 6.12.A of the General Conditions that is to read as follows:

"B. Record Data Drawings:

1. The Contractor shall keep accurate, legible records of the elevations, locations, types, and sizes of sanitary sewage lines, service laterals, manholes, cleanouts, water lines, fittings, valves, hydrants, drainage pipes, drainage structures, and other related work performed under this project. Where proposed and existing utilities cross, the Contractor shall measure and record the horizontal location and vertical separation between each crossing. Separation shall be measured between exteriors of pipes. On a set of project prints provided by the Owner, the Contractor shall prepare a set of "record" drawings from the data stated above. The horizontal locations of all portions of items installed on this project shall be accurately tied down to the State Plane Coordinate System. Invert and frame elevations of all manholes, storm sewers and structures, sanitary sewers and lift stations shall be clearly indicated. These "record" drawings shall be kept clean and dry and maintained in a current state with the progress of the work. If at any time, a copy of this plan or portion of it is requested by the Owner, such copy shall be made available within 24 hours after the request is made.
2. Before final acceptance of the completed installation and before final payment by the Owner, the Contractor shall deliver to the Engineer a completed set of "record" drawings accurately depicting the data described above. The horizontal and vertical locations as shown on the "record" drawings for the items installed on this project shall be certified by a licensed surveyor, other than Thomas & Hutton, registered in the State in which the project is located. "Record" Drawings shall be submitted on a marked up set of project construction prints or electronically. Thomas & Hutton shall prepare

original "record" drawings from the submitted data. When completed, Thomas & Hutton shall have the licensed surveyor stamp and sign the original "record" drawings before making copies available to the Owner or other appropriate agencies."

SC-6.13.A.3 Add the following:

"Safely guard the Owner's property from damages, injury, or loss in connection with this contract. Contractor shall at all times guard and protect its own work and all materials of every description both before and after being used in the work.

Contractor shall provide any enclosing or special protection from weather deemed necessary by Engineer without additional cost to the Owner. Partial payments under the contract will not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for protection of material, work, and property."

SC-9.02.C Add a new paragraph after paragraph 9.02.B of the General Conditions that is to read as follows:

"C. If at any time before the commencement or during the progress of the work, tools, plant or equipment appear to the Engineer to be insufficient, inefficient, or inappropriate to secure the quality of the work required or the proper rate of progress, the Engineer may order the Contractor to increase their efficiency, to improve their character, to augment their number, or to substitute new tools, plant or equipment as the case may be, and the Contractor must conform to such order; but a failure of the Engineer to demand such increase or efficiency, number, or improvements, shall not relieve the Contractor's obligation to secure the quality of work and the rate of progress necessary to complete the work within the time required by this contract to the satisfaction of the Owner."

SC-9.05 Add the following sentence at the end of paragraph 9.05 of the General Conditions:

"Owner and Engineer have the right to reject defective materials. Defective materials shall not be used in the work."

SC-13.03.A Add the following sentences to paragraph 13.03.A of the General Conditions:

"The Contractor will be required to maintain all work in a condition acceptable to the Engineer for a 30 day operating period after the same has been completed as a whole, and the Engineer has notified the Contractor in writing that the work has been finished. The Contractor shall give the Project Engineer or Project Representative a minimum of 48 hours notice for all required observations and tests."

END OF SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS

DOCUMENT 00 80 00**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

SC-1 DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: The work consists of Grading, landscaping, and installation of signage at the intersection of Highway 80 and Interstate 95 and incidental construction in accordance with the plans and specifications.

SC-2 COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF WORK: The Contractor shall commence work within 14 days after Notice to Proceed is issued. Work shall be completed within 150 calendar days.

SC-3 DRAWINGS: The work shall conform to the following drawings, all of which form a part of, and are included in, these specifications and are available in the office of Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., 50 Park of Commerce Way, Savannah, Georgia 31402-2727.

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SC-4 LAYOUT OF WORK: Control lines and master benchmarks will be furnished by the Owner. The Contractor will lay out work and will be responsible for all measurements in connection therewith.

SC-5 OBSERVATIONS AND TESTS: Before acceptance of the whole or any part of the work, it shall be subjected to observation and tests to determine it is in accordance with the plans and specifications. The Contractor will be required to maintain all work in a first class condition for a 30 day operating period after the same has been completed as a whole and the Engineer has notified the Contractor in writing the work has been finished. The Owner shall pay for all testing and shall engage a mutually acceptable laboratory or qualified individual to conduct the tests in accordance with these specifications. No portion of the work will be accepted until tests prove it has been satisfactorily completed. The Contractor shall give the Project Engineer or Project Representative a minimum of 48 hours notice for all required observations or tests.

SC-6 BONDS: The Performance Bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract amount and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract amounts shall be furnished in accordance with Article 5 of the General Conditions.

SC-7 CONTRACTOR'S AND SUBCONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE: The Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until obtaining all the insurance required under this paragraph and such insurance has been accepted by the Owner, nor shall the Contractor allow any Subcontractor to commence work on a subcontract until the insurance required of the Subcontractor has been so obtained and accepted.

- a. Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of the contract the statutory Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all of its employees to be engaged in work on the project under the contract and, in case and such work is sublet, the Contractor should require the Subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all the latter's employees to be engaged in such work.
- b. Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of the contract Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance to protect itself and any Subcontractor performing work covered by the contract from claims for damages or personal injury, including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damage, which may arise from operations under the contract, whether such operations be by the Contractor, Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them and the amount of such insurance should be not less than:

- (1) Bodily Injury Liability Insurance, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for injuries, including wrongful death to any one person and subject to the same limit for each person in an amount not less than \$2,000,000.00 on account of one accident. Contractual liability should be endorsed on the policy.
- (2) Property Damage Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for damages on account of any one accident, and in an amount not less than \$2,000,000.00 for damages on account of all accidents.

- c. Builder's Risk Insurance (Fire and Extended Coverage): The Contractor shall have adequate fire and standard extended coverage, with a company or companies acceptable to the Owner, in force on the project.

The provisions with respect to Builder's Risk Insurance shall in no way relieve the Contractor of its obligation of completing the work covered by the Contract.

- d. Proof of Carriage of Insurance: The Contractor shall furnish the Owner with certificates showing the type, amount, class of operations, effective dates, and date of expiration of policies. Such certificates shall contain substantially the following statement: "The insurance covered by this certification shall not be cancelled or materially altered, except after ten (10) days written notice has been received by the Owner."

SC-8 HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE: The Contractor agrees to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the Owner and its agents, architects, engineers and employees from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, demands, causes of action and any an all related costs and expenses, of every kind and character, growing out of, incidental to, or resulting directly or indirectly from the Contractor's performance of the work described herein, whether such loss, damage, injury, or liability is contributed to by the negligence of the Owner, its agents, architects, engineers, or employees, except the Contractor shall have no liability for damages or the costs incidental thereto caused by the sole negligence of the Owner, its agents, architects, engineers, or employees. The Contractor will require any and all subcontractors to conform with the provisions of this clause prior to commencing any work and agrees to ensure this clause is in conformity with the insurance provisions of the contract.

SC-9 CONTRACTOR'S STATUS: It is agreed the Contractor shall occupy the status of an Independent Contractor and the Contractor's employees are not employees of the Owner.

SC-10 CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVIT: Upon completion of the work and prior to final payment and settlement of all sums due hereunder, Contractor will furnish to Owner a Contractor's Affidavit in the usual form submitted by Contractor under the laws of the State of Georgia to the effect all bills for labor, materials and services in connection with said contract have been paid in full, acknowledging receipt of the contract price and averring there are no outstanding claims under said contract which could become a lien on the real estate arising out of said contract.

SC-11 RESIDENT PROJECT ENGINEER: The Owner reserves the right to furnish a Resident Project Engineer as deemed necessary to insure the Project quality control and conformance to

Plans and Specifications, who will act as the Owner's Representative on the Project and will have the authority of the Engineer as set forth in the Contract Documents.

SC-12 BARRICADES, DANGER AND WARNING SIGNS: The Contractor shall install and maintain barricades, suitable and sufficient lights, danger signals, signs, and other traffic control devices and shall take all necessary precautions for the protection of the work and safety of the public. Lanes closed to traffic shall be protected by effective barricades, lighted during hours of darkness. Suitable warning signs shall be provided to control, direct traffic, and warn pedestrians. Upon completion all barricades, signs and the like shall be removed.

SC-13 TOOLS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT: If at any time before the commencement or during the progress of the work, tools, plant or equipment appear to the Engineer to be insufficient, inefficient or inappropriate to secure the quality of the work required or the proper rate of progress, the Engineer may order the Contractor to increase their efficiency, to improve their character, to augment their number, or to substitute new tools, plant, or equipment, as the case may be, and the Contractor must conform to such order; but a failure of the Engineer to demand such increase of efficiency, number, or improvement shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to secure the quality of work and the rate of progress necessary to complete the work within the time required by the contract to the satisfaction of the Owner.

SC-14 ACCIDENTS: The Contractor shall provide, at the site, such equipment and medical facilities as are necessary to supply first-aid service to anyone who may be injured in connection with the work. The Contractor must report in writing to the Engineer all accidents whatsoever arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of the work, whether on or adjacent to the site, which causes death, personal injury or property damages, giving full details and statement of witnesses. In addition, if death or serious injuries or serious damages are caused, the accident shall be reported immediately by telephone or messenger to both the Contractor and any subcontractor on account of any accident, the Contractor shall promptly report the facts to the Engineer, giving full details in writing of the claim. The Contractor shall advise its superintendent and foreman, who are on the site of the work, the name of the hospital and phone number and the name and phone number of the doctor to use in case of an accident.

SC-15 SANITARY PROVISIONS: The Contractor shall provide temporary sanitary facilities for the use of the workmen during the progress of the work. The sanitary facilities shall conform to the requirements of the County health Engineer. All facilities shall be removed at the completion of the contract.

SC-16 MODIFICATION OF QUANTITIES: The itemized quantities shall be considered by the Contractor as the quantities required to complete the work for the purpose of bidding. Should actual quantities required in the construction of the work be greater or less than the quantities shown on the items, an amount equal to the difference in quantities at the unit prices for the item will be added to or deducted from the contract price.

When itemized quantities are not given in the Proposal, the work shown on the plans or specified shall be considered by the Contractor to be included in the contract for the lump sum prices bid.

SC-17 RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING EXISTING UTILITIES AND STRUCTURES: The existence and location of underground utilities will be investigated and verified in the field by the Contractor before starting work. The Contractor shall call for underground utility locations. Underground utilities

location service can be contacted at 1-800-282-7411 (GA) or 811. The location of all known interferences based on the best information available has been shown on the drawings, but this information may not be complete. Excavation in the vicinity of existing structures and utilities shall be carefully done by hand. The Contractor shall be held responsible for any damage to and for maintenance and protection of existing utilities and structures. The Contractor is responsible for coordinating with the utility companies any relocation, adjustment, or replacement of utility facilities.

SC-18 INTERRUPTION OF UTILITY SERVICE: The Contractor's operations shall be conducted to interfere as little as possible with utility services. Any proposed interruption by the Contractor must be accepted in advance by the Engineer.

SC-19 OMISSION: The drawings and specifications shall both be considered as a part of the contract. Any work and material shown in the one and omitted in the other, or described in the one and not shown in the other, or which may fairly be implied by both or either, shall be furnished and performed as though shown in both, in order to give a complete and first class job.

SC-20 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT: Measurement and payment shall be made for the units and at the lump sum contract prices shown on the Bid Schedule. Direct payment shall only be made for those items or work specifically listed in the proposal and the cost of any other work must be included in the contract price for the applicable items to which it relates.

SC-21 "OR EQUIVALENT," CLAUSE: Although the plans and specifications make reference to particular manufacturers and model numbers for various products, such reference is made only to establish function and quality of such products. If it is desired to use materials or equipment of trade names or of manufacturer's names that are different from those mentioned in the contract documents, information pertaining to such items must reach the hands of the Engineer at least 10 days prior to the date set for the opening of bids. The burden of proving equality of a proposed substitute to an item designated by trade name or by manufacturer's name in the contract document rests on the party submitting the request for acceptance. The written application for review of a proposed substitute must be accompanied by technical data that the party requesting review desires to submit in support of its application. The Engineer will give consideration to reports from reputable independent testing laboratories, verified experience records showing the reputation of the proposed product with previous users or any other written information that is reasonable in the circumstances. The application to the Engineer for review of a proposed substitute must be accompanied by a schedule setting forth in what respects the material or equipment submitted for consideration differs from the materials or equipment designated in the contract documents. The degree of proof required for acceptance of a proposed substitute as equivalent to a named product is the amount of proof necessary to convince the Engineer beyond all doubt. To be acceptable, a proposed substitute must, in addition, meet or exceed all express requirements of the contract documents.

If submittal is accepted by the Engineer, an addendum will be issued to all prospective bidders at least five days prior to the date set for the opening of bids.

The Engineer shall be the final judge on questions of similarity and equality.

SC-22 SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS: The Contractor shall comply with the Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulations for Construction promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 as amended through January 1, 2004 (PL 91-596) and under

Section 107 of the Contract Work and Safety Standards Act (PL 91–54). The regulations are administered by the Department of Labor and the Contractor shall allow access to the project to personnel from that Department.

SC–23 RECORD DATA AND DRAWINGS: The Contractor shall keep accurate, legible records of the locations, types, and sizes of sanitary lines, service laterals, manholes, cleanouts, water lines, fittings, valves, hydrants, drainage pipes, drainage structures, and other related work performed under this project. Where proposed and existing utilities cross, the Contractor shall measure and record the horizontal location and vertical separation between each crossing. Separation shall be measured between exteriors of pipes. On a set of project prints provided by the Owner, the Contractor shall prepare a set of "record" drawings from the data stated above. The horizontal locations of all portions of items installed on this project shall be accurately tied down to features that are physical and visible, such as property corner markers and/or permanent type structures. Invert elevations of all manholes, storm sewers and structures, sanitary sewers and lift stations shall be clearly indicated. These "record" drawings shall be kept clean and dry and maintained in a current state with the progress of the work. If at any time, a copy of this plan or portion of it is requested by the Owner, such copy shall be made available within 24 hours after the request is made.

Before final acceptance of the completed installation and final payment by the Owner, the Contractor shall deliver to the Engineer, four sets of "Record" Drawings accurately depicting the horizontal and vertical as-built data described in the above paragraph. "Record" drawings for the items installed on this project shall be certified by a licensed surveyor, other than Thomas & Hutton, registered in Georgia. The size of the drawings shall be 24" x 36". The "Record" drawings shall have a coordinate system based on the Georgia State Plane Coordinate System, East Zone, North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83). Elevations shall be based on the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88). All measurements and coordinates shown shall use the U.S. Survey flood definition. Coordinates shall be shown on all drainage structures, sanitary sewer manholes, storm manholes/boxes, valve boxes/vaults, valve manholes, valves, fire hydrants, fittings, and all other related work performed under this contract. Vertical data including but not limited to, structure and manhole frame and inverts, pipe inverts, lift station frame, inverts, control levels, bottom, site grading, and as-built grading shall be shown. In addition to the "Record" drawings, Contractor shall deliver to Engineer electronic AutoCAD (v. 14 or later) files of all the data described above on a CD-ROM.

SC–24 PROPERTY CORNERS: The Contractor shall be responsible for restoring any property corners or monuments disturbed during construction. They shall be restored by a professional surveyor registered in the State of Georgia.

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1.2 CONTRACT DESCRIPTION

- A. Contract Type: 00 52 43 – Agreement Form – Unit Price (Single – Prime Contract)

1.3 WORK REQUIRED

- A. Consists of Contractor furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment and incidentals to complete the Work generally described below:
 - 1. Grading, landscaping, and installation of signage at the intersection of Highway 80 and Interstate 95.
- B. All work shall be performed as shown on the Drawings and as described in the Contract Documents and Technical Specifications.
- C. All work shall comply with standards described by the Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 29 CFR Part 1926, Subpart P, latest revision.

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PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not used

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PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

SECTION 01 22 00**UNIT PRICES****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Criteria applicable to the Work performed under a unit price payment method.

1.2 AUTHORITY

- A. Measurement methods delineated in the individual specification sections complement the criteria of this section. In the event of conflict, the requirements of the individual specification section govern.
- B. Take all measurements and compute quantities. The Engineer will verify measurements and quantities.
- C. Assist by providing necessary equipment, workers, and survey personnel as required.

1.3 UNIT QUANTITIES SPECIFIED

- A. Quantities indicated in the Bid Form are for bidding and contract purposes only. Quantities and measurements supplied or placed in the Work and verified by the Engineer determine payment.
- B. If the actual Work requires more or fewer quantities than those quantities indicated, provide the required quantities at the unit sum/prices contracted.

1.4 MEASUREMENT OF QUANTITIES

- A. Measurement by Weight: Concrete reinforcing steel, rolled or formed steel or other metal shapes will be measured by handbook weights. Welded assemblies will be measured by handbook or scale weight.
- B. Measurement by Volume: Measured by cubic dimension using mean length, width and height or thickness.
- C. Measurement by Area: Measured by square dimension using mean length and width or radius.
- D. Linear Measurement: Measured by linear dimension, at the item centerline or mean chord.
- E. Stipulated Sum/Price Measurement: Items measured by weight, volume, area, or linear means or combination, as appropriate, as a completed item or unit of the Work.

- F. Measurement per Each: Measured by the quantity of the item(s) installed.

1.5 PAYMENT

- A. Payment Includes: Full compensation for all required labor, products, tools, equipment, plant, transportation, services, and incidentals; erection, application or installation of an item of the Work including overhead and profit.
- B. Final payment for Work governed by unit prices will be made on the basis of the actual measurements and quantities accepted by the Engineer multiplied by the unit sum/price for Work which is incorporated in or made necessary by the Work.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

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PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

DIVISION I – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**SECTION 01 33 00****SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Submittal procedures.
- B. Construction progress schedules.
- C. Product Data.
- D. Shop Drawings.
- E. Samples.
- F. Design data.
- G. Test reports.
- H. Certificates.
- I. Manufacturer's instructions.
- J. Manufacturer's field reports.
- K. Erection drawings.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 01 45 00 – Quality Control: Manufacturers' field services and reports.
- B. Section 01 77 00 – Closeout Procedures: Contract warranties, bonds, and closeout submittals

1.3 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

- A. Transmit each submittal with Engineer accepted form.
- B. Sequentially number the transmittal form. Revise submittals with original number and a sequential alphabetic suffix. Resubmit as specified for initial submittal. Indicate on revised drawings all changes that have been made other than those requested by the Engineer.
- C. Identify Project, Contractor, Subcontractor, or supplier; pertinent drawing and detail number, and specification section number, as appropriate.

- D. Apply Contractor's stamp, signed or initialed verifying review, approval, products required, field dimensions, adjacent construction Work, and coordination of information is in accordance with the requirements of the Work and Contract Documents. Submittal without the Contractor's stamp will be returned to Contractor without Engineer's review.
- E. Make all submittals far enough in advance of scheduled dates for installation to provide all required time for reviews, for securing necessary approvals, for possible revision and resubmittal, and for placing orders and securing delivery. In scheduling, allow sufficient time for the Engineer's review following the receipt of the submittal. Coordinate submission of related items. For each submittal for review, allow 15 days excluding delivery time to and from the Contractor.
- F. Identify variations from Contract Documents and product or system limitations that may be detrimental to successful performance of the completed Work.
- G. Provide space for Contractor and Architect/Engineer review stamps.
- H. When revised for resubmission, identify all changes made since previous submission.
- I. Distribute copies of reviewed submittals as appropriate. Instruct parties to promptly report any inability to comply with requirements.

1.4 CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS SCHEDULES

- A. Submit initial schedule in duplicate within **15 days** after date established in Notice to Proceed.
- B. Revise and resubmit as required.
- C. Submit revised schedules with each Application for Payment, identifying changes since previous version.
- D. Submit a computer generated or horizontal bar chart with separate line for each section of Work, identifying first work day of each week.
- E. Show complete sequence of construction by activity, identifying Work of separate stages and other logically grouped activities. Indicate the early and late start, early and late finish, float dates, and duration.
- F. Indicate estimated percentage of completion for each item of Work at each submission.
- G. Indicate submittal dates required for shop drawings, product data, samples, and product delivery dates, including those furnished by Owner and required by allowances.

1.5 PRODUCT DATA

- A. Product Data For Review:

1. Submitted to Engineer for review and conformance with information given in specifications and the design concept expressed in contract documents.
 2. After review, provide copies and distribute in accordance with SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES article above.
- B. Submit the number of copies Contractor and Owner require, plus two copies retained by Engineer.
 - C. Mark each copy to identify applicable products, models, options, and other data. Supplement manufacturers' standard data to provide information specific to this Project.
 - D. Indicate product utility and electrical characteristics, utility connection requirements, and location of utility outlets for service for functional equipment and appliances.
 - E. After review, distribute in accordance with the Submittal Procedures article above.

1.6 SHOP DRAWINGS

- A. Contractor shall submit a minimum 6 copies of each shop drawing to the Engineer for review.
- B. Submitted to Engineer for review and conformance with information given in specifications and design concept expressed in contract documents. Review of shop drawings by Engineer shall not relieve Contractor of its responsibility for accuracy of shop drawings nor for furnishing of all materials and equipment required by the contract even though such items may not be indicated on shop drawings reviewed by Engineer.
- C. Shop drawings shall include applicable technical information, drawings, diagrams, performance curves, schedules, templates, calculations, instructions, measurements, and similar information as applicable to the specific item for which shop drawing is prepared.
- D. Do not use Engineer's Drawings for shop or erection purposes.
- E. Each shop drawing copy shall bear a Contractor's stamp showing they have been checked. Shop drawings submitted to the Engineer without Contractor's stamp will be returned to Contractor without review.

No review will be given to partial submittals of shop drawings for items which interconnect and/or are interdependent. It is the Contractor's responsibility to assemble shop drawings for all such interconnecting and/or interdependent items, check them and then make one submittal to Engineer.

Schedule of Submittals: Within 30 days of Contract award and prior to any shop drawing submittal, Contractor shall submit a schedule showing the estimated submittal date and desired acceptance date for each shop drawing

anticipated. Time lost due to unacceptable submittals shall be the Contractor's responsibility.

1.7 SAMPLES

- A. Samples For Review:
 - 1. Submitted to Engineer for review and conformance with information given in specifications and design concept expressed in contract documents.
 - 2. After review, produce duplicates and distribute in accordance with SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES article above.
- B. Samples For Information:
 - 1. Submitted for Engineer's knowledge as contract administrator or for the Owner.
- C. Include identification on each sample, with full product information.
- D. Submit the number of samples specified in individual specification sections; one of which will be retained by Engineer.
- E. Reviewed samples which may be used in the Work are indicated in individual specification sections.
- F. Samples will not be used for testing purposes unless specifically stated in the specification section.

1.8 DESIGN DATA

- A. Submit for Engineer's knowledge as contract administrator or for the Owner.
- B. Submit for information and conformance with information given in specifications and design concept expressed in contract documents.

1.9 TEST REPORTS

- A. Submit for Engineer's knowledge as contract administrator or for the Owner.
- B. Submit test reports for information and assessing conformance with information given in specifications and design concept expressed in contract documents.

1.10 CERTIFICATES

- A. When specified in individual specification sections, submit certification by manufacturer, installation/application subcontractor, or the Contractor to Engineer, in quantities specified for Product Data.
- B. Indicate material or product conforms to or exceeds specified requirements. Submit supporting reference data, affidavits, and certifications as appropriate.

- C. Certificates may be recent or previous test results on material or product, but must be acceptable to Engineer.

1.11 MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS

- A. When specified in individual specification sections, submit printed instructions for delivery, storage, assembly, installation, start-up, adjusting, and finishing, to Engineer for delivery to Owner in quantities specified for product Data.
- B. Indicate special procedures, perimeter conditions requiring special attention, and special environmental criteria required for application or installation.
- C. Refer to Section 01 45 00 – Quality Control, Manufacturers' Field Services article.

1.12 MANUFACTURER'S FIELD REPORTS

- A. Submit reports for Engineer's benefit as contract administrator or for the Owner.
- B. Submit report in duplicate within 30 days of observation to Engineer for information.
- C. Submit for information and assessing conformance with information given in specifications and design concept expressed in contract documents.

1.13 ERECTION DRAWINGS

- A. Submit drawings for Engineer's benefit as contract administrator or for the Owner.
- B. Submit for information and assessing conformance with information given in specifications and design concept expressed in contract documents.
- C. Data indicating inappropriate or unacceptable Work may be subject to action by the Engineer or Owner.

1.14 REVIEWED SHOP DRAWINGS

- A. Engineer Review.
 - 1. Acceptable submittals will be marked "No Exceptions Taken." A minimum of three copies will be retained by the Engineer for Engineer's and Owner's use and remaining copies will be returned to Contractor.
 - 2. Submittals requiring minor corrections before the product is acceptable will be marked "Furnish as Corrected." Contractor may order, fabricate, and ship items included in submittals, provided the indicated corrections are made.
 - 3. Submittals marked "Revise and Resubmit" must be revised to reflect required changes and the initial review procedure repeated.

4. The "Rejected" notation is used to indicate products not acceptable. Upon return of a submittal so marked, Contractor shall repeat the initial review procedure utilizing acceptable products.
 5. Only two copies of items marked "Revise and Resubmit" and "Rejected" will be reviewed and marked. One copy will be retained by Engineer and the other copy with all remaining unmarked copies will be returned to Contractor for resubmittal.
- B. No Work or products shall be installed without a drawing or submittal bearing the "No Exceptions Taken" or "Furnish as Corrected" notation. Contractor shall maintain at the job site a complete set of shop drawings bearing Engineer's stamp.
- C. Substitutions: In the event Contractor obtains Engineer's acceptance for use of products other than those listed first in Contract Documents, Contractor shall, at Contractor's own expense and using methods accepted by Engineer, make any changes to structures, piping and electrical work necessary to accommodate these products.
- D. Use of "No Exceptions Taken" or "Furnish as Corrected" notation on shop drawings or other submittals is general and shall not relieve Contractor of the responsibility of furnishing products of proper dimension, size, quality, quantity, materials, all performance characteristics, and to efficiently perform requirements and intent of Contract Documents. Engineer's review shall not relieve Contractor of the responsibility of errors of any kind on shop drawings. Review is intended only to assure conformance with design concept of the project and compliance with information given in Contract Documents.

1.15 SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

- A. This checklist is not necessarily complete. Contractor is responsible to submit all items and materials as specified in each section.

Section	Submittal	Date Received by T & H	Accepted Submittal Returned to Owner/ Contractor	Submittal Rejected & Returned	Comments
31 00 00 – Earthwork					
	Borrow				
31 25 00 – Soil Erosion Control					
	Silt Fence				
31 37 00 – Rip-Rap					
	Stone				

Section	Submittal	Date Received by T & H	Accepted Submittal Returned to Owner/ Contractor	Submittal Rejected & Returned	Comments
32 92 00 – Turf and Grasses					
	Seed Mix – Temporary				
	Seed Mix – Permanent				
	Fertilizer				
	Lime				

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Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

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SECTION 01 45 00**QUALITY CONTROL****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Quality assurance – control of installation.
- B. Tolerances
- C. References and standards.
- D. Testing laboratory services.
- E. Manufacturer's field services.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 01 33 00 – Submittal Procedures: Submission of manufacturer's instructions and certificates.
- B. Section 01 45 23 – Testing and Inspecting Services.

1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE – CONTROL OF INSTALLATION

- A. Monitor quality control over suppliers, manufacturers, products, services, site conditions, and workmanship, to produce Work of specified quality.
- B. Comply with manufacturer's instructions, including each step in sequence.
- C. Should manufacturer's instructions conflict with Contract Documents, request clarification from Engineer before proceeding.
- D. Comply with specified standards as minimum quality for the Work except where more stringent tolerances, codes, or specified requirements indicate higher standards or more precise workmanship.
- E. Perform Work by persons qualified to produce required and specified quality.
- F. Verify field measurements are as indicated on shop drawings or as instructed by the manufacturer.
- G. Secure products in place with positive anchorage devices designed and sized to withstand stresses, vibration, physical distortion, or disfigurement.

1.4 TOLERANCES

- A. Monitor fabrication and installation tolerance control of products to produce acceptable Work. Do not permit tolerances to accumulate.

- B. Comply with manufacturer's tolerances. Should manufacturer's tolerances conflict with Contract Documents, request clarification from Architect/Engineer before proceeding.
- C. Adjust products to appropriate dimensions and position before securing in place.
- D. Accessible routes shall not exceed maximum ADA allowable slopes.

1.5 REFERENCES AND STANDARDS

- A. For products or workmanship specified by association, trade, or other consensus standards, complies with requirements of the standard, except when more rigid requirements are specified or are required by applicable codes.
- B. Conform to reference standard by date of issue current with date specified in the individual specification sections, except where a specific date is established by code.
- C. Obtain copies of standards where required by product specification sections.
- D. Neither the contractual relationships, duties, nor responsibilities of the parties in Contract or those of the Architect/Engineer shall be altered from the Contract Documents by mention or inference otherwise in any reference document.

1.6 TESTING SERVICES

- A. Owner will appoint, employ, and pay for specified services of an independent firm to perform testing. Contractor shall pay for all retesting of failed tests.
- A. The independent firm will perform tests and other services specified in individual specification sections and as required by the Owner.
- B. Testing and source quality control may occur on or off the project site. Perform off-site testing as required by the Owner.
- C. Reports will be submitted by the independent firm to the Engineer and Contractor, in duplicate, indicating observations and results of tests and indicating compliance or non-compliance with Contract Documents.
- D. Cooperate with independent firm; furnish samples of materials, design mix, equipment, tools, storage, safe access, and assistance by incidental labor as requested.
 - 1. Notify Architect/Engineer and independent firm 48 hours prior to expected time for operations requiring services.
 - 2. Make arrangements with independent firm and pay for additional samples and tests required for Contractor's use.
- F. Testing does not relieve Contractor to perform Work to contract requirements.

- G. Re-testing required because of non-conformance to specified requirements shall be performed by the same independent firm on instructions by the Engineer. Payment for re-testing will be made by the Contractor.

1.7 MANUFACTURER'S FIELD SERVICES

- A. When specified in individual specification sections, require material or product suppliers or manufacturers to provide qualified staff personnel to observe site conditions, conditions of surfaces and installation, quality of workmanship, start-up of equipment, test, adjust and balance of equipment as applicable, and to initiate instructions when necessary.
- B. Submit qualifications of observer to Architect/Engineer 30 days in advance of required observations. Observer subject to approval of Owner.
- C. Report observations and site decisions or instructions given to applicators or installers supplemental or contrary to manufacturer's written instructions.
- D. Refer to Section 01 33 00 – SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES, MANUFACTURER'S FIELD REPORTS article.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Verify existing site conditions and substrate surfaces are acceptable for subsequent Work. Beginning new Work means acceptance of existing conditions.
- B. Verify existing substrate is capable of structural support or attachment of new Work being applied or attached.
- C. Examine and verify specific conditions described in individual specification sections.
- D. Verify utility services are available, of the correct characteristics, and in the correct locations.

3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Clean substrate surfaces prior to applying next material or substance.
- B. Seal cracks or openings of substrate prior to applying next material or substance.
- C. Apply manufacturer required or recommended substrate primer, sealer, or conditioner prior to applying any new material or substance in contact or bond.

END OF SECTION

SECTION 01 45 13**BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS**

Please answer all questions and have your statement notarized. If necessary, you may answer questions on separate sheets of paper and attach them to this statement. Other additional information your firm deems useful in the evaluation of your capabilities may also be included.

1. ORGANIZATION

Date of Response: _____

Legal Name of Bidder: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Website: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

Is the address of the business listed above a: (Please circle one listed below)

Main Office

Regional Office

Branch Office

When Organized: _____

When and Where Incorporated: _____

Licensed or Registered To Do Business in State of Georgia: ____Yes ____No

If No, In What Georgia Municipality does your Company Have A Business License? _____

Business License Number for Said Georgia Municipality: _____

Federal Employer I.D. Number: _____

If Partnership, list all partners and their addresses:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

If there is no Georgia Partner, give name and address of agent for service of process in Georgia.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

If an individual owner is not a Georgia resident, give name and address of agent for service of process in Georgia.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Is your company: (Please circle one listed below)

MBE WBE DBE MBE/WBE/DBE Certified by: _____

Has your company or any of its principals ever petitioned for bankruptcy, failed in business, defaulted or been terminated on a contract awarded to you?

_____ Yes _____ No

Has your company ever been banned or otherwise precluded from pursuing public work or have ever been found to be non-responsive by a public agency?

_____ Yes _____ No

Has your company ever had a claim made against it for improper, delayed, or non-compliant work or failure to meet warranty obligations?

_____ Yes _____ No

Is your company or any of its owners, officers, or major shareholders currently involved in any arbitration or litigation?

_____ Yes _____ No

Does your company have any outstanding judgments or claims against it?

_____ Yes _____ No

Is your company currently involved or has been involved in the last 3 years with any litigation?

_____ Yes _____ No

Has your organization ever failed to complete any work awarded to it?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes to any of the above questions, please explain: _____

Please list any litigation brought against your company in the past five (5) years asserting that you failed to make payments to anyone.

Has your company ever had a contract terminated for any reason?

_____ Yes _____ No

If Yes, please explain: _____

List the geographical areas in which you work: _____

List the areas of work that you normally perform with your own forces: _____

What percentage of the Company's work is normally subcontracted? _____%

What is the largest contract your company has completed?

Amount \$ _____ Year _____

Project Name / Scope / Contact Information _____

Should the work require compliance with the Georgia State Construction Licensing Board Rules and Regulations, the Contractor and any Subcontractor shall list the appropriate License number(s):

Main Contractor's License Number: _____

Subcontractor #1 License Number: _____

Subcontractor #1 Name: _____

Subcontractor #2 License Number: _____

Subcontractor #2 Name: _____

Subcontractor #3 License Number: _____

Subcontractor #3 Name: _____

(List additional if appropriate)

Year Firm Established: _____

2. EXPERIENCE

How many years have you been engaged in the contracting business under your present firm or trade name? _____

List jurisdictions and trade categories in which your organization is legally qualified to do business, and indicate registration or license numbers, if applicable.

Current Employment (Numbers of Employees): Total: _____

Management: _____ Clerical: _____ Professional: _____

Technical: _____ Skilled Labor: _____ Common Labor: _____

Total Value of Projects Completed (last five years): \$ _____

A. Contracts On Hand

Project Name and Location	Owner Name Address Phone No.	Project Description	Bid \$	Actual \$	Anticipated Completion Date

B. Selected Similar Construction Project Examples

At Least Five (5) Projects Similar in Nature:

Project Name and Location	Owner Name Address Phone No.	Project Description	Bid \$	Actual \$	Completion Date

C. Safety Issues Disclosure:

Contractor's Experience Modification Rate (EMR):
List Safety Issues for Last Five Years:

List Major Equipment Proposed To Be Used For This Project:

Description	Make/Model	Owned by Bidder or Sub?	Year Purchased
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___	_____
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___	_____
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___	_____
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___	_____
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___	_____

_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___	_____
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___	_____
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___	_____
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___	_____

D. Proposed Superintendent for this Project:

Name: _____

Address: _____

E. Select Project Experience of the Superintendent:

Project Name and Location	Owner Name Address Phone No.	Project Description	Bid \$	Actual \$	Completion Date

3. REFERENCES

Name of your Bank: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Contact Person: _____

Amount of line of credit: _____ Amount Available: _____

Bonding Company: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Bonding Company's Rating: _____

Bonding Capacity: Per Job \$_____ Aggregate \$_____

Date of Last Bond: _____ Bond Amount \$_____

Bond Rate: _____ Remaining Bonding Capacity \$_____

Please list the persons or entities that provide indemnification to your Surety: _____

List three of your major suppliers:

A. Company: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Contact: _____

B. Company: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Contact: _____

C. Company: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Contact: _____

List three Contractors/Owners you do business with:

A. Company: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Contact: _____

B. Company: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Contact: _____

C. Company: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Contact: _____

4. SIGNATURE

The Undersigned certifies under oath that the information provided herein is true and sufficiently complete so as not to be misleading. The undersigned also recognizes that the Owner is relying on the accuracy of the information and the responses in deciding the demonstrated competence and qualifications for the type of required work.

The foregoing statement of qualifications is submitted under oath:

Respectfully submitted:

Company Name:_____

Street Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

By (Signed):_____

By (Typed):_____

Title:_____

Attach satisfactory evidence of the authority of the officer, or officers, signing on behalf of a corporation.

SWORN to before me this

_____ Day of _____, 20____

_____(SEAL)

Notary Public for _____

My Commission Expires: _____

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1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Testing and acceptance required by public authorities.
- B. Section 01 33 00 – Submittal Procedures: Manufacturer's certificates.
- C. Section 01 77 00 – Closeout Procedures: Project record documents.

1.3 REFERENCES (LATEST REVISION)

- A. ASTM C 802 – Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Test Program to Determine the Precision of Test Methods for Construction Materials.
- B. ASTM C 1077 – Practice for Laboratories Testing Concrete and Concrete Aggregates for Use in Construction and Criteria for Laboratory Evaluation.
- C. ASTM C 1093 – Practice for Accreditation of Testing Agencies for Masonry.
- D. ASTM D 3740 – Practice for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction.
- E. ASTM D 4561 – Practice for Quality Control Systems for Organizations Producing and Applying Bituminous Paving Materials.
- F. ASTM E 329 – Specification for Agencies Engaged in Construction Inspection and/or Testing.
- G. ASTM E 543 – Practice for Agencies Performing Nondestructive Testing.
- H. ASTM E 548 – Guide for General Criteria Used for Evaluating Laboratory Competence.

- I. ASTM E 699 – Practice for Evaluation of Agencies Involved in Testing, Quality Assurance, and Evaluating of Building Components.

1.4 SELECTION AND PAYMENT

- A. Owner will employ and pay for services of an independent testing agency or laboratory to perform specified testing. Contractor shall pay for all retesting of failed tests.
- B. Employment of testing agency or laboratory in no way relieves Contractor of obligation to perform Work in accordance with requirements of Contract Documents.

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Comply with requirements of practices listed in paragraph 1.3.
- B. Laboratory: Authorized to operate in State in which project is located.
- C. Laboratory Staff: Maintain a full time registered Engineer on staff to review services.
- D. Testing Equipment: Calibrated at reasonable intervals with devices of an accuracy traceable to either National Bureau of Standards or accepted values of natural physical constants.

1.6 CONTRACTOR SUBMITTALS

- A. Prior to start of Work, submit testing laboratory name, address, and telephone number, and names of full time registered Engineer and responsible officer.
- B. Submit copy of report of laboratory facilities inspection made by Materials Reference Laboratory of National Bureau of Standards during most recent inspection, with memorandum of remedies of any deficiencies reported by the inspection.

1.7 TESTING AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Test samples of mixes submitted by Contractor.
- B. Provide qualified personnel at site. Cooperate with Engineer and Contractor in performance of services.
- C. Perform specified sampling and testing of products in accordance with specified standards.
- D. Ascertain compliance of materials and mixes with requirements of Contract Documents.
- E. Promptly notify Engineer and Contractor of observed irregularities or non-conformance of Work or products.
- F. Perform additional tests required by Engineer.

- G. Attend preconstruction meetings and progress meetings.

1.8 TESTING AGENCY REPORTS

- A. After each test, promptly submit two copies of report to Engineer and to Contractor.
- B. Include:
 - 1. Date issued.
 - 2. Project title and number.
 - 3. Name of inspector.
 - 4. Date and time of sampling or inspection.
 - 5. Identification of product and specifications section.
 - 6. Location in the Project.
 - 7. Type of inspection or test.
 - 8. Date of test.
 - 9. Results of tests.
 - 10. Conformance with Contract Documents.
- C. When requested by Engineer, provide interpretation of test results.

1.9 LIMITS ON TESTING AUTHORITY

- A. Agency or laboratory may not release, revoke, alter, or enlarge on requirements of Contract Documents.
- B. Agency or laboratory may not approve or accept any portion of the Work.
- C. Agency or laboratory may not assume any duties of Contractor.
- D. Agency or laboratory has no authority to stop the Work.

1.10 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Deliver to agency or laboratory at designated location, adequate samples of materials proposed to be used requiring testing, along with proposed mix designs.
- B. Cooperate with laboratory personnel, and provide access to the Work.
- C. Provide incidental labor and facilities:
 - 1. To provide access to Work to be tested.
 - 2. To obtain and handle samples at the site or at source of products to be tested.
 - 3. To facilitate tests.
 - 4. To provide storage and curing of test samples.
- D. Notify Engineer and laboratory 48 hours prior to expected time for operations requiring testing services.

- E. Arrange with laboratory and pay for additional samples and tests required by Contractor beyond specified requirements.

1.11 SCHEDULE OF TESTS

Section	Test	Frequency	Date	Performed By	Notes
03 00 00 – Concrete (As Required by Sign Designer)					
03 30 00 – Cast-in-Place Concrete (As Required by Sign Designer)					
31 00 00 – Earthwork					
	Compaction				
	Unpaved	1 test per horizontal layer per 10,000 sf of fill area			
	Proof Rolling	As necessary			

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

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SECTION 01 55 26**TRAFFIC CONTROL****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 DESCRIPTION**

- A. This section covers furnishing, installation, and maintenance of all traffic control devices, portable signal equipment, warning signs, and temporary traffic lanes used during construction of the project.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 31 00 00 – Earthwork

1.3 RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The Contractor shall furnish, install, and maintain all necessary automated signals, barricades, concrete traffic barriers, warning signs, traffic barriers, traffic lanes, and other protective devices. Ownership of these temporary warning devices shall remain with the Contractor provided devices are removed promptly after completion and acceptance of work to which devices pertain. If such warning devices are left in place for more than 30 days after specified time for removal, Owner shall have the right to remove such devices and to claim possession thereof.

1.4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Lump sum – payment shall be provided to encompass all scopes within the contract.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS**2.1 MATERIALS**

- A. All barricades signs, and traffic control signal devices shall conform to requirements of the current Georgia Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices except as may be modified in these project specifications.
- B. Portable traffic control signal devices, barricades, signs and other Control Devices shall be either new or in acceptable condition when first erected on Project and shall remain in acceptable condition throughout the construction period.
- C. All signs shall have a black legend and border on an orange reflectorized background and will be a minimum of engineering grade reflective.

PART 3 – EXECUTION**3.1 ERECTION**

- A. Prior to commencement of any actual construction on the project, Contractor shall erect appropriate advance warning signs and place concrete traffic barriers where necessary. Subsequently, as construction progresses and shifts from one side of road to the other, temporary lanes must be installed to provide continuous two way traffic and bike thoroughfare. All appropriate signs and traffic control devices pertinent to the work shall be erected ahead of construction site to advise and warn travelling public of activity and any necessary detours.

3.2 DELAYS TO TRAFFIC

- A. Except in rare and unusual circumstances, two-way traffic shall be maintained at all times by temporary and/or permanent roads. There are to be no traffic delays during the hours between 7 AM – 10 AM and 4 PM – 10 PM. Between the hours of 10 AM and 4 PM the maximum delay is to be 15-minutes.
- B. When traffic is halted temporarily due to transition procedures including the ingress and egress of construction vehicles, Contractor shall provide necessary flagging personnel with proper equipment and clothing to hold such traffic.
- C. If Contractor's proposed traffic control plan involves more than occasional disruption to alternating one way traffic through the work, then temporary, signalized control equipment will be required.

3.3 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC LANES

- A. Two-lane traffic shall be maintained at all times unless prior written permission has been given and all necessary flagging personnel and/or signage has been installed. Temporary lane line stripes shall be applied to the detour paving, as agreed to by Engineer and Owner's representative. The no-passing double center-line stripes shall be yellow. Such stripes shall be a temporary, degradable, reflectorized tape strip. All temporary striping shall be maintained throughout the period traffic control is needed.
- B. Contractor is responsible for installation and removal of all temporary roads and trails throughout the construction process. These detour roads are to be in accordance with the Pavement Specifications herein.

3.4 SIGNS AND BARRICADES

- A. Contractor shall provide a detailed map showing location and verbiage of all traffic control signs and methods for the project. All critical warning signs for the project will be a minimum of engineering grade reflective material and include appropriate flashing lights.
- B. Appropriate Safety Barricades shall be installed between bicycle trails, sidewalks, and the temporary traffic lanes. These barricades shall be impact resistant for passenger vehicles with a travelling speed of 40 mph.
 - 1. Advance warning signs: These signs shall be placed approximately 500 feet in advance of the construction site and detour on each approach to the construction area with subsequent warning signs every 250 feet, until construction site is met.

2. Road Construction Signs: Before and during construction of the detour, advance road construction signs shall be located as already stated above. The construction site detour lanes will have reflective trestle type barricade with flashing lights spaced a maximum of 25 feet apart to delineate each side of any temporary roadway. Additional signage shall be placed to indicate a reduced speed limit of 10 mph for the entire construction area. Other signs as appropriate to a particular activity in the work area shall be erected in advance of that activity.
3. Barricades: While detour is open to traffic, a line of concrete traffic barricades shall be placed across the closed roadway to channelize traffic onto detour. They shall be spaced across the blocked roadway end to end so no vehicle will be able to pass between any two adjacent barricades.
4. Barriers: Shall be wooden having a minimum of three horizontal 6 inch rails spaced 20 inches on center. Markings for barrier rails shall be 6 inches wide alternate orange and white reflectorized stripes sloping downward at 45 degrees in the direction traffic is to pass.

During hours of darkness, the Contractor shall place and maintain flashing warning lights on tops of all barriers.
5. Direction Arrow Signs: At each change in traffic direction along the detour, Contractor shall install a sign with an arrow indicating change in traffic direction. This sign is to be located across the pavement from and facing on-coming traffic.
6. End Construction Sign: This sign shall be 60 inches x 24 inches and erected approximately 200 feet beyond end of construction area on the right-hand side.

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SECTION 01 56 39**TEMPORARY TREE AND PLANT PROTECTION****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Contractor shall provide at least one person who shall be present at all times during planting and pruning, thoroughly familiar with types of plants and trees involved and direct the digging, cutting, planting and maintenance of designated plant and tree materials.

Qualifications: Repair of tree damage shall be completed or supervised by a tree surgeon who is a member of the National Arborist Association.

Pre-Work Conference – Review on site with the Owner.

(Note: No trees are to be removed as part of this project. All trees at the project site are to remain and are designated as "SPECIMEN.")

1.2 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Payment for protective tree fencing will be at the contract price per linear foot. Payment shall include the cost of all materials and labor necessary to complete the work as detailed on the construction drawings.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS**2.1 MATERIALS**

- A. Provide tree protection materials as detailed on the construction drawings.

PART 3 – EXECUTION**3.1 PROTECTION OF SPECIMEN TREES**

- A. Any irreparable damage to roots, trunk or bark, or any unauthorized cutting or pruning of limbs to trees designated by the Owner as "specimen" will result in a fine. This fine shall be levied through the Application for Payment as retainage and shall be used to supplement "specimen" with tree of similar value and/or to perform extensive "state of the art" tree surgery in an attempt to save the tree.

3.2 METHODS OF PROTECTION

- A. Use the following method to protect specimen trees. Actual determination of extent and combination of methods shall be determined on site.

- B. Temporary Fence Enclosures: Construct protective fencing where indicated on the construction drawings. Protective fencing shall be installed a minimum of three feet beyond the dripline. No grading, trenching, pruning, or storage of materials shall be allowed inside this area.

3.3 REPAIR OF TREES INJURED DURING CONSTRUCTION

- A. Repair damaged trees promptly to prevent progressive deterioration caused by damage.

Repair to trees damaged during construction according to standard arborcultural techniques recognized by International Society of Arboriculture.

Remove trees damaged beyond satisfactory repair as determined by Owner. Refer to FINES AND MITIGATION in this section for loss of specimen trees.

Temporarily cover roots exposed during construction with wet burlap to prevent roots from drying out. Cover roots with earth as soon as possible.

- B. Roots Cut During Construction: Coat roots 1 1/2 inches diameter or larger with antiseptic paint.

3.4 FINES

- A. Fine values for designated "**SPECIMEN**" vegetation shall be determined by the following:

<u>Caliper</u>	<u>Fine</u>
1" – 2"	\$ 150.00
2" – 3"	\$ 200.00
3" – 4"	\$ 250.00
4" – 5"	\$ 400.00
5" – 6"	\$ 500.00
6" – 7"	\$ 600.00
7" – 8"	\$ 750.00
8" – 11"	\$ 1,500.00
12" – 20"	\$ 2,000.00
21" & larger	\$ 2,500.00

3.5 MITIGATION

- A. Mitigation shall be in the form of tree transplantation. Plant materials shall be from off-site (for smaller sites) or from remote areas on site. Trees shall be comparable in size, form, and species to lost "specimen" tree. Tree species, size, and planting location shall be approved by the Owner and City of Pooler Park & Tree Department.

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SECTION 01 77 00
CLOSEOUT PROCEDURES

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Closeout procedures.
- B. Project record documents.
- C. Operation and maintenance data.
- D. Warranties and bonds.
- E. Maintenance service.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 01 33 00 – Submittal Procedures.
- B. Operation and Maintenance Data.
- C. Warranties.
- D. Bonds.

1.3 CLOSEOUT PROCEDURES

- A. Submit written verification Contract Documents being reviewed, Work has been observed at appropriate times, and Work is complete in accordance with Contract Documents and ready for Engineer's review.
- B. Provide submittals to Engineer required by governing or other authorities.
- C. Submit final Application for Payment identifying total adjusted Contract Sum, previous payments, and sum remaining due.

1.4 FINAL CLEANING

- A. Execute final cleanup prior to final project assessment.
- B. Remove waste and surplus materials, rubbish, and construction facilities from the site.

1.5 ADJUSTING

- A. Adjust operating products and equipment to ensure smooth and unhindered operation.

1.6 PROJECT RECORD DOCUMENTS

- A. Maintain on site one set of the following record documents; record actual revisions to the Work:
 - 1. Drawings.
 - 2. Specifications.
 - 3. Addenda.
 - 4. Change Orders and other modifications to the Contract.
 - 5. Reviewed Shop Drawings, Product Data, and Samples.
 - 6. Manufacturer's instruction for assembly, installation, and adjusting.
- B. Ensure entries are complete and accurate, enabling future reference by Owner.
- C. Store record documents separate from documents used for construction.
- D. Record information concurrent with construction progress.
- E. Equipment Specifications: Legibly mark and record at each product section description of actual products installed, including the following:
 - 1. Manufacturer's name and product model and number.
 - 2. Product substitutions or alternates utilized.
 - 3. Changes made by Addenda and modifications.
- F. Project Record Drawings and Shop Drawings: Legibly mark each item to record actual construction including:
 - 1. Measured horizontal and vertical locations of underground utilities and appurtenances, referenced to permanent surface improvements.
 - 2. Measured locations of internal utilities and appurtenances concealed in construction, referenced to visible and accessible features of the Work.
 - 3. Where proposed and existing utilities cross, the Contractor shall measure and record the horizontal location and vertical separation between each crossing. Separation shall be measured between exteriors and pipes.
 - 4. Field changes of dimension and detail.
 - 5. Details not on original Contract drawings.
 - 6. Piling data locations, tip and cut-off elevations, and driving records.
- G. Submit documents to Engineer with claim for final Application for Payment.

1.7 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DATA

- A. Submit data on 8-1/2 x 11 inch text pages, bound in D ring binders with durable plastic covers.
- B. Prepare binder cover with printed title "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS," title of project. Indicate subject matter of binder when multiple binders are required.

- C. Internally subdivide the binder contents with permanent page dividers, logically organized as described below; with tab titling clearly printed under reinforced laminated plastic tabs.
- D. Contents: Prepare a Table of Contents for each volume, with each Product or system description identified, typed on white paper, in three parts as follows:
 - 1. Part 1: Directory, listing names, addresses, and telephone numbers of Engineer, Contractor, Subcontractors, and major equipment suppliers.
 - 2. Part 2: Operation and maintenance instructions, arranged by system and subdivided by specification section. For each category, identify names, addresses, and telephone numbers of Subcontractors and suppliers. Identify the following:
 - a. Significant design criteria.
 - b. List of equipment.
 - c. Parts list for each component.
 - d. Operating instructions.
 - e. Maintenance instructions for equipment and systems.
 - f. Maintenance instructions for [special] finishes, including recommended cleaning methods and materials, and special precautions identifying detrimental agents.
 - 3. Part 3: Project documents and certificates, including the following:
 - a. Shop drawings and product data.
 - b. Air and water balance reports.
 - c. Certificates.
 - d. Originals of warranties and bonds.
- E. Submit one (1) draft copy of completed volumes 15 days with prior to final walk through. This copy will be reviewed and returned after final inspection, with Engineer comments. Revise content of all document sets as required prior to final submission.
- F. Submit two sets of revised final volumes, within 10 days after final walk through.

1.8 SPARE PARTS AND MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS

- A. Provide spare parts, maintenance, and extra products in quantities specified in individual specification sections.
- B. Deliver to City of Pooler; obtain receipt prior to final payment.

1.9 WARRANTIES AND BONDS

- A. Provide duplicate notarized copies.
- B. Execute and assemble transferable warranty documents from Subcontractors, suppliers, and manufacturers.

- C. Provide Table of Contents and assemble in three D side ring binder with durable plastic cover.
- D. Submit prior to final Application for Payment.
- E. For items of Work delayed beyond date of Substantial Completion, provide updated submittal within 10 days after acceptance, listing date of acceptance as start of warranty period.

1.10 MAINTENANCE SERVICE

- A. Furnish service and maintenance of components indicated in specification sections for 1 year from date of Substantial Completion.
- B. Examine system components at a frequency consistent with reliable operation. Clean, adjust, and lubricate as required.
- C. Include systematic examination, adjustment, and lubrication of components. Repair or replace parts whenever required. Use parts produced by the manufacturer of the original component.
- D. Maintenance service shall not be assigned or transferred to any agent or Subcontractor without prior written consent of the Owner.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

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SECTION 01 78 23**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DATA****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Format and content of manuals.
- B. Instruction of Owner's personnel.
- C. Schedule of submittals.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 01 33 00 – Submittal Procedures: Shop drawings, product data, and samples.
- B. Section 01 45 00 – Quality Control.
- C. Section 01 77 00 – Closeout Procedures: Project record documents.
- D. Section 01 78 33 – Bonds.
- E. Section 01 78 36 – Warranties.
- F. Individual Specifications Sections: Specific requirements for operation and maintenance data.

1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Prepare instructions and data by personnel experienced in maintenance and operation of described products.

1.4 FORMAT

- A. Prepare data in the form of an instructional manual.
- B. Binders: Commercial quality, 8-1/2 x 11 three D side ring binders with durable plastic covers; 2 maximum ring size. When multiple binders are used, correlate data into related consistent groupings.
- C. Cover: Identify each binder with typed or printed title OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS; identify title of Project; identify subject matter of contents.
- D. Provide tabbed dividers for each separate product and system, with typed description of product and major component parts of equipment.

- E. Text: Manufacturer's printed data, or typewritten data on 24 pound paper.
- F. Drawings: Provide with reinforced punched binder tab. Bind in with text; fold larger drawings to size of text pages.
- G. Arrange content by under section numbers and sequence of Table of Contents of this Project Manual.

1.5 CONTENTS OF EACH VOLUME

- A. Table of Contents: Provide title of Project; names, addresses, and telephone numbers of Architect/Engineer, Subconsultants, and Contractor with name of responsible parties; schedule of products and systems, indexed to content of the volume.
- B. For Each Product or System: List names, addresses and telephone numbers of Subcontractors and suppliers, including local source of supplies and replacement parts.
- C. Product Data: Mark each sheet to clearly identify specific products and component parts, and data applicable to installation. Delete inapplicable information.
- D. Drawings: Supplement product data to illustrate relations of component parts of equipment and systems, to show control and flow diagrams. Do not use Project Record Documents as maintenance drawings.
- E. Typed Text: As required to supplement product data. Provide logical sequence of instructions for each procedure, incorporating manufacturer's instructions.
- F. Warranties: Bind in copy of each.
- G. Bonds: Bind in original of each.

1.6 MANUAL FOR MATERIALS AND FINISHES

- A. Building Products, Applied Materials, and Finishes: Include product data, with catalog number, size, composition, and color and texture designations. Provide information for re-ordering custom manufactured Products.
- B. Instructions for Care and Maintenance: Include manufacturer's recommendations for cleaning agents and methods, precautions against detrimental agents and methods, and recommended schedule for cleaning and maintenance.
- C. Moisture Protection and Weather Exposed Products: Include product data listing applicable reference standards, chemical composition, and details of installation. Provide recommendations for inspections, maintenance, and repair.
- D. Additional Requirements: As specified in individual Product specification sections.

- E. Provide a listing in Table of Contents for design data, with tabbed fly sheet and space for insertion of data.

1.7 MANUAL FOR EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

- A. Each Item of Equipment and Each System: Include description of unit or system, and component parts. Identify function, normal operating characteristics, and limiting conditions. Include performance curves, with engineering data and tests, and complete nomenclature and model number of replaceable parts.
- B. Panelboard Circuit Directories: Provide electrical service characteristics, controls, and communications; typed.
- C. Include color-coded wiring diagrams as installed.
- D. Operating Procedures: Include start-up, break-in, and routine normal operating instructions and sequences. Include regulation, control, stopping, shut-down, and emergency instructions. Include summer, winter, and any special operating instructions.
- E. Maintenance Requirements: Include routine procedures and guide for preventative maintenance and trouble shooting; disassembly, repair, and reassembly instructions; and alignment, adjusting, balancing, and checking instructions.
- F. Provide servicing and lubrication schedule, and list of lubricants required.
- G. Include manufacturer's printed operation and maintenance instructions.
- H. Include sequence of operation by controls manufacturer.
- I. Provide original manufacturer's parts list, illustrations, assembly drawings, and diagrams required for maintenance.
- J. Provide control diagrams by controls manufacturer as installed.
- K. Provide Contractor's coordination drawings, with color coded piping diagrams as installed.
- L. Provide charts of valve tag numbers, with location and function of each valve, keyed to flow and control diagrams.
- M. Provide list of original manufacturer's spare parts, current prices, and recommended quantities to be maintained in storage.
- N. Include test and balancing reports.
- O. Additional Requirements: As specified in individual product specification sections.

- P. Provide a listing in Table of Contents for design data, with tabbed dividers and space for insertion of data.

1.8 INSTRUCTION OF OWNER PERSONNEL

- A. Before final walk through, instruct Owner's designated personnel in operation, adjustment, and maintenance of products, equipment, and systems, at agreed upon times.
- B. For equipment requiring seasonal operation, perform instructions for other seasons within six months.
- C. Use operation and maintenance manuals as basis for instruction. Review contents of manual with personnel in detail to explain all aspects of operation and maintenance.
- D. Prepare and insert additional data in Operation and Maintenance Manual when need for such data becomes apparent during instruction.

1.9 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit two copies of preliminary draft or proposed formats and outlines of contents before start of Work. Architect/Engineer will review draft and return one copy with comments.
- B. For equipment, or component parts of equipment put into service during construction and operated by Owner, submit documents within ten days after acceptance.
- C. Submit 1 copy of completed volumes 15 days prior to final walk through. This copy will be reviewed and returned, with Architect/Engineer comments. Revise content of all document sets as required prior to final submission.
- D. Submit two sets of revised final volumes in final form within 10 days after final walk through.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

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PART 2 – PRODUCTS

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PART 3 – EXECUTION

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SECTION 01 78 33**BONDS****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Preparation and submittal of bonds.
- B. Time and schedule of submittals.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 00 11 16 – Invitation to Bid, and Section 00 21 13 – Instruction to Bidders, Bid bonds.
- B. Document General Conditions – EJCDC: Performance bond and labor and material payment bonds.
- C. Section 01 77 00 –Closeout Procedures: Contract closeout procedures.
- D. Section 01 78 23 – Operation and Maintenance Data.
- E. Individual Specifications Sections: Bonds required for specific Products or Work.

1.3 FORM OF SUBMITTALS

- A. Bind in commercial quality, 8-1/2 x 11 three D side ring binders with durable plastic covers; 2 maximum ring size. When multiple binders are used, correlate data into related consistent groupings.
- B. Cover: Identify each binder with typed or printed title BONDS with title of Project; name, address and telephone number of Contractor; and name of responsible company principal.
- C. Table of Contents: Neatly typed, in the sequence of the Table of Contents of the Project Manual, with each item identified with the number and title of the specification section in which specified, and the name of Product or work item.
- D. Separate each bond with index tab sheets keyed to the Table of Contents listing. Provide full information, using separate typed sheets as necessary. List Subcontractor, supplier, and manufacturer, with name, address, and telephone number of responsible principal.

1.4 PREPARATION OF SUBMITTALS

- A. Obtain bonds executed in duplicate by responsible Subcontractors, suppliers, and manufacturers, within ten days after completion of the applicable item of work. Except for items put into use with Owner's permission, leave date of beginning of time of bond until the Date of Substantial completion is determined.

- B. Verify documents are in proper form, contain full information, and are notarized.
- C. Co-execute submittals when required.
- D. Retain bonds until time specified for submittal.

1.5 TIME OF SUBMITTALS

- A. For equipment or component parts of equipment put into service during construction with Owner's permission, submit documents within ten days after acceptance.
- B. Make other submittals within ten days after Date of Substantial Completion, prior to final Application for Payment.
- C. For items of Work for which acceptance is delayed beyond Date of Substantial Completion, submit within ten days after acceptance, listing the date of acceptance as the beginning of the bond period.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

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SECTION 01 78 36**WARRANTIES****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Preparation and submittal of warranties.
- B. Time and schedule of submittals.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. General Conditions – EJCDC: Warranties and correction of work.
- B. Section 01 77 00 – Closeout Procedures: Contract closeout procedures.
- C. Section 01 78 23 – Operation and Maintenance Data.
- D. Individual Specifications Sections: Warranties required for specific Products or Work.

1.3 FORM OF SUBMITTALS

- A. Bind in commercial quality 8–1/2 x 11 binders with durable plastic covers.
- B. Cover: Identify each binder with typed or printed title WARRANTIES with title of Project; name, address and telephone number of Contractor and name of responsible company principal.
- C. Table of Contents: Neatly typed, in the sequence of the Table of Contents of the Project Manual, with each item identified with the number and title of the specification section in which specified, and the name of Product or work item.
- D. Separate each warranty with index tab sheets keyed to the Table of Contents listing. Provide full information, using separate typed sheets as necessary. List Subcontractor, supplier, and manufacturer, with name, address, and telephone number of responsible principal.

1.4 PREPARATION OF SUBMITTALS

- A. Obtain warranties executed in duplicate by responsible Subcontractors, suppliers, and manufacturers, within ten days after completion of the applicable item of work. Except for items put into use with Owner's permission, leave date of beginning of time of warranty until the Date of Substantial completion is determined.
- B. Verify documents are in proper form, contain full information, and are notarized.
- C. Co-execute submittals when required.

- D. Retain warranties until time specified for submittal.

1.5 TIME OF SUBMITTALS

- A. For equipment or component parts of equipment put into service during construction with Owner's permission, submit documents within ten days after acceptance.
- B. Make other submittals within ten days after Date of Substantial Completion, prior to final Application for Payment.
- C. For items of Work for which acceptance is delayed beyond Date of Substantial Completion, submit within ten days after acceptance, listing the date of acceptance as the beginning of the warranty period.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

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- A. Grading
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- I. Testing

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 01 45 00 – Quality Control
- B. Section 01 45 23 – Testing and Inspecting Services
- C. Section 31 10 00 – Site Clearing

1.3 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Grading to subgrades, construction of ditches, dressing of disturbed areas, removing and replacing topsoil, excavating, backfilling and compacting to required elevations, testing, staking, and construction supervision shall be included in the contract lump sum price for "Grading."
- B. Unsuitable Material – Payment will be made on a contract unit price for each cubic yard removed. Payment will include excavation and disposal of unsuitable material.
- C. Borrow – Payment will be made on a contract unit price for each cubic yard in place. Payment will include furnishing materials required in excess of suitable materials available on site.
- D. Earthwork – All earthwork associated with the installation of bulkheads, headwalls, wingwalls, weir structures, drainage filters, rip-rap, etc. shall not be measured for

direct payment. Payment for the earthwork shall be included in the item to which it pertains.

- E. Dewatering – No direct payment shall be made for dewatering. Dewatering shall be included in the item to which it pertains.
- F. Proof Rolling – Payment will be made at the contract unit price. Payment will include furnishing a loaded truck, truck driver, fuel and rolling the designated areas.
- G. Lagoon Excavation – Payment will be made at the contract unit price for each cubic yard of soil excavated. Payment will include excavation, grading banks and underwater slopes to plan grade, disposal of material on site as directed by the Owner, or off site at the Contractor's expense and all equipment and labor necessary to complete the lagoon or excavation.

1.4 REFERENCES (LATEST REVISION)

- A. ASTM D 448 – Sizes of Aggregate for Road and Bridge Construction.
- B. ASTM D 1557 – Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Modified Effort.
- C. ASTM D 2487 – Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System).
- D. ASTM D 3740 – Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction.
- E. ASTM D 6938 – In-Place Density and Water Content of Soil and Soil-Aggregate by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth).
- F. ASTM E 329 – Agencies Engaged in Construction Inspection, Testing, or Special Inspection.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Section 01 33 00 – Submittal Procedures: Procedures for submittals.
- B. Materials Source: Submit gradation analysis, proctor results, and soil classification for all borrow material.

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Perform work in accordance with Federal, State of Georgia, Municipality of Pooler, standards.

1.7 TESTING

- A. Laboratory tests for moisture density relationship for fill materials shall be in accordance with ASTM D 1557, (Modified Proctor).

- B. In place density tests in accordance with ASTM D 6938.
- C. Testing laboratory shall operate in accordance with ASTM D 3740 and E 329 and be acceptable to the Engineer.
- D. The testing laboratory and Project Engineer/Project Representative shall be given a minimum of 48 hours notice prior to taking any of the tests.
- E. Owner shall select and engage the testing laboratory. Testing laboratory shall be responsible to the Owner and Owner's Engineer. Payment for laboratory and all tests shall be by the Owner, except Owner specifically reserves the right to deduct from Contractor's payment, expenses and charges of testing laboratory when:
 - 1. Contractor gives notice the work is ready for inspection and testing, and fails to be ready for the test, and/or
 - 2. Testing of the Contractor's work, products or materials fail, and retesting is required, and/or
 - 3. Contractor abuses the services or interferes with the work of the testing laboratory in the conduct of this work.
- F. Test results shall be furnished to the Engineer prior to continuing with associated or subsequent work.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

- A. Borrow shall consist of sand or sand-clay soils capable of being readily shaped and compacted to the required densities, and shall be reasonably free of roots, trash, rock larger than 2 inches, and other deleterious material.
- B. All soils used for structural fills shall have a PI (plastic index) of less than 10, and a LL (liquid limit) of less than 30. Fill soils shall be dried or wetted to appropriate moisture contents prior to compaction. Additionally, fill soils used for the top 2 feet of fill beneath roads and parking lots shall have no more than 15% passing the # 200 sieve. Fill soils used for house lots shall have no more than 25% passing the # 200 sieve.
- C. Contractor shall furnish all borrow material.
- D. Contractor shall be responsible for and bear all expenses in developing borrow sources including securing necessary permits, drying the material, haul roads, clearing, grubbing, excavating the pits, placing, compaction and restoration of pits and haul roads to a condition satisfactory to property owners and in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

2.2 SOURCE QUALITY CONTROL

- A. If tests indicate materials do not meet specified requirements, change material and retest.
- B. Provide materials of each type from same source throughout the Work.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 TOPSOIL

- A. Contractor shall strip topsoil and stockpile on site at a location determined by the Owner at the Contractor's expense.
- B. Topsoil shall be placed to a depth of 4 inches over all disturbed or proposed landscaped areas.
- C. Topsoil shall be provided at Contractor's expense if it is not available from site.
- D. Any remaining topsoil will be hauled off site at the Contractors expense.
- E. Do not excavate wet topsoil.

3.2 EXCAVATION

- A. Excavation is unclassified and includes excavation to subgrade elevations indicated, regardless of character of materials or obstructions encountered.
- B. Suitable excavation material shall be transported to and placed in fill areas within limits of the work.
- C. Unsuitable material encountered in areas to be paved and under building pads, shall be excavated 2 feet below final grade and replaced with suitable material from site or borrow excavations. Contractor shall notify Engineer if more than 2 feet of excavation is needed to replace unsuitable material.
- D. Unsuitable and surplus excavation material not required for fill shall be disposed of off site.
- E. Proper drainage, including sediment and erosion control, shall be maintained at all times. Methods shall be in accordance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System standards and other local, state, and federal regulations.
- F. Unsuitable materials as stated herein are defined as highly plastic clay soils, of the CH and MH designation, border line soils of the SC-CH description, and organic soils of the OL and OH description based on the Unified Soils Classification System. Further, any soils for the top two feet of pavement subbase shall have no more than 15% passing the # 200 sieve.

3.3 GROUND SURFACE PREPARATION FOR FILL

- A. All vegetation, roots, brush, heavy sods, heavy growth of grass, decayed vegetable matter, rubbish, and other unsuitable material within the areas to be filled shall be stripped and removed prior to beginning the fill operation.

- B. Sloped ground surfaces steeper than 1 vertical to 4 horizontal, on which fill is to be placed shall be plowed, stepped, or benched, or broken up as directed, in such a manner where fill material will bond with the existing surface.
- C. Surfaces on which fill is to be placed and compacted shall be wetted or dried as may be required to obtain the specified compaction.

3.4 FILL

- A. Shall be placed in successive horizontal layers 8 inches to 12 inches in loose depth for the full width of the cross-section and compacted as required.

3.5 FINISHED GRADING

- A. All areas covered by the project including excavated and filled sections and adjacent transition areas shall be smooth graded and free from irregular surface changes.
- B. Degree of finish shall be that ordinarily obtainable from either blade-grader or scraper operations, supplemented with hand raking and finishing, except as otherwise specified.
- C. Unpaved areas to within 0.1 feet of elevations shown on the drawings provided such deviation does not create low spots that do not drain.
- D. Ditches and lagoon banks shall be finished graded, dressed, and seeded within 14 calendar days of work to reduce erosion and permit adequate drainage.

3.6 DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIAL

- A. All vegetation, roots, brush, sod, broken pavements, curb and gutter, rubbish, and other unsuitable or surplus material stripped or removed from limits of construction shall be disposed of by the Contractor.

3.7 PROTECTION

- A. Graded areas shall be protected from traffic, erosion, settlement, or any washing away occurring from any cause prior to acceptance.
- B. Contractor shall be responsible for protection of below grade utilities shown on the drawings or indicated by the Owner at all times during earthwork operations.
- C. Repair or re-establishment of graded areas prior to final acceptance shall be at the Contractors expense.
- D. Site drainage shall be provided and maintained by Contractor during construction until final acceptance of the project. Drainage may be by supplemental ditching, or pumping if necessary, prior to completion of permanent site drainage.

3.8 DRAINAGE

- A. Contractor shall be responsible for providing surface drainage away from all construction areas. This shall include maintenance of any existing ditches or those constructed in the immediate vicinity of the work. Contractor shall provide proper and effective measures to prevent siltation of wetlands, streams, and ditches on both the Owner's property, and those properties downstream.

3.9 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Compaction testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM D 6938. Where tests indicate the backfill does not meet specified requirements, the backfill shall be reworked or removed and replaced, and then retested at the Contractor's expense.
- B. Unpaved areas – at least 90% of maximum laboratory density within 2% optimum moisture content unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.
- C. Paved Areas and Under Structures – top 6 inch layer of subbase to at least 98% of maximum laboratory density within 2% optimum moisture content. Layers below top 6 inches shall be compacted to 95% of maximum laboratory density within 2% optimum moisture content.
- D. Rolling and compaction equipment and methods shall be subject to acceptance by the Engineer. Acceptance in no way relieves Contractor of the responsibility to perform in correct and timely means.
- E. Number of Tests – Under paved areas, no less than one density test per horizontal layer per 5,000 square feet of subbase shall be made. In unpaved areas, no less than one density test per horizontal layer per 10,000 square feet of fill area shall be made. Under curb and gutter, no less than one density test per every 300 linear feet.

3.10 PROOF ROLLING

- A. Shall be required on the subbase of all curb and gutter and paved areas and on the base of all paved areas where designated by the Engineer. Proof rolling shall take place after all underground utilities are installed and backfilled. The operation shall consist of rolling the subbase or base with a fully loaded 10-wheeled dump truck. A full load shall consist of 10 to 12 cubic yards of soil or rock. The dump truck shall be capable of traveling at a speed of two to five miles per hour and be in sound mechanical shape with no exhaust leaks or smoking from burning oil. The Engineer shall determine number of passes and areas rolled.

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SECTION 31 10 00**SITE CLEARING****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Removal of surface debris.
- B. Removal of trees, shrubs, and other plant life.
- C. Topsoil excavation.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 31 00 00 – Earthwork.
- B. Section 01 56 39 – Temporary Tree and Plant Protection

1.3 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Site Clearing: Clearing, grubbing and other items to be removed will be included in the lump sum price in the proposal for clearing work. Includes clearing site, removing stumps, loading and removing waste materials from site.

1.4 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Conform to applicable Georgia code for environmental requirements, disposal of debris, burning debris on site, use of herbicides.
- B. Coordinate clearing Work with utility companies.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS**2.1 MATERIALS**

- A. Provide tree protection materials as detailed on the construction drawings.

PART 3 – EXECUTION**3.1 PREPARATION**

- A. Verify existing plant life designated to remain is tagged or identified.
- B. Identify a waste area for placing removed materials.

3.2 PROTECTION

- A. All trees on site will be saved except those marked specifically by the Owner's representative for removal during construction. No trees, including those marked for removal on site or any other tree, may be removed prior to the preconstruction conference. All trees not to be removed will be protected from injury to their roots and to their top to a distance three feet beyond the drip-line and no grading, trenching, pruning, or storage of materials may go in this area except as provided by an Owner's representative stakeout. Contractor will pay a penalty for any tree removed from the site that has not been marked specifically for removal. Contractor also will pay for any tree that dies due to damage during construction. This applies to all trees on site whether or not they are shown on the plans.
- B. Contractor shall not be held accountable for damages to trees resulting from placement of fill or removal of soils where such action is required by the contract documents. Any tree, the trunk of which is within 10 feet of any footing or trench, shall be exempt from these penalties except Contractor shall exercise all reasonable precautions to preserve even these trees. Contractor agrees to pay fines as established below in the event he or any of his subcontractors causes loss or removal of trees designated to be saved under provisions of this contract.

The fines are as follows:

<u>Caliper</u>	<u>Fine</u>
1" – 2"	\$ 150.00
2" – 3"	200.00
3" – 4"	250.00
4" – 5"	400.00
5" – 6"	500.00
6" – 7"	600.00
7" – 8"	750.00
8" – 11"	1,500.00
12" – 20"	2,000.00
21" & larger	\$ 2,500.00

- C. Trees shall be graded by Owner's representative as to variety, condition, and site importance, with above figures acting as a maximum fine. Lowest assessment amount shall be no less than one-half of the above fine figures.
- D. Protect benchmarks, survey control points, and existing structures from damage or displacement.
- E. Protect all remaining utilities.
- F. Clearing operations shall be conducted to prevent damage by falling trees to trees left standing, to existing structures and installations, and to those under construction, and to provide for the safety of employees and others.

3.3 CLEARING

- A. Clear areas required for access to site and execution of work. Clearing shall consist of felling and cutting trees into sections, and satisfactory disposal of trees and other vegetation designated for removal, including downed timber, snags, brush, and rubbish occurring within area to be cleared. Trees, stumps, roots, brush, and other vegetation in areas to be cleared shall be removed completely from the site, except such trees and vegetation as may be indicated or directed to be left standing. Trees designated to be left standing within cleared areas shall be trimmed of dead branches 1-1/2 inch or more in diameter. Limbs and branches to be trimmed shall be neatly cut close to the trunk of the tree or main branches. Cuts more than 1-1/2 inches in diameter shall be painted with an accepted treewound paint. Trees and vegetation to be left standing shall be protected from damage incident to clearing, grubbing, and construction operations, by the erection of timber barriers or by such other means as circumstances require. Such barriers must be placed and be checked by the OWNER before construction observations can proceed (See 3.2). Clearing shall also include removal and disposal of structures obtruding, encroaching upon, or otherwise obstructing the work.

3.4 REMOVAL

- A. Where indicated or directed, trees and stumps shall be removed from areas outside those areas designated for clearing and grubbing. Work shall include felling of such trees and removal of their stumps and roots. Trees shall be disposed of as hereinafter specified.
- B. Remove debris, rock, and other extracted plant life from site.
- C. Partially remove paving, curbs, etc.; as indicated. Neatly saw cut edges at right angle to surface.

3.5 DISPOSAL

- A. Disposal of trees, branches, snags, brush, stumps, etc., resulting from clearing and grubbing shall be the Contractor's responsibility and shall be disposed of by burning, removal from site, or a combination of both. All costs in connection with disposing of materials will be at the Contractor's expense. Material disposed of by burning shall be burned in a manner avoiding all hazards, such as damage to existing structures, construction in progress, trees, and vegetation. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with all local and State laws and regulations relative to the building of fires. Disposal by burning shall be kept under constant attendance until fires have burned out or extinguished. All liability of any nature resulting from disposal of cleared and grubbed material shall become the Contractor's responsibility. Disposal of all materials cleared and grubbed will be in accordance with rules and regulations of the State of Georgia. No material will be burned unless directed to do so by the OWNER. Contractor shall obtain a permit to burn on site from local fire department, before beginning the work.

3.6 GRUBBING

- A. Grubbing shall consist of removal and disposal of stumps, roots larger than one inch in diameter, and matted roots from designated grubbing areas. This material, together with logs and other organic or metallic debris not suitable for building of pavement subgrade or building pads, shall be excavated and removed to a depth of not less than 18 inches below original surface level of the ground in embankment areas and not less than 2 feet below finished earth surface in excavated areas. Depressions made by grubbing shall be filled with suitable material and compacted to make the surface conform to original adjacent ground.

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SECTION 31 25 00**EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROLS****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Special Conditions apply to this section.

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF WORK

- A. Extent of soil erosion control work includes all measures necessary to meet the requirements of this section.

Erosion and sediment control measures shall be installed prior to any construction activity.

Soil erosion and sediment control measures shall include all temporary and permanent means of protection and trapping soils of the construction site during land disturbing activity. Activity covered in this contract shall meet standards of NPDES General Permit for the state where work is performed.

1.3 PURPOSES

- A. Contractor is to achieve the following goals:
 - 1. Minimize soil exposure by proper timing of grading and construction.
 - 2. Retain existing vegetation whenever feasible.
 - 3. Vegetate and mulch denuded areas as soon as possible.
 - 4. Divert runoff away from denuded areas.
 - 5. Minimize length and steepness of slopes when it is practical.
 - 6. Reduce runoff velocities with sediment barriers or by increasing roughness with stone.
 - 7. Trap sediment on site.
 - 8. Inspect and maintain erosion control measures.

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Manufacturer's Qualifications: Firms regularly engaged in the manufacture of soil erosion control systems products of types and sizes required, whose materials have been in satisfactory use for not less than 5 years.

- B. Codes and Standards: Comply with all applicable Local, State, and Federal Standards pertaining to soil erosion control.

- C. The 24-hour contact for erosion and sedimentation control measures is:

Name: City of Pooler

Address: 100 US-80 Pooler, GA 31322

Phone: 912-748-7261

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's technical product data and installation instruction for soil erosion control materials and products.

1.6 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Grassing – Payment for permanent or temporary grassing will be made at the contract unit price. Payment shall include all equipment, labor, materials, and maintenance necessary to establish a stand of grass.
- B. Silt Fence – Payment will be made at the contract unit price. Payment shall include all equipment, labor, materials, and maintenance necessary to install and keep silt fence functioning properly.
- C. Ditch Check – Payment will be made at the contract unit price. Payment shall include all equipment, labor, materials, and maintenance necessary to install and keep ditch check functioning properly.
- D. Rip-Rap – Payment will be made at the contract unit price. Payment shall include all equipment, labor, materials, and maintenance necessary to install rip-rap per the construction drawings.
- E. Construction Exit – Payment will be made at the contract unit price. Payment shall include all equipment, labor, materials, and maintenance necessary to install and keep construction exit functioning properly.
- F. Inlet Protection – Payment will be made at the contract unit price. Payment shall include all equipment, labor, materials, and maintenance necessary to install and keep inlet protection functioning properly.
- G. Dust Control – There will be no separate payment for dust control. Any costs connected thereto shall be a subsidiary responsibility of the Contractor.
- H. Tree Protection Fencing - Payment will be made at the contract unit price. Payment shall include all equipment, labor, materials, and maintenance necessary to install and keep silt fence functioning properly.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.1 GRASSING MATERIALS

- A. Refer to Section 32 92 00 – Turf and Grasses.
1. General: All grass seed shall be free from noxious weeds, grade A recent crop, recleaned and treated with appropriate fungicide at time of mixture. Deliver to site in original sealed containers with dealer's guarantee as to year grown, percentage of purity, percentage of germination and date of the test by which percentages of purity and germination were determined. All seed sown shall have a date of test within six months of the date of sowing.
 2. Type of Seed: Either Annual Rye or Common Bermuda Grass seed will be used depending on time of year in which seeding is to occur.
 3. Mulch: Straw.
 4. Fertilizer: Commercial balanced 4-12-12 fertilizer.

2.2 HAY BALES

- A. Standard size, densely baled straw or hay, wrapped with synthetic or wire bands (two minimum per bale).

2.3 SILT FENCE

- A. Silt fence shall be a woven geotextile fabric sheet. Fabric shall be a synthetic polymer composed of at least 85% by weight propylene, ethylene, amide, ester, or vinylidene chloride, and shall contain stabilizer and/or inhibitors added to the base plastic to make filaments resistant to deterioration due to ultra-violet and/or heat exposure. Fabric should be finished so the filaments will retain their relative position with respect to each other. Fabric shall be free of defects, rips, holes, or flaws.

Fabric shall meet the following requirements:

Woven Fabrics	
Grab Strength	90 lbs.
Burst Strength	175 PSI
UV Resistance	80%

2.4 CHEMICALS FOR DUST CONTROL

- A. Calcium Chloride, Anionic Asphalt Emulsion, latex Emulsion or Resin-in-Water Emulsion may be used for dust control.

2.5 RIP-RAP

- A. Shall be hard quarry or field stone of such quality the pieces will not disintegrate on exposure to water, sunlight, or weather. Stone shall range in weight from a minimum of 25 pounds to a maximum of 125 pounds. At least 50 percent of the stone shall weigh more than 60 pounds. The stone shall have a minimum dimension of 12 inches.

2.6 PRODUCT REVIEW

- A. Contractor shall provide the Engineer with a complete description of all products before ordering. Engineer will review all products before they are ordered.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 GENERAL

- A. All disturbed soil areas except those to support paving shall be graded and protected from erosion by grassing. Disturbed areas must be grassed within 14 days of work ending unless work is to begin again before 21 days. Storm water conveyance systems shall have sediment barriers installed at all entrances, intersections, change in direction and discharge points.

3.2 GRASSING

- A. Refer to Section 32 92 00 – Turf and Grasses.

3.3 SEDIMENT BARRIERS

- A. Hay Bales for Sheet Flow Applications:
 1. Excavate a 4 inch deep trench the width of a bale and length of proposed barrier. Barrier should be parallel to the slope. Place barrier 5 to 6 feet away from toe of slope, unless otherwise instructed.
 2. Place bales in the trench with their ends tightly abutting. Corner abutment is not acceptable. A tight fit is important to prevent sediment from escaping through spaces between the bales.
 3. Backfill the trench with previously excavated soil and compact it. Backfill soil should conform to ground level on downhill side of barrier and should be built up to 4 inches above ground on uphill side of bales.
 4. Inspect and repair or replace damaged bales promptly. Remove hay bales when uphill sloped areas have been permanently stabilized.
- B. Rock Ditch Check
 1. Excavate a 6 inch deep trench the width and length of proposed barrier. Install a non-woven geotextile fabric in the trench before placing rock for the ditch check.

2. The body of the ditch check shall be constructed of 12 inch rip-rap. The upstream face may be covered with 1-inch washed stone.
3. Ditch checks shall not exceed a height of 2 feet at centerline of the channel and have a minimum top flow length of 2 feet.
4. Rip-rap shall be placed over the channel banks to prevent water from flowing around ditch check. Rock must be installed by hand or mechanical placement (no dumping of rock) to achieve complete coverage of the ditch and ensure the center of the check is lower than the edges.
5. The maximum spacing between ditch checks shall be where the toe of the upstream check is at the same elevation as the top of the downstream check.
6. Contractor shall maintain ditch checks as required by State regulations.

3.4 SILT FENCE

- A. Silt fence shall be placed at approximate location shown and installed in accordance with the detail on the construction drawings. Contractor shall maintain silt fence as required by state regulations.

3.5 DUST CONTROL

- A. Dust raised from vehicular traffic will be controlled by wetting down access road with water or by the use of a deliquescent chemical, such as calcium chloride, if relative humidity is over 30%. Chemicals shall be applied in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. Contractor shall use all means necessary to control dust on and near the work, or off-site borrow areas when dust is caused by operations during performance of work or if resulting from the condition in which any subcontractor leaves the site. Contractor shall thoroughly treat all surfaces required to prevent dust from being a nuisance to the public, neighbors, and concurrent performance of work on site.

3.6 SEDIMENT BASIN

- A. A sediment basin equal in volume to 3,600 cubic feet per disturbed acre is required. The sediment basin/lagoon adjacent to the outfall for the site shall be constructed and stabilized prior to any additional land disturbed activity.

3.7 RIP-RAP

- A. Rip-Rap shall be placed at the locations shown and installed in accordance with the detail on the construction drawings.

3.8 CONSTRUCTION EXIT

- A. Construct exit at the location shown per detail on the construction drawings. Contractor shall maintain construction exit as required by state regulations.

3.9 INLET PROTECTION

- A. Install inlet protection per detail on the construction drawings. Contractor shall maintain inlet protection as required by state regulations until all disturbed surfaces are stabilized.

END OF SECTION

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SECTION 31 25 00GA**EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROLS (GA)****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Soil erosion, sediment, and pollution control measures shall include all temporary and permanent means of soil protection, trapping soils and containment of pollutants on the construction site during land disturbing activities. Activities covered in this section are regulated by the Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia (latest revision) and Georgia's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES), General Permit No. GAR100001.
- B. Reporting
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1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 31 00 00 – Earthwork
- B. Section 31 10 00 – Site Clearing
- C. Section 33 10 00 – Water Utilities
- D. Section 33 30 00 – Sanitary Sewerage Utilities
- E. Section 33 40 00 – Storm Drainage Utilities

1.3 PURPOSES

- A. The purpose of this section is to achieve the following goals:
 - 1. Minimize soil exposure by proper timing of clearing grading and construction.
 - 2. Retain existing vegetation whenever feasible.
 - 3. Vegetate and mulch disturbed areas as soon as possible.
 - 4. Divert runoff away from disturbed areas.
 - 5. Minimize length and steepness of slopes when it is practical.
 - 6. Reduce runoff velocities with check dams or surface roughing.
 - 7. Trap sediment on site.
 - 8. Inspect and maintain erosion, sedimentation, and pollution control measures.

9. Report on condition of Best Management Practices (BMPs).
10. Sample site run off per Georgia's NPDES Permit.

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Manufacturer's Qualifications: Firms regularly engaged in manufacture of soil erosion, sedimentation and pollution control systems products of types, materials, and sizes required, whose products have been in satisfactory use in similar service for not less than 5 years.

Codes and Standards: Comply with all applicable Local, State, and Federal Standards pertaining to soil erosion, sedimentation, and pollution control.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's technical product data and installation instruction for soil erosion, sedimentation and pollution control materials and products.

1.6 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. No unit measurements will be made for soil erosion control. Payment will be made at the lump sum price as shown on the bid proposal. The cost of soil erosion control shall include all equipment, labor, maintenance, monitoring, reporting, and materials necessary to comply with the State of Georgia NPDES Permit.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.1 VEGETATIVE MATERIALS

- A. Mulch
 1. Dry straw or hay.
 2. Wood chips, sawdust or bark.
 3. Cutback asphalt.
- B. Temporary Seeding
 1. Annual Ryegrass
 2. Browntop Millet
- C. Permanent Seeding
 1. Common Bermuda

- 2. Centipede
- D. Sod
 - 1. Common Bermuda
 - 2. Centipede
 - 3. St. Augustine
- E. Fertilizer
 - 1. Commercial 6-12-12

2.2 STRUCTURAL MATERIALS

- A. Check Dam
 - 1. Stone (2" – 10")
 - 2. Bales of densely baled hay or straw wrapped with synthetic or wire bands (two minimum per bale).
- B. Construction Exit
 - 1. Minimum 20' x 50' x 0.5' layer of 1.5" to 3.5" stone with a geotextile underliner.
- C. Filter Ring
 - 1. Minimum 2' high stone ring. Stone shall be no smaller than 3" to 5" when utilized at storm drain inlets and pond outlets with pipe diameters less than 12".
 - 2. Minimum 2' high stone ring. Stone shall be no smaller than 10" to 15" when utilized at storm drain inlets and pond outlets with pipe diameters greater than 12".
- D. Sediment Barrier
 - 1. Bales of densely baled hay or straw wrapped with synthetic or wire bands (two minimum per bale).
 - 2. Silt Fence – Shall be a woven geotextile fabric sheet of plastic yarn composed of a long chain synthetic polymer with at least 85% by weight propylene, ethylene, amide, ester or vinylidene chloride, and shall contain stabilizers and/or inhibitors added to the base plastic to make the filaments resistant to deterioration due to ultra-violet and/or heat exposure. The fabric shall be finished so the filaments will retain their relative position with respect to each other. The fabric shall be free of defects, rips, holes, or flaws. The manufacturer shall have either an

approved color mark yarn in the fabric or label the fabricated silt fence with both the manufacturer and fabric name every 100'.

The fabric shall meet the following requirements:

Grab Strength	90 lbs.
Mullen Burst Strength	150 lbs.
UV Resistance	80 %

E. Inlet Sediment Trap

1. Silt fence (Type C) supported by steel posts.
2. Baffle Box – Constructed of 2" x 4" boards spaced a maximum of 1" apart or plywood with weep holes 2" in diameter (See detail).
3. Sod Inlet Protection – Four – 1 foot wide strips of sod on each side of the inlet (See detail).
4. Curb Inlet Protection – Eight inch concrete blocks wrapped in filter fabric, placed in front of a curb inlet.

F. Storm Drain Outlet Protection

1. Geotextile fabric equivalent to Mirafi FW700.
2. Rip-rap (See detail for size).

2.3 CHEMICAL MATERIALS

- A. Dust Control – Calcium Chloride, Anionic Asphalt Emulsion, Latex Emulsion, or Resin-in-Water Emulsion.
- B. Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) – Consult state and local laws concerning the regulations of this chemical.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 GENERAL

- A. All disturbed soil areas except those to support paving shall be graded and protected from erosion with vegetative materials. Sedimentation discharge from the construction site into natural drainage ways and storm drainage systems shall be prevented by means of vegetative measures and temporary structural practices. These vegetative measures and structural practices are known as Best Management Practices (BMPs). Rainfall, pollution control measures, and construction exit condition shall be monitored and reported on each day when construction activities take place. Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be monitored and reported on every seven days and within 24 hours of a qualifying rainfall event of 0.5 inches or more. Sampling of construction site discharging water shall be sampled within 45 minutes of a qualifying rainfall event

and analyzed immediately or no later than 48 hours after collection. The above reports shall be submitted to the Georgia EPD by the fifteenth day of the month following the reporting period.

- B. The Contractor (Operator) is considered a "Primary Permittee" and shall submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) in accordance with General Permit No. GAR100001, at least 14 days prior to the commencement of construction activities. Contractor shall retain a copy of the Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Plan and Comprehensive Monitoring Program required by above permit at construction site or be readily available at a designated alternate location from date of project initiation to date of final stabilization. Copies of all Notice of Intent, Notice of Termination, plans, monitoring reports and all other records required by above permit shall be retained by Contractor for a period of at least three years from date the site is finally stabilized. Copies of Notice of Intent (NOI), Notice of Termination (NOT) and General Permit Number GAR100001 are found at the end of this section.

3.2 ON-SITE OBSERVATION

- A. Engineer is required by General Permit No. GAR100001 to check the installation of Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control measures within one week after initial construction activities commence. The Contractor shall notify Engineer within 24 hours of control measures installation for the above site visit. Engineer, within the above parameters, shall check subsequent installation of control measures.

3.3 VEGETATIVE PRACTICES

- A. Mulch
 - 1. Dry straw or hay shall be applied at a depth of 2 to 4 inches by hand or mechanical equipment providing complete soil coverage. Straw or hay shall be anchored immediately after application. Straw or hay can be anchored with a disk harrow, packer disk or emulsified asphalt.
 - 2. Wood chips, sawdust, or bark shall be applied at a depth of 2 to 3 inches by hand or mechanical equipment providing complete soil coverage. Netting of the appropriate size shall be used to anchor the above materials.
 - 3. Cutback asphalt shall be applied at 1,200 gallons per acre or 1/4 gallon per square yard.
- B. Seeding
 - 1. Seed shall be applied uniformly by hand, cyclone seeder, drill, cultipacker seeder, or hydraulic seeder. Drill or cultipacker seeders shall place seed 1/4" to 1/2" deep. Soil shall be raked lightly to cover seed with soil if seeded by hand.
 - 2. During times of drought, water shall be applied at a rate not causing runoff and erosion. The soil shall be thoroughly wetted to depth insuring

germination of the seed. Subsequent applications of water shall be made when needed.

3. Refer to Section 32 92 00 – Turf and Grasses for additional seeding requirements.

C. Sodding

1. Bring soil surface to final grade. Clear surface of trash, woody debris stones, and dirt clods larger than 1". Mix fertilizer into soil surface. Apply sod to soil when surface is not muddy or frozen. Lay sod with tight joints and in straight lines. Do not overlap joints. Stagger joints and do not stretch sod. On slopes steeper than 3:1, sod shall be anchored with pins or other approved methods. Installed sod shall be rolled or tamped to provide good contact between sod and soil. Irrigate sod and soil to a depth of 4" immediately after installation. Irrigation shall be used to supplement rainfall for a minimum of 2–3 weeks.
2. Refer to Section 32 92 00 – Turf and Grasses for additional sodding requirements.

3.4 STRUCTURAL MEASURES

A. Check Dam

1. Stone – Shall be constructed of graded size 2–10 inch stone underlaid with a geotextile fabric. Mechanical or hand placement shall be required to insure complete coverage of entire width of ditch or swale and center of dam is lower than edges. Sediment shall be removed when it reaches a depth of one-half the original dam height or before.
2. Haybale – Shall be staked and embedded a minimum of 4" and may be used as temporary check dams in concentrated flow areas while vegetation is becoming established. They should not be used where the drainage area exceeds one acre. Sediment shall be removed when it reaches a depth of one-half the original dam height or before.

B. Construction Exit

1. A stone stabilized pad shall be located at any point where traffic will be leaving the construction site to a public right-of-way, street, alley, sidewalk, parking area or any other area where there is a transition from bare soil to a paved area. The pad shall be constructed of 1.5" to 3.5" stone, having a minimum thickness of 6" and not less than 20' wide and 50' long. The pad shall be underlaid with a geotextile fabric. The pad shall be maintained in a condition, which will prevent tracking or flow of mud onto public rights-of-way. This may require periodic top dressing with 1.5" to 3.5" stone. All materials spilled, dropped, washed, or tracked from vehicles or site onto roadways or into storm drains must be removed immediately.

C. Filter Ring

1. Shall surround all sides of the structure receiving runoff from disturbed areas. It shall be placed a minimum of 4' from the structure. It may also be used below storm drains discharging into detention ponds, creating a centralized area for sediment accumulation. When utilized below a storm drain outlet, it shall be placed such that it does not create a condition causing water to back-up into the storm drain and inhibit the function of the storm drain system. The larger stone can be faced with smaller filter stone on the upstream side for added sediment filtering capabilities. Mechanical or hand placement of stone shall be required to uniformly surround the structure.
2. Filter ring must be kept clear of trash and debris. This requires continuous monitoring and maintenance, which includes sediment removal when one-half full. Filter rings are temporary and should be removed when the site has been stabilized.

D. Sediment Barrier

1. Hay or straw bales may be used in areas of low sheet flow rates. They shall not be use if the project duration is expected to exceed three months. Bales shall be placed in a single row, lengthwise, and embedded in the soil to a depth of 4". Bales must be securely anchored in place by stakes or bars driven through the bales or by other acceptable means to prevent displacement. Bales shall be placed so the binding wire or twine around the bale will not touch the soil. Sediment shall be removed once it has accumulated to one-half the original height of the barrier. Barriers shall remain in place until disturbed areas have been permanently stabilized. All sediment accumulated at the barrier shall be removed and properly disposed of before the barrier is removed. The slope lengths contributing runoff to a bale barrier cannot exceed those listed below.

<u>Land Slope</u> (Percent)	<u>Maximum Slope Length</u> <u>Above Bale</u> (Feet)
< 2	75
2 to 5	50
5 to 10	35
10 to 20	20
> 20	10

2. Silt fence may be used in areas of higher sheet flow rates. The drainage area shall not exceed ¼ acre for every 100' of silt fence. **Silt fence shall not be installed across streams, ditches, waterways or other concentrated flow areas.** Silt fence shall be installed according to this specification, as shown on the construction drawings or as directed by the Engineer. See details on the construction drawings for installation requirements.
 - a. Type A – A 36" wide filter fabric silt fence shall be used on construction sites where the life of the project is greater than or equal to six months.

- b. Type B – A 22" wide filter fabric silt fence shall be limited to use on minor projects, such as residential home sites or small commercial developments where permanent stabilization will be achieved in less than six months.
 - c. Type C – A 36" wide filter fabric silt fence with wire reinforcement shall be used where runoff flows or velocities are particularly high or where slopes exceed a vertical height of 10'. Along stream buffers and other sensitive areas, two rows of Type C silt fence or one row of Type C silt fence backed by hay bales shall be used.
3. Where all runoff is to be stored behind the silt fence (where no stormwater disposal system is present), the slope lengths contributing runoff to a silt fence barrier cannot exceed those listed below.

<u>Land Slope</u> (Percent)	<u>Maximum Slope Length</u> <u>Above Fence</u> (Feet)
< 2	100
2 to 5	75
5 to 10	50
10 to 20	25
> 20*	15

*In areas where the slope is greater than 20%, a flat area length of 10' between the toe of the slope and the fence shall be provided.

4. Sediment shall be removed once it has accumulated to one-half the original height of the barrier. Filter fabric shall be replaced whenever it has deteriorated to such an extent that the effectiveness of the fabric is reduced (approximately six months). Barriers shall remain in place until disturbed areas have been permanently stabilized. All sediment accumulated at the barrier shall be removed and properly disposed of before the barrier is removed.

E. Inlet Sediment Trap

- 1. Shall be installed at or around all storm drain inlets receiving runoff from disturbed areas. Sediment traps must be self draining unless they are otherwise protected in an approved manner that will not present a safety hazard. The drainage area entering the inlet sediment trap shall be no greater than one acre. Sediment traps may be constructed on natural ground surface, on an excavated surface or on machine compacted fill provided they have a non-erodible outlet.
- 2. Type C silt fence supported by steel posts may be used where the inlet drains a relatively flat area (slope no greater than 5%) and shall not apply to inlets receiving concentrated flows, such as in street or highway medians. The stakes shall be spaced evenly around the perimeter of the inlet a maximum of 3' apart and securely driven into the ground,

approximately 18" deep. The fabric shall be entrenched 12" and backfilled with crushed stone or compacted soil. Fabric and wire shall be securely fastened to the posts and fabric ends must be overlapped a minimum of 18" or wrapped together around a post to provide a continuous fabric barrier around the inlet. The trap shall be inspected daily and after each rain. Repairs are to be made as needed. Sediment shall be removed once it has accumulated to one-half the height of the trap. **Sediment shall not be washed into the inlet.** It shall be removed from the sediment trap and disposed of and stabilized so it will not enter the inlet again. When the contributing drainage area has been permanently stabilized, all materials and any sediment shall be removed and either salvaged or disposed of properly. The disturbed area shall be brought to proper grade, smoothed and compacted. Appropriately stabilize all disturbed areas around the inlet.

3. A baffle box shall be used for inlets receiving runoff with a higher volume or velocity. The box shall be constructed of 2" x 4" boards spaced a maximum of 1" apart or of plywood with weep holes 2" in diameter. The weep holes shall be placed approximately 6" on center vertically and horizontally. The entire box shall be wrapped in Type C filter fabric that is entrenched 12" and backfilled. Gravel shall be placed around the box to a depth of 2" to 4". The trap shall be inspected daily and after each rain. Repairs are to be made as needed. Sediment shall be removed once it has accumulated to one-half the height of the trap. **Sediment shall not be washed into the inlet.** It shall be removed from the sediment trap and disposed of and stabilized so it will not enter the inlet again. When the contributing drainage area has been permanently stabilized, all materials and any sediment shall be removed and either salvaged or disposed of properly. The disturbed area shall be brought to proper grade, smoothed and compacted. Appropriately stabilize all disturbed areas around the inlet.
4. Sod Inlet Protection shall be used only at the time of permanent seeding, to protect the inlet from sediment and mulch material until permanent vegetation has become established. The sod shall be placed to form a turf mat covering the soil for a distance of 4' from each side of the inlet structure. Sod strips shall be staggered so adjacent strip ends are not aligned. Re-sod areas where an adequate stand of sod is not obtained. New sod should be mowed sparingly. Grass height should not be less than 2" to 3".
5. Curb Inlet Protection shall be used on curb inlets receiving runoff from disturbed areas once pavement has been installed. Place 8" concrete blocks wrapped in filter fabric in front of the curb inlet opening. A gap of approximately 4" shall be left between the inlet filter and the inlet to allow for overflow and prevention of hazardous ponding in the roadway. **This method of inlet protection shall be removed if a safety hazard is created.** Sediment shall be removed from curb inlet protection immediately.

F. Storm Drain Outlet Protection

1. Outlet protection aprons shall be constructed at all storm drain outlets, road culverts, paved channel outlets discharging into natural or constructed channels. Apron will extend from end of the conduit, channel, or structure to the point of entry into an existing stream or publicly maintained drainage system. Apron length, width, and stone size shall conform to details on the construction drawings. Apron shall be constructed with no slope along its length. Invert elevation of the downstream end of apron shall be equal to the elevation of the receiving channel invert. There shall be no overfall at the end of apron. Apron shall be located so there are no bends in the horizontal alignment.
2. Subgrade for geotextile fabric and rip-rap shall follow required lines and grades shown on the construction drawings. Compact any subgrade fill required to the density of surrounding undisturbed material. Low areas in subgrade on undisturbed soil may also be filled by increasing rip-rap thickness. Geotextile fabric shall be protected from punching or tearing during installation. Repair any damage by removing rip-rap and placing another piece of fabric over the damaged area. All connecting joints shall overlap a minimum of 1'. If damage is extensive, replace entire geotextile fabric. Rip-rap shall be placed by equipment or hand. Minimum thickness of rip-rap shall be 1.5 times the maximum stone diameter. Immediately after construction, stabilize all disturbed areas around apron with vegetation.
3. Check outlet apron after heavy rains to see if any erosion around or below the rip-rap has taken or if stones have been dislodged. Immediately make all needed repairs to prevent further damage.

3.5 CHEMICAL MEASURES

A. Dust Control

1. Dust raised from vehicular traffic shall be controlled by wetting down roads with water or by the use of chemicals. Chemicals shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

B. Soil Binding

1. This temporary practice is intended for direct soil surface application to sites where the timely establishment of vegetation may not be feasible or where vegetative cover is absent or inadequate. **This temporary practice is not intended for application to surface waters of the state.** It is intended for application within construction storm water ditches and storm drains that feed into previously constructed sediment ponds or basins.
2. Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) is available in emulsions, powders, gel bars, and logs. It is required that other Best Management Practices be used in combination with anionic PAM. The use of seed and mulch for additional erosion protection beyond the life of anionic PAM is recommended. Use 50' setbacks when applying anionic PAM near natural water bodies. Never add water to PAM, add PAM slowly to water. If water is added to PAM, globs can form which can clog dispensers. This signifies incomplete

dissolving of PAM and therefore increases the risk of under application. Application rates shall conform to manufacturer's guidelines. **The maximum application rate of PAM, in pure form, shall not exceed 200pounds/acre/year.** Contractors using anionic PAM shall obtain and follow all Material Safety Data Sheet requirements and manufacturer's recommendations. Gel bars and logs of anionic PAM mixtures may be used in ditch systems. This application shall meet the same testing requirements as anionic PAM emulsions and powders. Maintenance will consist of reapplying anionic PAM to disturbed areas, including high traffic areas, which interfere in the performance of this practice.

3.6 MONITORING AND REPORTING

- A. Each day, when any type of construction activity takes place on the construction site, Contractor's qualified personnel shall monitor and record rainfall, inspect all areas where petroleum products are stored, used or handled for spills and leaks from vehicles and equipment and check all locations where vehicles enter or exit the site for evidence of off site sediment tracking. These inspections shall be conducted until a Notice of Termination (NOT) is submitted. For linear construction where a phased activity is conducted, this paragraph applies to the active phase(s) of work.
- B. Once every seven calendar days and within 24 hours of the end of a storm 0.5 inches or greater, Contractor's qualified personnel shall inspect disturbed areas of the construction site that have not undergone final stabilization, areas used for storage of materials that are exposed to precipitation that have not undergone final stabilization and structural control measures (BMPs). Erosion and sediment control measures identified in the Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Plan shall be observed to ensure they are operating correctly. Where discharge locations or points are accessible, they shall be inspected to ascertain whether erosion control measures are effective in preventing significant impacts to receiving water(s). These inspections must be conducted until a Notice of Termination is submitted. For linear construction where a phase activity is conducted, this paragraph applies to the active phase(s) of work.
- C. Contractor's qualified personnel shall inspect a least once per month during the term of the General Permit, areas of the construction site having undergone final stabilization. These areas shall be inspected for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system and receiving water(s). Erosion and sediment control measure shall be observed to ensure they are operating correctly. Where discharge locations or points are accessible, they shall be inspected to ascertain whether erosion control measure are effective in preventing significant impacts to receiving water(s). For linear construction, monthly inspections in accordance with this paragraph shall be made for those phases on which final stabilization has been completed.
- D. Contractor shall prepare a report summarizing the scope of inspections, name(s) of qualified personnel making the inspections, date(s) of inspections, major observations relating to the implementation of the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan and any actions taken. This report shall be retained on the construction site or be readily available at a designated alternate location until the entire site or portion of a construction project that was phased, has

undergone final stabilization and a Notice of Termination (NOT) is submitted to EPD. Such reports shall identify any incidents of non-compliance. Where the report does not identify any incidents of non-compliance, the re report shall contain a certification that the facility is in compliance with the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan and the General Permit. The report shall be signed in accordance with the General Permit.

3.7 SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

- A. Contractor must manually or automatically sample in accordance with the Comprehensive Monitoring Plan (CMP) at least once for each rainfall event described below. For a qualifying event, samples must be taken within forty-five (45) minutes of:
1. The accumulation of the minimum amount of rainfall, if the storm water discharge to a monitored receiving water or from a monitored outfall has begun at or prior to the accumulation.
 2. The beginning of any storm water discharge to a monitored receiving water or from a monitored outfall, if the discharge begins after the accumulation of the minimum amount of rainfall.

However, where manual and automatic sampling are impossible (as defined in the permit), or are beyond the Contractor's control, the Contractor shall take samples as soon as possible, but in no case more than 12 hours after the beginning of the storm water discharge.

- B. Sampling shall occur for the following events:
1. For each area of the site discharging to a receiving stream, the first rain event reaching or exceeding 0.5 inch and allows for monitoring during normal business hours* (Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. when construction activity is being conducted by the Primary permittee) occurring after all clearing and grubbing operations are completed in the drainage area of the location selected as the sampling location;
 2. In addition to (1) above, for each area of the site discharging to a receiving stream, the first rain event reaching or exceeding 0.5 inch and allows for monitoring during normal business hours* occurring either 90 days after the first sampling event or after all mass grading operations are completed in the drainage area of the location selected as the sampling location, whichever comes first.
 3. At the time of the sampling performed pursuant to (1) and (2) above, if BMPs are found to be properly designed, installed, and maintained, no further action is required. If BMPs in any area of the site discharging to a receiving stream are not properly designed, installed, and maintained, corrective action shall be defined and implemented within two business days, and turbidity samples shall be taken from discharges of the same area for each subsequent rain event reaching or exceeding 0.5 inch during normal business hours* until the selected turbidity standard is

attained, or until post-storm event inspections determine BMPs are properly designed, installed, and maintained;

4. Existing construction activities, i.e., those occurring on or before the effective date of this permit, having met the sampling required by (1) above shall sample in accordance with (2). Those existing construction activities having met the sampling required by (2) above shall not be required to conduct additional sampling other than as required by (3) above.

* Note the Permittee may choose to meet the requirements of (1) and (2) above by collecting turbidity samples from any rain event reaching or exceeding 0.5 inch and allows for monitoring at any time of the day or week.

5. For linear construction, if at any time during the life of the project, BMPs have not been properly designed, installed or maintained for the construction activities that discharge into a receiving water which is not being sampled, the Contractor shall sample that receiving water for the first rainfall event greater than or equal to 0.5 inches thereafter and for every rainfall event greater than or equal to 0.5 inches until BMPs are properly designed, installed and maintained.

- C. Sampling shall be collected by "grab samples" and the analysis of these samples must be conducted in accordance with methodology and test procedures established in the General Permit. Sample containers shall be labeled prior to collecting the samples. Samples shall be well mixed before transferring to a secondary container. Large mouth, well cleaned and rinsed glass or plastic jars shall be used for collecting samples. The jars shall be cleaned thoroughly to avoid contamination. Manual or automatic sampling shall be utilized. Samples required by the General Permit shall be analyzed immediately, but in no case later than 48 hours after collection. However, samples from automatic samplers must be collected no later than the next business day after their accumulation, unless flow through automated analysis is utilized. Samples are not required to be cooled. Samples taken for the purpose of compliance with the General Permit shall be representative of the monitored activity and representative of the water quality of the receiving water(s) and/or the storm water outfalls using the following minimum guidelines:

1. The upstream sample for each receiving water(s) must be taken immediately upstream of the confluence of the first storm water discharge from the permitted construction site but downstream of any other storm water discharges not associated with the site. Where appropriate, several upstream samples from across the receiving water(s) may need to be taken and the average turbidity of these samples used for an upstream turbidity value.
2. The downstream sample for each receiving water(s) must be taken downstream of the confluence of the last storm water discharge from the construction site but upstream of any other storm water discharge not associated with the site. Where appropriate, several downstream samples

from across the receiving water(s) may need to be taken and the average turbidity of these samples used for a downstream turbidity value.

3. Samples shall be taken from the horizontal and vertical center of the receiving water(s) or the storm water outfall channel(s).
 4. Care shall be taken to avoid stirring the bottom sediments in the receiving water(s) or in the outfall storm water channel(s).
 5. Sampling container shall be held so the opening faces upstream.
 6. Samples shall be kept from floating debris.
- D. For all construction sites and common developments other than linear construction projects, the Contractor shall sample all receiving water(s), or all outfall(s) or a combination of receiving water(s) and outfall(s). For linear construction projects, the Contractor must sample all perennial and intermittent streams and other water bodies shown on an USGS topographic map and all other field verified perennial and intermittent streams and other water bodies, or all outfalls into such streams and other water bodies, or a combination thereof.
- E. Contractor shall provide and implement all safety equipment and procedures necessary for sampling during hazardous weather conditions and in the event of biological, chemical or physical hazards
- F. Contractor shall submit a summary of the monitoring results to the EPD at the address shown in the General Permit by the fifteenth day of the month following the reporting period. For a monitoring period during which no qualifying rainfall events occur, a monitoring report must be submitted stating such. Monitoring periods are calendar months beginning with the first month after the effective date of the General Permit. Monitoring reports shall be signed in accordance with the General Permit and submitted to EPD until such time as a NOT is submitted.
- G. Contractor must retain copies of all monitoring results and monitoring information reported. In addition to other record keeping requirements, the monitoring information shall include:
1. Date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements.
 2. Name(s) of the individual(s) who performed the sampling and measurements.
 3. Date(s) analyses were performed.
 4. Time(s) analyses were initiated.
 5. Name(s) of the individual(s) who performed the analyses.
 6. References and written procedures, when available, for the analytical techniques or methods used. A quality control/quality assurance program must be included in the written procedures.

7. The results of such analyses, including the bench sheets, instrument readouts, computer disks or tapes, used to determine these results.
 8. Results exceeding 1,000 NTU shall be reported as "Exceeds 1,000 NTU."
- H. Suggested monitoring and report forms are found at the end of this section.

End of Section



**Authorization To Discharge Under The
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
Stormwater Discharges Associated With Construction Activity
For Stand Alone Construction Projects**

In compliance with the provisions of the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (Georgia Laws 1964, p.416, as amended), hereinafter called the "State Act," the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), hereinafter called the "Clean Water Act," and the Rules and Regulations promulgated pursuant to each of these Acts, new and existing stormwater point sources within the State of Georgia that are required to have a permit, upon submittal of a Notice of Intent, are authorized to discharge stormwater associated with construction activity to the waters of the State of Georgia in accordance with the limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth in Parts I through VI hereof.

This permit shall become effective on August 1, 2023.

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight, July 31, 2028.

Signed this 06/20/2023



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Richard E. Dunn, Director
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Part I. COVERAGE UNDER THIS PERMIT

A. Permit Area.

This permit regulates point source discharges of stormwater to the waters of the State of Georgia from construction activities, as defined in this permit.

B. Definitions. All terms used in this permit shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions as set forth in the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (Act) and the Georgia Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control Chapter 391-3-6 (Rules), unless otherwise defined in this permit:

1. “Best Management Practices” (BMPs) means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent and minimize erosion and resultant sedimentation, which are consistent with, and no less stringent than, those practices contained in the “Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia” (Manual) published by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of Georgia. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.
2. “Buffer” means the area of land immediately adjacent to the banks of State waters in its natural state of vegetation, which facilitates the protection of water quality and aquatic habitat.
3. “Certified Personnel” means a person who has successfully completed the appropriate certification course approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
4. “Commencement of Construction” means the initial disturbance of soils associated with clearing, grading, or excavating activities or other construction activities.
5. “Common Development” means a contiguous area where multiple, separate, and distinct construction activities will be taking place at different times on different schedules under one plan of development.
6. “Construction Activity” means the disturbance of soils associated with clearing, grading, excavating, filling of land, or other similar activities which may result in soil erosion. Construction activity does not include agricultural and silvicultural practices, but does include agricultural buildings.
7. “CPESC” means Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control with current certification by EnviroCert International, Inc.
8. “CWA” means Federal Clean Water Act (formerly referred to as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972).

9. “Design Professional” means a professional licensed by the State of Georgia in the field of: engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, forestry, geology, or land surveying; or a person that is a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) with a current certification by EnviroCert International, Inc. and that has completed the appropriate certification course approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission in accordance with O.C.G.A 12-7-9. Design Professionals shall practice in a manner that complies with applicable Georgia law governing professional licensure.

10. “Director” means the Director of the Environmental Protection Division or an authorized representative.

11. “Division” or “EPD” means the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

12. “Drainage Structure” means a device composed of virtually nonerodible material such as concrete, steel, plastic, or other such material that conveys water from one place to another by intercepting the flow and carrying it to a release point for storm water management, drainage control, or flood control purposes.

13. “Erosion” means the process by which land surface is worn away by the action of wind, water, ice or gravity.

14. “Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan” or “Plan” means a plan for the control of soil erosion, sediment and pollution resulting from a construction activity.

15. “Filling” means the placement of any soil or solid material either organic or inorganic on a natural ground surface or an excavation.

16. “Final Stabilization” means that all soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed, and that for unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures and areas located outside the waste disposal limits of a landfill cell that has been certified by EPD for waste disposal, 100% of the soil surface is uniformly covered in permanent vegetation with a density of 70% or greater, or landscaped according to the Plan (uniformly covered with landscaping materials in planned landscaped areas), or equivalent permanent stabilization measures as defined in the Manual (excluding a crop of annual vegetation and a seeding of target crop perennials appropriate for the region).

17. “General Contractor” means the operator of the stand alone construction or site.

18. “Impossible” means the monitoring location(s) are either physically or legally inaccessible, or access would cause danger to life or limb.

19. “Infeasible” means not technologically possible, or not economically practicable and achievable in light of best industry practices.

20. "Landfill" means an area of land or an excavation in which waste materials are placed for permanent disposal, and which is not a land application unit, surface impoundment, injection well or waste pile as defined by Georgia NPDES General Permit GAR050000, and which area of land or excavation must be certified by EPD before it can begin waste disposal operations.
21. "Landfill Cell(s)" means a defined area within a landfill where waste materials are permanently disposed and that must be certified by EPD for use before such cell(s) can begin receiving waste materials after which those activities associated with waste receipt and disposal in the landfill cell(s) shall not be considered construction activity as defined by this permit.
22. "Local Issuing Authority" means the governing authority of any county or municipality which is certified pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Section 12-7-8(a).
23. "Mass Grading" means the movement of earth by mechanical means to alter the gross topographic features (elevations, slopes, etc.) to prepare a site for final grading and the construction of facilities (buildings, roads, parking, etc.).
24. "Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)" means a numerical unit of measure based upon photometric analytical techniques for measuring the light scattered by fine particles of a substance in suspension.
25. "NOI" means Notice of Intent to be covered by this permit (see Part II).
26. "NOT" means Notice of Termination (see Part VI).
27. "Operator" means the entity that has the primary day-to-day operational control of those activities at the construction site necessary to ensure compliance with Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan requirements and permit conditions.
28. "Other Water Bodies" means ponds, lakes, marshes and swamps which are waters of the State.
29. "Outfall" means the location where stormwater, in a discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, leaves a facility or construction site or, if there is a receiving water on site, becomes a point source discharging into that receiving water.
30. "Owner" means the legal title holder to the real property on which is located the facility or site where construction activity takes place.
31. "Permittee" means any entity that has submitted a Notice of Intent and obtained permit coverage.
32. "Phase" or "Phased" means sub-parts or segments of construction sites where the sub-part or segment is constructed and stabilized prior to completing the entire construction site.

33. "Point Source" means any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure or container from which pollutants are or may be discharged. This term also means sheet flow which is later conveyed via a point source to waters of the State. This term does not include return flows from irrigated agriculture or agricultural stormwater runoff.

34. "Primary Permittee" means the Owner and/or the Operator of a tract of land for a construction site subject to this permit.

35. "Proper Design" and "Properly Designed" means designed in accordance with the design requirements and specifications contained in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" (Manual) published by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted and amendments to the Manual as approved by the GSWCC up until the date of NOI submittal.

36. "Receiving Water(s)" means all perennial and intermittent waters of the State into which the runoff of stormwater from a construction activity will actually discharge, either directly or indirectly.

37. "Roadway Drainage Structure" means a device, such as a bridge, culvert, or ditch, composed of a virtually nonerodible material such as concrete, steel, plastic, or other such material that conveys water under a roadway by intercepting the flow on one side of a traveled way consisting of one or more defined lanes, with or without shoulder areas, and carrying water to a release point on the other side.

38. "Roadway Project(s)" means traveled ways including but not limited to roads, sidewalks, multi-use paths and trails, and airport runways and taxiways. This term also includes the accessory components to a roadway project that are necessary for the structural integrity of the roadway and the applicable safety requirements. These accessory components include but are not limited to slopes, shoulders, stormwater drainage ditches and structures, guardrails, lighting, signage, cameras and fences and exclude subsequent landscaping and beautification projects.

39. "Sediment" means solid material, both organic and inorganic, that is in suspension, is being transported, or has been moved from its site of origin by, wind, water, ice, or gravity as a product of erosion.

40. "Sedimentation" means the action or process of forming or depositing sediment.

41. "Sheet Flow" means runoff which flows over the ground surface as a thin, even layer, not concentrated in a channel.

42. "Site" or "Construction Site" means a facility of any type on which construction activities are occurring or are to occur which may result in the discharge of pollutants from a point source into the waters of the State.

43. “Stand Alone Construction” or “Stand Alone Construction Project” means construction activities that are not part of a common development where the Primary Permittee chooses not to use Secondary Permittees.

44. “Stormwater” means stormwater runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage.

45. “Structural Erosion and Sediment Control Practices” means measures for the stabilization of erosive or sediment producing areas by utilizing the mechanical properties of matter for the purpose of either changing the surface of the land or storing, regulating or disposing of runoff to prevent excessive sediment loss.

46. “Sub-contractor” means an entity employed or retained by the permittee to conduct any type of construction activity (as defined in this permit) at a stand alone construction site. Sub-contractors must complete the appropriate certification course approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 12-7-19. Sub-contractors are not permittees unless they meet the definition of either a Primary, Secondary or Tertiary Permittee.

47. “Surface Water Drainage Area” means the hydrologic area starting from the lowest downstream point where the stormwater from the construction activity enters the receiving water(s) and following the receiving water(s) upstream to the highest elevation of land that divides the direction of water flow. This boundary will connect back with the stormwater entrance point. Boundary lines follow the middle of the highest ground elevation or halfway between contour lines of equal elevation.

48. “Trout Streams” means waters of the State classified as either primary trout waters or secondary trout waters, as designated in the Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6.

49. “Utility Company or Utility Contractor” means, for purposes of this Permit, an entity or sub-contractor that is responsible, either directly or indirectly, for the construction, installation, and maintenance of conduits, pipes, pipelines, cables, wires, trenches, vaults, manholes, and similar structures or devices for the conveyance of natural gas (or other types of gas), liquid petroleum products, electricity, telecommunications (telephone, data, television, etc.), water, stormwater or sewage.

50. “USGS Topographic Map” means a current quadrangle, 7½ minute series map prepared by the United States Department of the Interior, Geological Survey.

51. “Vegetative Erosion and Sediment Control Practices” means measures for the stabilization of erosive or sediment producing areas by covering the soil with: (1) permanent seeding, sprigging or planting, producing long-term vegetative cover; (2) temporary seeding, producing short-term vegetative cover; or (3) sodding, covering areas with a turf of perennial sod forming grass.

52. “Waters Supporting Warm Water Fisheries” means all waters of the State that sustain, or have the potential to sustain, aquatic life but excluding trout streams.

53. “Waters of Georgia” or “Waters of the State” means any and all rivers, streams, creeks, branches, lakes, reservoirs, ponds, drainage systems, springs, wells, wetlands, and all other bodies of surface or subsurface water, natural or artificial, lying within or forming a part of the boundaries of the State which are not entirely confined and retained completely upon the property of a single individual, partnership, or corporation.

C. Eligibility.

1. Construction Activities. This permit authorizes, subject to the conditions of this permit:

- a. all discharges of stormwater associated with stand alone construction projects that will result in land disturbance equal to or greater than one (1) acre occurring on or before, and continuing after, the effective date of this permit, (henceforth referred to as existing stormwater discharges from construction activities) except for discharges identified under Part I.C.3.;
- b. all discharges of stormwater associated with stand alone construction projects that will result in land disturbance equal to or greater than one (1) acre occurring after the effective date of this permit, (henceforth referred to as stormwater discharges from construction activities); and
- c. coverage under this permit is not required for discharges of stormwater associated with minor land disturbing activities (such as home gardens and individual home landscaping, repairs, maintenance work, fences and other related activities which result in minor soil erosion) conducted outside of the 25 foot buffer along the banks of all State waters requiring a buffer and outside of the 50 foot buffer along the banks of all State waters classified as 'trout streams' requiring a buffer on individual residential lots sold to homeowners where all planned construction activities on that lot have been completed and have undergone final stabilization.

2. Mixed Stormwater Discharges. This permit may only authorize a stormwater discharge from a construction site or construction activities mixed with a stormwater discharge from an industrial source or activity other than construction where:

- a. the industrial source or activity other than construction is located on the same site as the construction activity and is an integral part of the construction activity;
- b. the stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity from the areas of the site where construction activities are occurring are in compliance with the terms of this permit; and
- c. stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity from the areas of the site where industrial activity other than construction are occurring are covered by a different NPDES general permit or individual permit authorizing such discharges and the discharges are in compliance with a different NPDES permit.

3. Limitations on Coverage. The following stormwater discharges from construction sites are not authorized by this permit:

- a. stormwater discharges associated with an industrial activity that originate from the site after construction activities have been completed and the site has undergone final stabilization;
- b. discharges that are mixed with sources of non-stormwater other than discharges which are identified in Part III.A.2. of this permit and which are in compliance with Part IV.D.7. (non-stormwater discharges) of this permit;
- c. stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity that are subject to an existing NPDES individual or general permit. Such discharges may be authorized under this permit after an existing permit expires provided the existing permit did not establish numeric limitations for such discharges; and
- d. stormwater discharges from construction sites that the Director (EPD) has determined to be or may reasonably be expected to be contributing to a violation of a water quality standard.

4. Compliance with Water Quality Standards. No discharges authorized by this permit shall cause violations of Georgia's in-stream water quality standards as provided by the Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6-.03.

D. Authorization.

- 1. Any person desiring coverage under this permit must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the EPD and the NOI must be received by the EPD in accordance with the requirements of Part II, using the electronic submittal service provided by the EPD, in order for stormwater discharges from construction sites to be authorized.
- 2. Unless notified by the Director to the contrary, a permittee who submits an NOI in accordance with the requirements of this permit is authorized to discharge stormwater from construction sites under the terms and conditions of this permit fourteen (14) days after the date that the NOI is submitted and confirmation of submittal is received. The Director may deny coverage under this permit and require submittal of an application for an individual NPDES permit or alternative general NPDES permit based on a review of the NOI or other information. Should the Director deny coverage under this permit, coverage under this permit is authorized until the date specified in the notice of denial by the Director.
- 3. Where a new permittee is to begin work on-site after an NOI for the facility/construction site has been submitted, that new permittee must submit a new NOI in accordance with Part II.

E. Continuing Obligations of Permittees. Unless and until responsibility for a site covered under this permit is properly terminated or ownership changes, according to the terms of the permit, the current permittee remains responsible for compliance with all applicable terms of the permit and for any violations of said terms.

Part II. NOTICE OF INTENT REQUIREMENTS

A. Deadlines for Notification.

1. Except as provided in Part II.A.2., II.A.3. and II.A.5., Owners or Operators or both who intend to obtain coverage under this general permit for stormwater discharges from a construction site (where construction activities begin after issuance of this permit), shall submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) in accordance with the requirements of Part II at least fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of construction activities.

2. For sites where construction activities, subject to this permit, are occurring on the effective date of this permit, the Owner or Operator or both shall submit a re-issuance NOI for an existing construction site in accordance with the requirements of this part no later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this permit. Failure to comply with this requirement shall constitute a violation of the Georgia Water Quality Control Act for each day until the Owner or Operator or both submit an initial NOI for a new construction site in accordance with Part II.A.1., comply with the special conditions in Part III., prepare and submit a new Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan in accordance with Part IV., and pay all applicable fees in accordance with Part II.D.

3. A discharger is not precluded from submitting an NOI in accordance with the requirements of this part after the dates provided in Parts II.A.1. or II.A.2. of this permit. In such instances, EPD may bring an enforcement action for failure to submit an NOI in a timely manner or for any unauthorized discharges of stormwater associated with construction activity that have occurred on or after the dates specified in Part II.A.1. and II.A.2.

4. Where an Owner or an Operator or both changes after an NOI has been filed, the subsequent Owner or Operator or both must submit a modification NOI in accordance with this Part by the earlier to occur of (a) seven (7) days before beginning work at the facility/construction site or (b) thirty (30) days from acquiring legal title to the facility/construction site. In the event a lender or other secured creditor acquires legal title to the facility/construction site, such party must submit a modification NOI in accordance with this Part by the earlier to occur of (a) seven (7) days before beginning work at the facility/construction site; or (b) thirty (30) days from acquiring legal title to the facility/construction site. Stabilization and BMP installation and/or maintenance measures of a disturbed site, by the subsequent Owner or Operator, may occur in advance of filing a new NOI, without violation of this permit. Failure to comply with this requirement shall constitute a violation of the Georgia Water Quality Control Act for each day until the Owner or Operator or both submit an initial NOI for a new construction site in accordance with Part II.A.1., comply with the special conditions in Part III., prepare and submit a new Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan in accordance with Part IV., and pay all applicable fees in accordance with Part II.D.

5. For sites where construction activities will result in land disturbance equal to or greater than one (1) acre that are required as a result of storm- or emergency-related repair work, the Owner or Operator or both shall notify the appropriate EPD District Office within three (3) days of commencement of said construction activities. The Owner or Operator or both shall submit the NOI to the appropriate EPD district office as soon as possible after the storm- or emergency-related

event but no later than fourteen (14) days after the commencement of construction activities and shall submit the Plan in accordance with Part IV.A.6.

B. Notice of Intent Contents.

1. Primary Permittee. A single Notice of Intent for the Primary Permittee (i.e., one NOI signed by the Owner or the Operator or both) shall be signed in accordance with Part V.G.1. of this permit and shall include the following information:

a. The project construction site name, GPS location (decimal degrees) of construction exit, construction site location (e.g., street address), city (if applicable) and county of the construction site for which the notification is submitted. The construction site location information must be sufficient to accurately locate the construction site;

b. The Owner's legal name, address, telephone number and email address; and if available, the Operator's legal name, address, telephone number and email address; and if applicable, the Duly Authorized Representative's legal name and/or position name, telephone number and email address;

c. The name, telephone number and email address of the individual to whom the permittee has assigned the responsibility for the daily operational control (i.e., construction superintendent, etc.) of the construction site;

d. The name of the initial receiving water(s) or if unnamed the first named blue line stream indicated on the appropriate USGS Topographic map, and when the discharge is through a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), the name of the local government operating the municipal separate storm sewer system and the name of the receiving water(s) which receives the discharge from the MS4, and the permittee's determination of whether the receiving water(s) supports warm water fisheries or is a trout stream as indicated in the Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6;

e. The name of the receiving water(s) located within one (1) linear mile upstream of and within the same watershed as, any portion of an Impaired Stream Segment identified as "not supporting" its designated use(s) shown on Georgia's most current "305(b)/303(d) List Documents (Approved)" for the criteria violated/cause, "Bio F" (Impaired Fish Community) and/or "Bio M" (Impaired Macroinvertebrate Community), within Category 4a, 4b or 5, and the potential cause is either "NP" (nonpoint source) or "UR" (urban runoff);

f. An estimate of project start date and completion date, a schedule for the timing of the various construction activities, the number of acres of the site on which soil will be disturbed, and the surface water drainage area (if applicable). For projects that began on or before the effective date of this permit, the start date must be the actual start date of construction;

g. The following certification shall be signed in accordance with Part V.G.1. of this permit:

“I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan (Plan) was prepared by a design professional, as defined by this permit, that has completed the appropriate certification course approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 12-7-19 and that I will adhere to the Plan and comply with all requirements of this permit.”

- h. The type of construction activity category (from those listed on the NOI) conducted at the site;
- i. The location of the receiving water(s) or outfall(s) or a combination of receiving water(s) and outfall(s) to be sampled on a map or drawing of appropriate scale. When it is determined by the Primary Permittee that some or all of the outfall(s) will be sampled, the applicable nephelometric turbidity unit (NTU) selected from Appendix B (i.e., based upon the size of the construction site and the surface water drainage area) must be shown for each outfall to be sampled.
- j. NOIs may be submitted for separate phases of projects with a total planned disturbance greater than 5.0 acres, provided that each phase shall not be less than 1.0 acre. Phased NOIs shall include all documentation required by this permit for each phase, including fees; and
- k. Any other information specified on the NOI in effect at the time of submittal.

C. Notice of Intent Submittal. NOIs are to be submitted to EPD using the electronic submittal service provided by EPD and a copy to the Local Issuing Authority in jurisdictions authorized to issue a Land Disturbance Activity permit for the permittee's construction site pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-7-1, et seq. The permittee shall retain a copy of the proof of submittal at the construction site or the proof of submittal shall be readily available at a designated alternative location from commencement of construction until such time as a Notice of Termination (NOT) is submitted in accordance with Part VI.

D. Fees. Any applicable fees shall be submitted by the **Primary Permittee** in accordance with Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control (Rules) promulgated by the Board of Natural Resources. By submitting an NOI for coverage under this permit the Primary Permittee agrees to pay any fees required, now or in the future, by such Rules authorized under O.C.G.A. Section 12-5-23(a)(5)(A), which allows the Board of Natural Resources to establish a fee system. Fees may be assessed on land disturbing activity proposed to occur on or after the effective date of this permit and shall be paid in accordance with such Rules.

E. Renotification. Upon issuance of a new or different general permit for some or all of the stormwater discharges covered by this permit, the permittee is required to notify the EPD of their intent to be covered by the new or different general permit. The permittee must submit a renewal Notice of Intent in accordance with the notification requirements of the new or different general permit.

PART III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS, MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, PERMIT VIOLATIONS AND OTHER LIMITATIONS

A. Prohibition on Non-Stormwater Discharges.

1. Except as provided in Part I.C.2. and III.A.2., all discharges covered by this permit shall be composed entirely of stormwater.
2. The following non-stormwater discharges may be authorized by this permit provided the non-stormwater component of the discharge is explicitly listed in the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan and is in compliance with Part IV.D.7.; discharges from firefighting activities; fire hydrant flushing; potable water sources including water line flushing; irrigation drainage; air conditioning condensate; springs; uncontaminated ground water; and foundation or footing drains where flows are not contaminated with process materials or pollutants.
3. This permit does not authorize the discharge of soaps or solvents used in vehicle and equipment washing.
4. This permit does not authorize the discharge of wastewater from washout and cleanout of stucco, paint, form release oils, curing compounds and other construction materials.

B. Releases in Excess of Reportable Quantities.

1. The discharge of hazardous substances or oil in the stormwater discharge(s) from a site shall be prevented. This permit does not relieve the permittee of the reporting requirements of Georgia's Oil or Hazardous Material Spills or Releases Act (O.C.G.A. §§12-14-2, et seq.), 40 CFR Part 117 and 40 CFR Part 302. Where a release containing a hazardous substance in an amount equal to or in excess of a reporting quantity established under either Georgia's Oil or Hazardous Material Spills or Releases Act (O.C.G.A. §§12-14-2, et seq.), 40 CFR 117 or 40 CFR 302 occurs during a 24 hour period, the permittee is required to notify EPD at (404) 656-4863 or (800) 241-4113 and the National Response Center (NRC) at (800) 424-8802 in accordance with the requirements of Georgia's Oil or Hazardous Material Spills or Releases Act (O.C.G.A. §§12-14-2, et seq.), 40 CFR 117 and 40 CFR 302 as soon as he/she has knowledge of the discharge.
2. This permit does not authorize the discharge of hazardous substances or oil resulting from an on-site spill.

C. Discharges into, or within One Mile Upstream of and within the Same Watershed as, Any Portion of a Biota Impaired Stream Segment.

Any permittee who intends to obtain coverage under this permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activity into an Impaired Stream Segment, or within one (1) linear mile upstream of and within the same watershed as, any portion of an Impaired Stream Segment identified as "not supporting" its designated use(s), as shown on Georgia's most current

“305(b)/303(d) List Documents (Approved)” at the time of NOI submittal, must satisfy the requirements of Part III.C. of this permit if the Impaired Stream Segment has been listed for criteria violated/cause, “Bio F” (Impaired Fish Community) and/or “Bio M” (Impaired Macroinvertebrate Community), within Category 4a, 4b or 5, and the potential cause is either “NP” (nonpoint source) or “UR” (urban runoff). Those discharges that are located within one (1) linear mile of an Impaired Stream Segment, but are not located within the watershed of any portion of that stream segment, are excluded from this requirement. Georgia’s “305(b)/303(d) List Documents (Approved)” can be viewed on the EPD website.

1. If a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for sediment has been finalized at least six (6) months prior to the permittee’s submittal of the NOI, the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan (Plan) must address any site-specific conditions or requirements included in the TMDL Implementation Plan that are applicable to the permittee’s discharge(s) to the Impaired Stream Segment within the timeframe specified in the TMDL Implementation Plan. If the TMDL Implementation Plan establishes a specific numeric wasteload allocation that applies to a permittee’s discharge(s) to the Impaired Stream Segment, then the permittee must incorporate that allocation into the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan and implement all necessary measures to meet that allocation. A list of TMDL Implementation Plans can be viewed on the EPD website.

2. In order to ensure that the permittee’s discharge(s) do not cause or contribute to a violation of State water quality standards, the Plan must include at least four (4) of the following best management practices (BMPs) for those areas of the site which discharge into or within one (1) linear mile upstream and within the same watershed as the Impaired Stream Segment:

a. During all construction activities as defined in this permit, double the width of the 25 foot undisturbed vegetated buffer along all State waters requiring a buffer and the 50 foot undisturbed vegetated buffer along all State waters classified as “trout streams” requiring a buffer. During construction activities, EPD will not grant variances to any such buffers that are increased in width pursuant to this section.

b. Increase all temporary sediment basins and retrofitted stormwater management basins to provide sediment storage of at least 3600 cubic feet (134 cubic yards) per acre drained.

c. Use baffles in all temporary sediment basins and retrofitted stormwater management basins to at least double the conventional flow path length to the outlet structure.

d. A large sign (minimum 4 feet x 8 feet) must be posted on site by the actual start date of construction. The sign must be visible from a public roadway. The sign must identify the following: (1) the construction site, (2) the permittee(s), (3) the contact person(s) along with their telephone number(s), and (4) the permittee-hosted website where the Plan can be viewed. The permittee-hosted website where the Plan can be viewed must be provided on the submitted NOI. The sign must remain on site and the Plan must be available on the provided website until a NOT has been submitted.

- e. Use tackifiers and/or mulch to stabilize all areas left disturbed for more than seven (7) calendar days in accordance with Part III.D.1. of this permit.
- f. Conduct turbidity sampling after every rain event of 0.5 inch or greater within any 24 hour period, recognizing the exceptions specified in Part IV.D.6.d. of this permit.
- g. Comply with the applicable end-of-pipe turbidity effluent limit, without the “BMP defense” as provided for in O.C.G.A. 12-7-6(a)(1).
- h. Reduce the total planned site disturbance to less than 50% impervious surfaces (excluding any State-mandated buffer areas from such calculations). All calculations must be included on the Plan.
- i. Limit the amount of area disturbed at any one time to no greater than 25 acres or 50% of the total planned site, whichever is less. All calculations must be included on the Plan.
- j. Use “Dirt II” techniques available on the EPD website, to model and manage all construction stormwater runoff (including sheet flow). All calculations must be included on the Plan.
- k. Conduct soil tests representative of conditions at the time of planting to identify and to implement site-specific fertilizer needs and/or add appropriate organic soil amendments (e.g., compost) and conduct pre- and post-construction soil sampling to a depth of six (6) inches to document improved levels of soil carbon after final stabilization of the construction site.
- l. Use mulch filter berms, in addition to a silt fence, on the site perimeter wherever construction stormwater (including sheet flow) may be discharged. Mulch filter berms cannot be placed in waterways or areas of concentrated flow.
- m. Use appropriate erosion control slope stabilization instead of concrete in all construction stormwater ditches and storm drainages designed for a 25 year, 24 hour rainfall event.
- n. Use flocculants or coagulants under a passive dosing method (e.g., flocculant blocks) within all construction stormwater ditches and storm drainages that feed into temporary sediment basins and retrofitted management basins.
- o. Install sod for a minimum 20 foot width (in lieu of seeding) after final grade has been achieved, along the site perimeter wherever construction stormwater (including sheet flow) may be discharged.
- p. Certified personnel shall conduct inspections at least twice every seven (7) calendar days and within 24 hours of the end of the storm that is 0.5 inches rainfall or greater in accordance with Part IV.D.4.a.(3)(a)–(c) of this permit.

- q. Apply the appropriate compost blankets (minimum depth 1.5 inches) to protect soil surfaces until vegetation is established during the final stabilization phase of the construction activity.
- r. Use alternative BMPs whose performance has been documented to be superior to conventional BMPs as certified by a Design Professional (unless disapproved by EPD or the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission).
- s. Limit the total planned site disturbance to less than 15% impervious surfaces (excluding any State-mandated buffer areas from such calculations). All calculations must be included in the Plan.
- t. Conduct inspections during the intermediate grading and drainage BMP phase and during the final BMP phase of the project by the design professional who prepared the Plan in accordance with Part IV.A.5. of the permit.
- u. Install Post Construction BMPs (e.g., runoff reduction BMPs) which remove 80% TSS as outlined in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual known as the Blue Book or an equivalent or more stringent design manual.

D. Management Practices and Permit Violations.

1. Best management practices, as set forth in this permit, are required for all construction activities, and must be implemented in accordance with the design specifications contained in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" (Manual) published by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of Georgia. Proper design, installation, and maintenance of best management practices shall constitute a complete defense to any action by the Director or to any other allegation of noncompliance with Part III.D.4. and Part III.D.5.
2. Except as required to install the initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter control BMPs as described in Part IV.D.3., the initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter control BMPs must be installed and implemented prior to conducting any other construction activities (e.g., clearing, grubbing and grading) within the construction site or when applicable, within phased sub-parts or segments of the construction site. Failure to comply shall constitute a violation of this permit for each day on which construction activities occur. The design professional who prepared the Plan must inspect the initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter control BMPs in accordance with Part IV.A.5. within seven (7) days after installation.
3. Failure to properly design, install, or maintain best management practices shall constitute a violation of this permit for each day on which such failure occurs. BMP maintenance as a result of the permittee's routine inspections shall not be considered a violation for the purposes of this paragraph. If during the course of the permittees routine inspection BMP failures are observed which have resulted in sediment deposition into Waters of the State, the permittee shall correct the

BMP failures and shall submit a summary of the violations to EPD in accordance with Part V.A.2. of this permit.

4. A discharge of stormwater runoff from disturbed areas where best management practices have not been properly designed, installed, and maintained shall constitute a separate violation for each day on which such discharge results in the turbidity of receiving water(s) being increased by more than ten (10) nephelometric turbidity units for waters classified as trout streams or more than twenty-five (25) nephelometric turbidity units for waters supporting warm water fisheries, regardless of a permittee's certification under Part II.B.1.i. This paragraph shall not apply to any land disturbance associated with the construction of single-family homes which are not part of a subdivision or planned common development unless five (5) acres or more will be disturbed.

5. When the permittee has elected to sample outfall(s), the discharge of stormwater runoff from disturbed areas where best management practices have not been properly designed, installed, and maintained shall constitute a separate violation for each day on which such condition results in the turbidity of the discharge exceeding the value selected from Appendix B applicable to the construction site. As set forth therein, the nephelometric turbidity unit (NTU) value shall be selected from Appendix B based upon the size of the construction site, the surface water drainage area and whether the receiving water(s) supports warm water fisheries or is a trout stream as indicated in the Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6.

6. Whenever a permittee finds that a BMP has failed or is deficient (beyond routine maintenance) and has resulted in sediment deposition into waters of the State, the permittee shall immediately take all reasonable steps to address the condition, including cleaning up any impacted areas so the material will not discharge in subsequent rain events. The permittee shall submit a summary of the violations to EPD in accordance with Part V.A.2. of this permit and shall correct such BMP as follows:

a. When the repair does not require a new or replacement BMP or significant repair, the BMP failure or deficiency must be repaired within two (2) business days from the time of discovery;

b. When the repair requires a new or replacement BMP or significant repair, the installation of the new or modified BMP must be completed and the BMP must be operational by no later than seven (7) days from the time of discovery. If it is infeasible to complete the installation or repair within seven (7) days, the permittee must document why it is infeasible to complete the installation or repair within the seven (7) day timeframe and document the schedule for installing or repairing the BMPs and making the BMPs operational as soon as feasible after the seven (7) day timeframe.

Part IV. EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN

A site-specific Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan (Plan) shall be designed, installed and maintained for the entire construction activity covered by this permit. The Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan must be prepared by a design professional as defined by

this permit. All persons involved in Plan preparation shall have completed the appropriate certification course, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-7-19(b), approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The design professional preparing the Plan must include and sign the following certification in the Plan:

“I certify that the permittee’s Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan provides for an appropriate and comprehensive system of best management practices required by the Georgia Water Quality Control Act and the document “Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia” (Manual) published by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted, provides for the sampling of the receiving water(s) or the sampling of the stormwater outfalls and that the designed system of best management practices and sampling methods is expected to meet the requirements contained in the General NPDES Permit No. GAR100001.”

The Plan shall include any additional certifications regarding the design professional's site visit in accordance with the Rules for Erosion and Sedimentation Control promulgated by the Board of Natural Resources:

“I certify under penalty of law that this Plan was prepared after a site visit to the locations described herein by myself or my authorized agent, under my supervision.”

The Plan shall include, as a minimum, best management practices, including sound conservation and engineering practices to prevent and minimize erosion and resultant sedimentation, which are consistent with, and no less stringent than, those practices contained in the “Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia” (Manual) published by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted and O.C.G.A. 12-7-6, as well as the following:

(i). Except as provided in Part IV.(iii). below, no construction activities shall be conducted within a 25 foot buffer along the banks of all State waters, as measured horizontally from the point where vegetation has been wrested by normal stream flow or wave action, except where the Director has determined to allow a variance that is at least as protective of natural resources and the environment in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 12-7-6, or where a drainage structure or a roadway drainage structure must be constructed, provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated in the project plans and specifications and are implemented, or along any ephemeral stream, or where bulkheads and seawalls must be constructed to prevent the erosion of the shoreline on Lake Oconee and Lake Sinclair. The buffer shall not apply to the following activities provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated into the project plans and specifications and are implemented:

- (1) public drinking water system reservoirs;
- (2) stream crossings for water lines and sewer lines, provided that the stream crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the

- stream and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, and native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer;
- (3) stream crossings for any utility lines of any electric membership corporation or municipal electrical system or any public utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, any utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, any cable television system as defined in Code Section 36-18-1, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States engaged in the generation, transmission or distribution of power, provided that: (a) the stream crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the stream and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, (b) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (c) the entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit;
 - (4) buffer crossing for fences, provided that the crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the stream and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, and native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer;
 - (5) stream crossings for aerial utility lines, provided that: (a) the new utility line right-of-way width does not exceed 100 linear feet, (b) utility lines are routed and constructed so as to minimize the number of stream crossings and disturbances to the buffer, (c) only trees and tree debris are removed from within the buffer resulting in only minor soil erosion (i.e., disturbance to underlying vegetation is minimized), and (d) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer. The Plan shall include a description of the stream crossings with details of the buffer disturbance including area and length of buffer disturbance, estimated length of time of buffer disturbance, and justification;
 - (6) right-of-way posts, guy-wires, anchors, survey markers and the replacement or maintenance of existing utility structures within the current right-of-way undertaken or financed in whole or in part by the Department of Transportation, the Georgia Highway Authority or the State Road and Tollway Authority or undertaken by any county or municipality, provided that: (a) the area of land disturbance does not exceed 100 square feet per structure, (b) the area of buffer vegetation to be cut (not grubbed) does not exceed 1,000 square feet per structure, (c) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (d) the entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit;
 - (7) right-of-way posts, guy-wires, anchors, survey markers and the replacement or maintenance of existing utility structures within the current right-of-way by any electric membership corporation or municipal electrical system or any public utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, any utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, any cable television system as defined in Code Section 36-18-1, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States engaged in the generation, transmission or distribution of power, provided that: (a) the area of land disturbance does not exceed 100 square feet per structure, (b) the area of buffer vegetation to be cut (not grubbed) does not exceed 1,000 square feet per structure, (c) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (d) the entity

is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit; and

- (8) maintenance (excluding dredging), repair and/or upgrade of Soil and Water Conservation District watershed dams when under the technical supervision of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

(ii). No construction activities shall be conducted within a 50 foot buffer, as measured horizontally from the point where vegetation has been wrested by normal stream flow or wave action, along the banks of any State waters classified as "trout streams" except when approval is granted by the Director for alternate buffer requirements in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 12-7-6, or where a roadway drainage structure must be constructed; provided, however, that small springs and streams classified as "trout streams" which discharge an average annual flow of 25 gallons per minute or less shall have a 25 foot buffer or they may be piped, at the discretion of the permittee, pursuant to the terms of a rule providing for a general variance promulgated by the Board of Natural Resources including notification of such to EPD and the Local Issuing Authority of the location and extent of the piping and prescribed methodology for minimizing the impact of such piping and for measuring the volume of water discharged by the stream. Any such pipe must stop short of the downstream permittee's property, and the permittee must comply with the buffer requirement for any adjacent trout streams. The buffer shall not apply to the following activities provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated into the project plans and specifications and are implemented:

- (1) public drinking water system reservoirs;
- (2) stream crossings for water lines and sewer lines, provided that the stream crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the stream and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, and native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer;
- (3) stream crossings for any utility lines of any electric membership corporation or municipal electrical system or any public utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, any utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, any cable television system as defined in Code Section 36-18-1, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States engaged in the generation, transmission or distribution of power, provided that: (a) the stream crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the stream and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, (b) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (c) the entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit;
- (4) buffer crossing for fences, provided that the crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the stream and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, and native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer;
- (5) stream crossings for aerial utility lines, provided that: (a) the new utility line right-of-way width does not exceed 100 linear feet, (b) utility lines are routed and constructed so as to minimize the number of stream crossings and disturbances to the buffer, (c) only trees and

tree debris are removed from within the buffer resulting in only minor soil erosion (i.e., disturbance to underlying vegetation is minimized), and (d) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer. The Plan shall include a description of the stream crossings with details of the buffer disturbance including area and length of buffer disturbance, estimated length of time of buffer disturbance, and justification;

- (6) right-of-way posts, guy-wires, anchors, survey markers and the replacement or maintenance of existing utility structures within the current right-of-way undertaken or financed in whole or in part by the Department of Transportation, the Georgia Highway Authority or the State Road and Tollway Authority or undertaken by any county or municipality, provided that: (a) the area of land disturbance does not exceed 100 square feet per structure, (b) the area of buffer vegetation to be cut (not grubbed) does not exceed 1,000 square feet per structure, (c) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (d) the entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit;
- (7) right-of-way posts, guy-wires, anchors, survey markers and the replacement or maintenance of existing utility structures within the current right-of-way undertaken by any electric membership corporation or municipal electrical system or any public utility under the, provided that: (a) the area of land disturbance does not exceed 100 square feet per structure, (b) the area of buffer vegetation to be cut (not grubbed) does not exceed 1,000 square feet per structure, (c) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (d) the entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit; and
- (8) maintenance (excluding dredging), repair and/or upgrade of Soil and Water Conservation District watershed dams when under the technical supervision of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

(iii). Except as provided in Part IV(iv) below, no construction activities shall be conducted within a 25 foot buffer along coastal marshlands, as measured horizontally from the coastal marshland-upland interface, as determined in accordance with Part 4 of Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 12, the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, except where the Director determines to allow a variance that is at least as protective of natural resources and the environment in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 12-7-6, or where otherwise allowed by the Director pursuant to Code Section 12-2-8, or where an alteration within the buffer area has been authorized pursuant to Code Section 12-5-286, or for maintenance of any currently serviceable structure, landscaping, or hardscaping, including bridges, roads, parking lots, golf courses, golf cart paths, retaining walls, bulkheads, and patios, provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated into the project plans and specifications and such measures are fully implemented, or where a drainage structure or roadway drainage structure is constructed or maintained, provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated into the project plans and specifications and such measures are fully implemented, or on the landward side of any currently serviceable shoreline stabilization structure, or for the maintenance of any manmade stormwater detention basin, golf course pond, or impoundment that is located entirely within the property of a single individual, partnership, or corporation, provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated into the project plans and specifications and such measures are fully

implemented. The buffer shall not apply to the following activities provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated into the project plans and specifications and such measures are fully implemented:

- (1) Public drinking water system reservoirs;
- (2) Crossings for utility lines that cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer;
- (3) Any land-disturbing activity conducted pursuant to and in compliance with a valid and effective land-disturbing permit issued subsequent to April 22, 2014, and prior to December 31, 2015;
- (4) Any lot for which the preliminary plat has been approved prior to December 31, 2015 if roadways, bridges, or water and sewer lines have been extended to such lot prior to the effective date of this Act and if the requirement to maintain a 25 foot buffer would consume at least 18 percent of the high ground of the platted lot otherwise available for development;
- (5) Buffer crossings for fences, provided that the crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the Jurisdictional Line and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, and vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer;
- (6) Crossings for aerial utility lines, provided that: (a) the new utility line right-of-way width does not exceed 100 linear feet, (b) utility lines are routed and constructed so as to minimize the number of crossings and disturbances to the buffer, (c) only trees and tree debris are removed from within the buffer resulting in only minor soil erosion (i.e., disturbance to underlying vegetation is minimized), and (d) vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer. The Plan shall include a description of the crossings with details of the buffer disturbance including area and length of buffer disturbance, estimated length of time of buffer disturbance, and justification;
- (7) Right-of-way posts, guy wires, anchors, survey markers and the replacement or maintenance of existing utility structures within the current right-of-way undertaken or financed in whole or in part by the Department of Transportation, the Georgia Highway Authority or the State Road and Tollway Authority or undertaken by any county or municipality, provided that: (a) the area of land disturbance does not exceed 100 square feet per structure, (b) the area of buffer vegetation to be cut (not grubbed) does not exceed 1,000 square feet per structure, (c) vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (d) the entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit;
- (8) Right-of-way posts, guy wires, anchors, survey markers and the replacement or maintenance of existing utility structures within the current right-of-way by any electric membership corporation or municipal electrical system or any public utility under the regulator jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, any utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, any cable television system as defined in Code Section 36-18-1, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States engaged in the generation, transmission or distribution of power, provided that (a) the area of land disturbance does not exceed 100 square feet per structure, (b) the area of buffer vegetation to be cut (not grubbed) does not exceed 1,000 square feet per structure, (c) vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (d) the

entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit; and

- (9) maintenance (excluding dredging), repair and/or upgrade of Soil and Water Conservation District watershed dams when under the technical supervision of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

(iv). Except as provided above, for buffers required pursuant to Part IV.(i). and (ii) and (iii), no construction activities shall be conducted within a buffer and a buffer shall remain in its natural, undisturbed, state of vegetation until all land-disturbing activities on the construction site are completed. During coverage under this permit, a buffer cannot be thinned or trimmed of vegetation and a protective vegetative cover must remain to protect water quality and aquatic habitat and a natural canopy must be left in sufficient quantity to keep shade on the stream bed or marsh.

The Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan shall identify all potential sources of pollution which may reasonably be expected to affect the quality of stormwater discharges from the construction site. In addition, the Plan shall describe, and the applicable permittee shall ensure, the implementation of practices which will be used to reduce the pollutants in stormwater discharges associated with construction activity at the site and to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. The applicable permittee must implement and maintain the provisions of the Plan required under this part as a condition of this permit.

Except as provided in Part IV.A.2., a single Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan must be prepared by the Primary Permittee for the stand alone construction project.

A. Deadlines for Plan Preparation and Compliance.

1. Except as provided in Part IV.A.2. and Part IV.A.6., the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan shall be completed prior to submitting the NOI and prior to conducting any construction activity by any permittee.

2. For construction activities that began on or before the effective date of this permit and were subject to the regulations under the previous permit, the permittee(s) shall continue to operate under the existing Plan.

3. For construction activities that begin after the effective date of this permit, the Primary Permittee shall be required to prepare the Plan for that phase of the stand alone development that corresponds with the NOI being submitted and the Primary Permittee(s) shall implement the Plan on or before the day construction activities begin.

4. Additional Plan Submittals.

a. For all projects identified under Part I.C.1.b., which begin after the effective date of this permit, in a jurisdiction where there is no certified Local Issuing Authority regulating that project, a single copy of the Plan must be submitted to the EPD Watershed Protection Branch to the address provided in Appendix A or through the electronic submittal method

provided by EPD and a second copy of the Plan must be submitted to the appropriate EPD District Office prior to or concurrent with the NOI submittal. The second copy of the Plan must be submitted electronically as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file through the electronic submittal method provided by EPD, or by return receipt certified mail or similar service to the appropriate EPD District Office. The permittee shall retain a copy of the proof of the submittal at the construction site or the proof of submittal shall be readily available at a designated alternative location from commencement of construction until such a time as a Notice of Termination (NOT) is submitted in accordance with Part VI. The EPD Watershed Protection Branch will review Plans for deficiencies using the applicable Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan Checklist established by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted.

b. For all projects where the construction activity as indicated on the existing NOI has changed, the amended Plans must be submitted in accordance with Part IV.A.4.a. In addition, the permittee must submit a modification NOI in accordance with Part II.

5. For stand alone projects that begin construction activity after the effective date of this permit, the Primary Permittee must retain the design professional who prepared the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan, or an alternative design professional approved by EPD in writing, to inspect and certify the installation of the initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter control BMPs which the design professional designed within seven (7) days after installation. The design professional shall determine if these BMPs have been installed and are being maintained as designed. The design professional shall report the results of the inspection to the Primary Permittee within seven (7) days and the permittee must correct all deficiencies within two (2) business days of receipt of the inspection report from the design professional prior to commencing with construction activities as required by Part III.D.2 of this Permit unless weather related site conditions are such that additional time is required.

6. For storm- or emergency-related repair work, the permittee shall implement appropriate BMPs and certified personnel (provided by the Primary Permittee) shall inspect at least once every seven (7) calendar days and within 24 hours of the end of a storm that is 0.5 inches rainfall or greater. If the storm- or emergency-related repair work will not be completed within sixty (60) days of commencement of construction activity, a single copy of the Plan shall be submitted to EPD and the permittee shall comply with all requirements of this permit on the sixty-first (61st) day.

B. Signature and Plan Review.

1. The Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan shall be signed in accordance with Part IV., and be retained on the site (or, if not possible, at a readily accessible location) which generates the stormwater discharge in accordance with Part IV.F. of this permit.

2. The Primary Permittee shall make Plans available upon request to the EPD; to designated officials of the local government reviewing soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plans, grading plans, or stormwater management plans; or in the case of a stormwater discharge

associated with construction activity which discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer system with an NPDES permit, to the local government operating the municipal separate storm sewer system.

3. EPD may notify the Primary Permittee at any time that the Plan does not meet one or more of the minimum requirements of this Part. Within seven (7) days of such notification (or as otherwise provided by EPD), the Primary Permittee shall make the required changes to the Plan and shall submit to EPD either the amended Plan or a written certification that the requested changes have been made.

C. Keeping Plans Current. The Primary Permittee(s) shall amend their Plan whenever there is a change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance, which has a significant effect on BMPs with a hydraulic component (i.e., those BMPs where the design is based upon rainfall intensity, duration and return frequency of storms) or if the Plan proves to be ineffective in eliminating or significantly minimizing pollutants from sources identified under Part IV.D.3. Amendments to the Plan must be certified by a design professional as provided in this permit.

D. Contents of Plan. The Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan shall include, as a minimum, best management practices, including sound conservation and engineering practices to prevent and minimize erosion and resultant sedimentation, which are consistent with, and no less stringent than, those practices contained in the “Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia” (Manual) published by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted, as well as the following:

1. Checklist. Each plan shall include a completed Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan Checklist established by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted and amendments to the applicable Checklist as approved by the GSWCC up until the date of the NOI submittal. The applicable checklists are available on the GSWCC website.

2. Site description. Each site-specific Plan shall provide a description of pollutant sources and other information as indicated:

- a. A description of the nature of the construction activity;
- b. A description of normal business hours as established by the Permittee;
- c. A detailed description and chart or timeline of the intended sequence of major activities which disturb soils for major portions of the site (i.e., initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter BMPs, clearing and grubbing activities, excavation activities, grading activities, infrastructure activities, immediate and final stabilization activities);
- d. Estimates of the total area of the site and the total area of the site that is expected to be disturbed by excavation, grading, or other activities;

e. An estimate of the runoff coefficient or peak discharge flow of the site prior to the construction activities and after construction activities are completed and existing data describing the soil or the quality of any discharge from the site¹;

f. A site-specific map indicating drainage patterns and approximate slopes anticipated after major grading activities, areas of soil disturbance, an outline of areas which are not to be disturbed, the location of major structural and nonstructural controls identified in the Plan, the location of areas where stabilization practices are expected to occur, surface waters (including wetlands), and locations where stormwater is discharged to a surface water; and

g. Identify the receiving water(s) and areal extent of wetland acreage at the site;

3. Controls. Each Plan shall include a description of appropriate controls and measures that will be implemented at the construction site including: (1) initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter control BMPs, (2) intermediate grading and drainage BMPs, and (3) final BMPs. For construction sites where there will be no mass grading and the initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter control BMPs, intermediate grading and drainage BMPs, and final BMPs are the same, the Plan may combine all of the BMPs into a single-phase Plan. The Plan will include appropriate staging and access requirements for construction equipment. Plans submitted after the effective date of this permit shall limit the amount of disturbed area to less than 50 acres at any one time without prior written authorization from the appropriate EPD District Office according to the schedule in Appendix A of this permit. EPD will approve or disapprove such requests within 35 days of receipt. Failure of EPD to act within 35 days shall be considered an approval of such requests. If the EPD District Office approves a request to disturb 50 acres or more at any one time, the Plan must include at least four (4) of the best management practices listed in Part III.C.2. of this permit.

The Plan will clearly describe for each major activity identified in Part IV.D.2.b. appropriate control measures and the timing during the construction process that the measures will be implemented. The Primary Permittee is encouraged to utilize the document, Developing Your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan: A Guide for Construction Sites, EPA 833-R-060-04, May 2007, when preparing the Plan. The description and implementation of controls shall address the following minimum components:

a. Erosion and sediment controls.

(1). Stabilization measures. A description of interim and permanent stabilization measures, including site-specific scheduling of the implementation of the measures. Site plans should ensure that existing vegetation is preserved and that disturbed portions of the site are stabilized. Stabilization measures may include: temporary seeding, permanent seeding, mulching, geotextiles, sod stabilization, vegetative buffer strips, protection of trees, preservation of mature vegetation, and other

¹ For solar farm projects, solar panels are to be considered impervious areas when determining the calculations and the post-construction impervious area shall be calculated as 70% of the square footage of the solar panels.

appropriate measures. A record of the dates when major grading activities occur, when construction activities temporarily or permanently cease on a portion of the site, and when stabilization measures are initiated shall be included in the Plan. Except as provided in paragraphs IV.D.3(a)(1)(a). below, stabilization measures shall be initiated as soon as practicable in portions of the site where construction activities have temporarily or permanently ceased, but in no case more than 14 days after the construction activity in that portion of the site has temporarily or permanently ceased.

(a). Where the initiation of stabilization measures by the 14th day after construction activity temporarily or permanently cease is precluded by snow cover or other adverse weather conditions, stabilization measures shall be initiated as soon as practicable.

(2). Structural practices. A description of structural practices to divert flows from exposed soils, store flows or otherwise limit runoff and the discharge of pollutants from exposed areas of the site to the degree attainable. Such practices may include silt fences, earth dikes, drainage swales, sediment traps, check dams, subsurface drains, pipe slope drains, level spreaders, storm drain inlet protection, rock outlet protection, reinforced soil retaining systems, gabions, and temporary or permanent sediment basins. Structural practices should be placed on upland soils to the degree attainable. The installation of these devices may be subject to Section 404 of the CWA.

(3). Sediment basins. For common drainage locations a temporary (or permanent) sediment basin providing at least 1800 cubic feet (67 cubic yards) of storage per acre drained, or equivalent control measures, shall be provided until final stabilization of the site. The 1800 cubic feet (67 cubic yards) of storage area per acre drained does not apply to flows from off-site areas and flows from on-site areas that are either undisturbed or have undergone final stabilization where such flows are diverted around both the disturbed area and the sediment basin. For drainage locations where a temporary sediment basin providing at least 1800 cubic feet (67 cubic yards) of storage per acre drained, or equivalent controls is not attainable, sediment traps, silt fences, wood mulch berms or equivalent sediment controls are required for all side slope and down slope boundaries of the construction area. When the sediment fills to a volume at most of 22 cubic yards per acre for each acre of drainage area, the sediment shall be removed to restore the original design volume. This sediment must be properly disposed. Sediment basins may not be feasible at some construction sites. Careful consideration must be used to determine when a sediment basin cannot be used and/or when 67 cubic yards of storage per acre drained is not attainable and a written justification explaining the decision(s) must be included in the Plan. Perennial and intermittent waters of the State shall not be used for temporary or permanent sediment detention.

When discharging from sediment basins and impoundments, permittees are required to utilize outlet structures that withdraw water from the surface, unless infeasible. If outlet structures that withdraw water from the surface are not feasible, a written justification explaining this decision must be included in the Plan. Outlet structures that withdraw water from the surface are temporary BMPs and must be removed prior to submitting a Notice of Termination. For construction activities where the NOI was submitted prior to January 1, 2014, this requirement of the permit is not applicable.

(4). Alternative BMPs. The use of alternative BMPs whose performance has been documented to be equivalent or superior to conventional BMPs as certified by a Design Professional may be allowed (unless disapproved by EPD or the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission).

(5). High performance BMPs. The use of infiltration trenches, seep berms, sand filters, dry wells, flocculants or coagulants, etc. for minimizing point source discharges except for large rainfall events is encouraged.

b. Stormwater management. A description of measures that will be installed during the construction process to control pollutants in stormwater discharges that will occur after construction operations have been completed. Structural measures should be placed on upland soils to the degree attainable. The installation of these devices may be subject to Section 404 of the CWA. This permit only addresses the installation of stormwater management measures, and not the ultimate operation and maintenance of such structures after the construction activities have been completed and the site has undergone final stabilization. Operators are only responsible for the installation and maintenance of stormwater management measures prior to final stabilization of the site and are not responsible for maintenance after stormwater discharges associated with construction activity have been eliminated from the site.

(1). Such practices may include: stormwater detention structures (including wet ponds); stormwater retention structures; flow attenuation by use of open vegetated swales and natural depressions; infiltration of runoff on-site; and sequential systems (which combine several practices). The Plan shall include an explanation of the technical basis used to select the practices to control pollution where flows exceed pre-development levels.

(2). Velocity dissipation devices shall be placed at discharge locations and along the length of any outfall channel for the purpose of providing a non-erosive velocity flow from the structure to a water course so that the natural physical and biological characteristics and functions are maintained and protected (e.g., no significant changes in the hydrological regime of the receiving water(s)).

(3). Installation and use of green infrastructure approaches and practices that mimic natural processes and direct stormwater where it can be infiltrated,

evapotranspired or re-used with significant utilization of soils and vegetation rather than traditional hardscape collection, conveyance and storage structures are encouraged to the maximum extent practicable. Green Infrastructure practices or approaches include permeable or porous paving, vegetated swales instead of curbs and gutters, green roofs, tree boxes, rain gardens, constructed wetlands, infiltration planters, vegetated median strips, protection and enhancement of riparian buffers and floodplains, and the overall reduction in site disturbance and impervious area. Design information on Green Infrastructure practices and other ways to manage stormwater can be found in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual and Coastal Stormwater Supplement. Additional information on Green Infrastructure can be found at the USEPA website.

c. Other controls.

(1). Waste disposal. Locate waste collection areas away from streets, gutters, watercourses and storm drains. Waste collection areas, such as dumpsters, are often best located near construction site entrances to minimize traffic on disturbed soils. The Plan should include secondary containment around liquid waste collection areas to further minimize the likelihood of contaminated discharges. Solid materials, including building materials, shall not be discharged to waters of the State, except as authorized by a Section 404 permit.

(2). For building materials, building products, construction wastes, trash, landscape materials, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, detergents, sanitary waste and other materials present on the site, provide cover (e.g., plastic sheeting, temporary roofs) to minimize the exposure of these products to precipitation and to stormwater, or a similarly effective means designed to minimize the discharge of pollutants from these areas. Minimization of exposure is not required in cases where exposure to precipitation and to stormwater will not result in a discharge of pollutants, or where exposure of a specific material or product poses little risk to stormwater contamination (such as final products and materials intended for outdoor use).

(3). Off-site vehicle tracking of dirt, soils, and sediments and the generation of dust shall be minimized or eliminated to the maximum extent practical. The Plan shall include the best management practice to be implemented at the site or construction activity.

(4). Nothing in this permit relieves a permittee from any obligation to comply with all applicable State and local regulations of waste disposal, sanitary sewer, septic and petroleum storage systems.

(5). The Plan shall include best management practices for the remediation of all petroleum spills and leaks as appropriate.

(6). The Plan shall include best management practices for concrete washdown of tools, concrete mixer chutes, hoppers and the rear of vehicles. Washout of the drum at the construction site is prohibited. Additional information about best management practices for concrete washout is available at the USEPA website.

(7). All permittees are required to minimize the discharge of pollutants from dewatering trenches and excavations. Discharges are prohibited unless managed by appropriate controls.

4. Inspections.

a. Permittee requirements.

(1). Each day when any type of construction activity has taken place at a Primary Permittee's site, certified personnel provided by the Primary Permittee shall inspect: (a) all areas at the Primary Permittee's site where petroleum products are stored, used, or handled for spills and leaks from vehicles and equipment and (b) all locations at the Primary Permittee's site where vehicles enter or exit the site for evidence of off-site sediment tracking. These inspections must be conducted until a Notice of Termination is submitted.

(2). Measure and record rainfall within disturbed areas of the site that have not met final stabilization once every 24 hours except any non-working Saturday, non-working Sunday and non-working Federal holiday. The data collected for the purpose of compliance with this permit shall be representative of the monitored activity. Measurement of rainfall may be suspended if all areas of the site have undergone final stabilization or established a crop of annual vegetation and a seeding of target perennials appropriate for the region.

(3). Certified personnel (provided by the Primary Permittee) shall inspect the following at least once every seven (7) calendar days: (a) disturbed areas of the Primary Permittee's construction site; (b) areas used by the Primary Permittee for storage of materials that are exposed to precipitation; and (c) structural control measures. Erosion and sediment control measures identified in the Plan applicable to the Primary Permittee's site shall be observed to ensure that they are operating correctly. Certified personnel shall also conduct inspections within 24 hours of the end of a storm that is 0.5 inches rainfall or greater (unless such storm ends after 5:00 PM on any Friday or on any non-working Saturday, non-working Sunday or any non-working Federal holiday in which case the inspection shall be completed by the end of the next business day and/or working day, whichever occurs first). Post-rain inspections will reset the 7-day inspection frequency requirement. Where discharge locations or points are accessible, they shall be inspected to ascertain whether erosion control measures are effective in preventing significant impacts to receiving water(s). For areas of a site that have undergone final stabilization or established a crop of annual vegetation and a seeding of target perennials

appropriate for the region, the permittee must comply with Part IV.D.4.a.(4). These inspections must be conducted until a Notice of Termination is submitted.

(4). Certified personnel (provided by the Primary Permittee) shall inspect at least once per month during the term of this permit (i.e., until a Notice of Termination has been submitted) the areas of the site that have undergone final stabilization or established a crop of annual vegetation and a seeding of target perennials appropriate for the region. These areas shall be inspected for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system and the receiving water(s). Erosion and sediment control measures identified in the Plan shall be observed to ensure that they are operating correctly. Where discharge locations or points are accessible, they shall be inspected to ascertain whether erosion control measures are effective in preventing significant impacts to receiving water(s).

(5). Based on the results of each inspection, the site description and the pollution prevention and control measures identified in the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan, the Plan shall be revised as appropriate not later than seven (7) calendar days following each inspection. Implementation of such changes shall be made as soon as practical but in no case later than seven (7) calendar days following each inspection.

(6). A report of each inspection that includes the name(s) of certified personnel making each inspection, the date(s) of each inspection, construction phase (i.e., initial, intermediate or final), major observations relating to the implementation of the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan, and actions taken in accordance with Part IV.D.4.a.(5). of the permit shall be made and retained at the site or be readily available at a designated alternate location until the entire site or that portion of a construction site that has been phased has undergone final stabilization and a Notice of Termination is submitted to EPD. Such reports shall be readily available by end of the second business day and/or working day and shall identify all incidents of best management practices that have not been properly installed and/or maintained as described in the Plan. Where the report does not identify any incidents, the inspection report shall contain a certification that the best management practices are in compliance with the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan. The report shall be signed in accordance with Part V.G.2. of this permit.

5. Maintenance. The Plan shall include a description of procedures to ensure the timely maintenance of vegetation, erosion and sediment control measures and other protective measures identified in the site plan.

6. Sampling Requirements. This permit requires the monitoring of nephelometric turbidity in receiving water(s) or outfalls in accordance with this permit. This paragraph shall not apply to any land disturbance associated with the construction of single-family homes which are not part of a

subdivision or planned common development unless five (5) acres or more will be disturbed. The following procedures constitute EPD's guidelines for sampling turbidity.

a. *Sampling Requirements* shall include the following:

- (1). A USGS topographic map, a topographic map or a drawing (referred to as a topographic map) that is a scale equal to or more detailed than a 1:24000 map showing the location of the site or the stand alone construction; (a) the location of all perennial and intermittent streams and other water bodies as shown on a USGS topographic map, and all other perennial and intermittent streams and other water bodies located during mandatory field verification, into which the stormwater is discharged and (b) the receiving water and/or outfall sampling locations. When the permittee has chosen to use a USGS topographic map and the receiving water(s) is not shown on the USGS topographic map, the location of the receiving water(s) must be hand-drawn on the USGS topographic map from where the stormwater(s) enters the receiving water(s) to the point where the receiving water(s) combines with the first blue line stream shown on the USGS topographic map;
- (2). A written narrative of site specific analytical methods used to collect, handle and analyze the samples including quality control/quality assurance procedures. This narrative must include precise sampling methodology for each sampling location;
- (3). When the permittee has determined that some or all outfalls will be sampled, a rationale must be included on the Plan for the NTU limit(s) selected from Appendix B. This rationale must include the size of the construction site, the calculation of the size of the surface water drainage area, and the type of receiving water(s) (i.e., trout stream or supporting warm water fisheries); and
- (4). Any additional information EPD determines necessary to be part of the Plan. EPD will provide written notice to the permittee of the information necessary and the timeline for submittal.

b. *Sample Type*. All sampling shall be collected by "grab samples" and the analysis of these samples must be conducted in accordance with methodology and test procedures established by 40 CFR Part 136 (unless other test procedures have been approved); the guidance document titled "NPDES Storm Water Sampling Guidance Document, EPA 833-B-92-001" and guidance documents that may be prepared by the EPD.

- (1). Sample containers should be labeled prior to collecting the samples.
- (2). Samples should be well mixed before transferring to a secondary container.
- (3). Large mouth, well cleaned and rinsed glass or plastic jars should be used for collecting samples. The jars should be cleaned thoroughly to avoid contamination.

(4). Manual, automatic or rising stage sampling may be utilized. Samples required by this permit should be analyzed immediately, but in no case later than 48 hours after collection. However, samples from automatic samplers must be collected no later than the next business day after their accumulation, unless flow through automated analysis is utilized. If automatic sampling is utilized and the automatic sampler is not activated during the qualifying event, the permittee must utilize manual sampling or rising stage sampling during the next qualifying event. Dilution of samples is not required. Samples may be analyzed directly with a properly calibrated turbidimeter. Samples are not required to be cooled.

(5). Sampling and analysis of the receiving water(s) or outfalls beyond the minimum frequency stated in this permit must be reported to EPD as specified in Part IV.E.

c. Sampling Points.

(1). For construction activities the Primary Permittee must sample all receiving water(s), or all outfall(s), or a combination of receiving water(s) and outfall(s). Sampling points shall be located on applicable pages of the Initial, Intermediate, and Final phase of the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plans. Samples taken for the purpose of compliance with this permit shall be representative of the monitored activity and representative of the water quality of the receiving water(s) and/or the stormwater outfalls using the following minimum guidelines:

(a). The upstream sample for each receiving water(s) must be taken immediately upstream of the confluence of the first stormwater discharge from the permitted activity (i.e., the discharge farthest upstream at the site) but downstream of any other stormwater discharges not associated with the permitted activity. Where appropriate, several upstream samples from across the receiving water(s) may need to be taken and the arithmetic average of the turbidity of these samples used for the upstream turbidity value.

(b). The downstream sample for each receiving water(s) must be taken downstream of the confluence of the last stormwater discharge from the permitted activity (i.e., the discharge farthest downstream at the site) but upstream of any other stormwater discharge not associated with the permitted activity. Where appropriate, several downstream samples from across the receiving water(s) may need to be taken and the arithmetic average of the turbidity of these samples used for the downstream turbidity value.

- (c). Ideally the samples should be taken from the horizontal and vertical center of the receiving water(s) or the stormwater outfall channel(s).
- (d). Care should be taken to avoid stirring the bottom sediments in the receiving water(s) or in the outfall stormwater channel.
- (e). The sampling container should be held so that the opening faces upstream.
- (f). The samples should be kept free from floating debris.
- (g). Permittees do not have to sample sheet flow that flows onto undisturbed natural areas or areas stabilized by the project. For purposes of this section, stabilized shall mean, for unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures and areas located outside the waste disposal limits of a landfill cell that has been certified by EPD for waste disposal, 100% of the soil surface is uniformly covered in permanent vegetation with a density of 70% or greater, or landscaped according to the Plan (uniformly covered with landscaping materials in planned landscaped areas), or equivalent permanent stabilization measures as defined in the Manual (excluding a crop of annual vegetation and a seeding of target crop perennials appropriate for the region).
- (h). All sampling pursuant to this permit must be done in such a way (including generally accepted sampling methods, locations, timing, and frequency) as to accurately reflect whether stormwater runoff from the construction site is in compliance with the standard set forth in Parts III.D.4. or III.D.5., whichever is applicable.

d. Sampling Frequency.

- (1). The Primary Permittee must sample in accordance with the Plan at least once for each rainfall event described below. For a qualifying event, the permittee shall sample at the beginning of any stormwater discharge to a monitored receiving water and/or from a monitored outfall location within in forty-five (45) minutes or as soon as possible.
- (2). However, where manual and automatic sampling are impossible (as defined in this permit), or are beyond the permittee's control, the permittee shall take samples as soon as possible, but in no case more than twelve (12) hours after the beginning of the stormwater discharge.
- (3). Sampling by the permittee shall occur for the following qualifying events:
 - (a). For each area of the site that discharges to a receiving water or from an outfall, the first rain event that reaches or exceeds 0.5 inch with a

stormwater discharge that occurs during normal business hours after all clearing and grubbing operations have been completed, but prior to completion of mass grading operations, in the drainage area of the location selected as the sampling location;

(b). In addition to (a) above, for each area of the site that discharges to a receiving water or from an outfall, the first rain event that reaches or exceeds 0.5 inch with a stormwater discharge that occurs during normal business hours either 90 days after the first sampling event or after all mass grading operations have been completed, but prior to submittal of a NOT, in the drainage area of the location selected as the sampling location, whichever comes first;

(c). At the time of sampling performed pursuant to (a) and (b) above, if BMPs in any area of the site that discharges to a receiving water or from an outfall are not properly designed, installed and maintained, corrective action shall be defined and implemented within two (2) business days, and turbidity samples shall be taken from discharges from that area of the site for each subsequent rain event that reaches or exceeds 0.5 inch during normal business hours* until the selected turbidity standard is attained, or until post-rain event inspections determine that BMPs are properly designed, installed and maintained;

(d). Where sampling pursuant to (a), (b) or (c) above is required but not possible (or not required because there was no discharge), the permittee, in accordance with Part IV.D.4.a.(6), must include a written justification in the inspection report of why sampling was not performed. Providing this justification does not relieve the permittee of any subsequent sampling obligations under (a), (b) or (c) above; and

(e). Existing construction activities, i.e., those that are occurring on or before the effective date of this permit, that have met the sampling required by (a) above shall sample in accordance with (b). Those existing construction activities that have met the sampling required by (b) above shall not be required to conduct additional sampling other than as required by (c) above.

*Note that the permittee may choose to meet the requirements of (a) and (b) above by collecting turbidity samples from any rain event that reaches or exceeds 0.5 inch and allows for sampling at any time of the day or week.

7. Non-stormwater discharges. Except for flows from fire-fighting activities, sources of non-stormwater listed in Part III.A.2. of this permit that are combined with stormwater discharges associated with construction activity must be identified in the Plan. The Plan shall identify and ensure the implementation of appropriate pollution prevention measures for the non-stormwater component(s) of the discharge.

E. Reporting.

1. The applicable permittees are required to submit the sampling results to the EPD at the address shown in Part II.C. by the fifteenth day of the month following the reporting period. Reporting periods are months during which samples are taken in accordance with this permit. Sampling results shall be in a clearly legible format. Upon written notification, EPD may require the applicable permittee to submit the sampling results on a more frequent basis. Sampling and analysis of any stormwater discharge(s) or the receiving water(s) beyond the minimum frequency stated in this permit must be reported in a similar manner to the EPD. The sampling reports must be signed in accordance with Part V.G.2. Sampling reports must be submitted to EPD using the electronic submittal service provided by EPD. Sampling reports must be submitted to EPD until such time as a NOT is submitted in accordance with Part VI.

2. All sampling reports shall include the following information:

- a. The rainfall amount, date, exact place and time of sampling or measurements;
- b. The name(s) of the certified personnel who performed the sampling and measurements;
- c. The date(s) analyses were performed;
- d. The time(s) analyses were initiated;
- e. The name(s) of the certified personnel who performed the analyses;
- f. References and written procedures, when available, for the analytical techniques or methods used;
- g. The results of such analyses, including the bench sheets, instrument readouts, computer disks or tapes, etc., used to determine these results;
- h. Results which exceed 1000 NTU shall be reported as "exceeds 1000 NTU;" and
- i. Certification statement that sampling was conducted as per the Plan.

3. All written correspondence required by this permit shall be submitted by return receipt certified mail (or similar service) to the appropriate EPD District Office or delivery receipt email to the appropriate EPD District Office resource mailbox according to the schedule in Appendix A of this permit. The permittee shall retain a copy of the proof of submittal at the construction site or the proof of submittal shall be readily available at a designated location from commencement of construction until such time as a NOT is submitted in accordance with Part VI.

F. Retention of Records.

1. The Primary Permittee shall retain the following records at the construction site or the records shall be readily available at a designated alternate location from commencement of construction until such time as a NOT is submitted in accordance with Part VI:

- a. A copy of all Notices of Intent submitted to EPD;
- b. A copy of the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan required by this permit;
- c. The design professional's report of the results of the inspection conducted in accordance with Part IV.A.5. of this permit;

- d. A copy of all sampling information, results, and reports required by this permit;
- e. A copy of all inspection reports generated in accordance with Part IV.D.4.a. of this permit;
- f. A copy of all violation summaries and violation summary reports generated in accordance with Part III.D. of this permit; and
- g. Daily rainfall information collected in accordance with Part IV.D.4.a.(2). of this permit.

2. Copies of all Notices of Intent, Notices of Termination, inspection reports, sampling reports (including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation) or other reports requested by the EPD, Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plans, records of all data used to complete the Notice of Intent to be covered by this permit and all other records required by this permit shall be retained by the permittee who either produced or used it for a period of at least three years from the date that the NOT is submitted in accordance with Part VI. of this permit. These records must be maintained at the permittee's primary place of business or at a designated alternative location once the construction activity has ceased at the permitted site. This period may be extended by request of the EPD at any time upon written notification to the permittee.

Part V. STANDARD PERMIT CONDITIONS

A. Duty to Comply.

1. Each permittee must comply with all applicable conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (O.C.G.A. §§12-5-20, et seq.) and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination; or for denial of a permit renewal application. Failure of a Primary Permittee to comply with any applicable term or condition of this permit shall not relieve any other Primary Permittee from compliance with their applicable terms and conditions of this permit.
2. Each permittee must document in their records any and all known violations of this permit at his/her site within seven (7) days of his/her knowledge of the violation. A summary of these violations must be submitted to EPD by the permittee at the addresses shown in Appendix A within fourteen (14) days of his/her discovery of the violation.
3. Penalties for violations of permit conditions. The Federal Clean Water Act and the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (O.C.G.A. §§12-5-20, et seq.) provide that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit, makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or noncompliance shall, upon conviction be punished by a fine or by imprisonment, or by both. The Federal Clean Water Act and the Georgia Water Quality Control Act also provide procedures for imposing civil penalties which may be levied for violations of the Acts, any permit condition or limitation established pursuant to the Acts, or

negligently or intentionally failing or refusing to comply with any final or emergency order of the Director.

B. Continuation of the Expired General Permit. This permit expires on the date shown on the cover page of this permit. However, an expired general permit continues in force and effect until a new general permit is issued, final and effective.

C. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense. It shall not be a defense for the permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

D. Duty to Mitigate. The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

E. Duty to Provide Information. The permittee shall furnish to the Director; a State or local agency approving soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plans, grading plans, or stormwater management plans; or in the case of a stormwater discharge associated with construction activity which discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer system with an NPDES permit, to the local government operating the municipal separate storm sewer system, any information which is requested to determine compliance with this permit. In the case of information submitted to the EPD such information shall be considered public information and available under the Georgia Open Records Act.

F. Other Information. When the permittee becomes aware that he failed to submit any relevant facts or submitted incorrect information in the Notice of Intent or in any other report required to be submitted to the EPD, the permittee shall promptly submit such facts or information.

G. Signatory Requirements. All Notices of Intent, Notice of Terminations, inspection reports, sampling reports or other reports requested by the EPD shall be signed as follows:

1. All Notices of Intent and Notices of Termination shall be signed as follows:

a. For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this permit, a responsible corporate officer means: (1) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation; or (2) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production or operating facilities provided the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where

authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures;

b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

c. For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public facility: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official; and

d. Changes to authorization. If an authorization under Part II.B. is no longer accurate, a modification NOI satisfying the requirements of Part II.B. must be submitted to the EPD prior to or together with any inspection reports, sampling reports, or other reports requested by the EPD to be signed by a person described above or by a duly authorized representative of that person.

2. All inspection reports, sampling reports, or other reports requested by the EPD shall be signed by a person described above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:

a. The authorization is made in writing by a person(s) described above and submitted to the EPD;

b. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for specified operation(s) of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of manager, operator, superintendent, or position of equivalent responsibility or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company. (A duly authorized representative may be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position); and

c. *Certification.* Reports delineated in Part V.G.2. shall be signed by the permittee or duly authorized representative and shall make the following certification:

“I certify under penalty of law that this report and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that certified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.”

H. Oil and Hazardous Substance Liability. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject under the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-8-60, et seq. or under Chapter 14 of Title 12 of the Official Code

of Georgia Annotated; nor is the Operator relieved from any responsibilities, liabilities or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject under Section 311 of the Clean Water Act or Section 106 of Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation And Liability Act.

I. Property Rights. The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, nor any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property nor any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of Federal, State or local laws or regulations.

J. Severability. The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby.

K. Other Applicable Environmental Regulations and Laws. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable State law or regulation under authority preserved by Section 510 of the Clean Water Act. Nothing in this permit, unless explicitly stated, exempts the permittee from compliance with other applicable local, state and federal ordinances, rules, regulations, and laws. Furthermore, it is not a defense to compliance with this permit that a local government authority has approved the permittee's Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan or failed to take enforcement action against the permittee for violations of the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan, or other provisions of this permit.

No condition of this permit shall release the permittee from any responsibility or requirements under other environmental statutes or regulations.

L. Proper Operation and Maintenance. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit and with the required plans. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. Proper operation and maintenance requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems, installed by a permittee only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

M. Inspection and Entry. The permittee shall allow the Director or an authorized representative of EPA, EPD or to designated officials of the local government reviewing soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plans, grading plans, or stormwater management plans; or, in the case of a construction site which discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer system, an authorized representative of the municipal operator of the separate storm sewer system receiving the discharge, upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

1. Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit; and

2. Have access to and copy at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit; and
3. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities or equipment (including monitoring and control equipment).

N. Permit Actions. This permit may be revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause including but not limited to changes in the law or regulations. The filing of a request by the permittee for termination of the permit, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance, does not stay any permit condition.

Part VI. TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

A. Notice of Termination Eligibility. Notice of Termination signed in accordance with Part V.G.1. of this permit must be submitted:

1. For construction activities, by the permittee where the entire stand alone development has undergone final stabilization, all stormwater discharges associated with construction activity that are authorized by this permit have ceased, the site is in compliance with this permit and all temporary BMPs have been removed. For construction activities where the Primary Permittee has elected to submit NOIs for separate phases of the stand alone development, the phase or phases of the stand alone development on the NOT shall correspond to the phase or phases on the NOI.
2. By the Owner or Operator when the Owner or Operator of the site changes. Where stormwater discharges will continue after the identity of the Owner or Operator changes, the permittee must, prior to filing the Notice of Termination, notify any subsequent Owner or Operator of the permitted site as to the requirements of this permit.

B. Notice of Termination Contents:

1. The NPDES permit number for the stormwater discharge associated with construction activity identified by the Notice of Termination (i.e., GAR100001 – Stand Alone);
2. The project construction site name, GPS location (decimal degrees) of construction exit, construction site location, city (if applicable) and county of the construction site for which the notification is submitted. This information must correspond to the similar information as provided on the NOI. Where an address for the construction site is not available, the construction site location information must be sufficient to accurately locate the construction site;
3. The Owner's legal name, address, telephone number and email address and the Operator's legal name, address, telephone and email address;

4. The name of the initial receiving water(s), and when the discharge is through a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), the name of the local government operating the municipal separate storm sewer system and the name of the receiving water(s) which receives the discharge from the MS4;
5. If sampling was not conducted for the permitted site, then provide a written justification for why that sampling was not conducted within electronic NOT submittal;
6. Any other information specified on the NOT in effect at the time of submittal; and
7. The following certification signed in accordance with Part V.G.1. (signatory requirements):

“I certify under penalty of law that either: (a) all stormwater discharges associated with construction activity authorized by this permit have ceased, the site is in compliance with this permit and all temporary BMPs have been removed or (b) I am no longer an Owner or Operator at the construction site and a new Owner or Operator has assumed operational control of the permitted construction site where I previously had ownership or operational control; and that discharging pollutants in stormwater associated with construction activity to waters of Georgia is unlawful under the Georgia Water Quality Control Act and the Clean Water Act where the discharge is not authorized by a NPDES permit.”

C. Notice of Termination Submittal. All Notices of Termination (NOT) by this permit shall be submitted to EPD using the electronic submittal service provided by EPD no more than 14 days after the site has completed construction related activities, achieved final stabilization and temporary BMPs have been removed as referenced in Part VI.A.1.A copy of the NOT shall also be submitted to the Local Issuing Authority in jurisdictions authorized to issue a Land Disturbance Activity permit for the permittee's construction site pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-7-1, et seq.

APPENDIX A

EPD DISTRICT OFFICES

A. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Bibb, Bleckley, Chattahoochee, Crawford, Dooly, Harris, Houston, Jones, Lamar, Macon, Marion, Meriwether, Monroe, Muscogee, Peach, Pike, Pulaski, Schley, Talbot, Taylor, Troup, Twiggs, Upson

Information shall be submitted to: Wcd.epd.reporting@dnr.ga.gov
West Central District Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
2640 Shurling Drive
Macon, GA 31211-3576
(478) 751-6612

B. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Burke, Columbia, Emanuel, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, McDuffie, Montgomery, Richmond, Screven, Treutlen, Warren, Washington, Wheeler, Wilkinson

Information shall be submitted to: ECD.EPDReporting@dnr.ga.gov
East Central District Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
3525 Walton Way Extension
Augusta, GA 30909-1821
(706) 667-4343

C. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Baldwin, Banks, Barrow, Butts, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Hall, Hancock, Hart, Jackson, Jasper, Lincoln, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Stephens, Taliaferro, Walton, Wilkes

Information shall be submitted to: epd.athens@dnr.ga.gov
Northeast District Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
745 Gaines School Road
Athens, GA 30605-3129
(706) 369-6376

D. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Carroll, Clayton, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Heard, Henry, Rockdale, Spalding

Information shall be submitted to: MDOAtlanta.SW@dnr.ga.gov
Mountain District - Atlanta Satellite
Georgia Environmental Protection Division

4244 International Parkway, Suite 114
Atlanta, GA 30354-3906
(404) 362-2671

E. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Cobb, Dade, Dawson, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Haralson, Lumpkin, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Towns, Union, Walker, White, Whitfield

Information shall be submitted to: MDOCartersville.SW@dnr.ga.gov
Mountain District - Cartersville Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
16 Center Road
Cartersville, GA 30120
(770) 387-4900

F. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Jeff Davis, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Pierce, Tattnall, Toombs, Ware, Wayne

Information shall be submitted to: coast.epdreporting@dnr.ga.gov
Coastal District - Brunswick Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
1050 Canal Road
Brunswick, GA 31523-6856
(912) 264-7284

G. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Calhoun, Clay, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Grady, Irwin, Lanier, Lee, Lowndes, Miller, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Stewart, Sumter, Telfair, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner, Webster, Wilcox, Worth

Information shall be submitted to: southwest.districtreporting@dnr.ga.gov
Southwest District Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
2024 Newton Road
Albany, GA 31701-3576
(229) 430-4144

H. For facilities/construction sites required to submit Plans required under Part IV.A.4.a. of this Permit:

Information shall be submitted to: Watershed Protection Branch
Environmental Protection Division

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1462 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
(404) 463-1511

APPENDIX B

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) TABLES

		Trout Streams							
		Surface Water Drainage Area, square miles							
		0-4.99	5-9.99	10-24.99	25-49.99	50-99.99	100-249.99	250-499.99	500+
Site Size, acres	1.00-10	25	50	75	150	300	500	500	500
	10.01-25	25	25	50	75	150	200	500	500
	25.01-50	25	25	25	50	75	100	300	500
	50.01-100	20	25	25	35	59	75	150	300
	100.01+	20	20	25	25	25	50	60	100

		Waters Supporting Warm Water Fisheries							
		Surface Water Drainage Area, square miles							
		0-4.99	5-9.99	10-24.99	25-49.99	50-99.99	100-249.99	250-499.99	500+
Site Size, acres	1.00-10	75	150	200	400	750	750	750	750
	10.01-25	50	100	100	200	300	500	750	750
	25.01-50	50	50	100	100	200	300	750	750
	50.01-100	50	50	50	100	100	150	300	600
	100.01+	50	50	50	50	50	100	200	100

To use these tables, select the size (acres) of the construction site. Then, select the surface water drainage area (square miles). The NTU matrix value arrived at from the above tables is the one to use in Part III.D.5.

Example 1: For a site size of 12.5 acres and a “trout stream” drainage area of 37.5 square miles, the NTU value to use in Part III.D.5. is 75 NTU.

Example 2: For a site size of 51.7 acres and “waters supporting warm water fisheries” drainage area of 72 square miles, the NTU value to use in Part III.D.5. is 100 NTU.

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SECTION 31 37 00**RIP-RAP****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Material placed as bank protection and erosion control.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 31 25 00 – Erosion and Sedimentation Control

1.3 ALLOWABLE TOLERANCES

- A. Depth of rip-rap blanket as shown on the drawings and in these specifications is a minimum depth.

1.4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Rip-Rap: Payment will be made at the contract unit price. Payment will include furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment and placing on a prepared surface.

1.5 REFERENCES (LATEST REVISION)

- A. ASTM C 150 – Portland Cement.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS**2.1 MATERIALS**

- A. Stone Rip-Rap: Shall be hard quarry or field stone of such quality the pieces will not disintegrate on exposure to water, sunlight, or weather. Stone shall be solid and non-friable and range in weight from a minimum of 25 pounds to a maximum of 150 pounds. At least 50 percent of the stone pieces shall weigh more than 60 pounds. The stone pieces shall have a minimum dimension of 12 inches. Documents indicating stone analysis, source and other pertinent data (i.e. – filter fabric) shall be submitted for review by the Engineer prior to delivery.
- B. Sand-Cement Bag Rip-Rap:
 - 1. Bags: Shall be of cotton, burlap, or fiber-reinforced paper capable of containing the sand-cement mixture without leakage during handling and placing. Bags previously used for any purpose shall not be used. Capacity shall be not less than 0.75 cubic foot nor more than two cubic feet.

2. Cement: Portland cement shall be Type I meeting requirements of ASTM C 150. Cement which has been damaged, or which is partially set, lumpy, or caked shall not be used.
 3. Fine Aggregate: Shall be composed of hard, durable particles, free from injurious amounts of organic impurities and shall contain, in the material passing the No. 10 sieve, not more than 7 percent clay, and not more than 20 percent passing the No. 200 sieve.
- C. Filter Fabric: Shall be a woven fabric of monofilament and multifilament yarn equivalent to Mirafi FW700. Fabric shall be finished so the filaments will retain their relative position with respect to each other. Fabric shall contain stabilizers and/or inhibitors added to make filaments resistant to deterioration due to ultraviolet and/or heat exposure. Fabric shall be free of flaws, rips, holes, or defects.

2.2 PRODUCT REVIEW

- A. Contractor shall provide the Engineer with a complete description of all products before ordering. Engineer will review all products before they are ordered.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

- A. The surface to receive rip-rap shall be prepared to a relatively smooth condition free of obstruction, depressions, debris, rises, and soft or low density pockets of material. Contours and elevations on construction drawings are to the surface of rip-rap material.

3.2 PLACEMENT

- A. Filter fabric shall be placed with the long dimension running up slope. The strips shall be placed to provide a minimum width of one foot of overlap for each joint. Fabric shall be anchored in place with securing pins of the type recommended by fabric manufacturer. Pins shall be placed on or within 3 inches of the overlap. Place fabric so upstream strip will overlap the downstream strip. Fabric shall be placed loosely to give and avoid stretching and tearing during placement of the stones.
- B. Minimum depth or thickness of stone blanket shall be 12 inches with no under tolerance. Stones shall be dropped no more than three feet during construction. Placing shall begin at bottom of slope. Provide a toe trench if required as detailed on the construction drawings. Entire mass of stone shall be placed to conform with lines, grades, and thickness shown on the plans. Rip-rap shall be placed to its full course thickness at one operation and in such a manner as to avoid displacing the underlying material. Placing of rip-rap in layers, or by dumping into chutes, or by similar methods likely to cause segregation, will not be permitted.

Larger stones shall be well distributed and the entire mass of stone shall conform to gradation specified. All material used in rip-rap protection shall be placed

and distributed so there will be no large accumulations of either the larger or smaller sizes of stone.

It is the intent of these specifications to produce a fairly compact rip-rap protection in which all sizes of material are placed in their proper proportions. Hand placing or rearranging of individual stones by mechanical equipment may be required to secure the results specified.

- C. Sand-Cement Bag Rip-Rap: Bags shall be uniformly filled. Bagged rip-rap shall be placed by hand with tied ends facing the same direction, with close, broken joints. After placing, bags shall be rammed or packed against one another to produce the required thickness and form a consolidated mass. The top of each bag shall not vary more than 3 inches above or below required plane. When directed by the Engineer or required by construction drawings, header courses shall be placed.

END OF SECTION

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****Please reference the plan set within the Contract Documents for additional information on plantings and specifications.

INDEX TO
SECTION 32 92 00 – TURF AND GRASSES

****Please reference the plan set within the Contract Documents for additional information on plantings and specifications.

END OF SECTION