

REQUEST FOR OFFERS  
No. 26-TA006392JH  
ROBINSON PRESERVE PHASE III  
CULVERT REPLACEMENT  
MARCH 17, 2026

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**NOTICE TO OFFERORS, REQUEST FOR OFFERS No. 26-TA006392JH  
ROBINSON PRESERVE PHASE III CULVERT REPLACEMENT**

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, will receive Offers from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities authorized to do business in the State of Florida (Offerors), to provide Robinson Preserve Phase III Culvert Replacement, as specified in this Request for Offers (RFO).

**DATE, TIME AND PLACE DUE:**

The Due Date and Time for submission of Offers in response to this RFO is **April 24, 2026, by 2:00 P.M. ET.** Offers must be emailed to the Designated Procurement Contact shown below.

**SOLICITATION INFORMATION CONFERENCE:**

In order to ensure that all prospective Offerors have sufficient information and understanding of County's needs, a Non-Mandatory Site Visit will be held at 9:00 A.M., on April 1, 2026, at the Manatee County's Robinson Preserve, 1704 99<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Bradenton, FL 34209. The Non-Mandatory Site Visit is highly recommended due to access constraints and potential need for specialized equipment to transport heavy structures and clearing narrow trails.

**QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATION REQUESTS:**

Submit all questions, inquiries, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this RFO to the Manatee County Procurement Division by April 7, 2026. Questions and inquiries should be submitted via email to [purchasing@mymanatee.org](mailto:purchasing@mymanatee.org) or to the Designated Procurement Contact shown below.

**Important: A prohibition of lobbying is in place. Review Section A.09 carefully to avoid violation and possible sanctions.**

**DESIGNATED PROCUREMENT CONTACT:** Jeb Hayter, Procurement Agent III

(941) 74903055, Fax (941) 749-3034  
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Manatee County Financial Management Department  
Procurement Division

AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION A, INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

To receive consideration, Offerors must meet the minimum qualification requirements and comply with the instructions contained in this RFO. Offers will be accepted from a single business entity, joint venture, partnership or corporation.

### A.01 OFFER DUE DATE

The Due Date and Time for submission of Offers in response to this RFO is **April 24, 2026, by 2:00 P.M. ET**. It will be the responsibility of the Offeror to email its Offer to the Designated Procurement Contact by the Due Date and Time for submission of Offers in response to this RFO.

### A.02 SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

Offeror may submit its offer by either of the delivery method options below:

#### A. OPTION ONE – Via Email

The contents of the Offer package, if submitted via EMail, must include:

- One (1) electronic format Original identifying Offeror and containing all information required.

Email submission should be submitted in MicroSoft Office® or Adobe Acrobat® portable document format (PDF) in a single document. Do not password protect or otherwise encrypt electronic Offer submission. Submit the electronic Offer via Email with the following information in the Email ‘Subject Line’: **RFO 26-TA006392JH Robinson Preserve Phase III Culvert Replacement and Offeror’s Name**. Electronic package is to be delivered to the Designated Procurement Contact via email at [jeb.hayter@mymanatee.org](mailto:jeb.hayter@mymanatee.org) prior to the Due Date and Time.

### A.03 ORGANIZATION OF OFFERS

Offers must be organized and arranged with tabs in the same order as listed in the subsections within Exhibit 2 identifying the response to each specific item.

Offers must clearly indicate the legal name, address and telephone number of the Offeror. Offers must be signed by an individual authorized to make representations for the Offeror.

### A.04 ADDENDA

Any interpretations, corrections or changes to this RFO will be made by addenda. Addenda will be posted on the Procurement Division’s web page of the Manatee County Government (hereinafter referred to as County) website at <http://www.mymanatee.org/purchasing> > *Bids and Proposals*. For those solicitations that are advertised on a third-party website, addenda will also be posted on the third-party distribution system on the ‘Planholders’ link.

All addenda are a part of the RFO and each Offeror will be bound by such addenda. It is the responsibility of each Offeror to read and comprehend all addenda issued. Failure of

any Offeror to acknowledge an issued addendum in its Offer will not relieve the Offeror from any obligation contained therein.

Manatee County will not be responsible for oral interpretations given by other sources including County staff, representative, or others. The issuance of a written addendum by the Procurement Division is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information will be given.

**A.05 OFFEROR EXPENSES**

All costs incurred by Offeror in responding to this RFO and to participate in any interviews/presentations/demonstrations, including travel, will be the sole responsibility of the Offeror.

**A.06 FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS**

Offers which contain false or misleading statements or which provide references which do not support an attribute or condition claimed by the Offeror, may be rejected. If, in the opinion of the County, such information was intended to mislead the County in its evaluation of the Offer, and the attribute, condition or capability is a requirement of this RFO. Such Offeror will be disqualified from consideration for this RFO and may be disqualified from submitting a response on future solicitation opportunities with the County.

**A.07 WITHDRAWAL OR REVISION OF OFFERS**

Offerors may withdraw Offers under the following circumstances:

- A. If Offeror discovers a mistake(s) prior to the Due Date and Time. Offeror may withdraw its Offer by submitting a written notice to the Procurement Division. The notice must be received in the Procurement Division prior to the Due Date and Time for receiving Offers. A copy of the request shall be retained and the unopened Offer returned to the Offeror; or
- B. After the Offers are opened but before a contract is signed, Offeror alleges a material mistake of fact if:
  - 1. The mistake is clearly evident in the solicitation document; or
  - 2. Offeror submits evidence which clearly and convincingly demonstrates that a mistake was made in the Offer. Request to withdraw an Offer must be in writing and approved by the Procurement Official.

**A.08 JOINT VENTURES**

Offerors intending to submit an Offer as a joint venture with another entity are required to have filed proper documents with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and all other State or local licensing agencies as required by Florida Statute Section 489.119, prior to the Due Date and Time.

**A.09 LOBBYING**

After the issuance of any solicitation, no prospective Offerors, or their agents, representatives or persons acting at the request of such Offeror, shall contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the solicitation with any County officers, agents or employees, other than the Procurement Official or designee, unless otherwise directed by the Procurement Official or designee. This prohibition includes copying such persons on written communications (including email correspondence) but does not apply to presentations made to evaluation committees or at a County Commission meeting where the Commission is considering approval of a proposed contract/purchase order. This requirement ends upon final execution of the contract/purchase order or at the time the solicitation is cancelled. Violators of this prohibition will be subject to sanctions as provided in the Manatee County Code of Ordinances Section 2-26-31 and 2-26-32. Sanctions may include (a) written warning; (b) termination of contracts; and (c) debarment or suspension.

**A.10 EXAMINATION OF OFFERS**

The examination and evaluation of the Offers submitted in response to this solicitation generally requires a period of not less than ninety (90) calendar days.

**A.11 ERRORS OR OMISSIONS**

Once an Offer is opened, the County will not accept any request by Offeror to correct errors or omissions in the Offer other than as identified in paragraph A.07.

**A.12 DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBLENESS AND RESPONSIVENESS**

The County will conduct a due diligence review of all Offers received to determine if the Offeror is responsible and responsive.

To be responsive an Offeror must submit an Offer that conforms in all material respects to the requirements of this RFO and contains all the information, fully completed attachments and forms, and other documentation required. Offers that are deemed non-responsive will not be considered or evaluated.

To be responsible, an Offeror must meet the minimum qualification requirements and have the capability to perform the Scope of Services contained in this RFO. Offers submitted by Offerors that are deemed non-responsible will not be considered or evaluated.

**A.13 RESERVED RIGHTS**

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Offers, to waive irregularities and technicalities, to request additional information and documentation, and to cancel this solicitation at any time prior to execution of the contract. In the event only one Offer is received, the County reserves the right to negotiate with the Offeror. The County reserves the right to award the contract to a responsive and responsible Offeror which in its sole determination is the best value and in the best interests of the County.

The County reserves the right to conduct an investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any Offeror to perform the work or service requested. Upon request by the County, Offeror shall provide all such information to the County. Additional information may include, but will not be limited to, current financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and certified by an independent CPA or official of Offeror; verification of availability of equipment and personnel; and past performance records.

**A.14 APPLICABLE LAWS**

Offeror 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 contract. This solicitation process will be conducted in accordance with Manatee County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2-26.

**A.15 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 Offeror is prohibited from delineating a separate line item in its Offer for any sales or service taxes.

The Offeror who is awarded the Agreement (Successful Offeror) will be responsible for the payment of taxes of any kind, including but not limited to sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes payable on account of the work performed and/or materials furnished under the award in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

**A.16 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES**

Pursuant to Florida Statute Section 287.135, as of July 1, 2012, a company that, at the time of submitting a response for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract, is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Florida Statute Section 215.473, is ineligible for, and may not submit a response for or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of \$1 million or more.

**A.17 COLLUSION**

Offeror certifies that its Offer is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any other corporation, firm or person submitting an Offer for the same materials, services, supplies, or equipment and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

Any such violation may result in contract cancellation, return of materials or discontinuation of services and the possible removal of Offeror from participation in future County solicitations for a specified period.

The County reserves the right to disqualify an Offeror during any phase of the solicitation process and terminate for cause any resulting contract upon evidence of collusion with intent to defraud on the part of the Offeror.

**A.18 CODE OF ETHICS**

With respect to this Offer, if any Offeror 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 II, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, such Offeror will be disqualified from eligibility to perform the work described in this RFO, and may also be disqualified from submitting any future bids or Offers to supply goods or services to Manatee County.

**A.19 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

In accordance with Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit an Offer on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit an Offer on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit Offers on leases or real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for Category Two for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

In addition, Manatee County Code of Laws Chapter 2-26 Article V prohibits the award of County contracts to any person or entity who/which has, within the past 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 Procurement Official, establishes reasonable grounds to believe the person or business entity will not conduct business in a reasonable manner.

To ensure compliance with the foregoing, Manatee County Code of Laws requires all persons or entities desiring to contract with Manatee County to execute and file with the Procurement 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 Manatee County. Offeror must complete Attachment C and submit with its Offer.

**A.20 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES**

Manatee 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 Offer opening should contact the person named on the cover page of this document at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of either activity.

**A.21 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, Manatee County hereby notifies all Offerors that it will affirmatively ensure minority business enterprises are afforded full opportunity to participate in response to this RFO and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicap, or marital status in consideration of award.

**A.22 MINORITY AND/OR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

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

**A.23 DISCLOSURE**

Upon receipt, all inquiries and responses to inquiries related to this RFO become “Public Records” and shall be subject to public disclosure consistent with Florida Statute, Chapter 119. Offers 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).

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

Pursuant to Florida Statute 119, to the extent Successful Offeror is performing services on behalf of County, Successful Offeror must:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by public agency to perform the service.
- B. Upon request from the public agency’s custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time.
- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.
- D. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of contractor or keep and maintain public records.

**IF THE SUCCESSFUL OFFEROR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO ANY RESULTING CONTRACT, CONTACT COUNTY’S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: (941) 742-5845,**

**LACY.PRITCHARD@MYMANATEE.ORG, ATTN: RECORDS  
MANAGER, 1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST, BRADENTON, FL  
34205.**

**A.24 TRADE SECRETS**

Manatee County is subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Therefore, all documents, materials, and data submitted as part of an Offer in response to a RFO are governed by the disclosure, exemption and confidentiality provisions relating to public records in Florida Statutes.

Except for materials that are ‘trade secrets’ as defined by Chapter 812, Florida Statutes, ownership of all documents, materials and data submitted as part of an Offer in response to the RFO shall belong exclusively to County.

To the extent that Offeror desires to maintain the confidentiality of materials that constitute trade secrets pursuant to Florida law, trade secret material must be submitted in accordance with Exhibit 2, Offer Response Requirements; Section E; Tab 4, Trade Secrets.

In conjunction with trade secret designation, Offeror acknowledges and agrees that:

- A. Trade secret requests made after the opening will not be considered. However, County reserves the right to clarify the Offerors request for trade secret at any time; and
- B. County and its officials, employees, agents, and representatives are hereby granted full rights to access, view, consider, and discuss the information designated as trade secret throughout the evaluation process and until final execution of any awarded purchase order or contract; and
- C. That after notice from County that a public records request has been made pursuant to Offeror’s Offer, the Offeror at its sole expense, shall be responsible for defending its determination that submitted material is a trade secret and is not subject to disclosure. Action by Offeror in response to notice from the County shall be taken immediately, but no later than 10 calendar days from the date of notification or Offeror will be deemed to have waived the trade secret designation of the materials.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this solicitation, designation of the entire Offer as ‘trade secret’, ‘proprietary’, or ‘confidential’ is not permitted and may result in a determination that the Offer is non-responsive.

Offeror will indemnify and hold County, and its officials, employees, agents and representatives harmless from any actions, damages (including attorney’s fees and costs), or claims arising from or related to the designation of trade secrets by the Offeror, including actions or claims arising from County’s non-disclosure of the trade secret materials.

## **A.25 CONFIDENTIALITY OF SECURITY RELATED RECORDS**

- A. Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 119.071(3), the following records (hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Confidential Security Records”) are confidential and exempt from the disclosure requirements of Florida Statutes § 119.07(1):
1. A Security System Plan or portion thereof for any property owned by or leased to County or any privately owned or leased property held by County.
  2. Building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams, including draft, preliminary, and final formats, which depict the internal layout and structural elements of a building, arena, stadium, water treatment facility, or other structure owned or operated by County.
  3. Building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams, including draft, preliminary, and final formats, which depict the internal layout or structural elements of an attractions and recreation facility, entertainment or resort complex, industrial complex, retail and service development, office development, or hotel or motel development in the possession of, submitted to County.
- B. Successful Offeror agrees that, as provided by Florida Statute, it shall not, as a result of a public records request, or for other reason disclose the contents of, or release or provide copies of the Confidential Security Records to any other party absent the express written authorization of County’s Property Management Director or to comply with a court order requiring such release or disclosure. To the extent Successful Offeror receives a request for such records, it shall immediately contact the County’s designated Contract administrator who shall coordinate County’s response to the request.

## **A.26 E-VERIFY**

Prior to the employment of any person under this contract, the Successful Offeror 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 Offeror to perform employment duties within Florida and (b) all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Successful Offeror 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 in the United States shall be employed under this contract.

By submission of an Offer in response to this RFO, the Successful Offeror commits that all employees and subcontractors will undergo e-verification before placement on this contract.

The Successful Offeror shall maintain sole responsibility for the actions of its employees and subcontractors. For the life of the contract, all employees and new employees brought in after contract award shall be verified under the same requirement stated above.

**A.27 LICENSES AND PERMITS**

The Successful Offeror shall be solely responsible for obtaining all necessary license and permit fees, including, but not limited to, all license fees, permit fees, impact fees, or inspection fees, and responsible for the costs of such fees. Successful Offeror is solely responsible for ensuring all work complies with all Federal, State, local, and Manatee County ordinances, orders, codes, laws, rules, regulations, directives, and guidelines.

**A.28 BINDING OFFER**

Offers will remain valid for a period of One Hundred Twenty (120) days following the Due Date and will be considered a binding offer to perform the required services and/or provide the required goods. The submission of an Offer will be taken as prima facie evidence that the Offeror has familiarized itself with the contents of this RFO.

**A.29 PROHIBITION AGAINST CONSIDERING SOCIAL, POLITICAL, OR IDEOLOGICAL INTERESTS IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

This section shall serve as notification that this solicitation is in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapter 287.05701.

**A.30 SOLICITATION SCHEDULE**

The following schedule has been established for this solicitation process:

Scheduled Item	Scheduled Date
Non-mandatory Site Visit	April 1, 2026, 9:00 A.M. ET
Question and Clarification Deadline	April 7, 2026
Offer Response Due Date and Time	April, 24, 2026, by 2:00 P.M. ET
Interviews/Presentations, if conducted	TBD
Projected Award	May, 2026

**END SECTION A**

**SECTION B, EVALUATION OF OFFERS**

**B.01 EVALUATION**

Evaluation of Offers will consider all information submitted by each responsible and responsive Offeror, any clarification information provided by an Offeror, feedback received from Offeror’s references, and any other relevant information received regarding Offeror, to ascertain the ability of the Offeror to perform the scope of services as stated in this RFO. Each Offeror must ensure that its Offer contains all the information requested in this RFO and reflects Offeror’s best offer.

As part of the evaluation process the County may request additional information or clarification from Offerors for the purpose of further evaluation of (a) conformance to the solicitation requirements, (b) the abilities of the Offeror, and (c) understanding of the offer submitted. Additional information and/or clarification must be submitted by Offeror within the requested time-period.

Additionally, interviews, presentations and/or demonstrations may be conducted with Offerors as part of the evaluation process. If conducted, only those Offerors that are deemed by the County as having a reasonable probability of being selected for award will be invited to meet with the County. The interviews, presentations and/or demonstrations are closed to the public.

**B.02 EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The following evaluation criteria has been established for this RFO:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>
Offeror & Team's Experience (Tab 6)	20
Approach (Tab 7)	25
Capacity (Tab 8)	20
Similar Completed Projects (Tab 9)	25
Fee Proposal (Tab 10)	10

**END SECTION B**

## **SECTION C, NEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

### **C.01 GENERAL**

- A. The Offer will serve as a basis for any negotiations.
- B. Upon submission, all Offers become the property of Manatee County which has the right to use any or all ideas presented in any Offer submitted in response to this RFO whether, or not, the Offer is accepted.
- C. All products and papers produced by Offeror and submitted to the County during the solicitation process become the property of Manatee County.

### **C.02 NEGOTIATION**

A recommendation will be made as to the Offeror(s) with whom the County should enter into negotiations, if any. Upon approval of the recommendation, the Successful Offeror will be invited to enter negotiations led by the County Procurement Division. These negotiations are generally relative to the scope of work/services to be provided and any associated costs.

### **C.03 RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD**

Upon successful completion of negotiations, a recommendation for award to the Successful Offeror(s) will be presented for approval per County ordinances, policies and procedures.

### **C.04 AGREEMENT**

The selected Offeror(s) will be required to enter into an agreement. The agreement may or may not include all elements of this RFO or the successful Offeror's Offer where alternatives provide best value, are desirable to the County, and the parties agree to such terms.

The term of the Agreement shall be upon completion of the Scope of Work. Work shall be completed and ready for final inspection within 30 business days of the date of Notice to Proceed. Only one schedule for completion will be considered.

### **C.05 AWARD**

County may not make award to an Offeror who is delinquent in payment of any taxes, fees, fines, contractual debts, judgments, or any other debts due and owed to County, or is in default on any contractual or regulatory obligation to County. By submitting this solicitation response, Offeror attests that it is not delinquent in payment of any such debts due and owed to County, nor is it in default on any contractual or regulatory obligation to County. In the event the Offeror's statement is discovered to be false, Offeror will be subject to suspension and/or debarment and County may terminate any contract it has with Offeror.

Award of an agreement is subject to the successful negotiations and the approval as provided for in the Manatee County Procurement Code.

## **END SECTION C**

**ATTACHMENT A, ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA  
RFO No. 26-TA006392JH**

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Addendum No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Print or type Offeror's information below:

Name of Offeror: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Signature of Authorized Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name, Title, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this fully executed form with your Offer.**

**ATTACHMENT B, OFFER SIGNATURE FORM**

**RFO No. 26-TA006392JH**

The undersigned represents that:

- (1) by signing the Offer, that he/she has the authority and approval of the legal entity purporting to submit the Offer and any additional documentation which may be required such as the Joint Venture Agreement or Joint Venture Affidavit, if applicable;
- (2) all facts and responses set forth in the Offer are true and correct;
- (3) if the Offeror is selected by County to negotiate an agreement, that Offeror’s negotiators will negotiate in good faith to establish an agreement to provide the services described in the Scope of Services of this RFO;
- (4) by submitting an Offer and signing below, the Offeror agrees to all terms and conditions in this RFO, which incorporates all addenda, appendices, exhibits, and attachments, in its entirety, and is prepared to sign the Contract as written. The Offeror understands that if it submits exceptions to the Contract in its Offer, the Offeror’s Offer may be determined non-responsive; and
- (5) the Offeror, which includes all companies included in a partnership or joint venture, is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List.

**Print or type Offeror’s information below:**

Signature of Authorized Official / Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Authorized Signer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Authorized Signer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Offeror: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Website URL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this fully executed form with your Offer.**

**ATTACHMENT C, PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES CERTIFICATION**

**RFO No. 26-TA006392JH**

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.**

This sworn statement is submitted to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners by

\_\_\_\_\_ [Print individual's name and title]

for \_\_\_\_\_ [Print name of entity submitting sworn statement]

whose business address is \_\_\_\_\_

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is \_\_\_\_\_. If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that no person or entity shall be awarded or receive a County agreement for public improvements, procurement of goods or services (including professional services) or a County lease, franchise, concession or management agreement, or shall receive a grant of County monies unless such person or entity has submitted a written certification to County that it has not:

- (1) been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe a public officer or employee of Manatee County, the State of Florida, or any other public entity, including, but not limited to the Government of the United States, any state, or any local government authority in the United States, in that officer's or employee's official capacity; or
- (2) been convicted of an agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders in restraint of freedom of competition, by agreement to bid a fixed price, or otherwise; or
- (3) been convicted of a violation of an environmental law that, in the sole opinion of County's Purchasing Official, reflects negatively upon the ability of the person or entity to conduct business in a responsible manner; or
- (4) made an admission of guilt of such conduct described in items (1), (2) or (3) above, which is a matter of record, but has not been prosecuted for such conduct, or has made an admission of guilt of such conduct, which is a matter of record, pursuant to formal prosecution. An admission of guilt shall be construed to include a plea of nolo contendere; or
- (5) where an officer, official, agent or employee of a business entity has been convicted of or has admitted guilt to any of the crimes set forth above on behalf of such an entity and pursuant to the direction or authorization of an official thereof (including the person committing the offense, if he is an official of the business entity), the business shall be chargeable with the conduct herein above set forth. A business entity shall be chargeable with the conduct of an affiliated entity, whether wholly owned, partially owned, or one which has common ownership or a common Board of Directors. For purposes of this Form, business entities are affiliated if, directly or indirectly, one business entity controls or has the power to control another business entity, or if an individual or

group of individuals controls or has the power to control both entities. Indicia of control shall include, without limitation, interlocking management or ownership, identity of interests among family members, shared organization of a business entity following the ineligibility of a business entity under this Article, or using substantially the same management, ownership or principles as the ineligible entity.

Any person or entity who claims that this Article is inapplicable to him/her/it because a conviction or judgment has been reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction shall prove the same with documentation satisfactory to County's Purchasing Official. Upon presentation of such satisfactory proof, the person or entity shall be allowed to contract with County.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR MANATEE COUNTY IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY CONTRACT OR BUSINESS TRANSACTION SHALL PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS, OR TERMINATION, OR BOTH, IF THE CONTRACTING OFFICER OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES THAT SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY HAS MADE FALSE CERTIFICATION.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Supplier Signature]

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known \_\_\_\_ OR Produced \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [Type of identification]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Print, type or stamp Commissioned name of Notary Public]

**Signatory Requirement** - In the case of a business entity other than a partnership or a corporation, this affidavit shall be executed by an authorized agent of the entity. In the case of a partnership, this affidavit shall be executed by the general partner(s). In the case of a corporation, this affidavit shall be executed by the corporate president.

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**ATTACHMENT D, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS  
RFO No. 26-TA006392JH**

The SUPPLIER will not commence work under the resulting Agreement until all insurance coverages indicated by an “X” herein have been obtained. The SUPPLIER shall obtain and submit to the Procurement Division within ten (10) calendar days from the date of notice of intent to award, at its expense, the following minimum amounts of insurance (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy): Work under this Agreement cannot commence until all insurance coverages indicated herein have been obtained on a standard ACORD form (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy):

**REQUIRED INSURANCES**

**Automobile Liability Insurance Required Limits**

Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form including coverage for all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles for bodily injury and property damage of not less than:

- \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit; OR
- \$500,000 Bodily Injury and \$500,000 Property Damage
- \$10,000 Personal Injury Protection (No Fault)
- \$500,000 Hired, Non-Owned Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Payments

*This policy shall contain severability of interests’ provisions.*

**Commercial General Liability Insurance Required Limits (per Occurrence form only; claims-made form is not acceptable)**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name ‘Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida’ as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$1,000,000 Single Limit Per Occurrence
- \$2,000,000 Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Liability
- \$50,000 Fire Damage Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Expense, and
- \$1,000,000, Third Party Property Damage
- \$        Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000)

*This policy shall contain severability of interests’ provisions.*

**Employer’s Liability Insurance**

Coverage limits of not less than:

- \$100,000 Each Accident

- \$100,000 Disease Each Employee
- \$500,000 Disease Policy Limit

**Worker’s Compensation Insurance**

**US Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act**

**Jones Act Coverage**

Coverage limits of not less than:

- Statutory workers’ compensation coverage shall apply for all employees in compliance with the laws and statutes of the State of Florida and the federal government
- If any operations are to be undertaken on or about navigable waters, coverage must be included for the US Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act and Jones Act

Should ‘leased employees’ be retained for any part of the project or service, the employee leasing agency shall provide evidence of Workers’ Compensation coverage and Employer’s Liability coverage for all personnel on the worksite and in compliance with the above Workers’ Compensation requirements. NOTE: Workers’ Compensation coverage is a firm requirement. Elective exemptions are considered on a case-by-case basis and are approved in a very limited number of instances.

**OTHER INSURANCES**

**Aircraft Liability Insurance Required Limits**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name ‘Manatee County a political subdivision of the State of Florida’ as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence Property and Bodily Injury with no less than \$100,000 per passenger each occurrence or a ‘smooth’ limit
- \$ General Aggregate

**Un-Manned Aircraft Liability Insurance (Drone)**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name ‘Manatee County a political subdivision of the State of Florida’ as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence Property and Bodily Injury; Coverage shall specifically include operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), including liability and property damage
- \$ General Aggregate

**Installation Floater Insurance**

When the contract or agreement **does not** include construction of, or additions to, above ground building or structures, but does involve the installation of machinery or equipment, Installation Floater Insurance shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed

and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- 100% of the completed value of such addition(s), building(s), or structure(s)

**Professional Liability and/or Errors and Omissions (E&O) Liability Insurances**

Coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

- \$ 1,000,000 Bodily Injury and Property Damage Each Occurrence
- \$ 2,000,000 General Aggregate

**Builder’s Risk Insurance**

When the contract or agreement includes the construction of roadways and/or the addition of a permanent structure or building, including the installation of machinery and/or equipment, Builder’s Risk Insurance shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- An amount equal to 100% of the completed value of the project, or the value of the equipment to be installed
- The policy shall not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$10,000

Coverage shall be for all risks and include, but not be limited to, storage and transport of materials, equipment, supplies of any kind whatsoever to be used on or incidental to the project, theft coverage, and Waiver of Occupancy Clause Endorsement, where applicable.

**Cyber Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall comply with Florida Statute 501.171, shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name ‘Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida’ as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Security Breach Liability
- \$ Security Breach Expense Each Occurrence
- \$ Security Breach Expense Aggregate
- \$ Replacement or Restoration of Electronic Data
- \$ Extortion Threats
- \$ Business Income and Extra Expense
- \$ Public Relations Expense

NOTE: Policy must not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$25,000.

**Hazardous Materials Insurance (As Noted Below)**

Hazardous materials include all materials and substances that are currently designated or defined as hazardous by the law or rules of regulation by the State of Florida or federal government.

All coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form, and the policy shall be endorsed and name ‘Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida’ as an Additional Insured. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

***Pollution Liability***

Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate.

***Asbestos Liability (If handling within scope of Contract)***

Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate.

***Disposal***

When applicable, SUPPLIER shall designate the disposal site and furnish a Certificate of Insurance from the disposal facility for Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance covering liability.

- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Liability for Sudden and Accidental Occurrences, each claim and an aggregate
- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Liability for Non-Sudden and Accidental Occurrences, each claim and an aggregate

**Hazardous Waste Transportation Insurance**

SUPPLIER shall designate the hauler and have the hauler furnish a Certificate of Insurance for Automobile Liability insurance with Endorsement MCS-90 for liability arising out of the transportation of hazardous materials. EPA identification number shall be provided.

All coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form and the policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, per accident

**Liquor Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence and Aggregate

**Garage Keeper’s Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be required if the maintenance, servicing, cleaning or repairing of any County motor vehicles is inherent or implied within the provision of the contract.

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- Property and asset coverage in the full replacement value of the lot or garage

**Bailee’s Customer Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be required for damage and/or destruction when County property is temporarily under the care or custody of a person or organization, including property that is on, or in transit to and from the person or organization’s premises. Perils covered should include fire, lightning, theft, burglary, robbery, explosion, collision, flood, earthquake and damage or destruction during transportation by a carrier.

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- Property and asset coverage in the full replacement value of the County asset(s) in the SUPPLIER’S care, custody and control

**Hull and Watercraft Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name “Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence
- \$ General Aggregate
- \$ Fire Damage Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Expense, and
- \$ Third Party Property Damage
- \$ Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000)

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

THE POLICIES ARE TO CONTAIN, OR BE ENDORSED TO CONTAIN, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

### **Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages**

- A. **“Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida,” is to be named as an Additional Insured in respect to:** Liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the SUPPLIER, his agents, representatives, and employees; products and completed operations of the SUPPLIER; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the SUPPLIER. The coverage shall contain no special limitation(s) on the scope of protection afforded to the COUNTY, its officials, employees or volunteers. In addition to furnishing a Certificate of Insurance, the SUPPLIER shall provide the endorsement that evidences Manatee COUNTY being listed as an Additional Insured. This can be done in one of two ways: (1) an endorsement can be issued that specifically lists “Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida,” as Additional Insured; or, (2) an endorsement can be issued that states that all Certificate Holders are Additional Insured with respect to the policy.
- B. The SUPPLIER'S insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the COUNTY, its officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the COUNTY, its officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of SUPPLIER'S insurance and shall be non-contributory.
- C. The insurance policies must be on an occurrence form.

### **Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Coverages**

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the COUNTY, its officials, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the SUPPLIER for the COUNTY.

### **General Insurance Provisions Applicable to All Policies**

- A. Prior to the execution of contract, or issuance of a Purchase Order, and then annually upon the anniversary date(s) of the insurance policy's renewal date(s) for as long as this contract remains in effect, SUPPLIER shall furnish the COUNTY with a Certificate(s) of Insurance (using an industry accepted certificate form, signed by the Issuer, with applicable endorsements, and containing the solicitation or contract number, and title or description) evidencing the coverage set forth above and naming “Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured on the applicable coverage(s) set forth above.
- B. If the policy contains an aggregate limit, confirmation is needed in writing (letter, email, etc.) that the aggregate limit has not been eroded to procurement representative when supplying Certificate of Insurance. In addition, when requested in writing from the COUNTY, SUPPLIER will provide the COUNTY with a certified copy of all applicable policies. The address where such certificates and certified policies shall be sent or delivered is as follows:

**Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida**  
**Attn: Risk Management Division**  
**1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 969**  
**Bradenton, FL 34205**

- C. The project's solicitation number and title shall be listed on each certificate.
- D. SUPPLIER shall provide thirty (30) days written notice to the Risk Manager of any cancellation, non-renewal, termination, material change, or reduction in coverage of any insurance policies to procurement representative including solicitation number and title with all notices.
- E. SUPPLIER agrees that should at any time SUPPLIER fail to meet or maintain the required insurance coverage(s) as set forth herein, the COUNTY may terminate this contract.
- F. The SUPPLIER waives all subrogation rights against COUNTY, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, for all losses or damages which occur during the contract and for any events occurring during the contract period, whether the suit is brought during the contract period or not.
- G. The SUPPLIER has sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and policy deductibles.
- H. It is the SUPPLIER'S responsibility to ensure that his agents, representatives and subcontractors comply with the insurance requirements set forth herein. SUPPLIER shall include his agents, representatives, and subcontractors working on the project or at the worksite as insured under its policies, or SUPPLIER shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each agent, representative, and subcontractor working on the project or at the worksite. All coverages for agents, representatives, and subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements set forth to the procurement representative.
- I. All required insurance policies must be written with a carrier having a minimum A.M. Best rating of A- FSC VII or better. In addition, the COUNTY has the right to review the SUPPLIER's deductible or self-insured retention and to require that it be reduced or eliminated.
- J. SUPPLIER understands and agrees that the stipulated limits of coverage listed herein in this insurance section shall not be construed as a limitation of any potential liability to the COUNTY, or to others, and the COUNTY'S failure to request evidence of this insurance coverage shall not be construed as a waiver of SUPPLIER'S obligation to provide and maintain the insurance coverage specified.

- K. SUPPLIER understands and agrees that the COUNTY does not waive its immunity and nothing herein shall be interpreted as a waiver of the COUNTY'S rights, including the limitation of waiver of immunity, as set forth in Florida Statutes 768.28, or any other statutes, and the COUNTY expressly reserves these rights to the full extent allowed by law.
  
- L. No award shall be made until the Procurement Division has received the Certificate of Insurance in accordance with this section.

**ATTACHMENT D, SUPPLIER'S INSURANCE STATEMENT**

**RFO No. 26-TA006392JH**

**THE UNDERSIGNED** has read and understands the aforementioned insurance requirements of the Agreement and shall provide the insurance required by this section within ten (10) days from the date of notice of intent to award.

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

Consultant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**ATTACHMENT E, AFFIDAVIT OF NO CONFLICT**  
**RFO No. 26-TA006392JH**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared [INSERT NAME] \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, as [INSERT TITLE] \_\_\_\_\_ of [INSERT  
CONSULTANT NAME] \_\_\_\_\_, with full authority to bind (hereinafter  
"CONSULTANT"), who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that CONSULTANT:

- (a) Is not currently engaged and will not become engaged in any obligations, undertakings or contracts that will require CONSULTANT to maintain an adversarial role against the County or that will impair or influence the advice, recommendations or quality of work provided to the County; and
- (b) Has provided full disclosure of all potentially conflicting contractual relationships and full disclosure of contractual relationships deemed to raise a question of conflict(s); and
- (c) Has provided full disclosure of prior work history and qualifications that may be deemed to raise a possible question of conflict(s).

Affiant makes this Affidavit for the purpose of inducing Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, to enter into this Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONSULTANT Signature

The foregoing instrument was sworn to and acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by [NAME] \_\_\_\_\_, as [TITLE] \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of [CONSULTANT] \_\_\_\_\_. He / She is personally  
known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ [TYPE OF  
IDENTIFICATION] as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature  
Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this fully executed form with your Offer.**

**ATTACHMENT F, ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT  
RFO No. 26-TA006392JH**

(Section 787.06, Florida Statutes)

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,  
who was sworn and says that the following information is true and correct:

1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. I have been authorized by the Company to provide and execute this affidavit.
2. I am over eighteen years of age and the following information is given from my own personal knowledge.
3. Company is a nongovernmental entity and I hereby attest that Company does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes.
4. This affidavit is made and given by affiant under penalty of perjury with full knowledge of applicable Florida laws regarding sworn affidavits and the penalties and liabilities resulting from false statements and misrepresentations therein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by \_\_\_\_\_, who

- is personally known to me or  
 has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

[CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES TO SATISFY IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 117.05, FLORIDA STATUTES]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

(Legibly print, type, or stamp commissioned name of Notary Public and affix official notary seal)

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## ATTACHMENT G

### MANATEE COUNTY – SPECIAL PROVISIONS – FEDERAL GRANTS – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS

In addition to other provisions required, all contracts made by the County that are funded in whole, or in part, by a Federal grant the following provisions will apply:

##### A. Termination for Cause

1. COUNTY shall have the right, by written notice to CONTRACTOR, to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for failure to substantially comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement (Work Assignments, if applicable), to include:
  - a. Failure to provide the Work that comply with the specifications herein or that fail to meet COUNTY'S performance standards;
  - b. Failure to deliver or perform the Work within the time specified in the agreement; or
  - c. Progress that is at a rate that disrupts the overall performance of this Agreement.
2. Prior to termination for default, COUNTY shall provide adequate written notice to CONTRACTOR, affording CONTRACTOR the opportunity to cure the deficiencies or to submit a specific plan to resolve the deficiencies within ten (10) days (or the period specified in the notice) after receipt of the notice. Failure to adequately cure the deficiency shall result in termination action.
3. Such termination may also result in suspension or debarment of CONTRACTOR in accordance with Manatee County's Procurement Ordinance, Chapter 2-26. CONTRACTOR shall be liable for any damage to COUNTY resulting from CONTRACTOR'S default of the Agreement.
4. In the event of termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be liable for any damage to COUNTY resulting from CONTRACTOR'S default of this Agreement. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by COUNTY in completing performance under this Agreement.
5. In the event of termination by COUNTY for any cause, CONTRACTOR shall not have any right or claim against COUNTY for lost profits or compensation for lost opportunities. After a receipt of COUNTY'S Notice of Termination and except as otherwise directed by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall:
  - a. Stop the Work on the date and to the extent specified;
  - b. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated Work;
  - c. Transfer all work in process, completed Work, and other materials related to the terminated Work as directed by COUNTY; and
  - d. Continue and complete all parts of the Work that have not been terminated.

## **B. Termination for Convenience**

COUNTY may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, or individual Work Assignments without cause. COUNTY shall provide CONTRACTOR a written “Notice of Intent to Terminate” thirty (30) days prior to the date of termination. If this Agreement is terminated by the COUNTY without cause, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to payment for all Work performed to the satisfaction of the COUNTY and all expenses incurred under this Agreement prior to termination, less any costs, expenses or damages due to the failure of the CONTRACTOR to properly perform pursuant to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any other compensation, including anticipated profits on unperformed Work.

## **C. Equal Opportunity Employment**

In accordance with 41 C.F.R. §60-1.4(b), the County hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 CFR Chapter 60, which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, the following equal opportunity clause:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- i. Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- ii. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- iii. The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee

who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

- iv. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- v. The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- vi. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- vii. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- viii. The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

**D. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708)**

To the extent applicable, Contractor agrees to comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act. Contractor must compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer based on a standard work week of 40 hours.

Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the workweek. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or underworking conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous.

NOTE: These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

**E. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33U.S.C. 1251–1387), as amended**

To the extent possible, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C.1251–1387). Contractor shall report all violations of such Acts to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**F. Suspension and Debarment (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)**

Contractor states that Contractor is not listed on the government-wide exclusions in the federal government’s System for Award Management (SAM). Such listing would prevent performance of this Agreement in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” The SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

**G. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31U.S.C. 1352)**

Contractor agrees to file any required anti-lobbying certification required for agreements funded by Federal grants. Contractor agrees and certifies that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Contractor agrees to disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining this Agreement or any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

**H. Domestic Preferences for Procurement. (2 CFR Part 200.322)**

Contractor agrees to, as appropriate, to the extent consistent with law, and to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or product under this award.

**I. Procurement of Recovered Materials (2 CFR Part 200.323)**

Contractor agrees to comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

**J. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (2 CFR Part 200.216)**

Contractor is prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

1. Procure or obtain;
2. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
3. Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
  - i. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
  - ii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
  - iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MANATEE COUNTY SPECIAL PROVISIONS –  
FEDERAL GRANTS – TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
SOLICITATION NO. 26-TA006392JH  
ATTACHMENT**

**Acknowledge all Special Provisions –Federal Grants Terms and Conditions have been received and Proposer / Bidder shall abide by all applicable federal provisions as defined in 2 CFR Part 200.327 – Appendix II to Part 200 Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature/Authorized Certifying Official**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name and Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Organization**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**EXHIBIT 1, SCOPE OF SERVICES**  
**RFO No. 26-TA006392JH**

**1.01 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Manatee County is requesting construction services for the culvert replacement for enhancement of a fish passage previously designed and permitted during Phase 2 Restoration of the Robinson Preserve project.

The work described below will be considered and funded under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, and Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States (RESTORE) Act funding program - Robinson Preserve Expansion Phase 3 Coastal Habitat Enhancements project (Grant No. RDCGR160434-01-00). The Phase 3 work is within Robinson Preserve Expansion, a 150-acre coastal nature preserve that supports tidal wetlands, mangroves, and estuarine habitats (**Figure 1**). The purpose of the **Robinson Preserve Phase 3 Culvert Replacement for Fish Passage Enhancement** project is to upsize and modernize two existing culvert systems to improve habitat connectivity for aquatic species, particularly fish and to daylight one culvert passage (**Figure 2**).

All construction activities shall be performed in strict accordance with the approved site plans and shall be limited to the scope authorized under the applicable state and federal permits obtained for this project (see **Attachment's A - C**).

The total cost of this project shall not exceed the County's \$90,000.00 budget.

**1.02 SCOPE**

**Mobilization and Site Preparation**

The contractor will meet with County staff for a pre-construction meeting to review project logistics, access, trail closure coordination, and environmental protection strategies. The contractor will provide recommendations on construction sequencing and other planning measures to minimize turbidity, protect adjacent wetlands, and reduce impacts to public access. Following this meeting, the contractor will mobilize personnel, equipment, and materials to the Robinson Preserve project site; install erosion and sediment controls in accordance with BMPs and permit conditions; and clearly demarcate all sensitive areas, including mangrove fringes and backwater channels.

**Demolition and Removal**

The contractor will remove three (3) 12" plastic pipes at Crossing #1 and three (3) 12" plastic pipes at Crossing #2. All removed materials will be transported to and properly disposed of at a licensed disposal facility. Where necessary, the contractor will implement temporary flow bypass or dewatering measures to maintain site safety and prevent downstream impacts during removal activities.

**Installation of Replacement Drainage Structures**

The contractor will install one (1) precast 4'x3' concrete box culvert (or comparable structure that meets the same drainage specifications and daylighting benefits) at Crossing #1 and one (1)

45"x29" elliptical reinforced concrete pipe (ERCP) at Crossing #2. All structures will be set to match existing invert elevations to ensure consistent tidal and stormwater flow. Culvert bedding will be installed in accordance with FDOT Specification 410-10.2. At Crossing #1, the path will be replaced with material equivalent to the existing conditions, while Crossing #2 will be backfilled to meet FDOT Standard Specifications and repaved with 6 inches of fiber-reinforced concrete. Side slopes and approximately 382.5 square feet of clean riprap in upland tidally influenced ditches will be stabilized over appropriate ditch lining in accordance with FDOT Index 0524-001. The contractor must adhere to all construction material and design specifications provided in the final construction plans.

#### Vegetation Clearing and Mangrove Mitigation

The project location, particularly at Crossing #1, is surrounded by mature mangroves and saplings. The contractor must take all necessary measures to avoid and minimize impacts to these sensitive areas, strictly adhering to the limits of temporary impacts as delineated in the final construction plans. Approximately 280 square feet of shoreline vegetation near mangroves will be temporarily cleared, with no dredging or filling allowed within the mangrove area.

Prior to construction, County staff will relocate 3 - 5 mangrove seedlings currently located at Crossing #1 to a nearby area outside the construction limits to preserve them. These plantings are intended to mitigate for the impacts to mangrove habitat resulting from project activities in that area.

#### Manatee Exclusion Bollards (Crossing #2 Only)

The Contractor shall furnish and install manatee exclusion bollards west of Crossing #2 in accordance with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) guidelines (see **Attachment D**). Bollards shall be spaced 8 inches apart and between the bollard and the culvert opening. Bollards shall extend 2.5 feet above the Mean High Water (MHW) line. All bollards must be constructed from marine-grade materials and include high-visibility markings to ensure durability and clear visibility in the marine environment.

Prior to installation, the Contractor shall provide the County with a range of suitable bollard options for review and approval. Submittals shall include material specifications, design features, and visibility treatments. All proposed options must comply with FWC standards and be appropriate for the site's environmental and structural conditions.

#### Pedestrian Safety Railing (Crossing #1 Only)

The Contractor shall furnish and install approximately 6 linear feet of pedestrian safety railing at Crossing #1. The railing must be designed and constructed in full compliance with Section 1607.9 of the Florida Building Code (8th Edition), including:

- A uniform load capacity of 50 pounds per linear foot, and
- A concentrated load capacity of 200 pounds applied in any direction at the top rail.

The railing shall be securely anchored to the existing concrete or structural headwall using corrosion-resistant fasteners suitable for outdoor and potentially wet environments. All materials used must be durable and appropriate for long-term exposure to the elements.

Prior to installation, the Contractor shall submit product specifications and anchoring details for review and approval by the County. Following installation, the Contractor shall provide a certification of compliance confirming the railing meets all applicable code requirements.

#### Site Restoration and Demobilization

The Contractor shall restore all disturbed upland areas affected by construction activities to their pre-construction grades and general appearance. Restoration work shall include the following:

- Regrading to match original contours and drainage patterns;
- Removal and proper disposal of all temporary erosion controls, construction equipment, and staging materials from the site.

All restoration activities must comply with applicable environmental regulations and permit conditions. The Contractor shall ensure the site is left in a stable, clean, and vegetated condition upon completion.

### **1.03 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor shall provide the following requirements:

- A. All deliveries shall be coordinated closely with the designated County point of contact. Robinson Preserve Extension (RPE) will remain open to the public throughout the duration of the project; however, the County will manage and coordinate any necessary trail closures to ensure public and worker safety.
- B. Due to the site's location within a nature preserve, staging areas for deliveries will be limited and may vary throughout the project. The County will work collaboratively with the Contractor to identify and accommodate efficient staging and delivery locations to the greatest extent possible.
- C. Perform work Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. No work will be permitted on weekends unless authorized by the County's primary point of contact.  
Provide (Packing list)
- D. Submit all invoices in accordance with the County's invoicing procedures, including appropriate backup documentation (e.g., time logs, delivery receipts, and approved change orders).
- E. Ensure all personnel comply with site safety requirements, environmental protection measures, and any project-specific restrictions related to sensitive habitats, species, or access.
- F. Perform the services in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal laws, including permitting and safety requirements.

- G. Be responsible for the safety, conduct, and performance of all subcontractors, employees, and agents on site, as well as for the protection of County property and the surrounding environment.

#### **1.04 SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor's services shall include but not be limited to:

- A. Contractor is responsible for maintaining environmental protection and jobsite safety.
- B. No permanent impacts are permitted to wetlands or submerged lands beyond the defined upland ditches.
- C. All temporary mangrove impacts must be fully mitigated with successful replanting. This will be performed in-house by Manatee County staff.
- D. Comply with all applicable local, state, and federal safety regulations, including OSHA standards.
- E. Maintain a safe work zone at all times, especially within public areas of the preserve.
- F. Coordinate trail closures with the County to ensure public safety during active construction.
- G. Provide and enforce the use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for all personnel.
- H. Ensure all equipment is operated by qualified personnel and maintained in safe working condition.
- I. Adhere to all permit conditions and applicable environmental regulations (state and federal).
- J. Install and maintain erosion and sediment controls (e.g., silt fencing, turbidity barriers) per BMPs including Manatee Protection Conditions.
- K. Assist the County Project Manager and designated staff flag and protect sensitive areas, including mangrove fringes, wetlands, and backwater channels.
- L. Prevent unauthorized impacts to vegetation, especially mangroves.
- M. Avoid fuel or chemical spills; keep appropriate spill response kits on site.
- N. Comply with FWC guidelines for installation of manatee exclusion bollards.
- O. Implement noise, dust, and turbidity control measures as necessary to minimize impacts to the preserve.
- P. Water and power utilities are not guaranteed at the site; the Contractor should be prepared to provide any required temporary services (e.g., generators, water tanks).

#### **1.05 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor's equipment/products/services shall meet the following technical specifications in the construction plans and shall comply with FDOT and FBC (8th Edition) standards, including all specifications in the construction plans.

## **1.06 EXPECTED OUTCOMES OR DELIVERABLES**

Contractor shall include but not be limited to:

- A. Pre-Construction
  - 1. Project schedule and construction sequencing plan
  - 2. Safety plan and trail closure coordination (if applicable)
  - 3. Environmental protection and BMP plan
  - 4. Submittals for all major materials and components:
    - i. Bollards, railing, culverts, erosion control
  - 5. Staging and site access plan
  - 6. Proof of licenses, insurance, and certifications
  - 7. Mobilization notice to County
- B. During construction
  - 1. Progress reports (daily/weekly)
  - 2. Delivery tickets and material inspection logs
  - 3. Installation and progress photos
  - 4. Maintain BMPs
- C. Post-Construction
  - 1. Remove BMPs
  - 2. As-built drawings or redlines
  - 3. Final installation photos
  - 4. Compliance certifications (railing, bollards)
  - 5. Vegetation coverage report
  - 6. Disposal receipts and final invoice
  - 7. Warranty documents and lien releases

## **1.07 COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Designate a primary point of contact to serve as the Contractor's liaison for all coordination and communication throughout the duration of the project.
- B. Provide all required state and federal permits for the project (Attachments A–C).
- C. Ensure compliance with RESTORE Act Phase 3 Restoration funding requirements.
- D. Conduct a pre-construction meeting with the Contractor to review access, logistics, trail closures, environmental protection, and sequencing.
- E. Relocate 3–5 mangrove seedlings at Crossing #1 prior to construction.
- F. Procure and plant four (4) white and two (2) black mangroves at Crossing #2 post-construction.
- G. Review and approve submittals for: 1) Manatee exclusion bollard options/specifications and 2) Pedestrian railing specifications and anchoring details.
- H. Receive and retain installation photos and compliance certifications upon project completion.

## **1.08 ACCESSIBILITY**

Contractor shall ensure all of its electronic information, documents, applications, reports, and deliverables required under the Agreement are in a format that meets the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and best practices (W3C WCAG 2).

Where not fully compliant with these requirements and best practices, Contractor shall provide clear points of contact for each document and information technology to direct users in how to obtain alternate formats. Further, Contractor shall develop accommodation strategies for those non-compliant resources and implement strategies to resolve the discrepancies.

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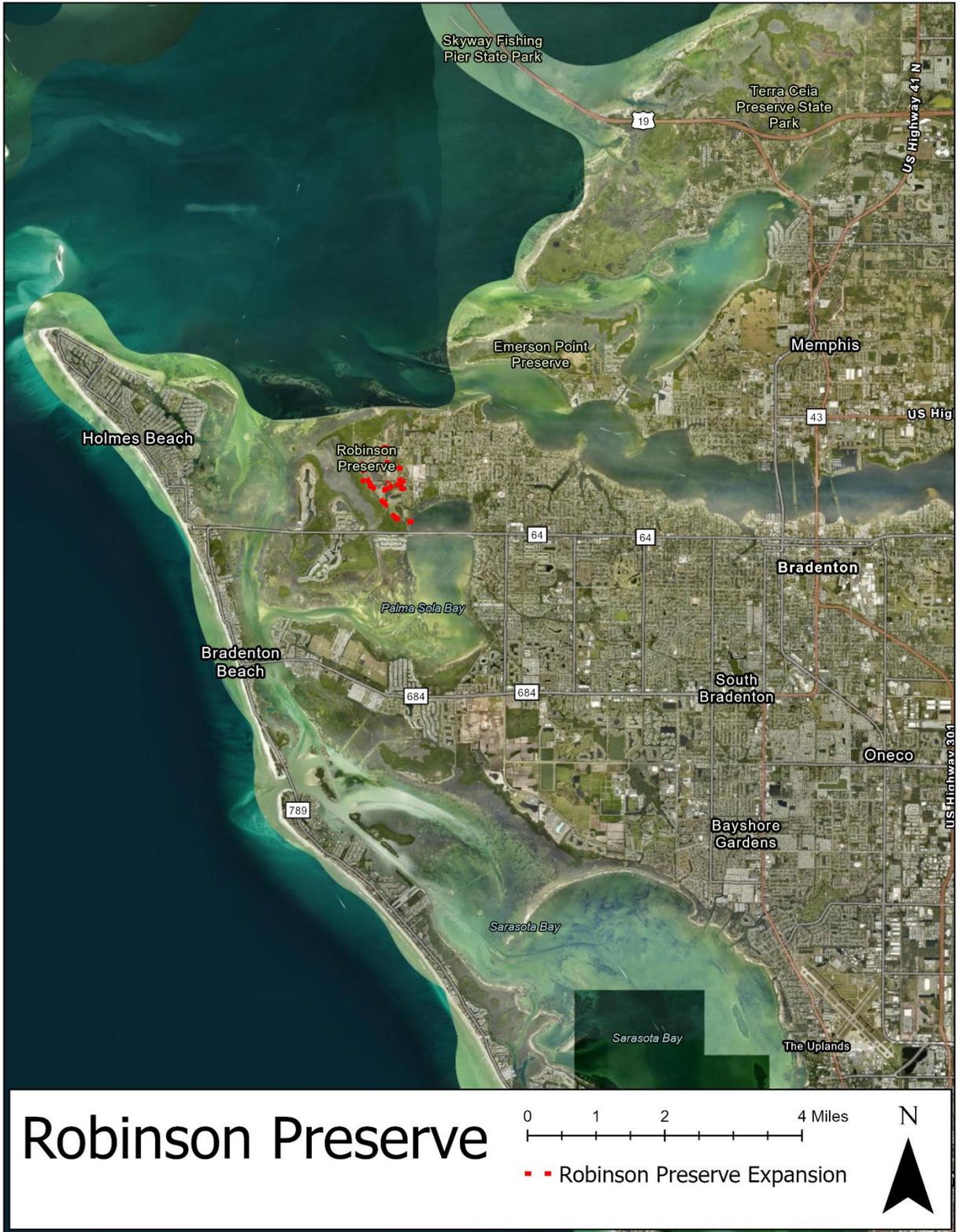


Figure 1. Location Map



**Figure 2. Culvert replacement project location for fish passage enhancement.**

**END OF EXHIBIT 1**

**EXHIBIT 2, OFFER RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS**  
**RFO No. 26-TA006392JH**

This section identifies specific information which must be contained within the Offer and the order in which such information should be organized. The information each Offeror provides will be used to determine those Offerors with the background, experience, and capacity to perform the scope of services as stated in this RFO and which Offer best meets the overall needs of the County. For more information on the evaluation process, refer to Section B, Evaluation of Offers.

**2.01 INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED**

The contents of each Offer will be organized and arranged with tabs in the same order as listed below and with the same TAB numbers. The Offer should contain sufficient detail to permit the County to conduct a meaningful evaluation. However, overly elaborate responses are not requested or desired.

**2.02 OFFER FORMAT**

**A. FORMAT**

The contents of the Offer package, if submitted electronically include:

- (1) One electronic format original submitted via email to the Designated Procurement Contact.

For more information regarding submission of offers, refer to the Request for Offers, Section A.02, Submission of Offers.

**B. TAB 1 - INTRODUCTION**

In Tab 1, include the following:

1. A cover page that identifies Offeror, the RFO by title and the RFO number.
2. An introductory letter/statement that describe your Offer in summary form (limit 2 pages).
3. A table of contents.

**C. TAB 2 – MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

In Tab 2, submit the information and documentation requested that confirms Offeror meets the following minimum qualification requirement(s):

1. Offeror must be registered with the State of Florida, Division of Corporations to do business in Florida.

**No documentation is required. The County will verify registration.**

2. Offeror must possess a current, valid General Contractor’s License issued by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

**Provide a copy of Offeror's General Contractor's License issued by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.**

3. Offeror is not listed on the Florida State Board of Administration, Scrutinized List of Prohibited Companies found on the SBAFLA website.

**No documentation is required. The County will verify.**

4. Offeror is not on the Florida Department of Management Services Suspended, Debarred, and Convicted Vendor Lists.

**No documentation is required. The County will verify.**

5. Offeror is not on the Federal Convicted Vendor or Excluded Parties list (SAM/EPLS).

**No documentation is required. The County will verify.**

6. Proposer is not on the Florida Department of Transportation Contractor Suspended List.

**No documentation is required. The County will verify.**

7. Offeror has not been convicted of a public entity crime per Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, or environmental law in the past five (5) years.

**Offeror must complete Attachment C and submit with its Offer attesting that it has not been convicted of a public entity crime or environmental law in the past five (5) years.**

8. If Offeror is submitting as a joint venture must file the required documents with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation as required by Florida Statute Section 489.119, prior to the Due Date and Time.

**If Offeror is a joint venture, provide a copy of Offeror's approved filing with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.**

9. Offeror has no reported conflict of interests in relation to this RFO.

**If no conflicts of interests are present, Offeror must submit a fully completed copy of Attachment E.**

**If there is a potential conflict of interest, on a separate page submit a statement to that affect and disclose the name of any officer, director or agent who is an employee of the County. Disclose the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest in Offeror's firm or any of its branches.**

#### **D. TAB 3 – FORMS**

In Tab 3, provide the completed and executed Attachments included in this RFO:

1. Attachment A, Acknowledgement of Addenda Form
2. Attachment B, Offer Signature Form
3. Attachment C, Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification Form
4. Attachment D, Insurance and Bond Requirements
5. Attachment E, Affidavit of No Conflict
6. Attachment F, Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit
7. Attachment G, Special Provisions – Federal Grants

#### **E. TAB 4 - TRADE SECRETS**

In Tab 4, Pursuant to Section A.24, Trade Secrets, identify any trade secret being claimed.

**NOTE: Designation of the entire Offer as “Trade ‘Secret’, ‘Proprietary’ or ‘Confidential’ is not permitted and may result in a determination that the Offer is non-responsive and therefore will not be evaluated or considered.** Offeror must submit purported trade secret information as follows:

1. If Offeror is claiming any trade secrets, Offeror shall cite, for each trade secret claimed, the Florida Statute number which supports the designation. Further, Offeror shall provide a brief written explanation as to why the cited Statute is applicable to the information claimed as trade secret.
2. If Offeror is claiming any trade secrets, Offeror shall submit an additional electronic copy of its Offer that redacts all information designated as trade secret. The electronic redacted Offer shall have a watermark or stamp identifying the Offer as the redacted copy. The electronic redacted Offer must be identical to the electronic original Offer with all information designated as trade secret redacted.
3. Trade secret requests made after the Due Date and Time for submission of Offers in response to this RFO are not permitted.

#### **F. TAB 5 - OFFEROR STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION**

In Tab 5, provide information and documentation on Offeror as follows:

1. Legal contracting name including any dba.
2. State of organization or incorporation.
3. Ownership structure of Offeror’s company.  
(e.g., Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Limited Liability Corporation, Corporation)
4. Federal Identification Number.
5. A fully completed (signed and dated) copy of Offeror’s W-9.
6. Contact information for Offeror’s corporate headquarters and local office (if different)  
NOTE: local is defined as Manatee, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota counties. Include the following:
  - a. Address
  - b. City, State, Zip
  - c. Phone
  - d. Number of years at this location
7. List of officers, owners and/or partners, or managers of the firm. Include names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers.

8. Contact information for Offeror's primary and secondary representatives during this RFO process to include the following information:
  - a. Name
  - b. Phone
  - c. E-mail
  - d. Mailing Address
  - e. City, State, Zip
9. Provide a brief summary regarding any **prior or pending litigation**, either civil or criminal, involving a governmental agency or which may affect the performance of the services to be rendered herein, in which the Offeror, any of its partners, employees or subcontractors is or has been involved within the last three years.
10. Provide details of any ownership changes to Offeror's organization in the past three years or changes anticipated within six months of the Due Date and Time (e.g., mergers, acquisitions, changes in executive leadership).

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**G. TAB 6 – OFFEROR AND TEAM’S EXPERIENCE (MAXIMUM POINTS 20)**

In Tab 6, provide details of Offeror and its team’s experience to include the following:

1. Provide a summary of Offeror’s background, size and years in business.
2. Provide Offeror’s years of experience in culvert replacement services, particularly for other government agencies in Florida.
3. Identify and include information regarding experience and qualifications of Offeror’s key staff (e.g., project lead, managers, supervisors) to be assigned to the services. Include a resume for each with their full names, the name of the firm(s) for their current and previous employers, professional credentials (e.g., certifications and/or licenses), and roles and duties which the individuals will provide to the County. Include the address of their current primary office location, email address and phone number.
4. Identify any proposed sub-contractors to accomplish the work. Include the name of the individual(s) to be assigned, and an overview of their experience and qualifications related to culvert replacement.
5. Describe any significant or unique accomplishments or recognition received by Offeror or its subcontractors in previous similar services.
6. The Offeror has provided culvert replacement services for at least three (3) client references for which Offeror has provided services similar in the scope of work as defined in this RFO, who are agreeable to responding to an inquiry by the County. Provide the following information for the three (3) following references.
  - a. Client name
  - b. Client address
  - c. Client contact name
  - d. Client contact phone number
  - e. Client contact email address
  - f. Brief description of all services provided (1-2 sentences)
  - g. Performance period (start/end dates)
7. Provide any additional information that would assist the County in the evaluation of Offeror’s experience.

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**H. TAB 7 – APPROACH (MAXIMUM POINTS 25)**

In Tab 7, provide Offeror’s project approach to include the following:

1. A narrative of Offeror’s approach to project management and the provision of services.
2. Details of implementation plan and schedule for work specified.
3. A narrative that clearly demonstrate Offeror’s ability and willingness to meet response/schedule times and budget requirements.
4. Provide a narrative of the proposed approach and methodology for engaging with County representatives in-the-course of performing the duties.
5. Offeror shall thoroughly explain:
  - a. Its accessibility in the areas of availability for meetings, general communications, coordination, and supervision
  - b. How the Offeror physically plans on attending pre-scheduled meetings
  - c. How the Offeror plans on ensuring accessibility and availability during the term of the Agreement
6. Offeror’s Risk Management Plan that includes a list of risks related to the provision of services, the potential consequences or impact of each (e.g., cost, schedule, technical) and Offeror’s proposed mitigation procedures for each item.
7. The County is deeply committed to respecting the environment. Include a detailed description of the Offeror’s safety plan to strategies to control the environment of the work site during on site operations.
8. Provide any additional information that would assist the County in the evaluation of Offeror’s approach.

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**I. TAB 8 – CAPACITY (MAXIMUM POINTS 20)**

In Tab 8, provide Offeror’s capacity for the provision of services.

1. Details of Offeror’s staffing resources, at the location that will provide services to the County as well as corporately; by discipline and the number of personnel within each discipline.
2. If Offeror’s staffing resources includes sub-consultants, submit the name of the firm(s) who will perform each discipline. Detail how subcontractors will be used and to what extent.
3. If Offeror is teaming with other entities to provide the required goods and services, detail any prior similar work any two or more team members have jointly performed.
4. If a joint venture is proposed, provide an affidavit attesting to the formulation of the joint venture and provide proof of incorporation as a joint venture or a copy of the formal joint venture agreement between all joint venture parties, indicating their respective roles, responsibilities, and levels of participation in the project.
5. An explanation, in general terms, of Offerors’ financial capacity to perform the scope of services. If Offeror is jointly filing an Offer with other entities, details must be provided to demonstrate financial capacity of each entity.
6. Detail Offeror and any subcontractor’s current workloads and any projected changes to the workload within the next six months.
7. Provide any additional information that would assist the County in the evaluation of Offeror’s capacity.

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**J. TAB 9 – SIMILAR COMPLETED PROJECTS (MAXIMUM POINTS 25)**

In Tab 9, provide a list of up to three (3) projects, particularly those within Florida, which Proposer has provided culvert replacement services since March 1, 2021. Include the following information:

- a. Organization/Owner name
- b. Address (County/State)
- c. Project date (Start/End)
- d. Proposer's role in the project (e.g., prime/lead, sub)
- e. Scope of work (Brief description 1-2 sentences)
- f. Total project costs

NOTE: Representative photographs and exhibits supporting the above projects are permitted as an attachment to this section.

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**K. TAB 10 - FEE SCHEDULE (MAXIMUM POINTS 10)**

In Tab 10, Offeror shall provide a fee structure for culvert replacement.

Offerors should use the Fees form on the following page for submitting its Fees. Fees must be submitted as all-inclusive to provide culvert replacement in accordance with the requirements set forth in this RFO.

**END OF EXHIBIT 2**

EXHIBIT 3 - BID PRICING FORM					
26-TA006392JH - ROBINSON PRESERVE PHASE III CULVERT REPLACEMENT					
Bidders must provide prices for each available line item on each tab for their bid to be considered responsive.					
*To be considered responsive, it is the sole responsibility of the bidder to correctly calculate and manually enter all sub-total, contingency, and total bid price fields.					
BID ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	Mobilization	1	LS		
3	Survey	1	LS		
4	Erosion and Sediemnt Controls	1	LS		
5	Demolition	1	LS		
6	Debris Hauling and Disposal	1	LS		
7	4'x3' concrete box culvert with grate in the top slab	16	LF		
8	Elliptical reinforced concrete pipe (ERCP) 45"x29"	24	LF		
9	Rip Rap	42.5	SY		
10	Bollards	5	EA		
11	Pedestrian 6' railing	2	EA		
12	Bank run material	45	SY		
13	Asphalt material	20	SY		
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>					
15	Contingency (Used only with County Approval)	10%	LS		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					

**ALL OF THESE ITEMS SHOULD BE PART OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

**Cost Estimate Notes**

1. Tipping fees at Manatee County Landfill to be passed through at cost.
2. All bid items are Furnish and Install.
3. Contractor will be responsible for maintaining the Erosion and Sediment Control measures throughout the project and provide additional measures as needed to maintain permit conditions.

Bidders Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bidders Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT 4, PLANS**

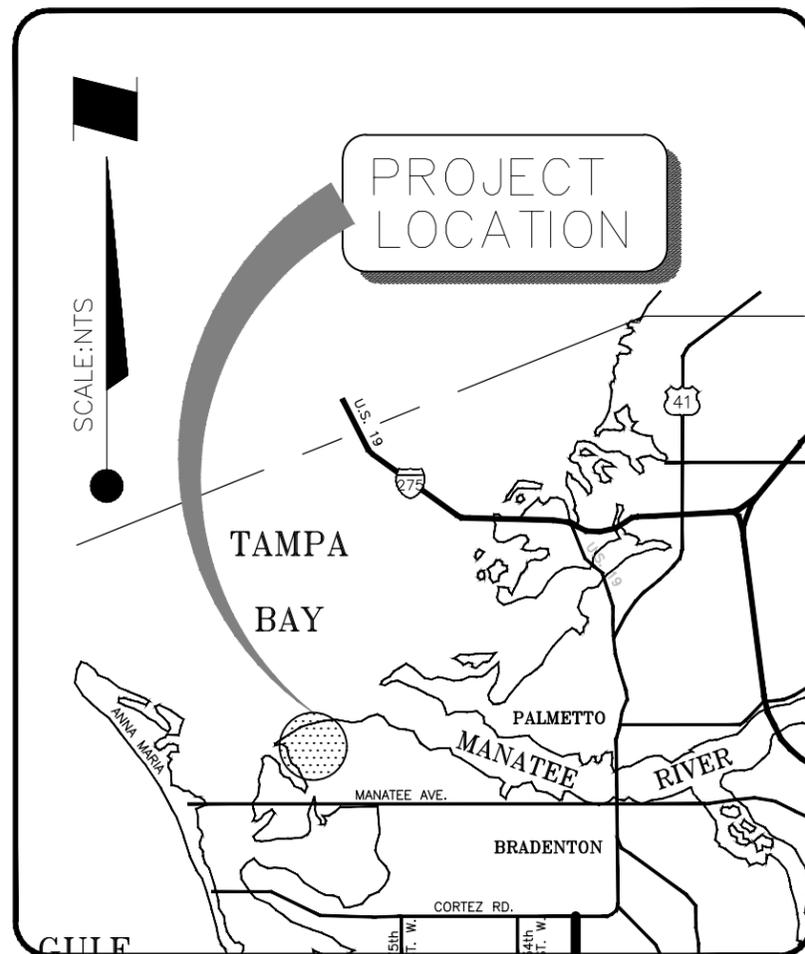


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## CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR ROBINSON PRESERVE PH III CULVERT REPLACEMENT

LOCATED WITHIN:  
 SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 34S, RANGE 16E  
 MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA



SITE MAP

### GENERAL NOTES

**NOTES:**

- EXISTING AND PROPOSED TOPOGRAPHY SHOWN ON PLANS ARE NAVD 88 AND COMPILED FROM PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND FIELD INFORMATION BY STANTEC. THE CONVERSION FACTOR TO NGVD 1929 IS 1.01'.
- EXISTING TOPOGRAPHIC DATA SHOWN FIELD COLLECTED BY STANTEC.
- ANY DISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE PLANTED OR SODDED AS TO EXISTING CONDITIONS.
- THIS SITE IS CURRENTLY MANATEE COUNTY PARK
- THERE ARE NO KNOWN STREETS, PLATS, STRUCTURES, RIGHT-OF-WAYS AND/OR HISTORIC SITES ON THE PROPERTY.
- THE PROJECT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ONE PHASE.
- THERE ARE NO KNOWN EXISTING DEED RESTRICTIONS OR COVENANTS WHICH WOULD AFFECT THE PROPOSED PROJECT.
- THERE ARE NO ONSITE TREES TO BE REMOVED.
- CULVERT CROSSING TWO DESIGNED FOR ASTM C76-22 CLASS II REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE LOADING ONLY.
- REPLACE PEDESTRIAN CONCRETE PATH AT EXPANSION JOINTS.
- DETERMINATION OF THE MHWL WAS BASED ON NOAA.ORG RECORD DATA FOR ADJACENT WATERSHED. HTL IS BASED ON OBSERVATIONAL DATA FROM MANATEE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS AND DIGITAL ELEVATION MODELS. THE ELEVATION OF THE HTL RANGES BETWEEN 2.10 AND 2.80.

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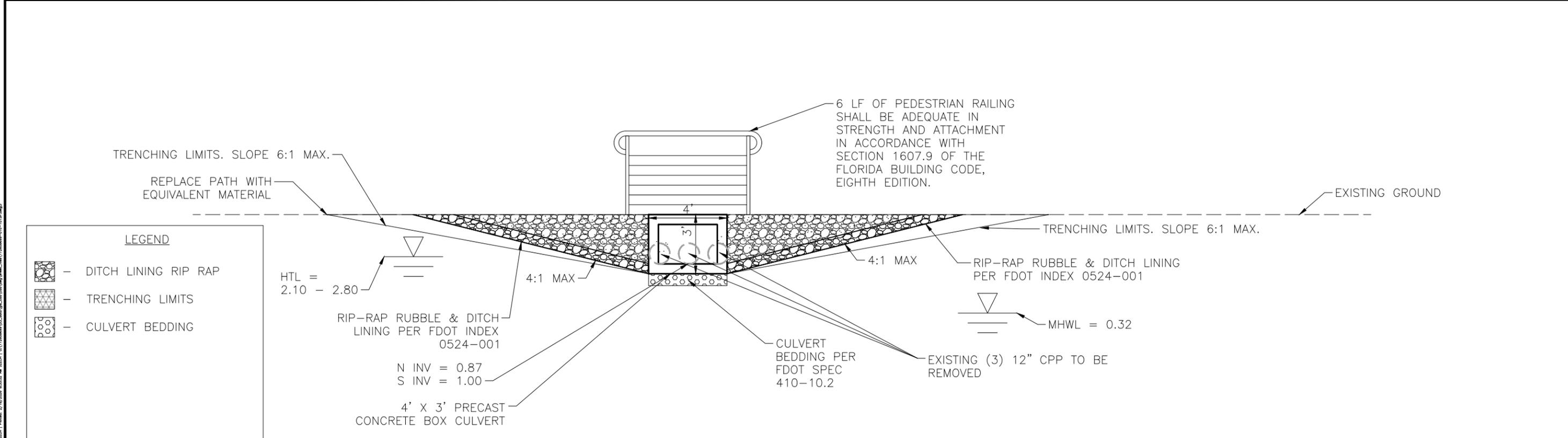
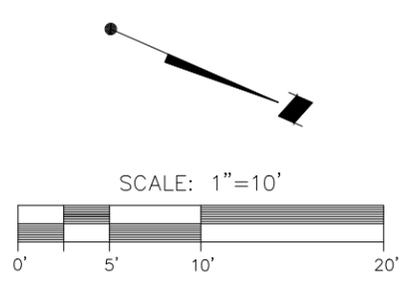
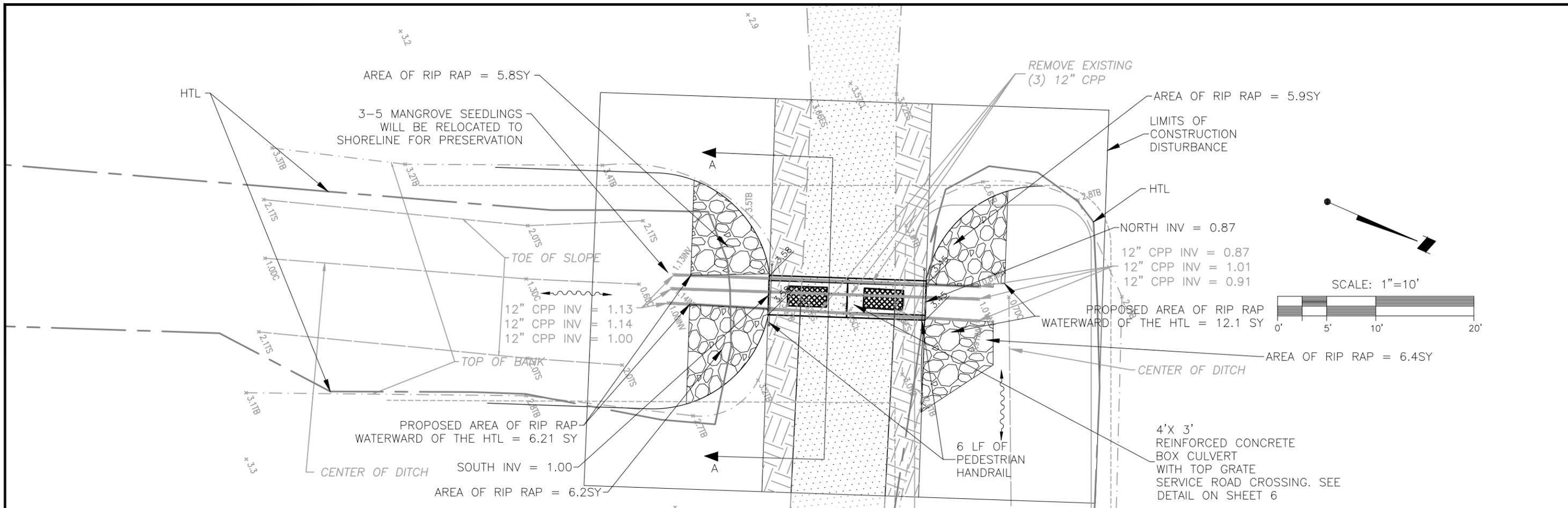
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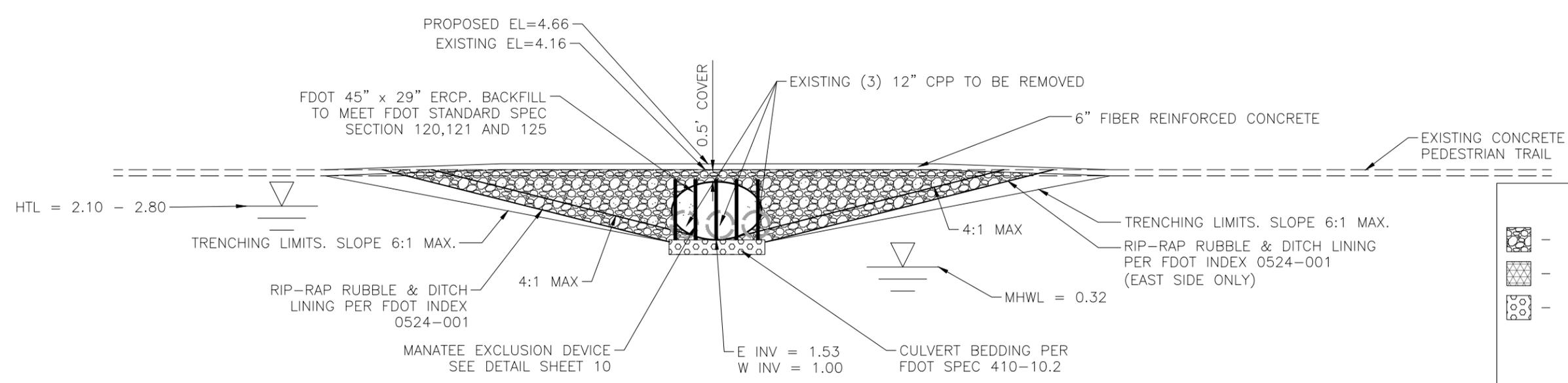
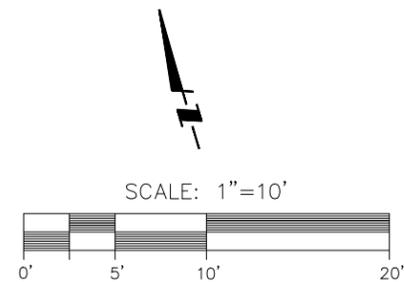
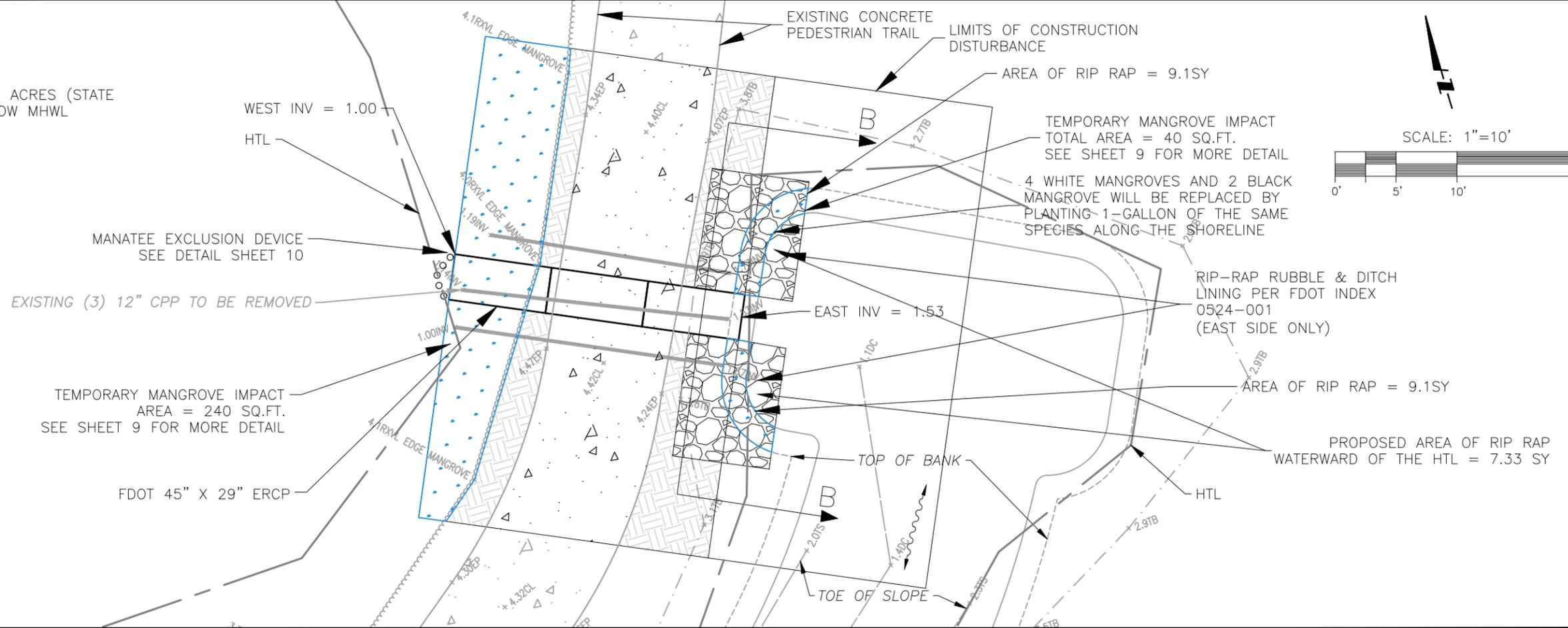
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-  RIP-RAP

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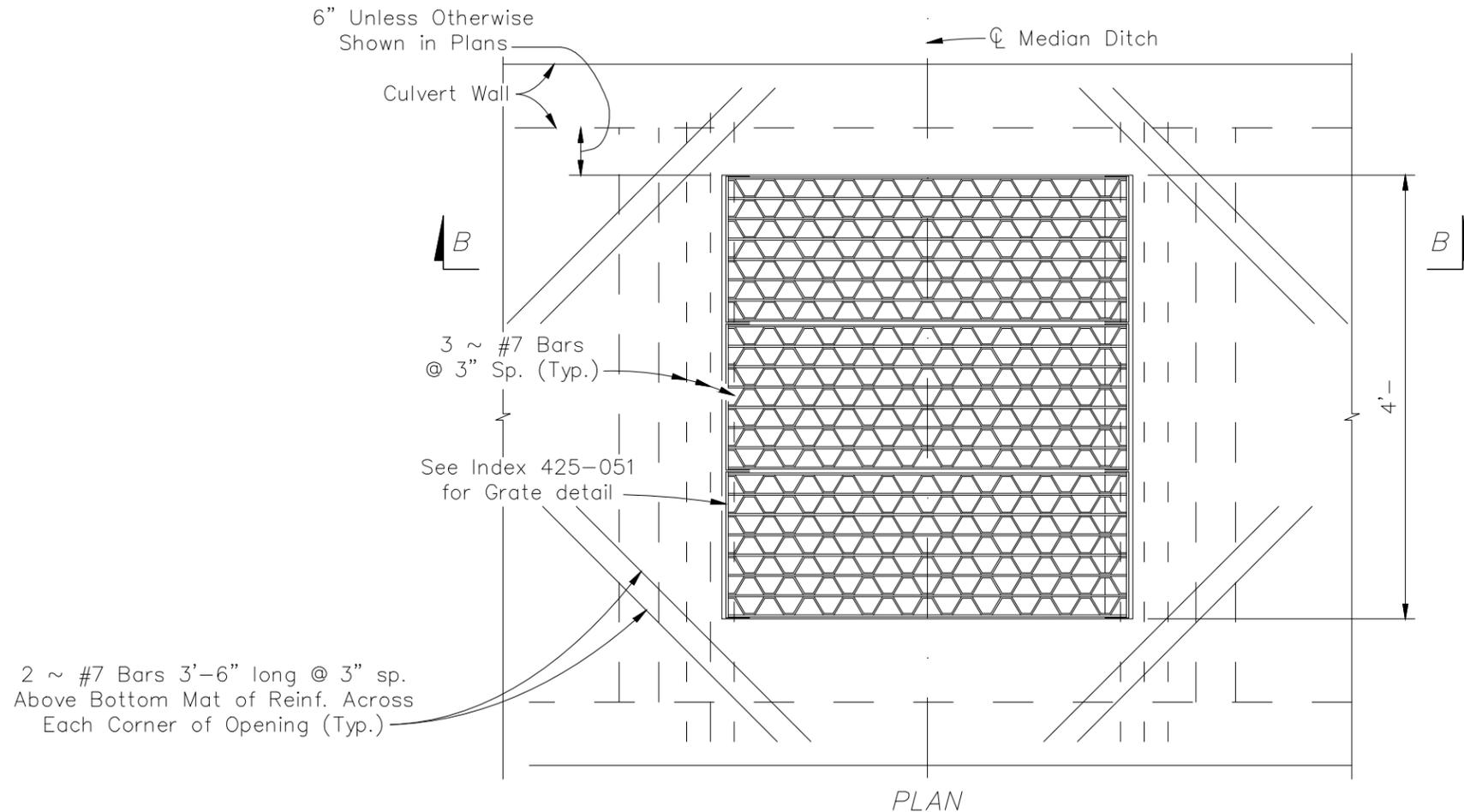
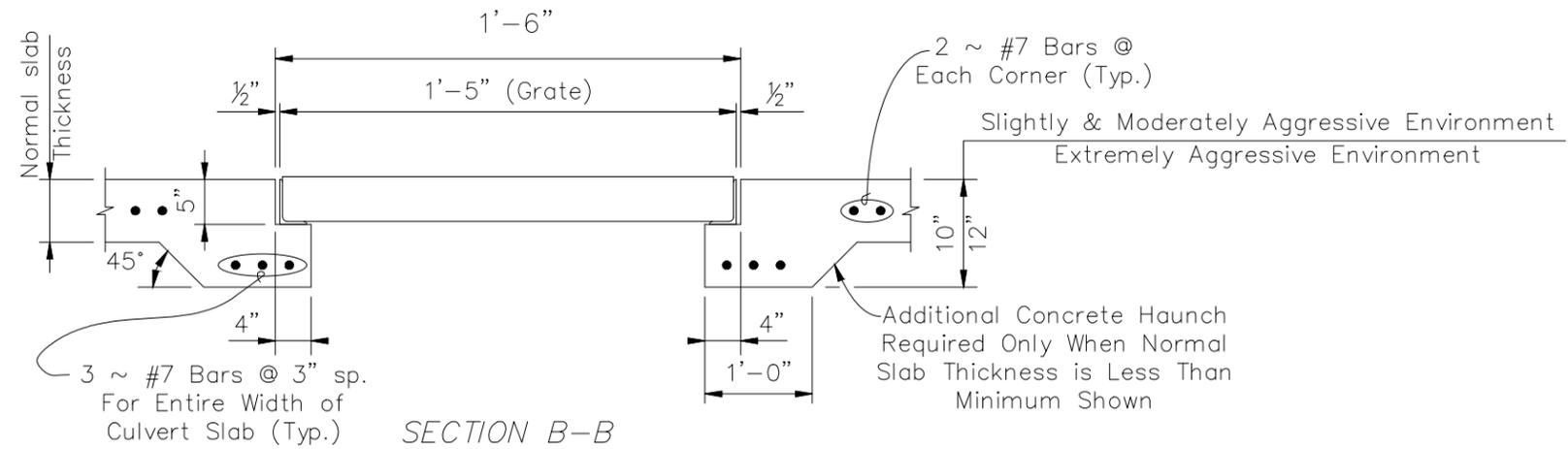
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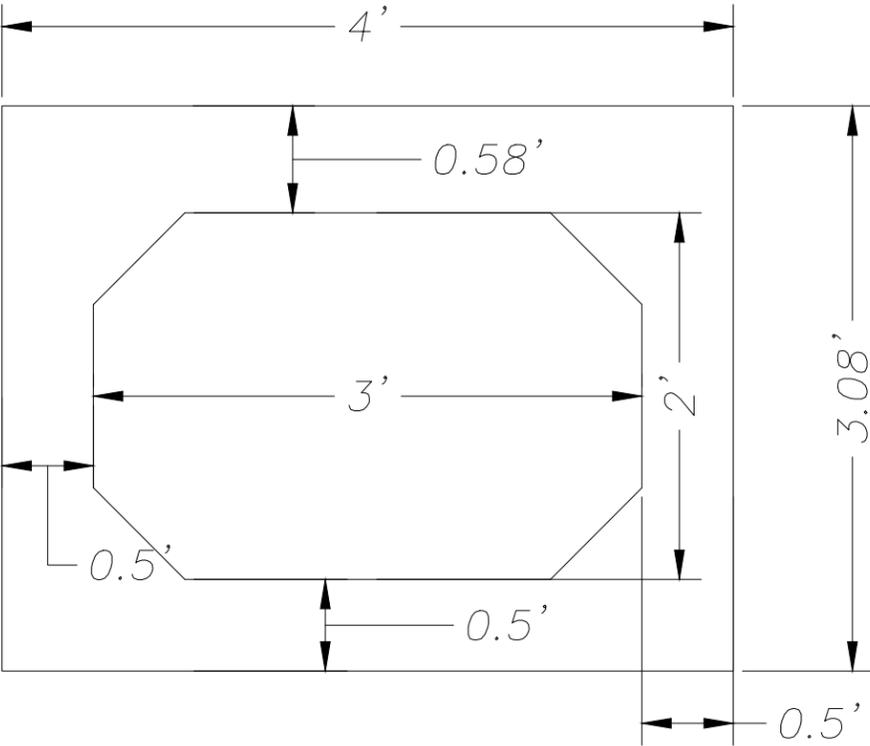
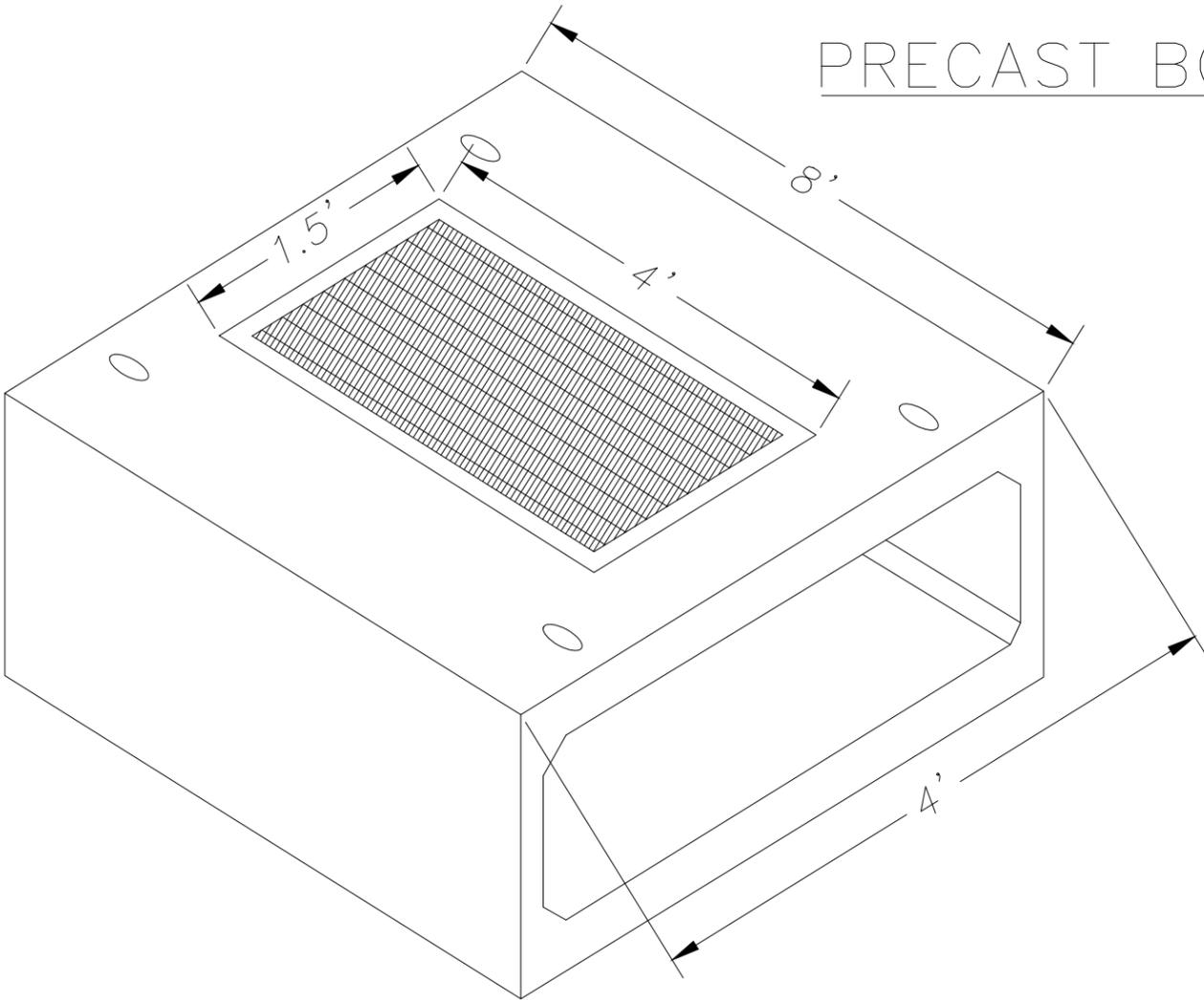
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# PRECAST BOX CULVERT DETAILS



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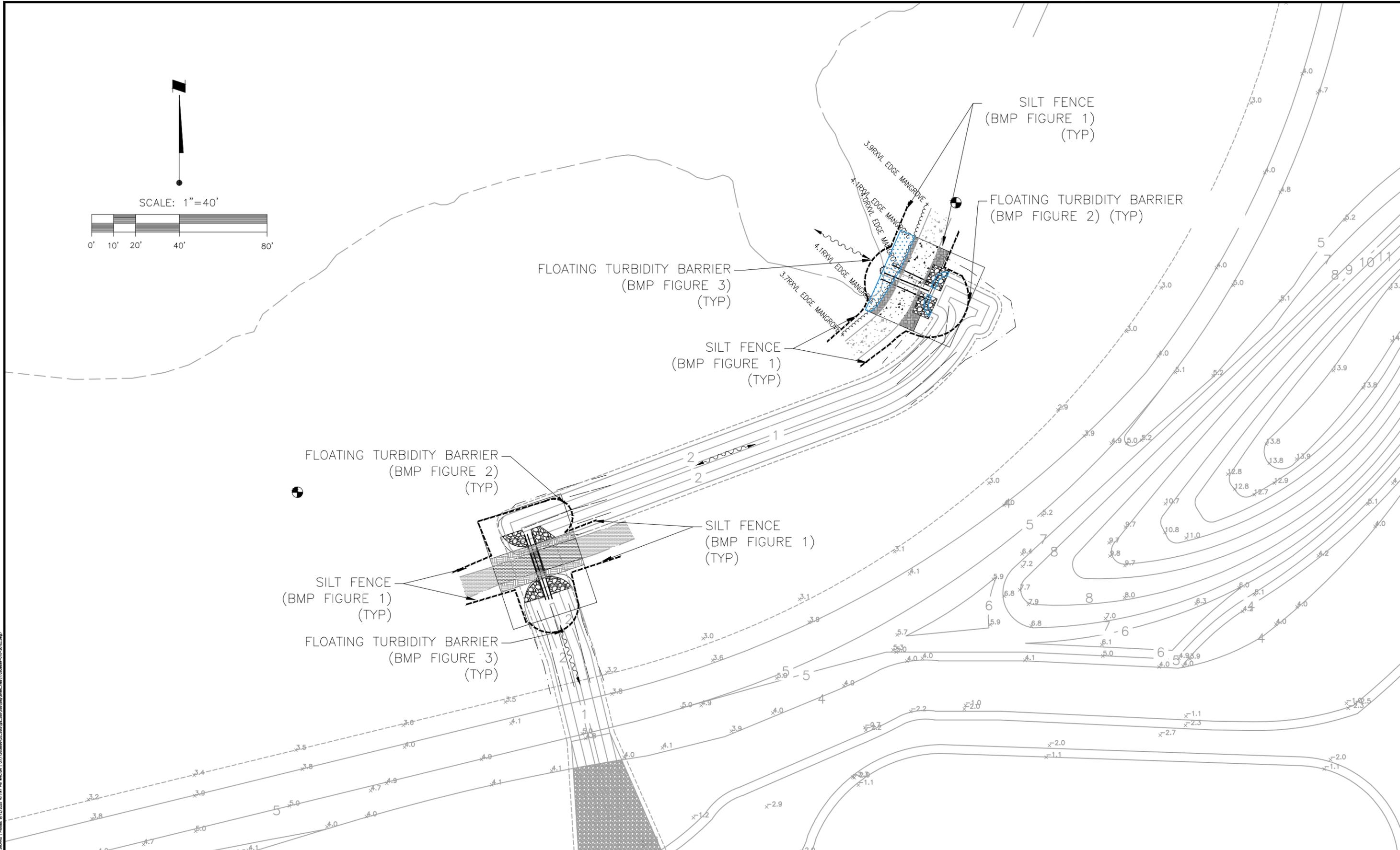
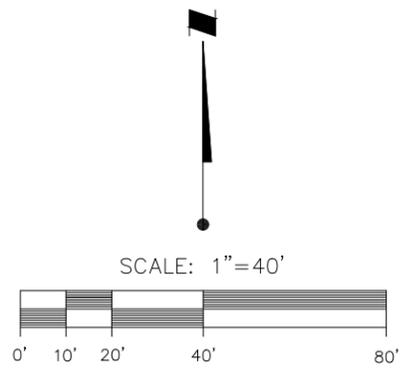
ASTM C 1577 FOR 0' TO 2' OF COVER						
SIZE	THICKNESS					
SPAN (ft)	RISE (ft)	TOP SLAB (in)	BOTTOM SLAB (in)	WALL (in)	APPROX. WATERWAY AREA (sq. ft.)	APPROX. WEIGHT (lbs/ft.)
3	2	7	6	6	5.5	1030

**NOTES:**

- LOADING FACTORS MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM C1577.
- SEE PLAN VIEW SHEET 3 FOR INV AND FL INFORMATION.
- GRATE DETAILS PER 2024 FDOT STANDARD PLANS FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION INDEX 400-289. SEE CONSTRUCTION DETAILS SHEET 5.
- REINFORCING STEEL CONFIGURATION PER ASTM C1577

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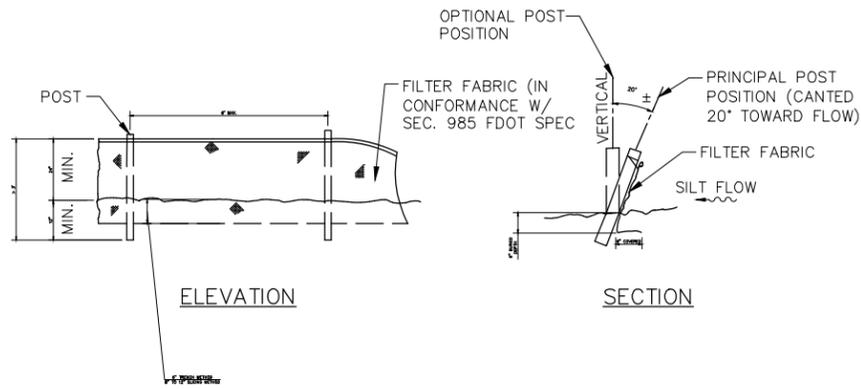
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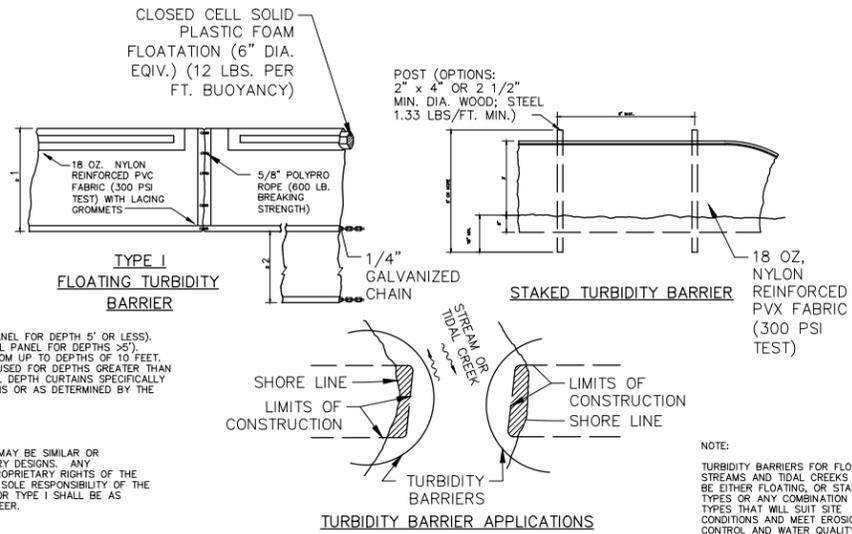
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TYPICAL SILT FENCE

FIGURE 1

N.T.S.



D<sub>1</sub> = 5' STD. (SINGLE PANEL FOR DEPTH 5' OR LESS).  
D<sub>2</sub> = 5' STD. (ADDITIONAL PANEL FOR DEPTHS >5').  
CURTAIN TO REACH BOTTOM UP TO DEPTHS OF 10 FEET.  
TWO (2) PANELS TO BE USED FOR DEPTHS GREATER THAN 10 FEET UNLESS SPECIAL DEPTH CURTAINS SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR IN THE PLANS OR AS DETERMINED BY THE ENGINEER.

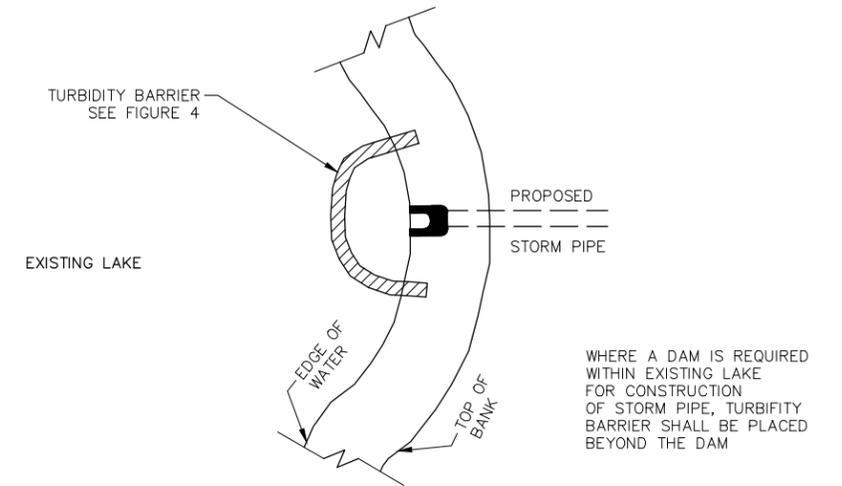
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- NOTES:
1. TURBIDITY BARRIERS ARE TO BE USED IN ALL PERMANENT BODIES OF WATER REGARDLESS OF WATER DEPTH.
  2. NUMBER AND SPACING OF ANCHORS DEPENDENT ON WATER VELOCITIES.
  3. DEPLOYMENT OF BARRIER AROUND PILE LOCATIONS MAY VARY TO ACCOMMODATE CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS.
  4. NAVIGATION MAY REQUIRE SEGMENTING BARRIER DURING CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS.

TURBIDITY BARRIERS

FIGURE 2

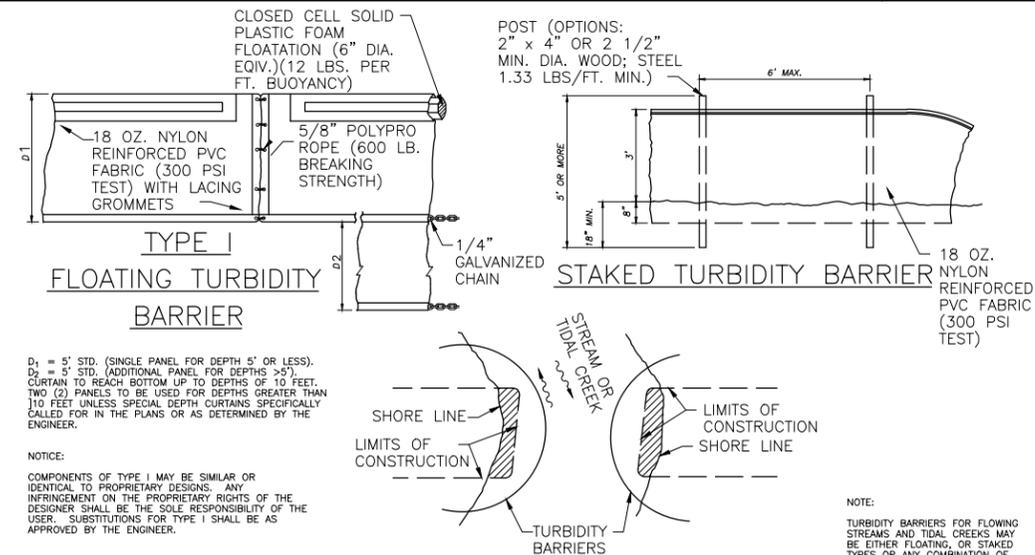
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TURBIDITY BARRIER AT CONNECTION OF STORM PIPE TO EXISTING LAKE

FIGURE 3

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TURBIDITY BARRIER APPLICATIONS

TURBIDITY BARRIERS

FIGURE 4

N.T.S.

NOTE:  
TURBIDITY BARRIERS FOR FLOWING STREAMS AND TIDAL CREEKS MAY BE EITHER FLOATING, OR STAKED TYPES OR ANY COMBINATION OF TYPES THAT WILL SUIT SITE CONDITIONS AND MEET EROSION CONTROL AND WATER QUALITY REQUIREMENTS. THE BARRIER TYPE(S) WILL BE AT THE CONTRACTORS OPTION UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE PLANS. HOWEVER PAYMENT WILL BE UNDER THE PAY ITEM(S) ESTABLISHED IN THE PLANS FOR FLOATING TURBIDITY BARRIER AND/OR STAKED TURBIDITY BARRIER. POSTS IN STAKED TURBIDITY BARRIERS TO BE INSTALLED IN VERTICAL POSITION UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.

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TEMPORARY MANGROVE IMPACT AREA = 240 SQ.FT.  
TO BE REPLANTED WITH 1 GALLON RED MANGROVE ON  
3-FOOT CENTERS IN AREA OF IMPACT

MANATEE EXCLUSION DEVICE  
SEE DETAIL SHEET 10

EXISTING  
3X-12" CPP  
TO BE  
REMOVED

TEMPORARY MANGROVE IMPACT AREA = 40 SQFT  
TO BE REPLANTED WITH 1 GALLON 4 WHITE MANGROVE AND  
2 BLACK MANGROVE PLANTS AT 3' ON-CENTER SPACING

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# Grates and Other Manatee Exclusion Devices for Culverts and Pipes

September 2024

Manatees can be attracted to culverts and pipes (such as stormwater drains and outfalls, pump stations, etc.) due to the access that such structures can provide to fresh water, forage, and habitat. As manatees cannot swim backwards or easily turn around in confined spaces, they are susceptible to becoming entrapped, potentially resulting in serious injury or death. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) staff and other partners have responded to manatee rescue and recovery efforts as a result of structure-related entrapments throughout Florida and in other states.

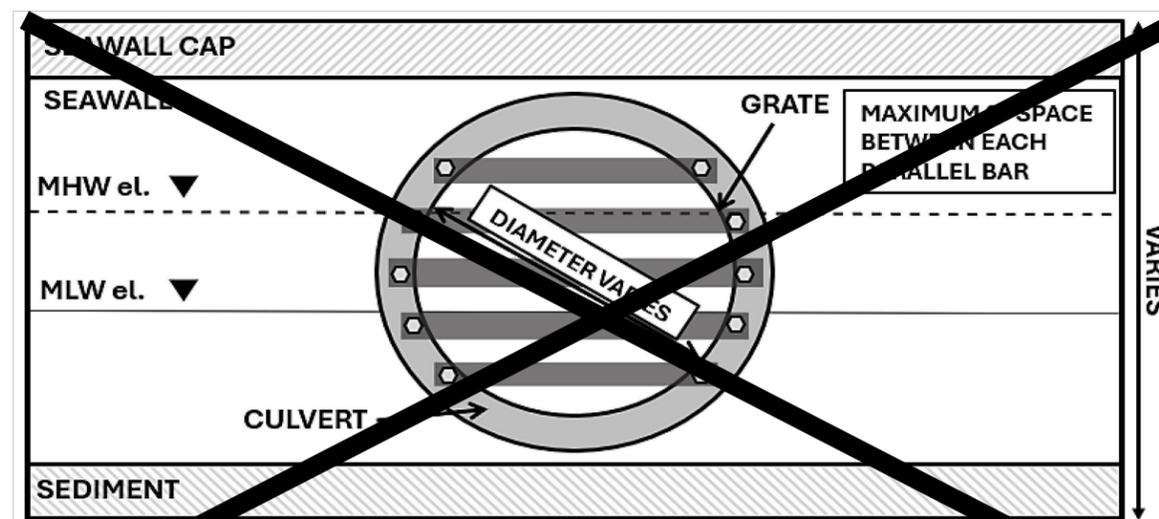
Manatees can be prevented from entering culverts and pipes by installing manatee exclusion devices, which can include bars or grates, pilings, flap gates, and in certain circumstances, valves. If the diameter of a manatee-accessible culvert or pipe is greater than 8 inches but smaller than 8 feet, it may pose a threat to manatees. Although structures may not initially appear accessible to manatees, they can provide occasional access when submerged or partially submerged during routine tides and high-water events.

The preferred method of preventing manatee access is by installing bars or grates directly onto the culvert or pipe opening, with spacing between bars being no more than 8 inches apart. Bars can be diagonal, horizontal, or vertical, and grates can be hinged (swinging outwards) if required for debris removal [see *Graphic 1* on page 2 for an example culvert end with grating].

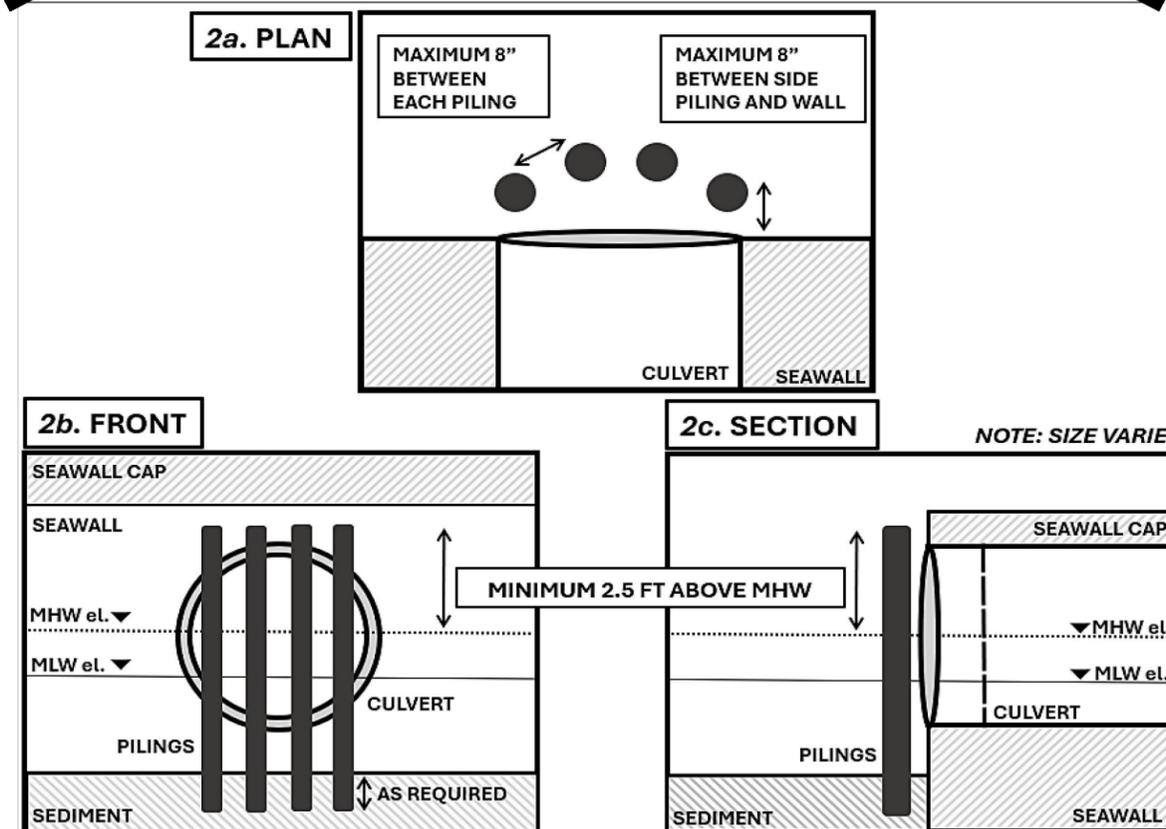
If grating cannot be attached directly to a culvert or pipe end to meet the recommended conditions, alternative options may be considered on a case-by-case basis. An example of an alternative barrier design includes installing rigid vertical bars or bollards waterward of the culvert opening. For alternative barrier designs, the spacing may not exceed 8 inches between bars or bollards, nor between the bars or bollards and the culvert opening. Exclusion devices should be installed at a depth which ensures stability and minimizes scouring. Cross beams may be needed to ensure the spacing is not widened from erosion, water flow, storm events, etc. Exclusion devices must be installed with a minimum height of 2.5 feet above mean high water [MHW, *Graphics 2a-c*].

In all exclusion scenarios, an inspection should be conducted prior to installation to ensure no animals are present in the structure. Additionally, all exclusion devices should be regularly inspected for structural integrity, particularly after major storm events and/or during maintenance activities.

NOTE: Not all culverts and pipes present a risk to manatees, and some provide needed access corridors for other wildlife. The decision to allow a culvert to remain accessible to manatees will depend on culvert dimensions (width/length), water level, available habitat, and other risk factors. These situations or alternative solutions can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the FWC. For technical assistance, contact [ImperiledSpecies@MyFWC.com](mailto:ImperiledSpecies@MyFWC.com). For more information on manatee management and avoiding adverse impacts to manatees, please visit [myfwc.com/manatee](http://myfwc.com/manatee) and [myfwc.com/manatee/permit-review](http://myfwc.com/manatee/permit-review).



Graphic 1 Preferred Option: Example culvert end and grates with maximum 8-inch spacing for manatee protection. Size is variable dependent on the grate and culvert in consideration.



Graphic 2(a-c). Alternative Option: Example barrier design for manatee exclusion (e.g. pilings, bars or bollards) with maximum 8-inch spacing for manatee protection. Size is variable dependent on the pilings and culvert in consideration.

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PROJECT:	ROBINSON PRESERVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT	HORIZONTAL SCALE:		INDEX NUMBER:	172608699-01c-401MI	
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### **FINAL FEDERAL CONSISTENCY STATEMENT**

These Technical Specifications define quantities, materials, construction methods, and documentation requirements directly tied to the project Scope of Work and Independent Cost Estimate, ensuring enforceable scope control and cost reasonableness in accordance with 2 CFR 200.

### **DIVISION T2 – FEDERAL CONSISTENCY STATEMENT**

Division T2 specifications define enforceable construction methods, quantities, materials, and installation requirements directly tied to the project Scope of Work and Independent Cost Estimate, ensuring scope completeness and cost reasonableness in accordance with 2 CFR 200.

## **DIVISION T1            GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **SECTION T01010    SUMMARY OF WORK**

#### **1.01 PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Robinson Preserve Phase 3 Culvert Replacement for Fish Passage Enhancement Project consists of the replacement and upsizing of culverts to modernize the conveyance structures and the enhancement of a fish passage previously designed and permitted during Phase 2 Restoration of the Robinson Preserve project.

The project is located within Manatee County's Robinson Preserve, 1704 99<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Bradenton, Florida 34209.

#### **1.02 QUANTITIES AND WORK ELEMENTS**

Work under this Contract includes, but is not limited to, the following approximate quantities:

- Removal of six (6) 12" plastic corrugated pipes at the existing water crossing
- Limited trimming of mangroves within 280 square feet
- Removal of approx. 50' existing asphalt pedestrian trail
- Removal of approx. 50' existing bank run maintenance trail
- Installation of 4'x3' concrete box culvert with top grate (approx. 16 LF)
- Installation of 45"x29" elliptical reinforced concrete pipe (approx. 24 LF)
- Installation of approximately 42.5 square yards of riprap at a 4:1 slope
- Installation of five (5) bollards
- Installation of two (2) 6 LF of pedestrian railing
- Reconstruction of approx. 20' of asphalt pedestrian trail
- Reconstruction of approx. 45' of bank run maintenance road

Quantities are approximate and intended for bid comparison. Final quantities shall be based on field conditions and approved plans.

#### **1.03 CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE**

1. Mobilization and installation of erosion controls
2. Vegetation clearing / mangrove trimming
3. Demolition and removal of existing structures
4. Installation of box culvert and RCP structures
5. Installation of manatee exclusion bollards
6. Installation of pedestrian railing
7. Reconstruction of maintenance and pedestrian trails

8. Final stabilization, cleanup, and documentation

**SECTION T01090 REFERENCE STANDARDS**

**1.01 APPLICABLE STANDARDS**

Construction and materials shall comply with the most current versions of the following:

- FDOT Standard Specifications for Ditch Pavement and Sodding (FDOT 0524-001)
- FDOT Standard Specifications for Precast Concrete Box Culvert (FDOT 410-10.2)
  - Loading factors in accordance with ASTM C1577
  - Grate Details per 2024 FDOT Standard Plans for Bridge Construction Index 400-289
  - Reinforcing steel configuration per ASTM C1577
- AASHTO M43 (riprap gradation)
- USACE Engineering Manual EM 385-1-1
- FDEP Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) conditions
- 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Guidance

Where discrepancies occur, the more stringent standard shall apply.

**SECTION T01150 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT**

**1.01 MEASUREMENT**

Measurement shall be performed as follows:

- Pedestrian trail removal (Crossing 2): 50 LF
- Maintenance trail removal (Crossing 1): 50 LF
- Pipe removal 12” plastic corrugated pipes: 6 units
- Bollards: 5 units (5.5” diameter, top of units set at 2.5’ above MHW)
- Riprap: 42.5 SY
- Concrete box culvert 4’x3’ with grate in top slab: 16 LF
- Elliptical reinforced concrete pipe 45”x29” : 24 LF
- Asphalt pedestrian trail: 20 LF at 2” thickness
- Bank run / Crushed shell pedestrian trail base: 20 LF
- Bank run maintenance trail: 45 LF
- Pedestrian railing: 12 LF

**1.02 PAYMENT**

Payment shall constitute full compensation for:

- Labor, equipment, materials, and marine access
- Disposal of removed materials
- Environmental protection and permit compliance
- Incidental grading and restoration

No additional compensation will be made for rework due to improper installation.

## **SECTION T01340 SHOP DRAWINGS, PROJECT DATA AND SAMPLES**

### **1.01 REQUIRED SUBMITTALS**

The Contractor shall submit:

- Culvert manufacturer specifications and installation procedures
- Riprap source certification and gradation analysis
- Permeable and non-permeable paver product data and base section details
- Bollard manufacturer specifications and installation procedures
- Pedestrian railing manufacturer specifications and installation procedures

### **1.02 REVIEW**

Submittals shall be approved prior to delivery or installations.

## **SECTION T01600 MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT**

### **.01 RIPRAP**

- Durable limestone meeting FDOT and AASHTO durability requirements
- Placed at 4:1 slope, keyed into existing grade
- Thickness not less than 1.5 times maximum stone diameter
- Riprap rubble and ditch lining per FDOT Index 0524-001 (East side Crossing #2)

### **.02 CULVERTS**

- Marine-grade concrete units
- FDOT 45"x29" ERCP
- Box Culvert 4'x3' with top grate

### **.03 PERMEABLE MAINTENANCE ROAD**

- Permeable aggregate base material
- Finished surface shall match elevations of established and existing road

### **.04 IMPERVIOUS PEDESTRIAN TRAIL**

- Backfill to meet FDOT Standard Spec Sections 120, 121 and 125
- 6" cement treated base LBR 100
- 1" asphaltic concrete type S-III

## **.05 EQUIPMENT**

Equipment shall be suitable for navigating through narrow pathways/trails and shall not damage adjacent habitats.

### **SECTION T01720 PROJECT RECORD DOCUMENTS**

#### **1.01 RECORD DOCUMENTATION**

The Contractor shall maintain daily records including:

- Installed locations and elevations
- Approved field modifications
- Material substitutions

#### **1.02 SUBMITTAL**

Final as-built drawings shall be submitted in electronic and hard-copy formats prior to final payment.

### **SECTION T01730 OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE DATA**

#### **1.01 CONTENT**

O & M documentation shall include:

- Riprap
  - Stone gradation specifications
- Culverts
  - Debris/sediment/biofouling removal procedures
  - Corrosion protection and repair guidelines
- Pedestrian Trail and Maintenance Road
  - Surface material specifications
- Manatee Exclusion Bollards
  - Installation details and anchoring method
  - Inspection frequency
  - Damage replacement procedure

#### **1.02 DELIVERY**

O & M manuals shall be submitted prior to project acceptance.

**DIVISION T2            SITE WORK**

**SECTION T02064    MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING STRUCTURES**

**1.01 DESCRIPTION**

This section includes demolition, removal, and disposal of existing structures and appurtenances to allow the installation of the modernized culverts.

**1.02 QUANTITIES**

- Plastic corrugated pipes: six (6) approx. 25 LF each
- Asphalt pedestrian trail: approx. 50 LF
- Maintenance road: approx. 50 LF

**1.03 DEMOLITION REQUIREMENTS**

- Remove structures without undermining adjacent uplands or waterways
- Prevent debris from entering waterways
- Dispose of all removed materials at licensed, off-site facilities

**1.04 PROTECTION**

- Install turbidity curtains prior to demolition
- Maintain shoreline stability during removal operations

**SECTION T0221    TRENCHING, BEDDING, AND BACKFILL FOR PIPE**

**1.01 DESCRIPTION**

Includes trenching and backfill associated with removal and abandonment of existing plastic corrugated pipes and installation of the new culverts.

**1.02 QUANTITIES**

- Trenching limits: slope 6:1 MAX

**1.03 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS**

- Excavate trenches to required depth and width
- Backfill using material compacted to prevent settlement
- Restore surface grades to match adjacent conditions

**SECTION T02260    FINISH GRADING**

**1.01 DESCRIPTION**

Finish grading of slopes and upland areas to achieve design elevations and slopes.

## **1.02 QUANTITIES**

- Grading of trails to tie into existing elevations.
  - Maintenance Road and Pedestrian Trail: 50 LF each

## **1.03 GRADING REQUIREMENTS**

- Final grading shall be consistent with existing trail elevations

### **SECTION T02276    TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL**

#### **1.01 DESCRIPTION**

Temporary erosion and sediment control measures to protect water quality during construction.

#### **1.02 REQUIREMENTS**

- Install turbidity curtains and silt fence prior to in-water work
- Maintain controls throughout construction
- Remove controls after final stabilization and County approval

#### **1.03 COMPLIANCE**

Measures shall comply with FDEP ERP permit conditions and FDOT standards.

### **SECTION T02590    SHORELINE STABILIZATION AND RIPRAP**

#### **1.01 DESCRIPTION**

Installation of riprap shoreline stabilization system.

#### **1.02 QUANTITIES**

- Riprap: approximately 42.5 SY

#### **1.03 MATERIALS**

- Limestone riprap meeting FDOT durability and gradation requirements

#### **1.04 INSTALLATION**

- Install riprap at 4:1 slope
- Key riprap into shoreline toe
- Place stone to achieve uniform thickness

### **SECTION T02700    SITE RESTORATION AND CLEANUP**

#### **1.01 DESCRIPTION**

Final restoration of all disturbed areas.

**1.02 REQUIREMENTS**

- Remove temporary facilities and controls
- Restore grades
- Leave site in clean, stable position

**EXHIBIT 6, US ARMY CORP. PERMIT**



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January 5, 2026

South Atlantic Division  
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SAJ-2014-02406 (NWP-WEC)

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Dear Mr. Hunsicker:

This letter is in response to the Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) you submitted to the Jacksonville District, Technical Regional Execution Center (TREC) on January 13, 2025 for a Department of the Army Nationwide permit (NWP) verification. This project has been assigned the file number SAJ-2014-02406 and is known as MANATEE COUNTY / PHASE III CULVERT REPLACEMENT / ROBINSON PRESERVE / MANATEE. This file number should be referenced in all correspondence concerning this project.

A review of the information provided indicates that the proposed work would include the replacement of two culverts, each consisting of three 12-inch corrugated plastic pipes (CPP), with two 3-foot by 4-foot prefabricated concrete box culverts. The proposed work will also include the installation of 8.53 cubic yards (CY) of riprap over 231 square feet (SF) below the high tide line (HTL) around three of the culvert openings. The project area for this determination includes a 0.24 acre area which is illustrated on the enclosed site plans/maps. The project/review area is located in Robinson Preserve, off of Perico Bayou; approximately 2,000-ft West of the intersection of 99<sup>th</sup> ST NW and 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, within Section 23, Township 034S, Range 016E; at Latitude 27.512655 and Longitude -82.667413; in Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida 34209.

We have determined that the proposed work is authorized by Nationwide Permits NWP - 3 Maintenance and NWP - 13 Bank Stabilization pursuant to authorities under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. § 403), **and** Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344). The proposed work must be accomplished in strict accordance with the general permit conditions, any regional conditions, the special conditions listed in this letter, the application materials, and the enclosed plans dated December 3, 2025. If the extent of the project area and/or nature of the authorized

impacts to waters are modified, a revised PCN must be submitted to this office for written approval before work is initiated. Any violation of permit conditions or deviation from your submitted plans may subject the permittee to enforcement action.

This verification is valid until March 14, 2026, unless prior to this date the subject NWP(s) is suspended, revoked, or is modified such that the activity no longer complies with the terms and conditions of this NWP. If you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date that the relevant NWP is modified or revoked, you will have 12 months from the date of the modification or revocation of the NWP to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this NWP. You can access the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Jacksonville District's Regulatory Source Book webpage for links to view NWP information at:

<https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Source-Book/>.

Please be aware this Internet address is case sensitive and should be entered as it appears above. Once there, you will need to select "Nationwide Permits." Among other things, this part of the Source Book contains links to the federal register containing the text of the pertinent NWP authorization and the associated NWP general conditions, as well as separate links to the regional conditions applicable to the pertinent NWP verification.

#### **Project Specific Special Conditions:**

- 1) **Reporting Address:** The Permittee shall submit all reports, notifications, documentation, and correspondence required by the general and special conditions of this permit to either (not both) of the following addresses:
  - a. For electronic mail (preferred): [SAJ-RD-Enforcement@usace.army.mil](mailto:SAJ-RD-Enforcement@usace.army.mil) (not to exceed 15 MB).
  - b. For standard mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, Enforcement Section, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019.

The Permittee shall reference this permit number, SAJ-2014-02406 (NWP – WEC), on all submittals.

- 2) **Posting of Permit:** The Permittee shall have available and maintain for review a copy of this permit and approved plans at the construction site.
- 3) **Self-Certification:** Within 60 days of completion of the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall complete the ENG Form 6285, "Certification of Compliance with Department of Army Permit" (located at [https://www.publications.usace.army.mil/Portals/76/Eng\\_Form\\_6285\\_2024%20Dec%20FINAL.pdf](https://www.publications.usace.army.mil/Portals/76/Eng_Form_6285_2024%20Dec%20FINAL.pdf)) and submit it to the Corps.

#### **4) Cultural Resources/Historic Properties:**

- a. No structure or work shall adversely affect, impact, or disturb properties listed in the *National Register of Historic Places* (NRHP), or those eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.
- b. If, during permitted activities, items that may have historic or archaeological origin are observed the Permittee shall immediately cease all activities adjacent to the discovery that may result in the destruction of these resources and shall prevent his/her employees from further removing, or otherwise damaging, such resources. The applicant shall notify both the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section at (850)-245-6333 and the Corps, of the observations within the same business day (8 hours). Examples of submerged historical, archaeological or cultural resources include shipwrecks, shipwreck debris fields (such as steam engine parts, or wood planks and beams), anchors, ballast rock, concreted iron objects, concentrations of coal, prehistoric watercraft (such as log "dugouts"), and other evidence of human activity. The materials may be deeply buried in sediment, resting in shallow sediments or above them, or protruding into water. The Corps shall coordinate with the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to assess the significance of the discovery and devise appropriate actions. Project activities shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization from the Corps.
- c. Additional cultural resources assessments may be required of the permit area in the case of unanticipated discoveries as referenced in accordance with the above Special Condition and, if deemed necessary by the SHPO or Corps, in accordance with 36 CFR 800 or 33 CFR 325, Appendix C (5). Based on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend, or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. Such activity shall not resume on non-federal lands without written authorization from the SHPO for finds under his or her jurisdiction, and from the Corps.
- d. In the unlikely event that unmarked human remains are identified on non-federal lands; they will be treated in accordance with Section 872.05 Florida Statutes. All work and ground disturbing activities within a 100-meter diameter of the unmarked human remains shall immediately cease and the Permittee shall immediately notify the medical examiner, Corps, and State Archaeologist within the same business day (8-hours). The Corps shall then notify the appropriate SHPO. Based on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend, or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. Such activity shall not resume without written authorization from the SHPO and from the Corps.

**5) Assurance of Navigation and Maintenance:** The Permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structures or work herein authorized, or if in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the Permittee will be required, upon due notice from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

**6) Jacksonville District Programmatic Biological Opinion (JAXBO):** Structures and activities authorized under this permit will be constructed and operated in accordance with all applicable project design criteria's (PDCs) contained in the JAXBO, based on the permitted activity. Johnson's seagrass and its critical habitat were delisted from the Endangered Species Act on May 16, 2022. Therefore, JAXBO PDCs required to minimize adverse effects to Johnson's seagrass and its critical habitat are no longer applicable to any project. Failure to comply with applicable PDCs will constitute noncompliance with this permit. In addition, failure to comply with the applicable PDCs, where a take of listed species occurs, would constitute an unauthorized take. The NMFS is the appropriate authority to determine compliance with the Endangered Species Act. The most current version of JAXBO can be accessed at the Jacksonville District Regulatory Division website in the Endangered Species section of the Sourcebook located at:  
<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/SourceBook.aspx>

JAXBO may be subject to revision at any time. The most recent version of the JAXBO must be utilized during the design and construction of the permitted work.

**7) Eastern Indigo Snake Protection Measures and Inspection:** Permittee shall comply with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Standard Protection Measures for the Eastern Indigo Snake" dated May 2024 (Attached) of this permit. All gopher tortoise burrows, active or inactive, shall be evacuated prior to site manipulation in the vicinity of the burrow. If excavating potentially occupied burrows, active or inactive, individuals must first obtain state authorization via a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Authorized Gopher Tortoise Agent permit. The excavation method selected shall minimize the potential for injury of an indigo snake. The Permittee shall follow the excavation guidance provided in the most current FWC Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines found at <http://myfwc.com/gophertortoise>. If an indigo snake is encountered, the snake must be allowed to vacate the area prior to additional site manipulation in the vicinity. Holes, cavities, and snake refugia other than gopher tortoise burrows shall be inspected each morning before planned site manipulation of a particular area, and if occupied by an indigo snake, no work shall commence until the snake has vacated the vicinity of the proposed work.

- 8) Manatee Conditions:** The Permittee shall comply with the “Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Work – 2011” (Attached). The most recent version of the Manatee Conditions must be utilized.
- 9) Manatee Grates:** All culverts 8 inches to 8 feet in diameter must be grated to prevent manatee entrapment. Grates must be permanently fixed, spaced a maximum of 8 inches apart (may be less for culverts smaller than 16 inches in diameter) and may be installed diagonally, horizontally or vertically. For new culverts, grates must be attached prior to installation of the culverts. Culverts less than 8 inches or greater than 8 feet in diameter are exempt from this requirement.
- 10) Turbidity Barriers:** Prior to the initiation of any of the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall install floating turbidity barriers with weighted skirts that extend within 1 foot of the bottom around all work areas that are in, or adjacent to, surface waters. The turbidity barriers shall remain in place and be maintained daily until the authorized work has been completed and turbidity within the construction area has returned to ambient levels. Turbidity barriers shall be removed upon stabilization of the work area.
- 11) Erosion Control:** Prior to the initiation of any work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall install erosion control measures along the perimeter of all work areas to prevent the displacement of fill material outside the work area into waters of the United States. The erosion control measures shall remain in place and be maintained until all authorized work is completed and the work areas are stabilized.
- 12) Fill Material:** The Permittee shall use only clean fill material for this project. The fill material shall be free from items such as trash, debris, automotive parts, asphalt, construction materials, concrete block with exposed reinforcement bars, and soils contaminated with any toxic substance in toxic amounts, in accordance with Section 307 of the Clean Water Act.

This letter of authorization does not include conditions that would prevent the ‘take’ of a state-listed fish or wildlife species. These species are protected under sec. 379.411, Florida Statutes, and listed under Rule 68A-27, Florida Administrative Code. With regard to fish and wildlife species designated as species of special concern or threatened by the State of Florida, you are responsible for coordinating directly with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). You can visit the FWC license and permitting webpage (<http://www.myfwc.com/license/wildlife/>) for more information, including a list of those fish and wildlife species designated as species of special concern or threatened. The Florida Natural Areas Inventory (<http://www.fnai.org/>) also maintains updated lists, by county, of documented occurrences of those species.

This letter of authorization does not give absolute Federal authority to perform the work as specified on your application. The proposed work may be subject to local building restrictions mandated by the National Flood Insurance Program. You should contact your local office that issues building permits to determine if your site is located in a flood-prone area, and if you must comply with the local building requirements mandated by the National Flood Insurance Program.

This NWP verification does not preclude the necessity to obtain any other Federal, State, or local permits, licenses, and/or certifications, which may be required.

If you have any questions related to this verification or have issues accessing documents referenced in this letter, please contact William Craig, Project Manager/ Biologist of the Technical Regional Execution Center (TREC) at 3216165547, by mail at the above address, or by email at William.E.Craig@usace.army.mil. Please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey located at <https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/customer-service-survey/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Craig". The signature is written in a cursive style with some stars above the letters.

William Craig  
Biologist/ Project Manager

Enclosures

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Laura Flynn, Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (via [laura.flynn@stantec.com](mailto:laura.flynn@stantec.com))

**General Conditions (33 CFR PART 320-330):**

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on **March 14, 2026.**
  
2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.
  
3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and state coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
  
4. If you sell the property associated with this permit you must obtain the signature of the new owner on the transfer form attached to this letter and forward a copy to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.
  
5. You must allow a representative from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

<b>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)</b> <b>CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT</b> For use of this form, see Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act; the proponent agency is CECW-COR.		<i>Form Approved -</i> <b>OMB No. 0710-0003</b> <i>Expires 2027-10-31</i>
<b>The Agency Disclosure Notice (ADN)</b> The Public reporting burden for this collection of information, 0710-0003, is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or burden reduction suggestions to the Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, at <a href="mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil">whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil</a> . Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number.		
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Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by the permit, sign this certification and return it to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Regulatory Office.  The certification can be submitted by email at <a href="mailto:SAJ-RD-Enforcement@usace.army.mil">SAJ-RD-Enforcement@usace.army.mil</a> or by mail at the below address:		
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<b>COMPLETED BY THE CORPS</b>		
Corps Action Number:	SAJ-2014-02406	
Permit Type: <u>General Permit</u>		
General Permit Number and Name ( <i>if applicable</i> ):	<u>NWP – 3 Maintenance; NWP – 13 Bank Stabilization</u>	
Name of Permittee:	<u>Charlie Hunsicker</u>	
Project Name: MANATEE	<u>MANATEE COUNTY / PHASE III CULVERT REPLACEMENT / ROBINSON PRESERVE /</u>	
Project Location ( <i>physical address</i> ):	<u>27.51265556 N, 82.66741389 W</u> <u>Bradenton, Florida 34209</u>	
<b>PERMITTEE'S CERTIFICATION</b>		
Date Work Started: _____ Date Work Completed: _____  Enclose photographs showing the completed project ( <i>if available</i> ).  I _____ hereby certify that the work authorized by the above referenced permit has been completed in accordance with all of the permit terms and conditions, and that any required compensatory mitigation has been completed in accordance with the permit conditions.		
Name	Date	Signature

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT TRANSFER REQUEST**

**DA PERMIT NUMBER: SAJ-2014-02406**

When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. Although the construction period for works authorized by Department of the Army permits is finite, the permit itself, with its limitations, does not expire.

To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated responsibilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below and mail to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Enforcement Section, Post Office Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019 or submit via electronic mail to:

[SAJ-RD-Enforcement@usace.army.mil](mailto:SAJ-RD-Enforcement@usace.army.mil) (not to exceed 15 MB).

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## STANDARD MANATEE CONDITIONS FOR IN-WATER WORK

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The permittee shall comply with the following conditions intended to protect manatees from direct project effects:

- a. All personnel associated with the project shall be instructed about the presence of manatees and manatee speed zones, and the need to avoid collisions with and injury to manatees. The permittee shall advise all construction personnel that there are civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing, or killing manatees which are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act.
- b. All vessels associated with the construction project shall operate at "Idle Speed/No Wake" at all times while in the immediate area and while in water where the draft of the vessel provides less than a four-foot clearance from the bottom. All vessels will follow routes of deep water whenever possible.
- c. Siltation or turbidity barriers shall be made of material in which manatees cannot become entangled, shall be properly secured, and shall be regularly monitored to avoid manatee entanglement or entrapment. Barriers must not impede manatee movement.
- d. All on-site project personnel are responsible for observing water-related activities for the presence of manatee(s). All in-water operations, including vessels, must be shutdown if a manatee(s) comes within 50 feet of the operation. Activities will not resume until the manatee(s) has moved beyond the 50-foot radius of the project operation, or until 30 minutes elapses if the manatee(s) has not reappeared within 50 feet of the operation. Animals must not be herded away or harassed into leaving.
- e. Any collision with or injury to a manatee shall be reported immediately to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Hotline at 1-888-404-3922. Collision and/or injury should also be reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Jacksonville (1-904-731-3336) for north Florida or Vero Beach (1-772-562-3909) for south Florida, and to FWC at [ImperiledSpecies@myFWC.com](mailto:ImperiledSpecies@myFWC.com)
- f. Temporary signs concerning manatees shall be posted prior to and during all in-water project activities. All signs are to be removed by the permittee upon completion of the project. Temporary signs that have already been approved for this use by the FWC must be used. One sign which reads *Caution: Boaters* must be posted. A second sign measuring at least 8 ½" by 11" explaining the requirements for "Idle Speed/No Wake" and the shut down of in-water operations must be posted in a location prominently visible to all personnel engaged in water-related activities. These signs can be viewed at [MyFWC.com/manatee](http://MyFWC.com/manatee). Questions concerning these signs can be sent to the email address listed above.

# CAUTION: MANATEE HABITAT

All project vessels

**IDLE SPEED / NO WAKE**

When a manatee is within 50 feet of work  
all in-water activities must

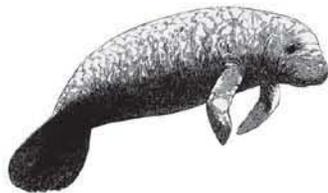
**SHUT DOWN**

Report any collision with or injury to a manatee:

**Wildlife Alert:**

**1-888-404-FWCC(3922)**

cell \*FWC or #FWC



# STANDARD PROTECTION MEASURES FOR THE EASTERN INDIGO SNAKE U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

March 23, 2021

The eastern indigo snake protection/education plan (Plan) below has been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in Florida and Georgia for use by applicants and their construction personnel. At least **30 days prior** to any clearing/land alteration activities, the applicant shall notify the appropriate USFWS Field Office via e-mail that the Plan will be implemented as described below (North Florida Field Office: [jaxregs@fws.gov](mailto:jaxregs@fws.gov); South Florida Field Office: [verobeach@fws.gov](mailto:verobeach@fws.gov); Panama City Field Office: [panamacity@fws.gov](mailto:panamacity@fws.gov); Georgia Field Office: [gaes\\_assistance@fws.gov](mailto:gaes_assistance@fws.gov)). As long as the signatory of the e-mail certifies compliance with the below Plan (including use of the attached poster and brochure), no further written confirmation or approval from the USFWS is needed and the applicant may move forward with the project.

If the applicant decides to use an eastern indigo snake protection/education plan other than the approved Plan below, written confirmation or approval from the USFWS that the plan is adequate must be obtained. At least 30 days prior to any clearing/land alteration activities, the applicant shall submit their unique plan for review and approval. The USFWS will respond via e-mail, typically within 30 days of receiving the plan, either concurring that the plan is adequate or requesting additional information. A concurrence e-mail from the appropriate USFWS Field Office will fulfill approval requirements.

The Plan materials should consist of: 1) a combination of posters and pamphlets (see **Poster Information** section below); and 2) verbal educational instructions to construction personnel by supervisory or management personnel before any clearing/land alteration activities are initiated (see **Pre-Construction Activities** and **During Construction Activities** sections below).

## POSTER INFORMATION

Posters with the following information shall be placed at strategic locations on the construction site and along any proposed access roads (a final poster for Plan compliance, to be printed on 11 x 17in or larger paper and laminated, is attached):

**DESCRIPTION:** The eastern indigo snake is one of the largest non-venomous snakes in North America, with individuals often reaching up to 8 feet in length. They derive their name from the glossy, blue-black color of their scales above and uniformly slate blue below. Frequently, they have orange to coral reddish coloration in the throat area, yet some specimens have been reported to only have cream coloration on the throat.

These snakes are not typically aggressive and will attempt to crawl away when disturbed. Though indigo snakes rarely bite, they should NOT be handled.

**SIMILAR SNAKES:** The black racer is the only other solid black snake resembling the eastern indigo snake. However, black racers have a white or cream chin, thinner bodies, and WILL BITE if handled.

**LIFE HISTORY:** The eastern indigo snake occurs in a wide variety of terrestrial habitat types throughout Florida and Georgia. Although they have a preference for uplands, they also utilize some wetlands and agricultural areas and often move seasonally between upland and lowland habitats, particularly in the northern portions of its range (North Florida and Georgia). Eastern indigo snakes will often seek shelter inside gopher tortoise burrows and other below- and above-ground refugia, such as other animal burrows, stumps, roots, and debris piles. Reliance on xeric sandhill habitats throughout the northern portion of the range in northern Florida and Georgia is due to the dependence on gopher tortoise burrows for shelter during winter. Breeding occurs during October through February. Females may lay from 4 - 12 white eggs as early as April through June, with young hatching in late July through October.

**PROTECTION UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE LAW:** The eastern indigo snake is classified as a Threatened species by both the USFWS and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Taking of eastern indigo snakes is prohibited by the Endangered Species Act without a permit is defined by the USFWS as an attempt to kill, harm, harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, trap, capture, collect, or engage in any such conduct. Penalties include a maximum fine of \$25,000 for civil violations and up to \$50,000 and/or imprisonment for criminal offenses, if convicted.

Only individuals currently authorized through an issued Incidental Take Statement in association with a USFWS Biological Opinion, or by a Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit issued by the USFWS, to handle an eastern indigo snake are allowed to do so.

**IF YOU SEE A LIVE EASTERN INDIGO SNAKE ON THE SITE:**

- Cease clearing activities and allow the live eastern indigo snake sufficient time to move away from the site without interference;
- Personnel must NOT attempt to touch or handle snake due to protected status.
- Take photographs of the snake, if possible, for identification and documentation purposes. Â
- Immediately notify supervisor or the applicants designated agent, **and** the appropriate USFWS office, with the location information and condition of the snake.
- If the snake is located in a vicinity where continuation of the clearing or construction activities will cause harm to the snake, the activities must halt until such time that a representative of the USFWS returns the call (within one day) with further guidance as to when activities may resume.

## **IF YOU SEE A DEAD EASTERN INDIGO SNAKE ON THE SITE:**

- Cease clearing activities and immediately notify supervisor or the applicants designated agent, **and** the appropriate USFWS office, with the location information and condition of the snake.
- Take photographs of the snake, if possible, for identification and documentation purposes.
- Thoroughly soak the dead snake in water and then freeze the specimen. The appropriate wildlife agency will retrieve the dead snake.

## **Telephone numbers of USFWS Florida Field Offices to be contacted if a live or dead eastern indigo snake is encountered:**

**North Florida Field Office: (904) 731-3336**

**Panama City Field Office: (850) 769-0552**

**South Florida Field Office: (772) 562-3909**

**Georgia Field Office: (706) 613-9493**

## **PRE-CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

1. The applicant or designated agent will post educational posters in the construction office and throughout the construction site, including any access roads. The posters must be clearly visible to all construction staff. A sample poster is attached.
2. Prior to the onset of construction activities, the applicant/designated agent will conduct a meeting with all construction staff (annually for multi-year projects) to discuss identification of the snake, its protected status, what to do if a snake is observed within the project area, and applicable penalties that may be imposed if state and/or federal regulations are violated. An educational brochure including color photographs of the snake will be given to each staff member in attendance and additional copies will be provided to the construction superintendent to make available in the onsite construction office (a final brochure for Plan compliance, to be printed double-sided on 8.5 x 11in paper and then properly folded, is attached). Photos of eastern indigo snakes may be accessed on USFWS and/or FWC or GADNR websites.
3. Construction staff will be informed that in the event that an eastern indigo snake (live or dead) is observed on the project site during construction activities, all such activities are to cease until the established procedures are implemented according to the Plan, which includes notification of the appropriate USFWS Field Office. The contact information for the USFWS is provided on the referenced posters and brochures.

## **DURING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

1. During initial site clearing activities, an onsite observer may be utilized to determine whether habitat conditions suggest a reasonable probability of an eastern indigo snake sighting (example: discovery of snake sheds, tracks, lots of refugia and cavities present in the area of clearing activities, and presence of gopher tortoises and burrows).

2. If an eastern indigo snake is discovered during gopher tortoise relocation activities (i.e. burrow excavation), the USFWS shall be contacted within one business day to obtain further guidance which may result in further project consultation.

3. Periodically during construction activities, the applicants designated agent should visit the project area to observe the condition of the posters and Plan materials, and replace them as needed. Construction personnel should be reminded of the instructions (above) as to what is expected if any eastern indigo snakes are seen.

## **POST CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

Whether or not eastern indigo snakes are observed during construction activities, a monitoring report should be submitted to the appropriate USFWS Field Office within 60 days of project completion. The report can be sent electronically to the appropriate USFWS e-mail address listed on page one of this Plan.



# ATTENTION

## Federally-Threatened Eastern Indigo Snakes may be present on this site!

*Killing, harming, or harassing eastern indigo snakes is strictly prohibited and punishable under State and Federal Law.*

### If you see a LIVE eastern indigo snake on the site:

- Do NOT attempt to touch or handle the snake. Stop land disturbing activities and allow the snake time to move away from the site without interference.
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### If you see a DEAD eastern indigo snake on the site:

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**PROTECTED STATUS.** The eastern indigo snake is protected by the USFWS, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Any attempt to kill, harm, harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, trap, capture, collect, or engage eastern indigo snakes is prohibited by the U.S. Endangered Species Act. Penalties include a maximum fine of \$25,000 for civil violations and up to \$50,000 and/or imprisonment for criminal offenses. Only authorized individuals with a permit (i.e., Recovery [10a1A] or HCP ITP [10a1B]), or an Incidental Take Statement associated with a USFWS Biological Opinion may handle an eastern indigo snake.

Please contact your nearest USFWS Ecological Services Field Office if a live or dead eastern indigo snake is encountered:

Jacksonville, FL, (904) 731-3336  
Panama City, FL, (850) 769-0552  
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# **ATTENTION:**

## **THREATENED EASTERN INDIGO SNAKES MAY BE PRESENT ON THIS SITE!**



*Please read the following information provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on standard protection measures for the eastern indigo snake.*

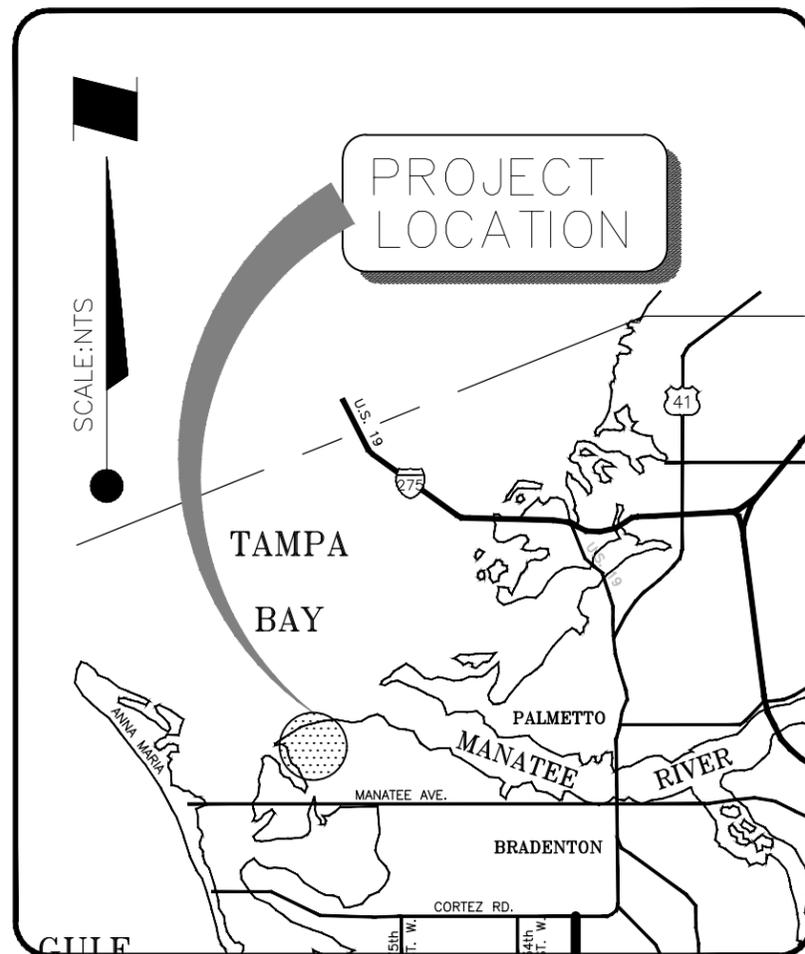


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## CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR ROBINSON PRESERVE PH III CULVERT REPLACEMENT

LOCATED WITHIN:  
 SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 34S, RANGE 16E  
 MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA



SITE MAP

### GENERAL NOTES

**NOTES:**

- EXISTING AND PROPOSED TOPOGRAPHY SHOWN ON PLANS ARE NAVD 88 AND COMPILED FROM PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND FIELD INFORMATION BY STANTEC. THE CONVERSION FACTOR TO NGVD 1929 IS 1.01'.
- EXISTING TOPOGRAPHIC DATA SHOWN FIELD COLLECTED BY STANTEC.
- ANY DISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE PLANTED OR SODDED AS TO EXISTING CONDITIONS.
- THIS SITE IS CURRENTLY MANATEE COUNTY PARK
- THERE ARE NO KNOWN STREETS, PLATS, STRUCTURES, RIGHT-OF-WAYS AND/OR HISTORIC SITES ON THE PROPERTY.
- THE PROJECT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ONE PHASE.
- THERE ARE NO KNOWN EXISTING DEED RESTRICTIONS OR COVENANTS WHICH WOULD AFFECT THE PROPOSED PROJECT.
- THERE ARE NO ONSITE TREES TO BE REMOVED.
- CULVERT CROSSING TWO DESIGNED FOR ASTM C76-22 CLASS II REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE LOADING ONLY.
- REPLACE PEDESTRIAN CONCRETE PATH AT EXPANSION JOINTS.
- DETERMINATION OF THE MHWL WAS BASED ON NOAA.ORG RECORD DATA FOR ADJACENT WATERSHED. HTL IS BASED ON OBSERVATIONAL DATA FROM MANATEE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS AND DIGITAL ELEVATION MODELS. THE ELEVATION OF THE HTL RANGES BETWEEN 2.10 AND 2.80.

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ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FACT THAT THESE PLANS MAY HAVE BEEN ALTERED IN SIZE BY REPRODUCTION. THIS MUST BE CONSIDERED WHEN OBTAINING SCALED DATA. PLANS ARE PLOTTED TO 11" x 17".

**ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF, THAT THE DESIGN OF THIS PROJECT, AS PREPARED UNDER MY PERSONAL DIRECTION AND CONTROL, COMPLIES WITH THE APPLICABLE PORTIONS OF THE "MANUAL OF UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS" AS ADOPTED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS 334.044(10)(c) AND 336.045, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE MANATEE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AND APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCES TO SAID LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE STANDARDS.

ROADWAY PLANS  
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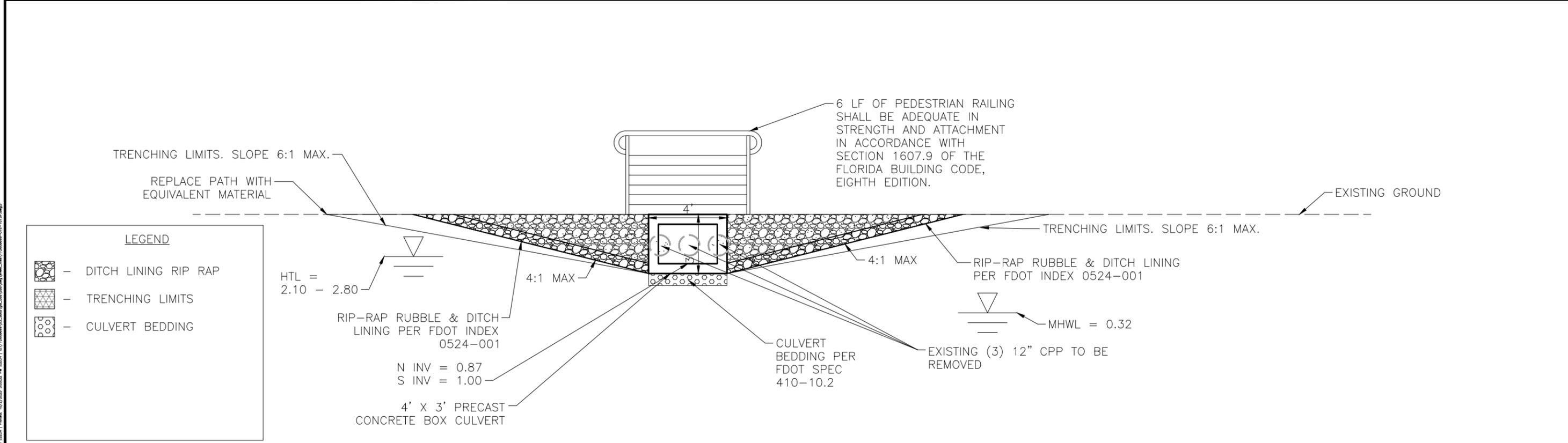
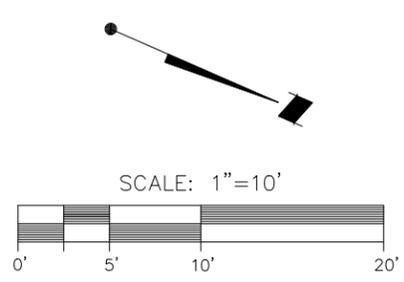
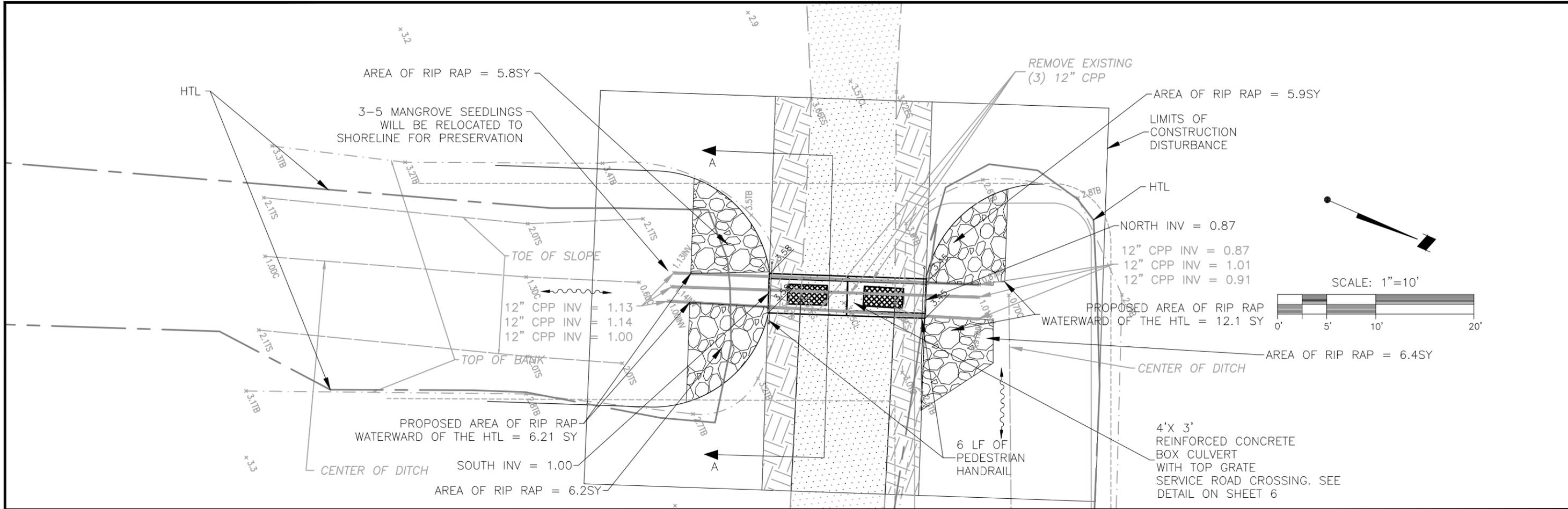


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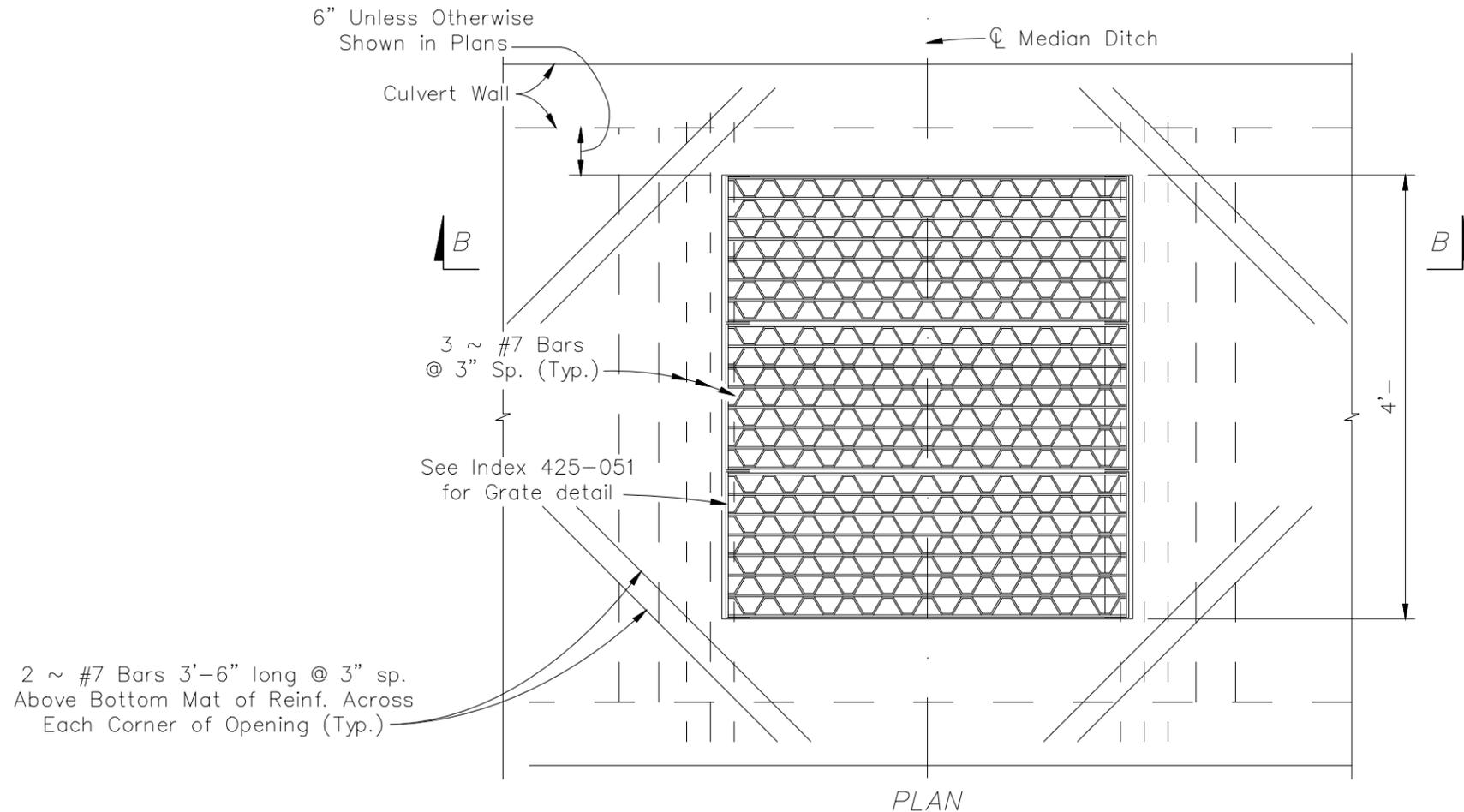
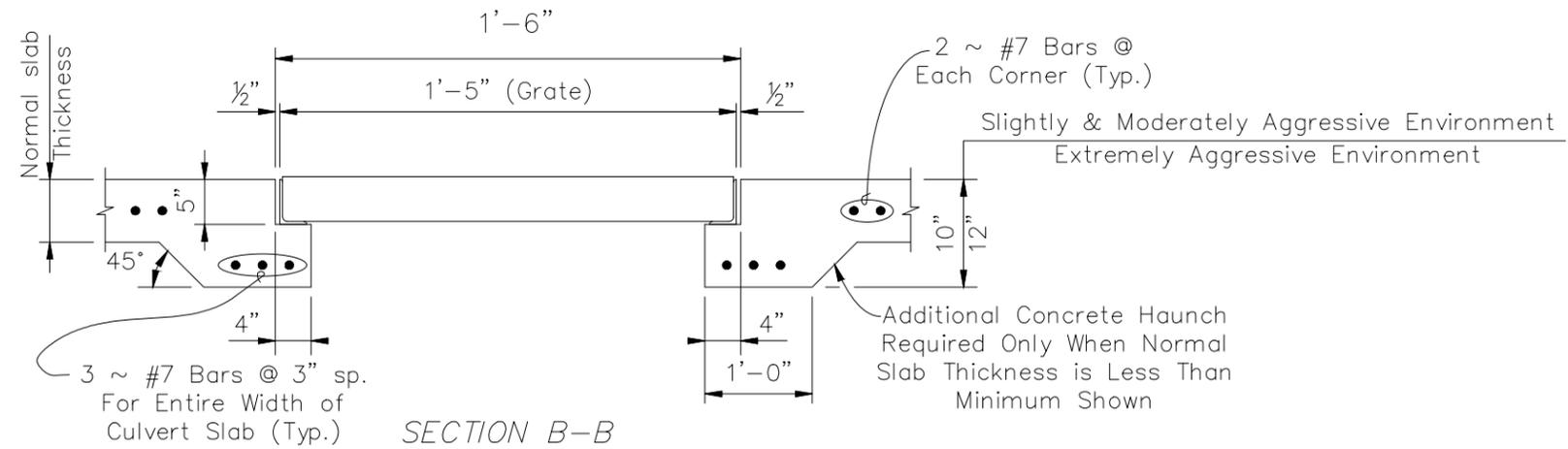


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2 ~ #7 Bars 3'-6" long @ 3" sp. Above Bottom Mat of Reinf. Across Each Corner of Opening (Typ.)

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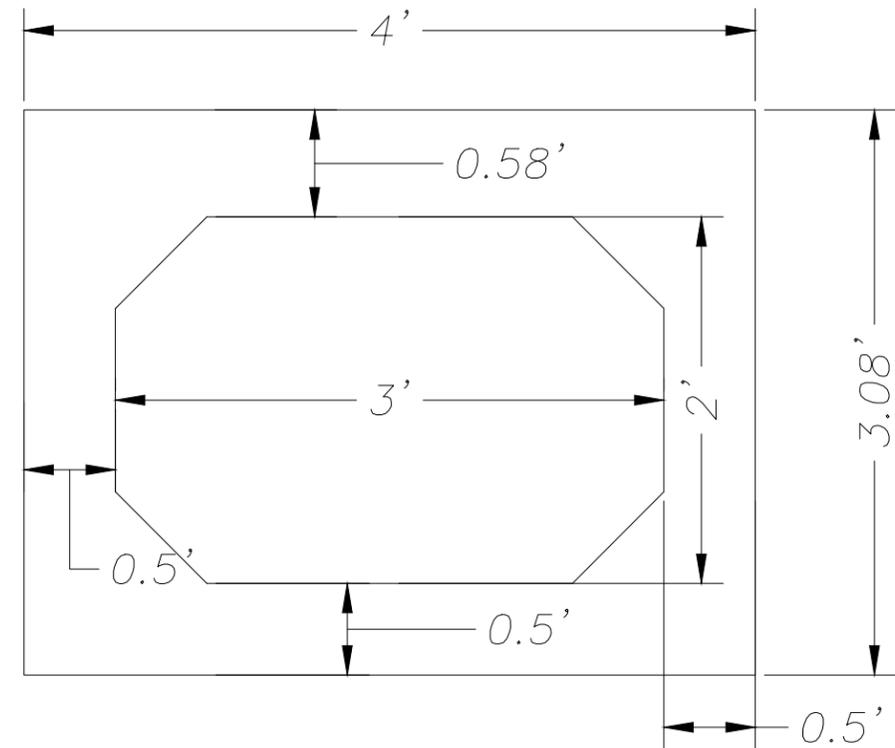
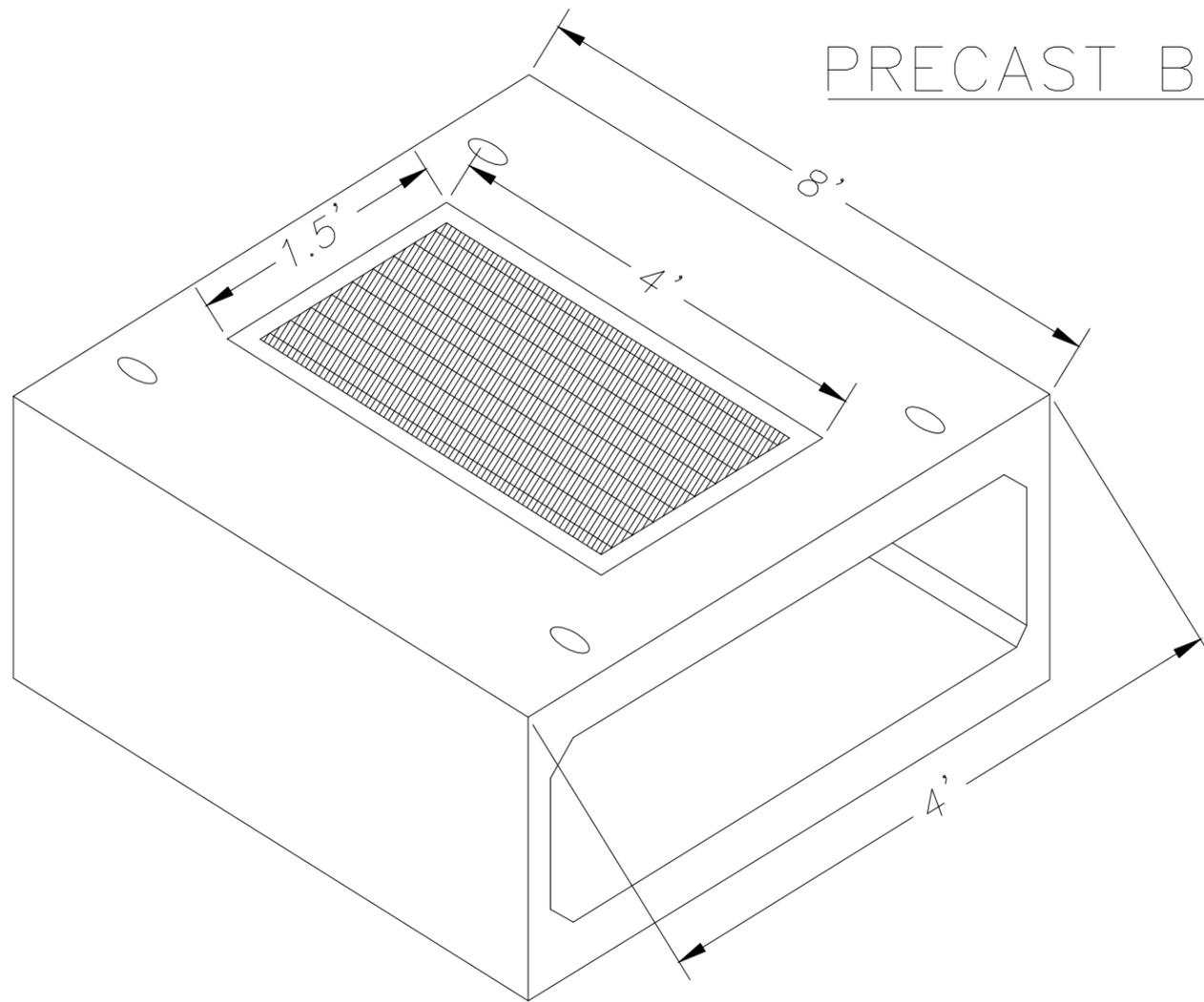
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# PRECAST BOX CULVERT DETAILS



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### ASTM C 1577 FOR 0' TO 2' OF COVER

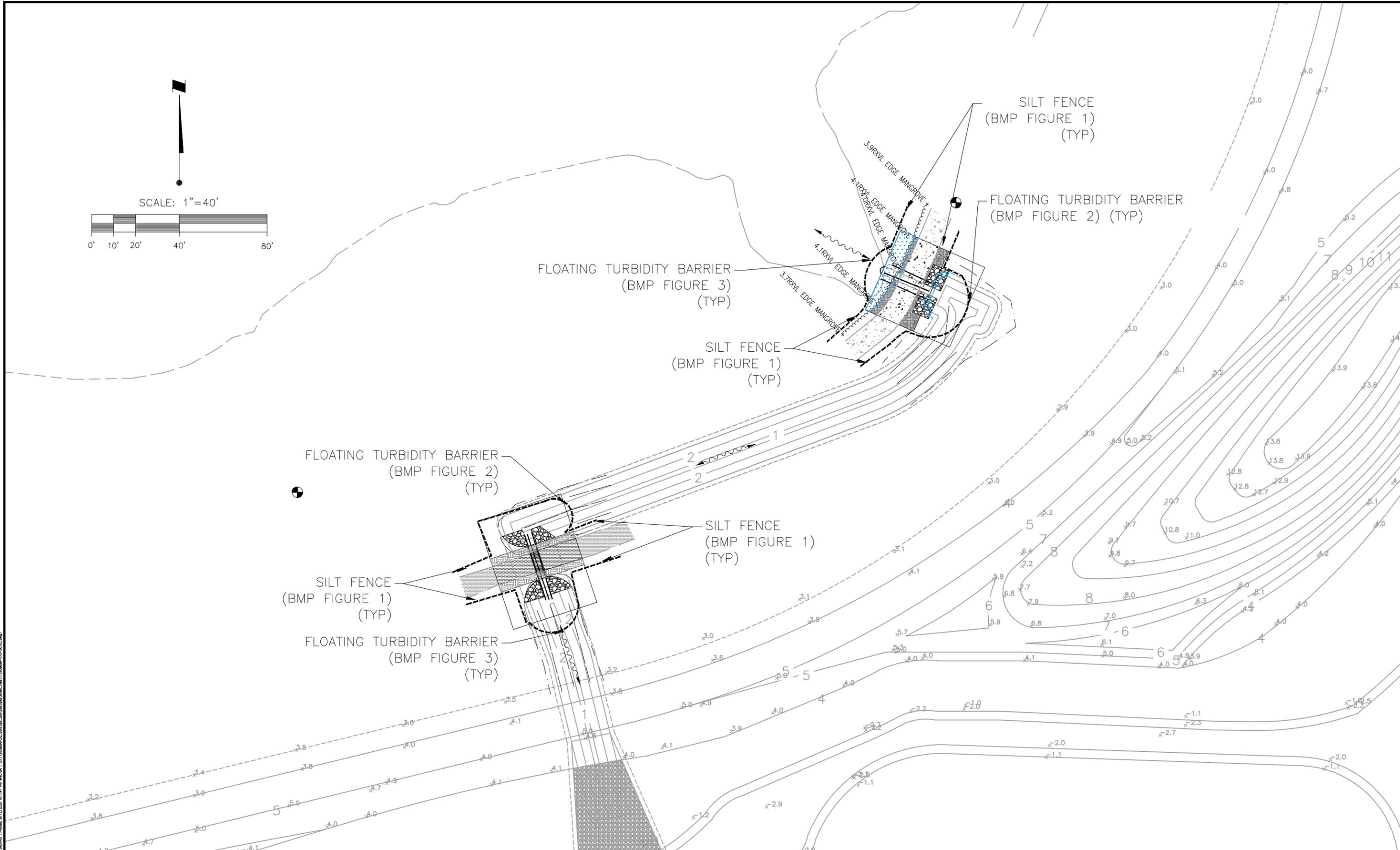
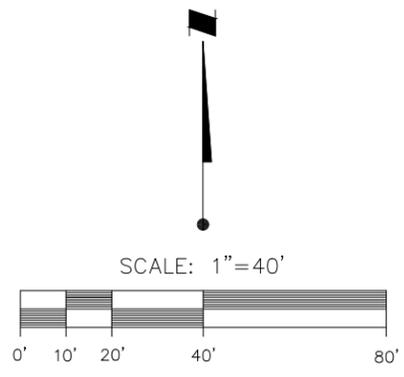
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3	2	7	6	6	5.5	1030

### NOTES:

- LOADING FACTORS MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM C1577.
- SEE PLAN VIEW SHEET 3 FOR INV AND FL INFORMATION.
- GRATE DETAILS PER 2024 FDOT STANDARD PLANS FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION INDEX 400-289. SEE CONSTRUCTION DETAILS SHEET 5.
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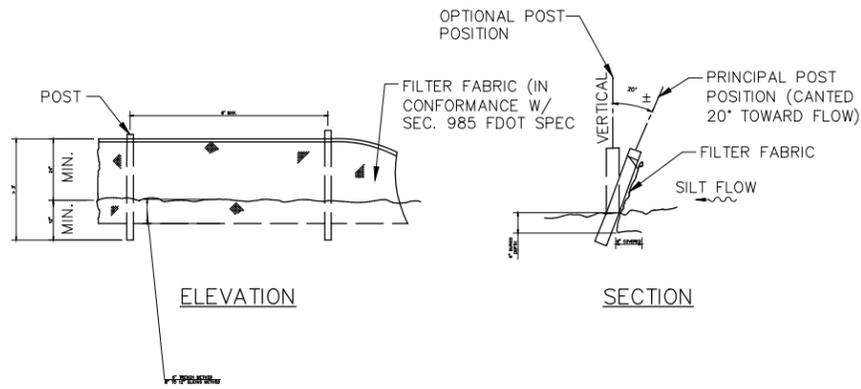
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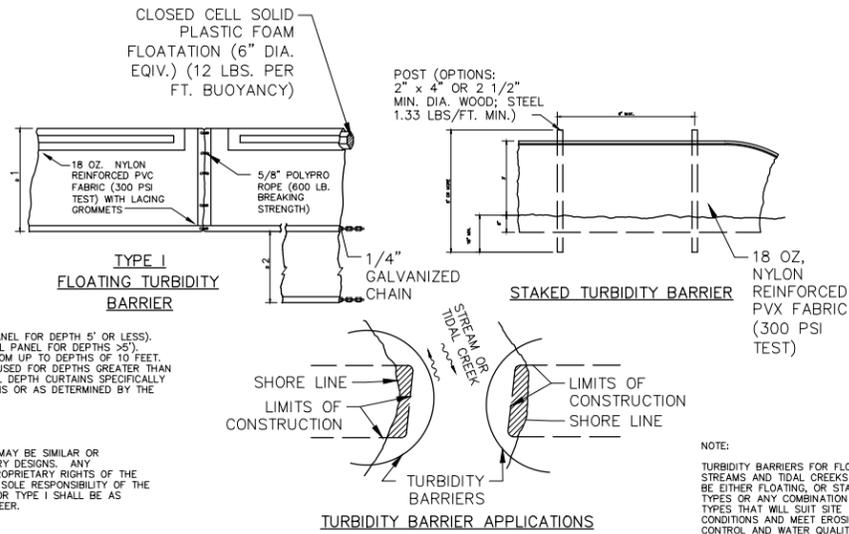
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TYPICAL SILT FENCE

FIGURE 1

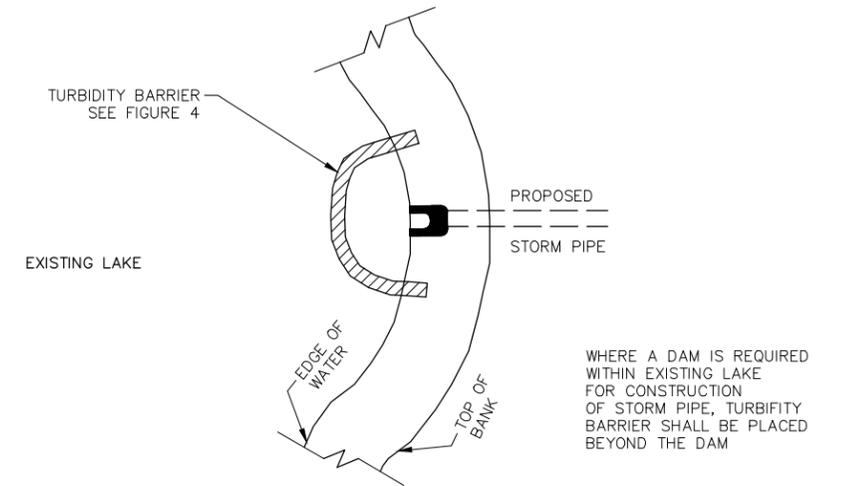
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TURBIDITY BARRIERS

FIGURE 2

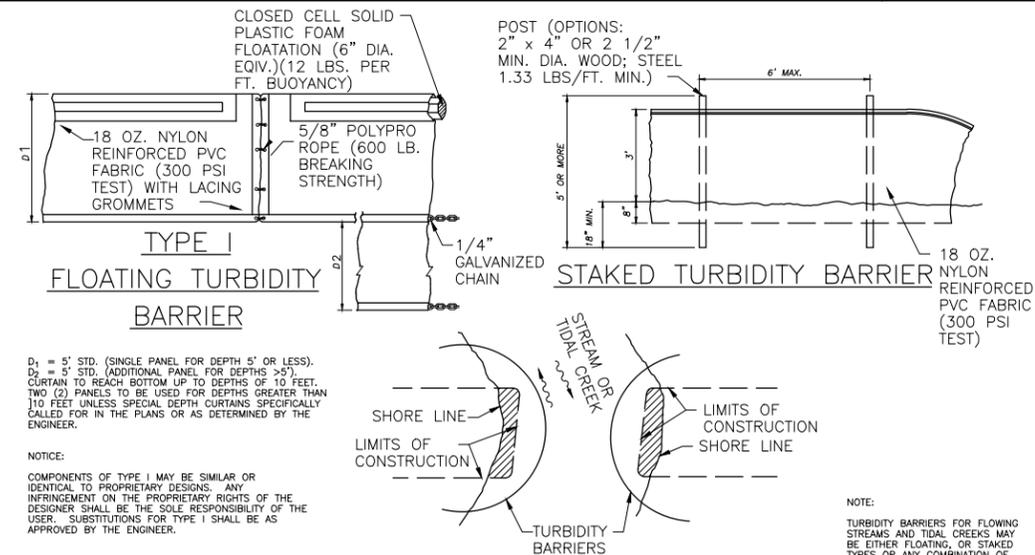
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TURBIDITY BARRIER AT CONNECTION OF STORM PIPE TO EXISTING LAKE

FIGURE 3

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FIGURE 4

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# Grates and Other Manatee Exclusion Devices for Culverts and Pipes

September 2024

Manatees can be attracted to culverts and pipes (such as stormwater drains and outfalls, pump stations, etc.) due to the access that such structures can provide to fresh water, forage, and habitat. As manatees cannot swim backwards or easily turn around in confined spaces, they are susceptible to becoming entrapped, potentially resulting in serious injury or death. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) staff and other partners have responded to manatee rescue and recovery efforts as a result of structure-related entrapments throughout Florida and in other states.

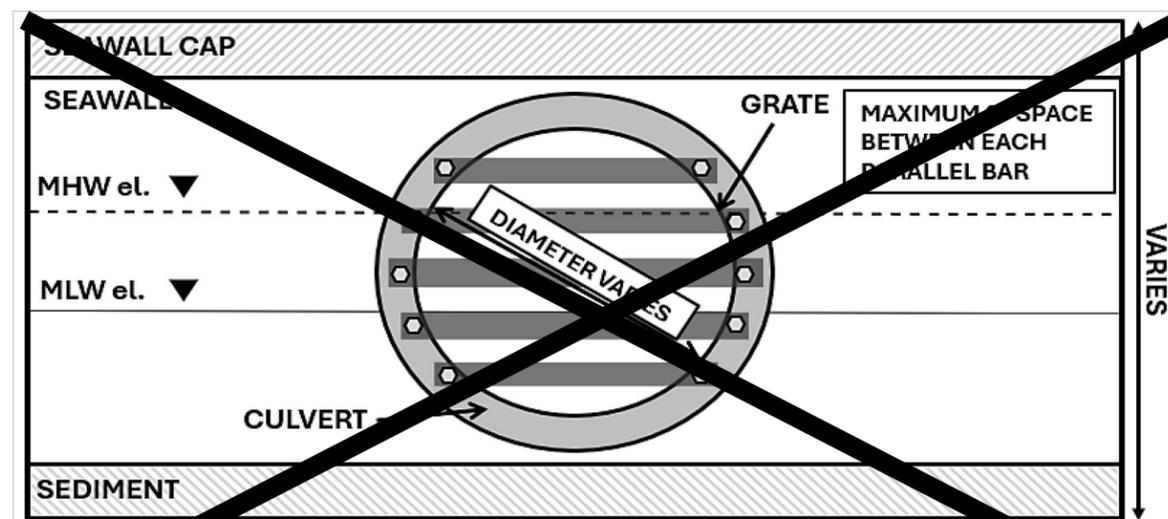
Manatees can be prevented from entering culverts and pipes by installing manatee exclusion devices, which can include bars or grates, pilings, flap gates, and in certain circumstances, valves. If the diameter of a manatee-accessible culvert or pipe is greater than 8 inches but smaller than 8 feet, it may pose a threat to manatees. Although structures may not initially appear accessible to manatees, they can provide occasional access when submerged or partially submerged during routine tides and high-water events.

The preferred method of preventing manatee access is by installing bars or grates directly onto the culvert or pipe opening, with spacing between bars being no more than 8 inches apart. Bars can be diagonal, horizontal, or vertical, and grates can be hinged (swinging outwards) if required for debris removal [see *Graphic 1* on page 2 for an example culvert end with grating].

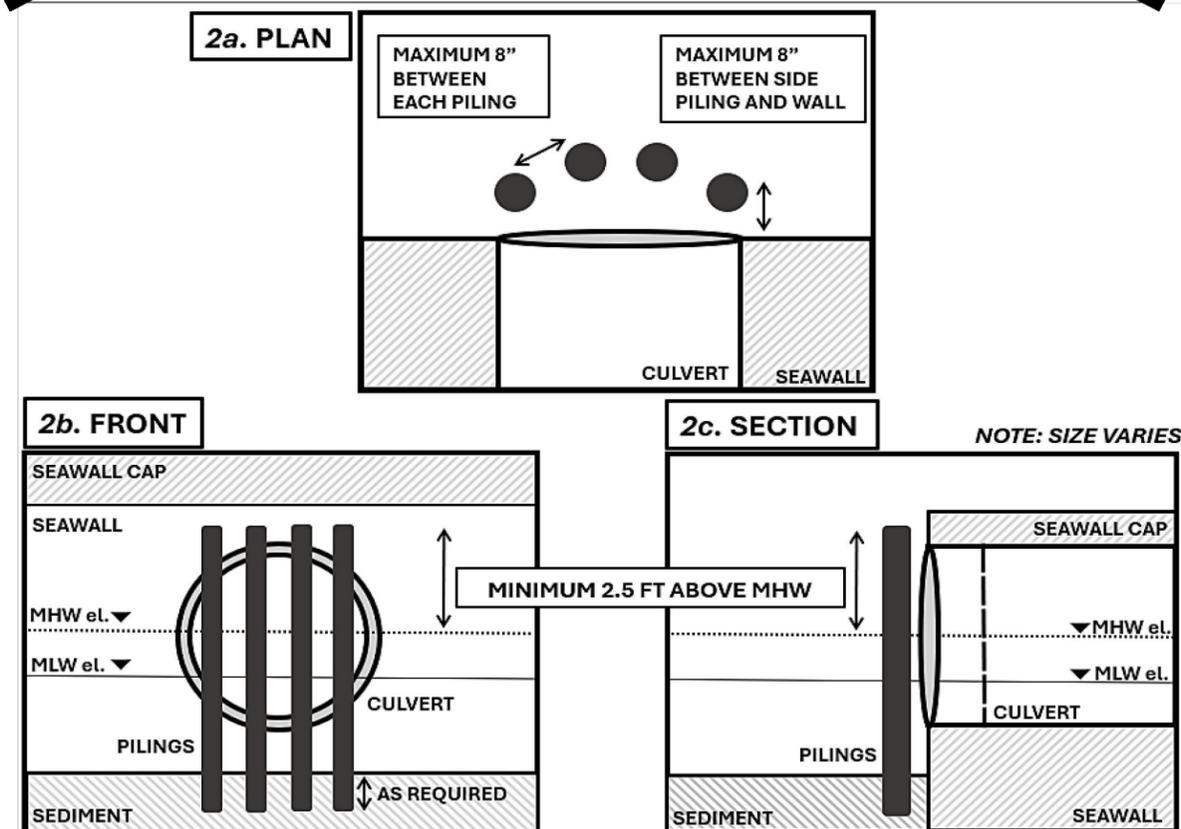
If grating cannot be attached directly to a culvert or pipe end to meet the recommended conditions, alternative options may be considered on a case-by-case basis. An example of an alternative barrier design includes installing rigid vertical bars or bollards waterward of the culvert opening. For alternative barrier designs, the spacing may not exceed 8 inches between bars or bollards, nor between the bars or bollards and the culvert opening. Exclusion devices should be installed at a depth which ensures stability and minimizes scouring. Cross beams may be needed to ensure the spacing is not widened from erosion, water flow, storm events, etc. Exclusion devices must be installed with a minimum height of 2.5 feet above mean high water [MHW, *Graphics 2a-c*].

In all exclusion scenarios, an inspection should be conducted prior to installation to ensure no animals are present in the structure. Additionally, all exclusion devices should be regularly inspected for structural integrity, particularly after major storm events and/or during maintenance activities.

NOTE: Not all culverts and pipes present a risk to manatees, and some provide needed access corridors for other wildlife. The decision to allow a culvert to remain accessible to manatees will depend on culvert dimensions (width/length), water level, available habitat, and other risk factors. These situations or alternative solutions can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the FWC. For technical assistance, contact [ImperiledSpecies@MyFWC.com](mailto:ImperiledSpecies@MyFWC.com). For more information on manatee management and avoiding adverse impacts to manatees, please visit [myfwc.com/manatee](http://myfwc.com/manatee) and [myfwc.com/manatee/permit-review](http://myfwc.com/manatee/permit-review).



Graphic 1 Preferred Option: Example culvert end and grates with maximum 8-inch spacing for manatee protection. Size is variable dependent on the grate and culvert in consideration.



Graphic 2(a-c). Alternative Option: Example barrier design for manatee exclusion (e.g. pilings, bars or bollards) with maximum 8-inch spacing for manatee protection. Size is variable dependent on the pilings and culvert in consideration.

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**EXHIBIT 7, SWFWMD EXEMPTION**



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July 21, 2025

Manatee County Natural Resources Department  
Attn: Charlie Hunsicker  
1022 26th Avenue East  
Brandenton, FL 34208

Subject: **Project Evaluation - Permit Not Required**

Project Name:	Robinson Preserve Culvert Rep - Exemption
File Number:	909874
County:	Manatee
Sec/Twp/Rge:	S23/T34S/R16E

References: Chapter 62-330, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)

Dear Mr. Hunsicker:

The District has reviewed the information you submitted for the project referenced above and has determined that an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) **will not be required** for the proposed replacement of six 12-inch plastic pipes with one 45-inch x 29-inch elliptical reinforced concrete pipe and one 4-foot x 3-foot concrete box culvert. All pipe and structure inverts remain at the same elevation(s) and the pipes are hydraulically equivalent and consistent with existing conditions. [Rule 62-330.051(9)(a), F.A.C.]

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If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Gina Nieto, in the Tampa Service Office, at 8134456931. Please reference the Project Name and Inquiry/Permit Number in future communications concerning this project.

Sincerely,

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6. A request or petition for administrative hearing must comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. A petition for a hearing must: (1) explain how the substantial interests of each person requesting the hearing will be affected by the District's intended action or proposed action, (2) state all material facts disputed by the person requesting the hearing or state that there are no material facts in dispute, and (3) otherwise comply with Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C. Chapter 28-106, F.A.C., can be viewed at [www.flrules.org](http://www.flrules.org) or at the District's website at [www.WaterMatters.org/permits/rules](http://www.WaterMatters.org/permits/rules).
7. A petition for administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Agency Clerk at the District's Tampa Service Office during normal business hours, which are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding District holidays. Filings with the District Agency Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery or facsimile transfer (fax). The District does not accept petitions for administrative hearing by electronic mail. Mailed filings must be addressed to, and hand-delivered filings must be delivered to, the Agency Clerk, Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 US Hwy 301, Tampa, FL 33637-6759. Faxed filings must be transmitted to the District Agency Clerk at (813) 367-9776. Any petition not received during normal business hours shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next business day. The District's acceptance of faxed petitions for filing is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, available for viewing at [www.WaterMatters.org/about](http://www.WaterMatters.org/about).

## **Judicial Review**

1. Pursuant to Sections 120.60(3) and 120.68, F.S., a party who is adversely affected by District action may seek judicial review of the District's action. Judicial review shall be sought in the Fifth District Court of Appeal or in the appellate district where a party resides or as otherwise provided by law.
2. All proceedings shall be instituted by filing an original notice of appeal with the District Agency Clerk within 30 days after the rendition of the order being appealed, and a copy of the notice of appeal, accompanied by any filing fees prescribed by law, with the clerk of the court, in accordance with Rules 9.110 and 9.190 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure (Fla. R. App. P.). Pursuant to Fla. R. App. P. 9.020(h), an order is rendered when a signed written order is filed with the clerk of the lower tribunal.

**FEDERAL FUNDING COMPLIANCE ADDENDUM**

Applicable to All Federally Funded Projects

1. Federal Compliance

Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, and the terms and conditions of any applicable federal award, including but not limited to 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards).

2. No Cost Plus Percentage of Cost

Pursuant to 2 CFR §200.323(d), the Contractor is prohibited from using a cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost or percentage of construction cost method of contracting.

3. Termination for Cause and Convenience

The County may terminate federally funded work, in whole or in part, for cause or convenience when such termination is in the best interest of the County or the federal awarding agency, in accordance with 2 CFR §200.340.

4. Equal Employment Opportunity

For construction contracts exceeding \$10,000, Contractor shall comply with Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the implementing regulations at 41 CFR Part 60.

5. Davis-Bacon Act

When required by the federal award, Contractor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §3141 et seq.), including payment of prevailing wages and submission of certified payrolls.

6. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment

Contractor certifies compliance with 31 U.S.C. §1352 and agrees that no federally appropriated funds have been or will be used to influence any federal officer or employee in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, grant, or loan.

## 7. Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act

For contracts exceeding \$150,000, Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.).

## 8. Debarment and Suspension

Contractor certifies that it is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from participation in federal assistance programs and shall maintain an active registration in SAM.gov throughout the performance of federally funded work, in accordance with 2 CFR §200.213.

## 9. Access to Records and Audits

Contractor agrees to provide the County, the federal awarding agency, Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, and any pass-through entity access to records as required by 2 CFR §§200.337–200.338. Records shall be retained for no less than five (5) years after final payment, or longer if required by the federal award.

## 10. Remedies for Noncompliance

In accordance with 2 CFR §200.339, the County may impose remedies for noncompliance, including withholding of payments, suspension, termination, or disallowance of costs.

## 11. Allowable Costs

Only costs allowable under Subpart E of 2 CFR Part 200 and the applicable federal award are eligible for reimbursement with federal funds.

## 12. Conflict of Interest

Contractor shall comply with 2 CFR §200.318(c) and certify that no conflicts of interest exist that would impair the integrity of federally funded procurements.

## 13. Applicability and Activation

This Addendum is automatically applicable to any task order, work authorization, or project under the Agreement that the County identifies as federally funded. No additional amendment is required for activation.

#### 14. Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act

Compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act.

Contractor. The Contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. Part 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

Subcontracts. The Contractor or Subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower-tier subcontracts. The Prime Contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower-tier subcontractor with all these contract clauses.

Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

**EXHIBIT 9, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY NOTICE OF AWARD**

1. DATE ISSUED MM/DD/YYYY  
4/28/2023

1a. SUPERSEDES AWARD NOTICE dated  
except that any additions or restrictions previously imposed remain in effect unless specifically rescinded

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
Office of Recovery Programs  
Office of Gulf Coast Restoration**

1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20220-0001

**NOTICE OF AWARD**

AUTHORIZATION (Legislation/Regulations) Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States

2. CFDA NO. 21.015 - Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States

3. ASSISTANCE TYPE Formula Grant

4. GRANT NO. RDCGR160434-01-00  
Formerly  
5. TYPE OF AWARD  
Other

4a. FAIN.  
5a. ACTION TYPE New

6. PROJECT PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY  
From 5/1/2023 through 4/30/2028

7. BUDGET PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY  
From 5/1/2023 through 4/30/2028

8. TITLE OF PROJECT (OR PROGRAM)  
Robinson Preserve Expansion Phase III – Coastal Habitat Enhancements

9a. GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS  
Manatee County Government (RA)  
1112 Manatee Ave. W. Bradenton, FL 34205

9b. GRANTEE PROJECT DIRECTOR  
Sherri Swanson  
1112 Manatee Ave. W. Bradenton, FL 34205  
(941) 685-9592

10a. GRANTEE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL  
Lee Washington  
1112 Manatee Ave. W. Bradenton, FL 34205  
(941) 742-5923  
Thu May 04 00:00:00 GMT 2023

10b. FEDERAL PROJECT OFFICER  
Jeff Gilleo  
1500 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Washington, DC 20220-0001  
(202) 961-7780

**ALL AMOUNTS ARE SHOWN IN USD**

11. APPROVED BUDGET (Excludes Direct Assistance)

I. Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only  
II. Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation

a. Salaries and Wages	\$0.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$0.00
c. TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS	\$0.00
d. Equipment	\$0.00
e. Supplies	\$0.00
f. Travel	\$0.00
g. Construction	\$215,000.00
h. Other	\$0.00
i. Contractual	\$385,000.00
j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$600,000.00
k. INDIRECT COSTS	\$0.00
l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET	\$600,000.00
m. Federal Share	\$0.00
n. Non-Federal Share	\$0.00

12. AWARD COMPUTATION

a. Amount of Federal Financial Assistance (from item 11m)	\$600,000.00
b. Less Unobligated Balance From Prior Budget Periods	\$0.00
c. Less Cumulative Prior Award(s) This Budget Period	\$0.00
d. AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THIS ACTION	\$600,000.00

13. Total Federal Funds Awarded to Date for Project Period \$600,000.00

14. RECOMMENDED FUTURE SUPPORT  
(Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project):

YEAR	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	YEAR	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS
a. 2		d.5	
b. 3		e.6	
c. 4		f.7	

15. PROGRAM INCOME SHALL BE USED IN ACCORD WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:

- a. DECUCTION
- b. ADDITIONAL COSTS
- c. MATCHING
- d. OTHER RESEARCH (Add/Deduct Option)
- e. OTHER(See REMARKS)

b. Additional Costs

16. THIS AWARD IS BASED ON AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO, AND AS APPROVED BY, THE FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY ON THE ABOVE TITLED PROJECT AND IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INFORPORATED EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY REFERENCE IN THE FOLLOWING:

- a. The grant program legislation
- b. The grant program regulations.
- c. This award notice including terms and conditions, if any, noted below under REMARKS.
- d. Federal administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements applicable to this grant.

In the event there are conflicting or otherwise inconsistent policies applicable to the grant, the above order of precedence shall prevail. Acceptance of the grant terms and conditions is acknowledged by the grantee when funds are drawn or otherwise obtained from the grant payment system.

REMARKS (Other Terms and Conditions Attached - Yes)  
See next page

AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL:  
Jessica Milano, Chief Program Officer, Office of Recovery Programs, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Washington, DC 20220-0001  
Thu May 04 00:00:00 GMT 2023

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23.a.	b.	c.	d.	e.

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**REMARKS:**

This award is approved by Jessica Milano, Authorizing Official. Accepting this award in the Treasury RESTORE Act Grants Management System constitutes acceptance of this award and the Standard Terms and Condition and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions and Special Award Conditions. Award funds will be available to the recipient in an ASAP.gov account. The requirements of section 70914(a) of the Build America, Buy America Act, which is included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58 do not apply to this project because it meets the criteria to be covered by Treasury’s Public Interest General Applicability Waiver from Application of Section 70914(a) of the Build America, Buy America Act to the RESTORE Act, Direct Component Infrastructure Projects That Were in the Funding Pipeline by May 14, 2022, (“Pipeline Waiver”), effective as of February 17, 2023.

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**Federal Financial Report Cycle**

Reporting Period Start Date	Reporting Period End Date	Reporting Type	Reporting Period Due Date
05/01/2023	09/30/2023	Semi-Annual	10/30/2023
10/01/2023	03/31/2024	Semi-Annual	04/30/2024
04/01/2024	09/30/2024	Semi-Annual	10/30/2024
10/01/2024	03/31/2025	Semi-Annual	04/30/2025
04/01/2025	09/30/2025	Semi-Annual	10/30/2025
10/01/2025	03/31/2026	Semi-Annual	04/30/2026
04/01/2026	09/30/2026	Semi-Annual	10/30/2026
10/01/2026	03/31/2027	Semi-Annual	04/30/2027
04/01/2027	09/30/2027	Semi-Annual	10/30/2027
10/01/2027	03/31/2028	Semi-Annual	04/30/2028
04/01/2028	04/30/2028	Final	08/28/2028

**USA SPENDING DESCRIPTION**

The Robinson Preserve Expansion Phase III Coastal Habitat Enhancements project grant is awarded to Manatee County under the RESTORE Act Direct Component to support restoration and environmental protection activities. The project objectives are to complete the coastal restoration at the Robinson Preserve Expansion through upland plantings along shorelines to buffer the intertidal water features created to protect juvenile fish habitats. The project will benefit the coastal communities of the Gulf Coast Region. The subrecipients, Mote Marine Laboratory and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, will carry out the scope of work for the project.

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**RESTORE Act - FUNDING AUTHORIZATION**

Total Amount of Federal Funds Awarded to Date. <i>Line 13 of NoA/Amendment</i>	Amount of Funding Restriction	Amount of Financial Assistance This Action <i>Line 12d of NoA/Amendment</i>	Amount Authorized for ASAP Account this Action	Notes

**RESTORE Act - SPECIAL AWARD CONDITIONS**

**SAC Number:** SAC1

**SAC Text:** Special Award Condition 1: Manatee County must submit to Treasury an updated Environmental Compliance Form and updated Performance Measures after the engineering design is completed and prior to or with its written request to Treasury for permission to commence construction.

**SAC Number:** SAC2

**SAC Text:** Special Award Condition 2: An ASAP Maximum Draw Limit of \$425,000.00 is in place for this award. Manatee County may request removal of the maximum draw limit with its written request to Treasury for permission to commence construction, per Section S.10 of the 2022 RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions.

## RESTORE Act - Scope of Work

### APPROVED SCOPE OF WORK

The Approved Scope of Work includes all information provided with the grant application and provide a summary of the scope of work approved with this grant award.

**Need:** Manatee County implements the best available science to guide habitat restoration. This funding will be used to initiate RPE Phase III guided by HEPAM and scientific feedback from staff and funding partners, including fish monitoring. Using this MYP funding, Manatee County will complete the following additional project activities at the RPE needed to bring the overall project to completion:

- Install supplemental plantings to enhance coastal upland buffers in accordance with HEPAM strategies
- Install supplemental plantings along tidal shorelines to benefit water quality
- Create floating upland islands for juvenile fish shelter and nesting shorebirds
- Optimize pinch-points to protect juvenile fish habitat with mangroves and oysters, and
- Extend sportfish monitoring to advance the science of coastal upland and tidal habitat restoration by improving our understanding of fish habitat use in restored, created, and natural systems.

**Purpose:** To continue site enhancements, for the *“restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine, and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast Region”*

**Objectives:** The objectives align with the following established RESTORE Treasury criteria: 1) fish, wildlife, and natural resources restoration and protection and 2) fisheries monitoring.

**Description:** The EMR Division is responsible for the restoration and enhancement of Manatee County’s natural resources, including plants, wildlife, and marine resources.

Previously, the EMR Division engineered the re-establishment of coastal uplands buffering intertidal water features created within the 150-acre Robinson Preserve Expansion (RPE). The goal was to enhance biologically productive habitats for fish and wildlife and provide passive-use recreation for the public. The intrinsic ecosystem services linking tidal features and coastal uplands is irrefutable, including protection from storm surge, enhancement of nursery habitat for commercially/recreationally important fish and shellfish, and capture of sediments and pollution to benefit water quality.

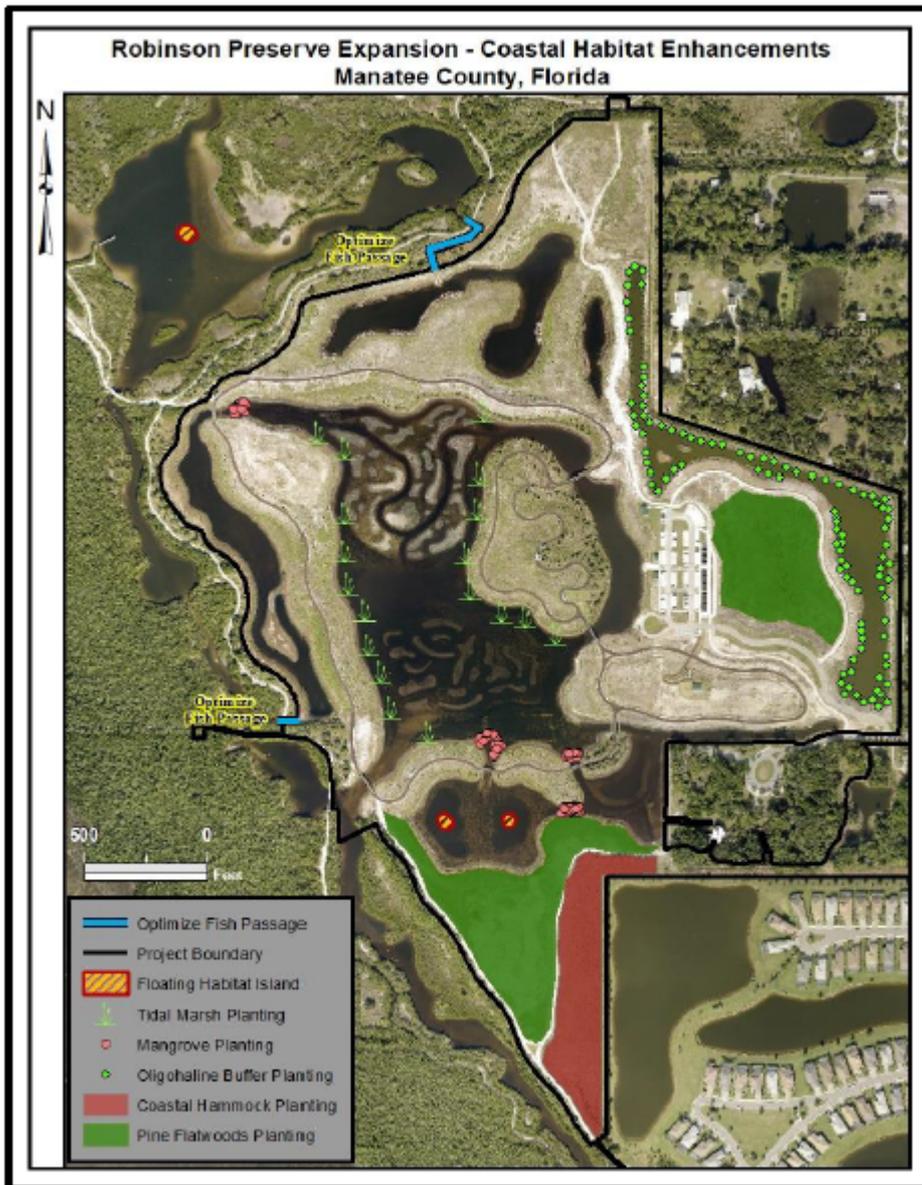
A major component of the RPE project focused on creating habitat for juvenile fish. To facilitate this, coastal uplands were designed to buffer intertidal water features and the project incorporated mangroves and oysters to build habitat structure. The design engineered sinuous creeks and deep-water basins through the coastal uplands to connect the RPE, the Manatee River Estuary, Perico Bayou, and Palma Sola Bay. These tidal connections were designed within the upland complex specifically to enhance survival of juvenile snook and tarpon by providing shelter and by using pinch points to exclude larger predatory fish. Manatee County worked with funding partners to construct the habitat foundation needed to create this ecologically diverse project.

This funding request through the Multi-Year Planning (MYP) will enable Manatee County to complete the coastal restoration at the RPE through upland plantings along shorelines to buffer the intertidal water features created to protect juvenile fish habitat. These efforts will also include the optimization of fish passages using plantings and the creation of upland habitat islands (floating) for nesting shorebirds (above), sheltering juvenile fish (below), and wildlife viewing opportunities (public amenity).

A component of the MYP funding will expand currently unfunded juvenile sportfish monitoring for two additional years to bring the RPE restoration efforts to completion. This funding will support the installation of additional acoustic telemetry fish monitoring devices at tidal connections, along shorelines, and at deep-water aggregation

sites and will augment fish tagging to increase detection by the fish monitoring systems. Fish utilization and movement data collected for the RPE project will advance our understanding of how coastal restoration benefits sportfish that in turn, support ecosystem services. Expanding the monitoring efforts will guide the next generation of coastal upland and tidal habitat restoration by improving our understanding of commercially/recreationally important fish habitat use in restored, created, and natural systems.

A defining approach of the RPE project was the post-planting habitat establishment period adaptive management (HEPAM) strategy that focused on creating ultra-low maintenance upland habitats. A component of the HEPAM strategy was to understand how best to engineer coastal restoration with intertidal connections to support juvenile fish. This final stage of the RPE project will link the project to fisheries-focused activities and will bring the overall project to completion. The HEPAM strategy has guided the RPE project and has been used to evaluate project successes, such as the recruitment of native upland vegetation, management of nuisance vegetation, and the use of waterbodies by coastal shorebirds, fish, and other native wildlife.



**Milestones:**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Estimated Timeframe (award + months)</b>
1	Execute subrecipient agreements with Mote and FWC.	6
2	Select contractor and execute contract for engineering design and permitting for fish passage optimizations.	12
3	Select contractor to design and deploy floating upland islands.	16
4	Pre-planting Site Preparation: resulting in site prepared for receipt of plants	24
5	Plant installation (direct seeding and planting) resulting in time zero condition for restored plant diversity.	36
6	Post-planting habitat establishment period adaptive management resulting in low maintenance established habitat trending towards restoration goal.	60

**Performance Measures:**

Number	Measure	Baseline	Target
1	Optimize fish passage. Deliverables to include one (1) engineering design, and one (1) permit application.	0	2 documents
2	Habitat creation for fish and nesting shorebirds with the deployment of floating upland islands.	0	Number of floating islands deployed. # TBD after engineering design completed.
3	Living shoreline enhancements to protect juvenile fish and coastal wildlife habitat.	0	Number of mangrove trees planted. # TBD after engineering design completed.
4	Extend fisheries monitoring to enhance our understanding of coastal habitat restoration for the benefit of commercially/recreationally important fish habitat use in restored, created, and natural systems.	0	Number of PIT monitoring systems installed, number of PIT/FIM sampling events, and number of PIT/FIM tagging events. TBD after subrecipient agreements executed.
5	Addition of native species to enhance the coastal upland buffers and tidal/oligohaline shorelines.	0	Number of acres for each habitat type under HEPAM management. TBD after engineering design completed.

**Subrecipient Activities:**

**Mote Marine Laboratory - Post-Restoration PIT Tag Monitoring of Sportfish**

A portion of this funding will be allocated to Mote Marine Laboratory (MML) for the installation and operation of three additional PIT monitoring systems within RPE. These additional funds will extend the monitoring timeline for two additional years (FY24 and FY25), including three sampling events per year, maintaining and continuing to operate the fish autonomous monitoring systems, uploading data from data loggers, analyzing data, and reporting. This request also includes adding two fish tagging events per year over the course of four years. Adding two fish tagging events per year will bolster the number of tagged fish in the Robinson Preserve system and increase the quality of recapture data collected by the autonomous fish monitoring systems. This will help document fish recruitment, growth, and use of the restored coastal habitats. The remaining funds will be used for eDNA sample processing and analysis. This additional data will improve the quality and quantity of our understanding of sportfish habitat use and will provide important guidance for future coastal restoration.

The PIT tag monitoring systems, installed and operated by Mote, represent some of the more novel tagging and monitoring technology used in fisheries research today (Musselman et al., 2017). The monitoring data collected to date have been used to develop the Phase III restoration adaptations needed to optimize the fish habitat function.

The three new monitoring systems to be installed in the RPE will augment the four existing monitoring systems installed in February 2022. We are using the best available data science techniques to document

the fish population responses to the newly restored habitats at Robinson Preserve. Documenting immediate and long-term benefits to fish habitat and the fisheries they support provides direct feedback on a system level regarding the productive performance over time. The inclusion of novel eDNA species detection provides the best scientific technique to examine spatiotemporal habitat use patterns of rare or transient species (e.g., sharks, rays), and helps reveal the extent of species benefiting from the restoration effort (Saenz-Agudelo, *et al.* 2021).

Throughout the Gulf of Mexico, there is a recognized need for restoration monitoring, assessment, and guidance to improve performance and increase the effectiveness of restoration projects (NAS 2017). Documentation of restoration responses specific to our regional and local levels is scarce, and studies that assess fish population responses to habitat-specific features within restoration projects are rarer still. We propose to use the best available fish monitoring antenna systems and species detection techniques to ensure restoration objectives have been met and to promote and inform the optimal restoration approaches that protect natural resources.

Mote Budget:

Personnel	\$68,652
Fringe Benefits	\$24,543
Travel	\$2,123
Equipment	\$0
Supplies	\$27,796
Contractual	\$0
Construction	\$0
Other	\$0
Total Direct Charges	\$123,114
Indirect Charges	\$69,886
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$193,000</b>

FWC Fisheries Independent Monitoring

A portion of the funding will be allocated to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) Fisheries Independent Monitoring program (FIM) that currently conducts juvenile sportfish monitoring at the Preserve. The FIM program is designed to examine habitat use and recruitment, monitor the hydrological dynamics of the created habitat elements designed as fisheries habitat, compare the age structure and growth rates of juvenile sportfish within and outside the preserve, and assess juvenile sportfish emigration from juvenile to adult habitats using acoustic telemetry. This additional funding will extend monitoring efforts for two years to capture changes in sportfish dynamics as the coastal habitat restoration efforts are completed in Phase III RPE. Expanding the monitoring efforts will inform the next generation of coastal habitat restoration projects by improving our understanding of sportfish habitat use in restored, created, and natural systems.

FWC Budget:

Personnel	\$98,400.00
Fringe Benefits	\$35,480.04
Travel	\$0
Equipment	\$0
Supplies	\$19,000.00
Contractual	\$0
Construction	\$0
Other	\$7,200.00
Total Direct Charges	\$160,080.04
Indirect Charges	\$31,919.96
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$192,000.00</b>

**RESTORE ACT**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND  
PROGRAM-SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**U.S. Department of the Treasury**

**June 30, 2022**

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# RESTORE ACT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND PROGRAM-SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## PREFACE

A grant agreement is comprised of the following documents:

1. A Notice of Award from the Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”);
2. The RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (“Standard Terms and Conditions”);
3. The RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Program-Specific Terms and Conditions (“Program-Specific Terms and Conditions”);
4. An approved application, including all documents, certifications, and assurances that are part of the approved application;
5. An approved scope of work;
6. Any approved budget; and,
7. Any special terms and conditions applied by Treasury to the award (“Special Award Conditions”).

The recipient must comply with—and require each of its subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors employed in the completion of the activity, project, or program to comply with—the RESTORE Act, Treasury’s implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 34, all applicable federal statutes, regulations, executive orders (EOs), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars, any program guidance issued by Treasury (including the RESTORE Frequently Asked Questions), Standard Terms and Conditions, Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, and any Special Award Conditions of this federal financial assistance award (“Award”), as applicable, in addition to the certifications and assurances required at the time of application.

Any inconsistency or conflict in Standard Terms and Conditions, Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, and any Special Award Conditions of this Award will be resolved according to the following order of precedence: federal laws, Executive Orders, federal regulations, applicable notices published in the Federal Register, OMB circulars, Treasury’s Standard Terms and Conditions, Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, and any Special Award Conditions.

Some of these Standard Terms and Conditions contain, by reference or substance, a summary of pertinent federal statutes, federal regulations published in the Federal Register (Fed. Reg.) or Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), EOs, or OMB circulars. In particular, these Standard Terms and Conditions incorporate many of the provisions contained in OMB’s Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (“Uniform Guidance,” 2 C.F.R. Part 200), which supersedes former OMB Circular A-102 (the former grants management common rule), OMB Circular A-133 (single audit requirements), and all former OMB circulars containing the cost principles for grants and cooperative agreements. To the extent that it is a summary, such a provision is not in derogation of, or an amendment to, any such statute, regulation, EO, or OMB circular. Unless a definition is provided here, definitions can be found in the RESTORE Act (Public Law No. 112-141 (July 6, 2012), Treasury’s implementing regulations (79 Fed. Reg. 48039 (Aug. 15, 2014) and 79 Fed. Reg. 61236 (Oct. 10, 2014), as codified at 31 C.F.R. Part 34), or 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

# A Program-Specific Terms and Conditions - Awards Under the Direct Component

In addition to all the Standard Terms and Conditions described in Sections C through T of this document, all Treasury RESTORE Act awards made under the Direct Component include the following Program-Specific Terms and Conditions:

## 1. Administrative Costs

a. Administrative costs are defined as indirect costs for administration incurred by the recipient that are allocable to activities authorized under the RESTORE Act, as specified in 31 C.F.R. § 34.2.

Administrative costs do not include:

i. Direct costs that directly support the scope of work and are identified as direct costs in the approved award budget;

ii. Indirect costs that are identified specifically with, or readily assignable to facilities, as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.414; and

iii. Indirect costs of subrecipients.

b. Of the amounts received from Treasury under the Direct Component, not more than three percent may be used for administrative costs. The three percent limit on administrative costs may be applied to the total amount of funds received by a recipient either on a grant-by-grant basis or on an aggregate basis. For the latter method, amounts used for administrative costs may not at any time exceed three percent of the aggregate of:

i. The amounts received under a component (i.e., Direct Component or Centers of Excellence) by a recipient, beginning with the first grant through the most recent grant, and

ii. The amounts in the Trust Fund that are allocated to, but not yet received by, the grantee under 31 C.F.R. § 34.103, consistent with the definition of administrative costs in 31 C.F.R. § 34.2. .

c. Up to 100 percent of program income, as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 and elaborated in 2 C.F.R. § 200.307, may be used to pay for allowable administrative costs, subject to the three percent cap. Program income may also be used to defray other allowable costs under the award.

## 2. Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund

The recipient must not seek any compensation for the approved program or project from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund. If the recipient is authorized to make subawards, the recipient must not use Direct Component funds to make subawards to fund activities for which any claim for compensation was filed and paid out by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund after July 6, 2012.

## 3. Remedies for Noncompliance

a. If Treasury determines that the recipient has expended Direct Component funds to cover the cost of any ineligible activities, in addition to the remedies available in Section M of these Standard Terms and Conditions, per 31 C.F.R. § 34.804, Treasury will make no additional payments to the recipient from the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund (Trust Fund), including no payments from the Trust Fund for activities, projects, or programs until the recipient has either (1) deposited an amount equal to the amount

expended for the ineligible activities in the Trust Fund, or (2) Treasury has authorized the recipient to expend an equal amount from the recipient's own funds for an activity that meets the requirements of the RESTORE Act.

b. If Treasury determines the recipient has materially violated the terms of this Award, Treasury will make no additional funds available to the recipient from any part of the Trust Fund until the recipient corrects the violation.

#### **4. Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials**

a. Pursuant to section 70914 of the Build America, Buy America Act, included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58 (November 15, 2021), none of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project for infrastructure, as defined in paragraph (b) below unless:

- i. all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States, which means that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
- ii. all manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States, which means that the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and
- iii. all construction materials are manufactured in the United States, which means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

b. For the purposes of this section, the term "infrastructure" means public infrastructure, including but not limited to the structures, facilities, and equipment for, in the United States, roads, highways, and bridges; public transportation; dams, ports, harbors, and other maritime facilities; intercity passenger and freight railroads; freight and intermodal facilities; airports; water systems, including drinking water and wastewater systems; electrical transmission facilities and systems; utilities; broadband infrastructure; and buildings and real property. Infrastructure includes facilities that generate, transport, and distribute energy.

c. The requirement of paragraph (a) (the "Buy America preference") only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does the Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

#### **5. Buy America Preference Waivers**

a. The Buy America Preference shall not apply if a waiver covering the project is in effect at the time that Treasury obligates the award funds for the new award or amendment to the existing award (provided as the "Date Issued" in the Notice of Award). All waivers will be posted on Treasury's RESTORE Act, Buy America website at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-markets-financial-institutions-and-fiscal-service/restore-act>

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b. Recipients may also apply for, and Treasury may grant, a waiver from these requirements on a project or product level. Treasury will provide information on the process for requesting a waiver from these requirements. For more information on the waiver request process see <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-markets-financial-institutions-and-fiscal-service/restore-act>.

c. Treasury may waive the application of the Buy America preference in any case in which Treasury determines that:

- i. applying the Buy America Preference would be inconsistent with the public interest;
  - ii. the types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or
  - iii. the inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.
- d. A request to waive the application of the Buy America preference must be submitted in writing. Treasury will provide instructions on the format, contents, and supporting materials required for any waiver request. Waiver requests are subject to public comment periods of no less than 15 days and must be reviewed by the Made in America Office within the Office of Management and Budget.

#### **6. Buy America Preference Definitions**

Definitions of terms related to the Buy America Preference requirement provided in this section are provided on Treasury's RESTORE Act, Buy America website at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-markets-financial-institutions-and-fiscal-service/restore-act>.

## **B Program-Specific Terms and Conditions - Awards Under the Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program**

In addition to all the Standard Terms and Conditions described in Sections C through T of this document, all Treasury RESTORE Act awards under the Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program include the following Program-Specific Terms and Conditions:

### **1. Allowable Costs**

In addition to the prohibitions contained in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E (*Cost Principles*), the following costs are unallowable unless approved in writing by Treasury:

- a. Construction, including the alteration, repair, or rehabilitation of existing structures;
- b. Facilities costs that are allowable as indirect costs in a federally approved negotiated indirect cost rate; and
- c. Acquisition of land or interests in land.

### **2. Prior Approval for Changes in Centers of Excellence**

- a. The recipient must immediately notify Treasury if it anticipates selecting a new entity or consortium to serve as a Center of Excellence or making other changes to the initial selection of Center(s) of Excellence described in the scope of work.

b. After the recipient notifies Treasury pursuant to (a) and finalizes the selection, the recipient must promptly inform Treasury of the following:

i. Name of the Center of Excellence and the entity selected to administer it, including the names of member organizations if the entity is a consortium;

ii. The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number of the entity or Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number as applicable;

iii. Location of the entity;

iv. The discipline or disciplines, as set forth in Section 1605(d) of the RESTORE Act and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. § 34.704(b), that will serve as a focus of research for the selected Center or Centers of Excellence;

v. Documentation of the competitive process used to select the Center or Centers of Excellence, including all documentation to demonstrate the recipient complied with the selection requirements set forth in Section 1605 of the RESTORE Act and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. § 34.704(b); and

vi. The estimated budget for the Center, including the total allocation of funded dollars for the Center.

### **3. Performance Reports**

In addition to the reporting requirements in Section F, pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 34.706, the recipient must submit an annual report to the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council ("Council"), in a form prescribed by the Council that includes information on subrecipients, subaward amounts, disciplines addressed, and any other information required by the Council. When the subrecipient is a consortium, the annual report must also identify the consortium members. This information will be included in the Council's annual report to Congress. The recipient must provide a copy of this report to Treasury when it submits the report to the Council.

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## **C Applicable Laws, Regulations, and Program Requirements**

This Award is subject to the following federal laws, regulations, and requirements. This list is not exclusive:

1. The RESTORE Act, Pub. L. No. 112-141 (July 6, 2012);

2. Treasury's implementing regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 34;

3. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subparts A through F, and any Treasury regulations incorporating these requirements;

4. OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement), 2 C.F.R. Part 180 including the requirement to include a term or condition in all lower-tier covered

transactions (contracts and subcontracts described in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart B) that the award is subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 19;

5. Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance), 31 C.F.R. Part 20;
6. New Restrictions on Lobbying, 31 C.F.R. Part 21;
7. Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information, 2 C.F.R. Part 170;
8. Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM), 2 C.F.R. Part 25;
9. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters, Appendix XII to 2 C.F.R. Part 200;
10. Award Term related to Trafficking in Persons, 2 C.F.R. Part 175;.
11. Treasury's RESTORE Act Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and other program guidance; and
12. Any special award conditions included in the award.

## **D Use of Funds and Financial Requirements**

### **1. Scope of Work**

The recipient must only use funds obligated and disbursed under this Award for the purpose of carrying out activities described in the attached approved scope of work. The recipient must not incur or pay any expenses under this Award for activities not related to the attached approved scope of work unless Treasury first approves an Award amendment explicitly modifying the approved scope of work to include those activities.

### **2. Pre-award Costs**

The recipient may obligate funds under this Award only during the period of performance specified in the Notice of Award, which is the time period during which the recipient may incur new obligations and costs to carry out the work authorized under this Award. The only exception is for costs related to award reporting and closeout after the end of the period of performance, or costs incurred prior to the effective date of this Award, which are allowable only if:

- a. Treasury specifically authorized these costs in writing on or after the issuance date of this Award;
- b. Incurring these costs was necessary for the efficient and timely performance of the scope of work; and
- c. These costs would have been allowable if incurred after the date of the award.

### **3. Indirect Costs**

a. The recipient may only charge indirect costs to this Award if these costs are allowable under 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E ( *Cost Principles*). For Direct Component awards, there is a three percent limit on indirect costs per 31 C.F.R. § 34.204. Please see the RESTORE Act Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) related to the Direct Component Program for more information on the limitations on indirect costs (administrative costs) at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/216/May-2020-Direct-Component-FAQ-Update-final-5-21-2020.pdf>. Indirect costs charged to the award must be consistent with an accepted de minimis rate or the indirect cost rate agreement negotiated between the recipient and its cognizant agency (defined as the federal agency that is responsible for reviewing, negotiating, and approving cost allocation plans or indirect cost proposals, see 2 C.F.R. § 200.1) and must be included in the recipient's budget.

- b. Unallowable direct costs are not recoverable as indirect costs.

c. The maximum dollar amount of allocable indirect costs charged to this Award shall be the lesser of:

i. The line item amount for the indirect costs contained in the approved budget, including all budget revisions approved in writing by the Treasury; or,

ii. The total indirect costs allocable to this Award based on the indirect cost rate approved by a cognizant or oversight federal agency and applicable to the period in which the cost was incurred, provided that the rate is approved on or before the Award end date.

#### **4. Cost Sharing and Budget Limitations**

a. There is not a cost sharing or matching requirement for Treasury's RESTORE Act grant programs. However, if matching funds are included in the approved award budget, the recipient must obtain and use these matching funds for the purposes of the award.

b. The recipient shall not request or receive additional funding beyond what was included in the approved application for the attached approved scope of work from any federal or non-federal source without first notifying Treasury.

#### **5. Program Income**

Program Income is defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 as gross income earned by the non-federal entity that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the federal award during the period of performance except as provided by 2 C.F.R. § 200.307(f). As allowed by 2 C.F.R. § 307(b), Treasury authorizes costs incidental to the generation of program income that have not been charged to the award to be deducted from the gross income to determine program income for this award (i.e., net program income). Any program income generated by the recipient or the subrecipient during the period of performance of the award or period of performance of the subrecipient agreement, as applicable, must be included in the approved budget and be used for the purposes of the Award and under the conditions of these Standard Terms and Conditions and any Special Award Conditions, i.e., solely to accomplish the approved scope of work. All program income determinations are project scope-specific and should be determined prior to award or at the earliest point possible post-award.

#### **6. Incurring Costs or Obligating Federal Funds Beyond the Expiration Date**

The recipient must not incur costs or obligate funds under this Award for any purpose pertaining to the operation of the activity, project, or program beyond the end of the period of performance. The only costs that are authorized for a period up to 120 days following the end of the period of performance are those strictly associated with closeout activities. Closeout activities are normally limited to the preparation of final progress, financial, and required audit reports unless otherwise approved in writing by Treasury. Under extraordinary circumstances, and at Treasury's sole discretion, Treasury may approve the recipient's request for an extension of the 120-day closeout period.

#### **7. Tax Refunds**

Refunds of taxes paid under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) and the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) that are received by the recipient during or after the period of performance must be refunded or credited to Treasury if these taxes were paid out of RESTORE Act funds in accordance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E (*Cost Principles*). The recipient agrees to contact Treasury immediately upon receipt of these refunds.

#### **8. Requirement to Maintain a Conflict-of-Interest Policy**

Recipient understands and agrees it must maintain a conflict-of-interest policy consistent with 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c), and that such conflict-of-interest policy is applicable to each activity funded under this award.

Recipients and subrecipients must disclose in writing to Treasury or the pass-through agency, as appropriate, any potential conflict of interest affecting the awarded funds in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.112.

#### **9. Prohibition on Use of Funds for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment**

a. Recipients must comply with 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 with respect to obligations and expenditures of Treasury's RESTORE Act grants funded on or after 8/13/2020. As required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.216, Treasury's RESTORE Act recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending grant funds to procure or obtain; extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system or as critical technology as part of any system.

b. Covered telecommunications equipment or services are defined as follows:

i. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

ii. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or

iv. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of the People's Republic of China.

c. Whenever procuring, contracting for, or obtaining telecommunications or video surveillance services or equipment, the recipient must make a good-faith effort to ascertain that none of the equipment or services are from a prohibited source. The recipient must review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) for entities excluded from receiving federal awards for "covered telecommunications equipment or services."

d. The recipient must ensure that the prohibition on covered telecommunications and video surveillance services and equipment flows down to all lower-tier transactions, to include all subawards and contracts.

#### **10. Limitation on Use of Funds for Research Involving Human Subjects**

a. No work involving human subjects may be undertaken, conducted, or costs incurred and/or charged to this Award for human subject's research, until the appropriate documentation is approved in writing by Treasury.

b. The Federal policy for the protection of human subjects (the "Common Rule") as codified in 45 C.F.R. Part 46, Subpart A, defines a human subject as a living individual about whom an investigator conducting research obtains (1) information or biospecimens through intervention or interaction with the individual (e.g., surveys and focus groups), and uses, studies, or analyzes the information or biospecimens or (2) uses, studies, analyzes, or generates identifiable private information or identifiable biospecimens. Research means a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.

c. The recipient and subrecipient, as appropriate, must maintain appropriate policies and procedures for the protection of human subjects. In the event it becomes evident that human subjects may be involved in

this project, the recipient must submit appropriate documentation to Treasury for approval by the appropriate Treasury officials. This documentation may include:

- i. Documentation establishing approval of the project by an institutional review board (IRB) approved for federal-wide use under Department of Health and Human Services guidelines;
- ii. Documentation to support an exemption for the project;
- iii. Documentation to support deferral for an exemption or IRB review; or
- iv. Documentation of IRB approval of any modification to a prior approved protocol or to an informed consent form.

## **11. Limitation on Use of Funds for Foreign Travel**

- a. The recipient and subrecipient may not use funds from this Award for travel outside of the United States unless Treasury provides prior written approval.
- b. The recipient and subrecipient must comply with the provisions of the Fly America Act, as amended, (49 U.S.C. § 40118). The implementing regulations of the Fly America Act are found at 41 C.F.R. §§ 301-10.131–301-10.143.
- c. The Fly America Act requires that federal travelers and others performing U.S. Government-financed air travel must use U.S. flag air carriers, to the extent that service by such carriers is available. Foreign air carriers may be used only in specific instances, such as when a U.S. flag air carrier is unavailable, or use of U.S. flag air carrier service will not accomplish the agency’s mission.
- d. One exception to the requirement to fly U.S. flag carriers is transportation provided under a bilateral or multilateral air transport agreement, to which the United States Government and the government of a foreign country are parties, and which the Department of Transportation has determined meets the requirements of the Fly America Act pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 40118(b). The United States Government has entered into bilateral/multilateral “Open Skies Agreements” (U.S. Government Procured Transportation) that allow federal funded transportation services for travel and cargo movements to use foreign air carriers under certain circumstances. There are multiple “Open Skies Agreements” currently in effect. For more information about the current bilateral and multilateral agreements, visit the GSA website <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/103191>. Information on the Open Skies agreements (U.S. Government Procured Transportation) and other specific country agreements may be accessed via the Department of State’s website <http://www.state.gov/e/eeb/tra/>.
- e. If a foreign air carrier is anticipated to be used for any portion of travel funded under this Award, the recipient must receive prior approval from Treasury. When requesting such approval, the recipient must provide a justification in accordance with guidance provided by 41 C.F.R. § 301–10.142, which requires the recipient to provide Treasury with the following: name; dates of travel; origin and destination of travel; detailed itinerary of travel; name of the air carrier and flight number for each leg of the trip; and a statement explaining why the recipient meets one of the exceptions to the regulations. If the use of a foreign air carrier is pursuant to a bilateral agreement, the recipient must provide Treasury with a copy of the agreement or a citation to the official agreement available on the GSA website. Treasury shall make the final determination and notify the recipient in writing. Failure to adhere to the provisions of the Fly America Act will result in the recipient not being reimbursed for any transportation costs for which the recipient improperly used a foreign air carrier.

## **12. Subawards**

- a. Recipients that enter into subawards under this award must execute a legally binding written agreement with the subrecipient which includes a budget by federal object class categories or fixed amount (2 C.F.R. § 200.332). This agreement must incorporate all the terms and conditions of this Award, including any

applicable Special Award Conditions, and must include the information at 2 C.F.R. § 200.332(a). The recipient must perform all responsibilities required of a pass-through entity, as specified in 2 C.F.R. § 200.332 , including but not limited to monitoring use of RESTORE Act funds and compliance with all terms and conditions; following up on any deficiencies identified as a result of onsite or desk reviews and/or audits; and reviewing and correcting as necessary all subrecipient performance and financial reporting before including this information on the recipients' required RESTORE Act grant program's Performance Progress Reports (PPR) and Federal Financial Report (SF-425) reports.

b. The recipient must evaluate and document each subrecipient's risk of noncompliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward for purposes of determining the appropriate subrecipient monitoring strategy, as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.332.

c. The recipient must monitor the subrecipient's use of federal funds through reporting, site visits, regular contact, or other means to provide reasonable assurance that the subrecipient is administering the subaward in compliance with the RESTORE Act, Treasury's implementing regulations, these Standard Terms and Conditions, Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, and any applicable Special Award Conditions, and to ensure that the scope of work is being appropriately carried out and milestones are achieved.

d. The recipient must provide training and technical assistance to the subrecipient as necessary.

e. The recipient must, if necessary, take appropriate enforcement actions against non-compliant subrecipients.

f. If lower-tier subawards are authorized by Treasury, the recipient must ensure that a subrecipient who makes a subaward applies the terms and conditions of this Award, including any Special Award Conditions, to all lower-tier subawards through a legally binding written agreement, and that a subrecipient who makes a subaward carries out all the responsibilities of a pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. § 200.332.

g. The recipient must verify that no subrecipient appears on the excluded party list on sam.gov. If lower-tier subawards are authorized by Treasury, the recipient must ensure that a subrecipient who makes a subaward verifies that this lower-tier subrecipient does not appear on the excluded parties list in sam.gov prior to issuing the subaward.

h. The recipient must maintain written standards of conduct governing the performance of its employees involved in executing this Award and administration of subawards consistent with 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c)(1).

i. No employee, officer, or agent shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a subaward supported by federal funds if a real or apparent conflict of interest would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization in which he/she serves as an officer or which employs or is about to employ any of the parties mentioned in this section, has a financial interest or other interest in the organization selected or to be selected for a subaward.

ii. The officers, employees, and agents of the recipient shall neither solicit nor accept anything of monetary value from subrecipients.

iii. A recipient may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial, or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. A financial interest may include employment, stock ownership, a creditor or debtor relationship, or prospective employment with the organization selected or to be selected for a subaward.

iv. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the recipient.

# **E Effect of a Government Shutdown on Disbursements and the Availability of Treasury Personnel**

In the event of a federal government shutdown, Treasury will issue guidance to the recipient concerning the expected effects on this Award.

## **F Recipient Reporting and Audit Requirements**

### **1. Financial Reports**

- a. The recipient must submit a "Federal Financial Report" (SF-425) on a semi-annual basis for the periods ending March 31 and September 30, or any portion thereof, unless otherwise specified in a Special Award Condition. Reports are due no later than 30 days following the end of each reporting period. A final SF-425 must be submitted within 120 days after the end of the period of performance.
- b. In the remarks section of each SF-425 submitted, the recipient must describe by federal budget class category the use of all funds received by the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable).
- c. The report must be signed by an authorized certifying official who is the employee authorized by the recipient organization to submit financial data on its behalf.
- d. The recipient must submit all financial reports via Grant Solutions (<http://www.GrantSolutions.gov>), unless otherwise specified by Treasury in writing.

### **2. Performance Reports**

- a. The recipient must submit an SF-PPR ("Performance Progress Report"), a "RESTORE Act Status of Performance Report," (standard format provided by Treasury, OMB Approval No. 1505-0250) and an updated "RESTORE Act Milestones Report," (standard format provided by Treasury, OMB Approval No. 1505-0250) on a semi-annual basis for the periods ending March 31 and September 30, or any portion thereof, unless otherwise specified in a Special Award Condition. Reports are due no later than 30 days following the end of each reporting period, except the final report, which is due 120 days following the end of the period of performance.
- b. The recipient must submit all performance reports in (a) above, via <http://www.GrantSolutions.gov>, unless otherwise specified in writing by Treasury, and the recipient must complete these reports according to the following instructions:
  - i. SF-PPR: In the "performance narrative" attachment (section B of the SF- PPR), the recipient must provide the following information:
    - a) In Section B-1:
      - 1) Summarize activities undertaken during the reporting period by the recipient and any subrecipients (if applicable);
      - 2) Summarize any key accomplishments, including milestones completed for the reporting period;
      - 3) List any contracts awarded during the reporting period, along with the name of the contractor and its principal, the DUNS number of the contractor, the value of the contract, the date of award, a brief description of the services to be provided, and whether or not local preference was used in the selection of the contractor; and

4) If the recipient or any subrecipient is authorized to make subawards, list any subawards executed during the reporting period, along with the name of the entity and its principal, the DUNS number of the entity, the value of the agreement, the date of award, and a brief description of the scope of work.

b) In Section B-2:

1) Indicate if any operational, legal, regulatory, budgetary, and/or ecological risks, and/or any public controversies, have materialized. If so, indicate what mitigation strategies have been undertaken to attenuate these risks or controversies; and

2) Summarize any challenges that have impeded the recipient's ability to accomplish the approved scope of work on schedule and on budget. If the scope of work is not on schedule, the recipient should propose a revised schedule and update its milestone report.

c) In Section B-3:

Summarize any significant findings or events, including any data compiled, collected, or created, if applicable.

d) In Section B-4:

Describe any activities to disseminate or publicize results of the activity, project, or program, including data and its repository and citations for publications resulting from this Award.

e) In Section B-5:

1) Describe all efforts taken to monitor contractor and/or subrecipient performance, including site visits, during the reporting period.

2) For subawards, indicate whether the subrecipient(s) submitted an audit to the recipient, and if so, whether the recipient issued a management decision on any findings;

3) For awards where Davis-Bacon Act provisions are applicable, indicate whether the recipient and/or subrecipient(s) received and reviewed certified weekly payroll records and/or whether the recipient or subrecipient(s) conducted labor interviews; and

4) Describe any other activities or relevant information not already provided.

f) In Section B-6:

Summarize the activities planned for the next reporting period.

ii. "RESTORE Act Status of Performance Report": Instructions are provided on the report form.

iii. "RESTORE Act Milestones Report": Instructions are provided on the report form.

### **3. Interim Reporting on Significant Developments per 2 C.F. R. § 200.329(e)**

a. Events may occur between the scheduled performance reporting dates that have significant impact upon the activity, project, or program. In such cases, the recipient must inform Treasury as soon as the following types of conditions become known:

i. Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially impair the ability to meet the objective of this Award. This disclosure must include a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation; and

ii. Favorable developments, which enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or producing more or different beneficial results than originally planned.

b. The recipient must:

i. Promptly provide to Treasury and the Treasury Inspector General a copy of all state or local inspector general reports, audit reports other than those prepared under the Single Audit Act or OMB's implementing regulation at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements, and reports of any other oversight body, if such report pertains to an award under any RESTORE Act program, including the Comprehensive Plan Component and Spill Impact Component;

ii. Immediately notify Treasury and the Treasury Inspector General of any indication of fraud, waste, abuse, or potentially criminal activity pertaining to grant funds; and

iii. Promptly notify Treasury upon the selection of a contractor or subrecipient performing work under this Award and include the name and DUNS/UEI number for the subrecipient or contractor, and the total amount of the contract or subaward.

#### **4. Audit Requirements**

The recipient is responsible for complying, and ensuring all subrecipients comply, with all audit requirements of the Single Audit Act and 2 C.F.R. Part 200 Subpart F – Audit Requirements.

#### **5. Operational Self-Assessment**

The recipient must submit a revised *Operational Self-Assessment* form no later than June 30th of each calendar year for the duration of this Award. Only one *Operational Self-Assessment* must be submitted per recipient per year. In completing the form, the recipient must note controls or activities that have changed from its previous submission. The *Operational Self-Assessment* is electronically available and may be completed and submitted via a MAX.gov Federal Community link. The form is completed in MAX.gov and can be found on Treasury's Direct Component Resources webpage for reference at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-markets-financial-institutions-and-fiscal-service/restore-ac>

#### **6. Reporting Requirements under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006, Pub. L. No. 109-282, as amended by the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA Act) of 2014, Pub. L. No. 113-101**

The award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 170 applies and is set forth in Appendix I to this document.

#### **7. System for Award Management (SAM.gov) and Universal Identifier Requirements**

The award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 25 applies and is as set forth in Appendix II to this document.

#### **8. Reporting Requirements for Status of Real Property or Interest in Real Property**

The recipient must complete and submit to Treasury a report on the status of the real property or interest in real property in which the federal government retains an interest, using a *SF-429 Real Property Status Report* form annually for the first three years after real property acquisition or completion of construction, and thereafter every five years until the end of the Estimated Useful Life or time of disposition, whichever is less. See also Section Q.

#### **9. Reporting on Lobbying**

- a. Solely for the purposes of reporting on lobbying, “recipient” is used as defined at 31 C.F.R. § 21.105(0), as including all contractors, subcontractors at any tier, and subgrantees at any tier of the recipient of funds received in connection with a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. The term excludes an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or any other Indian organization with respect to expenditures specifically permitted by other Federal law. Solely for the purposes of reporting on lobbying, “award recipient” refers to the recipient of this RESTORE Act award from Treasury.
- b. All recipients must comply with the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 1352, and Treasury’s implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 21. No appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a Federal grant to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant.
- c. The award recipient must include a statement in all subawards, contracts and subcontracts exceeding \$100,000 in federal funds, that the subaward, contract, or subcontract is subject to 31 U.S.C. § 1352,
- d. Each “person” who requests or receives from Treasury a RESTORE Act grant shall file with Treasury a certification, set forth in Appendix A of 31 C.F.R. Part 21, that the person has not made, and will not make, any payment prohibited under 31 U.S.C. § 1352, as amended.
- i. As defined in 31 U.S.C. § 1352(g)(3), the term “[person](#)”—includes an individual, corporation, company, association, authority, firm, partnership, society, [State](#), and [local government](#), regardless of whether such entity is operated for profit or not for profit; but does not include an [Indian tribe](#), [tribal organization](#), or any other Indian organization eligible to receive Federal contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or loans from an [agency](#) but only with respect to expenditures by such tribe or organization that are made for purposes specified in subsection (a) and are permitted by other Federal law.
- ii. The certification shall be filed pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 21.110.
- iii. Any subrecipient, at any tier, who receives a subaward exceeding \$100,000 under this award, shall file with the tier above them a certification, set forth in appendix A of 31 C.F.R. Part 21, that the subrecipient as not made, and will not make, any payment prohibited by 31 C.F.R. § 21.100(a). Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. 21.110(d), the certification shall be filed to the next tier above.
- iv. Any contractor or subcontractor, at any tier, who receives a contract or subcontract exceeding \$100,000 under this award, shall file with the tier above them a certification, set forth in Appendix A of 31 C.F.R. Part 21, that the contractor or subcontractor has not made, and will not make, any payment prohibited by 31 U.S.C. § 1352, as amended. Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. 21.110(d), the certification shall be filed to the next tier above.
- v. Every certification filed shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which all receiving tiers shall rely. All liability arising from an erroneous representation shall be borne solely by the tier filing that representation and shall not be shared with any tier to which the erroneous representation if forwarded. Submitting an erroneous certification or disclosure constitutes a failure to file the required certification. If a person fails to file a required certification, the United States may pursue all available remedies, including those authorized by 31 U.S.C. § 1352.
- vi. Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 21.110(c), every recipient must file a new disclosure form at the end of each calendar quarter in which a payment, or an agreement to make a payment, is made which would have otherwise required reporting at the time of application. Moreover, if an event occurs during the calendar quarter which materially affects the accuracy of information reported on the disclosure form previously submitted, the submitter must file a new disclosure form. Events which “materially affect” the accuracy of information already reported include:

- a) A cumulative increase of \$25,000 or more in the amount paid or expected to be paid for influencing or attempting to influence a covered Federal action;
  - b) A change in the persons(s) influencing or attempting to influence; and/or
  - c) A change in the Federal official(s) contacted to influence or attempt to influence a covered Federal action,
- vii. The award recipient must submit its form SF-LLLs, as well as those received from subrecipients, contractors and subcontractors, to Treasury within 30 calendar days following the end of the calendar quarter in which there occurs any event that requires disclosure or that materially affects the accuracy of the information contained in any disclosure form previously filed.
- viii. The award recipient must require subrecipients, contractors and subcontractors to submit form SF-LLL to the award recipient within 15 calendar days following the end of the calendar quarter in which there occurs any event that requires disclosure or that materially affects the accuracy of the information contained in any disclosure from previously filed.

## **G Financial Management System and Internal Control Requirements**

1. Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.302, Recipients that are states must expend and account for Award funds in accordance with the applicable state laws and procedures for expending and accounting for the state's own funds. All other recipients must expend and account for Award funds in accordance with federal laws and procedures. In addition, all recipients' financial management systems must be sufficient to:
  - a. Permit the preparation of accurate, current, and complete SF-425, SF-PPR, RESTORE Act Milestones Report, and RESTORE Act Status of Performance Reports, as well as reporting on subawards, if applicable, and any additional reports required by any Special Award Conditions;
  - b. Permit the tracing of funds to a level of expenditures adequate to establish that such funds have been used in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements, including the RESTORE Act, Treasury implementing regulations, these Standard Terms and Conditions, Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, and any Special Award Conditions, and retain all supporting documentation to allow this tracing of funds;
  - c. Allow for the comparison of actual expenditures with the amount budgeted for each Award made to the recipient by Treasury under the RESTORE Act grant programs;
  - d. Identify and track all RESTORE Act awards received and expended by the assigned grant number, which is the Universal Award ID (as provided by Treasury), the year the Award was made, the awarding agency (Treasury), and the program's CFDA title and CFDA number (21.015);
  - e. Record the source and application of funds for all activities funded by this Award, as well as all awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, expenditures, program income, and interest earned on federal advances, and allow users to tie these records to source documentation such as cancelled checks, paid bills, payroll and attendance records, contract and subaward agreements, etc.; and
  - f. Ensure effective control over, and accountability for, all federal funds, and all property and assets acquired with federal funds. The recipient must adequately safeguard all assets and ensure that they are used solely for authorized purposes.

2. The recipient must establish written procedures to implement the requirements set forth in section H below (Award Disbursement), as well as written procedures to determine the allowability of costs in accordance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200, subpart E (*Cost Principles*) and the terms and conditions of this Award.
3. The recipient must establish and maintain effective internal controls over this Award in a manner that provides reasonable assurance that the recipient is managing this Award in compliance with the RESTORE Act, Treasury’s implementing regulations, these Standard Terms and Conditions, Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, and any Special Award Conditions. These internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in “Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government” issued by the Comptroller General of the United States or the “Internal Control Integrated Framework”, issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The recipient must evaluate and monitor its compliance, and the compliance of any subrecipients, with the RESTORE Act, Treasury’s implementing regulations, these Standard Terms and Conditions, Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, and any Special Award Conditions, and promptly remedy any identified instances of noncompliance. When and if an instance of noncompliance cannot be remedied by the recipient, the recipient must promptly report the instance of noncompliance to Treasury and Treasury’s Inspector General, followed by submitting a proposed mitigation plan to Treasury.
4. The recipient must take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information (PII), as defined in 2 C.F.R 200.1, consistent with applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.

## **H Records Retention Requirements**

1. The recipient must retain all records pertinent to this Award for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report (final SF-425), as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.334. While electronic storage of records (backed up as appropriate) is preferable, the recipient has the option to store records in hardcopy (paper) format. For the purposes of this section, the term “records” includes but is not limited to:
  - a. Copies of all contracts and all documents related to a contract, including the Request for Proposal (RFP), all proposals/bids received, all meeting minutes or other documentation of the evaluation and selection of contractors, any disclosed conflicts of interest regarding a contract, all signed conflict of interest forms, all conflict of interest and other procurement rules governing a particular contract, and any bid protests;
  - b. Copies of all subawards and all documents related to a subaward. For competitively selected subawards, documents may include those relevant to and required by the recipient’s or subrecipient’s selection process such as the funding opportunity announcement or equivalent, all applications received, all meeting minutes or other documentation of the evaluation and selection of subrecipients, any disclosed conflicts of interest regarding a subaward, and all signed conflict of interest forms;
  - c. All documentation of site visits, reports, audits, and other monitoring of contractors (vendors) and subrecipients;
  - d. All financial and accounting records, including records of disbursements to contractors (vendors) and subrecipients, and documentation of the allowability of costs charged to this Award;
  - e. All supporting documentation for the performance outcome and other information reported on the recipient’s SF-425s, SF-PPRs, RESTORE Act Milestones Reports, and RESTORE Act Status of Performance Reports; and
  - f. Any reports, publications, and data sets from any research conducted under this Award.

2. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Award or an activity funded with Award funds is started before the expiration of the three-year period following submission of the final expenditure report, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

3. If the recipient is authorized to enter into contracts to complete the approved scope of work, the recipient must include in its legal agreement with the contractor a requirement that the contractor retain all records in compliance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.334.

4. If the recipient is authorized to make subawards, the recipient must include in its legal agreement with the subrecipient a requirement that the subrecipient retain all records in compliance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.334.

## **I The Federal Government's Right to Inspect, Audit, and Investigate**

### **1. Access to Records**

a. Treasury, the Treasury Office of Inspector General, the Government Accountability Office, or any of their authorized representatives have the right of timely and unrestricted access to any documents, papers or other records, including electronic records, of the recipient that are pertinent to this Award, in order to make audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcripts, and copies of such documents, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.337. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the recipient's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. This right of access shall continue as long as records are required to be retained.

b. If the recipient is authorized to make subawards, the recipient must include in its legal agreement or contract with the subrecipient a requirement that the subrecipient make available to Treasury, the Treasury Office of Inspector General, the Government Accountability Office, or any of their authorized representatives any documents, papers or other records, including electronic records, of the subrecipient, that are pertinent to this Award, in order to make audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcripts, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the subrecipient's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. This right of access shall continue as long as records are required to be retained (see Section F above).

c. If the recipient is authorized to enter into contracts to complete the approved scope of work, the recipient must include in its contract a requirement that the contractor make available to Treasury, the Treasury Office of Inspector General, the Government Accountability Office, or any of their authorized representatives any documents, papers or other records, including electronic records, of the contractor that are pertinent to this Award, in order to make audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcripts, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the contractor's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. This right of access shall continue as long as records are retained (see Section H above).

### **2. Access to the Recipient's Sites**

a. The Treasury, the Treasury Office of Inspector General, and Government Accountability Office shall have the right during normal business hours to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits of recipients and their subrecipients and contractors corresponding to the duration of their records retention obligation for this Award.

## **J Award Disbursement**

1. Unless otherwise specified in a Special Award Condition, Treasury will make advance payments under this Award upon request. However, if one of the following occurs, Treasury will require Award funds to be disbursed on a reimbursement basis either with or without pre-approval of drawdown requests: (1) Treasury determines that the recipient does not meet the financial management system standards (see Section E) included in these Standard Terms and Conditions, (2) Treasury determines that the recipient has not established procedures that will minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and disbursement, or (3) Treasury determines that the recipient is in noncompliance with the RESTORE Act, Treasury's implementing regulations, other pertinent federal statutes, these Standard Terms and Conditions, Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, and/or any Special Award Conditions, and determines that the appropriate remedy is to require payment on a reimbursement basis.

2. If reimbursement is used, Treasury may require pre-approval of drawdown requests. If Treasury requires pre-approval of drawdown requests, Treasury will provide the recipient with instructions on what billing to submit. Treasury will make payment within 30 calendar days after receipt of the billing, unless Treasury determines the request to be improper, in which case payment will not be made.

3. To the extent available, the recipient must disburse funds available from program income, rebates, refunds, contract settlements, audit recoveries, and interest earned on such funds before requesting additional cash payments of Award funds.

4. Treasury will use the Department of Treasury's Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) system to disburse payments of Award funds. In order to receive payments, the recipient must first enroll in ASAP.gov. Treasury creates and funds account(s) for recipients in ASAP.gov, and recipients access their account(s) online to request funds. All Award funds will be disbursed electronically using the Automated Clearing House (ACH) for next day or future-day payments only. Awards paid through ASAP.gov may contain controls or withdrawal limits set by Treasury.

5. Requirements applicable to recipients that are states: Payment methods of state agencies or instrumentalities must be consistent with Treasury-State agreements under the Cash Management Improvement Act, 31 C.F.R. Part 205 "Rules and Procedures for Efficient Federal-State Funds Transfers," and Treasury Financial Manual (TFM) 4A-2000 Overall Disbursing Rules for All Federal Agencies.

6. Requirements applicable to recipients that are not states: The recipient must minimize the time between the transfer of funds from Treasury and the use of the funds by the recipient. Advance payments to the recipient must be limited to the minimum amounts needed and be timed to be in accordance with the actual, immediate cash requirements of the recipient in carrying out the purpose of the approved activity, project, or program. The timing and amount of advance payments must be as close as is administratively feasible to the actual disbursements by the parish or county for activity, project, or program costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs. Advances should not be drawn down more than three business days before expenditure.

Advanced funds not disbursed in a timely manner must be promptly returned to Treasury. The recipient must make timely payment to contractors (vendors) in accordance with the contract provisions.

7. Advances of federal funds must be deposited and maintained in United States Government-insured interest-bearing accounts whenever possible. The recipient is not required to maintain a separate depository account for receiving Award funds. If the recipient maintains a single depository account where advances are commingled with funds from other sources, the recipient must maintain on its books a separate subaccount for the Award funds. Consistent with the national goal of expanding opportunities for women-owned and minority-owned business enterprises, the recipient is encouraged to ensure fair consideration of women-owned and minority-owned banks (a bank which is owned at least 50 percent by women or minority group members).

8. The recipient must maintain advances of federal funds in interest-bearing accounts, unless one of the following conditions applies:

- a. The recipient receives less than \$250,000 in federal awards per year;
  - b. The best reasonably available interest-bearing account would not be expected to earn interest in excess of \$500 per year on federal cash balances; or
  - c. The depository would require an average or minimum balance so high that it would not be feasible within the expected federal and non-federal cash resources.
9. Interest earned amounts up to \$500 per year may be retained by the non-federal entity for administrative expense. Any additional interest earned on federal advance payments deposited in interest-bearing accounts must be remitted annually to the Department of Health and Human Services, Payment Management System, (PMS) through an electronic medium using either Automated Clearing House (ACH) network or a Fedwire Funds Service payment.

## **K Notifications and Prior Approvals**

### **1. Notifications**

- a. In addition to other notifications required under these Standard Terms and Conditions, the recipient must promptly notify Treasury in writing whenever a vacancy or change to key personnel listed in the award application occurs or is anticipated.
- b. Except for changes described in (2) below, the recipient may revise the budget without prior approval. If the recipient alters the budget, the recipient must provide a revised budget form (SF-424A or SF-424C, as applicable) to Treasury as an attachment to the SF-PPR, reflecting all budget revisions from the same period covered by the SF-PPR. Acceptance of such budget information does not constitute Treasury's approval of the revised budget.

### **2. Prior Approvals**

- a. The recipient must obtain prior written approval from Treasury whenever any of the following actions is anticipated:
  - i. A change in the scope or the objective of the project or program (even if there is no associated budget revision requiring prior written approval);
  - ii. A need to extend the period of performance;
  - iii. A need for additional federal funds to complete the activity, project, or program;
  - iv. The transfer of funds among direct cost categories if this Award exceeds the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 200.1) and the cumulative amount of such transfers exceeds or is expected to exceed 10 percent of the total budget as last approved by Treasury;
  - v. Any transfer between the non-construction and construction budget lines;
  - vi. The use of funds to reimburse the recipient for pre-award costs;
  - vii. The inclusion of costs that require prior approval in accordance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E—Cost Principles, unless described in the application and approved in this Award, including but not limited to costs related to foreign travel and research on human subjects (which includes surveys and focus groups);
  - viii. The subawarding, transferring or contracting out of any work under this Award (this provision does not apply to the acquisition of supplies, material, equipment or general support services), unless described in the application and approved in this Award;

- ix. Termination of a subaward prior to the expiration of the agreement with the subrecipient;
- x. The commencement of any construction under the award;
- xi. The purchase of equipment under the award;
- xii. The use of real property in which there is a recorded federal interest for purposes other than purposes of award; and
- xiii. The disposition of real property or equipment with a fair market value exceeding \$5,000.

## **L Amendments and Closeout**

### **1. Amendments**

- a. The terms of this Award may be amended with the written approval of the recipient and Treasury.
- b. Treasury reserves the right to unilaterally amend the terms of this Award if required by federal law or regulation.
- c. An amendment is required whenever Treasury and the recipient wish to:
  - i. Make a material change to the award scope of work;
  - ii. Extend the award period of performance;
  - iii. Increase or decrease the amount of funds on a RESTORE Act grant;
  - iv. Unless described in the application and funded in the approved federal awards, the subawarding, transferring or contracting out of any work under a federal award, to include the selection of a Center or Centers of Excellence not specified in the approved scope of work, or the termination of a subaward included in the approved scope of work prior to the expiration of the agreement with the subrecipient. This provision does not apply to the acquisition of supplies, material, equipment or general support services;
  - v. Change the approved cost-sharing or matching provided by the recipient; or
  - vi. Transfer funds between the construction and nonconstruction budget line items.
- d. Requests for amendments must be submitted via [GrantSolutions.gov](https://www.grantsolutions.gov), unless Treasury specifically waives this requirement, and must be signed by the recipient's Authorized Official;
- e. Request for amendments must contain the following information, unless otherwise indicated by Treasury:
  - i. A revised change in scope, whenever a material change in scope is requested or whenever the recipient intends to subaward, transfer or contract out of any work under a federal award, include the selection of a Center or Centers of Excellence not specified in the approved scope of work, or termination of a subaward included in the approved scope of work prior to the expiration of the agreement with the subrecipient. This scope of work should be in redline format to clearly identify the changes from the original scope of work and must include revised performance measures and a justification for the proposed revision to the scope of work;
  - ii. A revised detailed budget, whenever the recipient intends to make changes to the original approved budget to reflect a request for increased or decreased federal funding, a change in matching funds, or transfers between line items. This detailed budget should show the original budget for each line item, the

requested change for each line item, and an explanation or justification for each requested line item change;

iii. A revised period of performance and revised milestone chart, whenever a time extension is requested, as well as a justification for the time extension request, an explanation of how the recipient will accomplish the scope of work in the revised timeframe, and a discussion of risks that could further impact the schedule, and a risk mitigation strategy to reduce the likelihood of these schedule risks or their impact if they do occur; and

iv. Any other supporting documentation as appropriate and as requested by Treasury.

## **2. Closeout**

a. Treasury will closeout this Award when it determines that all applicable administrative actions and all required work of this Award have been completed.

b. Within 120 calendar days after the end of the period of performance, unless the recipient requests, and Treasury approves, an extension, the recipient must submit any outstanding SF-PPR and RESTORE Act Status of Performance reports, as well as the required reporting on subawards, if applicable, plus a final SF-425 report. In the remarks section of the final SF-425 report, the recipient must describe by federal budget class category the final use of all funds received by the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable). The subrecipient must submit to the recipient, no later than 90 calendar days (or an earlier date as agreed upon by the pass-through entity and subrecipient) after the end date of the period of performance, all financial, performance, and other reports as required by the terms and conditions of the federal award. The recipient may approve an extension when requested and justified by the subrecipient.

c. The recipient must liquidate all obligations incurred under this Award not later than 120 calendar days after the end of the period of performance, or at closeout of the Award by Treasury.

d. The recipient must promptly refund any balances of unobligated cash that Treasury paid. If the recipient is required to refund any balances, the recipient should contact Treasury for instructions.

e. Following receipt of reports in paragraph (a) of this section, Treasury will make upward or downward adjustments to the allowable costs, and then make prompt payment to the recipient for allowable, unreimbursed costs.

f. The recipient must account for any real and personal property acquired with Federal funds or received from the Federal Government in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § § 200.310 through 200.316 and § 200.330 and Section Q of these terms and conditions

g. If the recipient does not submit all reports in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.344, and the terms and conditions of this Award within one year of the period of performance end date, Treasury will proceed to close out the Award without the missing reports. Treasury will also report the recipient 's material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Award with the OMB-designated integrity and performance system (currently FAPIIS) and may pursue other remedies for noncompliance, as listed in Section M.

h. The closeout of this Award does not affect any of the following:

i. The right of Treasury or pass-through entity to disallow costs and recover funds on the basis of a later audit or other review. Treasury or pass-through entity must make any cost disallowance determination and notify the non-Federal entity within the record retention period.

ii. The requirement for the recipient to return any funds due as a result of later refunds, corrections, or other transactions including final indirect cost rate adjustments.

- iii. The ability of the Federal awarding agency to make financial adjustments to a previously closed award such as resolving indirect cost payments and making final payments.
- iv. Audit requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F.
- v. Property management and disposition requirements in 2 C.F. R. §§ 200.310 through 200.316.
- vi. Records retention as required in 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.334 through 200.337.
- i. After closeout of the Federal award, a relationship created under the Federal award may be modified or ended in whole or in part with the consent of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity and the non-Federal entity, provided the responsibilities of the non-Federal entity referred to in 2 C.F.R. § 200.344(a), including those for property management as applicable, are considered and provisions made for continuing responsibilities of the non-Federal entity, as appropriate.

## **M Termination and Remedies for Noncompliance**

1. If Treasury determines that the recipient has failed to comply with the RESTORE Act, Treasury's implementing regulations, these Standard Terms and Conditions, Program- Specific Terms and Conditions, or any Special Award Conditions, Treasury may take any of the following actions (in addition to the remedies in Section A.3, above, applicable to Direct Component awards):

a. Impose additional Special Award Conditions such as:

- i. Allowing payment only on a reimbursement basis, with pre-approval of drawdown requests;
  - ii. Requiring additional reporting or more frequent submission of the SF- 425, SF-PPR, or RESTORE Act Status of Performance Report;
  - iii. Requiring additional activity, project, or program monitoring;
  - iv. Requiring the recipient or one or more of its subrecipients to obtain technical or management assistance; and/or
  - v. Establishing additional actions that require prior approval;
- b. Temporarily withhold payments pending correction of the noncompliance;
- c. Disallow from this Award all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance;
- d. Wholly or partly suspend or terminate this Award;
- e. Withhold additional Awards;
- f. Initiate suspension or debarment proceedings as authorized under 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 19; and/or
- g. Take any other remedies that may be legally available.

2. Treasury will notify the recipient in writing of Treasury's proposed determination that an instance of noncompliance has occurred, provide details regarding the instance of noncompliance, and indicate the remedy that Treasury proposes to pursue. The recipient will have 30 calendar days to respond and provide information and documentation contesting Treasury's proposed determination or suggesting an alternative remedy.

3. Treasury will consider any and all information provided by the recipient and issue a final determination in writing, which will state Treasury's final findings regarding noncompliance and the remedy to be imposed.
4. In extraordinary circumstances, Treasury may require that any of the remedies above take effect immediately upon notice in writing to the recipient. In such cases, the recipient may contest Treasury's determination or suggest an alternative remedy in writing to Treasury, and Treasury will issue a final determination.
5. Instead of, or in addition to, the remedies listed above, Treasury may refer the noncompliance to the Treasury Office of Inspector General for investigation or audit. Treasury will refer all allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse to the Treasury Inspector General.
6. Treasury may terminate this Award in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.340. Requests for termination by the recipient must also be in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.340. Such requests must be in writing and must include the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. If Treasury determines that the remaining portion of this Award will not accomplish the purpose of this Award, Treasury may terminate this Award in its entirety.
7. If this Award is terminated, Treasury will update or notify any relevant government-wide systems or entities of any indications of poor performance as required by 41 U.S.C. § 417b and 31 U.S.C. § 3321, as implemented at 2 C.F.R. Part 180, and Treasury's implementing regulation at 31 C.F.R. Part 19.
8. Costs that result from obligations incurred by the recipient during a suspension or after termination are not allowable unless Treasury expressly authorizes them in the notice of suspension or termination or subsequently. However, costs during suspension or after termination are allowable if: (1) the costs result from obligations which were properly incurred by the recipient before the effective date of suspension or termination and are not in anticipation of it; and (2) the costs would be allowable if the Award was not suspended or expired normally at the end of the period of performance in which the termination takes effect.
9. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consistent with 2 C.F.R. 200.340, Treasury may also **unilaterally terminate this award in whole or in part** if the award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities.

## N Debts

### 1. Payment of Debts Owed the Federal Government

- a. Any funds paid to the recipient in excess of the amount to which the recipient is finally determined to be authorized to retain under the terms of this Award constitute a debt to the federal government.
- b. Any debts determined to be owed the federal government must be paid promptly by the recipient. A debt is delinquent if it has not been paid by the date specified in Treasury's initial written demand for payment, unless other satisfactory arrangements have been made. Interest, penalties, and administrative charges (see paragraphs c, d, and e below) shall be charged on delinquent debts in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 31 C.F.R. § 901.9. Treasury will refer any debt that is more than 120 days delinquent to Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service for debt collection services.
- c. The minimum annual interest rate to be assessed on any debts is the Department of the Treasury's Current Value of Funds Rate (CVFR). The CVFR is available online at [https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsreports/rpt/cvfr/cvfr\\_home.htm](https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsreports/rpt/cvfr/cvfr_home.htm). The assessed rate shall remain fixed for the duration of the indebtedness, based on the beginning date in Treasury's written demand for payment.
- d. Penalties on any debts shall accrue at a rate of not more than 6 percent per year or such other higher rate as authorized by law.

e. Administrative charges, that is, the costs of processing and handling a delinquent debt, shall be determined by Treasury.

f. Funds for payment of a debt must not come from other federally sponsored programs. Verification that other federal funds have not been used will be made, e.g., during on-site visits and audits.

## **2. Effect of Judgment Lien on Eligibility for Federal Grants, Loans, or Programs**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 3201(e), unless waived in writing by Treasury, a debtor who has a judgment lien against the debtor's property for a debt to the United States shall not be eligible to receive any grant or loan that is made, insured, guaranteed, or financed directly or indirectly by the United States or to receive funds directly from the federal government in any program, except funds to which the debtor is entitled as beneficiary, until the judgment is paid in full or otherwise satisfied.

# **O Non-Discrimination Requirements**

No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, handicap, age, religion, or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. The recipient is required to comply with all non-discrimination requirements summarized in this section, and to ensure that all subawards and contracts contain these nondiscrimination requirements.

## **1. Statutory Provisions.**

a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq.) prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin under programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;

b. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq.) prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex under federally assisted education programs or activities;

c. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794) prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap under any program or activity receiving or benefitting from federal assistance;

d. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 et seq.), prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;

e. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.) (“ADA”), including the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-325), (“ADAAA”), prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under programs, activities, and services provided or made available by state and local governments or instrumentalities or agencies thereto, as well as public or private entities that provide public transportation; and

f. Any other applicable non-discrimination law(s).

## **2. Regulatory Provisions**

a. Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 22, implement Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d, et seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin under programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;

b. Treasury's Title IX regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 28, implement Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex under federally-assisted education programs or activities;

c. Treasury’s Age Discrimination regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 23, implement the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

### **3. Other Provisions**

a. Parts II and III of EO 11246 (30 Fed. Reg. 12319, 1965), “Equal Employment Opportunity,” as amended by EO 11375 (32 Fed. Reg. 14303, 1967) and 12086 (43 Fed. Reg. 46501, 1978), require federally assisted construction contracts to include the nondiscrimination provisions of §§ 202 and 203 of EO 11246 and Department of Labor regulations implementing EO 11246 (41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4(b), 1991).

b. EO 13166 (August 11, 2000), “Improving Access to Services for Persons With Limited English Proficiency,” requires federal agencies to examine the services provided, identify any need for services to those with limited English proficiency (LEP), and develop and implement a system to provide those services so LEP persons can have meaningful access to them.

### **4. Title VII Exemption for Religious Organizations**

Generally, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e et seq., provides that it shall be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to discharge any individual or otherwise to discriminate against an individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of such individual’s race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. However, Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-1(a), expressly exempts from the prohibition against discrimination on the basis of religion, a religious corporation, association, educational institution, or society with respect to the employment of individuals of a particular religion to perform work connected with the carrying on by such corporation, association, educational institution, or society of its activities.

### **5. Protections for Whistleblowers**

In accordance with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, neither the recipient nor any of its subrecipients, contractors (vendors), or subcontractors may discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee as a reprisal for disclosing information to a person or entity listed below that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a federal contract or grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.

The list of persons and entities referenced in the paragraph above includes the following:

- a. A Member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress;
- b. An Inspector General;
- c. The Government Accountability Office;
- d. A Treasury employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management;
- e. An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency;
- f. A court or grand jury; and/or
- g. A management official or other employee of the recipient, subrecipient, vendor, contractor (vendor), or subcontractor who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.

Recipients, subrecipients, and contractors shall inform its employees in writing of the rights and remedies provided under this section, in the predominant native language of the workforce.

## **P Requirement to Check Debarment and Suspension Status of Subrecipients, Contractors, Subcontractors, and Vendors**

1. Recipients that are authorized to enter into subawards or contracts to accomplish all or a portion of the approved scope of work must verify that a proposed subrecipient or contractor (if the contract is expected to equal or exceed \$25,000) or its principals, does not appear on the federal government's Excluded Parties List prior to executing an agreement or contract with that entity. Recipients may not enter into a subaward or contract with an entity that appears on the Excluded Parties List. The Excluded Parties List is accessible at <http://www.sam.gov>.
2. The recipient must ensure that any agreements or contracts with subrecipients or contractors (vendors) require that they verify that their contractors (for contracts expected to equal or exceed \$25,000), subcontractors (for subcontracts expected to equal or exceed \$25,000), or principals that the subrecipients or contractors engage to accomplish the scope of work, if applicable, do not appear on the federal government's Excluded Parties List. Subrecipients and contractors may not enter into a contract or subcontract with an entity, or that entity's principals, if that entity or its principals appear on the Excluded Parties List.
3. The recipient must include a term or condition in all lower-tier covered transactions (subawards, contracts, and subcontracts described in 31 C.F.R. Part 19, subpart B) that the award is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

## **Q Procurement**

### **1. General Provisions**

- a. When procuring property and services under a Federal award, a State must follow the same policies and procedures it uses for procurements from its non-Federal funds. The State will comply with [2 C.F.R. § 200.321](#), [200.322](#), and [200.323](#) and ensure that every purchase order or other contract includes any clauses required by 2 C.F.R. [§ 200.327](#).
- b. All other non-Federal entities, including subrecipients of a State, must follow the procurement standards in [2 C.F.R. § 200.318](#) through [200.327](#).

### **2. Solid Waste Disposal**

The recipient must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired by the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

### **3. Subawards**

- a. When the recipient makes a subaward to a subrecipient that is authorized to enter into contracts for the purpose of completing the subaward scope of work, the recipient must require the subrecipient to comply with the requirements contained in this section.

b. The recipient, subrecipient, contractor, and/or subcontractor must not sub-grant or sub-contract any part of the approved project to any agency or employee of Treasury and/or other federal department, agency, or instrumentality without the prior written approval of Treasury. Treasury will notify the recipient in writing of the final determination.

#### **4. Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises**

Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.321, recipients and subrecipients must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. Affirmative steps must include:

- a. Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- b. Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- c. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;
- d. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- e. Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
- f. Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in (a) through (e) of this paragraph.

#### **5. Domestic Preference for Procurement**

Recipients are encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or material produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). See 2 C.F.R. § 200.322 for definitions of "manufactured products" and "produced in the United States." This requirement must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.322 and Executive Order 14005 Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Worker (January 25, 2021).

## **R Environmental Requirements**

The recipient must comply with all environmental standards, and provide information requested by Treasury relating to compliance with environmental standards, including but not limited to the following federal statutes, regulations, and EOs. If the recipient is permitted to make any subawards, the recipient must include the environmental statutes, regulations, and executive orders listed below in any agreement or contract with a subrecipient, and require the subrecipient to comply with all of these and to notify the recipient if the subrecipient becomes aware of any impact on the environment that was not noted in the recipient's approved application package:

1. National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq.) and Archeological and Historic Preservation Act, as amended (54 U.S.C. § 312501 et seq.)
2. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.)
3. Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.), Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.), and EO 11738

4. The Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 4002 et seq.)
5. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.)
6. The Coastal Zone Management Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.)
7. The Coastal Barriers Resources Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. § 3501 et seq.)
8. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. § 1271 et seq.)
9. The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 300f-j)
10. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq.)
11. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund) (42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.) and the Community Environmental Response Facilitation Act (42 U.S.C. § 9601 note)
12. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. §1801)
13. Marine Mammal Protection Act, as amended (16 U.S.C § 31)
14. Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. §§ 703-712)
15. Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds, EO 13186
16. Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 668-668d)
17. Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (33 U.S.C. §§ 1401-1445 and 16 U.S.C. § 1431—1445)
18. National Marine Sanctuaries Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 1431 et seq.)
19. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C § 407)
20. Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, EO 12898, as amended
21. Flood Management, EO 11988, as amended by EO 13690, which was revoked by EO 13807 on August 15, 2017 and reinstated by EO 14030 on May 20, 2021, reestablishing the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS)
22. Protection of Wetland, EO11990, May 24, 177, as amended by EO 12608
23. Farmland Protection Policy Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 4201 et. seq.)
24. Coral Reef Protection, EO 13089
25. Invasive Species, EO 13112

## **S Real Property, Construction, Equipment and Supplies**

### **1. General Requirements**

a. The recipient must comply with the property standards at 2 C.F.R. § 200.310 through 200.316 for real property, equipment, supplies, and intangible property.

## **2. Real Property and Acquisition of Land and Land Interests**

a. No real property or interest in real property may be acquired under this Award unless authorized in the approved scope of work.

b. In accordance with 31 C.F.R. § 34.803(f), no land or interests in land, such as easements, or right of ways, may be acquired under this Award unless the recipient can provide documentation satisfactory to Treasury that the land or interest in land was acquired by purchase, exchange, or donation from a willing seller.

## **3. Compliance with State, Local and Federal Requirements**

The project must comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations, and with all requirements for state, and local laws and ordinances to the extent that such requirements do not conflict with federal laws. The recipient is also responsible for supervising the design, bidding, construction, and operation of construction projects in compliance with all award requirements. The recipient must comply with, and must require all contractors and subcontractors, to comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. The recipient must ensure compliance with special award conditions which may contain conditions that must be satisfied prior to advertisement of bids, start of construction, or another critical event.

## **4. Title**

a. Prior to receiving Treasury authorization to start construction, the recipient must furnish evidence, satisfactory to Treasury, that the recipient has acquired good and merchantable title free of all mortgages, foreclosable liens, or encumbrances, to all land, rights of way, and easements necessary for the completion of the project.

b. When property has been newly acquired for the project, the recipient must provide the following as evidence of clear title to the property:

i. A copy of the recorded deed or equivalent conveyance document showing the recipient acquired title to the property; and

ii. A copy of the title insurance (also known as title policy), title report, or title opinion (by attorney(s) licensed in the jurisdiction where the property is located) completed after the real estate acquisition showing the recipient obtained title to the property free of any encumbrances (i.e., foreclosable liens, easements, or any other limitations on use that interferes with the recipient's intended use, operation, construction, maintenance of the property, or Treasury's federal interest). The title insurance, title report, or title opinion should include the legal description of the property.

c. When the property to be used for the project has not been newly acquired, the recipient must provide evidence of clear title to the property, which includes both of the items listed in (b) above, provided that the copy of the title insurance, title report, title opinion, or equivalent must be completed within the last year. If such evidence is more than one year old, the recipient must provide Treasury with an explanation, which Treasury may in its discretion decline to accept.

d. When easements, rights-of-way, or other rights are required for the completion of the project, the recipient must provide the following documentation:

i. A copy of the easement deed or equivalent conveyance document; and

ii. A copy of the title insurance, title report, or title opinion (by attorney(s) licensed in the jurisdiction where the property is located).

e. When use of or access to leased property is required for the project, the recipient must provide the following evidence of control of the leased property:

i. A copy of the lease signed by the lessor and recipient that provides a lease term equivalent to the estimated useful life (EUL) of the project or renewable for that period; and

ii. A certification from the recipient that it has control of all project property or improvements to the property and is not aware of any material restrictions or encumbrances that could interfere with any award purpose for the duration of the EUL. If this changes within the course of the EUL, the recipient must provide timely notice to Treasury. The federal interest may be waived, if it is decided that recording the federal interest is not feasible, then Treasury may include a special award condition on the award that the recipient will repay the federal interest if the lessor terminates the lease before the EUL of the project expires or if the recipient or lessor uses the property in a manner inconsistent with the public purpose(s) of the award during the EUL of the improvements or construction, as applicable.

f. When the project involves linear construction/improvement, road construction, or other less common types of construction, recipients should contact Treasury for guidance on the types of evidence of title required.

g. Notwithstanding (a)-(f), Treasury may in its discretion accept only a copy of the title insurance, title report, title opinion, or equivalent as evidence of title (or easement or other rights) if the recipient is unable to produce the relevant conveyance document.

h. In all cases, recipients must disclose any ongoing litigation concerning the project property prior to seeking Treasury's permission to proceed with construction.

## **5. Permitting Requirements**

Prior to receiving Treasury permission to proceed with construction, the recipient must furnish evidence, satisfactory to Treasury, that recipient has received all federal, state and local permits necessary for the completion of the project. In extraordinary circumstances and at Treasury's sole discretion, Treasury may accept alternate documentation such as, draft permits, which must be finalized within a specified time as determined by Treasury after approval of a request for notice to proceed with construction.

## **6. Estimated Useful Life**

a. Property that is acquired or improved, in whole or in part, with federal assistance is held in trust by the recipient for the purpose(s) for which the award was made for the Estimated Useful Life. Estimated Useful Life means the period of years that constitutes the expected useful lifespan of a project, as determined by Treasury. The recipient must propose an Estimated Useful Life from the date of construction completion either prior to award or initiation of construction. If the Estimated Useful Life is provided in the application, Treasury's issuance of the grant agreement represents its concurrence with the recipient's proposed Estimated Useful Life.

b. The recipient's obligation to the federal government continues for the Estimated Useful Life of the project, as determined by Treasury, during which Treasury retains an undivided equitable reversionary interest (the "federal interest") in the property acquired or improved, in whole or in part, with the Treasury investment.

c. If Treasury determines that the recipient has failed or fails to meet its obligations under the terms and conditions of this award, Treasury may exercise its rights or remedies with respect to its federal interest in the project. However, Treasury's forbearance in exercising any right or remedy in connection with the federal interest does not constitute a waiver thereof.

d. At its discretion, Treasury may waive the requirement to establish an Estimated Useful Life for environmental restoration projects.

## **7. Recording the Federal Interest in the Real Property**

Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.316, Treasury retains an undivided equitable reversionary interest in real property (a “federal interest”) that is acquired or improved, in whole or in part with RESTORE Act Direct Component funds, which must be held in trust by the recipient for the benefit of the project for the Estimated Useful Life of the project.

To document the federal interest, the recipient must prepare and properly record a “Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership” (Covenant), or, where a subrecipient is the title owner, the recipient must ensure that the subrecipient prepares and properly records a “Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership” (Covenant) on the property acquired or improved with RESTORE Act Direct Component funds. This Covenant does not establish a traditional mortgage lien in that it does not establish a traditional creditor relationship requiring the periodic repayment of principal and interest, or the ability of Treasury to foreclose on the real property at any time. Rather, pursuant to the Covenant, the recipient and/or the subrecipient, as applicable, acknowledges that it holds title to the real property in trust for the public purposes of the financial assistance award and agrees, among other commitments, that it will repay the federal interest if it disposes of or alienates its interest in the real property, or uses it in a manner inconsistent with the public purposes of the award, during the Estimated Useful Life of the property.

a. The Covenant must be satisfactory in form and substance to Treasury and must include the name and current address of the recipient and/or subrecipient (if applicable), the award number, amount, date of award, subrecipient agreement (if applicable), date of the purchase of property (if applicable), and the Estimated Useful Life of the project. It must also include statements that the real property will only be used for purposes consistent with the RESTORE Act and Treasury’s implementing regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 34; that it will not be mortgaged or used as collateral, sold, or otherwise transferred to another party without the written permission of Treasury; and that the federal interest cannot be subordinated, diminished, nullified, or released through encumbrance of the property, transfer of the property to another party, or any other action the recipient/subrecipient takes without the written permission of Treasury.

b. The recipient agrees to provide to Treasury a title insurance (also known as title policy), title report, or title opinion as to the title owner of the property, and to properly record the Covenant, in accordance with applicable law in the real property records in the jurisdiction in which the real property is located in order to provide public record notice to interested parties that there are certain restrictions on the use and disposition of the real property during its Estimated Useful Life, and that Treasury retains an undivided equitable reversionary interest in the real property to the extent of its participation in the project for which funds have been awarded.

c. Treasury requires title insurance, a title report, or a title opinion from the recipient to substantiate that the Covenant has been properly recorded.

d. Failure to properly and timely file and maintain documentation of the federal interest may result in appropriate enforcement action, including, but not limited to, disallowance of the cost of the acquisition or improvement by Treasury.

e. The Federal Interest must be perfected and recorded/filed in accordance with state and/or local law concurrent with the acquisition of the real property, where an award includes real property acquisition, and for construction of buildings and projects to improve the real property, no later than the date construction and/or improvement work commences.

f. When the Estimated Useful Life of the project is ended, the federal interest is extinguished, and Treasury has no further interest in the real property.

g. Exclusions from the requirement that the federal interest on real property be recorded will be at Treasury’s sole discretion. The types of projects for which Treasury may agree to this exclusion include,

but are not limited to, the following: work which involves no above grade structures, work within utility easements, work on leased property, improvements to state parks, water and sewer lateral line projects affecting private properties, and shoreline stabilization projects and other restoration projects.

## **8. Use of Real Property**

Encumbering real property on which there is a federal interest without prior Treasury approval is an unauthorized use of the property and of project trust funds under this award. See 2 C.F.R. § 200.316. Real property or interest in real property may not be used for purposes other than the authorized purpose of the award without the express, prior written approval of Treasury, for as long as the federal government retains an interest in the property. The property must not be sold, conveyed, transferred, assigned, mortgaged, or in any other manner encumbered except as expressly authorized in writing by Treasury. The recipient must maintain facilities constructed or renovated with grant funds in a manner consistent with the purposes for which the funds were provided for the duration of the Estimated Useful Life.

In the event that the real property or interest in real property is no longer needed for the originally authorized purpose, the recipient must obtain disposition instructions from Treasury consistent with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311.

## **9. Administration, Operation and Maintenance**

The recipient agrees to administer, operate, and maintain the project for its Estimated Useful Life in the same manner in which it operates and maintains similar facilities and equipment owned by it, and in accordance with state and local standards, laws and regulations. The recipient must not be in breach of its obligations under this award except to the extent the failure to fulfill any obligation is due to an Uncontrollable Force. “Uncontrollable Force” means an event beyond the reasonable control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the party claiming the Uncontrollable Force that prevents the recipient from honoring its contractual obligations under this Agreement and which, by exercise of the recipient’s reasonable care, diligence and foresight, such recipient was unable to avoid. Uncontrollable Forces include, but are not limited to:

- a. Strikes or work stoppage;
- b. Floods, earthquakes, or other natural disasters;
- c. Terrorist acts; and
- d. Final orders or injunctions issued by a court or regulatory body having competent subject matter jurisdiction which the recipient, claiming the Uncontrollable Force, after diligent efforts, was unable to have stayed, suspended, or set aside pending review by a court of competent subject matter jurisdiction. Neither the unavailability of funds or financing, nor conditions of national or local economies or markets must be considered an Uncontrollable Force.

## **10. Commencement of Construction**

The recipient must not commence construction prior to the date of the Award. The recipient must make a written request to Treasury for permission to commence with construction after the construction contractor has been selected and at least 30 days prior to construction. For project costs to be eligible for Treasury reimbursement, Treasury must determine that the award of all contracts with associated costs are in compliance with the scope of the project and all terms and conditions of this award, and that all necessary permits have been or will be obtained, all Special Award Conditions tied to the commencement of construction have been satisfied, and the federal interest is secure. No construction funds may be drawn from ASAP without Treasury’s written permission. If the recipient commences construction prior to Treasury’s determination, the recipient proceeds at its own risk.

Treasury will only review contract amendments or change orders which change the scope of a contract.

## **11. Insurance**

The recipient must, at a minimum, provide the equivalent insurance coverage for real property improved with federal funds as provided to property owned by the recipient state, county or parish, in compliance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.310.

## **12. Bonding**

For construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold, the recipient or pass-through entity may request in writing that Treasury accept its bonding policy and requirements. If Treasury determines that the federal interest in the project is adequately protected, the recipient or pass-through entity need not comply with the following three bonding requirements. For all other recipients and pass-through entities, the minimum requirements for construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold are as follows:

- a. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The “bid guarantee” must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual instruments as may be required within the time specified.
- b. A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “performance bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.
- c. A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

## **13. Floodplain Requirements**

In accordance with 44 C.F.R. Part 9, prior to Treasury’s permission to commence construction in a designated 100-year floodplain, the recipient must provide evidence satisfactory to Treasury of a Floodplain Notice, that the 30-day period established for receipt of comments from the public in response to public notice published regarding the potential for adverse project impact on the values and functions of a designated 100-year floodplain has expired and that identified concerns (if any) have been addressed to Treasury’s satisfaction. This notice may be satisfied through a federal/state environmental assessment process used as the vehicle for public notice, involvement, and explanation per 44 C.F.R. § 9.8(2).

In addition, prior to Treasury’s authorization to commence construction of structures and/or buildings within a designated 100-year floodplain, the recipient must provide evidence satisfactory to Treasury of the following:

- a. Floodplain Protection: That the project engineer/architect has certified that the project facility will be adequately protected from damage by floods in this area of apparent potential flood hazard. The evidence must include adequate justification for the Base Flood Elevation designation for the financial assistance award site.
- b. Floodplain Insurance: That the community is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program, and that as required, the recipient will purchase flood insurance.

## **14. Goals for Women and Minorities in Construction**

Department of Labor regulations set forth in 41 C.F.R. § 60-4 establish goals and timetables for participation of minorities and women in the construction industry. These regulations apply to all federally assisted construction contracts in excess of \$10,000. The recipient must comply with these regulations and must obtain compliance with 41 C.F.R. § 60-4 from contractors and subcontractors

employed in the completion of the project by including such notices, clauses and provisions in the Solicitations for Offers or Bids as required by 41 C.F.R. § 60-4.

- a. The goal for participation of women in each trade area must be as follows: From April 1, 1981, until further notice: 6.9 percent;
- b. All changes to this goal, as published in the Federal Register in accordance with the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs regulations at 41 C.F.R. § 60-4.6, or any successor regulations, must hereafter be incorporated by reference into these Special Award Conditions; and,
- c. Goals for minority participation must be as prescribed by Appendix B-80, Federal Register, Volume 45, No. 194, October 3, 1980, or subsequent publications. The recipient must include the “Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications” (or cause them to be included, if appropriate) in all federally assisted contracts and subcontracts. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation may not be less than those published pursuant to 41 C.F.R. § 60-4.6.

**15. Davis Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141–3148)**

Davis-Bacon Act-related provisions outlined in 33 U.S.C. § 1372 are applicable to RESTORE Act grants that fund a construction project that is a “treatment works” project as defined in 33 U.S.C. § 1292; or a construction project regardless of whether it is a “treatment works” project when RESTORE Act Direct Component grant funds are used on a construction project in conjunction with federal assistance from another federal agency operating under an authority that requires the enforcement of Davis-Bacon Act-related provisions.

a. “Treatment works” is defined in 33 U.S.C. § 1292, and means any:

i. Devices and systems:

1) Used in the storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal sewage or industrial wastes of a liquid nature to implement 33 U.S.C. § 1281; or

2) Necessary to recycle or reuse water at the most economical cost over the estimated life of the works, including intercepting sewers, outfall ewers, sewage collection systems, pumping, power, and other equipment, and their appurtenances; extensions, improvements, remodeling, additions, and alterations to those devices and system; and

ii. Elements essential to provide a reliable recycled supply of water such as standby treatment units and clear well facilities;

iii. Acquisition of the land that will be an integral part of the treatment process (including land used for the storage of treated wastewater in land treatment systems prior to land application) or will be used for ultimate disposal of residues resulting from such treatment and acquisition of other land, and interests in land, that are necessary for construction; or

Any other method or system for preventing, abating, reducing, storing, treating, separating, or disposing of municipal waste, including storm water runoff, or industrial waste, including waste in combined storm water and sanitary sewer systems.

b. When Davis-Bacon Act-related provisions applies, the recipient must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141–3144, and §§ 3146–3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”) in all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 which is entered into for the actual construction, alteration and/or repair, including painting and decorating, of a public building or public work, or building or work financed in whole or in part from Federal funds. The recipient must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. For information on the current prevailing wage rate

determination for a specific locality go to <https://sam.gov/content/wage-determinations>. If there is no prevailing wage rate determination for your locality, recipients should contact the U.S. Department of Labor at 1-866-487-2365 on how to obtain a prevailing wage rate determination .

c. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. In accordance with the statute and regulations, contractors are required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor and required to pay wages not less than once a week. The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed, a copy of all payrolls to the recipient. The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. A contractor may use Form WH-347 which is available at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction/payroll-certification>.

d. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower-tier subcontractor. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work. The recipient must report all suspected or reported violations to Treasury.

e. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers. The posters can be found at <https://www.dol.gov/whd/programs/dbra/wh1321.htm>.

f. The recipient must include all the following contract clauses outlined in 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(a) in all construction contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts requirements, which are in excess of \$2,000 and entered into for the actual construction, alteration and/or repair, including painting and decorating, of a public building or public work, or building or work financed in whole or in part from RESTORE Act Direct Component grant funds, and ensure that any subrecipient also includes these contract clauses in all construction contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act requirements (see Appendix III of this document).

**g. Contract Provision for Contracts in Excess of \$100,000 Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act** . All contracts awarded by the recipient or subrecipient in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b). Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. **These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.** The recipient or subrecipient shall insert the clauses set forth in 29 C.F.R. §§ 5.5(b)(1) through (4) in full in any contract in an amount in excess of \$100,000 and subject to the overtime provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. These clauses shall be inserted in addition to the clauses required by 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(a). As used in this paragraph, the terms *laborers* and *mechanics* include watchmen and guards. See Appendix IV of this document for the Contract Clauses Required for Contracts Subject to the Requirements of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

h. In addition to the clauses contained in 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b), in any contract subject only to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and not to any of the other statutes cited in 29 C.F.R. § 5.1, the recipient or subrecipient shall insert a clause requiring that the contractor or subcontractor shall maintain payrolls and basic payroll records during the course of the work and shall preserve them for a period of three years from the completion of the contract for all laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchmen, working on the contract. Such records shall contain the name and address of each such employee, social security number, correct classifications, hourly rates of wages paid, daily and weekly

number of hours worked, deductions made, and actual wages paid. Further, the recipient or subrecipient shall insert in any such contract a clause providing that the records to be maintained under this paragraph shall be made available by the contractor or subcontractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the recipient, Department of Treasury, and the Department of Labor, and the contractor or subcontractor will permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job.

i. **Enforcement:** In accordance with 29 C.F.R. § 5.6(a)(1), Treasury has the responsibility to ascertain whether the clauses required by 29 C.F.R. § 5.5 have been inserted in the contracts subject to the labor standards provisions of the Acts contained in 29 C.F.R. § 5.1. Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 5.6(a)(3), Treasury may cause investigations to be made by the recipient as may be necessary to ensure compliance with the labor standards clauses required by 29 C.F.R. § 5.5 and the applicable statutes listed in 29 C.F.R. § 5.1. Investigations shall be made of all contracts with such frequency as may be necessary to ensure compliance. Such investigations shall include interviews with employees, which shall be taken in confidence, and examinations of payroll data and evidence of registration and certification with respect to apprenticeship and training plans. In making such examinations, particular care shall be taken to determine the correctness of classifications and to determine whether there is a disproportionate employment of laborers and of apprentices or trainees registered in approved programs. Such investigations shall also include evidence of fringe benefit plans and payments thereunder. Complaints of alleged violations shall be given priority.

## **16. Equal Opportunity Clause**

Pursuant to 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4(b), federally-assisted construction contracts, for construction which is not exempt from the requirements of the equal opportunity clause, 41 C.F.R. Part 60-1—Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors, the recipient hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 C.F.R. Chapter 60, which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the federal government or borrowed on the credit of the federal government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, the following equal opportunity clause: See Appendix V for the full text of 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4.

## **17. Revised ADA Standards for Accessible Design for Construction Awards**

The U.S. Department of Justice has issued revised regulations implementing Title II of the ADA (28 C.F.R. Part 35) and Title III of the ADA (28 C.F.R. Part 36). The revised regulations adopted new enforceable accessibility standards called the “2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design” (2010 Standards). The 2010 Standards are an acceptable alternative to the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS). Treasury deems compliance with the 2010 Standards to be an acceptable means of complying with the Section 504 accessibility requirements for new construction and alteration projects. All new construction and alteration projects must comply with the 2010 Standards.

## **18. Supplies and Equipment**

a. Requirements that are applicable to recipients that are states:

i. Equipment: The recipient must use, manage, and dispose of equipment acquired under this Award in accordance with state laws and procedures.

ii. Supplies: If the recipient has a residual inventory of unused supplies exceeding \$5,000 in total aggregate value upon termination or completion of the activity, project, or program and the supplies are not needed for any other federal award, the recipient must report the value and the retention or sale of such supplies by submitting to Treasury a completed *SF-428 Tangible Personal Property Report* and *SF-428-B Final Report Form* no later than 60 days after the end of the Period of Performance.

b. Requirements that are applicable to recipients that are not states:

i. Equipment and Supplies: During the period of performance, the recipient must seek disposition instructions from Treasury for equipment and/or unused or residual supplies acquired under this Award if the current fair market value of the equipment and/or unused or residual supplies is greater than \$5,000 per unit. The recipient must seek disposition instructions before disposing of the property by submitting a completed *SF-428 Tangible Personal Property Report* and *SF-428-C Disposition Request/Report*. Not later than 60 days after the end of the period of performance, the recipient must submit to Treasury a completed *SF-428 Tangible Personal Property Report* and *SF-428-B Final Report Form* if the recipient retains any equipment with a current fair market value greater than \$5,000 per unit or a residual inventory of unused supplies exceeding \$5,000 in total aggregate value upon termination or completion of the activity, project, or program and the equipment and/or supplies are not needed for any other federal award.

## **T Miscellaneous Requirements and Provisions**

The recipient must comply with all miscellaneous requirements and provisions described in this section and, when applicable, require its subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors to comply. This list is not exclusive:

### **1. Prohibition Against Assignment by the Recipient**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Award, the recipient must not transfer, pledge, mortgage, or otherwise assign this Award, or any interest therein, or any claim arising thereunder, to any party or parties, banks, trust companies, or other financing or financial institutions without the express written approval of Treasury.

### **2. Disclaimer Provisions**

a. The United States expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability to the recipient or third persons for the actions of the recipient or third persons resulting in death, bodily injury, property damages, or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this Award or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this Award or any subaward, contract, or subcontract under this Award.

b. The acceptance of this Award by the recipient does not in any way constitute an agency relationship between the United States and the recipient.

### **3. Prohibited and Criminal Activities**

a. The Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812), provides for the imposition of civil penalties against persons who make false, fictitious, or fraudulent claims to the federal government for money (including money representing grants, loans or other benefits).

b. False Statements, as amended (18 U.S.C. § 1001) provides that whoever makes or presents any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements to the United States shall be subject to imprisonment of not more than five years.

c. False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Claims, as amended (18 U.S.C. § 287) provides that whoever makes or presents a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim against or to the United States shall be subject to imprisonment of not more than five years and shall be subject to a fine in the amount provided in 18 U.S.C. § 287.

d. False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3732), provides that suits under this act can be brought by the federal government, or a person on behalf of the federal government, for false claims under federal assistance programs

e. Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (41 U.S.C §§ 1320a-7b(b)) prohibits a person or organization engaged in a federally supported project from enticing an employee working on the project from giving up a part of his compensation under an employment contract. The Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act also applies to contractors and subcontractors pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3145.

#### **4. Limitations on Political Activities of Employees**

The recipient must comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and §§ 7321-7326) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

#### **5. Drug-Free Workplace**

The recipient must comply with the provisions of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-690, Title V, Sec. 5153, as amended by Public Law 105-85, Div. A, Title VIII, Sec. 809, as codified at 41 U.S.C. § 8102), and Treasury implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 20, which require that the recipient take steps to provide a drug-free workplace.

#### **6. Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States**

Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, 62 FR 19217 (Apr. 8, 1997), Recipient should encourage its employees and should encourage contractors to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for their employees when operating company-owned, rented or personally owned vehicles.

#### **7. Reducing Text Messaging While Driving**

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, 74 FR 51225 (Oct. 1, 2009), recipient should encourage its employees, subrecipients, and contractors to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving, and recipient should establish workplace safety policies to decrease accidents caused by distracted drivers.

#### **8. Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) Initiative**

Pursuant to EOs 13555 and 13270, as amended, Treasury is strongly committed to broadening the participation of MSIs in its financial assistance programs. Treasury’s goals include achieving full participation of MSIs in order to advance the development of human potential, strengthen the nation’s capacity to provide high-quality education, and increase opportunities for MSIs to participate in and benefit from federal financial assistance programs. Treasury encourages recipients to include meaningful participation of MSIs. Institutions eligible to be considered MSIs are listed on the Department of Education website at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/edlite-minorityinst.html>.

#### **9. Research Misconduct**

Treasury adopts, and applies to Awards for research, the Federal Policy on Research Misconduct (Federal Policy) issued by the EO of the President’s Office of Science and Technology Policy on December 6, 2000 (65 Fed. Reg. 76260 (2000)). As provided for in the Federal Policy, research misconduct refers to the fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results. Research misconduct does not include honest errors or differences of opinion. Recipients that conduct research funded by Treasury must foster an atmosphere conducive to the responsible conduct of sponsored research by safeguarding against and resolving allegations of research misconduct. Recipients also have the primary responsibility to prevent, detect, and investigate allegations of research misconduct and, for this purpose, may rely on their internal policies and procedures, as appropriate, to do so. Award funds expended on an activity that is determined to be invalid or unreliable because of research misconduct may result in appropriate enforcement action under the Award, up to and

including Award termination and possible suspension or debarment. Treasury requires that any allegation that contains sufficient information to proceed with an inquiry be submitted to Treasury, which will also notify the Treasury Office of Inspector General of such allegation. Once the recipient has investigated the allegation, it will submit its findings to Treasury. Treasury may accept the recipient's findings or proceed with its own investigation; Treasury shall inform the recipient of the Treasury's final determination.

#### **10. Care and Use of Live Vertebrate Animals**

Recipients must comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (Public Law 89- 544), as amended, (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (animal acquisition, transport, care, handling, and use in projects), and implementing regulations, 9 C.F.R. Parts 1, 2, and 3; the Endangered Species Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.); Marine Mammal Protection Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. § 1361 et seq.) (taking possession, transport, purchase, sale, export or import of wildlife and plants); the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. § 4701 et seq.) (ensure preventive measures are taken or that probable harm of using species is minimal if there is an escape or release); and all other applicable statutes pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by federal financial assistance.

#### **11. The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended, (22 U.S.C. § 7104(g)), and the implementing regulations at 2 C.F.R. Part 175**

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 authorizes termination of financial assistance provided to a private entity, as defined in 2 C.F.R. §175.25(d), without penalty to the federal government, if the recipient or subrecipient engages in certain activities related to trafficking in persons.

a. Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity:

i. You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this Award, and subrecipients' employees may not—

a) Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that this Award is in effect;

b) Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that this Award is in effect; or

c) Use forced labor in the performance of this Award or subawards under this Award.

ii. We as the federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this Award, without penalty, if you or a subrecipient that is a private entity —

a) Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this Section V.10; or

b) Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate this Award to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this Section V.10 through conduct that is either—

1) Associated with performance under this Award; or

2) Imputed to you or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our agency at 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

b. Provision applicable to a recipient other than a private entity. We as the federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this Award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity—

i. Is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this Section V.10; or

ii. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate this Award to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph (a) of this Section through conduct that is either:

a) Associated with performance under this Award; or

b) Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, “OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),” as implemented by our agency at 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

c. Provisions applicable to any recipient:

i. You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition of this section.

ii. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a.2 or b of this section:

a) Implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7104(g)), and

b) Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this Award.

iii. You must include the requirements of this section in any subaward you make to a private entity.

d. *Definitions.* For purposes of this award term:

i. “Employee” means either:

a) An individual employed by you or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under this Award; or

b) Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this Award and not compensated by you including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing or matching requirements.

ii. “Forced labor” means labor obtained by any of the following methods: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

iii. “Private entity”:

a) Means any entity other than a state, local government, Indian tribe, or foreign public entity, as those terms are defined in 2 C.F.R. § 175.25.

b) Includes:

1) A nonprofit organization, including any nonprofit institution of higher education, hospital, or tribal organization other than one included in the definition of Indian tribe at 2 C.F.R. § 175.25(b); or

2) A for-profit organization.

iv. “Severe forms of trafficking in persons,” “commercial sex act,” and “coercion” have the meanings given at § 103 of the TVPA, as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7102).

## 12. Publications and Signage

Any publications (written, curricula, visual, sound, reports, or websites) except scientific articles or papers appearing in scientific, technical, or professional journals or signage produced with funds from this Award, which informs the public about the activities funded in whole or in part by this Award, must clearly display the following language:

Publications:

“This project was funded in whole or in part by grant [number] awarded by the U.S. Department of the Treasury under the RESTORE Act [Direct Component or Centers of Excellence Research Grants] program. The opinions, statements, findings, conclusions, and recommendations contained herein are those of the author(s) or contributor(s) and do not necessarily represent the official position, views, or policies of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. References to specific individuals, agencies, companies, products, or services should not be considered an endorsement by the author(s), contributor(s), or the U.S. Department of the Treasury.”

Signage:

“This project was funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Treasury under the RESTORE Act [Direct Component or Centers of Excellence Research Grants] Program.”

### **13. Copyright**

If applicable, Recipient may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was acquired, under this award in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.315(b). The U.S. Department of the Treasury reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work, in whole or in part (including create derivative works), for Federal Government purposes, and to authorize others to do so. Treasury also reserves the right, at its discretion, not to publish deliverables and other materials developed under this award as a Treasury resource.

Products and deliverables developed with award funds and published as a U.S. Department of the Treasury resource will contain the following copyright notice:

“This resource was developed under a federal award and may be subject to copyright. The U.S. Department of the Treasury reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for Federal Government purposes and to authorize others to do so. This resource may be freely distributed and used for noncommercial and educational purposes only.”

### **14. Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12**

If the performance of this Award requires the recipient’s personnel to have routine access to Treasury-controlled facilities and/or Treasury-controlled information systems (for purpose of this term “routine access” is defined as more than 180 days), such personnel must undergo the personal identity verification credential process. In the case of foreign nationals, Treasury will conduct a check with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services’ (USCIS) Verification Division, a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), to ensure the individual is in a lawful immigration status and that he or she is eligible for employment within the United States. Any items or services delivered under this Award must comply with Treasury personal identity verification procedures that implement Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12, “Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors”, FIPS PUB 201, as amended, and OMB Memorandum M-05-24, as amended. The recipient must ensure that its subrecipients and contractors (at all tiers) performing work under this Award comply with the requirements contained in this section. Treasury may delay final payment under this Award if the subrecipient or contractor fails to comply with the requirements listed in this section. The recipient must insert the following term in all subawards and contracts when the subrecipient or contractor is required to have routine physical access to a Treasury-controlled facility or routine access to a Treasury-controlled information system:

a. The subrecipient or contractor must comply with Treasury personal identity verification procedures identified in the subaward or contract that implement Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance M-05-24, as amended, and Federal Information Processing Standards Publication, FIPS PUB 140-2, as amended, for all employees under this subaward or contract who require routine physical access to a federally controlled facility or routine access to a federally controlled information system.

b. The subrecipient or contractor must account for all forms of government-provided identification issued to the subrecipient or contractor employees in connection with performance under this subaward or contract. The subrecipient or contractor must return such identification to the issuing agency at the earliest of any of the following, unless otherwise determined by Treasury:

- i. When no longer needed for subaward or contract performance;
- ii. Upon completion of the subrecipient or contractor employee's employment; or
- iii. Upon subaward or contract completion or termination.

## **15. Export Control**

a. This clause applies to the extent that this Award involves access to export- controlled items.

b. In performing this financial assistance Award, the recipient may gain access to items subject to export control (export-controlled items) under the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) issued by the Department of Commerce (DOC). The recipient is responsible for compliance with all applicable laws and regulations regarding export-controlled items, including the EAR's deemed exports and re-exports provisions. The recipient shall establish and maintain effective export compliance procedures throughout performance of the Award. At a minimum, these export compliance procedures must include adequate controls of physical, verbal, visual, and electronic access to export-controlled items, including by foreign nationals.

c. Definitions:

i. Export-controlled items. Items (commodities, software, or technology), that are subject to the EAR (15 C.F.R. §§ 730–774), implemented by the DOC's Bureau of Industry and Security. These are generally known as "dual-use" items, items with a military and commercial application.

ii. Deemed Export/Re-export. The EAR defines a deemed export as a release of export-controlled items (specifically, technology or source code) to a foreign national in the U.S. Such release is "deemed" to be an export to the home country of the foreign national. 15 C.F.R. § 734.2(b)(2)(ii). A release may take the form of visual inspection, oral exchange of information, or the application abroad of knowledge or technical experience acquired in the United States. If such a release occurs abroad, it is considered a deemed re-export to the foreign national's home country. Licenses from DOC may be required for deemed exports or re-exports.

d. The recipient shall control access to all export-controlled items that it possesses or that comes into its possession in performance of this Award, to ensure that access to, or release of, such items are restricted, or licensed, as required by applicable federal statutes, EOs, and/or regulations, including the EAR.

e. To the extent the recipient wishes to provide foreign nationals with access to export-controlled items, the recipient shall be responsible for obtaining any necessary licenses, including licenses required under the EAR for deemed exports or deemed re-exports.

f. Nothing in the terms of this Award is intended to change, supersede, or waive the requirements of applicable federal statutes, EOs, and/or regulations.

g. Compliance with this section will not satisfy any legal obligations the recipient may have regarding items that may be subject to export controls administered by other agencies such as the Department of State, which has jurisdiction over exports of munitions items subject to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 C.F.R. §§ 120–130), including releases of such items to foreign nationals.

h. The recipient shall include this clause, including this paragraph (i), in all lower-tier transactions (subawards, contracts, and subcontracts) under this Award that may involve access to export-controlled items.

## **Appendix I: 2 C.F.R. Part 170, Appendix A**

### **I. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation**

#### **a. Reporting of first-tier subawards.**

1. Applicability. Unless you are exempt as provided in paragraph d. of this award term, you must report each action that equals or exceeds \$30,000 in Federal funds for a subaward to a non-Federal entity or Federal agency (see definitions in paragraph e. of this award term).

#### **2. Where and when to report.**

i. The non-Federal entity or Federal agency must report each obligating action described in paragraph a.1. of this award term to <http://www.fsr.gov>.

ii. For subaward information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made. (For example, if the obligation was made on November 7, 2010, the obligation must be reported by no later than December 31, 2010.)

3. What to report. You must report the information about each obligating action that the submission instructions posted at <http://www.fsr.gov> specify.

#### **b. Reporting total compensation of recipient executives for non-Federal entities.**

1. Applicability and what to report. You must report total compensation for each of your five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if -

i. The total Federal funding authorized to date under this Federal award equals or exceeds \$30,000 as defined in [2 CFR 170.320](#);

ii. in the preceding fiscal year, you received -

(A) 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at [2 CFR 170.320](#) (and subawards), and

(B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at [2 CFR 170.320](#) (and subawards); and,

iii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( [15 U.S.C. 78m\(a\)](#), [78o\(d\)](#) ) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/excomp.htm>.)

2. Where and when to report. You must report executive total compensation described in paragraph b.1. of this award term:

i. As part of your registration profile at <https://www.sam.gov>.

ii. By the end of the month following the month in which this award is made, and annually thereafter.

c. Reporting of Total Compensation of Subrecipient Executives.

1. Applicability and what to report. Unless you are exempt as provided in paragraph d. of this award term, for each first-tier non-Federal entity subrecipient under this award, you shall report the names and total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if -

i. in the subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received -

(A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at [2 CFR 170.320](#) (and subawards) and,

(B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and subawards); and

ii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ([15 U.S.C. 78m\(a\)](#), [78o\(d\)](#)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>.)

2. Where and when to report. You must report subrecipient executive total compensation described in paragraph c.1. of this award term:

i. To the recipient.

ii. By the end of the month following the month during which you make the subaward. For example, if a subaward is obligated on any date during the month of October of a given year (i.e., between October 1 and 31), you must report any required compensation information of the subrecipient by November 30 of that year.

d. Exemptions.

If, in the previous tax year, you had gross income, from all sources, under \$300,000, you are exempt from the requirements to report:

i. Subawards, and

ii. The total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient.

e. Definitions. For purposes of this award term:

1. Federal Agency means a Federal agency as defined at [5 U.S.C. 551\(1\)](#) and further clarified by [5 U.S.C. 552\(f\)](#).

2. Non-Federal entity means all of the following, as defined in [2 CFR part 25](#):

i. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;

- ii. A foreign public entity;
  - iii. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization; and,
  - iv. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization
3. Executive means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.
4. Subaward:
- i. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
  - ii. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see [2 CFR 200.331](#)).
  - iii. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you or a subrecipient considers a contract.
5. Subrecipient means a non-Federal entity or Federal agency that:
- i. Receives a subaward from you (the recipient) under this award; and
  - ii. Is accountable to you for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.
6. Total compensation means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see [17 CFR 229.402\(c\)\(2\)](#)).

## **Appendix II: 2 C.F.R. Part 25, Appendix A**

### **A. Requirement for System for Award Management**

Unless you are exempted from this requirement under [2 CFR 25.110](#), you as the recipient must maintain current information in the SAM. This includes information on your immediate and highest level owner and subsidiaries, as well as on all of your predecessors that have been awarded a Federal contract or Federal financial assistance within the last three years, if applicable, until you submit the final financial report required under this Federal award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that you review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in your information or another Federal award term.

### **B. Requirement for Unique Entity Identifier**

If you are authorized to make subawards under this Federal award, you:

- 1. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (see definition in paragraph C of this award term) may receive a subaward from you until the entity has provided its Unique Entity Identifier to you.
- 2. May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its Unique Entity Identifier to you. Subrecipients are not required to obtain an active SAM registration, but must obtain a Unique Entity Identifier.

## C. Definitions

For purposes of this term:

1. System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which a recipient must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM internet site (currently at <https://www.sam.gov>).
2. Unique Entity Identifier means the identifier assigned by SAM to uniquely identify business entities.
3. Entity includes non-Federal entities as defined at [2 CFR 200.1](#) and also includes all of the following, for purposes of this part:
  - a. A foreign organization;
  - b. A foreign public entity;
  - c. A domestic for-profit organization; and
  - d. A Federal agency.
4. Subaward has the meaning given in [2 CFR 200.1](#).
5. Subrecipient has the meaning given in [2 CFR 200.1](#).

## Appendix III: Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Requirements

### 1. *Minimum wages.*

(i) All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act ([29 C.F.R. part 3](#))), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics. Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of 29 C.F.R. . § 5.5(a)(1)(iv); also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in [§ 5.5\(a\)\(4\)](#). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: *Provided*, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under [paragraph \(a\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#) of 29 C.F.R. .§ 5.1 and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

(ii)

(A) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

(1) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and

(2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and

(3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(B) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(C) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to [paragraphs \(a\)\(1\)\(ii\) \(B\) or \(C\)](#) of 29 C.F.R. . § 5.5, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

(iii) Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

(iv) If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, *Provided*, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

## 2. *Withholding.*

The Department of Treasury or recipient shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), all or part of the wages required by the contract, Treasury or

the recipient may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

### 3. Payrolls and basic records.

(i) Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937, or under the Housing Act of 1949, in the construction or development of the project). Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under [29 C.F.R. 5.5\(a\)\(1\)\(iv\)](#) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

(ii)

(A) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the recipient. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under [29 C.F.R. 5.5\(a\)\(3\)\(i\)](#), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction/payroll-certification> or its successor site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker, and shall provide them upon request to the recipient, the contractor, or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of 29 C.F.R. § 5.5 for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the sponsoring government agency (or the applicant, sponsor, or owner).

(B) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(1) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under [§ 5.5\(a\)\(3\)\(ii\)](#) of Regulations, [29 C.F.R. part 5](#), the appropriate information is being maintained under [§ 5.5\(a\)\(3\)\(i\)](#) of Regulations, [29 C.F.R. part 5](#), and that such information is correct and complete;

(2) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations, [29 C.F.R. part 3](#);

(3) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(C) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by [paragraph \(a\)\(3\)\(ii\)\(B\)](#) of this 29 C.F.R. . § 5.5.

(D) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of title 18 and section 231 of title 31 of the United States Code.

(iii) The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under [paragraph \(a\)\(3\)\(i\)](#) of 29 C.F.R. § 5.5 available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the recipient, Department of Treasury, or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to [29 C.F.R. 5.12](#).

#### 4. *Apprentices and trainees* -

(i) *Apprentices*. Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(ii) *Trainees*. Except as provided in [29 C.F.R. 5.16](#), trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S.

Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(iii) *Equal employment opportunity.* The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and [29 C.F.R. part 30](#).

5. *Compliance with Copeland Act requirements.* The contractor shall comply with the requirements of [29 C.F.R. part 3](#), which are incorporated by reference in this contract.

6. *Subcontracts.* The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in [29 C.F.R. 5.5\(a\)\(1\)](#) through [\(10\)](#), and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower-tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower-tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in [29 C.F.R. 5.5](#).

7. *Contract termination: debarment.* A breach of the contract clauses in [29 C.F.R. 5.5](#) may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in [29 C.F.R. 5.12](#).

8. *Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements.* All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in [29 C.F.R. parts 1, 3, and 5](#) are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

9. *Disputes concerning labor standards.* Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in [29 C.F.R. parts 5, 6, and 7](#). Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

10. *Certification of eligibility.*

(i) By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or [29 C.F.R. 5.12\(a\)\(1\)](#).

(ii) No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or [29 C.F.R. 5.12\(a\)\(1\)](#).

(iii) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, [18 U.S.C. 1001](#).

## **Appendix IV: Contract Clauses Required for Contracts Subject to the Requirements of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act**

(1) *Overtime requirements.* No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) *Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.* In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph 1 of 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b), the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph 1 of 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b), in the sum of \$27 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph 1 of 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b).

(3) *Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.* The Department of Treasury or recipient shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph 2 of 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b).

(4) *Subcontracts.* The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph 1 through 4 of 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b) and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower-tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower-tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraph 1 through 4 of 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b).

## **Appendix V: 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

7) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

8) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The [recipient] further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, That if the [recipient] so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The [recipient] agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the

supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The [recipient] further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the [recipient] agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

**EXHIBIT 10, SAMPLE AGREEMENT**

CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

*for*

STIPULATED SUM

*between*

MANATEE COUNTY (AS OWNER)

*and*

\_\_\_\_\_ (AS CONTRACTOR)

**CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR  
STIPULATED SUM  
[PROJECT NAME]**

**THIS AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, referred to herein as “Owner”, and the firm of \_\_\_\_\_, incorporated in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and registered and licensed to do business in the State of Florida (license # \_\_\_\_\_), referred to herein as “Contractor.”

**WHEREAS**, the Owner intends to construct [PROJECT DESCRIPTION], the aforementioned improvements being hereinafter referred to and defined as the “Project”; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to Owner’s Invitation for Bid Construction No. \_\_\_\_\_ (the “IFBC”), Contractor has submitted its Bid (the “Contractor’s Bid”) to provide the aforementioned construction services.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Owner and the Contractor, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, agree as follows:

**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.**

A. Date of Commencement. The date of commencement of the Work shall be the date fixed in a Notice to Proceed issued by the Owner.

B. Contract Time. The Contract Time shall be measured from the date of commencement.

C. Substantial Completion. The Contractor shall achieve Substantial Completion of the entire Work not later than \_\_\_ calendar days from the date of commencement, or as follows:

<b>Portion of Work</b>	<b>Substantial Completion Date</b>
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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 (to include not only the entire Work but any portion of the Work as set forth above), the Owner shall be entitled to retain or recover from the Contractor, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ 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 because 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. Payment. 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. Alternates. 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. Unit Prices. 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 five percent (5.00%). 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 five percent (5.00%);
  - iii. Subtract the aggregate of previous payments made by the Owner; and
  - 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:
  - i. 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.

- ii. 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 may, with the concurrence of the Architect/Engineer, reduce to two and one-half percent (2.5%) 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. Final Payment. 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. Termination. The Agreement may be terminated by the Owner or the Contractor as provided in Article XIV of the General Conditions.

B. Suspension by Owner. The Work may be suspended by the Owner as provided in Article XIV of the General Conditions.

## 7. Other Provisions.

A. Substantial Completion Defined. 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. Project Meetings. 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. Weather. 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. Shop Drawings; Critical Submittals. 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. Applications for Payment. Applications for Payment shall be submitted once monthly at regular intervals and shall include detailed documentation of all costs incurred.

F. Punch List. 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. Closeout documentation. 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. Governing Provisions; Conflicts. 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. E-Verify.

The Contractor, and any subcontractor thereof, shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the Contractor or subcontractor. The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that it has, and shall remain throughout the duration of this Agreement, registered with, and uses and shall continue to use, the E-Verify system. The Contractor shall not enter into any contract with a subcontractor for services hereunder unless such subcontractor also has registered with and uses the E-Verify system. If the Contractor enters into a contract with a subcontractor, the subcontractor shall provide the Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of this Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 488.095(5)(c)3, Florida Statutes, the Owner is authorized to terminate this Agreement if it has a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, regarding the employment of someone not authorized to work by the immigration laws of the United States, the U.S. Attorney General, or the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Such termination action is not considered a breach of contract.

J. Funds for Identification Documents

No funds provided by the Owner pursuant to this Agreement shall be used for the purpose of issuing an identification card or document to an individual who does not provide proof of lawful presence in the United States.

K. Anti-Human Trafficking

Contractor shall provide County with a sworn affidavit signed by an officer or a representative of Contractor under penalty of perjury attesting that Contractor does not use coercion for labor or services, as such terms are defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes.

**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 (10) 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. Amendments. 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. Assignment. 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. Headings and Captions. 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. Legal References. 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:

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

To 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. Public Records Law.** The Contractor shall comply with the Florida Public Records Act (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes), and shall:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by the Owner to perform the services called for in this Agreement.
- B. Upon request from the Owner's custodian of public records, provide the Owner with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes or as otherwise provided by law.
- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement and following completion of this Agreement if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the Owner.
- D. Upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the Owner all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain such public records. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the Owner upon completion of the Agreement, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Owner, upon request from the Owner's custodian of

public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Owner.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE OWNER'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

**BY PHONE:** 941.742.5845  
**BY EMAIL:** [PUBLIC.RECORDS@MYMANATEE.ORG](mailto:PUBLIC.RECORDS@MYMANATEE.ORG)  
**BY MAIL:** PO BOX 1000  
BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34206  
**IN PERSON:** MANATEE COUNTY  
ATTN: RECORDS MANAGER  
1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST  
BRADENTON FL 34205

21. **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

*(Remainder of page intentionally left blank)*

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Contractor

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

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

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

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

**MANATEE COUNTY**, a political subdivision  
of the State of Florida

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

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

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

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

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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. Acceptance: The acceptance of the Project into the Owner's operating public infrastructure.

B. Application for Payment: 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. Architect/Engineer: \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ corporation or limited liability company, registered and licensed to do business in the State of Florida, OR \_\_\_\_\_, an employee of Owner.

D. Change Order: 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. Construction Services: The Construction Services to be provided by Contractor pursuant to Section 2.4, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract Documents.

F. Construction Team: The working team established pursuant to Section 2.1.B.

G. Contract Sum: 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 (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum), unless adjusted in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents

H. Contract Time: 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.

I. Contractor's Personnel: The Contractor's key personnel designated by Contractor.

J. 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.

K. Defective: 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).

L. Field Directive: 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.

M. Final Completion Date: 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.

N. Float Time: The time available in the Project Schedule during which an unexpected activity can be completed without delaying Substantial Completion of the Work.

O. Force Majeure: Those conditions constituting excuse from performance as described in and subject to the conditions described in Article XII.

P. Notice to Proceed: 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.

Q. Owner: Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

R. Owner's Project Representative: The individual designated by Owner to perform those functions set forth in Section 7.8.

S. Payment and Performance Bond: 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.

T. Permitting Authority: 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.

U. Price quote: A written statement submitted by the Contractor in response to a Change Order requested or issued by the Owner, which sets forth the Contractor's proposed cost to perform the additional labor, materials, services, or other obligations required by the Change Order which includes the following: itemized costs complete with supporting breakdowns, unit prices, schedule impacts, and other documentation as requested by County staff.

V. Procurement Ordinance: The Manatee County Procurement Code, Chapter 2-26 of the Manatee County Code of Laws, as amended from time to time.

W. Progress Report: A report to Owner that includes all information required pursuant to the Contract Documents and submitted in accordance with Section 2.4.EE, hereof.

X. Project: 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.

Y. Project Costs: 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.

Z. Project Manager: 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.

AA. Project Plans and Specifications: 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.

BB. Project Schedule: 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.

CC. Project Site: The site depicted in the Project Plans and Specifications, inclusive of all rights of way, temporary construction easements or licensed or leased sovereign lands.

DD. Subcontractor: 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.

EE. Substantial Completion and Substantially Complete: 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 or any designated portion thereof.

FF. Substantial Completion Date: The date on which the Project or designated portion thereof 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.

GG. Substitute: Materials or equipment offered by the Contractor as an alternative to that set forth in the Project Plans and Specifications, where (i) the Project Plans and Specifications do not authorize an "approved equal", or (ii) the Owner, in its reasonable discretion,

determines that a pre-authorized “approved equal” will result in a substantial change to the Work because of cost, quality or other difference in comparison to the materials or equipment specified.

HH. Unit Price Work: Work to be paid for on the basis of unit prices.

II. 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.

JJ. Work Directive Change: 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. Purpose. 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 to accomplish the purposes and expectations of the Contract Documents.

B. Construction Team. 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. Owner's Reliance on Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum). The Contractor acknowledges that the representations, statements, information and pricing contained in its Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum) 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. Personnel. 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. Cooperation with Architect/Engineer. 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. Timely Performance. 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. Duty to Defend Work. 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.

E. Trade and Industry Terminology. It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete Project (or part thereof) to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Any 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 well-known 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 (or at the time of execution of the Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum), 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 Agreement, 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 Agreement 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. Construction of Project. 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 (or Request for Proposal) and the Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum).

B. Notice to Proceed. 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. Materials. 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. Accountability for Work. The Contractor shall be solely accountable for its Work, including plans review and complete submittals. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction. If a specific means, method, technique, sequence or procedure of construction is required by the Contract Documents, the Contractor may utilize an alternative means, method, technique, sequence or procedure acceptable to the Architect/Engineer if the Contractor submits sufficient information to allow the Architect/Engineer to determine that the alternative is equivalent to that required by the Contract Documents.

F. Contract Sum. 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. 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. Adherence to Project Schedule. 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. Superintendent. 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 Agreement, 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. Work Hours. 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/Engineer charges, inspection costs and Owner staff time for any overtime work which may be authorized. Such additional charges shall be an obligation of Contractor and no extra payment shall be made by Owner because 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. Contractor's obligation to pay all overtime-related costs shall not apply if Contractor is directed by Owner to work overtime solely for Owner's convenience.

L. Insurance, Overhead and Utilities. 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. Cleanliness. 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. Loading. 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. Safety and Protection. Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and 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 during 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. Emergencies. 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.

Q. Substitutes. For Substitutes not included with the Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum), but submitted after the effective date of the Agreement (or

Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum), 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 provision 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. If Substitute materials or equipment not included as part of the Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum), but proposed after the effective date of the Agreement, 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) 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.
- (2) 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 Agreement and all costs resulting from any delays in the Work while the Substitute was undergoing review.

R. Surveys and Stakes. The Contractor shall furnish, as part of the Contract Sum, 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. Suitability of Project Site. 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 (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum) 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 (or at the time of execution of the Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum). 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. Project Specification Errors. If the Contractor, during 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. Remediation of Contamination. 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 of more than 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 because of any delay of more than 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 Contract 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 Subcontractor bid package clearly identifies the Work included in that particular separate subcontract, its 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. Job Site Facilities. 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 Project Site.

X. Weather Protection. The Contractor shall provide temporary enclosures of building areas 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. For Changes in the Work that result in an increase in the Contract Sum, Owner reserves the right to require the Contractor to secure and deliver additive riders to the Payment and Performance Bond.

Z. Construction Phase; Building Permit; Code Inspections. 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) Building Permit. 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) Code Inspections. 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) Lines of Authority. 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.

BB. 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, 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 after 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;

- (l) 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. As-Built Drawings. 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. Progress Reports. 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, to include those parts of the Work 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. Apprentices. If Contractor employs apprentices, their performance of Work shall be governed by and shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 446, Florida Statutes.

HH. Schedule of Values. Unit prices shall be established for this Agreement 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 amounts 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. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Contract Documents or herein to the contrary, if Owner receives from Contractor a price quote for a Change Order requested or issued by Owner, and the price quote conforms to all statutory requirements and contractual requirements of the Contract Documents and Project Plans and Specifications, Owner must approve or deny the price quote and send written notice of that decision to Contractor within thirty-five (35) days after receipt of such quote. Owner's denial notice must specify the alleged deficiencies in the price quote and the actions necessary to remedy those deficiencies. If Owner fails to provide Contractor with a notice in compliance with Section 218.755, Florida Statutes, the Change Order and price quote are deemed approved, and Owner must pay Contractor the amount stated in the price quote upon the completion of the Change Order.

B. Valuation. 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):

- (1) In the case of Unit Price Work, in accordance with Section 3.1.C, below; or
- (2) By mutual acceptance of a 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. Unit Price Work. 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
  - (i) If Contractor believes that it has incurred additional expense as a result thereof; or
  - (ii) If Owner believes that the quantity variation entitles it to an adjustment in the unit price; or
  - (iii) 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. Periodic Payments for Services. 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. Payment for Materials and Equipment. 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. Credit toward Contract Sum. 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. Invoices. 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. Architect/Engineer's Approval. 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; 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. All Compensation Included. 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. Subcontracts Generally. 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. No Damages for Delay. 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. Subcontractual Relations. 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-subcontractors.

D. Insurance; Acts and Omissions. 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. Payment. 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. Final Payment of Subcontractors. 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. 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 because 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 shall promptly notify the Owner and Contractor in writing, stating the reasons. If the Contractor

disputes the Architect/Engineer's determination or recommendation, the Contractor may proceed as provided in Article VIII. If the Owner disputes the Architect/Engineer's determination or recommendation, the Owner may appeal directly to the Purchasing Official and shall thereafter follow the process set forth in Section 8.5.

**5.5 Hazardous Materials.** In the event the Contractor encounters on the Project Site material reasonably believed to be hazardous, petroleum or petroleum related products, or other hazardous or toxic substances, except as provided in Section 2.4.U, the Contractor shall immediately stop Work in the area affected and report the condition to the Owner and the Architect/Engineer in writing. The Work in the affected area shall not thereafter be resumed except by Change Order or written amendment, if in fact the material or substance has not been rendered harmless. The Work in the affected area shall be resumed when the Project Site has been rendered harmless, in accordance with the final determination by the Architect/Engineer or other appropriate professional employed by Owner. The Contractor shall not be required to perform without its consent any Work relating to hazardous materials, petroleum or petroleum related products, or other hazardous or toxic substances. In the event the Contractor encounters on the Project Site materials believed in good faith to be hazardous or contaminated material, and the presence of such hazardous or contaminated material was not known and planned for at the time the Contractor submitted its Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price proposal), and it is necessary for the Contractor to stop Work in the area affected and delays Work for more than a seven (7) day period, adjustments to the Contract Sum and/or Contract Time shall be made in accordance with this Article V.

**5.6 Change Orders; Adjustments to Contract Sum.**

A. Change Orders Generally. The increase or decrease in the Contract Sum resulting from a change authorized pursuant to the Contract Documents shall be determined:

- (1) By mutual acceptance of a lump sum amount properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data, to permit evaluation by the Architect/Engineer and Owner; or
- (2) By unit prices stated in the Agreement or subsequently agreed upon; or
- (3) By any other method mutually agreeable to Owner and Contractor; or
- (4) In accordance with applicable Florida law.

If Owner and Contractor are unable to agree upon increases or decreases in the Contract Sum and the Architect/Engineer certifies that the work needs to be commenced prior to any such agreement, the Contractor, provided it receives a written Change Order signed by or on behalf of the Owner, shall promptly proceed with the Work involved. The cost of such Work shall then be determined on the basis of the reasonable expenditures of those performing the Work attributed to the change. However, in the event a Change Order is issued under these conditions, the Owner, through the Architect/Engineer, will establish an estimated cost of the Work and the Contractor shall not perform any Work whose cost exceeds that estimated without prior written approval by the Owner. In such case, the Contractor shall keep and present in such form as the Owner may prescribe an itemized accounting, together with appropriate supporting data of the increase in overall costs of the Project. The amount of any decrease in the Contract Sum to be allowed by the Contractor to

the Owner for any deletion or change which results in a net decrease in costs will be the amount of the actual net decrease.

**5.7 Owner-Initiated Changes.** Without invalidating the Agreement and without notice to any Surety, Owner may, at any time, order additions, deletions or revisions in the Work. These will be authorized by a written amendment, a Field Directive, a Change Order, or a Work Directive Change, as the case may be. Upon receipt of any such document, Contractor shall promptly proceed with the Work involved which will be performed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents (except as otherwise specifically provided). A Work Directive Change may not change the Contract Sum or the Contract Time; but is evidence that the parties expect that the change directed or documented by a Work Directive Change will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order following negotiations by the parties as to its effect, if any, on the Contract Sum or Contract Time.

**5.8 Unauthorized Work.** Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract Sum or an extension of the Contract Time with respect to any Work performed that is not required by the Contract Documents.

**5.9 Defective Work.** Owner and Contractor shall execute appropriate Change Orders (or written amendments) covering changes in the Work which are ordered by Owner, or which may be required because of acceptance of defective Work, without adjustment to the Contract Sum.

**5.10 Estimates for Changes.** At any time Architect/Engineer may request a quotation from Contractor for a proposed change in the Work. Within twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt, Contractor shall submit a written and detailed proposal for an increase or decrease in the Contract Sum or Contract Time for the proposed change. If the Architect/Engineer is an Owner employee, they shall have thirty-five (35) calendar days after receipt of the price quote for a change order to respond in writing. If the Architect/Engineer is not an Owner employee, they shall have twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of the detailed proposal to respond in writing. The proposal shall include an itemized estimate of all costs and time for performance that will result directly or indirectly from the proposed change. Unless otherwise directed, itemized estimates shall be in sufficient detail to reasonably permit an analysis by Architect/Engineer of all material, labor, equipment, subcontracts, overhead costs and fees, and shall cover all Work involved in the change, whether such Work was deleted, added, changed or impacted. Any denial notice from the Owner's Architect/Engineer employee must specify the alleged deficiencies in the price quote and the actions necessary to remedy those deficiencies. Notwithstanding the request for quotation, Contractor shall carry on the Work and maintain the progress schedule. Delays in the submittal of the written and detailed proposal will be considered non-prejudicial.

**5.11 Form of Proposed Changes.** The form of all submittals, notices, Change Orders and other documents permitted or required to be used or transmitted under the Contract Documents shall be determined by the Owner. Standard Owner forms shall be utilized.

**5.12 Changes to Contract Time.** The Contract Time may only be changed pursuant to a Change Order or a written amendment to the Contract Documents. Any claim for an extension or shortening of the Contract Time shall be based on written notice delivered by the party making the claim to the other party. Notice of the extent of the claim with supporting data shall be delivered within fifteen (15) days from detection or beginning of such occurrence and shall be

accompanied by the claimant's written statement that the adjustment claimed is the entire adjustment to which the claimant has reason to believe it is entitled to because of the occurrence of said event. The Contract time will be extended in an amount equal to time lost due to delays beyond the control of Contractor. Such delays shall include, but not be limited to, acts or neglect by Owner or others performing additional Work; or to fires, floods, epidemics, abnormal weather conditions or acts of God. Failure to deliver a written notice of claim within the requisite 15-day period shall constitute a waiver of the right to pursue said claim.

**5.13** Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Contract Documents to the contrary, Owner shall have the right to bring a direct action in the Circuit Court to recover such costs.

## ARTICLE VI

### ROLE OF ARCHITECT/ENGINEER

#### 6.1 General.

A. Retaining. The Owner shall retain an Architect/Engineer (whether an individual or an entity) lawfully licensed to practice in Florida. That person or entity is identified as the Architect/Engineer in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number.

B. Duties. Duties, responsibilities and limitations of authority of the Architect/Engineer as set forth in the Contract Documents shall not be restricted, modified or extended without written consent of the Owner and Architect/Engineer. Consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

C. Termination. If the employment of the Architect/Engineer is terminated, the Owner shall employ a successor Architect/Engineer as to whom the Contractor has no reasonable objection and whose status under the Contract Documents shall be that of the Architect/Engineer.

**6.2 Administration.** The Architect/Engineer will provide administration of the Agreement as described in the Contract Documents and will be an Owner's representative during construction until the date the Architect/Engineer approves the final Application for Payment. The Architect/Engineer will have authority to act on behalf of the Owner only to the extent provided in the Contract Documents.

A. Site Visits. The Architect/Engineer will visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction, or as otherwise agreed with the Owner, to become generally familiar with the progress and quality of the portion of the Work complete, and to determine in general if the Work observed is being performed in a manner indicating that the Work, when fully completed, will be in accordance with the Contract Documents. Unless specifically instructed by Owner, the Architect/Engineer will not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work. The Architect/Engineer will not have control over, charge of, or responsibility for, the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or

procedures, or for the safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, since these are solely the Contractor's rights and responsibilities under the Contract Documents.

B. **Reporting.** Based on the site visits, the Architect/Engineer will keep the Owner reasonably informed about the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and report to the Owner (1) known deviations from the Contract Documents and from the most recent construction schedule submitted by the Contractor, and (2) defects and deficiencies observed in the Work. The Architect/Engineer will not be responsible for the Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Architect/Engineer will not have control over or charge of and will not be responsible for acts or omissions of the Contractor, Subcontractors, or their agents or employees, or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

**6.3 Interpretation of Project Plans and Specifications.** The Architect/Engineer will be the interpreter of the requirements of the Project Plans and Specifications. Upon receipt of comments or objections by Contractor or Owner, the Architect/Engineer will make decisions on all claims, disputes, or other matters pertaining to the interpretation of the Project Plans and Specifications.

**6.4 Rejection of Non-Conforming Work.** Upon consultation with Owner, the Architect/Engineer shall have the authority to reject Work which does not conform to the Project Plans and Specifications.

**6.5 Correction of Work.** The Contractor shall promptly correct all Work rejected by the Architect/Engineer for being defective or as failing to conform to the Project Plans and Specifications, whether observed before or after the Substantial Completion Date and whether or not fabricated, installed, or completed. The Contractor shall bear all costs of correcting such rejected Work, including compensation for Architect/Engineer's additional services made necessary thereby.

**6.6 Timely Performance of Architect/Engineer.** The Contractor shall identify which requests for information or response from the Architect/Engineer have the greatest urgency and those items which require prioritizing in response by the Architect/Engineer. The Contractor shall also identify the preferred time period for response and shall request a response time which is reasonably and demonstrably related to the needs of the Project and Contractor. If Architect/Engineer claims that Contractor's expectations for a response are unreasonable, Owner shall require Architect/Engineer to communicate such claim to Contractor in writing together with the specific time necessary to respond and the date upon which such response will be made. If Contractor believes that Architect/Engineer is not providing timely services or responses, Contractor shall notify Owner of same in writing not less than two (2) weeks before Contractor believes performance or response time from Architect/Engineer is required without risk of delaying the Project.

## ARTICLE VII

### OWNER'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**7.1 Project Site; Title.** The Owner shall provide the lands upon which the Work under the Contract Documents is to be done, except that the Contractor shall provide all necessary additional land required for the erection of temporary construction facilities and storage of his materials, together with right of access to same. The Owner hereby represents to the Contractor that it currently has and will maintain up through and including the Substantial Completion Date, good title to all of the real property constituting the Project Site. Owner agrees to resolve, at its expense, any disputes relating to the ownership and use of the Project Site which might arise during construction.

**7.2 Project Plans and Specifications; Architect/Engineer.** The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that Owner has previously entered into an agreement with Architect/Engineer. Pursuant to the terms of such agreement, the Architect/Engineer, as an agent and representative of Owner, is responsible for the preparation of Project Plans and Specifications which consist of drawings, specifications, and other documents setting forth in detail the requirements for the construction of the Project. All such Project Plans and Specifications shall be provided either by Owner or the Architect/Engineer, and Contractor shall be under no obligation to provide same and shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness of the Project Plans and Specifications provided by the Architect/Engineer and all preliminary drawings prepared in connection therewith. The Contractor will be furnished a reproducible set of all drawings and specifications reasonably necessary for the performance of Contractor's services hereunder and otherwise ready for printing. The Contractor shall be notified of any written modification in the agreement between Owner and Architect/Engineer.

**7.3 Surveys; Soil Tests and Other Project Site Information.** Owner shall be responsible for providing a legal description and certified land survey of the Project Site in a form and content and with such specificity as may be required by the Architect/Engineer and Contractor to perform their services. To the extent deemed necessary by Owner and Architect/Engineer, and solely at Owner's expense, Owner may engage the services of a geotechnical consultant to perform test borings and other underground soils testing as may be deemed necessary by the Architect/Engineer or the Contractor. Contractor shall not be obligated to provide such surveys or soil tests and shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness of the information provided; subject, however, to the provisions of Section 2.4.S hereof. Owner shall provide Contractor, as soon as reasonably possible following the execution of the Contract Documents, all surveys or other survey information in its possession describing the physical characteristics of the Project Site, together with soils reports, subsurface investigations, utility locations, deed restrictions, easements, and legal descriptions then in its possession or control. Upon receipt of all surveys, soils tests, and other Project Site information, Contractor shall promptly advise Owner of any inadequacies in such information and of the need for any additional surveys, soils or subsoil tests. In performing this Work, Contractor shall use the standard of care of experienced contractors and will use its best efforts timely to identify all problems or omissions. Owner shall not be responsible for any delay or damages to the Contractor for any visible or disclosed site conditions or disclosed deficiencies in the Project Site which should have been identified by Contractor and corrected by Owner prior to the execution of the Contract Documents.

**7.4 Information; Communication; Coordination.** The Owner's Project Representative shall examine any documents or requests for information submitted by the Contractor and shall advise Contractor of Owner's decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable period of time to avoid unreasonable delay in the progress of the Contractor's services. Contractor shall indicate if any such documents or requests warrant priority consideration. However, decisions

pertaining to approval of the Project Schedule as it relates to the date of Substantial Completion, the Project Cost, Contractor's compensation, approving or changing the Contract Sum shall only be effective when approved by Owner in the form of a written Change Order or amendment to the Contract Documents. Owner reserves the right to designate a different Owner's Project Representative provided Contractor is notified in writing of any such change. Owner and Architect/Engineer may communicate with Subcontractors, materialmen, laborers, or suppliers engaged to perform services on the Project, but only for informational purposes. Neither the Owner nor the Architect/Engineer shall attempt to direct the Work of or otherwise interfere with any Subcontractor, materialman, laborer, or supplier, or otherwise interfere with the Work of the Contractor. Owner shall furnish the data required of Owner under the Contract Documents promptly.

**7.5 Governmental Body.** The Contractor recognizes that the Owner is a governmental body with certain procedural requirements to be satisfied. The Contractor has and will make reasonable allowance in its performance of services for such additional time as may be required for approvals and decisions by the Owner and any other necessary government agency.

**7.6 Pre-Completion Acceptance.** The Owner shall have the right to take possession of and use any completed portions of the Work, although the time for completing the entire Work or such portions may not have expired, but such taking possession and use shall not be deemed an acceptance of any Work not completed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**7.7 Ownership and Use of Drawings, Specifications and Other Instruments of Service.**

- (1) The Architect/Engineer and the Architect/Engineer's consultants shall be deemed the authors and owners of their respective instruments of service, including the Project Plans and Specifications, and will retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including copyrights. The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and material or equipment suppliers shall not own or claim a copyright in the instruments of service. Submittal or distribution to meet official regulatory requirements or for other purposes in connection with this Project is not to be construed as publication in derogation of the Architect/Engineer's or Architect/Engineer's consultants' reserved rights.
- (2) The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors and material or equipment suppliers are authorized to use and reproduce the drawings and specifications provided to them solely and exclusively for execution of the Work. All copies made under this authorization shall bear the copyright notice, if any, shown on the Project Plans and Specifications or other instruments of service. The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and material or equipment suppliers may not use the drawings or specifications on other projects or for additions to this Project outside the scope of the Work without the specific written consent of the Owner, Architect/Engineer and the Architect/Engineer's consultants.

**7.8 Owner's Project Representative.** Owner's Project Representative is Owner's Agent, who will act as directed by and under the supervision of the Owner, and who will confer with Owner/Architect/Engineer regarding his actions. The Owner's Project Representative's dealings in matters pertaining to the on-site Work shall, in general, be only with the Owner/Architect/Engineer and Contractor and dealings with Subcontractors shall only be through or with the full knowledge of Contractor.

A. Responsibilities. Except as otherwise instructed in writing by Owner, the Owner's Project Representative will:

- (1) Attend preconstruction conferences; arrange a schedule of progress meetings and other job conferences as required in consultation with Owner/Architect/Engineer and notify those expected to attend in advance; and attend meetings and maintain and circulate copies of minutes thereof;
- (2) Serve as Owner/Architect/Engineer's liaison with Contractor, working principally through Contractor's superintendent, to assist in understanding the intent of the Contract Documents. As requested by Owner/Architect/Engineer, assist in obtaining additional details or information when required at the job site for proper execution of the Work;
- (3) Report to Owner/Architect/Engineer whenever he believes that any Work is unsatisfactory, faulty or defective or does not conform to the Contract Documents;
- (4) Accompany visiting inspectors representing public or other agencies having jurisdiction over the project; record the outcome of these inspections and report to Owner/Architect/Engineer;
- (5) Review applications for payment with Contractor for compliance with the established procedure for their submission and forward them with recommendations to Owner/Architect/Engineer; and
- (6) Perform those duties as set forth elsewhere within the Contract Documents.

B. Limitations. Except upon written instructions of Owner, Owner's Project Representative shall not:

- (1) Authorize any deviation from the Contract Documents or approve any substitute materials or equipment;
- (2) Exceed limitations on Owner/Architect/Engineer's authority as set forth in the Contract Documents;
- (3) Undertake any of the responsibilities of Contractor, Subcontractors or Contractor's superintendent, or expedite the Work;

- (4) Advise on or issue directions relative to any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction unless such is specifically called for in the Contract Documents;
- (5) Advise on or issue directions as to safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work;
- (6) Authorize Owner to occupy the project in whole or in part; or
- (7) Participate in specialized field or laboratory tests.

## ARTICLE VIII

### RESOLUTION OF DISAGREEMENTS;

#### CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION

**8.1 Owner to Decide Disputes.** The Owner shall reasonably decide all questions and disputes (with the exception of matters pertaining to the interpretation of the Project Plans and Specifications which shall be resolved by the Architect/Engineer pursuant to Section 6.3) that may arise in the execution and fulfillment of the services provided for under the Contract Documents, in accordance with the Procurement Ordinance.

**8.2 Finality.** The decision of the Owner upon all claims, questions, disputes and conflicts shall be final and conclusive, and shall be binding upon all parties to the Contract Documents, subject to judicial review as provided in Section 8.5 below.

**8.3 No Damages for Delay.** If at any time Contractor is delayed in the performance of Contractor's responsibilities under the Contract Documents as the result of a default or failure to perform in a timely manner by Owner or Owner's agents or employees, Contractor shall not be entitled to any damages except for compensation specifically authorized in Article III. Contractor's sole remedy will be a right to extend the time for performance. Nothing herein shall preclude Contractor from any available remedy against any responsible party other than Owner. Contractor shall be responsible for liquidated damages for delay if otherwise provided for in the Contract Documents.

**8.4 Permitted Claims Procedure.** Where authorized or permitted under the Contract Documents, all claims for additional compensation by Contractor, extensions of time affecting the Substantial Completion Date, for payment by the Owner of costs, damages or losses due to casualty, Force Majeure, Project Site conditions or otherwise, shall be governed by the following:

- (1) All claims must be submitted as a request for Change Order in the manner as provided in Article V.
- (2) The Contractor must submit a notice of claim to Owner's Project Representative and to the Architect/Engineer within fifteen (15) days of the

beginning of such occurrence. Failure to submit a claim within the requisite 15-day period shall constitute a waiver of the right to pursue said claim.

- (3) Within twenty (20) days of submitting its notice of claim, the Contractor shall submit to the Owner's Project Representative its request for Change Order, which shall include a written statement of all details of the claim, including a description of the Work affected.
- (4) After receipt of a request for Change Order, the Owner's Project Representative, in consultation with the Architect/Engineer, shall deliver to the Contractor, within thirty-five (35) days after receipt of request, its written response to the claim. If the Architect/Engineer is not an Owner employee, they shall deliver to the Contractor within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of request, its written response to the claim. Any denial notice from the Owner's Architect/Engineer employee must specify the alleged deficiencies in the price quote and the actions necessary to remedy those deficiencies.
- (5) In the event the Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on the terms of a Change Order, the Owner shall have the option to instruct the Contractor to proceed with the Work. In that event, the Owner shall pay for those parts of the Work, the scope and price of which are not in dispute. The balance of the disputed items in the order to proceed will be resolved after completion of the Work, based upon completed actual cost.
- (6) The rendering of a decision by Owner with respect to any such claim, dispute or other matter (except any which have been waived by the making or acceptance of final payment) will be a condition precedent to any exercise by Owner or Contractor of such right or remedies as either may otherwise have under the Contract Documents or by laws or regulations in respect of any such claim, dispute or other matter.

**8.5 Contract Claims and Disputes.** After completion of the process set forth in Section 8.4 above, any unresolved dispute under this Agreement shall be decided by the Purchasing Official in accordance with Section 2-26-63 of the Manatee County Code of Laws, subject to an administrative hearing process as provided in Section 2-26-64. The decision of the hearing officer in accordance with Section 2-26-64 of the Manatee County Code of Laws shall be the final and conclusive decision subject to exclusive judicial review in circuit court by a petition for certiorari.

**8.6 Claims for Consequential Damages.** The Contractor and Owner waive claims against each other for consequential damages arising out of or relating to this Agreement. This mutual waiver includes:

- (1) damages incurred by the Owner for rental expenses, for losses of use, income, profit, financing, business and reputation, and for loss of management or employee productivity or of the services of such persons, unless any of such damages or losses are covered by insurance placed by the Contractor; and

- (2) damages incurred by the Contractor for principal office expenses including the compensation of personnel stationed there, for losses of financing, business and reputation, and for loss of profit except anticipated profit arising directly from the Work.

This mutual waiver is applicable, without limitation, to all consequential damages due to either party's termination in accordance with Article XIV. Nothing contained in this Section 8.6 shall be deemed to preclude assessment of liquidated direct damages, when applicable, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

## ARTICLE IX

### INDEMNITY

#### 9.1 Indemnity.

A. Indemnification Generally. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, Architect/Engineer, Architect/Engineer's consultants, and agents and employees of any of them from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work, provided that such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, but only to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, a Subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to a party or person described in this Section 9.1.

B. Indemnification; Enforcement Actions. The Contractor's duty to indemnify and hold harmless the Owner in Section 9.1 above shall extend to fines, penalties and costs incurred by the Owner as related to any enforcement action taken by local, state, regional or federal regulatory entities. The Owner may deduct any of such fines, penalties and costs as described in this Section from any unpaid amounts then or thereafter due the Contractor under the Contract Documents. Any of such fines, penalties and costs 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.

C. Claims by Employees. In claims against any person or entity indemnified under this Section 9.1 by an employee of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, the indemnification obligation under Section 9.1.A. shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or a Subcontractor under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

**9.2 Duty to Defend.** The Contractor shall defend the Owner in any action, lawsuit, mediation or arbitration arising from the alleged negligence, recklessness or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Contractor and other persons employed or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of the Work. Notwithstanding any other provisions within this Article IX, so long as Contractor, through its own counsel, performs its obligation to defend the Owner pursuant to this Section, Contractor shall not be required to pay the Owner's costs associated with the Owner's participation in the defense.

## ARTICLE X

### ACCOUNTING RECORDS; OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

**10.1 Accounting Records.** Records of expenses pertaining to all services performed shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and procedures.

**10.2 Inspection and Audit.** The Contractor's records shall be open to inspection and subject to examination, audit, and/or reproduction during normal working hours by the Owner's agent or authorized representative to the extent necessary to adequately permit evaluation and verification of any invoices, payments or claims submitted by the Contractor or any of its payees during the performance of the Work. These records shall include, but not be limited to, accounting records, written policies and procedures, Subcontractor files (including proposals of successful and unsuccessful bidders), original estimates, estimating worksheets, correspondence, Change Order files (including documentation covering negotiated settlements), and any other supporting evidence necessary to substantiate charges related to the Contract Documents. They shall also include, but not be limited to, those records necessary to evaluate and verify direct and indirect costs (including overhead allocations) as they may apply to costs associated with the Contract Documents. For such audits, inspections, examinations and evaluations, the Owner's agent or authorized representative shall have access to said records from the effective date of the Contract Documents, for the duration of Work, and until three (3) years after the date of final payment by the Owner to the Contractor pursuant to the Contract Documents.

**10.3 Access.** The Owner's agent or authorized representative shall have access to the Contractor's facilities and all necessary records to conduct audits in compliance with this Article. The Owner's agent or authorized representative shall give the Contractor reasonable advance notice of intended inspections, examinations, and/or audits.

**10.4 Ownership of Documents.** Upon obtainment of Substantial Completion or termination of the Agreement, all records, documents, tracings, plans, specifications, maps, evaluations, reports, transcripts and other technical data, other than working papers, prepared or developed by the Contractor shall be delivered to and become the property of the Owner. The Contractor at its own expense may retain copies for its files and internal use.

## ARTICLE XI

### PUBLIC CONTRACT LAWS

#### 11.1 Equal Opportunity Employment.

A. Employment. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, sex, color, national origin, disability or age, and will take affirmative action to ensure that all employees and applicants are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, sex, color, national origin, disability or age. Such action will be taken with reference to, but shall not be limited to, recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination, rates of training or retraining, including apprenticeship and on-the-job training.

B. Participation. No person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, sex, color, national origin, disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the proceeds of, or be subject to discrimination in the performance of the Agreement.

**11.2 Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.** Contractor acknowledges that it is responsible for complying with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, located at 8 U.S.C. Section 1324, et seq., and regulations relating thereto. Failure to comply with the above statutory provisions shall be considered a material breach and shall be grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement.

**11.3 No Conflict of Interest.** The Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, gift or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

A. No Interest in Business Activity. By accepting award of this Agreement, the Contractor, which shall include its directors, officers and employees, represents that it presently has no interest in and shall acquire no interest in any business or activity which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, including without limitation as described in the Contractor's own professional ethical requirements. An interest in a business or activity which shall be deemed a conflict includes but is not limited to direct financial interest in any of the material and equipment manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, or contractors who will be eligible to supply material and equipment for the Project for which the Contractor is furnishing its services required hereunder.

B. No Appearance of Conflict. The Contractor shall not knowingly engage in any contractual or professional obligations that create an appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to the services provided pursuant to the Agreement. The Contractor has provided the Affidavit of No Conflict, incorporated into the Contract Documents as Exhibit "C", as a material inducement for Owner entering the Agreement. If, in the sole discretion of the County Administrator or designee, a conflict of interest is deemed to exist or arise during the term of this

Agreement, the County Administrator or designee may cancel this Agreement, effective upon the date so stated in a written notice of cancellation, without penalty to the Owner.

**11.4 Truth in Negotiations.** By execution of the Contract Documents, the Contractor certifies to truth-in-negotiations and that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting. Further, the original Contract Sum and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums where the Owner determines the Contract Sum was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. Such adjustments must be made within one (1) year after final payment to the Contractor.

**11.5 Public Entity Crimes.** The Contractor is directed to the Florida Public Entity Crimes Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, specifically section 2(a), and the Owner's requirement that the Contractor comply with it in all respects prior to and during the term of the Agreement.

## ARTICLE XII

### FORCE MAJEURE, FIRE OR OTHER CASUALTY

#### 12.1 Force Majeure.

A. Unavoidable Delays. Delays in any performance by any party contemplated or required hereunder due to fire, flood, sinkhole, earthquake or hurricane, acts of God, unavailability of materials, equipment or fuel, war, declaration of hostilities, revolt, civil strife, altercation or commotion, strike, labor dispute, or epidemic, archaeological excavation, lack of or failure of transportation facilities, or any law, order, proclamation, regulation, or ordinance of any government or any subdivision thereof, or for any other similar cause to those enumerated, beyond the reasonable control and which with due diligence could not have been reasonably anticipated, shall be deemed to be events of Force Majeure and any such delays shall be excused. In the event such party is delayed in the performance of any Work or obligation pursuant to the Contract Documents for any of the events of Force Majeure stated in this Section 12.1, the date for performance required or contemplated by the Contract Documents shall be extended by the number of calendar days such party is actually delayed.

B. Concurrent Contractor Delays. If a delay is caused for any reason provided in Section 12.1.A. and during the same time period a delay is caused by Contractor, the date for performance shall be extended as provided in 12.1.A. but only to the extent the time is or was concurrent.

C. Notice; Mitigation. The party seeking excuse for nonperformance based on Force Majeure shall give written notice to the Owner, if with respect to the Contractor, or to the Contractor if with respect to the Owner, specifying its actual or anticipated duration. Each party seeking excuse from nonperformance based on Force Majeure shall use its best efforts to rectify any condition causing a delay and will cooperate with the other party, except that neither party shall be obligated to incur any unreasonable additional costs and expenses to overcome any loss of time that has resulted.

**12.2 Casualty; Actions by Owner and Contractor.** During the construction period, if the Project or any part thereof shall have been damaged or destroyed, in whole or in part, the Contractor shall promptly make proof of loss; and Owner and Contractor shall proceed promptly to collect, or cause to be collected, all valid claims which may have arisen against insurers or others based upon such damage or destruction. The Contractor shall diligently assess the damages or destruction and shall prepare an estimate of the cost, expenses, and other charges, including normal and ordinary compensation to the Contractor, necessary for reconstruction of the Project substantially in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. Within fifteen (15) days following satisfaction of the express conditions described in subsections (1), (2) and (3) below, the Contractor covenants and agrees diligently to commence reconstruction and to complete the reconstruction or repair of any loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Project to substantially the same size, floor area, cubic content, and general appearance as prior to such loss or damage:

- (1) Receipt by the Owner or the trustee of the proceeds derived from collection of all valid claims against insurers or others based upon such damage or destruction, and receipt of other sums from any source such that the funds necessary to pay the Project Cost and any additions to the Project Cost necessitated for repair or reconstruction are available;
- (2) Written agreement executed by the Contractor and the Owner, by amendment to the Contract Documents or otherwise, authorizing and approving the repair or reconstruction and any additions to the Project Cost necessitated thereby, including any required adjustment to the Contract Sum; and
- (3) Final approval by the Owner of the Project Plans and Specifications for such repair or reconstruction and issuance of any required building permit.

**12.3 Approval of Plans and Specifications.** The Owner agrees to approve the plans and specifications for such reconstruction or repair if the reconstruction or repair contemplated by such plans and specifications is economically feasible, and will restore the Project, or the damaged portion thereof, to substantially the same condition as prior to such loss or damage, and such plans and specifications conform to the applicable laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations. The Owner agrees that all proceeds of any applicable insurance or other proceeds received by the Owner or the Contractor as a result of such loss or damage shall be used for payment of the costs, expenses, and other charges of the reconstruction or repair of the Project.

**12.4 Notice of Loss or Damage.** The Contractor shall promptly give the Owner written notice of any significant damage or destruction to the Project, defined as loss or damage which it is contemplated by Contractor will increase the Contract Sum or extend the Substantial Completion Date, stating the date on which such damage or destruction occurred, the then expectations of Contractor as to the effect of such damage or destruction on the use of the Project, and the then proposed schedule, if any, for repair or reconstruction of the Project. Loss or damage which the Contractor determines will not affect the Contract Sum or Substantial Completion Date will be reported to Owner and Architect/Engineer immediately, and associated corrective actions will be undertaken without delay.

## ARTICLE XIII

### REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

**13.1 Representations and Warranties of Contractor.** The Contractor represents and warrants to the Owner each of the following.

A. The Contractor is a construction company, organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, authorized to transact business in the State of Florida, with \_\_\_\_\_ as the primary qualifying agent. Contractor has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted, to own or hold its properties, and to enter into and perform its obligations hereunder and under each instrument to which it is or will be a party, and is in good standing in the State of Florida.

B. Each Contract Document to which the Contractor is or will be a party constitutes, or when entered into will constitute, a legal, valid, and binding obligation of the Contractor enforceable against the Contractor in accordance with the terms thereof, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, or similar laws from time to time in effect which affect creditors' rights generally and subject to usual equitable principles in the event that equitable remedies are involved.

C. There are no pending or, to the knowledge of the Contractor, threatened actions or proceedings before any court or administrative agency, within or without the State of Florida, against the Contractor or any partner, officer, or agent of the Contractor which question the validity of any document contemplated hereunder, or which are likely in any case, or in the aggregate, to materially adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereunder, or materially adversely affect the financial condition of the Contractor.

D. The Contractor has filed or caused to be filed all federal, state, local, or foreign tax returns, if any, which were required to be filed by the Contractor, and has paid, or caused to be paid, all taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns or on any assessments levied against the Contractor.

E. Neither Contractor nor any agent or person employed or retained by Contractor has acted fraudulently or in bad faith or in violation of any statute or law in the procurement of this Agreement.

F. The Contractor shall timely fulfill or cause to be fulfilled all of the terms and conditions expressed herein which are within the control of the Contractor or which are the responsibility of the Contractor to fulfill. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means and methods of construction.

G. It is recognized that neither the Architect/Engineer, the Contractor, nor the Owner has control over the cost of labor, materials, or equipment, over a Subcontractor's methods of determining bid prices, or over competitive bidding, market, or negotiating conditions.

H. During the term of the Contract Documents, and the period of time that the obligations of the Contractor under the Contract Documents shall be in effect, the Contractor shall cause to occur and to continue to be in effect those instruments, documents, certificates, and events contemplated by the Contract Documents that are applicable to, and the responsibility of, the Contractor.

I. The Contractor shall assist and cooperate with the Owner and shall accomplish the construction of the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents and the Project Plans and Specifications, and will not knowingly violate any laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, or orders that are or will be applicable thereto.

J. Contractor warrants and guarantees to Owner that all Work will be in accordance with the Contract Documents and will not be defective, and that Owner, representatives of Owner, and governmental agencies with jurisdictional interests will have access to the Work at reasonable times for their observation, inspecting and testing. Contractor shall give Architect/Engineer timely notice of readiness of the Work for all required approvals and shall assume full responsibility, including costs, in obtaining required tests, inspections, and approval certifications and/or acceptance, unless otherwise stated by Owner.

K. If any Work (including Work of others) that is to be inspected, tested, or approved is covered without written concurrence of Architect/Engineer, it must, if requested by Architect/Engineer, be uncovered for observation. Such uncovering shall be at Contractor's expense unless Contractor has given Architect/Engineer timely notice of Contractor's intention to cover the same and Architect/Engineer has not acted with reasonable promptness in response to such notice. Neither observations by Architect/Engineer nor inspections, tests, or approvals by others shall relieve Contractor from Contractor's obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

L. If the Work is defective, or Contractor fails to supply sufficient skilled workers, or suitable materials or equipment, or fails to furnish or perform the Work in such a way that the completed Work will conform to the Contract Documents, Owner may order Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof and terminate payments to the Contractor until the cause for such order has been eliminated. Contractor shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs for satisfactory reconstruction or removal and replacement with non-defective Work, including, but not limited to fees and charges of Architect/Engineers, attorneys and other professionals and any additional expenses experienced by Owner due to delays to other Contractors performing additional Work and an appropriate deductive change order shall be issued. Contractor shall further bear the responsibility for maintaining the schedule and shall not be entitled to an extension of the Contract Time or the recovery of delay damages due to correcting or removing defective Work.

M. If Contractor fails within seven (7) days after written notice to correct defective Work, or fails to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, or fails to comply with any other provision of the Contract Documents, Owner may correct and remedy any such deficiency to the extent necessary to complete corrective and remedial action. Owner may temporarily exclude Contractor from all or part of the site, temporarily take possession of all or part of the Work, Contractor's tools, construction equipment and machinery at the site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere, all for such duration as is reasonably necessary to correct the deficiency. All direct and indirect costs of Owner in exercising

such rights and remedies will be charged against Contractor in an amount approved as to reasonableness by Architect/Engineer and a Change Order will be issued incorporating the necessary revisions.

N. If within three (3) years after the Substantial Completion Date or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by laws or regulations or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents, any Work is found to be defective, Contractor shall promptly, without cost to Owner and in accordance with Owner's written instructions, either correct such defective Work or if it has been rejected by Owner, remove it from the site and replace it with non-defective Work. If Contractor does not promptly comply with the terms of such instruction, Owner may have the defective Work corrected/removed and all direct, indirect and consequential costs of such removal and replacement will be paid by Contractor. Failing payment by the Contractor and notwithstanding any other provisions of the Contract Documents to the contrary, Owner shall have the right to bring a direct action in the Circuit Court to recover such costs.

**13.2 Representations of the Owner.** To the extent permitted by law, the Owner represents to the Contractor that each of the following statements is presently true and accurate:

- A. The Owner is a validly existing political subdivision of the State of Florida.
- B. The Owner has all requisite corporate or governmental power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted and to perform its obligations under the Contract Documents and each Contract Document contemplated hereunder to which it is or will be a party.
- C. The Contract Documents and each Contract Document contemplated hereby to which the Owner is or will be a party has been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of, and has been or will be duly executed and delivered by, the Owner, and neither the execution and delivery thereof nor compliance with the terms and provisions thereof or hereof: (a) requires the approval and consent of any other person or party, except such as have been duly obtained or as are specifically noted herein; (b) contravenes any existing law, judgment, governmental rule, regulation or order applicable to or binding on the Owner; or (c) contravenes or results in any breach of, default under, or result in the creation of any lien or encumbrance upon the Owner under any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan, or credit agreement, the charter, ordinances, resolutions, or any other agreement or instrument to which the Owner is a party, specifically including any covenants of any bonds, notes, or other forms of indebtedness of the Owner outstanding on the date of the Contract Documents.
- D. The Contract Documents and each document contemplated hereby to which the Owner is or will be a party constitutes, or when entered into will constitute, a legal, valid, and binding obligation of the Owner enforceable against the Owner in accordance with the terms thereof, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, or similar laws from time to time in effect which affect creditors' rights generally, and subject to usual equitable principles in the event that equitable remedies are involved.
- E. There are no pending or, to the knowledge of the Owner, threatened actions or proceedings before any court or administrative agency against the Owner which question the validity of the Contract Documents or any document contemplated hereunder, or which are likely

in any case or in the aggregate to materially adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereunder or the financial or corporate condition of the Owner.

F. The Owner shall use due diligence to timely fulfill or cause to be fulfilled all of the conditions expressed in the Contract Documents which are within the control of the Owner or which are the responsibility of the Owner to fulfill.

G. During the pendency of the Work and while the obligations of the Owner under the Contract Documents shall be in effect, the Owner shall cause to occur and to continue to be in effect and take such action as may be necessary to enforce those instruments, documents, certificates and events contemplated by the Contract Documents that are applicable to and the responsibility of the Owner.

H. The Owner shall assist and cooperate with the Contractor in accomplishing the construction of the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents and the Project Plans and Specifications, and will not knowingly violate any laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, contracts, or agreements that are or will be applicable thereto or, to the extent permitted by law, enact or adopt any resolution, rule, regulation, or order, or approve or enter into any contract or agreement, including issuing any bonds, notes, or other forms of indebtedness, that will result in the Contract Documents or any part thereof, or any other instrument contemplated by and material to the timely and effective performance of a party's obligations hereunder, to be in violation thereof.

## ARTICLE XIV

### TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

**14.1 Termination for Cause by Owner.** This Agreement may be terminated by Owner upon written notice to the Contractor should Contractor fail substantially to perform a material obligation in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents through no fault of the Owner. In the event Owner terminates for cause and it is later determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that such termination for cause was not justified, then in such event such termination for cause shall automatically be converted to a termination without cause pursuant to Section 14.2.

A. Nonperformance. If the Contractor fails to timely perform any of its obligations under the Contract Documents, including any obligation the Contractor assumes to perform Work with its own forces, or if it persistently or repeatedly refuses or fails, except in case for which extension of time is provided, to supply enough properly skilled workmen or proper materials, or fails, without being excused, to maintain an established schedule (failure to maintain schedule shall be defined as any activity that falls thirty (30) days or more behind schedule) which has been adopted by the Construction Team, or it fails to make prompt payment to Subcontractors for materials or labor, or disregards laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction, or otherwise is guilty of substantial violations of the Agreement the Owner may, after seven (7) days written notice, during which period the Contractor fails to perform such obligation, make good such deficiencies and perform such actions. The Contract Sum shall be reduced by the cost to the Owner of making good such deficiencies, and the Contractor's compensation shall be reduced by an amount required to manage the making good of such deficiencies. Provided, however, nothing contained herein shall limit or preclude Owner from pursuing additional damages from Contractor because of its breach.

B. Insolvency. If the Contractor is adjudged bankrupt, or if it makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or if a receiver is appointed because its insolvency, then the Owner may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy, and after giving the Contractor and its surety, if any, fourteen (14) days written notice, and during which period the Contractor fails to cure the violation, terminate the Agreement. In such case, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment. Owner shall be entitled to recover all costs and damages arising because of failure of Contractor to perform as provided in the Contract Documents, as well as reasonable termination expenses, and costs and damages incurred by the Owner may be deducted from any payments left owing the Contractor.

C. Illegality. Owner may terminate the Agreement if Contractor disregards laws or regulations of any public body having jurisdiction.

D. Rights of Owner. The Owner may, after giving Contractor (and the surety, if there is one) seven (7) days written notice, terminate the services of Contractor for cause; exclude Contractor from the Project Site and take possession of the Work and of all Contractor's tools, construction equipment and machinery at the Project Site and use the same to the full extent they could be used (without liability to Contractor for trespass or conversion); incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Project Site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere, and finish the Work as Owner may deem expedient. In such case, Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment beyond an amount equal to the value of material and equipment not incorporated in the Work, but delivered and suitably stored, less the aggregate of payments previously made. If the direct and indirect costs of completing the Work exceed the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum, Contractor shall pay the difference to Owner. Such costs incurred by Owner shall be verified by Owner in writing; but in finishing the Work, Owner shall not be required to obtain the lowest quote for the Work performed. Contractor's obligations to pay the difference between such costs and such unpaid balance shall survive termination of the Agreement. In such event and notwithstanding any other provisions of the Contract Documents to the contrary, Owner shall be entitled to bring a direct action in the Circuit Court to recover such costs.

**14.2 Termination without Cause by Owner.** The Owner, through its County Administrator or designee, shall have the right to terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, without cause upon sixty (60) calendar days' written notice to the Contractor. In the event of such termination for convenience, the Owner shall compensate Contractor for payments due through the date of termination, and one subsequent payment to cover costs of Work performed through the date of termination, subject to the terms and conditions of Section 3.1. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any other further recovery against the Owner, including, but not limited to, anticipated fees or profit on Work not required to be performed, or consequential damages or costs resulting from such termination.

A. Release of Contractor. As a condition of Owner's termination rights provided for in this subsection, Contractor shall be released and discharged from all obligations arising by, through, or under the terms of the Contract Documents, and the Payment and Performance Bond shall be released. Owner shall assume and become responsible for the reasonable value of Work performed by Subcontractors prior to termination plus reasonable direct close-out costs, but in no event shall Subcontractors be entitled to unabsorbed overhead, anticipatory profits, or damages for early termination.

B. Waiver of Protest. Contractor hereby waives any right to protest the exercise by Owner of its rights under this Section that may apply under the Procurement Ordinance.

**14.3 Suspension without Cause.** Owner may, at any time and without cause, suspend the Work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than ninety (90) days by written notice to Contractor, which will fix the date on which Work will be resumed. Contractor shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Sum or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to any suspension if Contractor makes an approved claim therefor.

**14.4 Termination Based Upon Abandonment, Casualty or Force Majeure.** If, after the construction commencement date (i) Contractor abandons the Project (which for purposes of this paragraph shall mean the cessation of all construction and other activities relating to the Project, excluding those which are necessary to wind down or otherwise terminate all outstanding obligations with respect to the Project, and no recommencement of same within one hundred twenty (120) days following the date of cessation), or (ii) the Project is stopped for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days due to an instance of Force Majeure or the result of a casualty resulting in a loss that cannot be corrected or restored within one hundred twenty (120) days (excluding the time required to assess the damage and complete the steps contemplated under Section 12.2), the Owner shall have the right to terminate the Agreement and pay the Contractor its compensation earned or accrued to date.

**14.5 Vacation of Project Site; Delivery of Documents.** Upon termination by Owner pursuant to Section 14.2 or 14.4, Contractor shall withdraw its employees and its equipment, if any, from the Project Site on the effective date of the termination as specified in the notice of termination (which effective date shall not be less than two (2) working days after the date of delivery of the notice), regardless of any claim the Contractor may or may not have against the Owner. Upon termination, the Contractor shall deliver to the Owner all original papers, records, documents, drawings, models and other material set forth and described in the Contract Documents.

**14.6 Termination by the Contractor.** If, through no act or fault of Contractor, the Work is suspended for a period of more than ninety (90) consecutive days by Owner or under an order of court or other public authority, or Owner fails to act on any Application for Payment or fails to pay Contractor any sum finally determined to be due; then Contractor may, upon fourteen (14) days written notice to Owner terminate the Agreement and recover from Owner payment for all Work executed, any expense sustained plus reasonable termination expenses. In lieu of terminating the Agreement, if Owner has failed to act on any Application for Payment or Owner has failed to make any payment as aforesaid, Contractor may upon fourteen (14) days written notice to Owner stop the Work until payment of all amounts then due.

Exhibit A  
Title(s) of Drawings

Sample

Exhibit B  
Title(s) of Specifications

Sample

Exhibit C  
Affidavit of No Conflict

Sample

Exhibit D  
Contractor's Certificate(s) of Insurance

Sample

Exhibit E  
Contractor's Payment and Performance Bond

Sample

Exhibit F  
Standard Forms

Sample

**APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT**

Request No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Purchase Order No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County Bid No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Consultant: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
 From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACT PAYMENT SUMMARY**

Original Contract Amount:				\$	-
Change Order(s):				\$	-
Change order summary:					
Number	Date Approved	Additive	Deductive		
SUBTOTALS:		\$	-	\$	-
Net change order subtotal (Additive less Deductive):				\$	-
Current Contract Amount (CCA): (Original Amount + Change Order(s))				\$	-
		Previous Status	Total WIP		
Value of the Work in Place (WIP)	\$	-	\$	-	
Value of Stored Materials	\$	-	\$	-	
Total Earned (\$ and % of CCA)	\$	-	\$	-	
Retainage (\$ and % of CCA)	\$	-	\$	-	
Net Earned (Total earned minus retainage)				\$	-
TOTAL PREVIOUS PAYMENTS				\$	-
AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT (Net Earned minus Previous Payments)				\$	-

**CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE**

CERTIFICATE: The undersigned CONTRACTOR certifies that all items and amounts shown on this Application for Payment are on account of work performed, materials supplied and/or materials stored on site and paid for by Contractor in accordance with the Contract Documents with due consideration for previous Payment(s), if any, received by the Contractor from the County, and that the Amount Due this Payment shown is now due.

**NOTARY:**

**CONTRACTOR:**

State of Florida, County of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of person authorized to sign Affidavit of Notice

Sworn to (or affirmed ) and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of person giving notice)

Contractor name, address and telephone no.:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida)  
 Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of  
 Notary Public:

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ or Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION, RECOMMENDATION, CONCURRENCES AND APPROVALS**

(Signatures)

(Date)

Quantities verified by: \_\_\_\_\_

Consultant/Engineer: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Management: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Head: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment approved by the  
 Board of County Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested to by the Clerk of Circuit Court: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION (S.C.)</b>	<b>CHECK ONE:</b>	
	Partial	Total
Project Title:	Date Submitted:	
Contractor Data: Name: Address: City/State/Zip:	Project No:	
	S. C. Date (Proposed)	
<p>If the "Partial" completion box above is checked, the following description applies to the work for which substantial completion is being sought. Otherwise, the work described in the Contract including approved changes, if any, is certified to be substantially complete: (Description of the portion of work substantially completed):</p> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.3; transform: rotate(-30deg); pointer-events: none;">Sample</div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">(USE CONTINUATION SHEETS IF NECESSARY)</p>		
<p>A tentative list of items to be completed or corrected is attached hereto. This list may not be all-inclusive, and the failure to include an item does not alter the Contractor's responsibility to complete all of the contract work in accordance with the Contract Documents. The items in the tentative list shall be completed or corrected by the Contractor within _____ days of substantial completion. The approved substantial completion date is: _____</p>		
Contractor Signature	Date	Engineer/Architect Approval
		Date
Printed Name and Title	Printed Name and Title	
<p>The Contractor shall be responsible for security, operation, safety, maintenance, HVAC, insurance and warranties in accordance with the Contract. The County will assume the responsibility for paying the cost of electrical power from midnight of the date of Engineer's approval as indicated above.</p>		
<p><b>ATTACH THE INSPECTOR'S FINAL WALKTHROUGH LIST OF DEFICIENCIES.</b></p>		

**FINAL RECONCILIATION, WARRANTY PERIOD DECLARATION  
AND CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVIT**

Project Title: _____	Date Submitted: _____
Contractor Data: Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____	Project No: _____
	Warranty (months): _____

This Final Reconciliation is for the work performed for Manatee County by the above named contractor, hereinafter called CONTRACTOR, pursuant to the contract dated \_\_\_\_\_ as amended, and acts as an addendum thereto.

It is agreed that all quantities and prices in the attached Final Pay Estimate No. \_\_\_\_\_ are correct and that the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ including retainage is due to the CONTRACTOR, that no claims are outstanding as between the parties, and that the above stated sum represents the entirety of monies owed the CONTRACTOR.

It is further agreed that the warranty period for CONTRACTOR'S work pursuant to the Contract is from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

As (title) \_\_\_\_\_ for CONTRACTOR, I have authority to bind said CONTRACTOR, and as such make this final reconciliation, declaration and affidavit for the purpose of inducing Manatee County to make final payment to CONTRACTOR for work done at/upon \_\_\_\_\_ under said contract:

CONTRACTOR has paid all social security and withholding taxes accrued in connection with the construction project.

CONTRACTOR has paid all workers' compensation and other insurance premiums incurred in connection with this construction project.

CONTRACTOR has paid for all required permits in connection with this construction project.

All laborers, material, men, suppliers, subcontractors and service professionals who worked for and/or supplied materials, equipment and/or services to the CONTRACTOR under this construction contract have been paid in full.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Affiant Signature)

NOTARY:  
State of Florida, County of \_\_\_\_\_, Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ (person giving notice).

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

Personally Known  or Produced Identification   
Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

# CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

PROJECT:

Change Order No.:

Contract Amount  
(Present Value)

Project Number:

NO. OF ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND CHANGE	DECREASE	INCREASE

BY EXECUTION OF THIS CHANGE ORDER THE CONTRACTOR AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRACT TIME AND FEES FOR THE ITEMS IN THIS CHANGE ORDER HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.

**TOTAL DECREASE:**

**TOTAL INCREASE:**

**Contractor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City / State:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contractor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

THE NET CHANGE OF  
ADJUSTS THE CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT FROM  
TO

\_\_\_\_\_ CALENDAR DAYS ARE ADDED TO THE SCHEDULE  
 WHICH CHANGES THE FINAL COMPLETION DATE TO  
 MONTH DAY, YEAR

## RECOMMENDATION, CONCURRENCES AND APPROVALS

**SIGNATURES**

**DATE**

**Consultant / Engineer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Division Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Management Division Manager**

**Manatee County Purchasing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Purchasing Official**

Authority to execute this contract per Manatee County Code, Chapter 2-26,  
and per the delegation by the County Administrator effective 1/26/2009

**JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE**

**Change Order No :**

**Project Number:**

**1. NECESSITY FOR CHANGE:**

2. Is change an alternate bid? (If yes, explain)

3. Does change substantially alter the physical size of the project? (If yes, explain)

4 Effect of this change on other "Prime" contractors?

5 Has the Surety and insurance company been notified, if applicable? **CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY**