



PROJECT NO.: B-140143
OPEN DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2014
AND TIME: 2:30 P.M.
PRE-BID DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2014
AND TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: 1825 Hendry Street, 3rd FL

REQUEST FOR BID

ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLE, PARTS AND INSTALLATION

Advertised Date: February 7, 2014

REQUESTER: LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT

ADDRESS

1825 Hendry St 3rd Floor
FORT MYERS, FL 33901

PROCUREMENT CONTACT:

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INVITATION TO BID

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLE PARTS AND INSTALLATION

Sealed bids for the Annual Contract For Fiber Optic Cable Parts and Installation will be received until **2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014**, by the Lee County Procurement Division Office located at 1825 Hendry Street, 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, Florida 33901.

Immediately following the closing time for submission of Bids, all bids received on time will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for submission of Bids will be returned unopened.

Description of Work

The purchase and installation of traffic cable and parts for DOT Traffic and various Lee County Departments and Divisions. MOT Certification will be required to perform work under this contract.

This contract will be utilized by Lee County in the event of a hurricane or other natural or man-caused hazard. All work performed in the event of an emergency will be performed in accordance with the terms, conditions and construction provisions of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and/or any Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) requirements.

The County intends to award one or more contracts to the lowest responsive/responsible bidders. A notice to proceed will be issued on individual projects with any or all awarded bidders. The total contract will not exceed \$500,000.00.

This project requires the Contractor to have the following license(s) to perform the specified scope of work:

Low Voltage Electrical.

Contract is for two (2) years with three (3) one-year renewal options.

Pre-Bid Conference

A pre-Bid conference will be held at the Lee County Procurement Division Office on **Thursday, February 20, 2014** beginning at **10:00 a.m.** Bidders are not required to attend, but will be bound by Lee County's interpretations of the plans and specifications, which will be discussed at the pre-Bid conference.

Bidding Documents

Bids MUST be submitted in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders, using the Bid Forms included with the Bid Documents. Official Bid Documents may be downloaded from the Lee County website at www.lee-county.com/procurementmanagement (Project, open) or by contacting Lisa Crone of the Lee County Procurement Management Division at 239-533-5875 .

Affidavit Requested

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Sealed Bids will be received by the DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT, until the time and date specified on the cover sheet of this "Request for Bid", and opened immediately thereafter by the Director or designee.

Any question regarding this solicitation should be directed to the Procurement Division Contact listed on the cover page of this solicitation, or by calling the Division of Procurement Management at (239) 533-5450.

1. SUBMISSION OF BID:

- a. Bids must be sealed in an envelope, and the outside of the envelope must be marked with the following information:
 1. Marked with the words "Sealed Bid"
 2. Name of the firm submitting the bid
 3. Title of the bid
 4. Bid number
 5. The envelope shall include:
 - i. Two original hard copies of the bid submitted
 - ii. One CD ROM with the Bid Schedule completed as a Microsoft Excel file on the CD ROM.
- b. The Bid must be submitted in duplicate as follows:
 1. The original consisting of the Lee County bid forms completed and signed, and where applicable corporate and/or notary seals attached.
 2. A copy of the original bid forms for the Director.
 3. Bid Security
 4. DBE Participation
 5. Contractor's Qualification Questionnaire
 6. Lee County Contractor History
- c. The following must be submitted along with the bid in a separate envelope. This envelope must be marked as described above, but instead of marking the envelope as "Sealed Bid", please indicate the contents; i.e., literature, drawings, submittals, etc. This information must be submitted in duplicate.
 1. Any information (either required or in addition to that asked for by the specifications) necessary to analyze your bid, i.e., required submittals, literature, technical data, financial statements
 2. Warranties and guarantees against defective materials and workmanship.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT MAY RESULT IN THE BIDDER BEING FOUND NON-RESPONSIVE.

- d. **BIDS RECEIVED LATE:** It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure the bid is received by the Division of Procurement Management prior to the opening date and time specified. Any bid received after the opening date and time will be promptly returned to the bidder unopened. Lee County will not be responsible for bids received late because of delays by a third party delivery service; i.e., U.S. Mail, UPS, Federal Express, etc.
- e. **BID CALCULATION ERRORS:** In the event there is a discrepancy between the total quoted amount or the extended amounts and the unit prices quoted, the unit prices will prevail and the corrected sum will be considered the quoted price.
- f. **PAST PERFORMANCE:** All vendors will be evaluated on their past performance and prior dealings with Lee County (i.e., failure to meet specifications, poor workmanship, late delivery, etc.). Poor or unacceptable past performance may result in bidder disqualification.
- g. **WITHDRAWAL OF BID:** No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 90 days after the scheduled time for receiving bids. A bid may be withdrawn prior to the bid-opening date and time. Such a request to withdraw must be made in writing to the Director, who will approve or disapprove of the request.
- h. **COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT:** The County reserves the right to exercise its discretion, to waive minor informalities in any bid; to reject any or all bids with or without cause; and/or to accept the bid that in its judgment will be in the best interest of the County of Lee.
- i. **EXECUTION OF BID:** All bids shall contain the signature of an authorized representative of the bidder in the space provided on the quote proposal form. All bids shall be typed or printed in ink. The bidder may not use erasable ink. All corrections made to the bid shall be initialed.

2. **BIDDER EXAMINATION/INVESTIGATION OF SITE**

Before submitting bids, BIDDER must carefully examine the site of the proposed work and make all necessary investigations to inform itself thoroughly as to all difficulties involved in the completion of all work required pursuant to the requirements of this bid package. No plea of ignorance of conditions or difficulties that may hereafter exist, or of conditions or difficulties that may be encountered in the execution of the work pursuant to this bid package as a result of failure to make the necessary examinations and investigations will be accepted as an excuse for any failure or omission on the part of the successful BIDDER to fulfill, in every detail, all of the requirements of the Contract Documents, nor will they be accepted as a basis for any claims whatsoever for extra compensation or for an extension of time.

Reference is made to the Supplementary Conditions for the identification of those reports of investigation and test of subsurface and latent physical conditions at the site or otherwise affecting cost, progress or performance of the Work which have been relied upon by the County and/or its Consultant in preparing the Drawings and Specifications. COUNTY will make copies of such reports available to any BIDDER requesting them. These reports are not guaranteed as to their accuracy or completeness, nor are they part of the Contract Documents. Before submitting

its Bid, each BIDDER will at its own expense, make such additional investigations and tests as the BIDDER may deem necessary.

BIDDER shall not be entitled to compensation beyond its bid price when required to incur expenses because of tolls, weight limits of trucks, access to the site, permanent or temporary power at the job site, delivery of materials, temporary utilities, or compliance with OSHA requirements when examination and/or investigation of the site conditions and access routes would have revealed the extra expense involved. The above list is intended to be illustrative and not all-inclusive.

3. **PREPARATION OF BID**

Each BIDDER shall submit the completed Proposal/Quote Form and indicate the total lump-sum, or total unit price base bid and any total price(s) of any alternative(s) requested as part of the bid solicitation. BIDDER must furnish all requested information in the space provided in the Proposal/Quote Form. The BIDDER is solely responsible for reading and completely understanding the requirements and the specifications of the items bid.

- a. If the Bidder has downloaded the bid documents and bid schedule (excel document) if applicable, from the Procurement website you need to do the following:
- Complete the Bid Schedule excel sheet(s)
 - Print a paper copy of the completed Bid Schedule
 - Copy the completed Bid Schedule excel sheet(s) to a CD ROM
 - Submit both the completed paper copy and CD ROM Bid Schedule with the bid in the bid envelope at submission.

OR

- b. If the Bidder obtained a CD ROM from Procurement that contains all the required documents and forms, you need to do this:
- Print from the CD ROM Proposal/Quote Form, including the Bid Schedule (excel document), if applicable
 - Complete the Bid Schedule excel sheet(s) and all required pages
 - Save the completed Bid Schedule to the CD ROM
 - Submit both completed paper and CD ROM Bid Schedule with the bid in the bid envelope at bid submission.

Signatures shall be required as follows:

- a. Bids by a corporation must be manually executed in the corporate name, by the President or Vice President (or other corporate officer, accompanied by written evidence of authority to sign). The corporate seal must be affixed and attested by the secretary or assistant secretary. The corporate address and State of Incorporation must be shown below the signature. Non-resident corporations shall furnish to the COUNTY a duly certified copy of all required authorizations to transact business in the State of Florida along with the bid proposal.

- b. Bids by a partnership must be manually executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner whose title must appear under the signature. The official address of the partnership must be shown below the signature.
- c. Attorneys-in-Fact who sign bonds or other surety instruments must attach with each bond or surety instrument a certified and effectively dated copy of their power of attorney.
- d. All names must be typed or printed below the signature.
- e. The COUNTY will only consider bids meeting the exact specifications and requirements of the Bidding Documents.
- f. Bid errors shall be handled as follows:
 - Where bids have erasures or corrections, each erasure or correction must be in ink and initialed in ink by the BIDDER.
 - In the case of unit price bids, if an error occurs in the extension of an item, the unit price in words (as shown in the bid) will govern.
 - Any blank spaces on the Quote/Proposal Form, qualifying notes, exceptions, counter offers, lack of required submittals, signatures or failure to submit a bid on the County's form may cause BIDDER to be declared non-responsive.
 - Where required by the bid package, BIDDERS must submit (with their bid proposal) cuts, sketches, descriptive literature and/or complete specifications relative to the items proposed and offered.
 - The BIDDER shall comply with the Florida Sales and Use Tax Law as it may apply to this Contract. The Bid amount(s) shall include any and all Florida Sales and Use Tax payment obligations required by Florida Law of the successful BIDDER and/or its SubContractors or material suppliers.

4. **COUNTY INTERPRETATION/ADDENDA**

No interpretation or clarification of the meaning of the plans, specifications, or other contract documents will be binding if made to any BIDDER orally. Every such request must be in writing, addressed to the Lee County Division of Procurement Management and **received no later than seven calendars days prior to the bid opening date.**

All such interpretations, any supplemental instructions and/or any modifications to the Bidding Documents deemed advisable by the COUNTY will be issued as a written Addendum and made available to all known BIDDERS through the COUNTY's Web Site, not later than five calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays), prior to the bid opening date. Questions will not be accepted during the last seven days prior to bid opening date, unless otherwise specified by the Lee County Division of Procurement Management Office. All Bidders should check the COUNTY'S Web Site or contact the COUNTY'S Division of Procurement Management Office at least five calendar days before the bid receiving date to verify information regarding Addenda. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the bid as non-responsive. Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of all Addenda by COUNTY'S Web Site at www.lee-ounty.com/procurementmanagement

It is the sole responsibility of the BIDDER to ensure he/she obtains information related to Addenda. All Addenda shall become part of the Contract Documents.

5. **BID SECURITY AND FORFEITURE**

The BIDDER shall submit not less than **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)** (including applicable alternates) as bid security. The Bid Security is to be submitted to the COUNTY in triplicate. The copies must be a photographic reproduction of the completed form set forth in the Contract Documents and clearly marked "COPY".

The following types of Bid Security are acceptable:

- A Certified Check or a Cashier's Check, in the stated dollar amount of not less than **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)**. Any Certified Checks or Cashier Checks submitted in lieu of a Bid Bond shall be drawn on a solvent bank or trust company, made payable to Lee County Board of County Commissioners and shall have all necessary documentary revenue stamps attached (if required by law); or
- A Bid Bond may be submitted on Lee County Paper Bid Bond Form or Lee County Electronic Bid Bond Form, completed and signed by all required parties, of not less than **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)** (including Alternate(s) if applicable) shall accompany each Bid. Contact your Surety Company to inquire if they utilize the Electronic Bid Bond form through Lee County. The Bid Bond, whether submitted by paper or electronic format shall be issued by a duly authorized surety authorized to do business and in good standing with the Florida Department of State. All such bonds shall be issued or countersigned by a local producing agent who is a Florida resident with satisfactory evidence of its authority to execute the bond being submitted.
- Personal checks are not acceptable to Lee County as Bid Security.

The Bid Security of the Bidder will be retained until Bidder has executed the contract, whereupon the Bid Security will be returned. The Bid Security of other Bidders whom the COUNTY believes to have a reasonable chance of receiving the award may be retained by the COUNTY until the effective date of the Agreement, whereupon Bid Securities furnished by such Bidders will be returned. Bid Securities with bids which are not competitive will be returned within fourteen calendar days after bid opening.

If within seven calendar days after notification by Lee County of the COUNTY'S approval to award a contract, the successful BIDDER refuses or otherwise neglects to execute the required written contract, fails to furnish the required Public Payment and Performance Bond, or fails to submit the required Certificate of Insurance, then the COUNTY may annul the Notice of Award. The amount of the BIDDER'S bid security shall be forfeited and may be retained by Lee County.

No plea of mistake in the bid or misunderstanding of the conditions of forfeiture shall be available to the BIDDER for recover of its bid security or as a defense to any action based upon its neglect or refusal to execute a written Contract.

6. **PUBLIC PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND**

If required, a Public Payment and Performance Bond provided issued in a sum equal to one-hundred (100%) percent of the total awarded contract amount by a surety company considered satisfactory by Lee County and otherwise authorized to transact business in the State of Florida shall be required from the successful BIDDER. This shall insure the faithful performance of the obligations imposed by the resulting contract and protect the COUNTY from lawsuits for non-payment of debts incurred during the successful BIDDER'S performance under such Contract.

A public Payment and Performance Bond must be properly executed by the Surety Company and successful BIDDER within seven calendar days after notification by Lee County of the COUNTY'S approval to award the Contract. Only the form provided with the contract documents will be accepted.

A Clean Irrevocable Letter of Credit or Cash Bonds may be accepted by the COUNTY in lieu of the Public Payment and Performance Bond. Only the form provided with the contract documents will be accepted.

7. **QUALIFICATIONS OF SURETY COMPANIES**

In order to be acceptable to the COUNTY, a Surety Company issuing Bid Guaranty Bonds or 100% Public Payment and Performance Bonds or Letters of Credit called for herein shall meet and comply with the minimum standards set forth in as part of the Contract Documents.

8. **EXECUTION OF WRITTEN CONTRACT**

Within seven calendar days of notice of award, the successful BIDDER will be required to sign a written Agreement form which is written evidence of the Agreement as a result of the award made by the COUNTY to the successful BIDDER.

The COUNTY will issue a "Notice to Proceed" on the project within fifteen calendar days of the effective date of the Agreement as shown in the Construction Contract.

In the event the Notice to Proceed has not been issued by the COUNTY within the fifteen calendar day period above, the CONTRACTOR shall have the option upon written notice, to rescind the Contract or continue with the Contract as originally bid, unless stated otherwise in Supplemental Conditions.

ACCEPTANCE

The materials and/or services delivered under the bid shall remain the property of the seller until a physical inspection and actual usage of these materials and/or services is accepted by the County and is deemed to be in compliance with the terms herein, fully in accord with the specifications and of the highest quality. In the event the materials and/or services supplied to the County are found to be defective or do not conform to specifications, the County reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the seller and return such product to the seller at the seller's expense.

9. **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Whenever in these specifications a brand name or make is mentioned, it is the intention of the County only to establish a grade or quality of materials and not to rule out other brands or makes of equal quality. However, if a product other than that specified is bid, it is the vendor's responsibility to name such product with his bid and to prove to the County that said product is equal to the product specified. Lee County **shall** be the sole judge as to whether a product being offered by the bidder is actually equivalent to the one being specified by the detailed specifications. (Note: This paragraph does not apply when it is determined that the technical requirements of this solicitation will require a specific product only, as stated in the detailed specifications.)

10. **RULES, REGULATIONS, LAWS, ORDINANCES & LICENSES**

The awarded vendor shall observe and obey all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, of the federal, state, and local government, which may be applicable to the supply of this product or service. The awarded vendor has attested to compliance with the applicable immigration laws of the United States in the attached affidavit. Violations of the immigration laws of the United States shall be grounds for unilateral termination of the awarded agreement.

- a. Local Business Tax – Vendor shall submit within 10 calendar days after request.
- b. Specialty License(s) – Vendor shall possess at the time of the opening of the bid all necessary permits and/or licenses required for the sale of this product and/or service and upon the request of the County will provide copies of licenses and/or permits within 10 calendar days after request.

11. **WARRANTY/GUARANTY** (unless otherwise specified)

All materials and/or services furnished under this bid shall be warranted by the vendor to be free from defects and fit for the intended use.

12. **PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

A pre-bid conference will be held at the location, date, and time specified on the cover of this solicitation. Pre-bid conferences are generally non-mandatory, but it is highly recommended that everyone planning to submit a bid attend.

In the event a pre-bid conference is classified as mandatory, it will be so specified on the cover of this solicitation and it will be the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that they are represented at the pre-bid. Only those bidders who attend the pre-bid conference will be allowed to bid on this project.

13. **LEE COUNTY PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

All vendors are requested to mail an original invoice to:

Lee County Finance Department
Post Office Box 2238
Fort Myers, FL 33902-2238

All invoices will be paid as directed by the Lee County payment procedure unless otherwise differently stated in the detailed specification portion of this bid.

Lee County will not be liable for requests for payment deriving from aid, assistance, or help by any individual, vendor, or bidder for the preparation of these specifications.

Lee County is generally a tax-exempt entity subject to the provisions of the 1987 legislation regarding sales tax on services. Lee County will pay those taxes for which it is obligated, or it will provide a Certificate of Exemption furnished by the Department of Revenue. All contractors or bidders should include in their bid all sales or use taxes, which they will pay when making purchases of material or subcontractor's services.

14. **LEE COUNTY BID PROTEST PROCEDURE**

Any contractor/vendor/firm that has submitted a formal bid/quote/proposal to Lee County, and who is adversely affected by an intended decision with respect to the award of the formal bid/quote/proposal, must file a written "Notice of Intent to File a Protest" with the Lee County Procurement Management Director not later than seventy-two hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Legal Holidays) after receipt of the County's "Notice of Intended Decision" with respect to the proposed award of the formal bid/quote/proposal.

The "Notice of Intent to File a Protest" is one of two documents necessary to perfect Protest. The second document is the "Formal Written Protest", both documents are described below.

The "Notice of Intent to File a Protest" document must state all grounds claimed for the Protest, and clearly indicate it as the "Notice of Intent to File a Protest". Failure to clearly indicate the Intent to file the Protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to seek any further remedies provided for under this Protest Procedure.

The "Notice of Intent to File a Protest" shall be received ("stamped in") by the Procurement Management Director or Public Works Director not later than Four o'clock (4:00) PM on the third working day following the day of receipt of the County's Notice of Intended Decision.

The affected party shall then file its Formal Written Protest within ten calendar days after the time for the filing of the Notice of Intent to File a Protest has expired. Except as provided for in the paragraph below, upon filing of the Formal Written Protest, the contractor/vendor/firm shall post a bond, payable to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid/quote/proposal, or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), whichever is less. Said bond shall be designated and held for payment of any costs that may be levied against the protesting contractor/vendor/firm by the Board of County Commissioners, as the result of a frivolous Protest.

A clean, Irrevocable Letter of Credit or other form of approved security, payable to the County, may be accepted. Failure to submit a bond, letter of credit, or other approved security simultaneously with the Formal Written Protest shall invalidate the protest, at which time the County may continue its procurement process as if the original "Notice of Intent to File a Protest" had never been filed.

Any contractor/vendor/firm submitting the County's standard bond form (CMO: 514), along with the bid/quote/proposal, shall not be required to submit an additional bond with the filing of the Formal Written Protest.

The Formal Written Protest shall contain the following:

- County bid/quote/proposal identification number and title.
- Name and address of the affected party, and the title or position of the person submitting the Protest.
- A statement of disputed issues of material fact. If there are no disputed material facts, the Formal Protest must so indicate.
- A concise statement of the facts alleged, and of the rules, regulations, statutes, or constitutional provisions, which entitle the affected party to relief.
- All information, documents, other materials, calculations, and any statutory or case law authority in support of the grounds for the Protest.
- A statement indicating the relief sought by the affected (protesting) party.
- Any other relevant information that the affected party deems to be material to Protest.

Upon receipt of a timely filed "Notice of Intent to File a Protest", the Procurement Management Director or Public Works Director (as appropriate) may abate the award of the formal bid/quote/proposal as appropriate, until the Protest is heard pursuant to the informal hearing process as further outlined below, except and unless the County Manager shall find and set forth in writing, particular facts and circumstances that would require an immediate award of the formal bid/quote/proposal for the purpose of avoiding a danger to the public health, safety, or welfare. Upon such written finding by the County Manager, the County Manager may authorize an expedited Protest hearing procedure. The expedited Protest hearing shall be held within ninety-six hours of the action giving rise to the contractor/vendor/firm's Protest, or as soon as may be practicable for all parties. The "Notice of Intent to File a Protest" shall serve as the grounds for the affected party's presentation and the requirements for the submittal of a formal, written Protest under these procedures, to include the requirement for a bond, shall not apply.

The Dispute Committee shall conduct an informal hearing with the protesting contractor/vendor/firm to attempt to resolve the Protest, within seven working days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) from receipt of the Formal Written Protest. The Chairman of the Dispute Committee shall ensure that all affected parties may make presentations and rebuttals, subject to reasonable time limitations, as appropriate. The purpose of the informal hearing by the Dispute Committee, the protestor and other affected parties is to provide an opportunity: (1) to review the basis of the Protest; (2) to evaluate the facts and merits of the Protest; and (3) to make a determination whether to accept or reject the Protest.

Once a determination is made by the Dispute Committee with respect to the merits of the Protest, the Dispute Committee shall forward to the Board of County Commissioners its recommendations, which shall include relevant background information related to the procurement.

Upon receiving the recommendation from the Dispute Committee, the Board of County Commissioners shall conduct a hearing on the matter at a regularly scheduled meeting. Following presentations by the affected parties, the Board shall render its decision on the merits of the Protest.

If the Board's decision upholds the recommendation by the Dispute Committee regarding the award, and further finds that the Protest was either frivolous and/or lacked merit, the Board, at its discretion, may assess costs, charges, or damages associated with any delay of the award, or any costs incurred with regard to the protest. These costs, charges or damages may be deducted from the security (bond or letter of credit) provided by the contractor/vendor/firm. Any costs, charges or damages assessed by the Board in excess of the security shall be paid by the protesting contractor/vendor/firm within thirty calendar days of the Board's final determination concerning the award.

All formal bid/quote/proposal solicitations shall set forth the following statement:

“FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE BID PROTEST PROCEDURE REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE TIMEFRAMES AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN AND ESTABLISHED BY LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FLORIDA, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF YOUR PROTEST AND ANY RESULTING CLAIMS.”

15. **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME**

Any person or affiliate as defined by statute who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid or a contract to provide any goods or services to the County; may not submit a bid on a contract with the County for the construction or repair of a public building or a public work; may not submit bids or leases of real property to the County; may not be awarded or perform works as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with the County, and may not transact business with the County in excess of \$25,000.00 for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

16. **QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS** (unless otherwise noted)

Bids will be considered only from firms normally engaged in the sale and distribution or provision of the services as specified herein. Bidders shall have adequate organization, facilities, equipment, and personnel to ensure prompt and efficient service to Lee County. The County reserves the right before recommending any award to inspect the facilities and organization; or to take any other action necessary to determine ability to perform is satisfactory, and reserves the right to reject bids where evidence submitted or investigation and evaluation indicates an inability of the bidder to perform.

17. **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS**

In accordance with Chapter 443 of the Florida Statutes, it is the vendor's responsibility to provide Lee County with Materials Safety Data Sheets on bid materials, as may apply to this procurement.

18. **MISCELLANEOUS**

If a conflict exists between the General Conditions and the detailed specifications, then the detailed specifications shall prevail.

19. **WAIVER OF CLAIMS**

Once this contract expires, or final payment has been requested and made, the awarded contractor shall have no more than 30 days to present or file any claims against the County concerning this contract. After that period, the County will consider the Contractor to have waived any right to claims against the County concerning this agreement.

20. **AUTHORITY TO PIGGYBACK**

It is hereby made a precondition of any bid and a part of these specifications that the submission of any bid in response to this request constitutes a bid made under the same conditions, for the same price, and for the same effective period as this bid, to any other governmental entity.

21. **COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT**

a) **State Contract**

If applicable, the County reserves the right to purchase any of the items in this bid from State Contract Vendors if the prices are deemed lower on State Contract than the prices we receive in this quotation.

b) **Any Single Large Project**

The County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to separately quote any project that is outside the scope of this bid, whether through size, complexity, or dollar value.

c) **Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE's)**

The County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to purchase any of the items in this bid from a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise vendor if the prices are determined to be in the best interest of the County, to assist the County in the fulfillment of any of the County's grant commitments to federal or state agencies.

The County further reserves the right to purchase any of the items in this bid from DBE's to fulfill the County's stated policy toward DBE's.

d) **Anti-Discrimination**

The vendor for itself, its successors in interest, and assignees, as part of the consideration there of covenant and agree that:

In the furnishing of services to the County hereunder, no person on the grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.

The vendor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status. The vendor will make affirmative efforts to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, acts of employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

Vendor agrees to post in a conspicuous place, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this anti-discrimination clause.

Vendor will provide all information and reports required by relevant regulations and/or applicable directives. In addition, the vendor shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the County to be pertinent to ascertain compliance. The vendor shall maintain and make available relevant data showing the extent to which members of minority groups are beneficiaries under these contracts.

Where any information required of the vendor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the vendor shall so certify to the County its effort made toward obtaining said information. The vendor shall remain obligated under this paragraph until the expiration of three (3) years after the termination of this contract.

In the event of breach of any of the above anti-discrimination covenants, the County shall have the right to impose sanctions as it may determine to be appropriate, including withholding payment to the vendor or canceling, terminating, or suspending this contract, in whole or in part.

Additionally, the vendor may be declared ineligible for further County contracts by rule, regulation or order of the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, or as otherwise provided by law.

The vendor will send to each union, or representative of workers with which the vendor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract of understanding, a notice informing the labor union of worker's representative of the vendor's commitments under this assurance, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to the employees and the applicants for employment.

The vendor will include the provisions of this section in every subcontract under this contract to ensure its provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor. The vendor will take such actions with respect to any subcontractor, as the contracting agency may direct, as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.

22. **AUDITABLE RECORDS**

The awarded vendor shall maintain auditable records concerning the procurement adequate to account for all receipts and expenditures, and to document compliance with the specifications. These records shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting methods, and Lee County reserves the right to determine the record-keeping method required in the event of non-

conformity. These records shall be maintained for two years after completion of the project and shall be readily available to County personnel with reasonable notice, and to other persons in accordance with the Florida Public Disclosure Statutes.

23. **DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**

Whenever two or more bids/proposals, which are equal with respect to price, quality and service, are received for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid/proposal received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall comply with the requirements of Florida Statutes 287.087.

24. **REQUIRED SUBMITTALS**

Any submittals requested should be returned with the bid response. This information may be accepted after opening, but no later than 10 calendar days after request.

25. **TERMINATION**

Any agreement as a result of this bid may be terminated by either party giving thirty calendar days advance written notice. The County reserves the right to accept or not accept a termination notice submitted by the vendor, and no such termination notice submitted by the vendor shall become effective unless and until the vendor is notified in writing by the County of its acceptance.

The Procurement Management Director may immediately terminate any agreement as a result of this bid for emergency purposes, as defined by the Lee County Purchasing and Payment Procedure Manual.

Any vendor who has voluntarily withdrawn from a formal bid/proposal without the County's mutual consent during the contract period shall be barred from further County procurement for a period of 180 days. The vendor may apply to the Board of Lee County Commissioners for waiver of this debarment. Such application for waiver of debarment must be coordinated with and processed by Procurement Management.

26. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Vendors should be aware that all submittals (including financial statements) provided with a bid/proposal are subject to public disclosure and will **not** be afforded confidentiality.

27. **ANTI-LOBBYING CLAUSE**

All firms are hereby placed on formal notice that neither the County Commissioners nor candidates for County Commission, nor any employees from the Lee County Government, Lee County staff members, nor any members of the Qualification/Evaluation Review Committee are to be lobbied, either individually or collectively, concerning this project. Firms and their agents who intend to submit qualifications, or have submitted qualifications, for this project are hereby placed on *formal notice* that they are **not** to contact County personnel for such purposes as holding meetings of introduction, meals, or meetings relating to the selection process outside of those specifically scheduled by the County for negotiations. Any such lobbying activities may cause immediate disqualification for this project.

28. **INSURANCE (AS APPLICABLE)**

Insurance shall be provided, per the attached insurance guide. Upon request, an insurance certificate complying with the attached guide may be required prior to award.

29. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

All firms are hereby placed on formal notice that per Section 3 of Lee County Ordinance No. 92-22:

The County is prohibited from soliciting a professional services firm to perform project design and/or construction services if the firm has or had been retained to perform the project feasibility or study analysis.

And:

A professional services firm who has performed or participated in the project feasibility planning, study analysis, development of a program for future implementation or drafting of solicitation documents directly related to this County project, as the primary contractor/consultant or a prominent member of the team, cannot be selected or retained, as the primary contractor/consultant or a named member of the contracting/consulting team, to perform project design, engineering, or construction services for subsequent phases or scopes of work for this project. Pursuant to FS. S. 287.057(17) the firm will be deemed to have a prohibited conflict of interest that creates an unfair competitive advantage.

Should your response be found in violation of the above stated provisions; the County will consider this previous involvement in the project to be a conflict of interest, which will be cause for immediate disqualification of the submittal from consideration for this project.

**LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROPOSAL QUOTE FORM
FOR
ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLE**

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

VENDOR NAME: _____

TO: The Board of County Commissioners
Lee County
Fort Myers, Florida

Having carefully examined the "General Conditions", and the "Detailed Specifications", all of which are contained herein, the Undersigned proposes to furnish the following which meet these specifications:

1. The Undersigned, hereinafter called "BIDDER", having visited the site of the proposed project and having become familiar with the local conditions, nature and extent of the work, and having examined carefully the Agreement Form, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Plans and Specifications and other Contract Documents, and having fulfilled their requirements as well as the Bonding requirements herein, proposes to furnish all labor, materials, equipment and other items, facilities and services for the proper execution and completion of the:

ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLE, PARTS AND INSTALLATION

in full accordance with the drawings and specifications prepared in accordance with your Advertisement for Bids, Instruction to Bidders, Construction Contract and all other documents related thereto on file with Lee County Division of Procurement Management, and if awarded the contract, to complete the said work within the time limits specified for the following bid price:

TOTAL AMOUNT: **N/A – UNIT PRICING ONLY**

2. There is enclosed a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond (paper or electronic format) in the amount of **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)** payable to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners as a guarantee for the purpose set out in the Instruction to Bidders.

3. The BIDDER hereby agrees that:

(a) The above proposal shall remain in full force and effect for a period of 90 calendar days after the time of the opening of this proposal and it shall not be revoked, withdrawn or canceled within that time frame. Once the bidder has been notified that his bid has been awarded by the Board of County Commissioners, within the above time frame the price proposed as submitted shall constitute the contract price which shall be executed within the time frames established by these documents.

(b) In the event the award is made to this BIDDER, the BIDDER will enter into a formal written agreement with the COUNTY in accordance with the accepted bid, will execute the contract contained within these documents, and provide a Public Payment and Performance Bond from a Surety in good standing with the Florida Department of State who is licensed to do business in Florida and acceptable to the OWNER. The Public Payment and Performance Bond shall be in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the accepted bid. The BIDDER shall, within seven calendar days of the Notice of Award, submit the required Certificates of Insurance. The BIDDER further agrees that in the event of the BIDDER'S default of breach of any of the agreements of this proposal, the bid deposit shall be forfeited.

NOTE REQUIREMENT: IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VENDOR TO CHECK LEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT WEB SITE FOR ANY PROJECT ADDENDA ISSUED FOR THIS PROJECT. THE COUNTY WILL POST ADDENDA TO THIS WEB PAGE, BUT WILL NOT NOTIFY.

4. Acknowledgment is hereby made of receipt of the following Addenda issued during the bidding period.

Addendum No. ____ Dated _____ Addendum No. ____ Dated _____

Addendum No. ____ Dated _____ Addendum No. ____ Dated _____

5. If awarded this construction contract, the BIDDER agrees to complete the work covered by this contract as follows:

(a) Substantially complete in N/A consecutive calendar days from date of Official Notice to Proceed.

(b) Final completion in N/A consecutive calendar days from the date of Official Notice to Proceed.

(c) Both the COUNTY and CONTRACTOR recognize that the liquidated damages reflect a good faith estimate and that the injury to COUNTY which could result from a failure of CONTRACTOR to complete on schedule is uncertain and cannot be computed exactly. In no way shall costs for liquidated damages be construed as a penalty on the CONTRACTOR.

\$50,000.00 and under - \$313.00

Over \$50,000.00 but less than \$250,000.00 - \$580.00

\$250,000.00 but less than \$500,000.00 - \$715.00

6. Neither the undersigned nor any other person, firm or corporation named herein, nor anyone else to the knowledge of the undersigned, have themselves solicited or employed anyone else to solicit favorable action for this proposal by the COUNTY, also that no head of any department or employee therein, or any officer of Lee County, Florida is directly interested therein.

This proposal is genuine and not collusive or a sham; the person, firm or corporation named herein has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed directly or indirectly with any bidder or person, firm or corporation, to put in a sham proposal, or that such other person, firm or corporation, shall refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference with any person, firm or corporation, to fix the unit prices of said proposal or proposals of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the COUNTY or any person, firm or corporation interested in the proposed contract; all statements contained in the proposal or proposals described above are true; and further, neither the undersigned, nor the person, firm or corporation named herein, has directly or indirectly submitted said proposal or the contents thereto, to any association or to any member or agent thereof.

**Annual Contract For Fiber Optic Cable, Parts and Installation
Bid Schedule**

Bid No: B-140143

Contractor: _____

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	UNIT PRICE INSTALL ONLY	UNIT PRICE FURNISH & INSTALL
1	12 Strand Multi-Mode Corning cable loose tube	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	6 Strand Single-Mode cable loose tube	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	12 Strand Single-Mode Corning cable loose tube	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	24 Strand Single-Mode Corning cable loose tube	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	48 Strand Single-Mode Corning cable loose tube	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
6	72 Strand Single Mode Corning cable loose tube	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	96 Strand Single-Mode Corning cable loose tube	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	6 Strand Single-Mode cable loose tube	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
9	24 Strand Single-Mode Corning cable loose tube	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
10	48 Strand Multi-Mode Corning cable loose tube	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	144 Strand Single-Mode Corning cable loose tube	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	288 Strand Single-Mode Corning cable loose tube	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
13	6 Twisted Pair PE 39 19A WG Interconnect Cable w/Aluminum Shield	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
14	12 Twisted Pair PE 39 19AWG Interconnect Cable w/Aluminum Shield	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
15	#10 Locate Wire PIC	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Annual Contract For Fiber Optic Cable, Parts and Installation
 BID SCHEDULE**

BID NO: B-140103

Contractor: _____

ITEM NO.	Description:	UNIT	UNIT PRICE - INSTALL ONLY	UNIT PRICE - FURNISH & INSTALL
1	Corning Unicam ST Multi Mode	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	Corning Unicam SC Multi Mode	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	Corning Unicam ST Multi Mode	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	Corning Unicam SC Single Mode	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	Adapter - ST to ST Single Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
6	Adapter - SC to SC Single Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	Adapter - SC to SC Multi Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	Adapter - ST to SC Single Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
9	Adapter - SC to LC Single Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
10	Adapter - SC to LC Multi Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Corning Unicam ST Single Mode	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	Corning Unicam SC Single Mode	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
13	Corning Unicam ST Single Mode	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
14	Adapter - ST to ST Single Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
15	Adapter - SC to SC Single Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
16	Adapter - ST to ST Multi Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
17	Adapter - SC to SC Multi Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
18	Adapter - ST to SC Single Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
19	Adapter - ST to SC Multi Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
20	Adapter - SC to LC Single Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
21	Adapter - SC to LC Multi Mode Simplex	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
22	Patch Cable/Pigtail - ST to ST Single Mode 25'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
23	Patch Cable - ST to ST Single Mode 50'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
24	Patch Cable - ST to SC Single Mode 50'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
25	Patch Cable - ST to SC Single Mode 25'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
FIBER FAN OUT KITS:				
30	Outdoor Buffer Fan Out Kit - Part# FAN- OD25-12 25 Inches / 12 Buffer Tubes	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
31	Outdoor Buffer Fan Out Kit Part# FAN- OD47-12 47 Inches / 12 Buffer Tubes	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00

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BID NO: B-140103

Contractor: _____

FIBER BAYS:

32	Corning Fiber Bay Housing Panel with a 6 pack connector Single Mode	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
33	Corning Fiber Bay Housing Panel with a 6 pack connector Multi Mode	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
34	Corning Fiber Bay Housing Panel with a 12 pack connector Single Mode	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
35	Corning Fiber Bay Housing Panel with a 12 pack connector Multi Mode	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00

FIBER TRAYS:

36	Corning Fiber Stackable Trays	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
37	Leviton Fiber Stackable Trays	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
38	Fusion Splicing Per Strand	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
39	RING CUT and Fusion Splicing Per Strand	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00

SINGLE CABINET EQUIPMENT:

40	Corning SPH-OIP Single Panel Housing	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
41	IFS Line Terminating Data Transceiver Part# D9130E	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
42	IFS Line Repeater Part # D9130	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00
43	Rackmount with 12 Coupler Panels	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
44	Rackmount with 24 Coupler Panels	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
45	Wallmount with 12 Coupler Panels	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
46	Wallmount with 24 Coupler Panels	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00

CONDUIT AND PULLBOX INSTALLATION:

47	Quazite 24"W x 36"L x 24"D - Part# PG2436BA24	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
48	Quazite 30"W x 60"L x 36"D - Part# PG3060BA36	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
49	Quazite 30" x 48 x 24" - Part # PG3048BA24	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
50	4 - 1 1/4 S.D.R. 13.5 coonduits (yellow, green, blue, orange) Blue shall have fiber, #10 locate wire installed in orange conduit and other two shall have mule tape.		\$0.00	\$0.00
	TRENCH INSTALLED	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
	BORED INSTALLATION	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
51	#10 locate wire installed in existing conduit	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
52	#10 locate wire installed along with any fiber cable listed above	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00

LABOR RATES

53	Weekend/Holiday Labor Rate	HOURLY	\$0.00	\$0.00
	OPTION A - Labor to repair conduit, pull box, connectors, etc. (Materials provided by Lee County) for conduit replacement)	HOURLY	\$0.00	\$0.00
	OPTION B - Labor to repair damaged fiber and/or copper cable and test repair. (Furnish Materials)	HOURLY	\$0.00	\$0.00

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BID NO: B-140103

Contractor: _____

Item No.	Description	UNIT	UNIT PRICE - INSTALL ONLY	UNIT PRICE - FURNISH & INSTALL
1	Patch Cable ST to ST Single Mode; duplex; 3'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	Patch Cable ST to ST Multi Mode; duplex; 3'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	Patch Cable ST to ST Single Mode; duplex; 10'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	Patch Cable ST to ST Multi Mode; duplex; 10'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	Patch Cable ST to ST Single Mode; duplex; 30'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
6	Patch Cable ST to ST Multi Mode; duplex; 30'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	Patch Cable SC to SC Single Mode; duplex; 3'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	Patch Cable SC to SC Multi Mode; duplex; 3'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
9	Patch Cable SC to SC Single Mode; duplex; 10'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
10	Patch Cable SC to SC Multi Mode; duplex; 10'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Patch Cable SC to SC Single Mode; duplex 30'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	Patch Cable SC to SC Multi Mode; duplex 30'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
13	Patch Cable ST to LC Single Mode; duplex 3'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
14	Patch Cable ST to LC Multi Mode; duplex 3"	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
15	Patch Cable ST to LC Single Mode; duplex 10'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
16	Patch Cable ST to LC Multi Mode; duplex 10'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
17	Patch Cable ST to LC Single Mode duplex 30'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
18	Patch Cable ST to LC Multi Mode duplex 30'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
19	Patch Cable SC to LC Single Mode duplex 3'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
20	Patch Cable SC to LC Multi Mode duplex 3'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
21	Patch Cable SC to LC Single Mode duplex 10'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
22	Patch Cable SC to LC Multi Mode duplex 10'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
23	Patch Cable SC to LC Single Mode duplex 30'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
24	Patch Cable SC to LC Multi Mode duplex 30'	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
25	Quazite 30"W x 48"L x 36"D Pullbox	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
26	Coyote Dome Enclosure 6.5" x 22 "; # 8006877;	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
27	36 count Coyote trays; # 80805514	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
28	2 hole grommets Coyote # 8003701	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
29	4 hole grommets Coyote # 8003664	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
30	Splice Closure; Corning # SCF-6C22-01 for cables up to 72 fibers;	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
31	Splice Closure; Corning # SCF-6C28-01 for cables up to 144 fibers	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Contractor: _____

32	1 Hole Grommet Coyote # 8003691	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
33	1 Hole Grommet Coyote # 8003692	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
34	2 Hole Grommet Coyote # 8003663	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00
35	2" sch 40 PVC conduit Trenched	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
36	2" sch 40 PVC conduit Bored	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
37	2" sch 40 PVC conduit Attached to structure	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
38	4' sch 40 PVC conduit Trenched	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
39	4" sch 40 PVC conduit Bored	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
40	4" sch 40 PVC conduit attached to structure	LF	\$0.00	\$0.00
41	GPS locations of existing or new installations (ie; handholes, cabinets)	Per Project	\$0.00	\$0.00
42	GPS locations of existing or new installations (ie; handholes, cabinets)	EA	\$0.00	\$0.00

43	Assist in the programming, troubleshooting, and review of the fiber network topology. This will require programming assistance on layer 3 and layer 2 devices and review, proposal, and implementation of any fiber network changes. Review critical routes, map fiber routes, and make any changes as required.	Per Hour	\$0.00	\$0.00
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7. The below signed BIDDER agrees to comply with all applicable provisions as set forth in the Anti-Discrimination requirements included as part of the General Conditions of this documents. The BIDDER further agrees to hold harmless, defend and indemnify the COUNTY and its agents for any losses including attorney's fees, incurred as a result of its failure to abide by the applicable Anti-Discrimination laws.

(Name of License Holder)

(State Certificate No.)

(Occupational No.)
(specify jurisdiction)

(Lee County Competency No.)

(State Registration No.)

In witness whereof, the BIDDER has hereunto set his signature and affixed his seal this _____ day of _____, A.D., ____.

ATTEST: _____ (SEAL)
Secretary

By: Printed _____

By: Signature _____

TITLE: _____

Company Name

Contact Person

Mailing Address

E-mail of Contact Person

City, State, and Zip

Phone Number

Fax Number

BID BOND

Complete EITHER Lee County Paper Bid Bond, OR Lee County Electronic Bid Bond

Lee County Paper Bid Bond

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we

_____ as Principal, and
(BIDDER'S Name)

_____ a Corporation licensed to do
(Surety's Name)

business under the laws of the State of Florida as a Surety, are held and firmly bound unto LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, in the SUM OF **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)**

for the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, successors, personal representatives and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly, by these presents.

SIGNED AND SEALED this _____ day of _____, 2014

WHEREAS, said Principal is herewith submitting a Proposal for the construction of:

ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLE – PARTS AND INSTALLATION

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of the above obligation is such that if said Principal shall be awarded the Contract upon said Proposal within the specified time and shall enter into a written Contract, satisfactory in form, provide an acceptable Public Payment & Performance Bond from a Surety acceptable to the COUNTY and provide other Insurance as may be required to the COUNTY within seven (7) calendar days after the written Notice of Award date, or within such extended period as the COUNTY may grant, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise said Principal and Surety shall pay to said COUNTY in money the difference between the amount of the Bid of said Principal and the amount for which said COUNTY may legally contract with another party to perform said work, if the latter amount be in excess of the former, together with any expenses and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by said COUNTY if suit be brought hereon, but in no event shall said Surety's liability exceed the penal sum hereof plus such expenses and attorney's fees. For purposes of unsuccessful bid protests filed by the Principal herein, this obligation shall bind the Surety to pay costs and damages associated with the bid protest or delays to the project upon a finding from the Board of County Commissioners for Lee County that the bid protest was frivolous and/or lacked merit. The liability of the Surety shall not exceed the penal sum of the bid bond.

Witness as to Principal:

_____ (SEAL)
(Principal)

(By)

Printed Name

Witness as to Surety:

_____ (SEAL)
(Surety's Name)

(By-As Attorney-in-Fact, Surety)

Affix Corporate Seals and attach proper Power of Attorney for Surety.

ELECTRONIC BID BOND

Lee County Electronic Bid Bond

By providing the below information and signing, the Company/Bidder is ensuring the below identified electronic bid bond has been executed for the contract being bid and that the Company/Bidder is bound under the conditions of the bond as provided in the contract documents required by LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, for the contract being bid.

Electronic Bid Bond ID#

Company/Bidder Name

Signature

Print Name

Title

**LEE COUNTY
CONTRACTORS QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH THIS BID PACKAGE. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE MAY BE GROUNDS TO BE DECLARED NON-RESPONSIVE.

Submitted By: _____

Corporation - Date of Incorporation _____ State of Incorporation: _____
If Out of State Corporation, currently authorized to do business in Florida, give date of such authorization: _____

Partnership - Date of Organization: _____ Nature of Partnership: General _____
Limited _____
Association _____

Individual - Name and Address of Owner _____

Joint Venture - Between: _____
Name Title
And: _____
Name Title

Date of Agreement: _____

Other - Explain _____

Parent Company Office Address (if any): _____

Principal Office Address: _____

Name of Project (if applicable): _____

Person to Contact: _____

Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Type of Work (file separate form for each classification of work):

General Contractor: _____ Road Repair: _____

Underground Utilities: _____ Heavy Construction: _____

Road Building: _____ Other (specify): _____

The signee of this questionnaire guarantee, as evidenced by the sworn affidavit required herein, the truth and accuracy of all statements and of all answers to interrogatories hereinafter made.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests any public official, engineer, architect, surety company, bank depository, material or equipment manufacturer or distributor or any person, firm or corporation to furnish any pertinent information requested by Lee County Government deemed necessary to verify the statements made in this application or regarding the standing and general reputation of the Bidder.

1. How many years has your organization been in business as a _____ Contractor under your present name? _____

2. Under what other or former names has your organization operated? _____

3. List below your organizations Officers, Owners or Partners:

NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS	DATE ASSUMING POSITION

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

JURISDICTION	TRADE	STATE CERT. NO.	LEE COUNTY COMP. NO.	STATE REG. NO.	LEE COUNTY BUSINESS TAX NO.	STATE PERMIT	EXPIRE DATE

5. List jurisdictions in which your organization's partnership or trade name is filed:

6. If the answer to any of the questions below is YES, please attach details. Reference pages to question number.

6.1 Has your organization ever failed to complete any work awarded to it? ___Yes ___No – See Page No. _____

6.2 Are there any judgments, claims, arbitration proceedings or suits pending or outstanding against your organization or its officers? ___Yes ___ No – See Page No. _____

6.3 Has your organization filed any law suits or requested arbitration with regard to construction contracts within the last 5 years? _____Yes ___ No – See Page No. _____

7. Has any Officer or Partner of your organization ever failed to complete a construction contract handled in his own name or as a qualifier for another? _____Yes ___No

If yes, state the name of the individual, other organization, when, where and the reason therefore:

8. Has any Officer or Partner of your organization ever been as Officer or Partner of some other organization that failed to complete a construction project? _____Yes _____No

If yes, state the name of the individual, other organization, when, where and the reason therefore:

9. Has your organization ever been refused registration by an Federal, State or Municipal Agency as a Pre-qualified Bidder or Qualified Bidder for construction Contracts? ___Yes ___No

If yes, for what type of work? _____

Give details and reason: _____

10. Give below any information which would indicate the size and capacity of your organization, including the number of permanent employees engaged in estimating, purchasing, expediting, detailing and engineering, field supervision, field engineering and layout:

(use extension sheet if necessary and reference page number herein: _____)

11. Attach resumes of key personnel, including superintendents for field management. The resumes shall include the following information:

11.1 Name and present position or capacity

11.2 Years of construction experience, type of work, position or capacity and cost range

11.3 Years of related construction experience, type of work, position or capacity and cost range

11.4 Brief education and professional registrations

12. List of type of work normally provided by your own work forces:

13. Indicate type of contracting undertaken by your organization and number of years of experience:

As General Contractor _____ Years _____ Type

As SubContractor _____ Years _____ Type

14. Attach the prime construction contracts your organization has underway on this date _____.

The list shall include the following information: (reference page numbers herein: _____)

- 14.1 Project Title and Location
- 14.2 Contractor or SubContractor
- 14.3 Contract Amount and Date of Contract
- 14.4 Percent Complete
- 14.5 Project Manager or Superintendent
- 14.6 Required Completion Date
- 14.7 Name, Address and Telephone Number of Owner
- 14.8 Designing Architect/Engineer and Address

15. Attach the last five prime construction contracts completed in the past five years by your organization.

The list shall include the following information: (reference page numbers herein: _____)

- 15.1 Project Title and Location
- 15.2 Contractor or SubContractor
- 15.3 Contract Amount and Date of Contract
- 15.4 Date Complete
- 15.5 Project Manager or Superintendent
- 15.6 Required Completion Date
- 15.7 Name, Address and Telephone Number of Owner
- 15.8 Designing Architect/Engineer and Address

16. Attach the prime construction contracts your organization has contracted with Lee County that are either underway or completed.

The list shall include the following information: (reference page numbers herein: _____)

- 16.1 Project Title and Location
- 16.2 Contractor or SubContractor
- 16.3 Original Contract Amount and Date
- 16.4 Final Contract Amount
- 16.5 Percentage Complete
- 16.6 Project Manager or Superintendent
- 16.7 Required Completion Date
- 16.8 Name, Address and Telephone Number of Owner
- 16.9 County Sponsoring Department

17. If General Contractor, list one or more of the following subcontractors who have been associated with you on any of the projects listed above:

SUBCONTRACTOR (Name and Address)

17.1 Mechanical Work _____

17.2 Plumbing _____

17.3 Electrical _____

17.4 Structural _____

17.5 Three other major subcontractors:

18. List below the name of the bonding companies you use for construction project and the name, address and telephone number of your agent:

19. List no less than three and preferably five financial references:

20. What is the largest contract (dollar cost) ever performed by your organization?

21. What is the dollar value of the largest project you consider your organization is qualified to undertake?

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, 20____

Name of Organization

BY: _____

Title of Person Signing

(if Corporation Affix Corporate Seal)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____,

By _____ who has produced
(Print or Type Name)

_____ as identification.
(Type of Identification and Number)

Notary Public Signature

Printed Name of Notary Public

Notary Commissioner Number/Expiration

**LEE COUNTY
CONTRACTOR HISTORY**

Please answer the following four questions. Attach additional pages, if necessary.
Failure to submit this form may be grounds to be declared non-responsive.

1. Has your company, corporation, partnership, enterprise or any of its principals, partners or officers been charged, convicted or plead guilty to criminal violations of any state, federal or local environmental laws within the past seven years? If yes, please describe in detail the nature of the charge and its status, or the nature of the conviction or guilty plea.

2. Has your company, corporation, partnership, enterprise or any of its principals, partners or officers been cited or served notice of any civil violations of municipal, county, state or federal environmental laws, regulations or ordinances within the past seven years? If yes, please describe in detail the nature of the citation or notice of violation and the outcome or its current status.

3. Has your company, corporation, partnership, enterprise or any of its principals, partners, officers been cited or served notice of any violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) within the past seven years? If yes, please describe in detail the nature of the citation or notice of violation and the outcome or its current status.

4. Has your company, corporation, partnership, enterprise or any of its principals, partners or officers been a party in any litigation related to construction, contract or environmental laws within the past seven years? If yes, please describe the nature of the lawsuit(s), the names of the parties, the court and case number and the outcome or current status.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION

NOTE: This form must be signed by the person who will sign, or has signed the Proposal/Quote Form. This form will become part of the contract documents.

DIVISION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CERTIFIED DBE/ _____ MINORITY/ _____ WOMEN/ _____
(Check appropriate designation)

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: _____

SUBCONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____

EST. DOLLAR VALE OF PROPOSED WORK: _____

DIVISION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CERTIFIED DBE/ _____ MINORITY/ _____ WOMEN/ _____
(Check appropriate designation)

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: _____

SUBCONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____

EST. DOLLAR VALE OF PROPOSED WORK: _____

DIVISION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CERTIFIED DBE/ _____ MINORITY/ _____ WOMEN/ _____
(Check appropriate designation)

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: _____

SUBCONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____

EST. DOLLAR VALE OF PROPOSED WORK: _____

DIVISION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CERTIFIED DBE/ _____ MINORITY/ _____ WOMEN/ _____
(Check appropriate designation)

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: _____

SUBCONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____

EST. DOLLAR VALE OF PROPOSED WORK: _____

TOTAL VALE OF ALL DBE/MINORITY/WOMEN SUBCONTRACT WORK: \$ _____

ESTIMATED TOTAL PERCENT (%) TO BE UTILIZIED: _____%

CONTRACTOR NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

**LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLE, PARTS AND INSTALLATION**

SCOPE

The purchase and installation of traffic cable and parts for DOT Traffic and various Lee County Departments and Divisions. MOT Certification will be required to perform work under this contract.

This contract will be utilized by Lee County in the event of a hurricane or other natural or man-caused hazard. All work performed in the event of an emergency will be performed in accordance with the terms, conditions and construction provisions of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and/or any Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) requirements.

The County intends to award one or more contracts to the lowest responsive/responsible bidders. A notice to proceed will be issued on individual projects with any or all awarded bidders. The total contract will not exceed \$500,000.00.

This project requires the Contractor to have the following license(s) to perform the specified scope of work:
Low Voltage Electrical.

Contract is for two (2) years with three (3) one-year renewal options.

The DBE goal for this project is 10%. Bidder is required to provide information with respect to how this goal will be met; or, in the alternative, why meeting this goal is not possible. As meeting this goal is a concern for the County, the Bidder's response to this criteria will be considered and weighed in determining the responsiveness of the bid during the process of awarding this project.

BASIS OF AWARD

One or more vendors will be awarded under this project.

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS

The attached document, Affidavit Certification Immigration Laws, is required and should be submitted with your solicitation package. It must be signed and notarized. Failure to include this affidavit with your response will delay the consideration and review of your submission; and could result in your response being disqualified.

SUB-CONTRACTORS

The use of sub-contractors under this quote is not allowed without prior written authorization from the County representative.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS

The awarded vendor will be required to execute an Agreement/Contract as a condition of award. A sample of this document may be viewed on-line at <http://www.lee-county.com/gov/dept/ProcurementManagement/contracts/Pages/Forms.aspx> .

LOCAL BIDDER'S PREFERENCE

Note: In order for your firm to be considered for the local vendor preference, you must complete and return the attached "Local Vendor Preference Questionnaire" with your quotation.

The Lee County Local Bidder's Preference Ordinance No. 08-26 is being included as part of the award process for this project. As such, Lee County at its sole discretion, may choose to award a preference to any qualified "Local Contractor/Vendor" in an amount not to exceed 3 % of the total amount quoted by that firm.

"Local Contractor / Vendor" shall mean: a) any person, firm, partnership, company or corporation whose principal place of business in the sole opinion of the County, is located within the boundaries of Lee/Collier County, Florida; or b) any person, firm, partnership, company or corporation that has provided goods or services to Lee County on a regular basis for the preceding consecutive three (3) years, and that has the personnel, equipment and materials located within the boundaries of Lee/Collier County sufficient to constitute a present ability to perform the service or provide the goods.

The County reserves the exclusive right to compare, contrast and otherwise evaluate the qualifications, character, responsibility and fitness of all persons, firms, partnerships, companies or corporations submitting formal bids or formal quotes in any procurement for goods or services when making an award in the best interests of the County.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Administration

The Consultant is the initial interpreter of the Contract Documents but is not the Judge between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR. The COUNTY reserves the right to make final decisions considering the Consultant's recommendations or interpretations of the Contract Documents. The Consultant does not have authority to obligate or commit the COUNTY to fund additional expenditures or approve extensions of time over the approved Contract time or price. However, the CONSULTANT'S interpretation as to the intent of his design shall be final and not subject to interpretation by the COUNTY'S staff.

Copies of Documents

The COUNTY shall furnish to the CONTRACTOR the number of copies specified in the Supplementary Conditions of the Contract Documents as are reasonably necessary for the execution of the Work. Additional copies will be furnished, upon request, at the cost of reproduction which shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR.

Before Starting Construction

Before undertaking each phase of the Work, the CONTRACTOR shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents and check and verify pertinent figures shown thereon and all applicable field measurements. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly report in writing to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE any conflict, error or discrepancy which the CONTRACTOR may discover or other information known to the CONTRACTOR and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE before proceeding with any Work affected thereby. If the CONTRACTOR performs any construction activity knowing it involves a recognized error, inconsistency or omission in the Contract Documents without such notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the CONTRACTOR shall assume responsibility for such performance and shall share in costs associated with correction; however, the CONTRACTOR shall not be liable to the COUNTY for failure to report any conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, unless the CONTRACTOR had actual knowledge thereof or should reasonably have known thereof.

Within ten calendar days after the Effective Date of the Agreement (unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents), the CONTRACTOR shall submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for review:

An estimated progress schedule indicating the starting and completion dates of the various stages of the Work:

Long lead item shall be identified and scheduled accordingly.

A preliminary schedule of Shop Drawing submission; and

A preliminary schedule of values for all of the Work which will include quantities and prices of items aggregating the Contract Price and will subdivide the Work into component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during construction on form No. CMO:013. Such prices will include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work which will be confirmed in writing by the CONTRACTOR at the time of submission; and specify times for Application for Payment.

A plan of work for maintenance of traffic, when the Contract Documents require maintenance of traffic.

For informational purposes, a proposed listing of subcontractors to be used for the project,

Pre-Construction Conference

Within fifteen calendar days after the Effective Date of the Agreement, but before the CONTRACTOR starts the Work at the site, a conference attended by the CONTRACTOR, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the COUNTY, and Others as appropriate, will be held to discuss the items, to discuss procedures for handling Shop Drawings and other submittals and for processing Applications for Payment, and to establish an understanding among the parties as to the Work.

Finalizing Schedules

At least ten calendar days before submission of the first Application for payment, a conference attended by the CONTRACTOR, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the COUNTY, and Others as appropriate, will be held to finalize the schedules submitted. The finalized progress schedule will be acceptable to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the COUNTY as providing an orderly progression of the Work to completion within the Contract Time, but such acceptance will neither impose on the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE or the COUNTY responsibility for the progress or scheduling of the Work nor relieve the CONTRACTOR from full responsibility therefor. The finalized schedule of Shop Drawing submissions will be acceptable to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE as providing a workable arrangement for processing the submissions. The finalized schedule of values will be acceptable to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the COUNTY as to form and substance.

Definitions

The following definition of terms associated with this Contract is provided to establish a common understanding between both parties to this Contract as to the intended usage, application and interpretation of such terms pertaining to this Contract.

ADDENDUM means any additional Contract provisions in writing signed and sealed by the CONSULTANT, if applicable, issued by the COUNTY prior to the receipt of Bid which clarify, correct, change or interpret the Bidding Documents or the Contract Documents.

AGREEMENT means the written agreement between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR covering the Work to be performed; the Agreement is a part of the Contract Documents.

BIDDER is any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, or corporation submitting a bid for this project, acting directly or through an authorized representative.

BID is a complete and properly signed proposal to do the Work or designated portion thereof for the sums stipulated therein, submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents.

BID BOND is a security in the form and amount required by the COUNTY pledging that the BIDDER will enter into a Contract with the COUNTY on the terms stated in his Bid.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS are the Request for Bids, the Notice to Bidders, the Instructions to Bidders, sample forms, the Bid Proposal Form and the proposed Contract Documents (including all Addenda issued prior to receipt of Bids).

CHANGE ORDERS are written order to the CONTRACTOR signed by the COUNTY, issued after execution of the Contract, authorizing a change in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract price or the Contract Time. The Contract Price and the Contract Time may be changed only by a Change Order. A Change Order signed by the CONTRACTOR indicates his agreement therewith, including the adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

COMPLETION (FINAL) means acceptance of the Project by the COUNTY as evidenced by its signature upon a final payment Certification and approval thereof by the Board of County Commissioners or their designee. The final payment Certification shall be signed only after the COUNTY has assured itself by tests, inspections, or otherwise that all of the provisions of the Contract have been carried out as required.

COMPLETION (SUBSTANTIAL) shall mean an acceptance of the Work by the COUNTY when construction is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so the COUNTY can occupy or utilize the Work or designated portion thereof for the use applicable, issued by the Building Official is required concurrent with or prior to issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

CONSTRUCTION is the erection, fabrication, assembly, remodeling, renovation, addition, modification, repair or demolition of any building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures. The term applies but is not limited to the repair, replacement modification or construction of roads, bridges, sidewalks, traffic devices, parking lots, drainage, underground and overhead utilities.

CONSULTANT is the person lawfully licensed to practice Architecture or Engineering and registered in the State of Florida, or an entity lawfully practicing Architecture or Engineering, identified as such in the Construction Contract, and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and masculine in genre. The term CONSULTANT means the Architect or Engineer or his authorized representative.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS consist of the Construction Contract, Conditions of the Contract, the Plans, the Project Manual, Addenda issued prior to execution of the Contract, all written modifications issued after execution of the Contract, all provisions required by law to be inserted in this Contract whether actually inserted or not, and a Contract Number issued by the COUNTY.

A Modification is:

- (1) A written Amendment to the Contract.
- (2) A Change Order.
- (3) A written interpretation necessary for the proper execution or progress of the Work issued by the OWNER'S Representative.
- (4) A Field Change Order.
- (5) A Field Directive Change.

CONTRACT PRICE means the total monies payable to the CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents.

CONTRACT TIME means the number of Calendar days stated in the Agreement for the purpose of establishing Substantial Completion and Final Completion dates.

CONTRACTOR is the person, firm, joint venture, or corporation with whom the COUNTY has contracted and who has the primary responsibility for performance of the work.

COUNTY means the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, its successors and assigns. Also hereinafter referred to as OWNER.

DAYS - The term "day" as used in the Contract Documents shall mean calendar day unless otherwise specifically designated. A calendar day constitutes twenty four hours measured from midnight to the next midnight.

DEFECTIVE - An adjective which when modifying the word "Work" refers to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty or deficient, or does not conform to the Contract Documents, or does not meet the requirements of any inspection, reference standard, test or approval referred to in the Contract Documents, or has been damaged prior to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE recommendation of final payment.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT means the date on which the agreement is signed and delivered by the latter of the two parties.

FIELD CHANGE ORDER is a written change order requested by the OWNER'S Representative, accepted by the CONTRACTOR, and approved by the PROJECT MANAGER for minor changes in the Work, not involving adjustments in the Contract Sum or an extension of Time, and not inconsistent with the overall intent of the Contract Documents.

FIELD DIRECTIVE CHANGE - A written directive to the CONTRACT, issued on or after the effective date of the Agreement 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 as defined elsewhere in these documents. A Field Directive Change may not change the Contract Price or the Contract Time, but is evidence that the parties expect that the change directed or documented by a Field 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 Price or the Contract Time.

FINAL ACCEPTANCE means acceptance of the Work by the COUNTY upon the expiration of the warranty period as stated in the Contract Documents.

MATERIALS - Anything used in the process of, but not limited to, constructing, demolishing, renovating or remodeling of any building, structure, road, bridge, recreational facility, transportation element and utility or any addition thereto utilized for this project.

NOTICE means written notice. Notice shall be served upon the CONTRACTOR either personally or by leaving the said Notice at his residence or with his agency in charge of the Work, or addressed to the CONTRACTOR at the residence or place of business stated in the Bid Proposal and deposited in a postpaid wrapper in any United States Mailbox.

NOTICE TO PROCEED is a written instrument issued by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR, authorizing the CONTRACTOR to commence Work on the Project. The NOTICE TO PROCEED shall include the effective date of Commencement.

NOTICE OF AWARD means the written Notice given by the COUNTY to the successful Bidder.

NOTICE OF TERMINATION is a written instrument issued in accordance with the Contract Documents by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR or by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY notifying the receiving party that the Contract is being terminated. The NOTICE shall clearly identify the effective date the Contract is to be terminated.

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE is the CONSULTANT contracted by the COUNTY for Professional Services during the construction phase of this project or a qualified person authorized as his official representative, or in the absence of such a contract, the project Manager will be considered the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for the purpose of this Contract Document. The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE is not authorized to issue change orders to the contract sum, contract time or scope of work without express approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

PLANS AND/OR DRAWINGS are a graphic representation of the arrangement of the materials or parts of the construction of the project and are a portion of the Contract Documents.

PROJECT shall mean the entire improvement of which this contract forms a part.

PROJECT MANAGER is an employee or the Department or the COUNTY which requested the Contract and is a designee authorized by or for that Department who is the representative of the Board of County Commissioners in matters concerning the contractor of this project. The project manager will act as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in the absence of a contract with a CONSULTANT. The PROJECT MANAGER is not authorized to issue changes to the Contract Sum, Contract Time, or Scope of Work without express approval by the Department Director, County Manager, or Board of County Commissioners.

The PROJECT MANAGER, within the authority conferred by the Board of County Commissioners, acting as the COUNTY'S designated representative shall initiate written Change Orders, and notification to the CONTRACTOR of any and all changes approved by the COUNTY in the CONTRACTOR'S (1) compensation (2) time and/or schedule of service delivery; (3) any Amendment (s) or other change(s) relative to the WORK and ADDITIONAL SERVICES pursuant to this Contract, or AMENDMENTS, or CHANGE ORDERS pertaining thereto. Following COUNTY approval, the Project Manager shall coordinate assurance of any such documents. The PROJECT MANAGER or his designee shall be responsible for acting on the COUNTY'S behalf to administer, coordinate, interpret and otherwise manage the contractual provisions and requirements set forth in this Contract, or any AMENDMENT(S), or CHANGE ORDER(S) issued there under.

SPECIFICATIONS are written documents organized into divisions, sections, and articles which provide detailed instructions to the CONTRACTOR pertaining, but not limited to, materials, style, workmanship, fabrication, dimensions, colors, warranties, finishes, quality, manufacturer, grade and operational data of all components to be provided by the CONTRACTOR and incorporated into the Project.

SUBCONTRACTOR is a person, firm, partnership, corporation, or entity who has a direct contract with the CONTRACTOR to perform any of the Work at the site. The term Subcontractor does not include those whose sole purpose is that of a supplier of materials. A supplier of materials shall be classified as a Subcontractor if it enters into any agreement, whether written or verbal, for the installation of said materials. The term Subcontractor means a Subcontractor or its authorized representative.

SUB-Subcontractor is a person, firm, partnership, corporation, or entity who has a direct or indirect Contract with a Subcontractor to perform any of the Work at the site. The term Sub-Subcontractor means a Sub-Subcontractor or its authorized representative.

SUPPLIER - A manufacturer, fabricator, distributor, materialmen or vendor.

SURETY is the surety company or individual that is bound by Contract bond with and for the CONTRACTOR who is primarily liable, and is responsible for CONTRACTOR'S acceptable performance of the Project and payment of all debts pertaining to the Contract Documents in accordance with Section 255.05, Florida Statutes.

UNDERGROUND FACILITIES - All pipeline, conduits, ducts, cables, wires, manholes, vaults, tanks, tunnels or other such facilities or attachments, and any encasements containing such facilities which have been installed underground to furnish any of the following services or materials: electricity, gases, steam, liquid petroleum products, telephone or other communications, cable television, sewage and drainage removal, traffic or other control systems or water.

WORK is the construction required by the Contract Documents and includes all labor necessary to produce such construction, and all materials and equipment incorporated or to be incorporated in such construction.

Starting the Work

Written Notice to Proceed is contingent upon and will be done subsequent to the CONTRACTOR fully satisfying the COUNTY'S stated insurance and Bond submittal requirements. Until the CONTRACTOR receives the COUNTY'S written Notice to Proceed, the CONTRACTOR is advised that the COUNTY will not be liable for any expenses which the CONTRACTOR may incur relative to this Contract before the written Notice to Proceed is issued.

The Contract time shall commence to run from the date specified in the "Notice to Proceed".

The CONTRACTOR is required, before commencing the Work, to deliver to the COUNTY the Public Payment and Performance Bond issued by a surety insurer authorized to do business in the State of Florida as Surety. The Bond must state the name and principal business address of both the principal and the Surety and must contain a description of the project sufficient to identify it and post in conspicuous place at the project site.

The COUNTY will forward to the CONTRACTOR a Notice of Commencement along with a copy of the recorded Public Payment and Performance Bond with instructions to post in a conspicuous spot on the project site.

Interpretation Intent, Amending and Reuse of Contract Documents

It is the intent of the Specifications and Plans to describe a complete Project to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

The Contract Documents are complementary; what is called for by one is as binding as if called for by all. If the CONTRACTOR finds a conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, he shall immediately call it to the attention of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in writing before proceeding with the Work affected thereby.

Any Work that may be reasonably inferred from the specifications or Drawings as being required to produce the intended result shall be supplied whether or not it is specifically called for.

Work, materials or equipment described in words which have a well-known technical or trade meaning, shall be deemed to refer to such recognized standards.

In resolving conflicts, errors, and discrepancies, the order of precedence of the Contract Document is as follows:

1. Change Order
2. Standard Form of Agreement
3. Addenda
4. Supplementary Conditions
5. General Conditions
6. Specifications
7. Drawings
8. Figure Dimensions
9. Scale Dimensions (Large Scale Drawings supersede Small Scale Drawings)

Amending and Supplementing Contract Documents

The Contract Documents may be amended to provide for additions, deletions and revisions in the Work or to modify the terms and conditions thereof in one or more of the following ways:

- A formal Written Amendment,
- A Change Order.
- A Field Directive Change.

The Contract Price and the Contract Time may only be changed by a Change Order or Written Amendment.

In addition, the requirements of the Contract Documents may be supplemented and minor variations and deviations of the Work may be authorized, in one or more of the following ways:

A Field Change Order,

The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE approval of a Shop Drawing or sample, or

The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE written interpretation or clarification.

Reuse of Documents

Neither the CONTRACTOR nor any SUBCONTRACTOR or Supplier or other person or organization performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct or indirect contract with the COUNTY shall have or acquire any title to or ownership rights in any of the Drawings, Specifications or other documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the seal of the CONSULTANT; and they shall not reuse any of them on extensions of the Project or any other project without written consent of the COUNTY or their CONSULTANT and the specific written verification or adaptation by the CONSULTANT.

Availability of Lands

The COUNTY will furnish, as indicated in the Contract Documents and not later than the date when needed by the CONTRACTOR, the lands upon which the Work is to be done, Work is to be done, rights-of-way for access thereto, and such other lands which are designated for the use of the CONTRACTOR. Easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing facilities will be obtained by the COUNTY unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents. If the CONTRACTOR believes that any delay in the COUNTY'S furnishing these lands or easements entitles him to an extension of the Contract Time, he may make a claim therefor. The CONTRACTOR will provide for all additional lands and access thereto that may be required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment unless designated otherwise. The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will, upon request, furnish to the CONTRACTOR copies of all available boundary and topographic surveys as required and sub-surface tests.

Physical Conditions

Explorations and Reports: Reference is made to the Supplementary Conditions for identification of those reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at the site that have been utilized by the CONSULTANT and/or the COUNTY in preparation of the Contract Documents. These reports are not part of the contract Documents. The CONTRACTOR may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in such reports but not upon the non-technical data, interpretations or opinions contained therein for the completeness or accuracy thereof for the CONTRACTOR'S purposes of preparing or submitting a bid. Except as indicated in the immediately preceding sentence, the CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility with respect to subsurface conditions at the site. The technical data which will be made available only at the CONTRACTOR'S request may not be sufficient for construction purposes. Additional investigations may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out the construction project.

Existing Structures: Reference is made to the Supplementary Conditions for identification of those drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface and subsurface structures (except Underground Facilities) which are at or contiguous to the site that have been utilized by the CONSULTANT and/or the COUNTY in preparation of the Contract Documents. The CONTRACTOR may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in such drawings but not for the completeness thereof for the purposes of preparing or submitting a bid.

Except as indicated in the immediately preceding sentence, the CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility with respect to physical conditions in or relating to such structures.

Unless otherwise stated, the CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible for the removal of any materials, debris, garbage, vehicles or other such items which would interfere with the undertaking and completion of the project. By submission of a bid, the CONTRACTOR assumes full responsibility for the expenses associated with such removal. There shall not be an increase in time or price associated with such removal.

Report of Differing Conditions: If the CONTRACTOR believes that:

- Any technical data on which the CONTRACTOR is entitled to is inaccurate, or
- Any physical condition uncovered or revealed at the site differs materially from that indicated, reflected or referred to in the Contract Documents.
- The CONTRACTOR shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as permitted) notify the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in writing about the inaccuracy or difference.

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE Review: The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will promptly review the pertinent conditions, determine the necessity of obtaining additional explorations or tests with respect thereto and advise the COUNTY in writing (with a copy to the CONTRACTOR) of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S findings and conclusions.

Possible Document Change: If the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the COUNTY conclude that there is a material error in the Contract Documents and a change in the Contract Documents is required, a Field Directive Change, a Field Change or a Change Order will be issued as to reflect and document the consequences of the inaccuracy or difference.

Possible Price and Time Adjustments: In each case of a material error in the Contract Documents, an increase or decrease in the Contract Price or an extension or shortening of the Contract Time, or any combination thereof, will be allowable to the extent that they are attributable to any such inaccuracy or difference.

Physical Conditions - Underground Facilities

Shown or Indicated: The information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the site is based on information and data furnished to the COUNTY or the CONSULTANT by the owners of such Underground facilities or by others. Unless it is otherwise expressly provided in the Supplementary Conditions:

- The CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility for reviewing and checking all such information and data, for locating all Underground Facilities shown or indicated in the Contract Documents, for coordination of the Work with the owners of such Underground Facilities during construction, for the safety and protection thereof and for repairing any damage thereto resulting from the Work, the cost of all of which will be considered as having been included in the Contract Price.
- Not Shown or Indicated: If an Underground Facility is uncovered or revealed at or contiguous to the site which was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents and which the CONTRACTOR could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of, the CONTRACTOR shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before performing any Work affected thereby (except in an emergency as permitted) identify the owner of such Underground Facility and give written notice thereof to that owner and to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will promptly review the Underground Facility to determine the extent to which the Contract Documents should be modified to reflect and document the consequences of the existence of the Underground Facility, and with the COUNTY'S approval, the Contract Documents will be amended or supplemented to the extent necessary. During such time, the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the safety and protection of such Underground Facility. The CONTRACTOR shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, to the extent that they are attributable to the existence of any Underground Facility that was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents and which the CONTRACTOR could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of.

Reference Points

The COUNTY shall provide engineering surveys to establish reference points, as specified in the Supplementary Conditions, for construction which in the judgment of the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT are necessary to enable CONTRACTOR to proceed with the Work. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for laying out the Work (unless otherwise specified in the Technical Specifications), shall protect and preserve the established reference points and shall make no changes or relocations without the prior written approval of the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall report to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE whenever any reference point is lost or destroyed or requires relocation because of necessary changes in grades or locations, and shall be responsible for the accurate replacement or relocation of such reference points by professionally qualified personnel.

Bonds and Insurance

Public Payment and Performance Bond

The CONTRACTOR will execute the Public Payment and Performance Bonds included herein as security for the faithful performance and payment of all his obligations under the Contract Documents. This Bond shall be in amounts at least equal to the Contract Price and in such form and with such securities as are acceptable to the COUNTY. Prior to execution of the Contract Documents, the COUNTY may require the CONTRACTOR to furnish such other bonds, in such form and with such sureties as it may require. If such bonds are required by written instructions given prior to opening of Bids, the Premiums shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR. If the Contract is increased by a Change Order, it shall be the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to insure that the Public Payment and Performance Bond be amended accordingly and a copy of the amendment forwarded to the PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT.

If the surety on any bond furnished by the CONTRACTOR is declared bankrupt or becomes insolvent or its right to do business is terminated in the State of Florida or it ceases to meet the requirements imposed by the Contract Documents, the CONTRACTOR shall within five calendar days thereafter substitute another Bond and Surety, both of which shall be acceptable to the COUNTY.

If the CONTRACTOR cannot obtain another bond and surety within five calendar days the COUNTY will accept and the CONTRACTOR shall submit an irrevocable letter of credit drawn on a Lee County, Florida bank until the bond and surety can be obtained.

Qualifications of Surety Companies

In order to be acceptable to the COUNTY, a surety company issuing Bid Guaranty Bonds or 100% Public Payment and Performance Bonds, called for in these specifications, shall meet and comply with the following minimum standards:

General

All Sureties for Lee County projects must be admitted to do business in the State of Florida and shall comply with the provisions of Florida Statute 255.05.

Attorneys-in-Fact who sign bid bonds or Public Payment and Performance Bonds for Lee County projects must file with such bond a certified copy of their Power of Attorney to sign such bond.

Agents of surety companies must list their name, address, and telephone number on all bonds.

The life of all bonds provided to Lee County shall extend twelve months beyond the date of final payment and shall contain a waiver of alternation to the terms of the Contract, extensions of time and/or forbearance on the part of the COUNTY.

The amount of the bond shall automatically be reduced from 100% of the contract price to 100 % upon final completion and acceptance by the COUNTY.

To be acceptable to the OWNER AS Surety on projects not in excess of \$500,000.00, Surety shall comply with these minimum provisions of State Statute 287.0935 as follows:

- Surety must have twice the minimum surplus and capital required by Florida Insurance Code at the time of bid solicitation.

- Surety must be in compliance with all provisions of the Florida Insurance Code and hold a currently valid certificate of authority issued by the United States Department of the Treasury under SS.31 U.S.C. 9404-9308.
- Sureties on projects in excess of \$500,000.00 shall comply with the above minimum provisions as well as being rated thru A.M. Best shall comply with the following provisions:
- The Surety shall be rated as “A-“ or better as to General Policyholders Rating and Class VII or better as to financial category by the most current Best’s Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company.
- Surety must have fulfilled all of its obligations on all other bonds previously given to the COUNTY.
- Surety must have a minimum underwriting limitation of \$5,000,000 published in the latest edition of the Federal Register for Federal Bonds (U.S. Dept. of Treasury).

Letter of Credit

At any time during the life of the letter of credit, should the rating of financial institution fall below both of the minimum ratings as indicated in the Contract Documents, or should the financial institution become insolvent, the CONTRACTOR must, within five calendar days after notification by the COUNTY:

- Replace the existing letter of credit with a replacement letter of credit from a financial institution with either of the minimum ratings as specified in the Contract Documents, or
- Have the existing letter of credit confirmed by a financial institution with either of the minimum ratings as specified in the Contract Documents.
- At the COUNTY’S option, the letter of credit may be replaced by a Public Payment and Performance Bond in accordance with the COUNTY’S existing bond policies.

Failure to comply with this provision may result in any or all of the following actions by the COUNTY:

- Suspension of the CONTRACTOR’S right to pull building permits and schedule inspections;
- A stop work order; and/or
- Revocation of the Land Development Permit.

Financial Institutions/Letters of Credit

In order to be acceptable to the COUNTY, a financial institution issuing 100% Letters of Credit, called for in these specifications, shall meet and comply with the following minimum standards:

General

The face of the letter of credit must be in a format utilizing Lee County Standard Form and indicate the following:

- The letter of credit is “clean” and “irrevocable”;
- An exact expiration date. The life of all letters of credit provided to Lee County shall extend twelve months beyond the date of final payment;
- Statement of the purpose or project for which the letter of credit is issued;
- A specific amount of the letter of credit, in U.S. dollars;
- The method of disbursement of draws against the letter of credit;
- The street address where draws against the letter of credit may be made; and
- Venue in Lee County.

Verification of the status or certification of any financial institution may be made with:

Department of Insurance and Treasurer
Bureau of Collateral Securities
200 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 32377-0345
Phone (850) 922-3167

or

Lee County Procurement Management
1825 Hendry Street, 3rd Floor
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Phone (239) 533-5450

or

Lee County Risk Management
2115 Second Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Phone (239) 533-2221

At the time of issuance of the letter of credit, the financial institution must have a minimum "peer group" rating of 50 in the latest Sheshunoff Quarterly Listing or a minimum rating of 125 in the latest IDC Bank Financial Quarterly Listing.

Letters of Credit from financial institutions which do not meet either of the minimum ratings indicated above must be confirmed by a financial institution with either of the minimum ratings indicated above.

All financial institutions which issue or confirm any Letter of Credit must be authorized by the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Florida, shall show proof of same upon request by COUNTY staff, and agree to venue in Lee County.

In addition to the institutions meeting the aforementioned requirements, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta is authorized to issue and confirm letters of credit which are in accordance with the provisions above and all subsequent sub-paragraphs.

These actions shall be in effect until a satisfactory replacement bond or letter of credit is accepted by the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR agreement shall so provide for replacement or confirmation in accordance with this policy.

Contractor's Liability Insurance

The CONTRACTOR will purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect him from claims under Worker's Compensation laws, disability benefit laws or other similar employee benefit laws; from claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of his employees including claims insured by usual personal injury, sickness and disease, or death of any person other than his employees including claims insured by usual personal injury liability coverage; and from claims for injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting there from any or all of which may arise out of or result from the CONTRACTOR'S operations under the Contract Documents, whether such operations be by himself or any Subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be legally liable. This insurance shall be written for no less than the limits of liability specified in the Contract Documents or required by law, whichever is greater, and shall include contractual liability insurance. As a prerequisite to the COUNTY signing the Contract, the CONTRACTOR will file with the COUNTY certificates of such insurance, acceptable to the COUNTY; these certificates shall contain a provision for cancellation.

Insurance Requirements

Before final execution of the Agreement and until acceptance of the Work by the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain insurance of the types and the limits specified below.

All CONTRACTOR'S Certificates of Insurance must be approved by the Lee County Risk Manager (or designee) before the final execution of the agreement by the COUNTY.

An Insurance Certificate shall be required from the successful BIDDER. Such form must be properly executed and submitted by an authorized representative of the insurance company and successful BIDDER within seven calendar days after notification by Lee County of the Board of County Commissioners' approval to award the contract. Such certificate of insurance state that the coverage is primary, and shall be in the types and amounts stated in the Contract Documents. Certificate should include producers' phone number and reference the name of the project.

Contractor's Responsibilities

Supervision and Superintendence

The CONTRACTOR will supervise and direct the Work efficiently. He will be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, safety, and procedure of construction, unless otherwise specified. The CONTRACTOR will be responsible to see that the finished Work complies with the Contract Documents.

The CONTRACTOR will keep on the site at all times when work is being performed, a competent, resident superintendent who shall not be replaced without prior written notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. The superintendent will be the CONTRACTOR'S representative at the site and shall have authority to act on behalf of the CONTRACTOR. All communications given to the superintendent shall be binding as if given to the CONTRACTOR.

Labor Material and Equipment

The CONTRACTOR will provide competent, suitable, qualified personnel to lay out the Work and perform construction as required by the Contract Documents. He will at all times maintain good discipline and order at the site.

The CONTRACTOR will furnish all materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, heat, light, telephone, water and sanitary facilities and incidentals necessary for the execution, testing, initial operation and completion of the Work unless otherwise specified.

All materials and equipment will be new except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. If required by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the CONTRACTOR will furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment furnished.

All materials and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned in accordance with the instructions of the applicable manufacturers, fabricator or processors except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.

In instances where the act is applicable due to the nature of the bid matter with which this bid package is concerned, all material, equipment, etc., as proposed and offered by CONTRACTOR must meet and conform to all O.S.H.A. requirements; the CONTRACTOR'S signature upon the bid proposal form being by this reference considered a certification of such fact.

Adjusting the Progress Schedule

The CONTRACTOR shall submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for acceptance of adjustments in the progress schedule to reflect the impact thereon of new developments; these will conform generally to the progress schedule then in effect and additionally will comply with any provisions of the Contract Documents applicable thereto. The COUNTY reserves the right to reject the progress schedule from the CONTRACTOR which in its judgment does not appear to devote sufficient resources of manpower to enable the timely completion of the project. If the COUNTY requests the progress schedule to be adjusted, the CONTRACTOR shall do so and perform the work according to the adjusted schedule at no additional cost to the COUNTY.

Substitute Materials or Equipment

If it is indicated in the specifications that the CONTRACTOR may furnish or use a substitute that is equal to any material or equipment specified, and if the CONTRACTOR wishes to furnish or use a proposed substitute, he will, within thirty calendar days after the award of the Contract, make written application to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for approval of such a substitute, certifying in writing that the proposed substitute will perform adequately the duties imposed by the general design, be similar and of equal substance to that specified and be suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified. No substitute shall be ordered or installed without the written approval of the COUNTY who shall be the judge of quality. Whether or not the COUNTY accepts a proposed substitute, the CONTRACTOR shall reimburse the COUNTY for any charges or cost for evaluating any proposed substitute.

Concerning Subcontractors

The CONTRACTOR will be fully responsible for all acts and omissions of his SUBCONTRACTORS and of persons directly or indirectly employed by them and of persons for whose acts they may be liable to the same extent that they are employed by him. Nothing in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual relationship between any SUBCONTRACTOR and the COUNTY. The COUNTY may, upon request, furnish to any SUBCONTRACTOR, to the extent practicable, evidence of amounts paid to the CONTRACTOR on account of specific Work done.

The divisions and sections of the specifications and the identifications of any Drawings shall not control the CONTRACTOR in dividing the Work among SUBCONTRACTORS or delineating the Work to be performed by any specific trade.

The CONTRACTOR agrees to bind specifically every SUBCONTRACTOR to the applicable terms and conditions of these Contract Documents for the benefit of the COUNTY.

All Work performed for the CONTRACTOR by a SUBCONTRACTOR shall be pursuant to an appropriate agreement between the CONTRACTOR and the SUBCONTRACTOR which shall contain provisions that waive all rights the contracting parties may have against one another for damages caused by fire or perils covered by insurance, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance held by the COUNTY as trustee.

Patent Fees and Royalties

The costs involved in fees, royalties, or claims for any patented invention, article, process or method that may be used upon, or in a manner connected with the work under this contract, shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR and his sureties, together with his officers, agents, and employees, shall protect and hold the COUNTY harmless against any and all demands made for such fees or claims brought or made by holder of any invention or patent. Before final payment is made on the account of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall, if requested by the COUNTY, furnish acceptable proof of a proper release from all such fees or claims.

Should the CONTRACTOR, his agent, employee, or any of them be enjoined from furnishing or using any invention, article, material or plans supplied or required to be supplied or used under this contract, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly pay such royalties and secure the requisite licenses; or, subject to acceptance by the COUNTY, substitute other articles, materials or appliances in lieu thereof which are of equal efficiency, quality, finish, suitability and market value to those planned or required under the contract. Descriptive information of these substitutions shall be submitted to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for determination of general conformance to the design concept and the construction contract. Should the COUNTY elect to use the substitution, the CONTRACTOR agrees to pay such royalties and secure such valid licenses as may be requisite for the COUNTY, his officers, agents, and employees, or any of them, to use such invention, article, material, or appliance without being disturbed or in any way interfered with by any proceeding in law or equity on account thereof.

Permits

Unless otherwise specified herein, the CONTRACTOR will secure and pay for all permits, impact fees, and licenses and will pay all governmental charges and inspections' fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work which are applicable at the time of his bid. The CONTRACTOR will also pay all public utility charges and connection fees except as provided for in the Contract Documents. Permits and licenses of regulatory agencies which are necessary to be maintained after completion of the guarantee period shall be secured and paid for by the COUNTY.

Pursuant to the requirements of F.S. 218.80, the following County permits and fees are required to be obtained and paid for by the CONTRACTOR.

<u>Permit or Fee</u>	<u>Dollar Amount/Percentage Method/ Unit Method of Computation</u>
N/A	

This is a disclosure of permits and fees required by Lee County for this project and does not relieve the contractor of its responsibility to obtain and pay for permits required by other governmental entities as specified elsewhere in this document.

The CONTRACTOR will give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to the Work. If the CONTRACTOR observes that the Specifications or Drawings are at a variance therewith, he will give the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prompt written notice thereof, and any necessary changes shall be adjusted by an appropriate modification. If the CONTRACTOR performs any Work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations and without such notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, he will bear all cost arising there from; however, it shall not be his primary responsibility to make certain that the Drawings and Specifications are in accordance with such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

Licenses

The CONTRACTOR must be properly licensed, within the jurisdiction where the project is to be constructed, to perform the work specified in the Scope of Work at the time of bid submittal.

Use of Premises

The CONTRACTOR will confine his equipment, the storage of materials and equipment, and the operations of his workmen to the areas permitted by law, ordinances, permits or the requirements of the Contract Documents and shall not unreasonably encumber the premises with materials or equipment.

Record Drawings

The CONTRACTOR will keep one record copy of all Specifications, Drawings, Addenda, Modifications and Shop Drawings at the site in good order, and annotated to show all changes made during the construction process or addition and exact location of underground or otherwise concealed components such as, but not limited to, plumbing, air conditioning, electric, and conduit which were not installed exactly as shown on the contract drawings. These shall be available to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and shall be verified by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE at 30%, 60%, and 100% completion of the Project. The CONTRACTOR shall submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE one complete set of all recorded changes made during Construction entitled "As-Builts", and dated. Submittals shall be made in accordance with the above and shall be submitted at the time of substantial completion.

Safety and Protection

The CONTRACTOR will be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. He will take all necessary precautions for the safety of and will provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:

All employees on the Project and other persons who may be affected thereby;

All the Work and all materials or equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site; and

Other property at the site or adjacent thereto including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction.

The CONTRACTOR will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss. He will erect and maintain, as required by the conditions and progress of the Work, all necessary safeguards for safety and protection and, in addition, he will comply with all applicable recommendations of the "Manual of Accident Prevention in Construction" published by the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc.; "Roadway and Traffic Design Standards" latest edition published by the Florida Department of Transportation, specifically Index 600-650; and Occupational Safety and Health Administration published by the United States Department of Labor. He will notify owners of adjacent utilities when prosecution of the Work may affect them. All damage, injury or loss to any property caused directly or indirectly, in whole or in part by the CONTRACTOR, any SUBCONTRACTOR, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable will be remedied by the CONTRACTOR; except any damage or loss attributable to the fault of the Drawings or the Specifications or to the acts or omissions of the COUNTY, and not attributable, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the fault of negligence of the CONTRACTOR.

The CONTRACTOR will designate a member of his organization whose responsibility will be to plan for the prevention of accidents at the site. This person shall be the CONTRACTOR'S Superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by the CONTRACTOR to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

Emergencies

In emergencies affecting the safety of persons, the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, the CONTRACTOR, without special instruction or authorization from the COUNTY, is obligated to act at his discretion to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. He will give the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prompt written notice of any significant changes in the Work or deviations from the Contract Documents caused thereby. If the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE determine that a change to the Contract Documents is required because of the action taken in response to an emergency, a Field Directive Change or Change Order shall thereupon be issued covering the changes and deviations involved.

Shop Drawings and Samples

After checking and verifying all field measurements, the CONTRACTOR will submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for approval, in accordance with the acceptable schedule of Shop Drawing submission, five copies (or at the option of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, one reproducible copy) of all Shop Drawings, which shall have been checked by and stamped with the approval of the CONTRACTOR and identified as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may require. The data shown on the Shop Drawings will be complete with respect to dimensions, design criteria, materials of construction and the like to enable the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE to review the information as required.

The CONTRACTOR will also submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for approval with such promptness as to cause no delay in the Work, all samples required by the Contract Documents. All samples will have been checked by and stamped with the approval of the CONTRACTOR, identified clearly as to material, manufacturer, any pertinent numbers and the use for which intended.

At the time of each submission, the CONTRACTOR will in writing call the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S attention to any deviations that the Shop Drawing or sample may have from the requirements of the Contract Documents and, in addition, shall cause a specific notation to be made on each shop drawing submitted for review and approval of each such variation.

The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will review and approve with reasonable promptness Shop Drawings and Samples, but its review and approval shall be only for conformance with the design concept of the Project and for compliance with the information given in the Contract Documents. The approval of a separate item as such will not indicate approval of the assembly in which the item functions. The CONTRACTOR will make any corrections required by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and will return the required number of corrected copies of Shop Drawings and re-submit new samples until approved. All cost incurred by the COUNTY for the review of a shop drawing in excess of two reviews shall be the CONTRACTORS responsibility. The CONTRACTOR'S stamp of approval on any Shop Drawing or sample shall constitute a representation to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE that the CONTRACTOR has either determined and verified all quantities, dimensions, field construction criteria, materials, catalog numbers and similar data or he assumes full responsibility for doing so, and that he has reviewed or coordinated each Shop Drawing or sample with the requirements of the Work and the Contract Document.

No work requiring a Shop Drawing or sample submissions shall be commenced until the submission has been approved by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. Any related Work performed prior to review and approval by the COUNTY of the pertinent submission will be the sole expense and responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. A

copy of each approved Shop Drawing and each approved sample shall be kept in good order by the CONTRACTOR at the site and shall be available to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE approval of Shop Drawings or samples shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from his responsibility for any deviations from the requirements of the Contract Documents, unless the CONTRACTOR has in writing called the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE attention to such deviation at the time of submission and the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE have given written approval to the specific deviation; nor shall any approval by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE relieve the CONTRACTOR from responsibility for errors or omissions in the Shop Drawings.

Indemnification

The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, save harmless and defend the COUNTY and all of its officers, agents, consultants and employees from and against all losses, claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, recoveries and judgments of every nature and description brought or recoverable against it or them by reason of any act or omission of the CONTRACTOR, his agent, consultants, employees, subcontractors etc., in the execution of the work or in consequence of any negligence or carelessness in guarding the same and agrees to assume any related cost.

The CONTRACTOR shall assume all risk and bear any loss or injury to property or persons occasioned by neglect or accident during the progress of work until the same shall have been completed and accepted. The CONTRACTOR agrees to repair, restore or rebuild any damages he causes to any property of the COUNTY. He shall also assume all blame or loss by reason of neglect or violation of any state or federal law or municipal rule, regulation or order. The CONTRACTOR shall give to the proper authorities all required notices relating to the work, obtain all official permits and licenses and pay all proper fees. He shall repair any damage that may have occurred to any adjoining building, structure, utility or private property in the course of this work.

Cleaning Up

The CONTRACTOR will keep the premises free from accumulations of waste materials, rubbish and other debris resulting from the Work; at the completion of the Work he will remove all waste materials, rubbish and debris from and about the premises as well as all tools, construction equipment and machinery, and surplus materials, and will leave the site clean and ready for occupancy by the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR will restore to their original condition those portions of the site not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents.

If the CONTRACTOR fails to clean up as provided in the Contract Documents, the COUNTY may do so and the cost thereof shall be deducted from the final retainage due the CONTRACTOR.

Continuing the Work

The CONTRACTOR shall carry on the Work and adhere to the progress schedule during all disputes and disagreements with the COUNTY. No work shall be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, except as permitted (The COUNTY May Stop Work) or as the CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY may otherwise agree in writing.

Anti-Discrimination

The CONTRACTOR for itself, its successors in interest, and assignees, as part of the consideration thereof covenant and agree that:

In the furnishing of services to the COUNTY hereunder, no person on the grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.

The CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status. The CONTRACTOR will make affirmative efforts to insure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, acts of employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeships.

CONTRACTOR agrees to post in a conspicuous place, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this anti-discrimination clause.

CONTRACTOR will provide all information and reports required by relevant regulations and/or applicable directives. In addition, the CONTRACTOR shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the COUNTY to be pertinent to ascertain compliance. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain and make available relevant data showing the extent to which members of minority groups are beneficiaries under these contracts.

Where any information required of the CONTRACTOR is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the CONTRACTOR shall so certify to the COUNTY its efforts made toward obtaining said information. The CONTRACTOR shall remain obligated under this paragraph until the expiration of three years after the termination of this CONTRACT.

In the event of breach of any of the above anti-discrimination covenants, the COUNTY shall have the right to impose sanctions as it may determine to be appropriate, including withholding payment to the CONTRACTOR or canceling, terminating or suspending this CONTRACT, in whole or in part. Additionally, the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further COUNTY contracts by rule, regulation or order of the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, or as otherwise provided by law.

The CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union, or representative of workers with which the CONTRACTOR has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract of understanding, a notice informing the labor union or worker's representative of the CONTRACTOR'S commitments under this assurance, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to the employees and the applicants for employment.

The CONTRACTOR will include the provisions in every sub-contract under this contract to insure its provisions will be binding upon each Subcontractor. The CONTRACTOR will take such action with respect to any Subcontractor, as the contracting agency may direct, as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.

Work by Others

The COUNTY may perform additional Work related to the Project by itself, or it may let other direct contracts which shall contain General Conditions similar to these.

The CONTRACTOR will afford the other Contractors who are parties to such direct contracts (or the COUNTY, if it is performing the additional Work itself), reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of the Work, and shall properly connect and coordinate his work with theirs. Should the Contract entail relocation of facilities not a part of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR will coordinate and cooperate with the applicable entity responsible for this portion of the Work.

Water lines, gas lines, wire lines, service connections, water and gas meter boxes, water and gas valve boxes, light standards, cableways, signals, and all other utility appurtenances within the limits of the proposed construction which are to be relocated or adjusted are to be moved by the owners at their expense, unless otherwise provided in the Contract. It is understood and agreed that the CONTRACTOR has considered in his bid all of the permanent and temporary utility appurtenances in their present or relocated positions as shown on the plans and that no additional compensation will be allowed for any delays, inconveniences, or damage sustained to him due to any interference from the said utility appurtenances or the operation of moving them. If any part of the CONTRACTOR'S work depends (for proper execution) upon the Work of any such other Contractor (or the COUNTY), the CONTRACTOR will inspect and promptly report to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in writing, any defects, deficiencies or delays in such Work that render it unsuitable for such proper execution and results. His failure to report shall constitute an acceptance of the Work, except as to defects, deficiencies and delays which may appear in the other Work after the execution of his Work.

The CONTRACTOR will do all cutting, fitting and patching of his Work, which is consistent with the Contract Documents that may be required to make its several parts come together properly and fit it to receive or be received by such other Work. The CONTRACTOR will not endanger any Work of others by cutting, excavating or otherwise altering such other Work and will only cut or alter such other work with the written consent of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

If the performance of additional Work by other Contractors or the COUNTY is not noted in the Contract Documents prior to the execution of the Contract, written notice thereof shall be given to the CONTRACTOR prior to starting any such additional Work.

Owner's Representative Status During Construction

County's Representatives

The COUNTY shall issue all communications to the CONTRACTOR through the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

Clarifications and Interpretations

The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will issue with reasonable promptness, through the COUNTY, such written clarifications or interpretations of the requirements of the Contract Documents (in the form of Drawings or otherwise) as the COUNTY may determine necessary, which shall be consistent with or reasonably inferable from the overall intent of the Contract Documents. If the CONTRACTOR believes that a written clarification or interpretation justifies an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time and the parties are unable to agree to the amount or extent thereof, the CONTRACTOR may make a claim.

Authorized Variations in Work

The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may authorize, with prior approval from the COUNTY minor variations in the Work from the requirements of the Contract Documents which do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time and are consistent with the overall intent of the Contract Documents. These may be accomplished by a Field Change Order and the CONTRACTOR shall perform the Work involved promptly. If the CONTRACTOR believes that a Field Change Order justifies an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time and the parties are unable to agree as to the amount or extent thereof, the CONTRACTOR may make a claim.

Changes in Work

Without invalidating the Agreement, the COUNTY may unilaterally and at any time or from time to time order additions, deletions or revisions in the Work; these will be authorized by Change Orders or Field Directive Change. Upon receipt of a Change Order or Field Directive Change, the CONTRACTOR will proceed with the Work involved.

All such Work shall be executed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents.

If any Change Order or Field Directive Change causes an increase or decrease in the Contract Price or any extension or shortening of the Contract Time, an equitable adjustment will be made.

Additional Work performed by the CONTRACTOR without written authorization of a change in the form of an approved Change Order will not entitle him to an increase in the Contract Price or any extension of the Contract Time, except in the case of an emergency.

It is the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to notify the Surety of any changes affecting the general scope of the Work or change of the Contract Price and the amount of the applicable Bonds shall be adjusted accordingly. The Surety's Acceptance must be submitted to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, by the CONTRACTOR, within ten calendar days of the initiation of the change.

Change of Contract Price

The Contract Price constitutes the total compensation payable to the CONTRACTOR for performing the Work. All duties, responsibilities and obligations assigned to or undertaken by the CONTRACTOR shall be at his expense without change in the Contract Price.

The Contract Price may only be changed by a Change Order. Any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract Price shall be in writing and delivered to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE within fifteen calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and stating the general nature of the claim. Notice of the amount of the claim with supporting data shall be delivered within sixty calendar days after such occurrence (unless COUNTY allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim) and shall be accompanied by the CONTRACTOR'S written statement that the amount claimed covers all known amounts (direct, indirect, and consequential) to which the CONTRACTOR has reason to believe it is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. No claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price will be valid if not submitted in accordance. All claims for adjustment in the Contract Price shall be reviewed by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. Any change in the Contract Price shall be incorporated in a Change Order and approved by the COUNTY. No claim by the CONTRACTOR for an equitable adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this Contract.

The value of any Work covered by a Change Order or of any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract Price shall be determined in one of the following ways:

Where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents or subsequently agreed upon, by application of unit prices to the quantities of the items involved.

By mutual acceptance of a lump sum properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data to permit evaluation.

By cost of the Work and mutually acceptable fixed amount for overhead and profit agreed upon by the parties.

If none of the above methods is agreed upon, the value shall be determined by the COUNTY on the basis of cost of the Work and a percentage for overhead and profit. Cost shall only include labor (payroll, payroll taxes, fringe benefits, worker's compensation, etc.), materials, equipment, and other incidentals directly related to the Work involved.

In such cases the CONTRACTOR will submit in the form prescribed by the COUNTY an itemized cost breakdown together with supporting data. The amount of credit to be allowed by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY for any such change which results in a net decrease in cost will be the amount of the actual net decrease as determined by the COUNTY. When both additions and credits are involved in any one change, the combined overhead and profit shall be figured on the basis of the net decrease, if any.

Cash Allowances

It is understood that the CONTRACTOR has included in the Contract Price any allowances so named in the Contract Documents and shall cause the Work so covered to be done by such materialmen, suppliers, or SUBCONTRACTORS and for such sums within the limit of the allowances as the COUNTY may approve. Upon final payment, the Contract Price shall be adjusted as required and an appropriate Change Order issued. The CONTRACTOR agrees that the original Contract Price includes such sums as he deems proper for cost and profit on account of cash allowances. No demand for an additional sum for overhead or profit in connection therewith will be allowed.

Unit Price Work

Where the Contract Documents provide that all or part of the Work is to be Unit Price Work, the Contract Price will be deemed to include for all Unit Price Work an amount equal to the sum of the established unit prices for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work times the estimated quantity of each item as indicated in the Agreement. The estimated quantities of items of Unit Price Work are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids and determining an initial Contract Price.

Each unit price will be deemed to include an amount considered by the CONTRACTOR to be adequate to cover the CONTRACTOR'S overhead and profit for each separately identified item.

The unit price of an item of Unit Price Work shall be subject to revaluation and adjustment under the following conditions:

If the total cost of a particular item of Unit Price Work amounts to 5% or more of the Contract Price and the variation in the quantity of that particular item of Unit Price Work performed by the CONTRACTOR differs by more than 15% from the estimated quantity of such item indicated in the Agreement; and

If there is no corresponding adjustment with respect to any other item of Work; and

If the CONTRACTOR believes that it has incurred additional expense as a result thereof; or

If the COUNTY believes that the quantity variation entitles it to an adjustment in the unit price, either the COUNTY or the CONTRACTOR may make a claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price if the parties are unable to agree as to the effect of any such variations in the quantity of Unit Price Work performed.

Change of Contract Time

The Contract Time may only be changed by a Change Order. Any claim for an extension in the Contract Time shall be in writing and delivered to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE within fifteen calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and stating general nature of the claim. Notice of the extent of the claim with supporting data (analysis and documentation) shall be delivered within sixty calendar days after such occurrence (unless the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim) and shall be accompanied by the CONTRACTOR'S written statement that the adjustment claimed is the entire adjustment to which the CONTRACTOR has reason to believe it is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. If adverse weather conditions are the basis for a claim for additional time, such claim shall be documented by data substantiating that weather conditions were abnormal for the period of time and could not have been reasonably anticipated, and that the weather conditions had an adverse effect on the scheduled construction. No claim by the CONTRACTOR under this provision shall be allowed unless the CONTRACTOR has given the notice and the analysis and documentation required in this paragraph. All claims for adjustment in the Contract Time shall be determined by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. Any change in the Contract Time resulting from any such claim shall be incorporated in a Change Order.

The COUNTY shall not be responsible for any delay in the completion of the project where the delay is beyond the control or without fault or negligence on behalf of the COUNTY. The COUNTY shall not be held accountable for extra compensation or an extension of time due to default by the CONTRACTOR, SUBCONTRACTORS, or suppliers in the furnishing of labor or materials for the project, or having to replace defective materials.

The CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to a claim for an extension of time when a delay or hindrance is caused by an act of God, or any act or omission on the part of the COUNTY, provided the CONTRACTOR gives notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE within fifteen calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and having stated the general nature of the claim. The CONTRACTOR'S sole remedy shall be an extension of Contract Time.

No extension of Contract Time or increases in Contract Price shall be granted for any delay caused either by (1) inadequate crewing, default or bankruptcy of lower tier contract, slow submittals, etc., or (2) by severe though not unusual weather conditions (other than hurricanes and tornadoes) or (3) any delay impacting a portion of the Work within the available total float or slack time and not necessarily preventing completion of the Work within the Contract Time unless otherwise agreed to by the COUNTY in its sole discretion or (4) for any delay which is caused by the CONTRACTOR having to replace defective material or equipment or (5) delays attributable to the lack of performance by Subcontractors regardless of the reasons.

All time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Agreement. Shall not exclude recovery for damages (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court cost) for delay by either party.

Warranty and Guarantee: Acceptance of Defective Work

Warranty and Guarantee

The CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees to the COUNTY that all materials and equipment will be new unless otherwise specified and that all Work will be of good quality, free from faults or defects and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and any inspections, test or approvals referred to in this Article. All unsatisfactory Work, all faulty Work, and all Work not conforming to the requirements of the Contract Documents or such inspections, tests or approvals shall be considered defective. Prompt notice of all defects shall be given to the CONTRACTOR. All defective Work, whether or not in place, may be rejected, corrected or accepted as provided herein. Contractor is to assign any and all warranties or guarantees on equipment, materials, etc. to the COUNTY.

Test and Inspections

If the Contract Documents, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or order of any public authority having jurisdiction require any Work to specifically be inspected, tested or approved by someone other than the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR will give the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE timely notice of readiness therefore. The CONTRACTOR will furnish the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE with the required certificates of inspection, testing or approval. All such tests will be in accordance with the methods prescribed by the American Society for Testing and Materials or such other applicable organizations as may be required by law or the Contract Documents. If any such Work required to be inspected, tested or approved is covered without written approval of the OWNER'S

REPRESENTATIVE, it shall, if requested by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, be uncovered for observation at the CONTRACTOR'S expense. The cost of all such inspections, tests and approvals shall be borne by the CONTRACTOR unless otherwise provided.

Neither observations by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, nor inspections, tests or approvals by persons other than the CONTRACTOR shall relieve the CONTRACTOR from his obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

Close Out Procedure

General Operating/Maintenance Instructions & Manuals

The CONTRACTOR shall organize maintenance operating manual information into four suitable sets of manageable size, and bind into individual binders properly identified and indexed (thumb-tabbed). Emergency instructions, spare parts listing, warranties, wiring diagrams, recommended "turn around" cycles, inspection procedures, shop drawings, product data, and similar acceptable information shall be included. The CONTRACTOR shall bind each manual of each set in a heavy duty, 3-ring vinyl covered binder, and include pocket folders for folded sheet information. Mark identification on both front and spine of each binder.

Arrange for each installer of work requiring continuing maintenance (by the OWNER) or operation, to meet with the OWNER'S personnel, at the project site, to provide basic instructions needed for proper operation and maintenance of the entire work. Include instructions by manufacturer's representatives where installers are not expert in the required procedures. Review maintenance manuals, record documentation, tools, spare parts and materials, lubricants, fuels, identification system, control sequences, hazards, cleaning and similar procedures and facilities. For operational equipment, demonstrate start-up, shut-down, emergency operations, noise and vibration adjustments, safety, economy/efficiency adjustments, and similar operations. Review maintenance and operations in relation with applicable guaranties, warranties, agreements to maintain, bonds, and similar continuing commitments.

Access to the Work

The COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE shall at all times have access to the Work. The CONTRACTOR shall provide proper facilities for such access and observation of the Work and also for any inspection or testing thereof by others.

Uncovering the Work

If any work has been covered which the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE has not specifically requested to observe prior to its being covered, or if the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE considers it necessary or advisable that covered Work be inspected or tested by others, the CONTRACTOR, at the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S request, will uncover, expose or otherwise make available for observation, inspection or testing as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may require, that portion of the Work in question, furnishing all necessary labor, material and equipment. If it is found that such Work is defective, the CONTRACTOR will bear all the expense of such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection and testing, and of satisfactory reconstruction. If, however, such Work is not found to be defective, the CONTRACTOR will be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, testing and reconstruction, if he makes a claim therefor.

County May Stop the Work

If the Work is defective, if the CONTRACTOR fails to supply sufficient skilled workmen or suitable materials or equipment, or if the CONTRACTOR fails to make prompt payments to SUBCONTRACTORS for labor, materials or equipment: the COUNTY may order the CONTRACTOR to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated: however, this right of the COUNTY to stop the work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of the COUNTY to exercise this right for the benefit of the CONTRACTOR or any other party.

Correction or Removal of Defective Work

If required by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prior to approval of final payment, the CONTRACTOR will, promptly, without cost to the COUNTY and as specified by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, either correct any defective Work whether or not fabricated, installed or completed or, if the Work has been rejected by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, remove it from the site and replace it with non-defective Work. If the

CONTRACTOR does not correct such defective Work or remove and replace such rejected Work within ten calendar days, all as specified in a written notice from the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may have the deficiency corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced. All direct or indirect costs of such correction or removal and replacement shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR will also bear the expense of making good all Work of others destroyed or damaged by his correction, removal or replacement of his defective Work.

One Year Correction Period

If, after the approval of the final payment and prior to the expiration of one year after the date of Final Completion or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by law or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents, any Work is found to be defective, the CONTRACTOR will promptly, without cost to the COUNTY, and in accordance with the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S written instructions, either correct such defective Work or, if it has been rejected by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, remove it from the site and replace it with non-defective Work. If, within seven calendar days, the CONTRACTOR does not comply with the terms of such instructions, the Bonding Company shall be notified of default and requested to make repairs or replacement, the COUNTY may have the defective Work corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced. All direct and indirect costs of such removal and replacement shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR.

Acceptance of Defective Work

If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, the COUNTY prefers to accept it, the COUNTY may do so. In such case, if acceptance occurs prior to approval of final payment, a Change Order shall be issued incorporating the appropriate revisions to the Contract Documents including an appropriate reduction in the Contract Price. If the acceptance occurs after approval of the final payment, an appropriate amount shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY.

Neglected Work By Contractor

If the CONTRACTOR should neglect to prosecute the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, including any requirements of the progress schedule, the COUNTY may, after three calendar days written notice to the CONTRACTOR and without prejudice to any other remedy it may have, make good such deficiency and the cost thereof shall be charged against the CONTRACTOR. A Change Order shall be issued incorporating the appropriate revision to the Contract Documents including an appropriate reduction in the Contract Price. If the payments then or thereafter due the CONTRACTOR are not sufficient to cover such amount, the CONTRACTOR shall pay the difference to the COUNTY.

Payment and Completion

Schedule of Values

Within ten calendar days after the effective date of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR will submit a schedule of values of the Work including quantities and unit prices totaling to the Contract Price. This schedule shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the COUNTY and shall subdivide the Work into sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during construction. Upon approval of the schedule of values by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, it shall be incorporated into the Estimate and Requisition for Payment prescribed by the COUNTY. Unit Price Contracts shall have the bid proposal prices incorporated into the Estimate and Requisition for Payment.

Application for Progress Payment

Not more often than once a month, nor less often than specified in the approved payment schedule, and on a date established at the Project Pre-Construction Conference, the CONTRACTOR will submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for review the Estimate and Requisition for Payment form filled out and signed by the CONTRACTOR covering the Work completed as of the date of the Application and supported by such data as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may reasonably require. Also, if payment is requested on the basis of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the site or at another location agreed to in writing, the Application for Payment shall also be accompanied by such supporting data, satisfactory to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, as will establish the COUNTY'S title to the material and equipment and protect its interest therein, including applicable insurance. All progress payments will be subject to the retainage

percentage specified in the Contract Documents. Such retainage shall be paid and will be issued in the final payment after acceptance by the COUNTY of the Work.

Contractor's Warranty of Title

The CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees that title to all Work, materials and equipment covered by an application for progress payment, whether incorporated in the Project or not, will be passed to the COUNTY prior to the next making of application for progress payment, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interest and encumbrances; and that no Work, materials or equipment covered by an Application for Payment will have been acquired by the CONTRACTOR or by any other person performing the Work at the site or furnishing materials and equipment for the Project subject to an agreement under which an interest therein or encumbrance thereon is retained by the seller or otherwise imposed by the CONTRACTOR or such other person.

Approval of Payments

The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will, within ten calendar days after receipt of each Application for Payment, either indicate his approval of payment and deliver the application to the COUNTY or return the Application to the CONTRACTOR indicating in writing the reason for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and re-submit the Application. The COUNTY will, within five calendar days after receipt of each approved application for payment, either indicate their approval of payment and within fifteen calendar days pay the CONTRACTOR the amount approved or return the application to the CONTRACTOR thru the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE indicating in writing the reason for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the application to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S approval of any payment requested in an Application for Payment shall constitute a representation by him to the COUNTY, based on the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S on-site observations of the Work in progress and on his review of the Application for Payment and the supporting data that the CONTRACTOR is entitled to payment of the amount approved.

The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S approval of final payment shall constitute an additional representation by him to the COUNTY that the conditions precedent to the CONTRACTOR'S being entitled to final payment as set forth have been fulfilled.

The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may refuse to approve the whole or any part of any payment if in his opinion; he is unable to make such representations to the COUNTY. He may then refuse to approve any such payment because of subsequently discovered evidence or the results of subsequent inspections or test, nullify any such payment previously approved, to such extent as may be necessary in his opinion to protect the COUNTY from loss because:

The Work is defective;

A portion of such payment is the subject of a dispute or claim that has been filed.

The Contract Price has been reduced because of Modifications;

The COUNTY has been required to correct defective Work or complete the Work, or

Of unsatisfactory prosecution of the Work, including failure to clean up as required.

Substantial Completion

Prior to final payment, the CONTRACTOR shall, in writing to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, certify that the entire Project is substantially complete and request that the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion. Within fourteen calendar days thereafter, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the CONTRACTOR will make an inspection of the Project to determine the status of completion. If the COUNTY does not consider the Project substantially complete, it will notify the CONTRACTOR in writing giving the reasons therefore. If the COUNTY considers the Project substantially complete, a Certificate of Substantial Completion will be issued. This certificate shall fix the date of Substantial Completion and the responsibilities between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR for maintenance, heat and utilities. The Certificate of Substantial Completion

will also include a punch list of items to be completed or corrected, said time to be within the Contract Time. The COUNTY shall have the right to exclude the CONTRACTOR from the Project after the date of Substantial Completion but the COUNTY will allow the CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete items on the punch list.

Partial Utilization

Prior to final payment, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may request the CONTRACTOR to permit the use of a specified part of the Project which the COUNTY believes it may use without significant interference with construction of the other parts of the Project. If the CONTRACTOR agrees, he will certify to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE that said part of the Project is substantially complete and request the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE to issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Project. Within fourteen calendar days thereafter, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the CONTRACTOR will make an inspection of that part of the Project to determine its status of completion. If the COUNTY considers that part of the Project to be substantially complete, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will deliver to the CONTRACTOR a certificate to that effect, fixing the date of Substantial Completion as to that part of the Project, and listing the punch list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment and fixing the responsibility between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR for maintenance, heat and utilities as to that part of the Project. The COUNTY shall have the right to exclude the CONTRACTOR from any part of the Project which is so certified to be substantially complete but the COUNTY will allow the CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete or correct items on the punch list.

Final Inspection

Upon written notice from the CONTRACTOR that the Project is complete, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will make a final inspection with the CONTRACTOR and will notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of any particulars which this inspection reveals that the Work is defective. The CONTRACTOR shall immediately make such corrections as are necessary to remedy the defects within a reasonable time.

Final Inspection for Payment

After the CONTRACTOR has completed any such corrections to the satisfaction of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and delivered all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, Certificates of Inspection and other documents as required by the Contract Documents, he may make application for final payment following the procedure for progress payments. The final Application for Payment shall be accompanied by legally effective final releases or waivers of liens from the CONTRACTOR and all SUBCONTRACTORS which performed services for the CONTRACTOR pursuant to the Contract Documents and the consent of surety, if applicable to final payment.

Approval of Final Payment

If, on the basis of its observations and review of the Work during construction, its final inspection and its review of the final Estimate and Requisition for Payment, all as required by the Contract Documents, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE is satisfied that the Work has been completed and the CONTRACTOR has fulfilled all of his obligations under the Contract Documents, it will, within ten calendar days after receipt of the final Application for Payment, indicate in writing its approval of payment and deliver the application to the COUNTY. Otherwise, it will return the Application to the CONTRACTOR, indicating in writing its reason for refusing to approve final payment, in which case the CONTRACTOR will make the necessary corrections and re-submit the Application. The COUNTY will, within fifteen calendar days after receipt of approved application for final payment, either indicate their approval of the estimate and requisition application for payment and within fifteen calendar days pay the CONTRACTOR the amount approved by the COUNTY and issue a Certificate of Final Completion or return the application thru the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE indicating in writing the reason for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the application to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

If, after substantial Completion of the Work, final completion is materially delayed through no fault of the CONTRACTOR, and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE so confirms, the COUNTY shall and without terminating the Agreement, make payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted. If the remaining balance for Work not fully completed or corrected is less than the retainage stipulated in the Agreement, and if bonds have been furnished as required, the written consent of the Surety to the payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted shall be submitted by the CONTRACTOR to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, prior to certification of such payment. Such payment shall be made under the terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a waiver of claims.

If liquidated damages are to be deducted from the final payment, the COUNTY shall so notify the CONTRACTOR in writing at least seven calendar days prior to the COUNTY'S submittal to Finance.

The Contractor will be required to submit with his final payment documents a DBE Participation Certification, indicating all DBE sub-contractor(s) and amount(s) utilized for the project.

If the CONTRACTOR did not utilize the DBE firm(s) listed on the Bid Proposal, a letter of justification, as to why shall be submitted along with the DBE Participation Certification.

At the final completion of the construction project if the county project manager experienced problems with the CONTRACTOR the project manager will prepare a Contractor Performance Evaluation, and forward to the Contractor for review, comment and signature.

Upon receipt of the Contractor Performance Evaluation the CONTRACTOR will have seven calendar days, from the date received, to review, comment, sign and return back to the project manager. If the evaluation has not been received back from the CONTRACTOR within the seven calendar days, the COUNTY will assume the CONTRACTOR fully agrees with and has no comments to the evaluation. The evaluation will then be placed on file with Lee County Procurement Management.

Contractor's Continuing Obligation

The CONTRACTOR'S obligation to perform the Work and complete the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents shall be absolute. Neither approval of any progress or final payment by the COUNTY, the issuance of the Certificates of Completion, any payment by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents, any use or occupancy of the Project or any part thereof by the COUNTY, any act of acceptance by the COUNTY, any failure to do so, nor any correction of defective Work by the COUNTY shall constitute an acceptance of Work not in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Waiver of Claims

The making and acceptance of final payment shall constitute:

A waiver of all claims by the COUNTY against the CONTRACTOR other than those arising from unsettled liens, from defective Work appearing after final payment or from failure to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents, or from the terms of any special guarantees specified therein, and,

A waiver of all claims by the CONTRACTOR against the COUNTY other than those previously made in writing and still unsettled.

Suspension of Work and Termination

County May Suspend Work

The COUNTY may at any time and without cause suspend the Work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than ninety calendar days by notice in writing to the CONTRACTOR. The COUNTY shall fix the date on which Work shall be resumed and the CONTRACTOR will resume the Work on the date so fixed. The CONTRACTOR will be allowed an increase in the Contract Price, an extension of the Contract Time or both, if such increases are justified and directly attributable to any COUNTY suspension and if he makes a claim thereof.

County May Terminate

If the CONTRACTOR is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, if he makes a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors, if a trustee or receiver is appointed for the CONTRACTOR or for any of his property, if he files a petition to take advantage of any debtor's act or reorganizes under the bankruptcy or similar laws, if he repeatedly fails to supply sufficient skilled workmen or suitable materials or equipment, if he repeatedly fails to make prompt payments to SUBCONTRACTORS for labor, materials or equipment, if he disregards laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public body having jurisdiction, if he disregards the authority of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, or if he otherwise substantially violates any provisions of the Contract Documents, then the COUNTY may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy and after giving the CONTRACTOR and his surety seven calendar days written notice, terminate the services of the CONTRACTOR and take possession of the Project and all materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the CONTRACTOR

and finish the Work by whatever method the COUNTY may deem expedient or arrange with the Surety to complete the project. The CONTRACTOR, if notified by the COUNTY to do so, shall promptly remove any part of his equipment and supplies from the property of the COUNTY; failing, the COUNTY shall have the right to remove such equipment and supplies at the expense of the CONTRACTOR.

In such case the CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Work is finished. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds the direct and indirect cost of completing the Project, including compensation for additional professional services, such excess shall be paid to the CONTRACTOR. If such cost exceeds such unpaid balance, the CONTRACTOR will pay the difference to the COUNTY. Such cost incurred by the COUNTY will be determined by the COUNTY and incorporated in a Change Order.

Where the CONTRACTOR'S services have been so terminated by the COUNTY, said termination shall not affect any rights of the COUNTY against the CONTRACTOR then existing or which may thereafter accrue.

If so terminated, any retention or payment of monies by the COUNTY due the CONTRACTOR will not release the CONTRACTOR from liability accruing under this Contract.

If after notice of termination of the CONTRACTOR'S right to proceed under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the CONTRACTOR was not in default under the provisions or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued.

Upon seven calendar day's written notice to the CONTRACTOR, the COUNTY may without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy elect to abandon the Project and terminate the Agreement. In such case the CONTRACTOR shall be paid for all Work executed and any expense sustained plus a reasonable profit.

Contractor May Stop Work or Terminate The Contract

If through no fault of the CONTRACTOR, or a Subcontractor, Sub-Sub-Contractor or their agents or employees or any other persons performing portions of the Work under Contract with the CONTRACTOR, the WORK is suspended for a period of more than ninety calendar days by the COUNTY or under an order of court or other public authority, or the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE has not issued a certificate for payment and has not notified the CONTRACTOR of the reason for withholding certification or because the COUNTY has not made payment on a certificate for payment within the time stated in the Contract Documents, then the CONTRACTOR may, upon seven calendar days written notice to the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, terminate the Agreement and recover from the COUNTY payment for all Work executed and proven loss with respect to materials, equipment, tools and construction equipment and machinery, including reasonable overhead, profit and damages.

In addition and in lieu of terminating the Agreement, if the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE has failed to act on an application for payment or the COUNTY has failed to make any payment as aforesaid, the CONTRACTOR may upon seven calendar days written notice to the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE stop the Work until payment of all amounts then due. The provisions of this paragraph shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR of the obligation to carry on the Work in accordance with the progress schedule and without delay during disputes and disagreements with the COUNTY.

Miscellaneous

General

All Specifications, Drawings and copies thereof furnished by the COUNTY, to the CONTRACTOR, shall remain the COUNTY'S property. They shall not be used on another Project.

The duties and obligations imposed by these General Conditions and the rights and remedies available hereunder, and, in particular but without limitation, the warrants, guarantees and obligations imposed upon the CONTRACTOR and the rights and remedies available to the COUNTY thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any otherwise imposed or available by law, by special guarantee or other provisions of the Contract Documents.

Should the COUNTY or the CONTRACTOR suffer injury or damage to its person or property because of any error, omission or act of the other or any of his employees, agents, or others for whose acts he is legally liable, claim should be made in writing to the other party within seven calendar days of the first observance of such injury or damage.

The Contract Documents shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, the County of Lee, and the municipality in which the project is being done.

Computation of Time

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

Maintenance of Records

The CONTRACTOR shall keep adequate records and supporting documents applicable to this contractual matter. Said records and documentation will be retained by the CONTRACTOR for a minimum of five years from the date of termination of this Contract. The COUNTY and its authorized agents shall have the right to audit, inspect and copy records and documentation as often as the COUNTY deems necessary during the period of this Contract and during the period of five years thereafter; provided, however, such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours. The COUNTY, during the period of time expressed by the preceding sentence, shall also have the right to obtain a copy of and otherwise inspect any audit made at the direction of the CONTRACTOR as concerns the aforesaid records and documentation.

Federal Requirements

In the event this Contract is paid in whole or in part from any Federal Governmental agency or source, the specific terms, regulations and requirements governing the disbursement of these funds are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract as if attached hereto and become a part of this clause.

Supplementary Conditions

The Supplementary Conditions amend or supplement the Supplemental Conditions of the Construction Contract and other provisions of the Contract Documents as indicated below. All provisions, which are not so amended or supplemented, remain in full force and effect.

ADDITIONAL FORMS & DOCUMENTATION

On a project specific basis, the following forms may require completion and execution by the awarded contractor:

Lee County Construction Contract Agreement Form

Lee County Construction Contract Public Payment and Performance Bond

Lee County Proposal Request

Lee County Construction Contract Field Change Order

Lee County Construction Contract Field Directive Change Order

Lee County Construction Contract Change Order

Lee County Construction Contract Estimate and Requisition for Payment

Lee County Construction Contract Progress Payment Certification

Lee County Construction Contract Final Payment Certification and Contractors Affidavit

Lee County Construction Contract Estimate and Requisition for Payment

Lee County Construction Contract Certificate of Substantial Completion

Warranty

Lee County Board of County Commissioners Owner's Representative Certificate of Final Completion

Lee County Board of County Commissioners Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation Certification

Contractor Performance Evaluation

Contractor Performance Evaluation Rating Scale

Samples of these documents may be viewed and download on-line at <http://www.lee-county.com/gov/dept/ProcurementManagement/contracts/Pages/Forms.aspx> .

PART "G"

SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL CONDITIONS

ALL PROVISIONS WHICH ARE NOT AMENDED REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Page F-2, ARTICLE 1 – PRELIMINARY MATTERS – PARAGRAPH 1.4.4 – BEFORE STARTING CONSTRUCTION AND Page F-27, PARAGRAPH 13.7 – COUNTY MAY STOP THE WORK

Add.

Failure to provide MOT and PPE. The Contractor is **REQUIRED** to install correct Maintenance of Traffic. The workmen are **REQUIRED** to wear a safety vest. The first offense will result in a job shutdown for the day. The second offense will result in award of the project to the next bidders. The previous paragraph may also apply.

Page F-2. ARTICLE 1 – PRELIMINARY MATTERS – PARAGRAPH 3 – BEFORE STARTING CONSTRUCTION

Add the following three (3) paragraphs:

Within ten (10) calendar days of Notice to Proceed on any item on the Bid Schedule, the Contractor shall submit a schedule showing the start date and completion date of the work.

Any and all necessary submittals shall be included with the above schedule. Failure to comply or submitting a schedule showing an excessive amount of time before work commences will result in Lee County going to the next bidder to do the work.

The Contractor is **REQUIRED** to notify Lee County Traffic Division a minimum of 24 hours prior to all concrete pours. Mr Mike Padgett, or Mr James Fencil, Or Mr Mike Say, or Mr Mike Berens, or Mr Scott Palmer at 239-533-9500 are the contacts. Any concrete poured without inspection will be removed at no expense to the County.

**PAGE F-27, ARTICLE 14 – WARRANTY AND GUARANTEE: ACCEPTANCE OF DEFECTIVE WORK,
Paragraph 13.7 – County May Stop the Work**

Add:

Improper workmanship and failure to install items per Lee County and FDOT specifications will result in immediate removal from the project. The next bidder will be awarded the balance of the project. Any and all necessary re-work costs will be born by the Contractor that failed to do the work properly. This will be reflected as a deduct from any payouts that may be owed.

PAGE F-29, ARTICLE 14 – PAYMENT AND COMPLETION, Paragraph 14.4 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Add:

All invoices are to be submitted to Lee County DOT/Traffic Division for approval. Without Traffic Division approval, payment will be unavoidably delayed. Traffic will verify that work is in place and installed as directed.

REQUIREMENTS FOR "INSTALL ONLY" AND "STORM WORK"

Contractor shall itemize all issued materials on "Official "Lee County Traffic work order. Blank work orders will be furnished at the time of material issue. Each project or intersection is required to have a work order documenting exactly where the issued materials were used.

ALL WORK SHALL CONFORM TO THE LATEST EDITION OF THE LCDOT/TRAFFIC SPECIFICATIONS.

REPAIR CREWS ARE EXPECTED ON SITE TO PERFORM REPAIRS WITHIN FOUR (4) HOURS OF NOTIFICATION OF FIBER CUTS.

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. In the event this Contract is paid in whole or in part from any Federal Governmental agency or source, the specific terms, regulations and requirements governing the disbursement of these funds are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract as if attached hereto and become a part of this clause.

Audits

2. Recipients of Federal and State funds are to have audits done annually using the following criteria:

Federal awards are to be identified using the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) title and number, award number and year, and name of the awarding federal agency. State awards will be identified using the Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) title and number, award number and year, and name of the awarding State Agency.

In the event that a recipient expends \$500,000 or more in federal awards in its fiscal year, the recipient must have a single or program specific audit conducted in accordance with the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133.

If a recipient expends less than \$500,000 in federal awards during its fiscal year, an audit conducted in accordance with the **OMB Circular A-133** is not required. If a recipient expends less than \$500,000 in federal awards during its fiscal year and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with **OMB Circular A-133**, the cost of the audit must be paid from non-federal funds.

Reporting Packages and management letters generated from audits conducted in accordance with **OMB Circular A-133** shall be submitted to the awarding FDOT office, by the recipient, within 30 days of receiving it. The aforementioned items are to be received by the appropriate FDOT office no later than 9 months after the end of the recipient's fiscal year.

Buy America and Foreign Contractor and Supplier Restriction

3. **Source of Supply - Steel (Federal-Aid Contracts Only):** For Federal-aid Contracts, only use steel and iron produced in the United States, in accordance with the Buy America provisions of 23 CFR 635.410, as amended. Ensure that all manufacturing processes for this material occur in the United States. As used in this specification, a manufacturing process is any process that modifies the chemical content, physical shape or size, or final finish of a product beginning with the initial melting and mixing and continuing through the bending and coating stages. A manufactured steel or iron product is complete only when all grinding, drilling, welding, finishing and coating have been completed. If a domestic product is taken outside the United States for any process, it becomes foreign source material. When using steel and iron as a component of any manufactured product incorporated into the project (e.g., concrete pipe, pres-stressed beams, corrugated steel pipe, etc.), these same provisions apply, except that the manufacturer may use minimal quantities of foreign steel and iron when the cost of such foreign materials does not exceed 0.1% of the total Contract amount or \$2,500, whichever is greater. These requirements are applicable to all steel and iron materials incorporated into the finished work, but are not applicable to steel and iron items that the Contractor uses but does not incorporate into the finished work. Provide a certification from the producer of steel or iron, or any product containing steel or iron as a component, stating that all steel or iron furnished or incorporated into the furnished product was manufactured in the United States in accordance with the requirements of this specification and the Buy America provisions of 23 CFR 635.410, as amended. Such certification shall also include (1) a statement that the product was produced entirely within the United States, or (2) a statement that the product was produced within the United States except for minimal quantities of foreign steel and iron valued at \$(actual value). Furnish each such certification to the Engineer prior to incorporating the material into the project. When FHWA allows the

use of foreign steel on a project, furnish invoices to document the cost of such material, and obtain the Engineer's written approval prior to incorporating the material into the project.

Contractor Purchased Equipment for State or Local Ownership

4. The OWNER does not allow.

Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE)

5. General: Take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that FDOT Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 and DOT Rule Chapter 14-78, have the opportunity to participate in, compete for and perform subcontracts. Do not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, national origin, sex or disability in the award and performance of FDOT assisted Contracts.

Plan Requirements: Include the following in the DBE Affirmative Action Program Plan:

(a) A policy statement, expressing a commitment to use DBEs in all aspects of contracting to the maximum extent feasible. The policy making body must issue a policy statement signed by the chairperson, which expresses its commitment to utilize DBEs, outlines the various levels of responsibility, and states the objectives of the program. Circulate the policy statement throughout the Contractor's organization.

(b) The designation of a Liaison Officer within the Contractor's organization, as well as support staff, necessary and proper to administer the program, and a description of the authority, responsibility, and duties of the Liaison Officer and support staff. The Liaison Officer and staff are responsible for developing, managing, and implementing the program on a day-to-day basis for carrying out technical assistance activities for DBEs and for disseminating information on available business opportunities so that DBEs are provided an equitable opportunity to participate in Contracts let by the FDOT.

Use techniques to facilitate DBE participation in contracting activities which include, but are not limited to:

1. Soliciting price quotations and arranging a time for the review of plans, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules, and for the preparation and presentation of quotations.

2. Providing assistance to DBEs in overcoming barriers such as the inability to obtain bonding, financing, or technical assistance.

3. Carrying out information and communication programs or workshops on contracting procedures and specific contracting opportunities in a timely manner, with such programs being bilingual where appropriate.

4. Encouraging eligible DBEs to apply for certification with the FDOT.

5. Contacting Minority Contractor Associations and city and county agencies with programs for disadvantaged individuals for assistance in recruiting and encouraging eligible DBE contractors to apply for certification with the FDOT.

DBE Records and Reports: Submit the attached Anticipated DBE Participation Statement at or before the Pre-Construction Conference. Report monthly, through the Equal Opportunity Reporting System on the FDOT's Website (<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/equalopportunityoffice/eoc.shtm>) actual payments, retainage, minority status, and work type of all subcontractors and major suppliers. The FDOT Equal Opportunity Office will provide instructions on accessing this system. Develop a record keeping system to monitor DBE affirmative action efforts which include the following:

(a) the procedures adopted to comply with these Specifications;

(b) the number of subordinated Contracts on FDOT projects awarded to DBEs;

(c) the dollar value of the Contracts awarded to DBEs;

(d) the percentage of the dollar value of all subordinated Contracts awarded to DBEs as a percentage of the total Contract amount;

(e) a description of the general categories of Contracts awarded to DBEs; and

(f) the specific efforts employed to identify and award Contracts to DBEs.

Upon request, provide the records to the FDOT for review.

All such records are required to be maintained for a period of five years following acceptance of final payment and have them available for inspection by the FDOT and the Federal Highway Administration.

Contract Assurance: The Contractor, Subrecipient or Subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of Department-assisted contracts. Failure of the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the Recipient deems appropriate.

Equal Employment Opportunity

6. **Equal Employment Opportunity Policy:** Accept as the operating policy, the following statement which is designed to further the provision of equal employment opportunity to all persons without regard to their age, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability and to promote the full realization of equal employment opportunity through a positive continuing program:

“It is the policy of this Company to assure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or disability. Such action must include: 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, pre-apprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training.”

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: Designate and make known to the Department's contracting officers an equal employment opportunity officer (hereinafter referred to as the EEO Officer) who must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active Contractor program employment opportunity and who must be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

Dissemination of Policy: All members of the Contractor's staff who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action, or who are substantially involved in such action, will be made fully cognizant of, and will implement, the Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy and contractual responsibilities.

Recruitment: When advertising for employees, include in all advertisements for employees the notation "An Equal Opportunity Employer".

Personnel Actions: Establish and administer wages, working conditions, employee benefits, and personnel actions of every type, including hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff and termination without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability.

Follow the following procedures:

(1) Conduct periodic inspections of project sites to insure that working conditions and employee facilities do not indicate discriminatory treatment of project site personnel.

(2) Periodically evaluate the spread of wages paid with each classification to determine any evidence of discriminatory wage practices.

(3) Periodically review selected personnel actions in depth to determine whether there is evidence of discrimination. Where evidence is found, promptly take corrective action. If the review indicates that the discrimination may extend beyond the actions reviewed, such corrective action must include all affected persons.

(4) Investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made in connection with obligations under this Contract, attempt to resolve such complaints, and take appropriate corrective

action. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action must include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation inform every complainant of all of the avenues of appeal.

Subcontracting: Use the best efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their equal employment opportunity policy.

Records and Reports: keep such records as are necessary to determine compliance with the equal employment opportunity obligations. The records kept will be designed to indicate the following:

(1) The number of minority and non-minority group members employed in each work classification on the project.

(2) The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions to increase minority group employment opportunities (applicable only to Contractors who rely in whole or in part on unions as a source of their work force).

(3) The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minority group employees as deemed appropriate to comply with their Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

(4) The progress and efforts being made in securing the services of minority group subcontractors or subcontractors with meaningful minority group representation among their employees as deemed appropriate to comply with their Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

All such records must be retained for a period of three years following completion of the contract work and be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives to the Department and the Federal Highway Administration.

Upon request, submit to the Department a report of the number of minority and non-minority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by this Contract work.

Equipment Rental Rates

7. For any machinery or special equipment (other than small tools), including fuel and lubricant, the Contractor will receive 100% of the "Rental Rate Blue Book" for the actual time that such equipment is in operation on the work, and 50% of the "Rental Rate Blue Book" for the time the equipment is directed to standby and remain on the project site, to be calculated as indicated below. The equipment rates will be based on the latest edition (as of the date the work to be performed begins) of the "Rental Rate Blue Book for Construction Equipment" or the "Rental Rate Blue Book for Older Construction Equipment," whichever is applicable, as published by Machinery Information Division of PRIMEDIA Information, Inc. (version current at the time of bid), using all instructions and adjustments contained therein and as modified below. On all projects, the Engineer will adjust the rates using regional adjustments and Rate Adjustment Tables according to the instructions in the Blue Book.

Allowable Equipment Rates will be established as set out below:

(1) Allowable Hourly Equipment Rate = Monthly Rate/176 x Adjustment Factors x 100%.

(2) Allowable Hourly Operating Cost = Hourly Operating Cost x 100%.

(3) Allowable Rate Per Hour = Allowable Hourly Equipment Rate + Allowable Hourly Operating Cost.

(4) Standby Rate = Allowable Hourly Equipment Rate x 50%.

The Monthly Rate is The Basic Machine Rate Plus Any Attachments. Standby rates will apply when equipment is not in operation and is directed by the Engineer to standby at the project site when needed again to complete work and the cost of moving the equipment will exceed the accumulated standby cost. Standby rates will not apply on any day the equipment operates for eight or more hours. Standby payment will be limited to only that number of hours which, when added to the operating time for that day equals eight hours. Standby payment will not be made on days that are not normally

considered work days on the project.

The Owner will allow for the cost of transporting the equipment to and from the location at which it will be used. If the equipment requires assembly or disassembly for transport, the Owner will pay for the time to perform this work at the rate for standby equipment.

Equipment may include vehicles utilized only by Labor, as defined above.

8. FHWA-1273 Electronic version -- March 10, 1994

REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL JOBS – COMPLIANCE WITH FHWA 1273

The FHWA-1273 Electronic version, dated March 10, 1994 is posted on the Department of Transportation's website at the following URL address

www.dot.state.fl.us/specificationsoffice/Implemented/URLinSpecs/files/df1273.pdf .

Take responsibility to obtain this information and comply with all requirements posted on this website through five calendar days before the opening of bids. Comply with the provisions contained in FHWA-1273 and certify monthly compliance with the EEO provisions of FHWA-1273 (Section II. Nondiscrimination and Section III. Non-segregated Facilities). In addition to the requirements of FHWA-1273, Section V, No. 2(b), include gender and race in the weekly annotated payroll records. Federal Regulations (29 CFR 3.5) states that Social Security numbers and address of employees shall not be included on submitted payrolls for contracts let after January 18, 2009. In lieu of Social Security number, an employee identifying number must be listed. The employer may use the last four digits of the Social Security number or another assigned number as the employee identifying number.

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ATTACHMENTS

- A. Employment Preference for Appalachian Contracts (Included in Appalachian contracts only)

I. GENERAL

1. These contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract.

2. Except as otherwise provided for in each section, the contractor shall insert in each subcontract all of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions, and further require their inclusion in any lower tier subcontract or purchase order that may in turn be made. The Required Contract Provisions shall not be incorporated by reference in any case. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with these Required Contract Provisions.

3. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions shall be sufficient grounds for termination of the contract.

4. A breach of the following clauses of the Required Contract Provisions may also be grounds for debarment as provided in 29 CFR 5.12:

- Section I, paragraph 2;
- Section IV, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7;
- Section V, paragraphs 1 and 2a through 2g.

5. Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of Section IV (except paragraph 5) and Section V of these Required Contract Provisions shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) as set forth in 29 CFR 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 DOL, or the contractor's employees or their representatives.

6. **Selection of Labor:** During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not:

a. discriminate against labor from any other State, possession, or territory of the United States (except for employment preference for Appalachian contracts, when applicable, as specified in Attachment A), or

b. employ convict labor for any purpose within the limits of the project unless it is labor performed by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation.

II. NONDISCRIMINATION

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all

related subcontracts of \$10,000 or more.)

1. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** Equal employment opportunity (EEO) requirements not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal opportunity as set forth under laws, executive orders, rules, regulations (28 CFR 35, 29 CFR 1630 and 41 CFR 60) and orders of the Secretary of Labor as modified by the provisions prescribed herein, and imposed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 140 shall constitute the EEO and specific affirmative action standards for the contractor's project activities under this contract. The Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications set forth under 41 CFR 60-4.3 and the provisions of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) set forth under 28 CFR 35 and 29 CFR 1630 are incorporated by reference in this contract. In the execution of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of EEO:

a. The contractor will work with the State highway agency (SHA) and the Federal Government in carrying out EEO obligations and in their review of his/her activities under the contract.

b. The contractor will accept as his operating policy the following statement:

"It is the policy of this Company to assure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, sex, color, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include: 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, preapprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training."

2. **EEO Officer:** The contractor will designate and make known to the SHA contracting officers an EEO Officer who will have the responsibility for and must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active contractor program of EEO and who must be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

3. **Dissemination of Policy:** All members of the contractor's staff who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action, or who are substantially involved in such action, will be made fully cognizant of, and will implement, the contractor's EEO policy and contractual responsibilities to provide EEO in each grade and classification of employment. To ensure that the above agreement will be met, the following actions will be taken as a minimum:

a. Periodic meetings of supervisory and personnel office employees will be conducted before the start of work and then not less often than once every six months, at which time the contractor's EEO policy and its implementation will be reviewed and explained. The meetings will be conducted by the EEO Officer.

b. All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer, covering all major aspects of the contractor's EEO obligations within thirty days following their reporting for duty with the contractor.

c. All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the project will be instructed by the EEO Officer in the contractor's procedures for locating and hiring minority group employees.

d. Notices and posters setting forth the contractor's EEO policy will be placed in areas readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.

e. The contractor's EEO policy and the procedures to implement such policy will be brought to the attention of employees by means of meetings, employee handbooks, or other appropriate means.

4. **Recruitment:** When advertising for employees, the contractor will include in all advertisements for employees the notation: "An Equal Opportunity Employer." All such advertisements will be placed

in publications having a large circulation among minority groups in the area from which the project work force would normally be derived.

a. The contractor will, unless precluded by a valid bargaining agreement, conduct systematic and direct recruitment through public and private employee referral sources likely to yield qualified minority group applicants. To meet this requirement, the contractor will identify sources of potential minority group employees, and establish with such identified sources procedures whereby minority group applicants may be referred to the contractor for employment consideration.

b. In the event the contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hiring hall referrals, he is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system permits the contractor's compliance with EEO contract provisions. (The DOL has held that where implementation of such agreements have the effect of discriminating against minorities or women, or obligates the contractor to do the same, such implementation violates Executive Order 11246, as amended.)

c. The contractor will encourage his present employees to refer minority group applicants for employment. Information and procedures with regard to referring minority group applicants will be discussed with employees.

5. Personnel Actions: Wages, working conditions, and employee benefits shall be established and administered, and personnel actions of every type, including hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, and termination, shall be taken without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability. The following procedures shall be followed:

a. The contractor will conduct periodic inspections of project sites to insure that working conditions and employee facilities do not indicate discriminatory treatment of project site personnel.

b. The contractor will periodically evaluate the spread of wages paid within each classification to determine any evidence of discriminatory wage practices.

c. The contractor will periodically review selected personnel actions in depth to determine whether there is evidence of discrimination. Where evidence is found, the contractor will promptly take corrective action. If the review indicates that the discrimination may extend beyond the actions reviewed, such corrective action shall include all affected persons.

d. The contractor will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the contractor in connection with his obligations under this contract, will attempt to resolve such complaints, and will take appropriate corrective action within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the contractor will inform every complainant of all of his avenues of appeal.

6. Training and Promotion:

a. The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minority group and women employees, and applicants for employment.

b. Consistent with the contractor's work force requirements and as permissible under Federal and State regulations, the contractor shall make full use of training programs, i.e., apprenticeship, and on-the-job training programs for the geographical area of contract performance. Where feasible, 25 percent of apprentices or trainees in each occupation shall be in their first year of apprenticeship or training. In the event a special provision for training is provided under this contract, this subparagraph will be superseded as indicated in the special provision.

c. The contractor will advise employees and applicants for employment of available training programs and entrance requirements for each.

d. The contractor will periodically review the training and promotion potential of minority group and women employees and will encourage eligible employees to apply for such training and promotion.

7. Unions: If the contractor relies in whole or in part upon unions as a source of employees, the contractor will use his/her best efforts to obtain the cooperation of such unions to increase opportunities for

minority groups and women within the unions, and to effect referrals by such unions of minority and female employees. Actions by the contractor either directly or through a contractor's association acting as agent will include the procedures set forth below:

a. The contractor will use best efforts to develop, in cooperation with the unions, joint training programs aimed toward qualifying more minority group members and women for membership in the unions and increasing the skills of minority group employees and women so that they may qualify for higher paying employment.

b. The contractor will use best efforts to incorporate an EEO clause into each union agreement to the end that such union will be contractually bound to refer applicants without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability.

c. The contractor is to obtain information as to the referral practices and policies of the labor union except that to the extent such information is within the exclusive possession of the labor union and such labor union refuses to furnish such information to the contractor, the contractor shall so certify to the SHA and shall set forth what efforts have been made to obtain such information.

d. In the event the union is unable to provide the contractor with a reasonable flow of minority and women referrals within the time limit set forth in the collective bargaining agreement, the contractor will, through independent recruitment efforts, fill the employment vacancies without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability; making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualified minority group persons and women. (The DOL has held that it shall be no excuse that the union with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement providing for exclusive referral failed to refer minority employees.) In the event the union referral practice prevents the contractor from meeting the obligations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and these special provisions, such contractor shall immediately notify the SHA.

8. Selection of Subcontractors, Procurement of Materials and Leasing of Equipment: The contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment.

a. The contractor shall notify all potential subcontractors and suppliers of his/her EEO obligations under this contract.

b. Disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE), as defined in 49 CFR 23, shall have equal opportunity to compete for and perform subcontracts which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract. The contractor will use his best efforts to solicit bids from and to utilize DBE subcontractors or subcontractors with meaningful minority group and female representation among their employees. Contractors shall obtain lists of DBE construction firms from SHA personnel.

c. The contractor will use his best efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their EEO obligations.

9. Records and Reports: The contractor shall keep such records as necessary to document compliance with the EEO requirements. Such records shall be retained for a period of three years following completion of the contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of the SHA and the FHWA.

a. The records kept by the contractor shall document the following:

(1) The number of minority and non-minority group members and women employed in each work classification on the project;

(2) The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions, when applicable, to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women;

(3) The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minority and female employees; and

(4) The progress and efforts being made in securing the services of DBE subcontractors or subcontractors with meaningful minority and female representation among their employees.

b. The contractors will submit an annual report to the SHA

each July for the duration of the project, indicating the number of minority, women, and non-minority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by the contract work. This information is to be reported on Form FHWA-1391. If on-the-job training is being required by special provision, the contractor will be required to collect and report training data.

III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts of \$10,000 or more.)

a. By submission of this bid, the execution of this contract or subcontract, or the consummation of this material supply agreement or purchase order, as appropriate, the bidder, Federal-aid construction contractor, subcontractor, material supplier, or vendor, as appropriate, certifies that the firm does not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that the firm does not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The firm agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the EEO provisions of this contract. The firm further certifies that no employee will be denied access to adequate facilities on the basis of sex or disability.

b. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, timeclocks, locker rooms, and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive, or are, in fact, segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age or disability, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The only exception will be for the disabled when the demands for accessibility override (e.g. disabled parking).

c. The contractor agrees that it has obtained or will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractors or material suppliers prior to award of subcontracts or consummation of material supply agreements of \$10,000 or more and that it will retain such certifications in its files.

IV. PAYMENT OF PREDETERMINED MINIMUM WAGE

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts, except for projects located on roadways classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt.)

1. General:

a. All mechanics and laborers employed or working upon the site of the work 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 (29 CFR 3) issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. 276c)] the full amounts of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment. The payment shall be computed at wage rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor (hereinafter "the wage determination") which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor or its subcontractors and such laborers and mechanics. The wage determination (including any additional classifications and wage rates conformed under paragraph 2 of this Section IV and the DOL poster (WH-1321) or Form FHWA-1495) 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. For the purpose of this Section, contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under Section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a) on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of Section IV, paragraph 3b, hereof. Also, for the purpose of this Section, 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 paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Section IV.

b. 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.

c. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon Act and related acts contained in 29 CFR 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

2. Classification:

a. The SIA contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics employed under the contract, which is not listed in the wage determination, shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination.

b. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification, wage rate and fringe benefits only when the following criteria have been met:

(1) the work to be performed by the additional classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination;

(2) the additional classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry;

(3) the proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination; and

(4) with respect to helpers, when such a classification prevails in the area in which the work is performed.

c. If the contractor or subcontractors, as appropriate, the laborers and mechanics (if known) to be employed in the additional classification 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 DOL, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Washington, D.C. 20210. The Wage and Hour 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.

d. In the event the contractor or subcontractors, as appropriate, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the additional 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 Wage and Hour Administrator for determination. Said 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.

e. The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraph 2c or 2d of this Section IV shall be paid to all workers performing work in the additional classification from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

3. Payment of Fringe Benefits:

a. 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 or subcontractors, as appropriate, shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly case equivalent thereof.

b. If the contractor or subcontractor, as appropriate, does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, he/she may consider as a 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.

each July for the duration of the project, indicating the number of minority, women, and non-minority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by the contract work. This information is to be reported on Form FHWA-1391. If on-the-job training is being required by special provision, the contractor will be required to collect and report training data.

III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts of \$10,000 or more.)

a. By submission of this bid, the execution of this contract or subcontract, or the consummation of this material supply agreement or purchase order, as appropriate, the bidder, Federal-aid construction contractor, subcontractor, material supplier, or vendor, as appropriate, certifies that the firm does not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that the firm does not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The firm agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the EEO provisions of this contract. The firm further certifies that no employee will be denied access to adequate facilities on the basis of sex or disability.

b. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, timeclocks, locker rooms, and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive, or are, in fact, segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age or disability, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The only exception will be for the disabled when the demands for accessibility override (e.g. disabled parking).

c. The contractor agrees that it has obtained or will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractors or material suppliers prior to award of subcontracts or consummation of material supply agreements of \$10,000 or more and that it will retain such certifications in its files.

IV. PAYMENT OF PREDETERMINED MINIMUM WAGE

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts, except for projects located on roadways classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt.)

1. General:

a. All mechanics and laborers employed or working upon the site of the work 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 (29 CFR 3) issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. 276c)) the full amounts of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment. The payment shall be computed at wage rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor (hereinafter "the wage determination") which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor or its subcontractors and such laborers and mechanics. The wage determination (including any additional classifications and wage rates conformed under paragraph 2 of this Section IV and the DOL poster (WH-1321) or Form FHWA-1495) 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. For the purpose of this Section, contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under Section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a) on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of Section IV, paragraph 3b, hereof. Also, for the purpose of this Section, 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 paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Section IV.

b. 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.

c. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon Act and related acts contained in 29 CFR 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

2. Classification:

a. The SH-A contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics employed under the contract, which is not listed in the wage determination, shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination.

b. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification, wage rate and fringe benefits only when the following criteria have been met:

(1) the work to be performed by the additional classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination;

(2) the additional classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry;

(3) the proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination; and

(4) with respect to helpers, when such a classification prevails in the area in which the work is performed.

c. If the contractor or subcontractors, as appropriate, the laborers and mechanics (if known) to be employed in the additional classification 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 DOL, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Washington, D.C. 20210. The Wage and Hour 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.

d. In the event the contractor or subcontractors, as appropriate, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the additional 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 Wage and Hour Administrator for determination. Said 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.

e. The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraph 2c or 2d of this Section IV shall be paid to all workers performing work in the additional classification from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

3. Payment of Fringe Benefits:

a. 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 or subcontractors, as appropriate, shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly case equivalent thereof.

b. If the contractor or subcontractor, as appropriate, does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, he/she may consider as a 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.

The SHA shall upon its own action or upon written request of any authorized representative of the DOL withhold, or cause to be withheld, from any monies 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 8 above.

V. STATEMENTS AND PAYROLLS

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts, except for projects located on roadways classified as local roads or rural collectors, which are exempt.)

1. Compliance with Copeland Regulations (29 CFR 3):

The contractor shall comply with the Copeland Regulations of the Secretary of Labor which are herein incorporated by reference.

2. Payrolls and Payroll Records:

a. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor and each subcontractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of 3 years from the date of completion of the contract for all laborers, mechanics, apprentices, trainees, watchmen, helpers, and guards working at the site of the work.

b. The payroll records shall contain the name, social security number, and address of each such employee; his or her correct classification; hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalent thereof 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. In addition, for Appalachian contracts, the payroll records shall contain a notation indicating whether the employee does, or does not, normally reside in the labor area as defined in Attachment A, paragraph 1. Whenever the Secretary of Labor, pursuant to Section IV, paragraph 3b, has found 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 and each subcontractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and show the cost anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing benefits. Contractors or subcontractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprentices and trainees, and ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

c. Each contractor and subcontractor shall furnish, each week in which any contract work is performed, to the SHA resident engineer a payroll of wages paid each of its employees (including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, described in Section IV, paragraphs 4 and 5, and watchmen and guards engaged on work during the preceding weekly payroll period). The payroll submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under paragraph 2b of this Section V. This information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents (Federal stock number 029-005-0014-1), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors.

d. Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his/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 maintained under paragraph 2b of this Section V and that such information is correct and complete;

(2) that such 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 the Regulations, 29 CFR 3;

(3) that each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rate and fringe benefits or cash equivalent for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

e. 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 2d of this Section V.

f. The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor to civil or criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 31 U.S.C. 231.

g. The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 2b of this Section V available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the SHA, the FHWA, or the DOL, 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 SHA, the FHWA, the DOL, or all may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such actions 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 CFR 5.12.

VI. RECORD OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND LABOR

1. On all Federal-aid contracts on the National Highway System, except those which provide solely for the installation of protective devices at railroad grade crossings, those which are constructed on a force account or direct labor basis, highway beautification contracts, and contracts for which the total final construction cost for roadway and bridge is less than \$1,000,000 (23 CFR 635) the contractor shall:

a. Become familiar with the list of specific materials and supplies contained in Form FHWA-47, "Statement of Materials and Labor Used by Contractor of Highway Construction Involving Federal Funds," prior to the commencement of work under this contract.

b. Maintain a record of the total cost of all materials and supplies purchased for and incorporated in the work, and also of the quantities of those specific materials and supplies listed on Form FHWA-47, and in the units shown on Form FHWA-47.

c. Furnish, upon the completion of the contract, to the SHA resident engineer on Form FHWA-47 together with the data required in paragraph 1b relative to materials and supplies, a final labor summary of all contract work indicating the total hours worked and the total amount earned.

2. At the prime contractor's option, either a single report covering all contract work or separate reports for the contractor and for each subcontract shall be submitted.

VII. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT

1. The contractor shall perform with its own organization contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent (or a greater percentage if specified elsewhere in the contract) of the total original contract price, excluding any specialty items designated by the State. Specialty items may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such specialty items performed may be deducted from the total original contract price before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor's own organization (23 CFR 635).

a. "Its own organization" shall be construed to include only workers employed and paid directly by the prime contractor and equipment owned or rented by the prime contractor, with or without operators. Such term does not include employees or equipment of

a subcontractor, assignee, or agent of the prime contractor.

b. "Specialty Items" shall be construed to be limited to work that requires highly specialized knowledge, abilities, or equipment not ordinarily available in the type of contracting organizations qualified and expected to bid on the contract as a whole and in general are to be limited to minor components of the overall contract.

2. The contract amount upon which the requirements set forth in paragraph 1 of Section VII is computed includes the cost of material and manufactured products which are to be purchased or produced by the contractor under the contract provisions.

3. The contractor shall furnish (a) a competent superintendent or supervisor who is employed by the firm, has full authority to direct performance of the work in accordance with the contract requirements, and is in charge of all construction operations (regardless of who performs the work) and (b) such other of its own organizational resources (supervision, management, and engineering services) as the SHA contracting officer determines is necessary to assure the performance of the contract.

4. No portion of the contract shall be sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the SHA contracting officer, or authorized representative, and such consent when given shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract. Written consent will be given only after the SHA has assured that each subcontract is evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract.

VIII. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION

1. In the performance of this contract the contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation (23 CFR 635). The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions as it determines, or as the SHA contracting officer may determine, to be reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract.

2. It is a condition of this contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract, which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract, that the contractor and any subcontractor shall not permit any employee, in performance of the contract, to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his/her health or safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards (29 CFR 1926) promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 333).

3. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.3, it is a condition of this contract that the Secretary of Labor or authorized representative thereof, shall have right of entry to any site of contract performance to inspect or investigate the matter of compliance with the construction safety and health standards and to carry out the duties of the Secretary under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 333).

IX. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS

In order to assure high quality and durable construction in conformity with approved plans and specifications and a high degree of reliability on statements and representations made by engineers, contractors, suppliers, and workers on Federal-aid highway projects, it is essential that all persons concerned with the project perform their functions as carefully, thoroughly, and honestly as possible. Willful falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project is a violation of Federal law. To prevent any misunderstanding regarding the seriousness of these and similar acts, the following notice shall be posted on each Federal-aid highway project (23 CFR 635) in one or more places where it is readily available to all persons concerned with the project:

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONNEL ENGAGED ON FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROJECTS

18 U.S.C. 1020 reads as follows:

"Whoever, being an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or of any State or Territory, or whoever, whether a person, association, firm, or corporation, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, or false report as to the character, quality,

quantity, or cost of the material used or to be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the cost thereof in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or costs of construction on any highway or related project submitted for approval to the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, false report or false claim with respect to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of any work performed or to be performed, or materials furnished or to be furnished, in connection with the construction of any highway or related project approved by the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to provisions of the Federal-aid Roads Act approved July 1, 1916, (39 Stat. 365), as amended and supplemented;

Shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both."

X. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts of \$100,000 or more.)

By submission of this bid or the execution of this contract, or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, Federal-aid construction contractor, or subcontractor, as appropriate, will be deemed to have stipulated as follows:

1. That any facility that is or will be utilized in the performance of this contract, unless such contract is exempt under the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857 et seq., as amended by Pub.L. 91-604), and under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., as amended by Pub.L. 92-500), Executive Order 11738, and regulations in implementation thereof (40 CFR 15) is not listed, on the date of contract award, on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List of Violating Facilities pursuant to 40 CFR 15.20.

2. That the firm agrees to comply and remain in compliance with all the requirements of Section 114 of the Clean Air Act and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and all regulations and guidelines listed thereunder.

3. That the firm shall promptly notify the SHA of the receipt of any communication from the Director, Office of Federal Activities, EPA, indicating that a facility that is or will be utilized for the contract is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

4. That the firm agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of paragraph 1 through 4 of this Section X in every nonexempt subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the government may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements.

XI. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

1. Instructions for Certification - Primary Covered Transactions:

(Applicable to all Federal-aid contracts - 49 CFR 29)

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction.

c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this

transaction for cause of default.

d. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

f. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

g. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the nonprocurement portion of the "Lists of Parties Excluded From Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement Programs" (Nonprocurement List) which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

i. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph f of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Primary Covered Transactions

1. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

b. Have not within a 3-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph 1b of this certification; and

d. Have not within a 3-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

2. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders and other lower tier transactions of \$25,000 or more - 49 CFR 29)

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier is providing the certification set out below.

b. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

d. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "primary covered transaction," "participant," "person," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and

frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.

h. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

XII. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts which exceed \$100,000 - 49 CFR 20)

1. The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-L.L.T., "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

2. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

3. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting his or her bid or proposal that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**ATTACHMENT A - EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE FOR
APPALACHIAN CONTRACTS**
(Applicable to Appalachian contracts only.)

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor undertaking to do work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work, shall give preference to qualified persons who regularly reside in the labor area as designated by the DOL wherein the contract work is situated, or the subregion, or the Appalachian counties of the State wherein the contract work is situated, except:

a. To the extent that qualified persons regularly residing in the area are not available.

b. For the reasonable needs of the contractor to employ supervisory or specially experienced personnel necessary to assure an efficient execution of the contract work.

c. For the obligation of the contractor to offer employment to present or former employees as the result of a lawful collective bargaining contract, provided that the number of nonresident persons employed under this subparagraph 1c shall not exceed 20 percent of the total number of employees employed by the contractor on the contract work, except as provided in subparagraph 4 below.

2. The contractor shall place a job order with the State Employment Service indicating (a) the classifications of the laborers, mechanics and other employees required to perform the contract work, (b) the number of employees required in each classification,

(c) the date on which he estimates such employees will be required, and (d) any other pertinent information required by the State Employment Service to complete the job order form. The job order may be placed with the State Employment Service in writing or by telephone. If during the course of the contract work, the information submitted by the contractor in the original job order is substantially modified, he shall promptly notify the State Employment Service.

3. The contractor shall give full consideration to all qualified job applicants referred to him by the State Employment Service. The contractor is not required to grant employment to any job applicants who, in his opinion, are not qualified to perform the classification of work required.

4. If, within 1 week following the placing of a job order by the contractor with the State Employment Service, the State Employment Service is unable to refer any qualified job applicants to the contractor, or less than the number requested, the State Employment Service will forward a certificate to the contractor indicating the unavailability of applicants. Such certificate shall be made a part of the contractor's permanent project records. Upon receipt of this certificate, the contractor may employ persons who do not normally reside in the labor area to fill positions covered by the certificate, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph 1c above.

5. The contractor shall include the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 of this Attachment A in every subcontract for work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work.

Liquidated Damages

18.9

Contract Amount

Daily Charge Per Calendar Day

\$50,000 and under	\$313
Over \$50,000 but less than \$250,000	\$580
\$250,000 but less than \$500,000	\$715
\$500,000 but less than \$2,500,000	\$1423
\$2,500,000 but less than \$5,000,000	\$2121
\$5,000,000 but less than \$10,000,000	\$3057
\$10,000,000 but less than \$15,000,000	\$3598
\$15,000,000 but less than \$20,000,000	\$4544
\$20,000,000 and over	\$8537 plus 0.00027 of any
amount over \$20 million	

For all contracts, regardless of whether the contract time is stipulated in calendar days, the Engineer will count days in calendar days. If the Contractor or, in case of his default, the surety fails to complete the work with the time stipulated in the contract, or within such extra time that the Owner may have granted the Contract or, in case of his default, the surety shall pay to the Owner, liquidated damages, in the amount of \$_____ per calendar in which work is not completed. The Owner has the right to apply, as payment on such liquidated damages, any money the Owner owes the Contractor. The Owner does not waive its right to liquidated damages due under the Contract by allowing the Contractor to continue and finish the work, or any part of it, after the expiration of the Contract Time including granted time extensions.

Patented/Proprietary Materials

18.10 The Owner certifies that neither patented or proprietary materials are required or specifically named in the specifications to be used for this project.

Prevailing Minimum Wage

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General Decision Number: FL140216 01/03/2014 FL216

Superseded General Decision Number: FL20130275

State: Florida

Construction Type: Highway

County: Lee County in Florida.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Modification Number Publication Date

0 01/03/2014

SUFL2013-034 08/19/2013

Rates Fringes

CARPENTER, Includes Form Work....\$ 12.43 0.00

CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER...	\$ 13.57	0.00
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 21.92	6.60
HIGHWAY/PARKING LOT STRIPING: Operator (Striping Machine).....	\$ 16.34	0.00
HIGHWAY/PARKING LOT STRIPING: Painter.....	\$ 12.13	0.00
IRONWORKER, ORNAMENTAL.....	\$ 13.48	0.00
IRONWORKER, REINFORCING.....	\$ 16.39	0.00
IRONWORKER, STRUCTURAL.....	\$ 16.42	0.00
LABORER: Asphalt, Includes Raker, Shoveler, Spreader and Distributor.....	\$ 13.89	0.00
LABORER: Common or General.....	\$ 11.91	0.00
LABORER: Flagger.....	\$ 11.77	0.00
LABORER: Grade Checker.....	\$ 16.58	0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender - Cement/Concrete.....	\$ 12.93	0.00
LABORER: Pipelayer.....	\$ 13.63	0.00
LABORER: Laborer-Cones/ Barricades/Barrels - Setter/Mover/Sweeper.....	\$ 13.39	0.00
OPERATOR: Backhoe/Excavator/Trackhoe.....	\$ 16.10	0.00
OPERATOR: Bobcat/Skid Steer/Skid Loader.....	\$ 12.88	0.00
OPERATOR: Broom/Sweeper.....	\$ 13.69	0.00
OPERATOR: Bulldozer.....	\$ 16.50	0.00
OPERATOR: Concrete Finishing Machine.....	\$ 15.44	0.00
OPERATOR: Crane.....	\$ 21.69	0.00
OPERATOR: Curb Machine.....	\$ 19.67	0.00
OPERATOR: Drill.....	\$ 14.78	0.00
OPERATOR: Forklift.....	\$ 12.58	0.00

OPERATOR: Gradall.....	\$ 14.71	0.00
OPERATOR: Grader/Blade.....	\$ 18.21	0.00
OPERATOR: Loader.....	\$ 15.64	0.00
OPERATOR: Mechanic.....	\$ 17.86	0.00
OPERATOR: Milling Machine.....	\$ 16.71	0.55
OPERATOR: Oiler.....	\$ 17.31	0.00
OPERATOR: Paver (Asphalt, Aggregate, and Concrete).....	\$ 17.66	0.00
OPERATOR: Piledriver.....	\$ 17.23	0.00
OPERATOR: Post Driver (Guardrail/Fences).....	\$ 19.35	0.00
OPERATOR: Roller.....	\$ 15.76	0.00
OPERATOR: Scraper.....	\$ 11.74	0.00
OPERATOR: Screed.....	\$ 16.67	0.00
OPERATOR: Tractor.....	\$ 15.69	0.00
OPERATOR: Trencher.....	\$ 16.07	0.66
PAINTER: Spray.....	\$ 16.38	0.00
TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION: Traffic Signal Installation.....	\$ 20.74	3.78
TRUCK DRIVER: Dump Truck.....	\$ 15.47	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Flatbed Truck.....	\$ 14.13	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Lowboy Truck.....	\$ 17.49	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Slurry Truck.....	\$ 11.96	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Water Truck.....	\$ 14.16	0.00

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

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Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses

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

Union Identifiers

An identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than "SU" denotes that the union classification and rate have found to be prevailing for that classification. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2011. The first four letters , PLUM, indicate the international union and the four-digit number, 0198, that follows indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable , i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. The date, 07/01/2011, following these characters is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate/collective bargaining agreement which would be July 1, 2011 in the above example.

Union prevailing wage rates will be updated to reflect any changes in the collective bargaining agreements governing the rates.

0000/9999: weighted union wage rates will be published annually each January.

Non-Union Identifiers

Classifications listed under an "SU" identifier were derived from survey data by computing average rates and are not union rates; however, the data used in computing these rates may include both union and non-union data. Example: SULA2004-007 5/13/2010. SU indicates the rates are not union majority rates, LA indicates the State of Louisiana; 2004 is the year of the survey; and 007 is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. A 1993 or later date, 5/13/2010, indicates the classifications and rates under that identifier were issued as a General Wage Determination on that date.

Survey wage rates will remain in effect and will not change until a new survey is conducted.

WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wage and Hour Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
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The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

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

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END OF GENERAL DECISION

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Prohibition Against Convict Produced Materials

12. **6-12.1 Source of Supply — Convict Labor (Federal-Aid Contracts Only):** Do not use materials that were produced after July 1, 1991, by convict labor for Federal-aid highway construction projects unless the prison facility has been producing convict-made materials for Federal-aid highway construction projects before July 1, 1987.

Use materials that were produced prior to July 2, 1991, by convicts on Federal-aid highway construction projects free from the restrictions placed on the use of these materials by 23 U.S.C. 114. The Department will limit the use of materials produced by convict labor for use in Federal-aid highway construction projects to:

- 1. materials produced by convicts on parole, supervised release, or probation from a prison or,
- 2. materials produced in a qualified prison facility.

The amount of such materials produced for Federal-aid highway construction during any 12-month period shall not exceed the amount produced in such facility for use in such construction during the 12-month period ending July 1, 1987.

Public Agencies in Competition With the Private Sector

13. The OWNER does not allow other Public Agencies to compete with or bid on construction projects against the private sector.

Publicly-Owned Equipment

14. The OWNER does not allow Contractors the use of publicly owned equipment.

Records Retention

15 The CONTRACTOR shall keep adequate records and supporting documents applicable to this contractual matter. Said records and documentation will be retained by the CONTRACTOR for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of termination of this Contract. The COUNTY and its authorized agents shall have the right to audit, inspect and copy records and documentation as often as the COUNTY deems necessary during the period of this Contract and during the period of five (5) years thereafter; provided, however, such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours. The COUNTY, during the period of time expressed by the preceding sentence, shall also have the right to obtain a copy of and otherwise inspect any audit made at the direction of the CONTRACTOR as concerns the aforesaid records and documentation.

Salvage Credits

16 Credit for salvageable materials is not allowed in this contract.

Standardized Changes Conditions Contract Clauses

17. Differing site conditions. (i) During the progress of the work, if subsurface or latent physical conditions are encountered at the site differing materially from those indicated in the contract or if unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the work provided for in the contract, are encountered at the site, the party discovering such conditions shall promptly notify the other party in writing of the specific differing conditions before the site is disturbed and before the affected work is performed.

(ii) Upon written notification, the engineer will investigate the conditions, and if it is determined that the conditions materially differ and cause an increase or decrease in the cost or time required for the performance of any work under the contract, an adjustment, excluding anticipated profits, will be made and the contract modified in writing accordingly. The engineer will notify the contractor of the determination whether or not an adjustment of the contract is warranted.

(iii) No contract adjustment which results in a benefit to the contractor will be allowed unless the contractor has provided the required written notice.

(iv) No contract adjustment will be allowed under this clause for any effects caused on unchanged work.

Suspensions of work ordered by the engineer. (i) If the performance of all or any portion of the work is suspended or delayed by the engineer in writing for an unreasonable period of time (not originally anticipated, customary, or inherent to the construction industry) and the contractor believes that additional compensation and/or contract time is due as a result of such suspension or delay, the contractor shall submit to the engineer in writing a request for adjustment within 7 calendar days of receipt of the notice to resume work. The request shall set forth the reasons and support for such adjustment.

(ii) Upon receipt, the engineer will evaluate the contractor's request. If the engineer agrees that the cost and/or time required for the performance of the contract has increased as a result of such suspension and the suspension was caused by conditions beyond the control of and not the fault of the contractor, its suppliers, or subcontractors at any approved tier, and not caused by weather, the engineer will make an adjustment (excluding profit) and modify the contract in writing accordingly. The contractor will be notified of the engineer's determination whether or not an adjustment of the contract is warranted.

(iii) No contract adjustment will be allowed unless the contractor has submitted the request for adjustment within the time prescribed.

(iv) No contract adjustment will be allowed under this clause to the extent that performance would have been suspended or delayed by any other cause, or for which an adjustment is provided or excluded under any other term or condition of this contract.

Significant changes in the character of work. (i) The engineer reserves the right to make, in writing, at any time during the work, such changes in quantities and such alterations in the work as are necessary to satisfactorily complete the project. Such changes in quantities and alterations shall not invalidate the contract nor release the surety, and the contractor agrees to perform the work as altered.

(ii) If the alterations or changes in quantities significantly change the character of the work under the contract, whether such alterations or changes are in themselves significant changes to the character of the work or by affecting other work cause such other work to become significantly different in character, an adjustment, excluding anticipated profit, will be made to the contract. The basis for the adjustment shall be agreed upon prior to the performance of the work. If a basis cannot be agreed upon, then an adjustment will be made either for or against the contractor in such amount as the engineer may determine to be fair and equitable.

(iii) If the alterations or changes in quantities do not significantly change the character of the work to be performed under the contract, the altered work will be paid for as provided elsewhere in the contract.

(iv) The term "significant change" shall be construed to apply only to the following circumstances:

(A) When the character of the work as altered differs materially in kind or nature from that involved or included in the original proposed construction; or

(B) When a major item of work, as defined elsewhere in the contract, is increased in excess of 125 percent or decreased below 75 percent of the original contract quantity. Any allowance for an increase in quantity shall apply only to that portion in excess of 125 percent of original contract item quantity, or in case of a decrease below 75 percent, to the actual amount of work performed.

Claims

18. A claim is a demand or assertion by one of the parties seeking an adjustment or interpretation of the terms of the Contract Documents, payment of money, extension time or other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract Documents. The term "Claim" also includes other disputes and matters in question between Owner and Contractor arising out of or relating to the Contract Documents. The responsibility to substantiate a Claim shall rest with the party making the Claim. When requesting a claim the CONTRACTOR shall set forth in writing the legal and contractual basis for the claim, together with the cost data and other facts supporting the award or settlement.

Claims by the Contractor shall be made in writing to the Project Manager within forty-eight (48) hours from when the Contractor knew or should have known of the event giving rise to such Claim or else the Contractor shall be deemed to have waived the Claim. Written supporting data shall be submitted to the Project Manager with fifteen (15) calendar days after the occurrence of the event, unless the Owner grants additional time in writing, or else the Contractor shall be deemed to have waived the Claim.

Claims not settled by the aforesaid procedure, shall be resolved according to the Dispute Resolution Procedure copies of which are available in the County Attorney's Office or Purchasing Department.

The Contractor shall proceed diligently with its performance as directed by the Owner, regardless of any pending Claim, action, suit or administrative proceeding unless otherwise agreed to by the Owner in writing. Owner shall continue to make payments in accordance with the Contract Documents during the pendency of any Claim.

Subcontracting

19. (a) Contractors must perform with its own organization not less than 30 percent of the total original contract price excluding any identified specialty items. Specialty items may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such specialty items so performed may be deducted from the total original contract before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor's own organization. The contract amount upon which the above requirement is computed includes the cost of materials and manufactured products which are to be purchased or produced by the contractor

under the contract provisions.

(b) To assure that all work (including subcontract work) is performed in accordance with the contract requirements, the contractor shall be required to furnish:

(1) A competent superintendent or supervisor who is employed by the firm, has full authority to direct performance of the work in accordance with the contract requirements, and is in charge of all construction operations (regardless of who performs the work), and;

(2) Such other of its own organizational resources (supervision, management, and engineering services) as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE determines are necessary to assure the performance of the contract.

(d) In the case of a design-build project, the following requirements apply:

(1) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this section are not applicable to design-build contracts;

(2) At their discretion, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may establish a minimum percentage of work that must be done by the design-builder. For the purpose of this section, the term design-builder may include any firms that are equity participants in the design-builder, their sister and parent companies, and their wholly owned subsidiaries;

(3) No procedure, requirement or preference shall be imposed which prescribes minimum subcontracting requirements or goals (other than those necessary to meet the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program requirements of 49 CFR part 26).

Incentive/Disincentive Clauses

18.20 Not applicable to this contract

Indian Preference on Federal-aid Projects (Labor & Employment)

18.21 Not applicable to this contract

Local Hiring Preference

18.22 The OWNER certifies that this contract does not include local hiring preferences.

Owner Force Account/Cost Effective Justification

18.23 Not applicable, contract to be competitively bid.

Patented/Proprietary Materials

18.24 The OWNER certifies that neither patented or proprietary materials are required or specifically named in the specifications to be used for this project.

State Preference

18.25 The OWNER certifies that preference is not given to contractors who purchases materials from a specifically designated state.

State/local Owned/Furnished/Designated Materials

18.26 Not utilized in contract.

Bonding and Prequalification

18.27 A contractor desiring to bid for the performance of any construction contract located on the National Highway System (NHS) or the State Highway System (SHS) in excess of \$250,000 must be certified by the Department of Transportation as qualified in accordance with Section 337.14(1), Florida Statutes and Rule 14-22, Florida Administrative Code. Any bid for the performance of any construction contract in excess of \$250,000 submitted by a contractor not certified by the Department of Transportation as qualified shall be declared "IRREGULAR" and will be REJECTED.

TITLE VI Requirements

18.28 The Sub-recipient or Contractor, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 200d to 200d-7 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability in consideration for an award.

While performing this contract, the contractor - for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") - agrees to the following:

- 1. Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor will comply with the Regulations on nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation ("USDOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21. The recommendations may be amended from time to time, (from here on referred to as the Regulations). They are incorporated here by reference and made a part of this contract.
- 2. Nondiscrimination:** In work performed during the contract, the Contractor will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and holding of subcontractors. This includes obtaining materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by section 21.5 of the Regulations. This includes employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
- 3. Solicitations for Subcontractors, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, the contractor will inform each potential subcontractor or supplier of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin. The solicitations includes obtaining materials or leases of equipment,
- 4. Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives. It will also permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities that are determined by the (Recipient) or the (Name of Appropriate Administration) to be important to ensure compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. In some cases, another entity possesses the information required of a contractor and refuses to give the information. Here, the contractor will confirm the lack of information with the (Recipient), or the (Name of the Administration) as appropriate, and will explain its efforts to obtain the information.
- 5. Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event that the contractor does not comply with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the (Recipient) should enforce contract sanctions as it or the (Name of Appropriate Administration) may determine to be appropriate. Sanctions may include,

but are not limited to:

- a. Withholding of payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies, and/or
- b. Cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

6. Incorporation of Provisions: The contractor should include the terms of paragraphs

- (1) through (6) in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued modifying the Provisions. The contractor will take action with on any subcontract or procurement that the (Recipient) or the (Name of Appropriate Administration) directs in order to enforce provisions including sanctions for non-compliance. However, if a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may ask the (Recipient) to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the (Recipient). Also, the contractor may ask the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

18.29 E-Verify

Vendors/Contractors:

1. shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Vendor/Contractor during the term of the contract; and
2. shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the state contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term.

THE CONTRACTOR CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

Non-Collusion Provision

The undersigned hereby certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid certifying that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid. Failure to submit the executed statement as part of the bidding documents will make the bid nonresponsive and not eligible for award consideration.

Lobbying Certification

“The undersigned hereby certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence either directly or indirectly an officer or employee of any state or federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal Contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to 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 this Federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-L “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying”, in accordance with its instructions.
- (c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, US Code. Any persons who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each failure.”

Suspension and Debarment

“The Bidder certifies that, neither the firm nor any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal, investigator, project director, manager, auditor, and/or position involving the administration of federal funds:

- (a) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, as defined in 49 CFR s29.110(a), by any federal department or agency;
- (b) has within a three-year period preceding this certification been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local government transaction or public contract; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a federal, state, or local governmental entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph 9(b) of this certification; and
- (d) has within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more federal, state, or local government public transactions terminated for cause or default.

The Bidder certifies that it shall not knowingly enter into any transaction with any subcontractor, material supplier, or vendor who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this project by any federal agency unless authorized by the Florida Department of Transportation.”

Signature

Printed Name

Firm Name

Major Insurance Requirements

Minimum Insurance Requirements: *Risk Management in no way represents that the insurance required is sufficient or adequate to protect the vendors' interest or liabilities. The following are the required minimums the vendor must maintain throughout the duration of this contract. The County reserves the right to request additional documentation regarding insurance provided*

- a. **Commercial General Liability** - Coverage shall apply to premises and/or operations, products and completed operations, independent contractors, contractual liability exposures with minimum limits of:

\$1,000,000 per occurrence
\$2,000,000 general aggregate
\$1,000,000 products and completed operations
\$1,000,000 personal and advertising injury

- b. **Business Auto Liability** - The following Automobile Liability will be required and coverage shall apply to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles use with minimum limits of:

\$1,000,000 combined single limit (CSL)
\$500,000 bodily injury per person
\$1,000,000 bodily injury per accident
\$500,000 property damage per accident

- c. **Workers' Compensation** - Statutory benefits as defined by FS 440 encompassing all operations contemplated by this contract or agreement to apply to all owners, officers, and employees regardless of the number of employees. Workers Compensation exemptions may be accepted with written proof of the State of Florida's approval of such exemption. Employers' liability will have minimum limits of:

\$500,000 per accident
\$500,000 disease limit
\$500,000 disease – policy limit

**The required minimum limit of liability shown in a. and b. may be provided in the form of "Excess Insurance" or "Commercial Umbrella Policies." In which case, a "Following Form Endorsement" will be required on the "Excess Insurance Policy" or "Commercial Umbrella Policy."*



Verification of Coverage:

1. Coverage shall be in place prior to the commencement of any work and throughout the duration of the contract. A certificate of insurance will be provided to the Risk Manager for review and approval. The certificate shall provide for the following:

a. **The certificate holder shall read as follows:**

**Lee County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 398
Fort Myers, Florida 33902**

b. ***“Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, its agents, employees, and public officials” will be named as an "Additional Insured" on the General Liability policy, including Products and Completed Operations coverage.***

Special Requirements:

1. An appropriate "Indemnification" clause shall be made a provision of the contract.
2. It is the responsibility of the general contractor to insure that all subcontractors comply with all insurance requirements.

ATTACHMENT A
LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE
(LEE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 08-26)

Instructions: Please complete either Part A or B whichever is applicable to your firm

PART A: VENDOR'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS LOCATED WITHIN LEE/COLLIER COUNTY (Only complete Part A if your principal place of business is located within the boundaries of Lee/Collier County)

1. What is the physical location of your principal place of business that is located within the boundaries of Lee/Collier County, Florida?

2. What is the size of this facility (i.e. sales area size, warehouse, storage yard, etc.)

PART B: VENDOR'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN LEE/COLLIER COUNTY OR DOES NOT HAVE A PHYSICAL LOCATION WITHIN LEE/COLLIER COUNTY (Please complete this section.)

1. How many employees are available to service this contract? _____

2. Describe the types, amount and location of equipment you have available to service this contract.

LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE CONTINUED

3. Describe the types, amount and location of material stock that you have available to service this contract.

4. Have you provided goods or services to Lee County on a regular basis for the preceding, consecutive three years?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please provide your contractual history with Lee County for the past three, consecutive years. Attach additional pages if necessary.



LEE COUNTY

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Lee County Ordinance No. 08-26

Local Bidder's Preference

AFFIDAVIT PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

Principal place of business is located within the boundaries of Lee County.

Company Name: _____

Signature

Date

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____,
by _____ who has produced

(Print or Type Name)

_____ as identification.

(Type of Identification and Number)

Notary Public Signature

Printed Name of Notary Public

Notary Commission Number/Expiration

The signee of this Affidavit guarantees, as evidenced by the sworn affidavit required herein, the truth and accuracy of this affidavit to interrogatories hereinafter made. **LEE COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, AS EVIDENCE OF SERVICES PROVIDED, AT ANY TIME.**

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION
IMMIGRATION LAWS

SOLICITATION NO.: _____ PROJECT NAME: _____

LEE COUNTY WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY AWARD COUNTY CONTRACTS TO ANY CONTRACTOR WHO KNOWINGLY EMPLOYS UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN WORKERS, CONSTITUTING A VIOLATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN 8 U.S.C. SECTION 1324 a(e) {SECTION 274A(e) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT ("INA").

LEE COUNTY MAY CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT BY ANY CONTRACTOR OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS A VIOLATION OF SECTION 274A(e) OF THE INA. **SUCH VIOLATION BY THE RECIPIENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 274A(e) OF THE INA SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR UNILATERAL CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT BY LEE COUNTY.**

BIDDER ATTESTS THAT THEY ARE FULLY COMPLIANT WITH ALL APPLICABLE IMMIGRATION LAWS (SPECIFICALLY TO THE 1986 IMMIGRATION ACT AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS).

Company Name: _____

Signature Title Date

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____
20____, by _____ who has produced
(Print or Type Name)
_____ as identification.
(Type of Identification and Number)

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LEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT - BIDDERS CHECK LIST

IMPORTANT: Please check off each of the following items as the necessary action is completed:

- _____ 1. The Solicitation has been signed and with corporate seal (if applicable).
- _____ 2. The Solicitation prices offered have been reviewed (if applicable).
- _____ 3. The price extensions and totals have been checked (if applicable).
- _____ 4. Substantial and final completion days inserted (if applicable).
- _____ 5. The original (must be manually signed) and 1 hard copy original and others as specified of the Solicitation has been submitted.
- _____ 6. Two (2) identical sets of descriptive literature, brochures and/or data (if required) have been submitted under separate cover.
- _____ 7. All modifications have been acknowledged in the space provided.
- _____ 8. All addendums issued, if any, have been acknowledged in the space provided.
- _____ 9. Licenses (if applicable) have been inserted.
- _____ 10. Erasures or other changes made to the Solicitation document have been initialed by the person signing the Solicitation.
- _____ 11. Contractor's Qualification Questionnaire and Lee County Contractor History (if applicable).
- _____ 12. DBE Participation form completed and/or signed or good faith documentation.
- _____ 13. Bid Bond and/or certified Check, (if required) have been submitted with the Solicitation in amounts indicated.
- _____ 14. Any Delivery information required is included.
- _____ 15. Affidavit Certification Immigration Signed and Notarized
- _____ 16. Local Bidder Preference Affidavit (if applicable)
- _____ 17. FDOT Certification of Anti-Collusion and Suspension and Debarment
- _____ 18. The mailing envelope has been addressed to:

Lee County Procurement Mgmt.
1825 Hendry St 3rd Floor
Ft. Myers, FL 33901
- _____ 19. The mailing envelope **MUST** be sealed and marked with:
Solicitation Number
Opening Date and/or Receiving Date
- _____ 20. The Solicitation will be mailed or delivered in time to be received no later than the specified opening date and time. (Otherwise Solicitation cannot be considered or accepted.)

****This form is not required to be returned with your solicitation, but used as a tool when responding to the solicitation.**