

INVITATION FOR BID IFB # 16-0607-DS

Waterproofing and Sealing Manatee County Administration Building

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, (hereinafter "County") will receive sealed bids from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities organized under the laws of the State of Florida or authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida.

NON-MANDATORY INFORMATION CONFERENCE -

In order to ensure all prospective bidders have sufficient information and understanding of County's needs, an information Conference will be held at: 1:00 PM on December 30, 2015 at the Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Purchasing Conference Room, Bradenton, Florida 34205. Attendance is not mandatory, but is highly encouraged. A site visit will commence immediately following the Information Conference.

DEADLINE FOR CLARIFICATION REQUESTS: 4:00 PM on January 8, 2016

Reference Bid Article A.07

BID OPENING TIME AND DATE DUE: 3:00 PM on January 19, 2016

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SECTION A INFORMATION TO BIDDERS

A.01 OPENING LOCATION

Sealed bids will be <u>publicly opened</u> at the <u>Manatee County Purchasing Division</u>, <u>1112 Manatee Avenue West</u>, <u>Suite 803</u>, <u>Bradenton</u>, <u>Florida 34205</u> in the presence of County officials at the time and date stated, or soon thereafter. All bidders or their representatives are invited to attend the sealed bid opening.

Any bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to have their bid <u>delivered to the Manatee County Purchasing Division</u> for receipt on or before the stated time and date. Bidder shall be solely and strictly responsible for its timely delivery to the Purchasing Division. Bids delayed by mail, courier, or bids delayed for any other reason, shall not be considered, shall not be opened at the public opening, and arrangements shall be made for their return at the bidder's request and expense.

A.02 SEALED & MARKED

Bids shall be submitted in duplicate, one original (marked Original) and one copy/copies (marked Copy) of your signed bid shall be submitted in one sealed package, clearly marked on the outside "Sealed Bid #16-0607-DS Waterproofing and Sealing Manatee County Administration Building," along with your company name.

For your convenience, a mailing label is provided with this Invitation for Bid or you may address the package as follows:

Manatee County Purchasing Division
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803
Bradenton, Florida 34205
Sealed Bid #16-0607-DS Waterproofing and Sealing Manatee

County Administration Building,

All blank spaces on the bid form must be filled in as noted with amounts extended and totaled and no modifications shall be made in the wording of the forms or in the items thereupon. In the event an edit is made in your submittal, the bidder shall write its initials by the change. Any bid may be rejected which contains any omissions, alterations, irregularities of any kind, or which in any manner fail to conform to the requirements of this IFB.

A bid made by an individual, either in his/her own or proper person or under a trade or firm name, shall be executed under the individual's signature. If made by a partnership, the bid shall be executed by two or more of the general partners. If made by a corporation, the bid shall be executed by its President or other legally authorized corporate officer or agent.

A.03 BID FORMS

Bids must be submitted on the provided forms, although additional pages may be attached. Bidders must fully complete all pages of the Bid Forms. Bid Forms must be executed by an authorized signatory who has the legal authority to make the bid and bind the company. Bidders must fully comply with all requirements of this IFB in its entirety. Failure to comply shall result in bidder being deemed nonresponsive.

A.04 MATHEMATICAL ERRORS

Bid Forms without imbedded mathematical formulas:

In the event of multiplication/extension error(s), the unit price shall prevail. In the event of addition error(s) the extension totals will prevail. In the event the dollar amount for contract contingency is omitted, it will be added to the total price of the bid.

Bid Forms with imbedded mathematical formulas:

Interactive Bid Forms that contain mathematical formulas may be used for automating lengthy and complex bid forms. In the event these forms are used and a multiplication/extension error(s) is discovered, the unit price entered by the vendor shall prevail. The vendor shall assume the responsibility and accuracy of the information input in the bid form and therefore shall verify that the calculations are correct before submitting their bid.

Regardless of which type of bid form is used, all bids shall be reviewed mathematically and corrected by the Purchasing Division, if necessary, using these standards, prior to additional evaluation.

A.05 SECURING BID DOCUMENTS

IFB's and all documents issued pursuant to the IFB are available for download at no charge at mymanatee.org by clicking on "Bids and Proposals" on the left side of the home page. You may view and print these pdf files using Adobe Reader software.

Manatee County may also use DemandStar to distribute bids. Visit the DemandStar website at www.Demandstar.com for more information regarding this service. Participation in the DemandStar system is not a requirement for doing business with Manatee County.

Complete copies of the IFB and all related documents are available for public inspection at the Manatee County Purchasing Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205, or by calling (941) 749-3014. Appointments are encouraged. Documents are available between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, with the exception of holidays.

In addition, Manatee County informs the Manatee Chamber of Commerce of all active solicitations who then distributes the information to their members.

A.06 EXAMINATION OF BID DOCUMENTS AND SITE(S)

It is the responsibility of each bidder before submitting a bid to (a) examine all IFB documents thoroughly; (b) consider federal, state, and local codes, laws, and regulations which may affect costs, progress, performance, or furnishing of the work; (c) study and carefully correlate bidder's observations with the IFB documents; and (d) notify the County of all conflicts, errors, or discrepancies in the IFB documents prior to the deadline for clarification requests.

A.07 NON-EXCLUSIVE

Unless otherwise stated in this bid specification, any contracts resulting from this bid are nonexclusive. The County reserves the right, in its sole opinion, to purchase items listed in this bid through the State of Florida contracts, cooperatives, other current government contracts, and nonprofit contracts as provided in the Manatee County Purchasing Policy. The County reserves the rights to solicit separate bids for requirements that are a portion of a larger contract bid as a whole. Additionally at the County's sole option, additional contracts may be entered into as a result of such situations as unusual volumes, time/delivery requirements, special requirements, other brands, lease, project specific requirements, or similar situations.

A.08 MODIFICATION OF BID DOCUMENTS

If a bidder wishes to recommend changes to any portion of the IFB documents, the bidder shall furnish, in writing, data and information necessary to aid County in evaluating the request to modify the IFB documents. County is not obligated to make any changes to the IFB documents. Unless an addendum is issued, the IFB documents shall remain unaltered.

A.09 CLARIFICATION REQUESTS & ADDENDA

Each bidder shall examine all IFB documents and shall judge all matters relating to their adequacy and accuracy. Any inquiries, suggestions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this IFB shall be made through the Manatee County Purchasing Division. County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee, representative, or others.

4:00 PM on January 8, 2016 shall be the deadline to submit to the Purchasing Division, in writing, all inquiries, suggestions, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this IFB.

This deadline has been established to maintain fair treatment of all potential bidders, while maintaining progression of the work.

If any addenda are issued to this IFB, County will post the documents on the Purchasing Division's web page at http://www.mymanatee.org/purchasing, and then by clicking on "Bids and Proposals". If the original solicitation was broadcast via DemandStar, the addenda will also be broadcast on the DemandStar distribution system to "Planholders" on this web service.

The issuance of a written addendum is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

It shall be the <u>responsibility of each bidder, prior to submitting a bid</u>, to contact the Purchasing Division (see contact information on the cover page) to <u>determine if any addenda were issued</u> and to make such addenda a part of their bid.

A complete set of the IFB documents must be used in preparing bids. County assumes no responsibility for errors and misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of bid documents.

A.10 LOBBYING

After the issuance of any IFB, prospective bidders or their agents, representatives or persons acting at the request of such bidder shall not contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating to the IFB with any officer, agent or employee of Manatee County other than the Purchasing Official or the contact identified on the first page of this IFB, pursuant to the Manatee County Code of Laws. This prohibition includes copying such persons on all written communication, including email correspondence. This requirement begins with the issuance of an IFB and ends upon execution of the final agreement or when the IFB has been cancelled. Violators of this prohibition shall be subject to sanctions as provided in the Manatee County Code of Laws.

A.11 UNBALANCED BIDDING PROHIBITED

County recognizes that large and/or complex projects will often result in a variety of methods, sources, and prices. However, where in the opinion of the County such variation does not appear to be justified, given bid requirements and industry and market conditions, the bid will be presumed to be unbalanced. Examples of unbalanced bids will include:

- a. Bids showing omissions, alterations of form, additions not specified, or required conditional or unauthorized alternate bids.
- b. Bids quoting prices that substantially deviate, either higher or lower, from those included in the bids of competitive bidders for the same line item unit costs.
- Bids where the unit costs offered are in excess of or below reasonable cost analysis values.

In the event County determines that a bid is presumed unbalanced, it will request the opportunity to and reserves the right to, review all source quotes, bids, price lists, letters of intent, etc., which the bidder obtained and upon which the bidder relied upon to develop its bid. County reserves the right to reject as nonresponsive any presumptive unbalanced bids where the bidder is unable to demonstrate the validity and/or necessity of the unbalanced unit costs.

A.12 WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

Bidders may withdraw bids as follows:

- a. Mistakes discovered before the public bid opening may be withdrawn by written notice from the bidder submitting the bid. This request must be received in the Purchasing Division prior to the time set for delivery and opening of the bids. A copy of the request shall be retained and the unopened bid returned to the bidder; or
- b. After the bids are opened or a selection has been determined, but before an agreement is signed, a bidder alleging a material mistake of fact may be permitted to withdraw their bid if:
 - 1. The mistake is clearly evident in the solicitation document; or
 - Bidder submits evidence which clearly and convincingly demonstrates that a mistake was made. Request to withdraw a bid must be in writing and approved by the Purchasing Official.

A.13 IRREVOCABLE OFFER

Any bid may be withdrawn up until the time and date set for opening of the bid. Any bid not so withdrawn shall, upon opening, constitute an <u>irrevocable offer for a period of ninety (90) days</u> to sell to Manatee County the goods or services set forth in the attached IFB until one or more of the bids have been duly accepted by County.

A.14 BID EXPENSES

All expenses for submitting bids to the County are to be borne by the bidder.

A.15 RESERVED RIGHTS

<u>County reserves the right to accept or reject</u> any and/or all bids, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission. Also, County reserves the right to accept all or any part of the bid and to increase or decrease quantities to meet additional or reduced requirements of County. Any sole response received by the first submission date may or may not be rejected by County depending on available competition and current needs of County. For all items combined, the bid of the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder will be accepted, unless all bids are rejected.

The <u>lowest</u>, responsible bidder shall mean that bidder who makes the lowest bid to sell goods and/or services of a quality which meets or exceeds the quality of goods and/or services set forth in the IFB documents or otherwise required by County.

To be <u>responsive</u>, a bidder shall submit a bid which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the IFB. <u>Bidders must fully comply with the IFB documents in their entirety</u>.

To be a <u>responsible</u> bidder, the bidder shall have the capability in all respects to perform fully the bid requirements, and the tenacity, perseverance, experience, integrity, reliability, capacity, facilities, equipment, and credit which will assure good faith performance.

Also, County reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any bidder to furnish the service requested. Information County deems necessary to make this determination shall be provided by the bidder. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to current financial statements, verification of availability of equipment and personnel, and past performance records.

A.16 APPLICABLE LAWS

Bidder must be authorized to transact business in the State of Florida. All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Florida and ordinances and regulations of Manatee County will apply to any resulting agreement. Any involvement with the Manatee County Purchasing Division shall be in accordance with the Manatee County Purchasing Ordinance as amended.

A.17 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, prohibits agencies from contracting with companies, for goods or services over \$1,000,000, that are on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. Both lists are created pursuant to section 215.473, Florida Statutes.

At the time a company submits a bid or proposal for a contract or before the company enters into or renews a contract with an agency or governmental entity for goods or services of \$1 million or more, the company must certify that the company is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List.

A.18 COLLUSION

By submitting a bid in response to this IFB, bidder certifies that it has not divulged, discussed or compared its bid with any other bidder, and <u>has not colluded</u> with any other bidder or parties to this bid whatsoever. Also, bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to their own organization, that in connection with this bid:

- a. any prices and/or cost data submitted have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices and/or cost data, with any other bidder or with any competitor;
- any prices and/or cost data quoted for this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder, prior to the scheduled opening, directly or indirectly to any other bidder or to any competitor;

- no attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition;
- d. the only person or persons interested in this bid, principal or principals is/are named therein and that no person other than therein mentioned has any interest in this bid or in the resulting agreement to be entered into; and
- e. no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure the resulting agreement upon an agreement or understanding or a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee except bona fide employees or established commercial agencies maintained by bidder for purpose of doing business.

A.19 CODE OF ETHICS

With respect to this bid, if any bidder violates, directly or indirectly, the ethics provisions of the Manatee County Procurement Code and/or Florida criminal or civil laws related to public procurement, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 112, Part III, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, such bidder will be disqualified from eligibility to perform services or provide the goods described in this IFB, and may also be disqualified from furnishing future goods or services to, and from submitting any future bids to supply goods or services to Manatee County.

By submitting a bid, the bidder represents to County that all statements made and materials submitted are truthful, with no relevant facts withheld. If a bidder is determined to have been untruthful in their bid or any related presentation, such bidder will be disqualified from eligibility to provide the goods and/or services described in this IFB, and may also be disqualified from furnishing future goods or services to, and from submitting any future bids to supply goods or services to Manatee County.

A.20 PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime, as that term is defined in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, may not submit a bid to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under an agreement with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for Category Two for a period of thirty-six (36) months following the date of being placed on the convicted list.

In addition, the Manatee County Procurement Code prohibits the award of any bid to any person or entity who/which has, within the past five (5) years, been convicted of, or admitted to in court or sworn to under oath, a public entity crime or of any environmental law that, in the reasonable opinion of the Purchasing Official, establishes reasonable

grounds to believe the person or business entity will not conduct business in a responsible matter.

To ensure compliance with the foregoing, the Code requires all persons or entities desiring to do business with County to execute and file with the Purchasing Official an affidavit, executed under the pain and penalties of perjury, confirming that person, entity and any person(s) affiliated with the entity, does not have such a record and is therefore eligible to seek and be awarded business with County. In the case of a business entity other than a partnership or a corporation, such affidavit shall be executed by an authorized agent of the entity. In the case of a partnership, such affidavit shall be executed by the general partner(s). A Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification form is attached herein for this purpose.

A.21 CONTRACT

The agreement resulting from the acceptance of a bid shall be in the form of purchase order.

A.22 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

Manatee County reserves the right to terminate any contract, at any time, with or without cause.

A.23 PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

It is the intent of this Invitation for Bid to include requirements and to obtain bids on behalf of Manatee County and reserve the right for the entities belonging to the Sarasota Bay Chapter of NIGP to obtain purchases from this bid proposal. This opportunity is also made available to any and all local, County, Public Educational Institutions, non-profits, and the State of Florida. Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the agreement of the vendor, other entities may be permitted to make purchases at the terms and conditions contained herein. Manatee County will not be financially responsible for the purchase of other entities from this solicitation.

A.24 DISCOUNTS

Any and all discounts must be incorporated in the prices contained in the bid and not shown separately. The prices indicated on the Bid Form shall be the prices used in determining award.

A.25 TAXES

Manatee County is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales Taxes. (F.E.T. Cert. No. 59-78-0089K; Florida Sales Tax Exempt Cert. No. 85-8012622206C-6); therefore, the bidder is prohibited from delineating a separate line item in his bid for any sales or service taxes. Nothing herein shall affect the bidder's normal tax liability.

The successful bidder shall be responsible for the payment of taxes of any kind and character, including, but not limited to sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes payable on account of the work performed and materials furnished under the award in accordance with the laws and regulations of the place of the project which are applicable

during the performance of the work. Nothing herein shall affect the bidder's normal tax liability.

A.26 DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Unless otherwise specifically provided in the IFB documents, all equipment, materials and articles provided shall be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the IFB documents, reference to any equipment, material, article or patented process, by trade name, brand name, make or catalog number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition.

A.27 DELIVERY

Unless otherwise specified, all prices are to be FOB Destination.

A.28 AUTHORIZED PRODUCT REPRESENTATION

The bidder, by virtue of submitting the name and specifications of a manufacturer's product, will be required to furnish the named manufacturer's product. Failure to do so may, in the County's sole discretion, be deemed a material breach of the resulting agreement and shall constitute grounds for County's immediate termination of the resulting agreement.

A.29 ROYALTIES AND PATENTS

The successful bidder shall pay all royalties and license fees for equipment or processes in conjunction with the equipment and/or services being furnished. Successful bidder shall defend all suits or claims for infringement of any patent, trademark or copyright, and shall save County harmless from loss on account thereof, including costs and attorney's fees.

A.30 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

County does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of County's functions including one's access to, participation, employment, or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring **reasonable accommodation** for an Information Conference or Bid Opening should contact the person named on the cover page of this IFB document at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of either activity.

A.31 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title 15, Part 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the Civil Rights Act of 1992, County hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure minority business enterprises are afforded full opportunity to participate in response to this IFB and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicap, or marital status in consideration of bid award.

A.32 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE / DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

The State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity provides the certification process and the database for identifying certified MBE/DBE firms. Additional information can be obtained at http://www.osd.dms.state.fl.us/iframe.htm or by calling (850) 487-0915.

A.33 SUBCONTRACTORS

The successful bidder will obtain prior written approval from the County for any subcontractor(s) and the work they will perform. A subcontractor is defined as any entity performing work within the scope of the project who is not an employee of the successful bidder.

Bidders subcontracting any portion of the work shall include a list of subcontractors along with their bid. The list shall include: name and address of subcontractor, type of work to be performed and the percent of the contract amount to be subcontracted.

Prior to the employment of any person under this contract, the successful bidder shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of (a) all persons employed during the contract term by the successful bidder to perform employment duties within Florida and (b) all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the successful bidder to perform work pursuant to the contract with Manatee County. For more information on this process, please refer to United States Citizenship and Immigration Service site at: http://www.uscis.gov/.

Only those individuals determined eligible to work within the United States shall be employed under this contract.

By submission of a bid in response to this IFB, the successful bidder commits that all employees and subcontractors will undergo e-verification before placement on this contract.

If County has reasonable objection to any subcontractor, the County may request the successful bidder to submit an acceptable substitute without an increase in contract sum or contract time.

If successful bidder declines to make any such substitution, the County may award the resulting agreement to the next lowest qualified bidder that proposes to use acceptable subcontractors, who County does not make written objection to. In the event the successful bidder declines to make any such substitution post award, the County may exercise its right to terminate the agreement.

The successful bidder shall maintain sole responsibility for the actions of its employees and subcontractors. New employees brought in after contract award shall follow the same requirement stated above for the life of the contract.

A.34 DISCLOSURE

Upon receipt, all inquiries and responses to inquiries related to this IFB become public records, and shall be subject to public disclosure requirements pursuant to Florida Statute, Chapter 119.

Bids become subject to disclosure thirty (30) days after the opening or if a notice of intent to award decision is made earlier than this time as provided by Florida Statutes § 119.071(1)(b). No review or analysis of the bid shall be conducted at the public bid opening.

Based on the above, County will receive bids at the time and date stated and will make public at the opening the names of the business entities which submitted a bid and any amount presented as a total offer without any verification of the mathematics or the completeness of the bid.

If the County rejects all bids and concurrently notices its intent to reissue the solicitation, the rejected bids are exempt from public disclosure until such time as County provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued solicitation or until County withdraws the reissued solicitation. A bid is not exempt for longer than twelve (12) months after the initial notice rejecting all bids.

In any agreement entered into by the County wherein the successful bidder is acting on behalf of the County, the successful bidder is required to comply with Florida Statute, Section 119.0701 which requires keeping, maintaining and disclosing public records.

A.35 LOCAL PREFERENCE

Local business is defined as a business legally authorized to engage in the sale of the goods and/or services, and which certifies within its bid that for at least six (6) months prior to the announcement of the Invitation For Bid it has maintained a physical place of business in Manatee, Desoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota County with at least one full-time employee at that location.

Local preference shall not apply to the following categories of agreements:

- Purchases or agreements which are funded, in whole or in part, by a governmental or other funding entity, where the terms and conditions governing the funds prohibit the preference.
- Any bid announcement which specifically provides that local preference, as set forth in this section, is suspended due to the unique nature of the goods or services sought, the existence of an emergency as found by either the County Commission or County Administrator, or where such suspension is, in the opinion of the County Attorney, required by law.

3. For a competitive solicitation for construction services in which fifty percent (50%) or more of the cost will be paid from state-appropriated funds which have been appropriated at the time of the competitive solicitation.

To qualify for local preference under this section, a local business must provide certification to County by completing an "Affidavit as to Local Business" form which is available for download at www.mymanatee.org/vendor. Click on "Affidavit for Local Business" to access and print the form. Complete, notarize, and <a href="mailto:m

It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure accuracy of the affidavit and notify County of any changes affecting same.

A.36 VENDOR REGISTRATION

Registering your business will provide Manatee County a sourcing opportunity to identify supplies of goods and services, plus identify local businesses.

You may register online at www.mymanatee.org/vendor. If you need any assistance, please call (941) 749-3014, Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., excluding holidays, and the Purchasing Division can assist you as needed.

Registration is not mandatory; however, by taking the time to register, you are helping the County to provide timely notification of quotation, bid and proposal opportunities to your business.

A.37 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

All bidders are encouraged to use as many environmentally preferable "green" products, materials, supplies, etc. as possible in order to promote a safe and healthy environment. Environmentally preferable are products or services that have a reduced adverse effect on the environment.

Bidders shall acknowledge whether or not their organization has an environmental sustainability initiative by checking the appropriate box on the bid form. In addition, the bidder shall submit a summary of their environmental sustainability initiative along with their bid. This information will be used as a determining factor in the award decision when all other evaluative factors, including local preference policies are otherwise equal.

A.38 ePAYABLES

Manatee County Board of County Commissioners and the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court have partnered to offer the ePayables program, which allows payments to be made to vendors via credit cards.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court will issue a unique credit card number to vendor after goods are delivered or services rendered, vendors submit invoices to the remit to address on the purchase order. When payments are authorized, an email notification is sent to the vendor. The email notification includes the invoice number(s), invoice date(s), and amount of payment. There is no cost for vendors to participate in this program; however, there may be a charge by the company that processes your credit card transactions.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please complete the ePayables Application attached herein and return the completed form via email to Ms. Lori Bryan, Supervisor at lori.bryan@manateeclerk.com.

A.39 FUNDING

This bid is subject to the appropriation of funds in an amount sufficient to allow continuation of the County's performance in accordance with the terms and conditions of this bid. The county shall provide prompt written notice to the vendor that sufficient funds have not been appropriated to continue its full and faithful performance under the terms of this bid, and shall, effective thirty (30) days after giving such notice or upon the expiration of the time for which funds were appropriated, whichever occurs first, be thereafter released of all further obligations in any way related to the bid.

A.40 CONDITIONS FOR EMERGENCY/HURRICANE OR DISASTER – TERM CONTRACTS

It is hereby made a part of this Invitation for Bid that before, during and after a public emergency, disaster, hurricane, flood, or other acts of God that Manatee County shall require a "first priority" basis for services. It is vital and imperative that the majority of citizens are protected from any emergency situation which threatens public health and safety, as determined by the County. Contractor agrees to provide services to the County or other governmental entities as opposed to a private citizen, on a first priority basis. The County expects to pay contractual prices for all services required during an emergency situation. Contractor shall furnish a twenty-four (24) hours phone number in the event of such an emergency.

A.41 PRECEDENCE

Statements contained in the Scope of Work or Bid Summary section of this Invitation for bid, which vary from the information contained in this section A, Information to Bidders, shall have precedence.

END OF SECTION A

SECTION B SCOPE OF WORK

B.01 SCOPE OF WORK

The Work consists of the waterproofing of the pre-cast concrete exterior wall panels, exterior walls, installation of joint sealants and related work on the Administration Building located at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton Florida 34205. The existing exterior wall system is comprised of architectural panels over concrete columns and beams with areas of stucco over masonry/concrete. During the progress of the Work, the buildings will be occupied and every effort shall be made to accommodate the occupants and building function including the phasing of Work, the scheduling of Work, the scheduling of any access to all areas as well as maintaining access to the building and parking garage structure.

The Successful Bidder shall provide all Shop Drawings, working drawings, labor, materials, equipment, tools, incidentals and supervision which is reasonable and properly inferable and necessary for the proper completion of the Work whether specifically indicated in the Bid Documents or not.

The Successful Bidder shall perform the Work complete, in place and ready for continuous service and shall include any repairs, replacements, and/or restoration required as a result of damages caused prior to acceptance by County.

B.02 COMPLETION OF WORK

The Work will be completed and ready for final inspection within the specified calendar days from the date the Contract Time commences to run. Two bids shall be considered, **Bid Option # 1 based** on **130 calendar days** and **Bid Option # 2 based** on **180 calendar days**. Owner has the sole authority to select the bid based on the completion time which is in the best interest of Owner. **Only one award shall be made.**

B.03 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

If the successful bidder fails to achieve Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract Time and as otherwise required by the Contract Documents, the Owner shall be entitled to retain or recover from the successful bidder, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, the sum of \$884.00 per calendar day, commencing upon the first day following expiration of the Contract Time and continuing until the actual date of Substantial Completion. Such liquidated damages are hereby agreed to be a reasonable estimate of damages the Owner will incur as a result of delayed completion of the Work. The Owner may deduct liquidated damages as described in this paragraph from any unpaid amounts then or thereafter due the successful bidder under this Agreement. Any liquidated damages not so deducted from any unpaid amounts due the successful bidder shall be payable to the Owner at the demand of the Owner, together with interest from the date of the demand at the maximum allowable rate.

B.04 CONTRACT CONTINGENCY WORK

Contract contingency is a monetary allowance used solely at Owner's discretion to handle unexpected conditions as required to satisfactorily complete the Work in accordance with the IFB documents. A Field Directive must be issued by an authorized Owner representative to authorize use of contract contingency funds.

The percentage for contract contingency is listed on the Bid Form. Bidder shall enter the dollar amount for contract contingency based on the percentage of the total base bid. The total contract award will include contract contingency.

Appropriate uses of contract contingency include increases to existing bid itern quantities that do not change the initial scope of Work, which may be directed by staff; modification items not originally bid which were unforeseen yet necessary during the Work to provide a safe, complete Project and that do not change the initial scope of Work; and unanticipated conflicts and/or design changes required during construction which are necessary to provide a safe, complete Project and that do not change the initial scope of Work.

Inappropriate uses of contract contingency include anything that changes the initial scope of Work, including the Contract Sum and Contract Time, and adding bid items not previously contemplated that change the initial scope of Work.

END OF SECTION B

SECTION C BID SUMMARY

C.01 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS

No person who is not certified or registered as a <u>General Contractor</u> pursuant to Chapter 489, Florida Statutes, on the day the bid is submitted, and who has continuously held that certification or registration for a period of at least three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to the day the bid is submitted, may be qualified to bid on this Work. In the event that a bidder is a business organization, including a partnership, corporation, business trust or other legal entity as set forth in Section 489.119(2), Florida Statutes, then the bidder shall only be qualified to bid on this Work if: 1) the bidder (the business organization) is on the day the bid is submitted, and for at least three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to the day the bid is submitted has been, in continuous existence, properly licensed and registered as required by Florida law; and 2) the bidder, on the day the bid is submitted, has a certified or registered Qualifying Agent, as required by Section 489.119, Florida Statutes, and that Qualifying Agent has been the same Qualifying Agent of the bidder for a period of at least three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to the day the bid is submitted.

C.02 BASIS OF AWARD

Award shall be to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder meeting specifications and having the lowest total offer for **Bid Option # 1**, or the lowest total offer for **Bid Option # 2** for the requirements listed on the Bid Form for the Work as set forth in this IFB. If funding is available, the County shall elect Option # 2 which consists of all items in Option # 1 along with the addition of the exterior of the parking garage, the award will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder of Option # 2. Bid prices shall include costs for furnishing all labor, equipment and/or materials for the completion of the Work in accordance with and in the manner set forth and described in the IFB documents to Owner's satisfaction within the prescribed time.

One schedule for completion of Work shall be considered. Only one award shall be made.

NOTE: A site inspection will take place immediately preceding the Information Conference. <u>Inspection of the site is a pre-requisite to be considered for award of this bid.</u>

In evaluating bids, Owner shall consider the qualifications of the bidders; and if required, may also consider the qualifications of the Subcontractors, suppliers, and other persons and organizations proposed. Owner may also consider the operating costs, maintenance requirements, performance data and guarantees of major items of materials and equipment proposed for incorporation in the Work.

Whenever two or more bids are equal with respect to price, the bid received from a local business shall be given preference in award.

Whenever two or more bids are equal with respect to price, and all other evaluative factors are otherwise equal, including local preference policies, if the company provides

documented environmentally preferable "green" products, materials, or supplies, they shall be given preference in award.

Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price are received, and neither of these bids are from a local business, and neither of these bids provides documented "green" products, the award shall be determined by a chance drawing, coin toss, or similar tie-breaking method conducted by the Purchasing Division and open to the public.

END OF SECTION C

BID FORM

For: IFB #16-0607-DS

FOI. IF B #10-0007-D3
Waterproofing and Sealing Manatee County Administration Building
Total Offer (Bid Option # 1)
Based on a completion time of 130 calendar days
Total Offer (Bid Option # 2)
Based on a completion time of 180 calendar days
We, the undersigned, hereby declare that we have carefully reviewed the IFB Documents in the entirety and with full knowledge and understanding of the aforementioned herewith submit this bic completely meeting each and every specification, term, and condition contained therein.
Two schedules for completion of the Work shall be considered. Each bid for completion by the specified stated time shall be offered as a separate "total offer". County has the sole authority to select the bid based on the completion time which is in the best interest of County. Only one award shall be made.
As bidder, we understand that the IFB documents, in its entirety, including but not limited to, a specifications, terms, and conditions shall be made a part of any resulting Agreement between Manatee County and the successful bidder. Failure to comply shall result in Agreement default whereupon, the defaulting successful bidder shall be required to pay for any and all re-procurement costs, damages, and attorney fees as incurred by County, and agrees to forfeit his/her bid bond.
Communications concerning this bid shall be addressed as follows: (Complete all fields)
Bidder's Name:
Mailing Address:
Telephone: () Fax: ()
EMERGENCY #: () (available 24/7)
Email Address:
I, on [date(s)] attest that I have
visited the project site(s) to familiarize myself with the full scope of work required for the bid.
Acknowledge Addendum No Dated: Acknowledge Addendum No Dated:
Acknowledge Addendum No. Dated: Acknowledge Addendum No. Dated: D
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Environmental Sustainability – The Company submitting this bid has an environmental sustainabilitinitiative currently in place. Yes No If yes, the bidder shall submit a <u>summary</u> of the environmental sustainability initiative along with their bid.
Authorized Signature(s):
Name and Title of Above Signer(s):
Date:

IFB #16-0607-DS Waterproofing and Sealing Manatee County Administration Building

Bid Form - 1

BID FORM (Submit in Duplicate)

WATERPROOFING AND SEALING MANATEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST, BRADENTON, FL 34205 IFB #16-0607-DS

Bid Option # 1 Based on Completion Time of 130 Calendar Days

	Bid Option # 1 Based	on Con	npletion I in	ne of 130 Calendar	Days
ITEM				BID PRICE	TOTAL BID
#	DESCRIPTION	U/M	QTY.	PER UNIT	PRICE
1	Mobilization	LS	11	\$	\$
2	Application of Sealants Metal to Concrete	LF	12,750	\$	\$
3	Application of Sealants Metal to Metal	LF	10,000	\$	\$
_4	Application of Glazing Sealants Metal to Glass	LF	31,500	\$	\$
5	Application of Sealants Concrete to Concrete	LF	11,500	\$	\$
6	Application of Coatings (Paint) Main Building & Sky Walk	SF	21,500	\$	\$
7	Application of Clear Sealer (Architectural Panels)	SF	48,000	\$	\$
_ 8	Stucco Crack Repair	LF	450	\$	\$
9	Miscellaneous Work Clean up & Restoration	LS	1	s	\$
	TOTAL BASE BID Option # 1 Based on Completion of 130 Calendar Days				\$
10	CONTRACT CONTINGENCY (USED ONLY WITH COUNTY APPROVAL)		10% o	TOTAL BASE BID	\$
	TOTAL OFFER FOR BID OPTION #1 with Contract Contingency Based on Completion Time of 130 Ca Days	lendar			\$

Bidder:	
	Bid Form - 2
Authorized	
Signature:	

BID FORM (Submit in Duplicate)

WATERPROOFING AND SEALING MANATEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST, BRADENTON, FL 34205 IFB #16-0607-DS

Bid Option # 2 Based on Completion Time of 180 Calendar Days

Bid Option # 2 Based on Completion Time of 180 Calendar Days					
ITEM				BID PRICE	TOTAL BID
#	DESCRIPTION	U/M	QTY.	PER UNIT	PRICE
1	Mobilization	LS	1	\$	\$
	Application of Sealants				
2	Metal to Concrete	LF	12,750	\$	\$
	Application of Sealants		15000 (150000000000000000000000000000000		
3	Metal to Metal	LF	10,000	\$	\$
	Application of Glazing Sealants				
4	Metal to Glass	LF	31,500	\$	\$
	Application of Sealants				
5	Concrete to Concrete	LF	11,500	\$	\$
	Application of Coatings (Paint) Main				
_ 6	Building & Sky Walk	SF	21,500	\$	\$
	Application of Clear Sealer				
7	(Architectural Panels)	SF	48,000	\$	\$
		'			
8	Stucco Crack Repair	LF	450	\$	\$
	Miscellaneous Work				
9	Clean up & Restoration	LS	11	\$	\$
10	Exterior of Parking Garage	SF	48,000	ļ\$	\$
	TOTAL BASE BID Option #2				
	Based on Completion of 180	1			
	Calendar Days				\$
	CONTRACT CONTINGENCY				
	(USED ONLY WITH COUNTY	1	1		
11	APPROVAL)		10% of	TOTAL BASE BID	\$
	TOTAL OFFER FOR BID OPTION #2			The state of the	
	with Contract Contingency		1-11-1		
	Based on Completion Time of 180 Ca	lendar			
Section 1	Days			BERKELLEY ALE	\$

If the County chooses to purchase option # 2 which consists of all items in option # 1 along with the addition of the parking garage, the award will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder of option # 2.

Bidder:	
	Bid Form - 3
Authorized	
Signature:	

MAILING LABEL

Cut along the outside border and affix this label to your sealed bid envelope to identify it as a "Sealed Bid". Be sure to include the name of the company submitting the bid and the bid due date and time where requested.

MAILING LABEL TO AFFIX TO OUTSIDE OF SEALED BID PACKAGE:

BIDDER NAME:
Bid No.: IFB#16-0607-DS
Bid Title: Waterproofing and Sealing Manatee County
Administration Building
Location of Project: 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL
34205
DUE DATE/TIME:, 2016 @ 3:00 PM

SECTION D

INSURANCE AND BONDING REQUIREMENTS

The successful bidder will not commence Work under the resulting Agreement until all insurance under this section, and such insurance coverage as might be required by Owner, has been obtained. The successful bidder shall obtain, and submit to the Purchasing Division within ten (10) calendar days from the date of notice of intent to award, at his expense, the following minimum amounts of insurance (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess

policy):	
Insurance / Bond Type	Required Limits
1. Automobile Liability:	Bodily Injury and Property Damage, Owned/Non-Owned/Hired; Automobile included \$ 1,000,000 each occurrence This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.
Commercial General Liability: (Occurrence Form - patterned after the current ISO form)	Bodily Injury and Property Damage \$ 1,000,000 single limit per occurrence; \$ 2,000,000 aggregate This shall include Premises and Operations; Independent Contractors; Products and Completed Operations and Contractual Liability. This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.
3. Employer's Liability:	\$ 100,000 single limit per occurrence
4. Worker's Compensation:	Statutory Limits of Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, and all Federal Government Statutory Limits & Requirements
5. Other Insurance, as noted:	a. Aircraft Liability \$ per occurrence Coverage shall be carried in limits of not less than \$5,000,000 each occurrence if applicable to the completion of the services under this Agreement. b. Installation Floater \$ If the resulting Agreement does not include construction of or additions to above ground building or structures, but does involve the installation of machinery or equipment, successful bidder shall provide an "Installation Floater" with the minimum amount of insurance to be 100% of the value of such addition(s), building(s), or structure(s). c. Maritime Coverage (Jones Act) \$ per occurrence Coverage shall be maintained where applicable to the completion of the Work.

Insurance / Bond Type	Required Limits	
	 d. Pollution \$ per occurrence e. Professional Liability Minimum \$2,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate \$1,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate \$2,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate 	
	f. Project Professional Liability \$ per occurrence g. Property Insurance	
	\$ If the resulting Agreement includes construction of or additions to above ground buildings or structures, bidder shall provide "Builder's Risk" insurance with the minimum amount of insurance to be 100% of the value of such addition(s), building(s), or structure(s).	
	To the extent that property damage is covered by commercial insurance, Owner and successful bidder agree to waive all subrogation rights against each other, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance. Successful bidder shall require a similar waiver of subrogation from each of its bidder personnel and subconsultants, to include Special Consultants; successful bidder shall provide satisfactory written confirmation to Owner of these additional waivers.	
	h. U.S. Longshoreman's and Harborworker's Act Coverage shall be maintained where applicable to the completion of the Work.	
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	j. Watercraft \$ per occurrence	
6. 🔀 Bid Bond:	Bid bond shall be submitted by bidder for 5% of the total amount of the bid.	
7. Name Payment and Performance Bond:	Payment and Performance Bond shall be submitted by bidder for 100% of the award amount. \$	

Reviewed by Risk:	And D. Klaving

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The amounts and types of insurance coverage shall conform to the minimum requirements set forth in this Exhibit, with the use of Insurance Services Office (ISO) forms and endorsements or their equivalents. If successful bidder has any self-insured retentions or deductibles under any of the listed minimum required coverage, successful bidder must identify on the certificate of insurance the nature and amount of such self-insured retentions or deductibles and provide satisfactory evidence of financial responsibility for such obligations. All self-insured retentions or deductibles will be successful bidder's sole responsibility.

Nothing herein shall in any manner create any liability of Owner in connection with any claim against the successful bidder for labor, services, or materials, or of Subcontractors; and nothing herein shall limit the liability of the successful bidder or successful bidder's sureties to Owner or to any workers, suppliers, material men or employees in relation to the resulting Agreement.

Builder's Risk Coverage. The successful bidder shall procure and maintain during the entire course of the Work a builder's risk policy, completed value form, insured to provide coverage on an all risk basis, including coverage for off-site stored materials and including coverage for theft. This coverage shall not be lapsed or cancelled because of partial Acceptance by the Owner prior to final Acceptance of the Project. Successful bidder shall recommend to Owner any additions to the Project Costs resulting from any casualty described in Article XII General Conditions of the Construction Agreement, including those costs, expenses and other charges (including normal and ordinary compensation to the successful bidder) necessary for reconstruction of the Project substantially in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. The nature, level and type of builder's risk coverage (including completed value or replacement cost coverage) shall be determined by Owner through insurers selected by successful bidder and approved by Owner.

Excess Policy or Umbrella. An excess policy or umbrella may be used to cover limits over and above Commercial General Liability.

Subcontractor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance. The successful bidder shall require each Subcontractor to procure and maintain during the term of the subcontract, insurance of the type specified above, or insure the activities of Subcontractors in its policy, as approved by Owner prior to performance of any services. The levels of coverage as set forth in the table above may be adjusted to require a reduced level of coverage consistent with the scope of Work to be provided by that particular Subcontractor. Any reduction in the levels of insurance coverage required by the successful bidder's standard form of subcontract shall be approved by the Owner.

Waiver of Subrogation. Owner and successful bidder waive against each other and the Owner's separate Vendors, Contractors, Design Consultants, Subcontractors agents and employees of each and all of them, all damages covered by property insurance provided herein, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance. The successful bidder and Owner shall, where appropriate, require similar waivers of subrogation from the Owner's separate Vendors, Design Consultants and Subcontractors and shall require each of them to include similar waivers in their contracts.

Worker's Compensation Insurance. The successful bidder shall procure and maintain during the term of the Contract Documents, workers' compensation insurance for all its employees connected with the Work and shall require all Subcontractors similarly to provide workers' compensation insurance for all their employees unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by successful bidder. Such insurance shall comply with the Florida Workers' Compensation Law. The successful bidder shall provide adequate insurance, satisfactory to Owner, for the protection of employees not otherwise protected.

By way of its submission of a bid hereto, bidder:

- a. Represents that bidder maintains, and will maintain during the term of any Agreement arising from this solicitation, all insurance coverage required herein from responsible companies duly authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida that hold a rating of "A-" or better by Best's Key Guide, latest edition, and are deemed acceptable to Owner as set forth in this solicitation.
- b. Agrees that insurance, as specified herein, shall remain in force and effect without interruption from the date of commencement of the Work throughout the duration of the Project, and shall remain in effect for at least two (2) years after the termination of the Contract Documents.
- c. Agrees that if the initial or any subsequently issued certificate of insurance expires prior to completion of the Work, successful bidder shall furnish to Owner renewal or replacement certificate(s) of insurance no later than ten (10) calendar days after the expiration date on the certificate. Failure of successful bidder to provide Owner with such renewal certificate(s) shall be considered justification for Owner to terminate any and all Agreements.
- d. Agrees that bidder and/or its insurance carrier shall provide thirty (30) days written notice to Owner of policy cancellation or non-renewal on the part of the insurance carrier or the successful bidder. Successful bidder shall also notify Owner, in a like manner, within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt, of any notices of expiration, cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage or limits received by successful bidder from its insurer and nothing contained herein shall relieve successful bidder of this requirement to provide notice. In the event of a reduction in the aggregate limit of any policy to be provided by successful bidder hereunder, successful bidder shall immediately take steps to have the aggregate limit reinstated to the full extent permitted under such policy.
- e. Agrees that failure of successful bidder to obtain and maintain proper amounts of insurance at all times as called for herein shall constitute a material breach of the resulting Agreement, which may result in immediate termination.
- f. Agrees that, should at any time the successful bidder not maintain the insurance coverage(s) required herein, Owner may terminate the Agreement or at its sole discretion shall be authorized to purchase such coverage(s) and charge successful bidder for such coverage(s) purchased. If successful bidder fails to reimburse Owner for such costs within thirty (30) days after demand, Owner has the right to offset these costs from any amount due successful bidder under this Agreement or any other agreement between Owner and successful bidder. Owner shall be under no obligation to purchase such insurance, nor shall it be responsible for the coverage(s) purchased or the insurance companies used. The decision of Owner to purchase such insurance coverage(s) shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of any of its rights under the Contract Documents.
- g. Agrees to provide, upon request, the entire and complete insurance policies required herein.

h. The payment of deductibles for insurance required of the successful bidder by the Contract Documents shall be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder.

Certificate of Insurance Requirements:

- a. Certificates of insurance in duplicate evidencing the insurance coverage specified herein shall be filed with the Purchasing Division <u>before operations are begun</u>. The required certificates of insurance shall name the types of policy, policy number, date of expiration, amount of coverage, companies affording coverage, and also <u>shall refer specifically to the bid number and title of the Project, and must read: For any and all work performed on behalf of Manatee County.</u>
- b. Additional Insured: The Automobile Liability and Commercial General Liability policies provided by the successful bidder to meet the requirements of this IFB shall name Manatee County, Board of County Commissioners, as an additional insured as to the operations of the successful bidder under this IFB and shall contain severability of interests provisions.
- In order for the certificate of insurance to be accepted it must comply with the following:
 - The "Certificate Holder" shall be:
 Manatee County
 Board of County Commissioners
 Bradenton, FL
 IFB# insert IFB #, insert IFB title
 For any and all work performed on behalf of Manatee County.
 - Certificate shall be mailed to: Manatee County Purchasing Division 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803 Bradenton, FL 34205 Attn: insert name, insert title

BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Bid Bond/Certified Check. By submitting a bid to this IFB, the bidder agrees should the bidder's bid be accepted, to execute the form of Agreement and present the same to Manatee County for approval within ten (10) calendar days after notice of intent to award. The bidder further agrees that failure to execute and deliver said form of Agreement within ten (10) calendar days will result in damages to Manatee County and as guarantee of payment of same a bid bond/certified check shall be enclosed within the submitted sealed bid in the amount of five (5%) percent of the total amount of the bid. The bidder further agrees that in case the bidder fails to enter into an Agreement, as prescribed by Manatee County, the bid bond/certified check accompanying the bid shall be forfeited to Manatee County as agreed liquidated damages. If Owner enters into an Agreement with a bidder, or if Owner rejects any and/or all bids, accompanying bond will be promptly returned.

Payment and Performance Bonds. Prior to commencing Work, the successful bidder shall obtain, for the benefit of and directed to Owner, a Payment and Performance Bond satisfying the requirements of Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, covering the faithful performance by the successful bidder of its obligation under the Contract Documents, including but not limited to the construction of the Project on the Project Site and the payment and obligations arising thereunder, including all payments to Subcontractors, laborers, and materialmen. The surety selected by the successful bidder to provide the Payment and Performance Bond shall be approved by Owner prior to issuance of such Bond, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed provided that surety is rated A- or better by Best's Key Guide, latest edition.

Failure to provide the required bonds on the prescribed form may result in successful bidder being deemed nonresponsive. Bonds must be in the form prescribed in Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, and must not contain notice, demand or other terms and conditions, including informal pre-claim meetings, not provided for in Section 255.05, Florida Statutes.

Surety of such bonds shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract Price issued by a duly authorized and nationally recognized surety company, authorized to do business in the State of Florida, satisfactory to Owner. Surety shall be rated as "A-" or better by Best's Key Guide, latest edition. The attorney-in-fact who signs the bonds must file with the bonds, a certificate and effective dated copy of power-of-attorney. Payment and Performance Bonds shall be issued to Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, within ten (10) calendar days after notice of intent to award.

In addition, pursuant to Section 255.05(1)(b), Florida Statutes, prior to commencing Work, the successful bidder shall be responsible and bear all costs associated to record the Payment and Performance Bond with the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court. A certified copy of said recording shall be furnished to the Purchasing Division upon filing. Pursuant to Section 255.05(1)(b), Florida Statutes, Owner will make no payment to the successful bidder until the successful bidder has complied with this paragraph.

Furnishing Payment and Performance Bonds shall be requisite to execution of an Agreement with Owner. Said Payment and Performance Bonds will remain in force for the duration of the Agreement with the premiums paid by the successful bidder. Failure of the successful bidder to execute such Agreement and to supply the required bonds shall be just cause for cancellation of the award. Owner may then contract with the next lowest, responsive and responsible bidder or re-advertise this IFB. If another bidder is accepted, and notice given within ninety (90) days after the opening of the bids, this Acceptance shall bind the bidder as though they were originally the successful bidder.

Failure of Owner at any time to require performance by the successful bidder of any provisions set out in the resulting Agreement will in no way affect the right of Owner, thereafter, to enforce those provisions.

BIDDER'S INSURANCE STATEMENT

THE UNDERSIGNED hereto have read and understand the aforementioned insurance requirements of this IFB and note that the evidence of insurability shall be required within ten (10) days from the date of notice of intent to award.

Bidder Name:	Date:
Bidder's Signature:	
Print Name:	
Insurance Agency:	
Agent Name:	Agent Phone:

Please return this completed and signed statement with your bid.

CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

for

STIPULATED SUM

between

MANATEE COUNTY (AS OWNER)

and

(AS CONTRACTOR)

CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR STIPULATED SUM

Waterproofing and Sealing Manatee County Administration Building

County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, referred to herein as "Owner", and the firm

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Manatee

	_, incorporated in the State of		
business in the State	of Florida (license #), re	eferred to herein as "Cor	ntractor."
County Administ	, the Owner intends to construction Building], the aforemented as the "Project"; and		-
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	REFORE, the Owner and the Otter set forth, the sufficiency of	·	

- 1. Contract Documents. The Contract Documents consist of this Agreement and attached Exhibits, the attached General Conditions of the Construction Agreement, Supplementary Conditions (if any), Special Conditions (if any), Drawings (the titles of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A), Specifications (the titles of which are attached hereto as Exhibit B), Addenda issued prior to execution of this Agreement, the Invitation for Bid (including any Instructions to Bidders, Scope of Work, Bid Summary, Supplements, and Technical Specifications), any interpretations issued pursuant to the Invitation for Bid, the Contractor's Bid, permits, notice of intent to award, Notice to Proceed, purchase order(s), any other documents listed in this Agreement, and Modifications [to include written Amendment(s), Change Order(s), Work Directive Change(s) and Field Directive(s)] issued after execution of this Agreement. These form the Agreement, and are as fully a part of the Agreement as if attached or repeated herein. This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. No other documents shall be considered Contract Documents.
- 2. Work. The Contractor shall fully execute the Work described in the Contract Documents, except to the extent specifically indicated in the Contract Documents to be the responsibility of others.

3. Date of Commencement and Substantial Completion.

follows:

- A. <u>Date of Commencement</u>. The date of commencement of the Work shall be the date fixed in a Notice to Proceed issued by the Owner.
- B. <u>Contract Time</u>. The Contract Time shall be measured from the date of commencement.

C. <u>Substantial Completion</u>. The Contractor shall achieve Substantial Completion of the entire Work not later than ____ days from the date of commencement, or as follows:

Portion of Work

Substantial Completion Date

subject to adjustments of this Contract Time as provided in the Contract Documents.

Time is of the essence in the Contract Documents and all obligations thereunder. If the Contractor fails to achieve Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract Time and as otherwise required by the Contract Documents, the Owner shall be entitled to retain or recover from the Contractor, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, the sum of \$884.00 per calendar day, commencing upon the first day following expiration of the Contract Time and continuing until the actual date of Substantial Completion. Such liquidated damages are hereby agreed to be a reasonable estimate of damages the Owner will incur as a result of delayed completion of the Work. The Owner may deduct liquidated damages as described in this paragraph from any unpaid amounts then or thereafter due the Contractor under this Agreement. Any liquidated damages not so deducted from any unpaid amounts due the Contractor shall be payable to the Owner at the demand of the Owner, together with interest from the date of the demand at the maximum allowable rate.

4. Contract Sum.

- A. <u>Payment</u>. The Owner shall pay the Contractor the Contract Sum in current funds for the Contractor's performance of the Contract. The Contract Sum shall be ______ Dollars and Zero Cents (\$_______), subject to additions and deductions as provided in the Contract Documents.
- B. <u>Alternates</u>. The Contract Sum is based upon the following alternates, if any, which are described in the Contract Documents and are hereby accepted by the Owner. (State the numbers or other identification of accepted alternates. If decisions on other alternates are to be made by the Owner subsequent to the execution of this Agreement, attach a schedule of such other alternates showing the amount for each and the date when that amount expires.)
 - C. <u>Unit Prices</u>. Unit prices, if any, are reflected in the Contractor's Bid.

5. Payments.

A. Progress Payments.

(1) Based upon Applications for Payment submitted to the Architect/Engineer by the Contractor and Certificates for Payment issued by the Architect/Engineer, the Owner shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Sum to the Contractor as provided below and elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

- (2) The period covered by each Application for Payment shall be one calendar month ending on the last day of the month.
- (3) Payments shall be made by Owner in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.735, Florida Statutes.
- (4) Each Application for Payment shall be based on the most recent schedule of values submitted by the Contractor in accordance with the Contract Documents. The schedule of values shall allocate the entire Contract Sum among the various portions of the Work. The schedule of values shall be prepared in such form and supported by such data to substantiate its accuracy as the Architect/Engineer may require. This schedule, unless objected to by the Owner or Architect/Engineer, shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Contractor's Applications for Payment.
- (5) Applications for Payment shall indicate the percentage of completion of each portion of the Work as of the end of the period covered by the Application for Payment.
- (6) Subject to other provisions of the Contract Documents, the amount of each progress payment shall be computed as follows:
 - i. Take that portion of the Contract Sum properly allocable to completed Work as determined by multiplying the percentage completion of each portion of the Work by the share of the Contract Sum allocated to that portion of the Work in the schedule of values, less retainage of ten percent (10.00%). Pending final determination of cost to the Owner of changes in the Work, amounts not in dispute shall be included as provided in Section 3.3.B. of the General Conditions;
 - ii. Add that portion of the Contract Sum properly allocable to materials and equipment delivered and suitably stored at the site for subsequent incorporation in the completed construction (or, if approved in advance by the Owner, suitably stored off the site at a location agreed upon in writing), supported by paid receipts, less retainage of ten percent (10.00%);
 - iii. Subtract the aggregate of previous payments made by the Owner;
 - iv. Subtract amounts, if any, for which the Architect/Engineer has withheld or nullified an Application for Payment, in whole or in part as provided in Section 3.3.C. of the General Conditions.
- (7) The progress payment amount determined in accordance with Section 5.A(6) shall be further modified under the following circumstances:

- Add, upon Substantial Completion of the Work, a sum sufficient to increase the total payments to the full amount of the Contract Sum, less such amounts as the Architect/Engineer shall determine for incomplete Work, retainage applicable to such work and unsettled claims.
- Add, if final completion of the Work is thereafter materially delayed through no fault of the Contractor, any additional amounts payable in accordance with Section 3.2.B. of the General Conditions.
- (8) Reduction or limitation of retainage, if any, shall be as follows:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon completion of at least 50% of the Work, as determined by the Architect/Engineer and Owner, the Owner shall reduce to five percent (5%) the amount of retainage withheld from each subsequent progress payment.

- (9) Except with the Owner's prior approval, the Contractor shall not make advance payments to suppliers for materials or equipment which have not been delivered and stored at the site.
- B. <u>Final Payment</u>. Final Payment, constituting the entire unpaid balance of the Contract Sum, shall be made by the Owner to the Contractor when:
 - (1) The Contractor has fully performed the Work except for the Contractor's responsibility to correct Work as provided in Section 2.4.C. of the General Conditions, and to satisfy other requirements, if any, which extend beyond final payment; and
 - (2) A final Application for Payment has been approved by the Architect/Engineer.

6. Termination or Suspension.

- A. <u>Termination</u>. The Agreement may be terminated by the Owner or the Contractor as provided in Article XIV of the General Conditions.
- B. <u>Suspension by Owner</u>. The Work may be suspended by the Owner as provided in Article XIV of the General Conditions.

7. Other Provisions.

A. <u>Substantial Completion Defined</u>. Substantial Completion shall be defined as provided in Article I of the General Conditions. In the event a temporary certificate of

occupancy or completion is issued establishing Substantial Completion, the Contractor shall diligently pursue the issuance of a permanent certificate of occupancy or completion.

- B. <u>Project Meetings</u>. There shall be a project meeting, at the jobsite or other location acceptable to the parties, on a regularly scheduled basis. The meeting will be attended by a representative of the Contractor, Architect/Engineer and Owner. These representatives shall be authorized to make decisions that are not otherwise contrary to the requirements of this Agreement.
- C. <u>Weather</u>. Any rainfall, temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or winds greater than 25 m.p.h. which actually prevents Work on a given day, shall be considered lost time and an additional day added to the Contract Time, provided no work could be done on site, and provided written notice has been submitted to the Owner by the Contractor documenting same.
- D. <u>Shop Drawings; Critical Submittals</u>. In consideration of the impact of timely review of submittals and shop drawings on the overall progress of the Work, it is hereby agreed that the Owner shall cause his agents and design professionals to accomplish the review of any particular "critical" submittals and/or shop drawings and return same to the Contractor within fourteen (14) days.
- E. <u>Applications for Payment</u>. Applications for Payment shall be submitted once monthly at regular intervals and shall include detailed documentation of all costs incurred.
- F. <u>Punch List</u>. Within 30 days after obtainment of Substantial Completion, the Owner shall generate a "punch list" of all work items requiring remedial attention by the Contractor. Within 5 days thereafter the Architect/Engineer shall assign a fair value to the punch list items, which sum shall be deducted from the next scheduled progress payment to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the punch list items, as certified by the Architect/Engineer, the previously deducted sum shall be paid to the Contractor.
- G. <u>Closeout documentation</u>. Within 30 days after obtainment of Substantial Completion and before final payment, Contractor shall gather and deliver to Owner all warranty documentation, all manufacturer's product and warranty literature, all manuals (including parts and technical manuals), all schematics and handbooks, and all as-built drawings.
- H. <u>Governing Provisions; Conflicts</u>. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and the Specifications or as between the General Conditions and the Specifications, the Specifications shall govern.
- I. <u>E-Verify</u>. The Contractor's employment of unauthorized aliens is a violation of Section 274(e) of the Federal Immigration and Employment Act. The Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired during the term of this Agreement, and shall require the same verification procedure of all Subcontractors.
- 8. Insurance and Bonding. If and to the extent required by the Invitation for Bid documents, the Contractor shall furnish insurance coverage for (but not necessarily limited to)

workers' compensation, commercial general liability, auto liability, excess liability, and builder's risk. The Contractor shall furnish to the Owner all appropriate policies and Certificate(s) of Insurance. The Contractor shall also post a Payment and Performance Bond for the Contract Sum, within ten (__) days following notification of intent to award, and otherwise in accordance with the Invitation for Bid documents.

- 9. Independent Contractor. The Contractor acknowledges that it is functioning as an independent contractor in performing under the terms of this Agreement, and it is not acting as an employee of the Owner.
- 10. Entire Agreement. This Agreement (inclusive of the Contract Documents incorporated herein by reference) represents the full agreement of the parties.

11. Amendments; Waivers; Assignment.

- A. <u>Amendments</u>. This Agreement may be amended only pursuant to an instrument in writing that has been jointly executed by authorized representatives of the parties hereto.
- B. Waivers. Neither this Agreement nor any portion of it may be modified or waived orally. However, each party (through its governing body or properly authorized officer) shall have the right, but not the obligation, to waive, on a case-by-case basis, any right or condition herein reserved or intended for the benefit or protection of such party without being deemed or considered to have waived such right or condition for any other case, situation, or circumstance and without being deemed or considered to have waived any other right or condition. No such waiver shall be effective unless made in writing with an express and specific statement of the intent of such governing body or officer to provide such waiver.
- C. <u>Assignment</u>. The rights and obligations of either party to this Agreement may be assigned to a third party only pursuant to a written amendment hereto.
- 12. Validity. Each of the Owner and Contractor represents and warrants to the other its respective authority to enter into this Agreement.
- 13. Covenant To Defend. Neither the validity of this Agreement nor the validity of any portion hereof may be challenged by any party hereto, and each party hereto hereby waives any right to initiate any such challenge. Furthermore, if this Agreement or any portion hereof is challenged by a third party in any judicial, administrative, or appellate proceeding (each party hereby covenanting with the other party not to initiate, encourage, foster, promote, cooperate with, or acquiesce to such challenge), the parties hereto collectively and individually agree, at their individual sole cost and expense, to defend in good faith its validity through a final judicial determination or other resolution, unless all parties mutually agree in writing not to defend such challenge or not to appeal any decision invalidating this Agreement or any portion thereof.
- 14. Disclaimer of Third-Party Beneficiaries; Successors and Assigns. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto, and no right, privilege, or cause of action shall by reason hereof accrue upon, to, or for the benefit of any third party. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to confer upon or give any person, corporation,

partnership, trust, private entity, agency, or other governmental entity any right, privilege, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and its benefits and advantages shall inure to, the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

15. Construction.

- A. <u>Headings and Captions</u>. The headings and captions of articles, sections, and paragraphs used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and are not intended to define or limit their contents, nor are they to affect the construction of or be taken into consideration in interpreting this Agreement.
- B. <u>Legal References</u>. All references to statutory sections or chapters shall be construed to include subsequent amendments to such provisions, and to refer to the successor provision of any such provision. References to "applicable law" and "general law" shall be construed to include provisions of local, state and federal law, whether established by legislative action, administrative rule or regulation, or judicial decision.
- 16. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are declared by the parties hereto to be severable. In the event any term or provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalid term or provision should not affect the validity of any other term or provision hereof; and all such terms and provisions hereof shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law as if such invalid term or provision had never been part of this Agreement; provided, however, if any term or provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid due to the scope or extent thereof, then, to the extent permitted by law, such term or provision shall be automatically deemed modified in order that it may be enforced to the maximum scope and extent permitted by law.
- 17. Governing Law; Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any petition for writ of certiorari or other court action allowed by this Agreement shall be in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Manatee County, Florida.
- 18. Attorney's Fees and Costs. In any claim dispute procedure or litigation arising from this Agreement, each party hereto shall be solely responsible for paying its attorney's fees and costs.
- 19. Notices. All notices, comments, consents, objections, approvals, waivers, and elections under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given only by hand delivery for which a receipt is obtained, or certified mail, prepaid with confirmation of delivery requested, or by electronic mail with delivery confirmation. All such communications shall be addressed to the applicable addressees set forth below or as any party may otherwise designate in the manner prescribed herein.

To the Owner:

Manatee County Government Michael DiPinto, Project Manager 1112 Manatee Avenue West Bradenton, Florida 34205 Michael.dipinto@mymanatee.org

Fo the Contractor:	
	Email:

Notices, comments, consents, objections, approvals, waivers, and elections shall be deemed given when received by the party for whom such communication is intended at such party's address herein specified, or such other physical address or email address as such party may have substituted by notice to the other.

20. Exhibits. Exhibits to this Agreement are as follows:

Exhibit A—Title(s) of Drawings

Exhibit B—Title(s) of Specifications

Exhibit C -- Affidavit of No Conflict

Exhibit D—Certificate(s) of Insurance

Exhibit E-Payment and Performance Bond

Exhibit F-Standard Forms

- 1—Application for Payment
- 2—Certificate of Substantial Completion
- 3-Final Reconciliation / Warranty / Affidavit
- 4—Change Order
- 5—Public Construction Bond Form

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date last executed below.

Name of Contractor
Ву:
Printed Name:
Title:
Date:
MANATEE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida
Ву:
Printed Name:
Title:
Date:

GENERAL CONDITIONS

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CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

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GENERAL CONDITIONS ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **Definitions.** For purposes of the Contract Documents, the following terms shall have the following meanings.
- A. <u>Acceptance</u>: The acceptance of the Project into the Owner's operating public infrastructure.
- B. <u>Application for Payment</u>: The form approved and accepted by the Owner, which is to be used by Contractor in requesting progress payments or final payment and which is to include such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents.
- C. <u>Architect/Engineer</u>: Karins Engineering Group, Inc. a Florida corporation, registered and licensed to do business in the State of Florida.
- D. <u>Change Order</u>: A written order signed by the Owner, the Architect/Engineer and the Contractor authorizing a change in the Project Plans and/or Specifications and, if necessary, a corresponding adjustment in the Contract Sum and/or Contract Time, pursuant to Article V.
- E. <u>Compensable Delay</u>: Any delay beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor resulting from Owner-caused changes in the Work, differing site conditions, suspensions of the Work, or termination for convenience by Owner.
- F. <u>Contractor's Personnel</u>: The Contractor's key personnel designated by Contractor.
- G. <u>Construction Services</u>: The Construction Services to be provided by Contractor pursuant to Section 2.4, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract Documents.
- H. <u>Contract Sum</u>: The total compensation to be paid to the Contractor for Construction Services rendered pursuant to the Contract Documents, as set forth in Contractor's Bid, unless adjusted in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents.
- I. <u>Construction Team</u>: The working team established pursuant to Section 2.1.B.
- J. <u>Contract Time</u>: The time period during which all Construction Services are to be completed pursuant to the Contract Documents, to be set forth in the Project Schedule.
- K. Days: Calendar days except when specified differently. When 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 legal holiday, such day will be omitted from the computation.

- L. <u>Defective</u>: When modifying the term "Work", referring to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty or deficient, or does not conform to the Contract Documents, or that does not meet the requirements of any inspection, reference standard, test or approval referred to in the Contract Documents, or that has been damaged prior to Owner's approval of final payment (unless responsibility for the protection thereof has been assumed by Owner).
- M. Excusable Delay: Any delay beyond the control and without the negligence of the Contractor, the Owner, or any other contractor caused by events or circumstances such as, but not limited to, acts of God or of a public enemy, fires, floods, freight embargoes, acts of government other than Owner or epidemics. Labor disputes and above average rainfall shall give rise only to excusable delays.
- N. <u>Field Directive</u>: A written order issued by Owner which orders minor changes in the Work not involving a change in Contract Time, to be paid from the Owner's contingency funds.
- O. <u>Final Completion Date</u>: The date upon which the Project is fully constructed and all Work required on the Project and Project Site is fully performed as verified in writing by the Owner.
- P. <u>Float or Slack Time</u>: The time available in the Project Schedule during which an unexpected activity can be completed without delaying substantial completion of the Work.
- Q. <u>Force Majeure</u>: Those conditions constituting excuse from performance as described in and subject to the conditions described in Article XII.
- R. <u>Inexcusable Delay</u>: Any delay caused by events or circumstances within the control of the Contractor, such as inadequate crewing, slow submittals, etc., which might have been avoided by the exercise of care, prudence, foresight or diligence on the part of the Contractor.
- S. <u>Non-prejudicial Delay</u>: Any delay impacting a portion of the Work within the available total Float or Slack Time and not necessarily preventing Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract Time.
- T. <u>Notice to Proceed</u>: Written notice by Owner (after execution of Contract) to Contractor fixing the date on which the Contract Time will commence to run and on which Contractor shall start to perform the Work.
 - U. Owner: Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.
- V. Owner's Project Representative: The individual designated by Owner to perform those functions set forth in Section 7.8.

- W. <u>Payment and Performance Bond</u>: The Payment and Performance Bond security posted pursuant to Section 2.4.Y to guarantee payment and performance by the Contractor of its obligations hereunder.
- X. <u>Permitting Authority</u>: Any applicable governmental authority acting in its governmental and regulatory capacity which is required to issue or grant any permit, certificate, license or other approval which is required as a condition precedent to the commencement or approved of the Work, or any part thereof, including the building permit.
- Y. <u>Prejudicial Delay</u>: Any excusable or compensable delay impacting the Work and exceeding the total float available in the Project Schedule, thus preventing completion of the Work within the Contract Time unless the Work is accelerated.
- Z. <u>Progress Report</u>: A report to Owner that includes all information required pursuant to the Contract Documents and submitted in accordance with Section 2.4.EE, hereof.
- AA. <u>Project</u>: The total construction of which the Work performed under the Contract Documents may be the whole or a part and which may include construction by Owner and by separate contractors. For the purposes of the Contract Documents, the term Project shall include all areas of proposed improvements and all areas which may reasonably be judged to have an impact on the Project.
- BB. <u>Project Costs</u>: The costs incurred by the Contractor to plan, construct and equip the Project and included within, and paid as a component of, the Contract Sum.
- CC. <u>Project Manager</u>: Subject to the prior written consent of Owner, the individual designated to receive notices on behalf of the Contractor, or such other individual designated by the Contractor, from time to time, pursuant to written notice in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- DD. <u>Project Plans and Specifications</u>: The one hundred percent (100%) construction drawings and specifications prepared by the Architect/Engineer, and any changes, supplements, amendments or additions thereto approved by the Owner, which shall also include any construction drawings and final specifications required for the repair or construction of the Project, as provided herein.
- EE. <u>Project Schedule</u>: The schedule and sequence of events for the commencement, progression and completion of the Project, developed pursuant to Section 2.3., as such schedule may be amended as provided herein.
- FF. <u>Project Site</u>: The site depicted in the Project Plans and Specifications, inclusive of all rights of way, temporary construction easements or licensed or leased sovereign lands.
- GG. <u>Pre-operation Testing</u>: All field inspections, installation checks, water tests, performance tests and necessary corrections required of Contractor to demonstrate that

individual components of the Work have been properly constructed and do operate in accordance with the Contract Documents for their intended purposes.

- HH. <u>Procurement Ordinance</u>: The Manatee County Procurement Code, Chapter 2-26 of the Manatee County Code of Laws, as amended from time to time.
- II. <u>Punch List Completion Date</u>: The date upon which all previously incomplete or unsatisfactory items, as identified by the Contractor, the Architect/Engineer and/or the Owner are completed in a competent and workmanlike manner, consistent with standards for Work of this type and with good building practices in the State of Florida.
- JJ. <u>Subcontractor</u>: Any individual (other than a direct employee of the Contractor) or organization retained by Contractor to plan, construct or equip the Project pursuant to Article IV.
- KK. <u>Substantial Completion and Substantially Complete</u>: The stage in the progress of the Work when the Work or designated portion thereof is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so that the Owner can occupy or utilize the Work for its intended use; provided, however, that as a condition precedent to Substantial Completion, the Owner has received all certificates of occupancy or completion and other permits, approvals, licenses, and other documents from any governmental authority which are necessary for the beneficial occupancy of the Project.
- LL. <u>Substantial Completion Date</u>: The date on which the Project is deemed to be Substantially Complete, as evidenced by receipt of (i) the Architect/Engineer's certificate of Substantial Completion, (ii) written Acceptance of the Project by the Owner, and (iii) approvals of any other authority as may be necessary or otherwise required.
 - MM. <u>Unit Price Work</u>: Work to be paid for on the basis of unit prices.
- NN. Work: The term "Work" means the construction and services required by the Contract Documents, whether completed or partially completed, and includes all labor, materials, equipment and services provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor's obligations. The Work may constitute the whole or a part of the Project.
- OO. <u>Work Directive Change</u>: A written directive to Contractor, issued on or after the effective date of the Agreement pursuant to Section 5.8 and signed by Owner's Project Representative, ordering an addition, deletion or revision in the Work, or responding to differing or unforeseen physical conditions under which the Work is to be performed or responding to emergencies.

ARTICLE II RELATIONSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 Relationship between Contractor and Owner. The Contractor accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established with Owner pursuant to the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall furnish its best skill and judgment and cooperate with Owner and Owner's Project Representative in furthering the interests of the Owner. The Contractor agrees to provide the professional services required to complete the Project consistent with the Owner's direction and the terms of the Contract Documents. All services provided hereunder by Contractor, either directly or through Subcontractors, shall be provided in accordance with sound construction practices and applicable professional construction standards.
- A. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of the Contract Documents is to provide for the provision of construction services for the Project on the Project Site by the Contractor, and construction of the Project by the Contractor in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. The further purpose of the Contract Documents is to define and delineate the responsibilities and obligations of the parties to the Contract Documents and to express the desire of all such parties to cooperate together to accomplish the purposes and expectations of the Contract Documents.
- B. <u>Construction Team</u>. The Contractor, Owner and Architect/Engineer shall be called the "Construction Team" and shall work together as a team commencing upon full execution of the Contract Documents through Substantial Completion. As provided in Section 2.2, the Contractor and Architect/Engineer shall work jointly through completion and shall be available thereafter should additional services be required. The Contractor shall provide leadership to the Construction Team on all matters relating to construction. The Contractor understands, acknowledges and agrees that the Architect/Engineer shall provide leadership to the Construction Team on all matters relating to design.
- C. <u>Response to Invitation for Bid.</u> The Contractor acknowledges that the representations, statements, information and pricing contained in its Bid have been relied upon by the Owner and have resulted in the award of this Project to the Contractor.
- **2.2** General Contractor Responsibilities. In addition to the other responsibilities set forth herein, the Contractor shall have the following responsibilities pursuant to the Contract Documents:
- A. <u>Personnel</u>. The Contractor represents that it has secured, or shall secure, all personnel necessary to perform the Work, none of whom shall be employees of the Owner. Primary liaison between the Contractor and the Owner shall be through the Owner's Project Representative and Contractor's Project Manager. All of the services required herein shall be performed by the Contractor or under the Contractor's supervision, and all personnel engaged in the Work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under law to perform such services.
- B. <u>Cooperation with Architect/Engineer</u>. The Contractor's services shall be provided in conjunction with the services of the Architect/Engineer. In the performance of

professional services, the Contractor acknowledges that time is critical for Project delivery. The Contractor acknowledges that timely construction utilizing the services of an Architect/Engineer and a Contractor requires maximum cooperation between all parties.

- C. <u>Timely Performance</u>. The Contractor shall perform all services as expeditiously as is consistent with professional skill and care and the orderly progress of the Work, in accordance with the Project Schedule. Verification of estimated Project Schedule goals will be made as requested by the Owner.
- D. <u>Duty to Defend Work</u>. In the event of any dispute between the Owner and any Permitting Authority that relates to the quality, completeness or professional workmanship of the Contractor's services or Work, the Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, cooperate with the Owner to defend the quality and workmanship of the Contractor's services and Work.
- It is the intent of the Contract Trade and Industry Terminology. Documents to describe a functionally complete Project (or part thereof) to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Any Work, materials or equipment that may reasonably be inferred from the Contract Documents as being required to produce the intended result will be supplied whether or not specifically called for. When words which have a wellknown technical or trade meaning are used to describe Work, materials, or equipment, such words shall be interpreted in accordance with that meaning. Reference to standard specifications, manuals or codes of any technical society, organization or association, or to the laws or regulations of any governmental authority, whether such reference be specific or by implication, shall mean the latest standard specification, manual, code or laws or regulations in effect at the time of opening of Bids, except as may be otherwise specifically stated. However, no provision of any referenced standard specification, manual or code (whether or not specifically incorporated by reference in the Contract Documents) shall be effective to change the duties and responsibilities of Owner or Contractor, or any of their agents or employees from those set forth in the Contract Documents. Computed dimensions shall govern over scaled dimensions.
- 2.3 Project Schedule. The Contractor, within ten (10) days after being awarded the Contract, shall prepare and submit for the Owner's and Architect/Engineer's information a Contractor's construction schedule for the Work. The schedule shall not exceed time limits current under the Contract Documents, shall be revised at appropriate intervals as required by the conditions of the Work and Project, shall be related to the entire Project to the extent required by the Contract Documents, and shall provide for expeditious and practicable execution of Work.
 - A. The Project Schedule shall show a breakdown of all tasks to be performed, and their relationship in achieving the completion of each phase of Work, subject to review of Owner and Architect/Engineer and approval or rejection by Owner. The Project Schedule shall show, at a minimum, the approximate dates on which each segment of the Work is expected to be started and finished, the proposed traffic flows during each month, the anticipated earnings by the Contractor for each month and the approximate number of crews and equipment to be used. The Project Schedule shall include all phases of procurement, approval of shop drawings, proposed Change Orders in progress, schedules for Change Orders, and performance

- testing requirements. The Project Schedule shall include a construction commencement date and Project Substantial Completion Date, which dates shall accommodate known or reasonably anticipated geographic, atmospheric and weather conditions.
- B. The Project Schedule shall serve as the framework for the subsequent development of all detailed schedules. The Project Schedule shall be used to verify Contractor performance and to allow the Owner's Project Representative to monitor the Contractor's efforts.
- C. The Project Schedule may be adjusted by the Contractor pursuant to Article V. The Owner shall have the right to reschedule Work provided such rescheduling is in accord with the remainder of terms of the Contract Documents.
- D. The Contractor shall prepare a submittal schedule, promptly after being awarded the Contract and thereafter as necessary to maintain a current submittal schedule, and shall submit the schedule(s) for the Architect/Engineer's approval. The Architect/Engineer's approval shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld. The submittal schedule shall (1) be coordinated with the Contractor's construction schedule, and (2) allow the Architect/Engineer reasonable time to review submittals. If the Contractor fails to submit a submittal schedule, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any increase in Contract Sum or extension of Contract Time based on the time required for review of submittals.
- E. The Contractor shall perform the Work in general accordance with the most recent schedules submitted to the Owner and Architect/Engineer.
- **2.4 Construction Services.** The Contractor shall provide the following Construction Services:
- A. <u>Construction of Project</u>. The Contractor shall work from the receipt of a Notice to Proceed through the Substantial Completion of the Project in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents to manage the construction of the Project. The Construction Services provided by the Contractor to construct the Project shall include without limitation (1) all services necessary and commensurate with established construction standards, and (2) all services described in the Invitation for Bid and the Bid.
- B. <u>Notice to Proceed</u>. A Notice to Proceed may be given at any time within thirty (30) days after the effective date of the Agreement. Contractor shall start to perform the Work on the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, but no Work shall be done at the site prior to the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.
- C. Quality of Work. If at any time the labor used or to be used appears to the Owner as insufficient or improper for securing the quality of Work required or the required rate of progress, the Owner may order the Contractor to increase its efficiency or to improve the character of its Work, and the Contractor shall conform to such an order. Any such order shall

not entitle Contractor to any additional compensation or any increase in Contract Time. The failure of the Owner to demand any increase of such efficiency or any improvement shall not release the Contractor from its obligation to secure the quality of Work or the rate of progress necessary to complete the Work within the limits imposed by the Contract Documents. The Owner may require the Contractor to remove such personnel as the Owner deems incompetent, careless, insubordinate or otherwise objectionable, or whose continued employment on the Project is deemed to be contrary to the Owner's interest. The Contractor shall provide good quality workmanship and shall promptly correct construction defects without additional compensation. Acceptance of the Work by the Owner shall not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for subsequent correction of any construction defects.

- D. <u>Materials</u>. All materials and equipment shall be of good quality and new, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. If required by Architect/Engineer, Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence (including reports of required tests) as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment. All materials and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned in accordance with the instruction of the applicable supplier except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.
- E. <u>Accountability for Work</u>. The Contractor shall be solely accountable for its Work, including plans review and complete submittals. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for means and methods of construction.
- F. <u>Contract Sum</u>. The Contractor shall construct the Project so that the Project can be built for a cost not to exceed the Contract Sum.
- G. Governing Specifications. The Project shall be constructed in accordance with applicable Owner design standards and guidelines. In the absence of specified Owner design standards or guidelines, the Architect/Engineer shall use, and the Contractor shall comply with, the most recent version of the applicable FDOT or AASHTO design standards. In general, the Project shall be constructed by the Contractor in accordance with applicable industry standards. The Contractor shall be responsible for utilizing and maintaining current knowledge of any laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, standards, guidelines, special conditions, specifications or other mandates relevant to the Project or the services to be performed.
- H. <u>Adherence to Project Schedule</u>. The development and equipping of the Project shall be undertaken and completed in accordance with the Project Schedule, and within the Contract Time described therein.
- I. <u>Superintendent</u>. The Contractor shall employ a competent superintendent and necessary assistants who shall be in attendance at the Project Site during performance of the Work. The superintendent shall represent the Contractor, and communications given to the superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor.
- (1) The Contractor, as soon as practicable after award of the Contract, shall furnish in writing to the Owner through the Architect/Engineer the name and qualifications of the proposed superintendent. The Architect/Engineer may reply within 14 days to the Contractor in writing stating (1) whether the Owner or the Architect/Engineer has reasonable objection to the proposed superintendent or (2) that the Architect/Engineer requires additional time to review.

Failure of the Architect/Engineer to reply within 14 days shall constitute notice of no reasonable objection.

- (2) The Contractor shall not employ a proposed superintendent to whom the Owner or Architect/Engineer has made reasonable and timely objection. The Contractor shall not change the superintendent without the Owner's consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- J. <u>Work Hours</u>. Contractor shall provide competent, suitable qualified personnel to survey and lay out the Work and perform construction as required by the Contract Documents. Contractor shall at all times maintain good discipline and order at the site. Except in connection with the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto and except as otherwise indicated in the Contract Documents, all Work at the site shall be performed during regular working hours, and Contractor shall not permit overtime work or the performance of Work on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday without Owner's written consent given after prior notice to Architect/Engineer (at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance).
- K. Overtime-Related Costs. Contractor shall pay for all additional Architect/Engineering charges, inspection costs and Owner staff time for any overtime work which may be authorized. Such additional charges shall be a subsidiary obligation of Contractor and no extra payment shall be made by Owner on account of such overtime work. At Owner's option, such overtime costs may be deducted from Contractor's monthly payment request or Contractor's retainage prior to release of final payment.
- L. <u>Insurance, Overhead and Utilities</u>. Unless otherwise specified, Contractor shall furnish and assume full responsibility for all bonds, insurance, materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, light, heat, telephone, water, sanitary facilities, temporary facilities and all other facilities and incidentals necessary for the furnishing, performance, testing, start-up and completion of the Work.
- M. <u>Cleanliness</u>. The Contractor shall keep the premises and surrounding area free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by operations under the Contract. At completion of the Work, the Contractor shall remove waste materials, rubbish, the Contractor's tools, construction equipment, machinery and surplus materials from and about the Project Site. Contractor shall restore to original conditions all property not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents If the Contractor fails to clean up as provided in the Contract Documents, the Owner may do so and Owner shall be entitled to reimbursement from Contractor.
- N. <u>Loading.</u> 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.
- O. <u>Safety and Protection</u>. Contractor shall comply with the Florida Department of Commerce Safety Regulations and any local safety regulations. Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in

connection with the Work. Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:

- (1) All employees on the Work and other persons and organizations who may be affected thereby;
- (2) All the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Project Site; and
- (3) Other property at the Project Site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, utilities and underground facilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction.

Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss, and shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for such safety and protection. Contractor shall provide and maintain all passageways, guard fences, lights and other facilities for the protection required by public authority or local conditions. Contractor shall provide reasonable maintenance of traffic for the public and preservation of the Owner's business, taking into full consideration all local conditions. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for safety and protection with regard to the Work shall continue until such time as all the Work is completed.

- P. <u>Emergencies</u>. In emergencies affecting the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Project Site or adjacent thereto, Contractor, without special instruction or authorization from Architect/Engineer or Owner, shall act to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. Contractor shall give Owner prompt written notice if Contractor believes that any significant changes in the Work or variations from the Contract Documents have been caused thereby. If Owner determines that a change in the Project is required because of the action taken in response to an emergency, a Work Directive Change or Change Order will be issued to document the consequences of the changes or variation.
- Substitutes. For substitutes not included with the Bid, but submitted after the effective date of the Contract Documents, Contractor shall make written application to Architect/Engineer for acceptance thereof, certifying that the proposed substitute will perform adequately the functions and achieve the results called for by the general design, be similar and of equal substance to that specified and be suited to the same use as that specified. The application will also contain an itemized estimate of all costs and delays or schedule impacts that will result directly or indirectly from review, acceptance and provisions of such substitute, including costs of redesign and claims of other contractors affected by the resulting change, all of which will be considered by the Architect/Engineer in evaluating the proposed substitute. Architect/Engineer may require Contractor to furnish at Contractor's expense, additional data about the proposed substitute. In rendering a decision, Owner, Architect/Engineer and Contractor shall have access to any available Float Time in the Project Schedule. In the event that substitute materials or equipment not included as part of the Bid, but proposed after the effective date of the Contract Documents, are accepted and are less costly than the originally specified materials or equipment, then the net difference in cost shall be credited to the Owner and an appropriate Change Order executed to adjust the Contract Sum.

- (1) If a specific means, method, technique, sequence of procedure of construction is indicated in or required by the Contract Documents, Contractor may furnish or utilize a substitute means, method, sequence, technique or procedure of construction acceptable to Architect/Engineer if Contractor submits sufficient information to allow Architect/Engineer to determine that the substitute proposed is equivalent to that indicated or required by the Contract Documents.
- (2) Architect/Engineer will be allowed a reasonable time within which to evaluate each proposed substitute. Architect/Engineer will be the sole judge of acceptability and no substitute will be ordered, installed or utilized without Architect/Engineer's prior written acceptance which will be evidenced by either a Change Order or an approved shop drawing. Owner may require Contractor to furnish at Contractor's expense a special performance guarantee or other surety with respect to any substitute.
- (3) Contractor shall reimburse Owner for the charges of Architect/Engineer and Architect/Engineer's Consultants for evaluating each proposed substitute submitted after the effective date of the Contract Documents and all costs resulting from any delays in the Work while the substitute was undergoing review.
- R. <u>Surveys and Stakes</u>. The Contractor shall furnish, free of charge, all labor, stakes, surveys, batter boards for structures, grade lines and other materials and supplies and shall set construction stakes and batter boards for establishing lines, position of structures, slopes and other controlling points necessary for the proper prosecution of the Work. Where rights-of-way, easements, property lines or any other conditions which make the lay-out of the Project or parts of the Project critical are involved, the Contractor shall employ a competent surveyor who is registered in the State of Florida for lay-out and staking. These stakes and marks shall constitute the field control by and in accord with which the Contractor shall govern and execute the Work. The Contractor shall be held responsible for the preservation of all stakes and marks and if for any reason any of the stakes or marks or batter boards become destroyed or disturbed, they shall be immediately and accurately replaced by the Contractor.
- S. <u>Suitability of Project Site</u>. The Contractor has, by careful examination, satisfied itself as to the nature and location of the Work and all other matters which can in any way affect the Work, including, but not limited to details pertaining to borings, as shown on the drawings. Such boring information is not guaranteed to be more than a general indication of the materials likely to be found adjacent to holes bored at the Project Site, approximately at the locations indicated. The Contractor has examined boring data, where available, made its own interpretation of the subsurface conditions and other preliminary data, and has based its Bid on its own opinion of the conditions likely to be encountered. Except as specifically provided in Sections 2.4.U., 5.4 and 5.5, no extra compensation or extension of time will be considered for any Project Site conditions that existed at the time of bidding. No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent or employee of the Owner, before or after the execution of the Agreement, shall affect or modify any of the terms or obligations herein contained.

- T. <u>Project Specification Errors</u>. If the Contractor, in the course of the Work, finds that the drawings, specifications or other Contract Documents cannot be followed, the Contractor shall immediately inform the Owner in writing, and the Owner shall promptly check the accuracy of the information. Any Work done after such discovery, until any necessary changes are authorized, will be done at the Contractor's sole risk of non-payment and delay.
- U. <u>Remediation of Contamination</u>: Owner and Contractor recognize that remediation of subsurface conditions may be necessary due to potential hazardous materials contamination. Because the presence or extent of any contamination is not known, Contractor shall include no cost in the Contract Sum, and no time in the Project Schedule, for cost or delays that might result from any necessary remediation. The Project Schedule will provide a period of time between demolition activities and the start of the next activity to commence any remediation if needed. Contractor shall use all reasonable efforts in scheduling the Project to minimize the likelihood that remediation delays construction. Any hazardous materials remediation Work which Contractor agrees to perform shall be done pursuant to a Change Order or amendment consistent with the following:
 - (1) The dates of Substantial Completion shall be equitably adjusted based on delays, if any, incurred in connection with remediation efforts.
 - (2) Contractor, and any Subcontractors which have mobilized on the Project Site, shall be paid for demonstrated costs of overhead operations at the Project Site during any period of delay in excess of seven (7) days, except to the extent that Work proceeds concurrently with remediation. The categories of costs to be reimbursed are limited to those reasonably incurred at the jobsite during the delay period (such as trailers or offices, telephones, faxes, and the like); equipment dedicated to the Project and located at the Project Site; salaries and associated costs of personnel dedicated to the Project to the extent that they do not perform Work on other projects; and other jobsite costs that are reasonable and which are incurred during the delay period. Subcontractors and suppliers which have not mobilized are limited to the costs set forth in Section 2.4.U(3).
 - (3) Contractor and any Subcontractor or supplier on the Project who is eligible for compensation shall be paid any demonstrated costs of escalation in materials or labor, and reasonable costs of off-site storage of materials identified to the Project, arising as a result of any delay in excess of seven (7) days. Such Contractor, Subcontractors and suppliers are obligated to take all reasonable steps to mitigate escalation costs, such as through early purchase of materials.
 - (4) Contractor, for itself and all Subcontractors and suppliers on the Project, hereby agrees that the extension of time for delays under Section 2.4.U(1), and payment of the costs identified in Sections 2.4.U(2) and/or Section 2.4.U(3), are the sole remedies for costs and delays described in this Section, and waives all claims and demands for extended home office overhead (including, but not limited to, "Eichleay" claims), lost profit or lost opportunities, and any special, indirect, or consequential damages

- arising as a result of delays described in this Section. The Contract Sum shall be adjusted to reflect payment of allowable costs.
- (5) If any delay described in this section causes the time or cost for the Project to exceed the Contract Time or the Contact Sum, then the Owner may terminate the Agreement pursuant to Section 14.2.
- (6) Contractor and any Subcontractor or supplier seeking additional costs under this Section 2.4.U. shall promptly submit estimates or any costs as requested by Owner, and detailed back-up for all costs when payment is sought or whenever reasonably requested by Owner. All costs are auditable, at Owner's discretion. Bid, estimate and pricing information reasonably related to any request for additional compensation will be provided promptly upon request.
- (7) Contractor shall include provisions in its subcontracts and purchase orders consistent with this Section.

V. Interfacing.

- (1) The Contractor shall take such measures as are necessary to ensure proper construction and delivery of the Project, including but not limited to providing that all procurement of long-lead items, the separate construction Subcontractors, and the general conditions items are performed without duplication or overlap to maintain completion of all Work on schedule. Particular attention shall be given to provide that each bid package clearly identifies the Work included in that particular separate subcontract, it's scheduling for start and completion, and its relationship to other separate contractors.
- (2) Without assuming any design responsibilities of the Architect/Engineer, the Contractor shall include in the Progress Reports required under this Section 2.4 comments on overlap with any other separate subcontracts, omissions, lack of correlation between drawings, and any other deficiencies noted, in order that the Architect/Engineer may arrange for necessary corrections.
- W. <u>Job Site Facilities</u>. The Contractor shall arrange for all job site facilities required and necessary to enable the Contractor and Architect/Engineer to perform their respective duties and to accommodate any representatives of the Owner which the Owner may choose to have present on the job.
- X. <u>Weather Protection</u>. The Contractor shall provide temporary enclosures of building areas in order to assure orderly progress of the Work during periods when extreme weather conditions are likely to be experienced. The Contractor shall also be responsible for providing weather protection for Work in progress and for materials stored on the Project Site. A contingency plan shall be prepared upon request of the Owner for weather conditions that may affect the construction.

- Y. Payment and Performance Bond. Prior to the construction commencement date, the Contractor shall obtain, for the benefit of and directed to the Owner, a Payment and Performance Bond satisfying the requirements of Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, covering the faithful performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract Documents, including but not limited to the construction of the Project on the Project Site and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder, including all payments to Subcontractors, laborers, and materialmen. The surety selected by the Contractor to provide the Payment and Performance Bond shall be approved by the Owner prior to the issuance of such Bond, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed provided that the surety is rated A or better by Best's Key Guide, latest edition.
- Z. <u>Construction Phase; Building Permit; Code Inspections</u>. Unless otherwise provided, 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.
 - (1) <u>Building Permit</u>. The Owner and Architect/Engineer shall provide such information to any Permitting Authority as is necessary to obtain approval from the Permitting Authority to commence construction prior to beginning construction. The Contractor shall pull any required building permit, and shall be responsible for delivering and posting the building permit at the Project Site prior to the commencement of construction. The cost of the building permit is included in the Contract Sum. The Owner and Architect/Engineer shall fully cooperate with the Contractor when and where necessary.
 - (2) <u>Code Inspections</u>. The Project requires detailed code compliance inspection during construction in disciplines determined by any Permitting Authority. These disciplines normally include, but are not necessarily limited to, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing general building and fire. The Contractor shall notify the appropriate inspector(s) and the Architect/Engineer, no less than 24 hours in advance, when the Work is ready for inspection and before the Work is covered up. All inspections shall be made for conformance with the applicable ordinances and building codes. Costs for all re-inspections of Work found defective and subsequently repaired shall not be included as Project Costs and shall be borne by the Contractor or as provided in the contract between Contractor and Subcontractor.
 - (3) Contractor's Personnel. The Contractor shall maintain sufficient off-site support staff and competent full-time staff at the Project Site authorized to act on behalf of the Contractor to coordinate, inspect, and provide general direction of the Work and progress of the Subcontractors. At all times during the performance of the Work, the Owner shall have the right to demand replacement of Contractor Personnel to whom the Owner has reasonable objection, without liability to the Contractor.

(4) <u>Lines of Authority</u>. To provide general direction of the Work, the Contractor shall establish and maintain lines of authority for its personnel and shall provide this information to the Owner and all other affected parties, such as the code inspectors of any Permitting Authority, the Subcontractors, and the Architect/Engineer. The Owner and Architect/Engineer may attend meetings between the Contractor and his Subcontractors; however, such attendance is optional and shall not diminish either the authority or responsibility of the Contractor to administer the subcontracts.

AA. Quality Control. The Contractor shall develop and maintain a program, acceptable to the Owner and Architect/Engineer, to assure quality control of the construction. The Contractor shall be responsible for and supervise the Work of all Subcontractors, providing instructions to each when their Work does not conform to the requirements of the Project Plans and Specifications, and the Contractor shall continue to coordinate the Work of each Subcontractor to ensure that corrections are made in a timely manner so as to not affect the efficient progress of the Work. Should a disagreement occur between the Contractor and the Architect/Engineer over the acceptability of the Work, the Owner, at its sole discretion and in addition to any other remedies provided herein, shall have the right to determine the acceptability, provided that such determination is consistent with standards for construction projects of this type and generally accepted industry standards for workmanship in the State of Florida.

Management of Subcontractors. All Subcontractors shall be compensated in accordance with Article IV. The Contractor shall solely control the Subcontractors. The Contractor shall negotiate all Change Orders and Field Orders with all affected Subcontractors and shall review the costs and advise the Owner and Architect/Engineer of their validity and reasonableness, acting in the Owner's best interest. When there is an imminent threat to health and safety, and Owner's Project Representative concurrence is impractical, the Contractor shall act immediately to remove the threats to health and safety and shall subsequently fully inform Owner of all such action taken. The Contractor shall also carefully review all shop drawings and then forward the same to the Architect/Engineer for review and actions. The Architect/Engineer will transmit them back to the Contractor, who will then issue the shop drawings to the affected Subcontractor for fabrication or revision. The Contractor shall maintain a suspense control system to promote expeditious handling. The Contractor shall request the Architect/Engineer to make interpretations of the drawings or specifications requested of him by the Subcontractors and shall maintain a business system to promote timely response. The Contractor shall inform the Architect/Engineer which shop drawings or requests for clarification have the greatest urgency, so as to enable the Architect/Engineer to prioritize requests coming from the Contractor. The Contractor shall advise the Owner and Architect/Engineer when timely response is not occurring on any of the above.

CC. Job Requirements.

- (1) The Contractor shall provide each of the following as a part of its services hereunder:
 - (a) Maintain a log of daily activities, including manpower records, equipment on site, weather, delays, major decisions, etc;
 - (b) Maintain a roster of companies on the Project with names and telephone numbers of key personnel;
 - (c) Establish and enforce job rules governing parking, clean-up, use of facilities, and worker discipline;
 - (d) Provide labor relations management and equal opportunity employment for a harmonious, productive Project;
 - (e) Provide and administer a safety program for the Project and monitor for subcontractor compliance without relieving them of responsibilities to perform Work in accordance with best acceptable practice;
 - (f) Provide a quality control program as provided under Section 2.4.C above;
 - (g) Provide miscellaneous office supplies that support the construction efforts which are consumed by its own forces;
 - (h) Provide for travel to and from its home office to the Project Site and to those other places within Manatee County as required by the Project;
 - (i) Verify that tests, equipment, and system start-ups and operating and maintenance instructions are conducted as required and in the presence of the required personnel and provide adequate records of same to the Architect/Engineer;
 - (j) Maintain at the job site orderly files for correspondence, reports of job conferences, shop drawings and sample submissions, reproductions of original Contract Documents including all addenda, change orders, field orders, additional drawings issued subsequent to the execution of the Agreement, Owner/Architect/Engineer's clarifications and interpretations of the Contract Documents, progress reports, as-built drawings, and other project related documents;

- (k) Keep a diary or log book, recording hours on the job site, weather conditions, data relative to questions of extras or deductions; list of visiting officials and representatives or manufacturers, fabricators, suppliers and distributors; daily activities, decisions, observations in general and specific observations in more detail as in the case of observing test procedures, and provide copies of same to Owner/Architect/Engineer;
- Record names, addresses and telephone numbers of all Contractors, Subcontractors and major suppliers of materials and equipment;
- (m) Furnish Owner/Architect/Engineer periodic reports, as required, of progress of the Work and Contractor's compliance with the approved progress schedule and schedule of shop drawing submissions;
- (n) Consult with Owner/Architect/Engineer in advance of scheduling major tests, inspections or start of important phases of the Work;
- (o) Verify, during the course of the Work, that certificates, maintenance and operations manuals and other data required to be assembled and furnished are applicable to the items actually installed, and deliver same to Owner/Architect/Engineer for review prior to final Acceptance of the Work; and
- (p) Cooperate with Owner in the administration of grants.
- (2) The Contractor shall provide personnel and equipment, or shall arrange for separate Subcontractors to provide each of the following as a Project Cost:
 - (a) Services of independent testing laboratories, and provide the necessary testing of materials to ensure conformance to contract requirements; and
 - (b) Printing and distribution of all required bidding documents and shop drawings, including the sets required by Permitting Authority inspectors.
- DD. <u>As-Built Drawings</u>. The Contractor shall continuously review as-built drawings and mark up progress prints to provide as much accuracy as possible. Prior to, and as a requirement for authorizing final payment to the Contractor due hereunder, the Contractor shall provide to the Owner an original set of marked-up, as-built Project Plans and Specifications and an electronic format of those records showing the location and dimensions of the Project as constructed, which documents shall be certified as being correct by the Contractor and the Architect/Engineer. Final as-built drawings shall be signed and sealed by a registered Florida surveyor.

- EE. <u>Progress Reports</u>. The Contractor shall forward to the Owner, as soon as practicable after the first day of each month, a summary report of the progress of the various parts of the Work under the Contract, in fabrication and in the field, stating the existing status, estimated time of completion and cause of delay, if any. Together with the summary report, the Contractor shall submit any necessary revisions to the original schedule for the Owner's review and approval. In addition, more detailed schedules may be required by the Owner for daily traffic control.
- FF. Contractor's Warranty. The Contractor warrants to the Owner and Architect/Engineer that materials and equipment furnished under the Contract will be of good quality and new unless the Contract Documents require or permit otherwise. The Contractor further warrants that the Work will conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents and will be free from defects, except for those inherent in the quality of the Work the Contract Documents require or permit. Work, materials, or equipment not conforming to these requirements will be considered defective. The Contractor's warranty excludes remedy for damage or defect caused by abuse, alterations to the Work not executed by the Contractor, improper or insufficient maintenance, improper operation, or normal wear and tear and normal usage. If required by the Architect/Engineer, the Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment.
 - (1) Contractor shall use its best efforts and due diligence to ensure that during the warranty period, those entities or individuals who have provided direct warranties to the Owner as required by the Contract Documents perform all required warranty Work in a timely manner and at the sole cost and expense of such warranty providers. Any such cost or expense not paid by the warranty providers shall be paid by the Contractor, to include any costs and attorney's fees incurred in warranty-related litigation between Contractor and any Subcontractors.
 - (2) The Contractor shall secure guarantees and warranties of Subcontractors, equipment suppliers and materialmen, and assemble and deliver same to the Owner in a manner that will facilitate their maximum enforcement and assure their meaningful implementation. The Contractor shall collect and deliver to the Owner any specific written guaranties or warranties given by others as required by subcontracts.
 - (3) At the Owner's request, the Contractor shall conduct, jointly with the Owner and the Architect/Engineer, no more than two (2) warranty inspections within three (3) years after the Substantial Completion Date.
 - GG. <u>Apprentices</u>. If Contractor employs apprentices, their performance of Work shall be governed by and comply with the provisions of Chapter 446, Florida Statutes.
 - HH. Schedule of Values. Unit prices shall be established for this Contract by the submission of a schedule of values within ten (10) days of receipt of the Notice to Proceed. The schedule shall include quantities and prices of items equaling the Contract Sum and will subdivide the Work into components in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during construction. Such prices shall include an appropriate amount of

overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work. Upon request of the County, the Contractor shall support the values with data which will substantiate their correctness.

II. Other Contracts. The Owner reserves the right to let other Contracts in connection with this Work. The Contractor shall afford other contractors reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of their materials and execution of their Work, and promptly connect and coordinate the Work with theirs.

ARTICLE III COMPENSATION

- 3.1 Compensation. The Contract Sum constitutes the total compensation (subject to authorized adjustments) payable to Contractor for performing the Work. All duties, responsibilities and obligations assigned to or undertaken by Contractor shall be at Contractor's expense without change in the Contract Sum.
- A. Adjustments. The Contract Sum may only be changed by Change Order or by a written amendment. Any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract Sum shall be based on written notice delivered by the party making the claim to the other party. Notice of the amount of the claim with supporting data shall be delivered within fifteen (15) days from the beginning of such occurrence and shall be accompanied by claimant's written statement that the amount claimed covers all known amounts (direct, indirect and consequential) to which the claimant is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. Failure to deliver a claim within the requisite 15—day period shall constitute a waiver of the right to pursue said claim.
- B. <u>Valuation</u>. The value of any Work covered by a Change Order or of any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract Sum shall be determined in one of the following ways (at Owner's discretion):
 - In the case of Unit Price Work, in accordance with Section 3.1.C, below;
 - (2) By mutual acceptance of lump sum; or
 - (3) On the basis of the cost of the Work, plus a negotiated Contractor's fee for overhead and profit. Contractor shall submit an itemized cost breakdown together with supporting data.
- C. <u>Unit Price Work</u>. The unit price of an item of Unit Price Work shall be subject to re-evaluation and adjustment pursuant to a requested Change Order under the following conditions:
 - (1) If the total cost of a particular item of Unit Price Work amounts to 5% or more of the Contract Sum and the variation in the quantity of the particular item of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor differs by more than 15% from the estimated quantity of such item indicated in the Agreement; and

- (2) If there is no corresponding adjustment with respect to any other item of Work; and
- (3) If Contractor believes that it has incurred additional expense as a result thereof; or
- (4) If Owner believes that the quantity variation entitles it to an adjustment in the unit price; or
- (5) If the parties are unable to agree as to the effect of any such variations in the quantity of Unit Price Work performed.
- 3.2 Schedule of Compensation. All payments for services and material under the Contract Documents shall be made in accordance with the following provisions.
- A. <u>Periodic Payments for Services</u>. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment for Construction Services rendered pursuant to Section 2.4 in periodic payments which shall reflect a fair apportionment of cost and schedule of values of services furnished prior to payment, subject to the provisions of this Section.
- B. <u>Payment for Materials and Equipment</u>. In addition to the periodic payments authorized hereunder, payments may be made for material and equipment not incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the Project Site, or another location, subject to prior approval and acceptance by the Owner on each occasion.
- C. <u>Credit toward Contract Sum</u>. All payments for Construction Services made hereunder shall be credited toward the payment of the Contract Sum as Contractor's sole compensation for the construction of the Project.
- 3.3 Invoice and Payment. All payments for services and materials under the Contract Documents shall be invoiced and paid in accordance with the following provisions.
- A. <u>Invoices</u>. The Contractor shall submit to the Owner periodic invoices for payment, in a form acceptable to the Owner, which shall include a sworn statement certifying that, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, information and belief, the construction has progressed to the point indicated, the quality and the Work covered by the invoice is in accord with the Project Plans and Specifications, and the Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount requested, along with the cost reports required pursuant to Article II, showing in detail all monies paid out, Project Costs accumulated, or Project Cost incurred during the previous period. This data shall be attached to the invoice.
- B. Additional Information; Processing of Invoices. Should an invoiced amount appear to exceed the Work effort believed to be completed, the Owner may, prior to processing of the invoice for payment, require the Contractor to submit satisfactory evidence to support the invoice. All progress reports and invoices shall be delivered to the attention of the Owner's Project Representative. Invoices not properly prepared (mathematical errors, billing not reflecting actual Work done, no signature, etc.) shall be returned to the Contractor for correction.

- C. <u>Architect/Engineer's Approval</u>. Payment for Work completed shall be subject to the Architect/Engineer approving the payment requested by the Contractor and certifying the amount thereof that has been properly incurred and is then due and payable to the Contractor, and identifying with specificity any amount that has not been properly incurred and that should not be paid.
- D. Warrants of Contractor with Respect to Payments. The Contractor warrants that (1) upon payment of any retainage, materials and equipment covered by a partial payment request will pass to Owner either by incorporation in construction or upon receipt of payment by the Contractor, whichever occurs first; (2) Work, materials and equipment covered by previous partial payment requests shall be free and clear of liens, claims, security interests, or encumbrances, hereinafter referred to as "liens"; and (3) no Work, materials or equipment covered by a partial payment request which has been acquired by the Contractor or any other person performing Work at the Project Site, or furnishing materials or equipment for the Project, shall be subject to an agreement under which an interest therein or an encumbrance thereon is retained by the seller or otherwise imposed by the Contractor or any other person.
- E. <u>All Compensation Included</u>. Contractor's compensation includes full payment for services set forth in the Contract Documents, including but not limited to overhead, profit, salaries or other compensation of Contractor's officers, partners and/or employees, general operating expenses incurred by Contractor and relating to this Project, including the cost of management, supervision and data processing staff, job office equipment and supplies, and other similar items.

ARTICLE IV SUBCONTRACTORS

- 4.1 Subcontracts. At the Owner's request, the Contractor shall provide Owner's Project Representative with copies of all proposed and final subcontracts, including the general and supplementary conditions thereof.
- A. <u>Subcontracts Generally.</u> All subcontracts shall: (1) require each Subcontractor to be bound to Contractor to the same extent Contractor is bound to Owner by the terms of the Contract Documents, as those terms may apply to the portion of the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor, (2) provide for the assignment of the subcontracts from Contractor to Owner at the election of Owner, upon termination of Contractor, (3) provide that Owner will be an additional indemnified party of the subcontract, (4) provide that Owner will be an additional insured on all insurance policies required to be provided by the Subcontractor, except workers' compensation, (5) assign all warranties directly to Owner, and (6) identify Owner as an intended third-party beneficiary of the subcontract.
- (1) A Subcontractor is a person or entity who has a direct contract with Contractor to perform a portion of the Work at the site. The term "Subcontractor" is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and means a Subcontractor or an authorized representative of the Subcontractor. The term "Subcontractor" does not include a separate contractor or subcontractors of a separate contractor.

- (2) A Sub-subcontractor is a person or entity who has a direct or indirect contract with a Subcontractor to perform a portion of the Work at the site. The term "Sub-subcontractor" is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and means a Sub-subcontractor or an authorized representative of the Sub-subcontractor.
- B. <u>No Damages for Delay</u>. Except when otherwise expressly agreed to by Owner in writing, all subcontracts shall provide:

"LIMITATION OF REMEDIES – NO DAMAGES FOR DELAY. The Subcontractor's exclusive remedy for delays in the performance of the contract caused by events beyond its control, including delays claimed to be caused by the Owner or Architect/Engineer or attributable to the Owner or Architect/Engineer and including claims based on breach of contract or negligence, shall be an extension of its contract time and shall in no way involve any monetary claim."

Each subcontract shall require that any claims by the Subcontractor for delay must be submitted to the Contractor within the time and in the manner in which the Contractor must submit such claims to the Owner, and that failure to comply with the conditions for giving notice and submitting claims shall result in the waiver of such claims.

- C. <u>Subcontractual Relations</u>. The Contractor shall require each Subcontractor to assume all the obligations and responsibilities which the Contractor owes the Owner pursuant to the Contract Documents, by the parties to the extent of the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor. Said obligations shall be made in writing and shall preserve and protect the rights of the Owner and Architect/Engineer, with respect to the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor, so that the subcontracting thereof will not prejudice such rights. Where appropriate, the Contractor shall require each Subcontractor to enter into similar agreements with its sub-subcontractor.
- D. <u>Insurance</u>; <u>Acts and Omissions</u>. Insurance requirements for Subcontractors shall be no more stringent than those requirements imposed on the Contractor by the Owner. The Contractor shall be responsible to the Owner for the acts and omissions of its employees, agents, Subcontractors, their agents and employees, and all other persons performing any of the Work or supplying materials under a contract to the Contractor.
- 4.2 Relationship and Responsibilities. Except as specifically set forth herein with respect to direct materials acquisitions by Owner, nothing contained in the Contract Documents or in any Contract Document does or shall create any contractual relation between the Owner or Architect/Engineer and any Subcontractor. Specifically, the Contractor is not acting as an agent of the Owner with respect to any Subcontractor. The utilization of any Subcontractor shall not relieve Contractor from any liability or responsibility to Owner, or obligate Owner to the payment of any compensation to the Subcontractor or additional compensation to the Contractor.
- 4.3 Payments to Subcontractors; Monthly Statements. The Contractor shall be responsible for paying all Subcontractors from the payments made by the Owner to Contractor pursuant to Article III, subject to the following provisions:

- A. <u>Payment</u>. The Contractor shall, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of payment from the Owner, out of the amount paid to the Contractor on account of such Subcontractor's Work, pay to each Subcontractor the amount to which the Subcontractor is entitled in accordance with the terms of the Contractor's contract with such Subcontractor. The Contractor shall, by appropriate agreement with each Subcontractor, require each Subcontractor to make payments to sub-Subcontractors in a similar manner. After receipt of payment from Owner, if the need should arise to withhold payments to Subcontractors for any reason, as solely determined by Contractor, the Contractor shall promptly restore such monies to the Owner, adjusting subsequent pay requests and Project bookkeeping as required.
- B. <u>Final Payment of Subcontractors</u>. The final payment of retainage to Subcontractors shall not be made until the Project has been inspected by the Architect/Engineer or other person designated by the Owner for that purpose, and until both the Architect/Engineer and the Contractor have issued a written certificate that the Project has been constructed in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and approved Change Orders. Before issuance of final payment to any Subcontractor without any retainage, the Subcontractor shall submit satisfactory evidence that all payrolls, material bills, and other indebtedness connected with the Project have been paid or otherwise satisfied, warranty information is complete, as-built markups have been submitted, and instruction for the Owner's operating and maintenance personnel is complete. Final payment may be made to certain select Subcontractors whose Work is satisfactorily completed prior to the completion of the Project, but only upon approval of the Owner's Project Representative.
- 4.4 Responsibility for Subcontractors. As provided in Section 2.4.BB, Contractor shall be fully responsible to Owner for all acts and omissions of the Subcontractors, suppliers and other persons and organizations performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct or indirect Contract with Contractor just as Contractor is responsible for Contractor's own acts and omissions.
- 4.5 Contingent Assignment of Subcontracts. Each subcontract agreement for a portion of the Work is assigned by the Contractor to the Owner, provided that:
 - (1) assignment is effective only after termination of the Contract by the Owner for cause pursuant to Article XIV and only for those subcontract agreements that the Owner accepts by notifying the Subcontractor and Contractor in writing; and
 - (2) assignment is subject to the prior rights of the surety, if any, obligated under bond relating to the Agreement.

When the Owner accepts the assignment of a subcontract agreement, the Owner assumes the Contractor's rights and obligations under the subcontract. Upon such assignment, if the Work has been suspended for more than thirty (30) days, the Subcontractor's compensation shall be equitably adjusted for increases in cost resulting from the suspension. Upon such assignment to the Owner, the Owner may further assign the subcontract to a successor contractor or other entity. If the Owner assigns the subcontract to a successor contractor or other entity, the Owner

shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all of the successor contractor's obligations under the subcontract.

ARTICLE V CHANGES IN WORK

- 5.1 General. Changes in the Work may be accomplished after execution of the Agreement, and without invalidating the Agreement, by Change Order, Work Directive Change or order for a minor change in the Work, subject to the limitations stated in this Article V and elsewhere in the Contract Documents. A Change Order shall be based upon agreement among the Owner, Contractor and Architect/Engineer; a Work Directive Change requires agreement by the Owner and Architect/Engineer and may or may not be agreed to by the Contractor; an order for a minor change in the Work may be issued by the Architect/Engineer alone. Changes in the Work shall be performed under applicable provisions of the Contract Documents, and the Contractor shall proceed promptly, unless otherwise provided in the Change Order, Work Directive Change or order for a minor change in the Work.
- 5.2 Minor Changes in the Work. The Owner or Architect/Engineer shall have authority to order minor changes in the Work not involving adjustment in the Contract Sum or extension of the Contract Time and not inconsistent with the intent of the Contract Documents. Such change will be effected by written order signed by the Architect/Engineer and shall be binding on the Owner and Contractor. The Contractor shall abide by and perform such minor changes. Such changes shall be effected by a Field Directive or a Work Directive Change. Documentation of changes shall be determined by the Construction Team, and displayed monthly in the Progress Reports. Because such changes shall not affect the Contract Sum to be paid to the Contractor, they shall not require a Change Order pursuant to Section 5.6.
- 5.3 Emergencies. In any emergency affecting the safety of persons or property, the Contractor shall act at its discretion to prevent threatened damage, injury, or loss. Any increase in the Contract Sum or extension of time claimed by the Contractor on account of emergency Work shall be determined as provided in Section 5.6. However, whenever practicable, the Contractor shall obtain verbal concurrence of the Owner's Project Representative and Architect/Engineer where the act will or may affect the Contract Sum or Contract Time.
- 5.4 Concealed Conditions. If the Contractor encounters conditions at the site that are (1) subsurface or otherwise concealed physical conditions that differ materially from those indicated in the Contract Documents or (2) unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature, that differ materially from those ordinarily found to exist and generally recognized as inherent in construction activities of the character provided for in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall promptly provide notice to the Owner and the Architect/Engineer before conditions are disturbed and in no event later than ten (10) days after first observance of the conditions. The Architect/Engineer will promptly investigate such conditions and, if the Architect/Engineer determines that they differ materially and cause an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the Work, will recommend an equitable adjustment in the Contract Sum or Contract Time, or both. If the Architect/Engineer determines that the conditions at the site are not materially different from those indicated in the Contract Documents and that no change in the terms of the Contract is justified, the Architect/Engineer