Attachment A

Design Assist Agreement for Preconstruction and Construction Services

New Judgeship Project
Solano County Courthouse

Superior Court of California

County of Solano
THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this __ day of ____ (“Effective Date”), in the State of California, by and between the parties identified below.

In this agreement (the “Agreement”), the term “Contractor” refers to @contractor and the term “AOC” refers to the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts.

Incorporated into this Agreement herewith, and attached hereto, are the following Contract Documents: (1) Exhibit A, Statement of Work; (2) Exhibit B, Payment Provisions; (3) Exhibit C, General Terms and Conditions; (4) Exhibit D, Acceptance and Signoff Form; (5) Exhibit E, Subcontractors to Contractor; (6) Exhibit F, Contractor’s Key Personnel; and (7) Exhibit G.1, Table of Articles and Exhibit G.2, Division 00700 - General Conditions Of The Contract For Construction.

As further set forth further in Exhibit A, the Statement of Work, the Contractor shall, as authorized, provide Preconstruction Services and Construction Services with a maximum not to exceed price for the AOC Solano – New Judgship Project.

The Work to be performed under this Agreement will be authorized in two (2) phases: Design Development and Construction Documents Phase and a Construction Phase. By entering into this Agreement, the AOC authorizes the Design Development and Construction Documents Phase. The AOC has the sole and unilateral right to authorize the Construction Phase, and said authorizations shall be made, in the form of an Amendment to this Agreement authorizing the appropriate Phase and funding specified herein, which shall be signed by the Contractor.

The Work is hereby authorized and funded through performance of the Design Development and Construction Documents Phase, for the firm fixed price as set forth in Exhibit B, Payment Provisions.

This Agreement shall commence upon the Effective Date, as set forth above, and shall complete upon final payment and release of final retention by the AOC.
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Amount Encumbered by this Document: $0.00  
Prior Amount Encumbered for this Contract: $0.00  
Total Amount Encumbered to Date: $0.00

I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period of the expenditure stated above.

SIGNATURE OF ACCOUNTING OFFICER

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Exhibit A of Attachment A

STATEMENT OF WORK

.1. Project Description

Contractor shall, as authorized, provide the Services specified in this statement of work (“Statement of Work”, “SOW”) in connection with a public works project for a judicial branch facility to be located in Fairfield, California, in accordance with the scope of the Project, which is more particularly described in Exhibit G, Project Program (the “Project”).

.2. Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement, the following definitions shall apply. Additional definitions are made throughout the Agreement and in Exhibit H, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction (Document 00700). During the Construction Phase of the Agreement, the defined terms of Exhibit H, General Conditions of The Contract for Construction (Document 00700) shall take precedence over those of Exhibit A.

A. ACCEPTANCE: is the written acceptance issued by the AOC after the Contractor has completed a deliverable, submittal, phase, or other contract requirement, in compliance with this Agreement.

B. AOC (State): is the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts.

C. ARCHITECT or ENGINEER: The architect, engineers and other professional consultants under contract to the AOC to provide design and construction documentation, and construction administration services for the project.

D. BASIC SERVICES: means and includes Services of a general nature that shall be performed and provided throughout all Phases of this Agreement.

E. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: are approved final working drawings and specifications, and the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, including General, Supplementary and other Conditions as may be developed for the Project, that set forth in detail all of the requirements for construction of the entire Project.

F. CONSTRUCTION PHASE: is the entire construction period for the Project and encompasses pre-construction-start meetings and ends with Final Acceptance by the AOC of all punch list items.

G. CONSTRUCTION BUDGET: is the budget amount established by the AOC that represents the maximum authorized cost for construction of the Project including escalation, and AOC’s change order contingency. The Construction Budget does
not include fees for professional services, AOC inspection, testing and inspection services.

H. CONTRACTOR (Design Assist): is the individual, partnership, corporation, association, joint venture, or any combination thereof, who has entered into a contract with the AOC to do the Work, identified as such in the Agreement, and referred to throughout the Contract as if singular in number. The Contractor is selected to review and participate in the production of the construction documents and who agrees to perform the work identified in the Contract Documents. The term "Contractor" means the Contractor or the Contractor's representative.

I. CONTRACT SUM: is the Contract Sum is stated on the Coversheet as the “Total Amount Encumbered to Date”, and includes any authorized adjustments made by Change Order, and is, at all times during the term of the Contract, the total amount payable by the State to the Contractor under the Contract Documents for all goods, services, and expenses rendered or to be rendered under the Agreement.

J. COURT: Superior Court, County of Solano

K. COVERSHEET. is the face page of the Agreement that includes the AOC as the contracting Entity, and also includes the “Total Amount Encumbered to Date”.

L. DELIVERABLE: means and includes any tangible item provided or to be provided under this Agreement. A Deliverable does not include Services.

M. DESIGN ASSIST CONTRACTOR (DAC) The DAC and the (Architect) will work together to produce an acceptable level of design documents refinements that maintain the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) and the preparation of detailed construction documents necessary to allow the DAC to bid out the work and submit permit-level documents to obtain a building permit using a design assist delivery method. The DAC work will include participation in the refinement of the Project design at the Design Development level, participation with preparation and coordination of the Construction Documents including but not limited to mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire sprinklers, fire alarm, fire sprinkler, security electronics; limited CCTV, telephone/data infrastructure and other existing systems within Project scope.

N. DESIGN DOCUMENT(s): mean and include written documents specifying the attributes, characteristics, and requirements of the building to be constructed, including its site, as specified in Exhibit G, the Project Program and as further developed and elaborated upon by the AOC’s Architect or Engineer and then further refined by the Design Assist Contractor throughout the design process described in this Agreement.

O. ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES: are elements of the design that minimizes
energy consumption, integrates passive and active design elements, while meeting the operational needs of the facility.

P. FLOOR AREA: is a measurement of the design using methods and definitions set forth in the 1996 edition of the Building Owners and Managers Association publication titled “Standard Method for Measuring Floor Area in Office Buildings,” or such other standards as may be adopted by the AOC.

Q. FURNITURE VENDOR is a third party under contract with the AOC, responsible for providing furniture and equipment specifications, and for supplying and installing furniture and related items under a separate agreement (the “Furniture Procurement and Installation”) agreement.

R. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION: is the AOC Document Exhibit H, General Conditions Of The Contract For Construction (Document 00700), which is a part of the Contract between the AOC and the Contractor that determines the roles and responsibilities of the various parties during the Construction Phase.

S. GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP): is the maximum price that the AOC and the Contractor agree upon as payment for managing and for supplying and installing all the work as shown in the completed Construction Documents. The GMP is the sum of the direct costs of the Contractor for construction of the Project, General and Supplementary Conditions, Performance and Payment Bonds, Contractor fee for construction, Contractor overhead and profit, and Contractor’s Contingency. Contractor Preconstruction fees, fees for professional services, inspection, testing services, modular furniture, and AOC contingency are not included in the GMP.


U. MASTER PROJECT SCHEDULE: means a schedule document provided by the Contractor as specified in Exhibit A, Article A.3.

V. NIC (NOT AUTHORIZED IN CONTRACT): means that the Services for a particular Phase of the Work have yet to be authorized. Services so identified are within the scope of this Agreement, provided that the AOC authorizes said Phase.

W. PHASE: is a distinct portion of the Work to be provided under this Agreement, as specified in the Statement Of Work.

X. PROJECT: means and includes the Work specified this Agreement, as necessary to provide for the construction specified in Exhibit G, Project Program.
Y. PROJECT REQUIREMENT(S): means and includes the written requirements pertaining to the Project that are provided in Exhibit G, the Project Program.

Z. RECORD DOCUMENTS: are the Construction Documents, amended to show the Project as it was constructed. Record Documents include any significant changes or clarifications to the Construction Documents resulting from the construction process.

AA. SERVICE: means and includes obligations that are performed or are to be performed under this Agreement. A Service may or may not result in the provision of Deliverable(s).

BB. STATE (AOC): is the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts.

CC. STOP SERVICES ORDER: is a written notice, delivered in accordance with this Agreement, by which the AOC may require the Contractor to stop all, or any part, of the Services under this Agreement, for the period set forth in the Stop Services Order. The Stop Services Order shall be specifically identified as such and shall indicate that it is issued pursuant to the Stop Services provision in section C.12 of Exhibit C.

DD. SUBCONTRACTOR: is any third party, individual, partnership, corporation, association, joint venture, or any combination thereof, that has entered into a contract with the Contractor or who serves as an agent of Contractor in performance of the Work. For the Pre-Construction Services this refers to Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Security, Fire Sprinkler, Audio Visual and Information/Telephone Subcontractors.

EE. SUSTAINABLE BUILDING MEASURES: are elements of the design that result in minimizing pollution, resource waste, and environmental impacts associated with facility construction operation and, if applicable, demolition.

FF. WORK: means and includes the provision of Services and/or Deliverables under this Agreement.
.3. Schedule Of Work

The schedule applicable to the provision of the Services under this Agreement is provided in Attachment 1 to Exhibit A – the contract schedule (“Contract Schedule”). Contractor agrees that it shall provide the Services of the specified Phase(s) according to said schedule.

.4. Basic Services

A. General

Contractor agrees to provide or perform, as Basic Services, the Services and tasks set forth in this section A.4 and any other services that are necessary, normal, customary, or incidental to the performance of Contractor’s responsibilities under any Phase of this Agreement.

Contractor agrees to:

1. Provide sufficient number(s) of specialists, including Subcontractors, and other workers with requisite skills and experience as appropriate for the successful completion of the Project.

2. Perform the Services in collaboration with the AOC, the Court, the AOC’s selected Architect(s) and/or Engineer(s), Subcontractors and other third parties as identified by the AOC.

3. Prepare, organize, and distribute monthly progress reports in a timely manner in a format acceptable to the AOC.

4. Conduct Project Status Meetings with the AOC, Subcontractors, Court representatives, other third party professionals and consultants working with the AOC, and/or State or local agencies as needed and directed by the nature of the work or as directed by the AOC during the course of the Work.

5. The DAC work will include participation in the refinement of the Project design at the Design Development level, participation with preparation and coordination of the construction documents including but not limited to mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire sprinklers, fire alarm, fire sprinkler, security electronics; limited CCTV, telephone/data infrastructure and other existing systems within Project scope.

6. The Design Assist Contractor will lead the Design Assist phase activities. AOC, AOC Designer and other third parties will monitor the progress of the refinements to the Design Development documents, preparation of the construction documents, submission for building permit through the
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following steps:

7. Attend meetings regularly between the DAC, DAC Subcontractors and AOC Designer to monitor progress in completing the design refinements and construction documents

8. DAC to schedule and attend meetings with AOC Designer to develop design submittals for AOC review and approval

9. DAC to prepare preliminary Design Assist schedule

10. DAC to prepare preliminary Construction Schedule

11. DAC to prepare Cost Estimates at milestones during the development of design and construction documents to validate GMP submitted

12. Provide estimated construction cost breakdowns of the Project at times indicated intervals consistent with the stage of development of the Architect’s drawings and specifications.

13. Conduct constructability reviews including but not limited to appropriate meeting facilities; documentation of the findings and action items from each; maintain a database of actions taken or resolution of each finding or action item.

14. Monitor construction-related approvals, including, but not limited to, written approvals by the State Fire Marshal and the Division of the State Architect (“DSA”) Access Compliance Unit.

15. Provide all necessary materials, facilities, and ancillary services (such as cleanup) necessary for provision of the Services not being provided by the Subcontractor(s) when necessary for the performance of the Services during construction and for completion of the construction.

16. Provide a written description of Contractor’s quality assurance program (“QA Program”) commencing with the Design Development Phase. The QA Program shall be designed to advance the goal of achieving a quality Project, within schedule and budget, in compliance with the terms of this Agreement. Contractor shall submit the QA Program to the AOC within 20 days of commencement of each phase. The AOC shall have the right to review the QA Program, and use of said program is subject to the AOC’s written approval. At a minimum the following shall apply:
B. Design Development and Contract Documents Phase:

1. During this phase Contractor and its Subcontractors, MEP, Security, Fire Sprinklers, AV and all other subsystems that are part of the Project, shall, in coordination with the AOC the Architect or Engineer and other third parties (as necessary and authorized by the AOC), provide the following:

   (i) Define scope of deliverables from AOC Designer team

      (a) Architectural design elements
      (b) Structural design elements

   (ii) Define scope of deliverables from Contractor/Subcontractor team

      (a) Mechanical design elements
      (b) Electrical design elements
      (c) Plumbing design elements
      (d) Security design elements
      (e) Fire Sprinkler system elements
      (f) Audio Visual design elements
      (g) Information Technology/Telephone design elements

   (iii) Lead a series of meetings between the AOC Designer and the Contractor/Subcontractors team to further refine the Project requirements to a 100% Design development level and would include the following:

      (a) Design workshops
      (b) Progress meetings
      (c) Document reviews and comments
      (d) Establish baseline cost model
      (e) Prepare milestone cost estimates
      (f) Alternative strategies and value analysis
      (g) Permitting strategy
      (h) Constructability review and comment
      (i) Prepare preliminary construction schedule

   (iv) Validate GMP for Project scope/budget/schedule at 100% Design Development level

   (v) Prepare of Construction Documents based on approved 100% DD
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documents

(a) Work with AOC Designer team develops documents to obtain Building Permits
(b) Contractor team develops documents to obtain Building Permits
(c) Work with AOC Designer to create CD package for submission Building Permit
(d) Contractor obtains Building Permits and all other required permits

C. Construction Phase:

1. The Contractor shall provide the Construction Services and shall be responsible for the construction of the Project and provision of the Construction Phase Services, in accordance with this Agreement, all approved Construction Documents, and the terms and conditions of Exhibit H, according to the schedule specified in the Master Schedule. Contractor shall be paid not more than the GMP price for the provision of the construction and said Services. Payments will be made in accordance with Exhibit B and H as applicable.

2. The Contractor shall conduct a preconstruction conference with the subcontractors, Architect, Inspector of Record, AOC Project Manager and other appropriate persons. Services include preparation of meeting agenda, preparation of construction procedures for clarifications, change orders, shop drawings, progress payments, field testing and inspection, and safety program, and preparation and distribution of preconstruction conference notes.

3. Following each Project status meeting during the Construction Phase, Contractor shall prepare, organize, and distribute in a timely manner, meeting notes and lists of accomplishments and action items for review, comment, and use.
Exhibit A of Attachment A

CONTRACT SCHEDULE


1. Estimated start date: TBD

2. Estimated completion date of 100% Design Development Documents: TBD

3. Estimated completion date of 50% Construction Documents: To Be Determined

4. Estimated completion date of 100% Construction Documents: TBD

B. Construction Phase - NIC

1. Estimated start date of Construction: TBD

2. Estimated completion date of Construction: Not more than ___ Calendar Days.

END OF EXHIBIT A
.1. **Contract Amount**

The total amount the AOC may be the Contractor under this Agreement will not exceed the Contract Amount of $________ as set forth in this Exhibit.

A. **Compensation – Design Phase Services**

   1. The compensation for all Services provided for the Design Phase services shall be an estimated maximum, not to exceed price of $________ which includes all travel and living expenses and any other costs incidental to providing the Services.

B. **Compensation – Construction Phase Services**

   1. The compensation for all Services with regard to this Phase shall be at the maximum, not to exceed price of $____________________.

C. **Allowance for Permit Fees**

   1. The Contractor shall secure and pay for, and the AOC shall compensate Contractor for the permits, fees, and services specified as “Paid by State” in the Miscellaneous Project Costs section of Attachment C.

D. **Payment of Liquidated Damages**

   1. The liquidated damages for the Contractor’s failure to complete Work of the Project within the construction duration as agreed and determined at the commencement of the Project pursuant to Exhibit H, General Conditions of The Contract for Construction (Document 00700) Section 7.3 Liquidated Damages is $________ per calendar day.

.2. **Method of Payment**

A. **Method of Payment – Design Development and Construction Documents Phase Services**

   1. The Contractor shall submit an invoice to the address specified below for the Work successfully completed and approved for that month, billed as a percentage of the total fixed price for the Services of that Phase.

Upon receipt of the invoice, AOC will either approve the invoice for
payment or give the Contractor specific written reasons why part or all of
the payment is being withheld and what remedial actions the Contractor
must take to receive the withheld amount.

2. Such invoices shall clearly indicate:

   (i) The Contract number;
   (ii) A unique invoice number;
   (iii) The Contractor's name and address;
   (iv) Taxpayer identification number;
   (v) Name of the Phase of the Project being invoiced;
   (vi) Brief description of the Work performed in the billing period;
   (vii) Percentage of the Phase being billed in the invoice as a percent and
         in dollars;
   (viii) Amount of Retention to be withheld from the invoice;
   (ix) Net amount to be paid for the invoice;
   (x) Percentage of the total Phase billed to date, expressed as a percent
       and in dollars;
   (xi) Total amount of Retention withheld to date.
   (xii) Preferred remittance address, if different from the mailing address;
   (xiii) The original signature of the authorized representative of the
          Contractor.

3. Retention:

   The AOC shall withhold payment of an amount equal to 10 percent from
   all payments made for invoices submitted as above and paid. Upon
   successful completion of all of the activities and provision of all
   deliverables of a Phase, Contractor shall submit an Acceptance and
   Signoff Form (Exhibit D) detailing the amount of each individual
   retention, with a total of all retentions, to the Project Manager. The AOC’s
   Project Manager shall review the Acceptance and Signoff Form, and,
   applying the Acceptance Criteria, will either approve the Form in full, or
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give the Contractor specific written reasons why approval is being withheld, and return to the Contractor. Upon receipt of an AOC signed Acceptance and Signoff form, the Contractor shall submit an invoice for the retentions to the address specified below.

Such invoices shall clearly indicate:

(i) The Contract number; ____________
(ii) A unique invoice number;
(iii) The Contractor's name and address;
(iv) Taxpayer identification number;
(v) Name of the Phase for which the retentions are being invoiced;
(vi) Amounts of each individual retention, with a total of all retentions;
(vii) Preferred remittance address, if different from the mailing address;
(viii) The original signature of the authorized representative of the Contractor.

B. Method of Payment - Construction Phase

1. Refer to the Exhibit H, General Conditions Of The Contract For Construction (Document 00700).

C. Invoices furnished by the Contractor under this Agreement must be in the form specified above and must be submitted for approval to:

@Project Manager  
Project Manager  
Office of Court Construction and Management  
Judicial Council of California  
Administrative Office of the Courts


D. The AOC will endeavor to pay invoices within thirty (30) days after receipt of a correct, itemized invoice. In no event shall the AOC be liable for interest or late charges for any late payments.

E. Payment shall be made by the AOC to the Contractor at the address specified on
the invoice.

F. The AOC may withhold full or partial payment to the Contractor in any instance in which the Contractor has failed or refused to satisfy any material obligation provided for under this Agreement.

.3. Disallowance

If the Contractor claims or receives payment from the AOC that is later disallowed by the AOC, the Contractor shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to the AOC upon the AOC’s request. At its option, the AOC may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due or that may become due to the Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement.

.4. Payment Does Not Imply Acceptance of Work

The granting of any payment by the AOC, or the receipt thereof by the Contractor, shall in no way lessen the liability of the Contractor to correct unsatisfactory work in connection with this Agreement.

.5. Release of Claims

The acceptance by the Contractor of its final payment due under this Agreement shall be and shall operate as a release to the State and the AOC of all claims and all liability to the Contractor for everything done or furnished in connection with this Agreement (including every act and neglect of the AOC), with the exception of any claims that are expressly identified by the Contractor as outstanding as of the date of Contractor’s submission of Contractor’s final application for payment. Contractor’s failure to identify any such claims shall operate as a release of all claims.

END OF EXHIBIT B
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

.1. Effective Date of Agreement

This Agreement is effective on the Effective Date set forth on the Agreement Coversheet; however, the Contractor is not authorized to begin work until the AOC delivers a written "Notice to Proceed" to the Contractor. The AOC will issue the Notice to Proceed only after the Contractor delivers evidence of insurance to the AOC that is consistent with the insurance requirements in this Agreement. If the Contractor begins work before delivery of the Notice to Proceed, that work will be at the Contractor's risk and expense and subject to all terms and conditions of this Agreement except those terms and conditions inconsistent with the Contractor's assumption of that risk and expense. If a Notice to Proceed is delivered, then work performed before delivery will be treated for all purposes as though it were performed after delivery.

.2. Submitting False Claims; Monetary Penalties

The AOC shall be entitled to remedy any false claims, as defined in California Government Code section 12650 et seq., made to the AOC by the Contractor or any Subcontractor under the standards set forth in Government Code section 12650 et seq. Any Contractor or Subcontractor who submits a false claim shall be liable to the AOC for three times the amount of damages that the AOC sustains because of the false claim. A Contractor or Subcontractor who submits a false claim shall also be liable to the AOC for (a) the costs, including attorney fees, of a civil action brought to recover any of those penalties or damages, and (b) a civil penalty of up to $10,000 for each false claim.

.3. Responsibility for Equipment and Real Property

The AOC shall not be responsible for any damage to persons or property as a result of the use, misuse, or failure of any equipment used by the Contractor, or by any of its employees or agents, even though such equipment is furnished, rented, or loaned to the Contractor by the AOC.

.4. Independent Contractor

A. Independent Contractor. The Contractor shall be, and is, an independent contractor, is not an employee or agent of the AOC, and is not covered by any employee benefit plans provided to the AOC’s employees. The Contractor is, and shall be, liable for its own acts and omissions as well as those of its employees, its Subcontractors and its agents. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating an employment or agency relationship between the AOC and the Contractor. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, the Contractor will determine the method, details and means of performing its responsibilities with regard to the Services, including, without limitation, exercising full control over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of all persons assisting the Contractor in the performance of the Services. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for all matters relating to the payment of its employees,
including compliance with social security, withholding, any and all employee benefits, and all regulations governing such matters.

B. Payment of Income Taxes. The Contractor shall pay, when due, all applicable income taxes, including estimated taxes, incurred as a result of the compensation paid by the AOC to the Contractor for the Services. The State is exempt from federal excise taxes and no payment will be made for any taxes levied on the Contractor’s or any Subcontractor’s employees’ wages. The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the AOC harmless for any claims, costs, losses, fees, penalties, interest or damages (including attorney fees and costs) suffered by the AOC resulting from the Contractor's failure to comply with this provision. The AOC may offset any taxes paid by the AOC as a result of the Contractor’s breach of this provision.

.5. Contractor’s Key Personnel

A. The Contractor shall use adequate numbers of qualified individuals with suitable training, education, experience and skill to perform the Services. The Contractor has been selected to perform the Services herein, in part, because of the skills and expertise of the key individuals and/or firms (collectively “Contractor’s Key Personnel”) that are listed in Exhibit F. Substitution or replacement of the individuals and/or firms identified in Exhibit F is not allowed except with written approval of the AOC.

B. If the designated lead or key person fails to perform to the satisfaction of the AOC upon written notice, the Contractor will have fifteen (15) calendar days to remove that person from the Project and replace that person with one acceptable to the AOC. All lead or key personnel for any Subcontractor must also be designated by any Subcontractor and are subject to all conditions stated in this section.

C. The Contractor shall be responsible for all costs associated with replacing any of Contractor’s Key Personnel, including the additional costs to familiarize replacement personnel with the Services. If the Contractor does not furnish replacement personnel acceptable to the AOC, the AOC may terminate this Agreement for cause.

D. Prior to the authorization of any Phase of the Agreement, the parties will agree upon any Key Personnel applicable to that Phase. Said personnel shall be documented in Exhibit F.

.6. Standard of Care

The Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, Subcontractors, consultants and any persons or entities for whom Contractor is responsible, shall provide all Services pursuant to this Agreement in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and in a manner consistent with the
standard of care under California law applicable to those who specialize in providing such services for projects of the type, scope, and complexity of the Project. The AOC’s Acceptance of any submittals, deliverables, or other work product of the Contractor shall not be construed as assent that Contractor has complied, nor in any way relieve the Contractor of, compliance with (i) the applicable standard of care or (ii) applicable statutes, regulations, rules, guidelines, and requirements.

.7. AOC’s Quality Assurance Plan

The AOC or its agent may evaluate Contractor’s performance under this Agreement. Such evaluation may include assessing Contractor’s compliance with all Agreement terms and performance standards. Any deficiencies in the Contractor’s performance that the AOC determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected, will be reported to the Contractor’s principal. The report may include recommended improvements and corrective measures to be taken by the Contractor. If the Contractor’s performance remains unsatisfactory, the AOC may, without limitation, terminate this Agreement for cause or impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement. Any evaluation of Contractor’s performance conducted by the AOC shall not be construed as an Acceptance of the Contractor’s work product or methods of performance. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the quality, completeness, and accuracy of the work product that Contractor and its Subcontractors deliver under this Agreement. Contractor shall not rely on AOC to perform any quality control review of Contractor’s work product, as such review shall be conducted by Contractor.

.8. Subcontracting and Employee Qualifications

A. The Contractor is prohibited from subcontracting this Agreement or any part of it, except to the Subcontractors set forth in Exhibit E., unless such subcontracting is first approved by the AOC in a written instrument executed and approved in the same manner as this Agreement. An agreement made in violation of this section shall confer no rights on any party and shall be null and void.

B. When required by this Agreement or if requested by the AOC, the Contractor shall provide documentation that a proposed Subcontractor has been qualified to the satisfaction of the AOC, and is experienced and able to perform that portion of the Services. The Contractor shall require all Subcontractors to comply with the provisions of this Agreement. If requested by the AOC, the Contractor shall provide copies of all Contractors’ agreements with its Subcontractors to the AOC. The AOC’s review of subcontracts shall in no way relieve the Contractor of any of its responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement.

C. Contractor shall, in the course of the work, engage only Subcontractors and employees who possess, and will maintain in good standing during the performance of the Services, valid and applicable licenses where the State of California or this Agreement requires that the work to be performed by that Subcontractor or employee must be performed by a licensed person or entity.
D. The Contractor expressly acknowledges that its Subcontractors are not third party beneficiaries of this Agreement.

.9. Background Checks

A. If the Contractor assigns persons (whether employees, independent contractors, subcontractors or agents) to perform work under this Agreement that requires that the person have access to the systems (whether on-site or by remote access) or premises of the AOC or other Judicial Branch entities, the AOC shall have the right, but not the obligation, to conduct a background check or to require the Contractor to conduct a background check, as permitted by law, on all such persons before the AOC will grant to such persons access to the AOC’s or other judicial branch entities’ premises or systems. The Contractor will cooperate with the AOC in performing such background check, and will promptly notify the AOC of any such person refusing to undergo such background check, and will reassign such person to perform other services. The Contractor shall obtain all releases, waivers, or permissions required for the release of such information to the AOC. Costs incident to background checks are the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

.10. Indemnification

The Contractor agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify, defend (with counsel satisfactory to the AOC), and hold harmless (collectively, “Indemnify”) the State, the Judicial Council of California, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the State’s trial courts, appellate courts, justices, judges, subordinate judicial officers, court executive officers, court administrators, and any and all of their officers, agents, contractors, representatives, volunteers and employees (individually, an “Indemnified Party”) from any and all claims, lawsuits, losses, costs (including attorney fees and costs), liabilities, and damages arising from, related to or in connection with, in whole or in part, any of the following: (a) the Contractor’s or any of its employees’ or Subcontractors’ negligent acts, omissions, or intentional misconduct; (b) the Contractor’s breach of its obligations under this Agreement; (c) the Contractor's or any of its employees’ or Subcontractors’ violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation; and/or (d) any claim or lawsuit by a third party, contractor, subcontractor, supplier, worker, or any other person, firm, or corporation furnishing or supplying work, Services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement who may be injured or damaged by the Contractor or any of its Subcontractors or employees, when such claim arises from, is related to, or is in connection with, the Contractor’s performance of this Agreement. This article does not require the Contractor to Indemnify an Indemnified Party for such portion of any loss, cost, liability, or damage that arises solely from the negligence or intentional misconduct of the Indemnified Party.

.11. Insurance

A. General Requirements during the Preliminary Plan Phase and the Working Drawing Phase:
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1. The insurance required under this section 11.A shall remain in force until the beginning of the Construction Phase at which time the provisions Article 11 of Exhibit H, General Conditions Of The Contract For Construction (Document 00700) will apply.

2. Contractor shall maintain insurance issued by an insurance company or companies that are rated “A-VII” or higher by A. M. Best’s key rating guide and that are authorized to do business in the State of California.

3. For all insurance policies required by this Section 11.A, Contractor shall declare any deductible or self-insured retention (SIR). Any deductible or SIR shall be clearly stated on the appropriate certificate of insurance.

4. If self-insured, the Contractor agrees to administer it’s self-insurance program in a commercially reasonable manner so as to ensure the availability of funds to cover losses required to be insured against by Contractor under the terms of this Section 11.A.

5. The Contractor shall, prior to the start of work, provide to the AOC certificates of insurance, on forms acceptable to the AOC, as evidence that the required insurance is in full force and effect. For the insurance required under the terms of section 11.B.1 and 11.B.2 each certificate of insurance shall specifically provide verification that the State of California, Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts, and the their respective elected and appointed officials, judges, officers, employees and agents have been added as additional insureds, but only as respects liability assumed by the Contractor under the terms of this Agreement, or liability arising out of the performance of the Services.

6. The certificates of insurance shall be addressed as follows:

@Contract Specialist
Administrative Office of the Courts, Business Services
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

7. All insurance shall be in force until the beginning of the Construction Phase. If any of the required insurance expires during the Preliminary Plan Phase or Working Drawing Phase, the Contractor shall immediately renew or replace the required insurance and provide a new current certificate of insurance or be declared in breach of Contract. The AOC reserves the right to withhold all progress payments until the breach is cured to the satisfaction of the AOC. Renewal insurance certificates must be tendered to the AOC at least 10 following the expiration of the required insurance.
8. The Contractor, and any insurer providing insurance required under the terms of this section 11.B.1 and 11.B.2 shall waive any right of recovery or subrogation it may have against the State of California, Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts, and the their respective elected and appointed officials, judges, officers, employees and agents for loss or damage related to the Service, or for any liability arising out of the Services performed by the Contractor under this Agreement.

9. All required insurance policies shall contain a provision that coverage will not be cancelled without 30 days prior written notice to the AOC.

10. The Contractor shall be responsible for, and may not recover from the AOC, any deductible or self-insured retention contained within the insurance.

11. In the event the Contractor fails to keep in effect at all times the specified insurance coverage, the AOC may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, terminate this Contract upon the occurrence of such event, subject to the provisions of this Contract.

12. Any insurance required under this section 11.B.1 and 11.B.2 shall be endorsed to be primary and non-contributing to any insurance or programs of self-insurance maintained by the State of California or the AOC.

13. The AOC reserves the right to request certified copies of the insurance policies required under the terms of this section 11.A.1

B. Insurance Requirements for the Design Development and Construction Documents Phase:

Prior to the commencement of the Design Development and Construction Documents Phase Services the Contractor shall furnish to the AOC with evidence that the following insurance is in force:

1. Commercial General Liability: Commercial general liability insurance (and if required excess liability or umbrella liability insurance) written on an occurrence form with limits of not less than $2,000,000 per occurrence and $2,000,000 annual aggregate for bodily injury and property damage liability combined. The policy shall include coverage for liabilities arising out of premises, operations, independent contractors, products, completed operations, personal and advertising injury liability assumed under an insured contract, and professional services provided in connection with the Design Development and Construction Documents Phase Services. This insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought subject to the insurance policy limit of liability.
2. Commercial Automobile Liability: Automobile Liability insurance with limits of not less than $1,000,000 per accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of the operation of a motor vehicle, including owned, hired, and non-owned motor vehicles, assigned to or used in connection with the performance of the Services.

3. Workers' Compensation: Statutory workers' compensation insurance providing coverage for all its employees who will be engaged in the performance of the Services, including special coverage extensions where applicable, and employer’s liability insurance with limits of liability of not less than $1,000,000 for each accident, $1,000,000 as the aggregate disease policy limit, and $1,000,000 as the disease limit for each employee.

C. Insurance Requirements for the Construction Phase: refer to Exhibit H, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction (Document 00700).

D. Neither the AOC, nor any officer or employee of the AOC, shall be liable for any loss or damage that may happen to the Work, or any part thereof; nor to any of the materials or other items used or employed in performing the Work; nor for injury to any person or persons, either workers or the public, for damage to property from any cause which might have been prevented by the Contractor, or the Contractor's employees or agents, against all of which injuries or damages the Contractor shall properly guard. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the AOC, and all officers and employees of the AOC, from all suits, actions or claims brought for, or on account of injuries or damages received or sustained by any person or persons, by or from the Contractor, the Contractor's employees or agents, in construction of the Work, or by or in consequence of the Contractor's failure to properly guard the same, or by or as a result of any act or omission of the Contractor, the Contractor's employees or agents. In addition to any remedy authorized by law, moneys due the Contractor under the Contract, as considered necessary by the AOC, may be retained until disposition has been made of such suits, actions, or claims for damages; however, this provision shall not be construed as precluding the AOC from enforcing any right of offset the AOC may have to any such moneys.

E. NO PERSONAL LIABILITY: Neither the AOC, nor any other officer or employee of the AOC will be personally responsible for liabilities arising under the Contract.

.12. Stop Services Order

A. The AOC may, at any time, by delivery of a Stop Services Order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all, or any part, of the Services pursuant to this Agreement, for a period up to ninety (90) days after the Stop Services Order is delivered to the Contractor, and for any further period to which
the parties may agree. The Stop Services Order shall be specifically identified as such and shall indicate it is issued under this section. Upon receipt of the Stop Services Order, the Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the Services covered by the Stop Services Order during the period of Services stoppage.

B. The AOC shall not be liable to the Contractor for any costs, expenses, or loss of profits because of the Stop Services Order issued under this provision unless expressly specified in the Stop Services Order.

.13. Force Majeure

Neither party shall be liable to the other for any delay in or failure of performance, nor shall any such delay in or failure of performance constitute default, if such delay or failure is caused by Force Majeure. Force Majeure, for purposes of this paragraph, is defined as follows: acts of war and acts of God, such as earthquakes, floods, and other natural disasters, such that performance is impossible.

.14. Termination for Cause

If the AOC determines that the Contractor has failed to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the AOC may terminate all or part of the Agreement for cause. This termination shall be effective if Contractor does not cure its failure to perform within ten (10) days (or more, if authorized in writing by the AOC) after receipt of a notice of intention to terminate from the AOC specifying the failure in performance.

.15. Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds

The Contractor acknowledges that funding for this Agreement is conditioned upon appropriation by the California Legislature and allocation by the Judicial Council of California, and/or sale of lease revenue or other bonds, of sufficient funds to support the activities described in this Agreement. By written notice to the Contractor, the AOC may immediately terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for lack of appropriation of funds, or other withdrawal, reduction or limitation in any way of the AOC’s budget, funding or financial resources.

.16. Termination for Convenience

The AOC shall have the option, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time during the term hereof, for convenience and without cause, upon written notice to the Contractor. The notice shall specify the date on which termination shall become effective.
.17. **Actions of the Contractor Upon Termination**

Immediately upon receipt of any notice of termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall commence and perform, with diligence, all actions necessary on the part of the Contractor to effect the termination of this Agreement on the date specified by the AOC and to minimize the liability of the Contractor and the AOC to third parties as a result of termination. All such actions shall be subject to the prior approval of the AOC, at the AOC’s sole discretion. Such actions shall include, without limitation:

A. Halting the performance of all Services under this Agreement on the date(s) and in the manner specified by the AOC.

B. Not placing any further orders or entering into any subcontracts for materials, Services, equipment or other items.

C. Canceling any and all existing orders and terminating any and all subcontracts.

D. Assigning to the AOC any or all of the Contractor’s right, title, and interest under the existing orders and subcontracts.

E. Settling all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of the cancellation of orders and termination of subcontracts.

F. Completing performance of any Services that the AOC designates to be completed prior to the date of termination specified by the AOC.

G. Providing to the AOC any tangible work product and Data created in the course of the performance of Services hereunder.

.18. **Effect of Termination**

In addition to any other remedies and actions set forth in this Agreement, if this Agreement is terminated for cause, non-appropriation of funds, or for convenience, the following will apply:

A. **Payment Upon Termination.** The AOC shall pay for Contractor’s Services satisfactorily performed through the effective date of termination; in no event shall Contractor’s compensation under this Section exceed the reasonable value of the performed Services, based on the Contractor’s progress of the Services performed and the proportionate corresponding value of the Contract Amount. Additionally, the Contractor shall not be entitled to recover its anticipated profit on any work not performed pursuant to said termination.

B. **Offset and Deduction.** The AOC may deduct from any payment upon termination:

1. All payments previously made by the AOC for Services covered by the
Contractor’s final invoice.

2. The amount of any undisputed claim that the AOC may have against the Contractor in connection with this Agreement.

3. In instances in which the AOC reasonably determines that the cost of any Services is excessive and if excessive due to costs incurred to remedy or replace defective materials or rejected Services, the AOC will pay the difference between the invoiced amount and the AOC’s reasonable estimate of the reasonable cost of replacing the materials or performing the invoiced Services in compliance with the requirements of this Agreement.

.19. Ownership of Data

1. Everything created, developed or produced in the course of the Contractor’s performance of the Services, including, without limitation, all drawings and specifications, reports, records, files, documents, memoranda, schedules, recordings, information and other materials or data (collectively, "Data") in any form, prepared, or in the process of being prepared, are works made for hire by the Contractor for the AOC and are the sole property of the AOC without further employment or the payment of additional compensation to the Contractor. The AOC owns all of the right, title and interest, in and to the Data, including, without limitation, all trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, patents, and any and all other intellectual property rights therein (collectively, the "Intellectual Property Rights"). To the extent that any of the Data or the Intellectual Property Rights therein are not works for hire, the Contractor hereby irrevocably assigns its entire right, title and interest in and to all such Data and the Intellectual Property Rights therein, to the AOC. At the AOC’s request, the Contractor will assist the AOC in the AOC’s prosecution, perfection, and registration of any or all Intellectual Property Rights in the Data. The Contractor irrevocably appoints the AOC as its attorney in fact, coupled with an interest, to take all actions and execute and file all documents that the AOC deems necessary to perfect the AOC’s interest and Intellectual Property Rights in the Data as set forth herein.

2. The AOC shall be entitled to access copies of the Data in whatever form, including, without limitation CAD, all times during the term of the Agreement. Any such Data in the possession of the Contractor or in the possession of any Subcontractor upon completion or termination of the Agreement shall be immediately delivered to the AOC. If any Data are lost, damaged or destroyed before final delivery to the AOC, the Contractor shall replace them at its own expense and the Contractor assumes all risks of loss, damage or destruction of or to such Data.
Proprietary or Confidential Information of AOC

A. The Contractor understands and agrees that, in the performance of the Services under this Agreement or in contemplation thereof, the Contractor may have access to private or confidential information which may be owned or controlled by, or otherwise in the possession of, the AOC and that such information may contain proprietary or confidential details, the disclosure of which to third parties may be damaging to the AOC. The Contractor agrees that all information disclosed by the AOC to the Contractor shall be held in confidence and used only in the performance of the Agreement. The Contractor shall exercise the same standard of care to protect such information as the Contractor uses to protect its own proprietary information and in any case no less than a reasonably prudent person or entity would use to protect its own proprietary data.

B. It is understood, however, that the Contractor may disclose the AOC’s confidential information on a “need to know” basis to the Contractor’s employees, the Contractor’s Subcontractors, and the Subcontractors’ employees, and as required by law. Contractor shall execute written agreements with its Subcontractors that bind each Subcontractor and its employees to the confidentiality provisions set forth in this Agreement.

C. The Contractor shall acquire no right or title to the confidential information. The Contractor agrees not to use the confidential information for any purpose except to provide the Services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor may disclose the confidential information: (i) to the extent necessary to comply with any law, rule, regulation or ruling applicable to it or as appropriate to respond to any summons or subpoena applicable to it; provided, however, that the Contractor first gives reasonable notice of its intention to disclose in order for the AOC to seek a protective order; or (ii) to the extent necessary to enforce its rights under this Agreement.

D. The Contractor agrees that monetary damages are inadequate to remedy any breach or threatened breach of this Section and, accordingly, consents to injunctive relief for any breach or threatened breach hereof without the posting of any bond.

Audit and Retention of Records

1. The Contractor shall permit authorized representatives of the AOC and/or its designee at any reasonable time to inspect, copy, or audit any and all records and documentation related to the performance of the Agreement, including records related to billings and other financial records. The Contractor shall allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and shall allow the auditor(s) to interview any employees or others who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, the Contractor agrees to include the same right of the AOC to
audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this Agreement. The Contractor shall maintain, and shall require its Subcontractors to maintain, all records and documentation related to the performance of this Agreement, including records related to billings and other financial records, in an accessible location and condition for a period of not less than three (3) years after final payment is received pursuant to this Agreement or until after final audit has been resolved, whichever is later. The Contractor shall adequately protect all records against fire or other damage. The State of California, or any state agency or entity having an interest in the subject of this Agreement, shall have the same rights conferred upon the AOC by this section. Further, Contractor shall be subject to examination and audit by the AOC Auditor. The examination and audit shall be confined to those matters connected with the performance of this agreement, including, but not limited to, the cost of administering this agreement (Government Code Section 8546.7).

.22. Accounting System Requirements

The Contractor shall maintain an adequate system of accounting and internal controls that meets Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

.23. AOC and Solano County Superior Court Representation

A. AOC Project Management.

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the AOC’s authorized representative ("Project Manager") shall be:

   @Project Manager
   Office of Court Construction and Management,
   Judicial Council of California
   Administrative Office of the Courts

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   Phone: __________ Facsimile: __________

   1. All requests and communications about the Work to be performed under this Agreement shall be made through the Project Manager.

   2. The Project Manager is not authorized by the AOC to make any commitments or changes which will affect the price, terms or conditions of this Agreement absent an amendment executed by the parties.

B. Third Party Representation. The AOC has the authority to speak on behalf of the
.2. Dispute Resolution For Design Development and Construction Documents Phase

A. Notice of Dispute. The parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve potential disputes informally and promptly. If a dispute persists, either party may submit a written demand to the other party at the earliest practicable time that the dispute is identified (the “Demand”). The Demand shall: (i) be fully supported by detailed factual information and supporting documentation; (ii) state the specific Agreement provisions on which the Demand is based; and (iii) if the Demand involves a cost adjustment, state the exact amount of the cost adjustment accompanied by all records supporting the Demand. The Demand shall include a written statement signed by an authorized person indicating that the Demand is made in good faith, that the supporting data and documents are accurate and complete, and that the amount requested accurately reflects the adjustment for which the submitting party believes the other party is responsible. To assist the other party in its review of the Demand, the submitting party shall comply with reasonable requests for additional information. The receiving party shall provide a written response to the submitting party’s Demand stating a decision as to whether the receiving party accepts or rejects the Demand. Failure by the receiving party to provide such a response shall be deemed a decision by the receiving party constituting a rejection of the Demand.

B. Senior Level Negotiations. Upon written request by either party after the receipt of a Demand, the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute by negotiations between the principal (or equivalent) of the Contractor and the designated representative of the AOC. The principal (or equivalent) of the Contractor and the designated representative of the AOC shall meet as often as they deem reasonably necessary to exchange information and attempt to resolve the Demand within thirty (30) days after the Demand was initially delivered.

C. Mediation. If the senior level negotiations do not result in resolution of the dispute within thirty (30) days after the Demand was received, the parties shall submit their dispute to mediation prior to any party initiating an action in court.

D. Litigation. If, after mediation pursuant to Section C.23(c), the parties have not resolved the dispute, the receiving party’s decision made pursuant to Section C.23(a) will be conclusive and binding regarding the dispute unless the submitting party commences an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to contest such decision within ninety (90) days following the conclusion of such mediation or one (1) year following the accrual of the cause of action, whichever is later. In the event of litigation of a dispute arising from or related to this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney
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fees and costs.

E. Confidentiality. All negotiations conducted pursuant to this Section C.23 are confidential and shall be treated as compromise and settlement negotiations to which California Evidence Code Section 1152 applies. The mediation shall be confidential and shall be subject to the provisions of California Evidence Code Sections 703.5 and 1115 through 1128.

F. Continuation of Work. Pending the final resolution of any dispute arising under, related to, or involving this Agreement, Contractor agrees to diligently proceed with the performance of this Agreement, including the delivery of deliverables or providing of Services, in accordance with the AOC’s instructions. Contractor’s failure to diligently proceed in accordance with the AOC’s instructions will be considered a material breach of this Agreement.

G. See Exhibit H, General Conditions Of The Contract For Construction (Document 00700) for Dispute Resolution during the Construction Phase.

.3. Certifications

By executing this Agreement, Contractor certifies under penalty of perjury that the following are true at the time of execution of this Agreement and shall remain true during the performance of this Agreement:

A. Nondiscrimination/No Harassment Provisions and Compliance.

1. Nondiscrimination. The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or HIV status (AIDS/HIV status), medical condition, marital status, age (over 40), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or domestic partner status. The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination.

2. No Harassment. The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall not engage in unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment, with respect to any persons with whom the Contractor or its Subcontractors interact in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall take all reasonable steps to prevent harassment from occurring.

3. FEHA. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, California Government Code, Sections 12990 et seq., and the applicable regulations promulgated under California Code of Regulations, title 2, Sections 7285 et seq. The applicable

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regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing California Government Code, Section 12990, set forth in chapter 5 of division 4 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part of it as if set forth in full.

4. **Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act.** The Contractor complies with applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 *et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as with all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA.

5. **Notice to Labor Organizations.** The Contractor and any of its Subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement.

6. **Compliance.** The Contractor shall include the nondiscrimination, no harassment, and compliance provisions of this section in any and all subcontracts issued to perform Services under this Agreement. Contractor has, unless exempt, complied with the nondiscrimination program requirements. (Government Code, Section 12990 (subdivisions a-f) and CCR, Title 2, Section 8103 *et seq.*)

B. **Prohibited Financial Conflict of Interest.** The Contractor and its Subcontractors presently have no interest and will not acquire any interest which would present a conflict of interest pursuant to California Government Code sections 1090 *et seq.* and 87100 *et seq.* during the performance of Services pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor further certifies that, to the best of its knowledge after due inquiry, no employees or agents of the AOC are now, nor in the future will they be, in any manner interested directly or indirectly in this Agreement, or in any profits expected to arise from this Agreement, as set forth in California Government Code sections 1090 *et seq.* and 87100 *et seq.*

C. **Conflict of Interest for Former AOC Employees.** The Contractor certifies and shall require any Subcontractor to certify to the following: Former AOC employees will not be awarded a contract for two (2) years from the date of separation if that employee had any part of the decision making process relevant to the contract, or for one year from the date of separation if that employee was in a policy making position in the same general subject area as the proposed contract within the twelve (12) month period of his or her separation from AOC service.

D. **Contractor shall not,** without specific written approval in advance from the AOC in the form of an Amendment to this Agreement, self-perform any Construction-Phase construction work. Contractor shall not subcontract or in any manner cause
said work to be done by any entity in which the Contractor, its parent or associate companies, or any of Contractor’s owned or controlled subsidiaries have a financial or other business interest,

E. Covenant Against Gratuities. No gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered by the Contractor or any agent, director, or representative of the Contractor, to any officer, official, agent, or employee of the AOC with a view toward securing this Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to any determinations concerning the performance of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this provision, the AOC will have the right to terminate this Agreement, either in whole or in part, and any loss or damage sustained by the AOC in procuring, on the open market, any items which the Contractor agreed to supply, shall be borne and paid for by the Contractor. The rights and remedies of the AOC provided in this provision shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

F. Drug-Free Workplace. The Contractor will provide a drug-free workplace as required by California Government Code Sections 8355 through 8357.

G. National Labor Relations Board. No more than one (1) final, unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against the Contractor within the immediately preceding two (2) year period because of the Contractor’s failure to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

H. Brokerage Or Contingent Fees. No person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an understanding or agreement for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

I. Computer Software Use. Contractor has appropriate systems and controls in place to ensure that State funds will not be used in the performance of this Agreement for the acquisition, operation or maintenance of computer software in violation of copyright laws.

.4. Limitation on Publication

The Contractor shall not publish or submit for publication any article, press release, or other writing relating to the Contractor’s Services for the AOC without prior review and written permission by the AOC. The AOC review shall be completed within thirty (30) days of submission to the Project Manager and, if permission is denied, the AOC shall provide its reasons for denial in writing.

.5. General

A. Survival. The termination or expiration of the Agreement shall not relieve either
party of any obligation or liability accrued hereunder prior to or subsequent to such termination or expiration, nor affect or impair the rights of either party arising under the Agreement prior to or subsequent to such termination or expiration, except as expressly provided herein.

B. Limitation on Publication. The Contractor shall not publish or submit for publication any article, press release, or other writing relating to the Contractor's Services for the AOC without prior review and written permission by the AOC, which consent shall be in the AOC’s sole discretion.

C. Remedies Cumulative. All remedies provided for in this Agreement are cumulative and may be exercised individually or in combination with any other remedy available hereunder.

D. Assignment. The Services to be performed by the Contractor are personal in nature and neither this Agreement nor any duties or obligations hereunder may be assigned or delegated by the Contractor unless specifically identified as such in this Agreement or consented to in advance by the AOC by written instrument executed and approved in the same manner as this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided herein, all of the terms, provisions and conditions of the Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, assigns and legal representatives. Any assignment in violation hereof shall be null and void.

E. Waiver. Any waiver of any term of this Agreement must be in writing and executed by an authorized representative of the waiving party and shall not be construed as a waiver of any succeeding breach of the same or other term of this Agreement.

F. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are separate and severable. Should any court hold that any provision of this Agreement is invalid, void or unenforceable, then (i) the validity of other provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected or impaired thereby, and (ii) such provision shall be enforced to the maximum extent possible so as to effect the reasonable intent of the parties and shall be reformed without further action by the parties to the extent necessary to make such provision valid and enforceable.

G. Compliance with Laws. The Contractor shall keep itself fully informed of all municipal, county, state, and federal laws in any manner affecting the performance of this Agreement, and must at all times comply, at no expense to the AOC, with such local codes, ordinances, and regulations and all applicable laws as they may be amended from time to time. The Contractor shall procure and keep in full force during the term of this Agreement any and all permits and licenses necessary to accomplish the Services contemplated in this Agreement at no expense to the AOC.
H. Time is of the Essence. Time is of the essence in this Agreement.

I. Governing Law; Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be governed by California law without regard to any conflict of law rules that would direct the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction. The Contractor irrevocably consents to personal jurisdiction in California.

J. Agreement Construction. Headings or captions to the provisions of this Agreement are solely for the convenience of the parties, are not part of this Agreement, and shall not be used to interpret or determine the validity of this Agreement. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall not be construed against the drafter, but rather the terms and provisions hereof shall be given their reasonable interpretation.

K. Notices to the Parties. All notices, requests, demands, and other communications hereunder must be in writing and will be deemed to have been duly given when hand delivered or five (5) days after being deposited in the United States mail, if mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to the following contact information or at such other address as delivered by like notice:

To the AOC: @Project Manager  
Office of Court Construction and Management  
Judicial Council of California  
Administrative Office of the Courts  

With a copy to: Business Services Senior Manager  
Judicial Council of California  
Administrative Office of the Courts  
455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, CA  94102

To the Contractor: TBD

L. Amendments. This Agreement may not be modified or amended, except by written instrument executed and approved in the same manner as this Agreement.

M. Public Contract Code References. References to the Public Contract Code are provided for Contractor’s convenience only and shall not imply that the Public Contract Code applies to the AOC, but rather shall be used to define the
Contractor’s obligations under the particular contract provision in which such code section is referenced. The AOC is not subject to the Public Contract Code.

N. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, consisting of the Agreement Coversheet and all exhibits thereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all previous modifications, agreements, proposals, negotiations, representations, and commitments, both oral and written, between the parties.

END OF EXHIBIT C
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Exhibit D of Attachment A

ACCEPTANCE AND SIGN-OFF FORM

Description of Deliverable provided by Contractor:
_______________________________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________________________
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Date submitted:_____________

Work is:
1) Submitted on time: [   ] yes     [   ] no.  If no, please note length of delay and reasons.
_______________________________________________________________________________________________

2) Complete: [   ] yes     [   ] no.  If no, please identify incomplete aspects of the Work.
_______________________________________________________________________________________________

3) Technically accurate: [   ] yes     [   ] no.  If no, please note corrections required.
_______________________________________________________________________________________________

Please note level of satisfaction:
[   ] Poor     [   ] Fair     [   ] Good      [   ] Very Good      [   ] Excellent

Comments, if any:
___________________________________________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________

[   ] Work is accepted.

[   ] Work is unacceptable as noted above.

Name:________________________________________

Title:_________________________________________

Date:____________

END OF EXHIBIT D
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State of California Standard Agreement
Contract No. acct with contractor

Exhibit E of Attachment A

SUBCONTRACTORS TO CONTRACTOR

For each Subcontractor, list the Subcontractor’s legal name, location of Subcontractor’s main office, and Contract work to be performed.
State of California Standard Agreement
Contract No. @ct with @contractor

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CONTRACTOR’S KEY PERSONNEL
State of California Standard Agreement
Contract No. @ct with @contractor

Exhibit G of Attachment A

The Exhibit H, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction (Document 00700) is incorporated in its entirety by reference, and is attached to this Contract.

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ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Definitions: When the following terms appear in the Contract, they shall have the following meaning:

1.1.1 Acceptance of the Work: Written acceptance of the Work by the Director of the Office of Court Construction and Management of the Judicial Council of California/Administrative Office of the Courts, State of California, or the Director's designee.

1.1.2 Act of God: An Act of God shall include only the following occurrences or conditions and effects:

1. Earthquakes in excess of a magnitude of 3.5 on the Richter Scale; or
2. Tidal waves.

1.1.3 Addendum (Addenda): A document issued by the AOC during the bidding period which modifies, supersedes or supplements the Contract Documents.

1.1.4 Alternative: Refer to Approved Equal and Substitution.

1.1.5 AOC: The Judicial Council of California / Administrative Office of the Courts

1.1.6 Applicable Codes: Include, but are not limited to, applicable laws, statutes, regulations, rules, building and other codes, ordinances, rulings, and lawful orders of all public authorities having jurisdiction over the AOC, the Contractor, Subcontractors, the Project, the Work, or the prosecution of the Work.

1.1.7 Approved Equal: Material, equipment, or method approved by the AOC for use in the Work, as being acceptable as an equivalent in essential attributes to the material, equipment, or method specified in the Contract Documents.

1.1.8 Agreement Form: The written and fully executed AOC Standard Agreement form which is attached to and incorporated by reference to the Contract Documents.

1.1.9 Architect or Engineer: The AOC's consultant listed in the Contract Documents as the designer of record responsible for the preparation and coordination of the Drawings and technical sections of the Project Manual.

1.1.10 Beneficial Occupancy: Occupancy and use by the AOC of all, or part, or parts, of the Work as selected by the AOC, prior to completion.

1.1.11 Bidder: Any individual, partnership, corporation, association, joint venture, or any combination thereof, submitting a Bid Form for the Work.

1.1.12 CCIP: A project specific insurance program initiated and administered by the Contractor to provide any or all of the insurance requirements set forth in Article 11. Insurance and Bonds, that will insure the interest of the Contractor, any Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor performing Work at or incidental to the Project site.

1.1.13 Change Order: A written order issued by the AOC on a AOC Standard Agreement form and signed by both the AOC and the Contractor which alters the Contract Documents and identifies the following:
.1 a change in the Work,
.2 a change in the Contract Sum,
.3 the extent of the adjustment in the Contract Time, and/or
.4 an adjustment to the Contract terms.

1.1.14 Claim: An unresolved Dispute arising under or relating to the performance of the Contract that can only be filed after the final statement to the Contractor.

1.1.15 Completion: When the entire Work is completed in accordance with all Contract requirements, as determined by the AOC.

1.1.16 Contract: The Contract Documents form the Contract for the Construction Phase. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto. The Contract may be amended or modified by a Change Order executed by both parties. The Contract Documents shall not be construed to create a contractual relationship of any kind between any persons or entities other than the AOC and the Contractor.

1.1.17 Contract Documents: The Contract Documents include the Agreement Form and these General Conditions of the Contract for Construction as well as any other documents referred to therein, and also includes any Payment and Performance Bonds; any Change Orders referred to herein that are authorized hereunder and any documents referred to under such Change Orders.

1.1.18 Contract Sum: The Contract Sum is stated on the face of the Agreement Form as the “Total Amount Encumbered to Date”, and includes any authorized adjustments made by Change Order, and is, at all times during the term of the Contract, the total amount payable by the State to the Contractor under the Contract Documents for all goods, services, and expenses rendered or to be rendered under the Contract.

1.1.19 Contract Time: Unless otherwise provided, the Contract Time is the period of time, including authorized adjustments, allotted in the Contract for Completion of the Work.

1.1.20 Contractor: The individual, partnership, corporation, association, joint venture, or any combination thereof, who has entered into a contract with the AOC to do the Work, identified as such in the Agreement, and referred to throughout the Contract as if singular in number. The term "Contractor" means the Contractor or the Contractor's representative.

1.1.21 Day: Calendar day, unless otherwise specifically defined.

1.1.22 Department or OCCM: The Office of Court Construction and Management of the Judicial Council of California/Administrative Office of the Courts.

1.1.23 Design Assist Contractor (Contractor): is the Contractor selected to develop and refine construction documents and who agrees to perform the Work identified in the Contract Documents.

1.1.24 Director: The Director of the Office of Court Construction and Management of the Judicial Council of California/Administrative Office of the Courts, or the Director's designee.

1.1.25 Dispute: A demand during performance of the Work seeking adjustment or interpretation of Contract terms, payment of money, extension of time or other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract. A Dispute is not a Claim.

1.1.26 Drawings: The graphic and pictorial portions of the Contract Documents, illustrating the design, location and dimensions of the Work, generally including but not limited to, plans, elevations, sections,
details, schedules and diagrams.

1.1.27 Emergency: A sudden, unexpected occurrence that poses a clear and imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services.

1.1.28 General Notes: The written instructions, provisions, conditions or other requirements appearing on the Drawings, and so identified thereon, which pertain to the performance of the Work.

1.1.29 Guarantee: The Contractor's assurance that the Project complies with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

1.1.30 Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP): The maximum price that the AOC and Contractor agree upon as payment for managing and for supplying and installing all the work. The GMP is the sum of the direct costs of the Contractor for construction of the Project, General and Supplementary Conditions, Performance and Payment bonds, Contractor’s fee for construction, Contractor’s overhead and profit, and Contractor’s contingency. Contractor’s pre-construction fees, fees for professional architectural and engineering services, inspection, testing services, modular furniture, and AOC contingency are not included in the GMP.

1.1.31 OCIP: A project specific insurance program initiated and administered by the AOC to provide any or all of the insurance requirements set forth in Article 11. Insurance and Bonds, that will insure the interest of the Contractor, any Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor performing Work at or incidental to the Project site.

1.1.32 Official Progress Schedule: The Contractor's baseline schedule and updates accepted by the AOC.

1.1.33 Or Equal: Refer to Approved Equal.

1.1.34 Owner: The State of California.

1.1.35 Product Data: Illustrations, standard schedules, performance charts, instructions, brochures, diagrams and other information furnished by the Contractor to illustrate materials or equipment for some portion of the Work.

1.1.36 Project: The total construction of which the Work performed under the Contract may be the whole or a part.

1.1.37 Project Manual: The volume(s) assembled for the Work which includes the Introductory Information, Bidding Requirements, Contracting Requirements, Specifications, and other information as may be listed in the Project Manual Table of Contents.

1.1.38 Request for Information (RFI): A written request by the Contractor submitted in an AOC provided format for information regarding Project specific issues.

1.1.39 Retention: A percentage of the Contract Sum held back upon completion of the Work, or any portion of the Work, to cover outstanding liabilities, contingencies, and the like, as specified in the Contract Documents.

1.1.40 Samples: Physical examples which illustrate materials, equipment or workmanship and establish standards by which the Work will be judged.

1.1.41 Schedule of Values: A document furnished by the Contractor to the AOC reflecting the portions of the Contract sum allotted for the various parts of the Work, and used as the basis for reviewing the Contractor's applications for progress payments.
1.1.42 Shop Drawings: Drawings, diagrams, schedules, and other data specially issued for the Work by the Contractor or a Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor, and material suppliers to illustrate some portion of the Work.

1.1.43 Specifications: That portion of the Contract Documents consisting of the written requirements for materials, standards, equipment, construction systems, and standards of workmanship for the Work, and performance of related services.


1.1.45 AOC Construction Supervisor/Inspector: The person(s) authorized by the AOC to provide inspection services, field coordination and quality control during construction.

1.1.46 AOC's Representative: Person(s) authorized by the AOC to act on behalf of the AOC for the Project.

1.1.47 Subcontractor: An individual, partnership, corporation, association, joint venture, or any combination thereof, who has a direct contract with the Contractor to perform work or labor or render service in or about the Work. The term "Subcontractor" is referred to as if singular in number and means a Subcontractor or a representative of the Subcontractor. The term "Subcontractor" shall not include those who supply materials only or a separate contractor or subcontractors of a separate contractor,

1.1.48 Sub-subcontractor: A person or entity who has a direct or indirect contract with a Subcontractor to perform a portion of the work. The term "Sub-subcontractor" is referred to as if singular in number and means a Sub-subcontractor or a representative of the Sub-subcontractor.

1.1.49 Substantial Completion: The stage in the progress of the Work or designated portion of the Work when it is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents, so the AOC can occupy or utilize the Work for its intended use. Substantial Completion does not mean Completion of the Work or Acceptance of the Work.

1.1.50 Substitution: A material and/or process offered by the Contractor in lieu of the specified material and/or process, and accepted by the AOC in writing as being equivalent (equal) to the specified material and/or process.

1.1.51 Warranty: A Contractor's, manufacturer's or material supplier's assurance that products and services provided meet the requirements of the Contract Documents.

1.1.52 Work: Construction and services required by the Contract Documents, including all labor, materials, equipment and services provided, or to be provided, by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

1.2 EXECUTION, CORRELATION AND INTENT

1.2.1 The Contract will not be binding on the AOC until fully executed by the appropriate authorized representatives of the Contractor and the AOC. The parties signing the Contract certify that they have the proper authorization to do so.

1.2.2 Execution of the Contract by the Contractor is a representation that the Contractor is familiar with the methodology under which the work is to be performed and has correlated personal observations with requirements of the Contract Documents.

1.2.3 The intent of the Contract Documents is to include all items necessary for completion of the Work by the Contractor. The Contract Documents are complementary, and what is required by one shall be as
binding as if required by all. Performance by the Contractor shall be required only to the extent consistent with the Contract Documents and reasonably inferable from them as being necessary to produce the intended results.

1.2.4 Organization of the Specifications into Divisions, Sections and Articles, and arrangement of Drawings shall not control the Contractor in dividing the Work among Subcontractors, nor in establishing the extent of work to be performed by any trade.

1.2.5 When standards of the Federal Government, trade societies, or trade associations are referred to in the Contract Documents by specific date of issue, these shall be considered as part of the Contract Documents. When such references do not bear date of issue, current published edition at the date of the first Invitation to Bid shall be considered as part of the Contract Documents.

1.2.6 Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, words and terms which have well-known or commonly accepted technical or construction industry meanings shall be used in the Contract Documents in accordance with such recognized meanings.

1.2.7 Every part of the Work shall be accomplished in workmanship-like manner by workers, laborers, or mechanics specially skilled in the class of work required. Any person the AOC may deem incompetent or disorderly shall be promptly removed from the Project by the Contractor upon written notice from the AOC, and shall not be re-employed.

1.3 USE OF THE AOC’S DRAWINGS, PROJECT MANUAL AND OTHER DOCUMENTS: The Drawings, Project Manual and other documents issued by the AOC, and copies furnished to the Contractor, are for use solely with respect to this Project. They are not to be used by the Contractor or any Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor or material or equipment supplier on other projects, nor for additions to this Project outside the scope of the Work without the specific written consent of the AOC. The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors and material or equipment suppliers are granted a limited license to use and reproduce applicable portions of the Drawings, Project Manual and other documents issued by the AOC appropriate to, and for use in, the execution of their work under the requirements of the Contract Documents.

1.4 CAPITALIZATION

1.4.1 Terms capitalized in the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction include those which are:

.1 Specifically defined; or
.2 Titles of numbered Articles; or
.3 References to Paragraphs, Subparagraphs and Clauses; or
.4 Titles of other documents.

1.5 CONFLICTS IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

1.5.1 In the event of conflict in the Contract Documents, the following priorities shall govern:

.1 Addenda shall govern over other Sections of the Contract Documents to the extent specifically noted; subsequent Addenda shall govern over prior Addenda only to the extent specified.

.2 The General Conditions of the Contract for Construction shall govern over the Agreement Form and all Drawings and Specifications except for specific modifications stated in the Supplementary Conditions, and except for Addenda.
.3 In case of conflict between the Drawings and the Specifications, the Specifications shall govern.

.4 In the case of conflict within the Drawings, the following shall govern:

.5 Schedules, when identified as such, shall govern over all other portions of the Drawings.

.6 Specific notes shall govern over all other notes and all other portions of the Drawings, except schedules described in the preceding Clause.

.7 Larger scale Drawings shall govern over smaller scale Drawings.

.8 Detail Drawings shall govern over standard plates bound within the Project Manual.

.9 Figured or numerical dimensions shall govern over dimensions obtained by scaling.

1.5.2 Omissions: If the Contract Documents are not complete as to any Minor Detail or required construction system or with regard to the manner of combining or installing of parts, materials, or equipment, but there exists accepted trade standard for good and workmanlike construction, such detail shall be deemed to have been implied by the requirements of the Contract Documents in accordance with such standard.

"Minor Detail” shall include the concept of substantially identical components, where price of each such component is small even though aggregate cost or importance is substantial, and shall include a single component which is incidental, even though its cost or importance may be substantial. Quality and quantity of parts or material so supplied shall conform to trade standards and be compatible with type, composition, strength, size and profile of parts or materials otherwise set forth in the Contract Documents.

1.6 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, CLARIFICATION OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

1.6.1 Requests for Information (RFI): Should the Contractor discover conflicts, omissions, or errors in the Contract Documents, or have any questions concerning interpretation or clarification of Contract Documents, the Contractor shall immediately submit to the AOC in writing an RFI that complies with the following requirements:

.1 All RFIs, whether by the Contractor, a Subcontractor or supplier at any tier, shall be submitted by the Contractor to the AOC.

.2 RFIs shall be numbered sequentially and be presented in the format provided by the AOC.

.3 The Contractor shall clearly and concisely set forth the single issue for which interpretation or clarification is sought, indicate Specification Section number, article and subarticle numbers, and Contract Drawing number, and detail, or other item involved, and state why a response is required from the AOC.

.4 The Contractor shall set forth it's own interpretation or understanding of the requirements, along with reasons why it has reached such an understanding in each RFI.

.5 RFIs shall be submitted in a timely manner in order that they may be adequately researched and answered before the response affects any critical activity of the Work.

.6 Responses to RFIs will be made within 14 days unless the AOC notifies the Contractor in writing that a response will take longer. The 14 days will begin when the RFI is received and dated by the AOC.

.7 Responses from the AOC will not change any requirement of the Contract unless so noted by the AOC in the response to the RFI.
.8 Should the Contractor believe that a response to an RFI causes a change to the requirements of the Contract, the Contractor shall, before proceeding, give written notice to the AOC, indicating that the Contractor considers the AOC's response to the RFI to be a Change Order. Failure to give such written notice within 14 days of receipt of the AOC's response to the RFI shall waive the Contractor's right to seek additional time or cost under Article 6.

1.6.2 Additional Detailed Instructions: The AOC may furnish additional detailed written and/or graphic instructions to explain the work more fully, and such instructions shall be a part of the Contract requirements. Should additional detailed instructions, in the opinion of the Contractor, constitute work in excess of the scope of the Work, the Contractor shall submit written notice to the AOC within 14 days following receipt of such instructions, and in any event prior to commencement of the work thereon. The AOC will then consider the notice; and, if in the AOC's judgment it is justified, the AOC's instructions will be revised or the extra work authorized.

ARTICLE 2 - ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONTRACT

2.1 INFORMATION AND/OR SERVICES REQUIRED OF THE AOC

2.1.1 Information and/or services under the AOC's control shall be furnished by the AOC within a mutually agreed upon response time so as to avoid delay in the orderly progress of the Work.

2.1.2 The Contractor will be furnished Drawings and Project Manuals as specified in the Contract Documents.

2.2 ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONTRACT

2.2.1 The AOC will provide administration of the Contract as described in the Contract Documents during construction, until final payment is due and during the correction period described in Paragraph 12.2 and throughout the guarantee period.

2.2.2 The AOC will visit the Project site appropriate to the stage of construction to become familiar with the progress and quality of the completed work and to determine if the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents.

2.2.3 Unless so specified in the Contract Documents, the AOC will not have control over construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. The AOC will not be responsible for the Contractor's failure to carry out the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The AOC will not be responsible for acts, errors, or omissions of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or of any other persons performing portions of the Work.

2.2.4 Communications Facilitating Contract Administration: Communications by and with the AOC's consultants shall be through the AOC, unless otherwise directed by the AOC. Communications by and with Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors and material suppliers shall be through the Contractor. Communications by and with separate contractors shall be through the AOC.

2.2.5 If the AOC observes work that appears to not comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents, the AOC will have the authority to reject the Work. Whenever the AOC considers it necessary or advisable for implementation of the intent of the Contract Documents, the AOC will require additional inspection or testing of the Work, in accordance with Subparagraphs 3.13.2 and 3.13.3, whether or not such work is fabricated, installed or completed.

2.2.6 The AOC will review and take action upon the Contractor's submitted Shop Drawings, Product Data and Samples, but only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. The AOC's action will be taken so as to
cause no delay in the Work while allowing sufficient time to permit adequate review; pursuant to the Specifications, Division 1. Review of submittals is not conducted for the purpose of determining the accuracy and completeness of other details, such as dimensions and quantities, nor for substantiating instructions for installation or performance of equipment or systems, all of which remain the responsibility of the Contractor.

2.2.7 Substitutions and Approved Equals: Alternative material(s), article(s), or equipment that are of equal quality and of required characteristics for the purpose intended may be proposed by the Contractor. The AOC or the AOC’s authorized Representative will examine any and all proposed alternatives for compliance with the Contract Documents. The proposed material(s), article(s), or equipment, will be reviewed for comparative quality, suitability, and performance against the product(s) specified in the Contract Documents. Refer to Subparagraph 3.12.10, for Substitution procedures.

2.2.8 The AOC will conduct inspections to determine the Contractor’s compliance with the Contract Documents and the date of final Completion; will receive, for review and record, written warranties and related documents required by the Contract Documents and assembled by the Contractor; and will issue a final Payment Authorization upon compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and Acceptance of the Work.

2.3 BREACHES, DEFAULTS AND TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

2.3.1 If the AOC deems that the Contractor has failed to supply an adequate working force, or material of proper quality, or has failed to comply with Public Contract Code Section 10262, or has failed in any other respect to prosecute the Work with the diligence and force specified by the Contract, the AOC may:

.1 after written notice of at least 5 days to the Contractor, specifying the defaults to be remedied, provide any such labor or materials and deduct the cost from any money due or to become due to the Contractor under the Contract; or

.2 if the AOC considers that the failure is sufficient ground for such action, the AOC may give written notice of at least 5 days to the Contractor and the Contractor's sureties, that if the defaults are not remedied, the Contractor's control over the Work will be terminated.

2.3.2 Should the AOC exercise its rights to terminate as noted in Subparagraph 2.3.1, the AOC may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the AOC and subject to any prior rights of the Surety:

.1 terminate employment of the Contractor;

.2 take possession of the Project site and all materials, equipment, tools, appliances, and construction equipment and machinery owned by the Contractor;

.3 accept assignment of any and all Subcontractor agreements pursuant to Paragraph 4.3; and/or

.4 finish the Work by whatever reasonable method(s) the AOC may deem expedient and appropriate.

2.3.3 When the AOC terminates the Contract for reasons provided in Subparagraph 2.3.1, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until Completion of the Work. If the costs incurred by the AOC because of termination under Subparagraph 2.3.1 exceed the unpaid balance, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the AOC.

2.4 TERMINATION FOR THE AOC'S CONVENIENCE

2.4.1 The AOC reserves the right to terminate this Contract or any part thereof, due to an Act of God or for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors and material suppliers at any tier, to immediately stop all work, leaving the site in a safe and secured condition. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred after the
termination date that reasonably could have been avoided.

2.4.2 The Contractor shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of Article 8; except that the amount due the Contractor shall be based upon the AOC’s final estimate of the Work completed, or acceptable materials furnished but not used, to the date of suspension of the Work, less any amounts required to be withheld pursuant to Article 8, and less any prior payment(s) made to, or on the account of the Contractor.

2.5 SUSPENSION BY THE AOC FOR CONVENIENCE

2.5.1 The AOC may, by written notice, order the Contractor to suspend, delay or interrupt the Work, in whole or in part, for such period of time as the AOC may determine.

2.5.2 An adjustment will be made for increases in the cost of performance of the Work, including profit on the increased cost of performance caused by suspension, delay or interruption. No adjustment will be made to the extent:

.1 that performance is, was or would have been so suspended, delayed or interrupted by another cause for which the Contractor is responsible; or

.2 that an equitable adjustment is made or denied under another provision of the Contract.

ARTICLE 3 - CONTRACTOR

3.1 REVIEW OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND FIELD CONDITIONS BY THE CONTRACTOR

3.1.1 The Contractor shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents with each other and shall report to the AOC, in writing, any errors, inconsistencies or omissions discovered. If the Contractor performs any work knowing it involves a recognized error, inconsistency or omission in the Contract Documents, without such notice to the AOC the Contractor shall assume responsibility for such performance and shall bear the cost for correction.

3.1.2 The Contractor shall take field measurements and verify field conditions and shall compare such field measurements, conditions and other related information known to the Contractor with the Contract Documents before beginning the Work.

3.1.3 The Contractor shall promptly, and before such conditions are disturbed, notify the AOC in writing of:

.1 subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site differing materially from those indicated, or

.2 unknown physical conditions at the site of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in this Contract,

.3 Hazardous materials.

3.1.4 The AOC will promptly investigate the conditions, and if the AOC finds that such conditions do materially so differ and cause an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the Work, whether or not changed as a result of such conditions, a Change Order will be issued in accordance with Article 6.

3.1.5 Contractor shall inform itself fully and shall assume the risk as to the physical conditions at the worksite. Contractor’s lack of knowledge of existing conditions will not be accepted as an excuse for failure to perform the specified Work, nor shall such excuse be accepted as a basis for a Claim for additional compensation.

3.2 SUPERVISION AND CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES
3.2.1 The Contractor shall supervise and direct the Work. The Contractor shall be responsible for, and have control over, construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, and for coordinating the Work under the Contract; unless otherwise noted or specified in the Contract Documents.

3.2.2 The Contractor shall be responsible to the AOC for acts and omissions of the Contractor's employees, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors or material suppliers and their agents and employees, and other persons performing portions of the Work under a contract with the Contractor.

3.2.3 Subcontractor Responsibility: The Contractor shall be responsible in all respects for the actions or inaction of all Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors or material suppliers, at all tiers, regardless of whether they are a Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) firm or are stipulated suppliers or sole sourced. No Claim, request for equitable adjustment or Change Order request shall be submitted to the AOC for any action of any Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor or material supplier, at any tier, unless the Contractor can demonstrate that the AOC is the proximate cause of the change or delay alleged in such request. The AOC will not accept any responsibility or liability for any action or inaction of any Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor or material supplier, at any tier, except to the extent that the AOC is the proximate cause of the change or delay.

3.2.4 The Contractor shall not be relieved of obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, either by activities or duties of the AOC, the AOC's administration of the Contract, or by tests, inspections or approvals required or performed by persons other than the Contractor.

3.2.5 The Contractor shall be responsible for inspections of portions of the Work already completed under the Contract to determine that such portions are in proper condition to receive subsequent work. If the Contractor determines that some work performed on the Project does not comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall repair or replace such defective work at the Contractor's sole expense.

3.2.6 Until Acceptance of the Work, the Contractor shall have the charge and care thereof, and shall bear risk of injury or damage to any part of the Work by action of the elements (except for an Act of God, or natural disaster as proclaimed by the State or Federal Government), or from any other reason except for such damages as are directly caused by acts of the Federal or State Government and the public enemy, except as provided in Paragraph 8.5.

3.3 LABOR AND MATERIALS

3.3.1 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, water, heat, utilities, transportation, and other facilities and services necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work, whether temporary or permanent and whether or not incorporated or to be incorporated in the Work. Materials, articles and equipment furnished by the Contractor for incorporation into the Work shall be new unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents.

3.3.2 Hours of Labor: Workers are limited and restricted to 8 hours during any one calendar day, and 40 hours during any one calendar week except that pursuant to Labor Code Section 1815, any work performed in excess of 8 hours per day and 40 hours during any one week, shall be permitted upon compensation for all hours worked in excess of 8 hours per day at not less than 1-1/2 times the basic rate of pay. The Contractor shall pay the AOC $25 as a penalty for each worker for each calendar day worked in violation of the above limitations and restrictions.

3.3.3 Prevailing Wage: The Contractor shall comply with Labor Code, Section 1775. In accordance with Section 1775, the Contractor shall forfeit to the AOC $50 for each day, or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing wage rates for the work or craft, in which the worker is employed.
for any work executed under the Contract by the Contractor or by any Subcontractor in violation of the provisions of the Labor Code; and, in particular, Labor Code, Sections 1770 to 1780, inclusive. In addition to such forfeiture, the difference between such stipulated prevailing wage rates and the amount paid to each worker for each day, or portion thereof, shall be paid to each underpaid worker by the Contractor. This provision shall not apply to properly registered apprentices.

.1 Pursuant to Labor Code, Section 1770, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and a general prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work for each craft required for execution of the Contract. The Contractor shall obtain from the AOC a copy of such prevailing wage rates, which the Contractor shall post at the Project site.

.2 Wage rates set forth are the minimum that may be paid by the Contractor. Nothing herein shall be construed as preventing the Contractor from paying more than the minimum rates set. No extra compensation whatsoever will be allowed by the AOC due to the inability of the Contractor to hire labor at minimum rates, nor for necessity for payment by the Contractor of subsistence, travel time, overtime, or other added compensations, all of which possibilities are elements to be considered and ascertained to the Contractor's own satisfaction in preparing the Bid Form.

.3 If it becomes necessary to employ crafts other than those listed in the General Prevailing Wage Rate booklet, the Contractor shall contact the Division of Labor Statistics and Research as listed inside the booklet or access on the Internet at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/statistics_research.html. The rates thus determined shall be applicable as minimum from the time of initial employment.

.4 The Contractor and each Subcontractor shall keep an accurate payroll record showing the names, addresses, social security numbers, work classifications, straight time and overtime hours worked each day and week, and the actual per diem wages paid to each journeyman, apprentice, worker, or other employee employed by the Contractor and/or Subcontractor in connection with the Work. Payroll records shall be certified and shall be on forms provided by the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, or shall contain the same information as those forms. Upon written request by the AOC, the Contractor's and Subcontractor's certified payroll records shall be furnished within 10 days. The Contractor's and Subcontractor's certified payroll records shall be available for inspection at the principal office of the Contractor.

3.3.4 Travel and Subsistence Payments: The Contractor shall pay travel and subsistence payments to persons required to execute the Work as such travel and subsistence payments are defined in applicable collective bargaining agreements filed with the Department of Industrial Relations, pursuant to Labor Code, Sections 1773.1 and 1773.9.

3.3.5 Apprentices: Properly registered apprentices may be employed in the execution of the Work. Every apprentice shall be paid the standard wage paid to apprentices under the regulations of the craft or trade at which the apprentice is employed, and shall be employed only at the work of the craft or trade to which the apprentice is registered. The Contractor and each Subcontractor shall comply with the requirements of Labor Code, Section 1777.5, and any related regulations regarding the employment of registered apprentices.

3.4 NONDISCRIMINATION/NO HARASSMENT CLAUSE

3.4.1 During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor and its Subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age (over 40), sex, or sexual orientation. The Contractor shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination.

3.4.2 During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor and its Subcontractors shall not engage in unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment, with respect to any persons with whom the Contractor or its Subcontractors interact in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor and its
Subcontractors shall take all reasonable steps to prevent harassment from occurring.

3.4.3 The Contractor shall comply with applicable provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, California Government Code, Sections 12990 et seq., and the applicable regulations promulgated under California Code of Regulations, title 2, Sections 7285 et seq. The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing California Government Code, Section 12990, set forth in chapter 5 of division 4 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Contract by reference and made a part of it as if set forth in full.

3.4.4 The Contractor and any of its Subcontractors shall give written Notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other Contract. Neither the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement, nor the failure by a union with whom the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement, to refer either minorities and/or women shall excuse the Contractor's obligations under these specifications; Government Code, Section 12990; or the deregulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

3.4.5 The Contractor shall include the nondiscrimination/no harassment and compliance provisions of this clause in any and all subcontracts issued to perform Work under the Contract.

3.4.6 The Contractor shall not enter into any subcontract with any person or firm decertified from State contracts pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

3.5 GUARANTEE

3.5.1 The Contractor unconditionally guarantees the Work will be completed in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, and will remain free of defects in workmanship and materials for a period of 1 year from the date of Acceptance of the Work, per Paragraph 8.6, unless a longer guarantee period is specifically called for in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall repair or replace any and all work, together with any adjacent work that may have been damaged or displaced, which was not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, or that may be defective in its workmanship or material within the guarantee period specified in the Contract Documents, without any expense whatsoever to the AOC; ordinary wear and tear and abuse excepted.

3.5.2 The Contractor further agrees, within 14 days after being notified in writing by the AOC, of any work not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents or any defects in the Work, that the Contractor shall commence and execute, with due diligence, all work necessary to fulfill the terms of the guarantee. If the AOC finds that the Contractor fails to perform any of the work under the guarantee, the AOC will proceed to have the work completed at the Contractor's expense and the Contractor will pay costs of the work upon demand. The AOC will be entitled to all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees necessarily incurred upon the Contractor's refusal to pay the above costs.

3.5.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing Subparagraph, in the event of an emergency constituting an immediate hazard to health or safety of AOC employees, property, or licensees, the AOC may undertake, at the Contractor's expense and without prior notice, all work necessary to correct such hazardous condition(s) when it is caused by work of the Contractor not being in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

3.6 TAXES: The Contractor shall pay all applicable taxes for the Work, or portions thereof provided by the Contractor, which were legally enacted as of the bid date, whether or not yet effective or merely scheduled to go into effect.

3.7 PERMITS, FEES AND NOTICES

3.7.1 The Contractor shall secure and pay for all required permits, governmental fees, licenses and inspections necessary to complete the Work, unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.
The AOC shall compensate the Contractor for the permits, fees and services specified as “Paid by State” in the Miscellaneous Project Costs section of Attachment 1 to this Division 00700 - General Conditions of the Contract for Construction.

3.7.2 The Contractor shall comply with and give notices required by laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and lawful orders of public authorities bearing on the performance of the Work.

3.7.3 If the Contractor observes that portions of the Contract Documents are at variance with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, building codes, and rules and regulations, the Contractor shall promptly notify the AOC in writing. If the Contractor performs work known to be contrary, or should have known to be contrary to laws, statutes, ordinances, building codes, and rules and regulations without prior notice to the AOC, the Contractor shall assume full responsibility for the Work and shall bear the attributable costs.

3.7.4 The Contractor is not subject to municipal, county, or district laws, rules, or regulations pertaining to building permits or regulating the design or construction of buildings upon AOC property, except as specified in the Contract Documents.

3.7.5 All construction work shall comply with the California Building Standards Code (CBSC), current adopted edition, as of the bid date.

3.8 ALLOWANCES: The Contractor shall include in the Contract Sum any and all Allowances in accordance with the requirements of the Specifications, Division 1.

3.9 SUPERINTENDENT

3.9.1 The Contractor shall employ a competent Superintendent and necessary assistants who shall be in attendance at the Project site during performance of the Work. The Superintendent shall represent the Contractor, and communications given to the Superintendent shall be as binding as if given directly to the Contractor. All communications shall be confirmed in writing by the Contractor.

3.9.2 At any other time when the Superintendent is absent from the Project site because no Work is being performed, the Superintendent shall nevertheless keep the AOC advised of the Superintendent's whereabouts so that the Superintendent may readily be reached and available for consultation at the Project site at any time.

3.10 CONTRACTOR'S PROGRESS SCHEDULE AND NARRATIVE REPORT

3.10.1 The Contractor shall submit to the AOC a Progress Schedule prepared in accordance with the Specifications, Division 1. The Progress Schedule shall show the order in which the Contractor proposes to execute the Work, dates on which the Contractor will start each major subdivision of the Work, and contemplated dates of completion of each such subdivision in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall submit adjusted Progress Schedules, including submittal schedules, to reflect changed conditions in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The monthly Progress Schedule update shall include a Schedule Narrative Report containing a narrative that includes the following:

.1 Contractor’s transmittal letter

.2 Description of problem tasks (referenced to field instructions, Requests for Information (RFIs), change order or claim numbers) as appropriate.

.3 Current and anticipated delays not resolved by approved change order, including:
   .1 Cause of the delay
   .2 Corrective action and schedule adjustments to correct the delay
   .3 Known or potential impact of the delay on other activities, milestones, and project completion
Changes in construction sequence

Pending items and status thereof including but not limited to:

1. Pending change orders
2. Time extension requests
3. Other items

Contract completion date status:

1. Ahead of schedule, the number of calendar days ahead
2. If behind schedule, the number of calendar days behind

Other items

Contract completion date status:

1. Ahead of schedule, the number of calendar days ahead
2. If behind schedule, the number of calendar days behind

Other project or scheduling concerns

Updated network diagram with target bars shown.

3.10.2 Time is of the essence in the completion of the Contract. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents or advised by written order of the AOC, the Contractor shall begin work within 10 days of the start date stated in the Notice to Proceed. Work shall be executed to completion in accordance with the specified schedule, subject to adjustment in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

3.10.3 The Contractor shall provide an adequate work force, materials of proper quality, and equipment to properly execute the Work and to ensure completion of each part in accordance with the Contractor's Progress Schedule and within the Contract Time specified.

3.10.4 The Contractor shall furnish the AOC a Schedule of Values consistent with the Progress Schedule and Article 8. The Schedule of Values will be used as a basis for payment in accordance with Article 8.

3.10.5 The AOC's review and acceptance of the Contractor's Progress Schedule is for compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents only. Review and acceptance by the AOC of the Contractor's Progress Schedule does not mean approval and does not relieve the Contractor of any of the Contractor's responsibility for the accuracy or feasibility of the Progress Schedule, or of the Contractor's ability to meet the interim Project milestone dates and the date of final completion. The AOC's review and acceptance does not expressly or impliedly warrant, acknowledge or admit the reasonableness of the logic, durations, manpower or equipment loading of the Contractor's Progress Schedule.

3.10.6 The Contractor shall prepare and submit to the AOC, with copy to the Architect, a detailed update to the Master Project Schedule, as utilized during the bid period, within thirty (30) calendar days after the starting date on the Notice to Proceed. The Contractor’s updated Master Project Schedule shall be comprised of a Critical Path Method network. The Contractor shall input the critical path schedule on the computer using Primavera Project Planner, Primavera SureTrack, or AOC-approved equal software. All programs shall be capable of converting the data to a format that is readable using Primavera SureTrack, version 3.0, unless another format is specified in the Supplementary General Conditions. The Contractor’s Master Project Schedule shall show the dates on which each part or division of the work is expected to be started and completed. The Master Project Schedule shall also show all submittals associated with each work activity, allowing a minimum of fourteen (14) and a maximum of thirty (30) calendar days for the Architect’s review of each submittal unless a longer period of time is specified in the Supplementary General Conditions. The work activities making up the schedule shall be of sufficient detail to assure that adequate planning has been done for proper execution of the work and such that, in the sole judgment of the AOC, it provides an appropriate basis for monitoring and evaluating the progress of the work. The schedule shall show the interdependence of each activity and a critical path. The Contractor shall also submit a separate progress schedule listing all submittals required under the contract and noting the anticipated date that each submittal will
be submitted. All submittals precedent to critical construction activities shall be included in the construction schedule.

3.10.7 The Contractor’s Master Project Schedule shall show the sequence, duration in calendar or working days, and interdependence of activities required for the complete performance of all work. The schedule shall show milestones, including milestones for AOC-furnished information, and shall include activities for AOC-furnished equipment and furniture when those activities are interrelated with the Contractor’s activities. The Contractor’s Master Project Schedule shall begin with the effective date of the Notice to Proceed and conclude with the date of final completion. No more than twenty percent of the activities will have less than five workdays of float unless approved by the AOC. The construction schedule shall include a critical path activity that reflects anticipated rain delay during the performance of the Contract. The duration shall reflect the average climatic range and usual industrial conditions prevailing in the locality of the Site. Weather data shall be based on information provided by the National Weather Service or other approved source. The schedule shall be developed using an appropriate work breakdown structure. The transmittal provided with the Master Project Schedule shall state whether the durations are in work days or calendar days.

3.10.8 The Contractor may submit a Master Project Schedule that shows the work completed in less time than the specified contract time. However, the acceptance of such a schedule will not change the contract time. The contract time shall control in any determination of liquidated damages or extension of the contract time. Float, slack time, or contingency within the schedule (i.e., the difference in time between the project’s early completion date and the required contract completion date), and total float within the overall schedule, is not for the exclusive use of either the AOC or the Contractor, but is jointly owned by both and is a resource available to and shared by both parties as needed to meet contract milestones and the contract completion date.

3.10.9 The Contractor shall not sequester shared float through such strategies as extending activity duration estimates to consume available float, using preferential logic, or using extensive crew/resource sequencing, etc. Since float time within the schedule is jointly owned, no time extensions will be granted nor delay damages paid until a delay occurs which extends the work beyond the contract completion date. Since float time within the construction schedule is jointly owned, it is acknowledged that AOC-caused delays on the Project may be offset by AOC-caused timesaving (i.e., critical path submittals returned in less time than allowed by the contract, approval of substitution requests and credit changes which result in a savings of time to the Contractor, etc.). In such an event, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive a time extension or delay damages until all AOC-caused timesaving are exceeded and the contract completion date is also exceeded.

3.11 DOCUMENTS AND SAMPLES AT THE PROJECT SITE

3.11.1 The Contractor shall maintain at the Project site one record copy of the Drawings, Project Manual, Addenda, Change Orders and other modifications, in good order and marked currently to record changes and selections made during construction; and in addition, Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and similar required submittals. These shall be available to the AOC and shall be delivered to the AOC upon completion of the Work.

3.11.2 Daily Records Clause: The Contractor shall prepare and maintain daily inspection records to document the progress of the Work on a daily basis. Daily Records shall include a daily accounting of all labor and all equipment on the site for the Contractor and all Subcontractors, at any tier. Daily Records shall make a clear distinction between work being performed under Change Order, base scope work, and/or disputed work. Daily Records shall be copied and provided to the AOC at the end of every week, unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

3.12 SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA AND SAMPLES (SUBMITTALS)
3.12.1 Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and similar submittals are not Contract Documents. Their purpose is to demonstrate those portions of the work for which submittals are required and the way the Contractor proposes to conform to the information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. Review by the AOC is subject to the limitations of Subparagraph 2.2.6.

3.12.2 The Contractor shall review, approve and submit to the AOC all Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and similar submittals required by the Contract Documents within the number of days set forth in the Specifications, Division 1; except finishes which shall be submitted in a sequence so as to cause no delay in the progress of the Work or in the activities of the AOC or separate contractors. Submittals that are not required by the Contract Documents may be returned to the Contractor without action.

3.12.3 The Contractor shall perform no portion of the Work requiring submittal and review of Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples or similar submittals until the respective submittal has been reviewed by the AOC. Such work shall be in accordance with reviewed submittals.

3.12.4 By submitting Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and similar submittals, the Contractor represents that the Contractor has determined and verified materials, field measurements and related field construction criteria, and has checked and coordinated the information contained within the submittal(s) with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

3.12.5 The Contractor shall not be relieved of the responsibility for any deviation from the requirements of the Contract Documents by the AOC’s review of submittals unless the Contractor has specifically informed the AOC, in writing, of such deviation at the time of submittal, and the AOC has given written consent to the specific deviation. The AOC’s review shall not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for errors or omissions in submittals.

3.12.6 The Contractor shall respond per requirements of the Contract Documents, in writing or on resubmitted submittals, to revisions other than those requested by the AOC on previous submittals. After the second resubmittal of a specific item, that is still not accepted, the Contractor will be charged all costs of submittal review. The charges will be deducted from the Contractor’s next pay request.

3.12.7 Informational submittals on which the AOC is not expected to take action, may be identified in the Contract Documents.

3.12.8 When professional certification of performance criteria of materials, systems or equipment is required by the Contract Documents, the AOC will be entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness of such calculations and certifications.

3.12.9 When descriptive catalog designations, including manufacturer's name, product brand name, or model number(s) are referred to in the Contract Documents, such designations shall be considered as being those found in industry publications of current issue at date of first Invitation to Bid.

3.12.10 Substitutions and Approved Equals: Alternative material(s), article(s), or equipment that are of equal quality and of required characteristics for the purpose intended may be proposed by the Contractor for use in the Work, provided the Contractor complies with the Specifications, Division 1, and the following requirements:

.1 The Contractor shall submit a proposal for the alternative material(s), article(s), or equipment, in writing, within 10 days after Contract start date stated in the Notice to Proceed. In exceptional cases where the best interests of the AOC so require, the AOC may give written consent to a submittal or resubmittal received after expiration of the time limit designated.

.2 The proposal will not be considered unless the submittal is accompanied by complete information and descriptive data necessary to determine equality of offered material(s), article(s), or equipment.
Samples shall be provided when requested by the AOC. Burden of proof as to comparative quality, suitability, and performance of offered material(s), article(s), or equipment shall be upon the Contractor. The AOC will be the sole judge as to such matters. In the event the AOC rejects the use of such alternative(s) submitted, then one of the particular products originally specified in the Contract Documents shall be furnished.

3 If mechanical, electrical, structural, or other changes are required for installation, fit of alternative materials, articles, or equipment, or because of deviations from Contract Drawings and Specifications, such changes shall not be made without consent of the AOC, and shall be made without additional cost to the AOC.

3.13 TESTS AND INSPECTIONS

3.13.1 The Contractor shall at all times permit the AOC, its agents, officers, and employees to visit the Project site and inspect the Work, including shops where work is in preparation. This obligation shall include maintaining proper facilities and safe access for such inspection. When the Contract Documents require a portion of the Work to be tested, such portion of work shall not be covered up until inspected and approved by the AOC. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for notifying the AOC where and when the work is ready for inspection and testing. Should any work be covered without the required testing and approval, such work shall be uncovered and recovered at the Contractor's expense. Whenever the Contractor intends to perform work on Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, the Contractor shall give written notice to the AOC of such intention at least 48 hours prior to performing the Work, so that the AOC may make necessary arrangements.

3.13.2 If the AOC determines that portions of the Work require additional testing, inspection or approval not included in the Contract Documents, the AOC will instruct the Contractor, in writing, to make arrangements for additional testing, inspection or approval by an entity acceptable to the AOC, and the Contractor shall give 48 hours written notice to the AOC of where and when tests and inspections will be conducted so that the AOC may observe the procedures. The AOC will bear the costs except as provided in Subparagraph 3.13.3.

3.13.3 If procedures for testing, inspection or approval under Subparagraphs 3.13.1 and 3.13.2 reveal failure of a portion(s) of the Work to comply with the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall bear all costs made necessary by such failure(s) including those of repeated procedures and compensation for the AOC's services and expenses.

3.13.4 Required certificates of testing, inspection or approval shall, unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents, be secured by the Contractor and delivered to the AOC within 14 days after each test.

3.14 USE OF PROJECT SITE

3.14.1 The Contractor shall confine operations at the Project site to areas permitted by law, ordinances, permits and the Contract Documents.

3.14.2 The Contractor shall perform no operations of any nature on or beyond the limits of Work or premises, except as such operations are authorized in the Contract Documents, or authorized by the AOC.

3.14.3 The Contractor shall ensure the limits of Work to be free of graffiti or other similar defacements during the time of the Contract; if such defacement occurs, then the Contractor shall promptly and properly remove, repair, or correct the affected area(s), or as otherwise directed by the AOC. The Contractor shall protect all exposed surfaces within the limits of Work and maintain such protection continuously effective during the time of the Contract.

3.14.4 Prohibitions: Pursuant to Subparagraph 3.2.2, the use or possession of alcohol, weapons, or illegal controlled substances by the Contractor, or others under the Contractor's control, on AOC property is not allowed. Residing on site in temporary facilities by the Contractor, or others under the Contractor's
3.15 CUTTING AND PATCHING

3.15.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for cutting, fitting or patching as required to complete the Work.

3.15.2 The Contractor shall not damage nor endanger the Work by cutting, patching or otherwise altering the construction, and shall not cut nor otherwise alter the construction without prior written consent of the AOC.

3.16 CLEANING UP

3.16.1 The Contractor shall keep the Project site and surrounding areas free from waste materials and/or rubbish caused by operations under the Contract and at other times when directed by the AOC. At all times while finish work is being accomplished, floors shall be kept clean, free of dust, construction debris and trash. Upon completion of the Work, the Contractor shall remove from the Project site the Contractor's tools, construction equipment, machinery, and any waste materials not previously disposed of, leaving the Project site thoroughly clean, and ready for the AOC's final inspection.

3.16.2 If the Contractor fails to clean up as provided in the Contract Documents, the AOC may do so and charge the cost thereof to the Contractor.

3.17 ACCESS TO WORK: The Contractor shall provide the AOC continuous access to the Work.

3.18 ROYALTIES AND PATENTS: The Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees. The Contractor shall defend suits or Claims for infringement of patent rights and hold the AOC harmless.

3.19 INDEMNIFICATION: The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State, and all officers and employees of the State, from all suits, actions or Claims brought for, or on account of injuries or damages received or sustained by any person or persons, by or from the Contractor, the Contractor's employees or agents, in construction of the Work, or by or in consequence of the Contractor's failure to properly guard the same, or by or as a result of any act or omission of the Contractor, the Contractor's employees or agents. In addition to any remedy authorized by law, moneys due the Contractor under the Contract, as considered necessary by the State, may be retained until disposition has been made of such suits, actions, or Claims for damages; however, this provision shall not be construed as precluding the State from enforcing any right of offset the State may have to any such moneys.

3.20 AIR POLLUTION: The Contractor and each Subcontractor shall comply with all State and/or local air pollution control rules, regulations, ordinances, and statutes that apply to any work performed under the Contract. If there is a conflict between the State and local air pollution control rules, regulations, ordinances and statutes, the most stringent shall govern.

3.21 UNION ORGANIZING: Contractor by signing the Contract hereby acknowledges the applicability of Government Code Section 16645 through Section 16649 to the Contract.

3.21.1 Contractor will not assist, promote or deter union organizing by employees performing work on a AOC service contract, including a public works contract.

3.21.2 No AOC funds received under the Contract will be used to assist, promote or deter union organizing.

3.21.3 Contractor will not, for any business conducted under the Contract, use any AOC property to hold meetings with employees or supervisors, if the purpose of such meetings is to assist, promote or deter
union organizing, unless the AOC property is equally available to the general public for holding meetings.

3.21.4 If Contractor incurs costs, or makes expenditures to assist, promote or deter union organizing, Contractor will maintain records sufficient to show that no reimbursement from AOC funds has been sought for these costs, and that Contractor shall provide those records to the Attorney General upon request.

ARTICLE 4 - SUBCONTRACTORS

4.1 SUBLetting AND Subcontracting

4.1.1 The Contractor shall adhere to the rules governing subcontracting as set forth in the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act, commencing with Public Contract Code, Section 4100. Subcontractor substitutions shall be in accordance with provisions of the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act, beginning with Public Contract Code, Section 4100. Violations of this Act by the Contractor may subject the Contractor to penalties and disciplinary action as provided by the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act.

4.1.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for all Work performed under the Contract. All persons engaged in the Work of the Project are the responsibility and under the control of the Contractor. The Contractor shall give personal attention to fulfillment of the Contract and shall keep the Work under the Contractor's control. When any Subcontractor fails to execute a portion of the Work in a manner satisfactory to the AOC, the Contractor shall remove such Subcontractor immediately upon written request notice from the AOC, and the Subcontractor shall not again be employed on the Project. Although Specification Sections of the Contract Documents may be arranged according to various trades or general grouping of work, the Contractor is not obligated to sublet work in any manner. The AOC will not entertain requests to arbitrate disputes among Subcontractors or between the Contractor and Subcontractor(s) concerning responsibility for performing any part of the Work.

4.1.3 The AOC may not permit a contractor or subcontractor who is ineligible to bid or work on, or be awarded, a public works project pursuant to Sections 1777.1 or 1777.7 of the Labor Code to bid on, be awarded, or perform work as a subcontractor on a public works project.

.1 Any contract on a public works project entered into between a contractor and a debarred subcontractor is void as a matter of law. A debarred subcontractor may not receive any public money for performing work as a subcontractor on a public works contract, and any public money that may have been paid to a debarred subcontractor by a contractor on the project shall be returned to the awarding body. The Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of wages to workers of a debarred subcontractor who has been allowed to work on the Project.

4.1.4 The Contractor shall not self-perform construction work, nor subcontract work to an entity in which the Contractor has a financial interest.

4.2 Subcontractual Relations: The Contractor shall make available to each proposed Subcontractor, prior to the execution of a Subcontractor agreement, copies of the Contract Documents to which the Subcontractor will be bound. Upon written request of the Subcontractor, the Contractor shall identify to the Subcontractor the terms and conditions of the proposed Subcontractor agreement which may or may not be at variance with the Contract. Subcontractors shall similarly make copies of applicable portions of such documents available to their respective proposed Sub-subcontractors. The Contractor shall, by Subcontractor agreement, require each Subcontractor, to the extent of the work to be performed by the Subcontractor:

.1 To be bound to the Contractor by terms of the Contract.

.2 To assume toward the Contractor all the obligations and responsibilities which the Contractor, by the Contract, assumes toward the AOC.
3 To preserve and protect the rights of the AOC under the Contract Documents with respect to the work to be performed by the Subcontractor.

4 To be allowed, unless specifically provided otherwise in the Subcontractor Agreement, the benefits of all rights, remedies and redress against the Contractor that the Contractor, by the Contract, has against the AOC.

5 To enter into similar agreements with Sub-subcontractors.

4.2.2 Subcontractor Payments: The Contractor shall pay the Contractor's Subcontractors for work performed no later than 10 days after receipt of each progress payment. If there is a good faith dispute over all or any portion of the amount due a Subcontractor on a progress payment, the Contractor may withhold no more than 150 percent of the disputed amount. This provision shall apply to Sub-subcontractors also. A violation of these requirements invokes the payment and penalty provisions of Public Contract Code, Section 10262 and Section 10262.5.

4.3 CONTRACT ASSIGNMENTS: Contractor’s performance of the Contract may not be assigned except upon written consent of the AOC. Consent will not be given to an assignment which would relieve the Contractor or the Contractor's Surety of their responsibilities under the Contract.

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ARTICLE 6 - CHANGES IN THE WORK

6.1 GENERAL

6.1.1 The AOC may order changes, including but not limited to, revisions to Drawings and Specifications, performance of extra work, and the elimination of work, without invalidating the Contract and without notice to sureties. Orders for such changes will be in writing and signed by the parties. Changes shall not affect the obligations of the sureties on the contract bonds nor require their consent. The Contractor shall notify the AOC for their evaluation whenever it appears a change is necessary. Contract Time and Contract Sum will be adjusted, in accordance with Articles 7 and 8, by written Change Order for changes which materially increase or decrease the time for performance or cost. The AOC reserves the right to accelerate the Work as set forth in Paragraph 7.6.

1 Proposed Change Order: The Contractor will be issued a written proposed Change Order by the AOC describing the intended changes to the Work.

2 Timeline: Within 14 days the Contractor shall submit to the AOC the Contractor's proposed cost estimate to be added or deducted from the Contract Sum due to the change, authenticated in full by completely detailed estimates and other authenticators of the cost by the Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, vendors or material suppliers, and any adjustments of time of Completion of the entire Work that is directly attributable to the AOC's proposed Change Order.

3 Agreement: If an agreement is reached as to the adjustment in compensation for performance of changed Work, but an agreement is not reached as to the adjustment of Time for such Work, then the Contractor shall proceed with the Work at the agreed cost, reserving to the Contractor the right to further pursue the Contractor's Claim for adjustment of time in accordance with Paragraphs 7.4 and 9.1.

4 Failure to Submit Cost Estimate: If the Contractor fails to submit the cost estimate within the 14 days timeline, or there is failure to agree to the Cost, then the AOC shall have the right to issue an order in writing to the Contractor to commence Work immediately, and the Contract Sum shall be changed in accordance with the AOC’s estimate of cost, unless, within 14 days following completion of the added Work or with written notice to delete the Work, the Contractor submits to the AOC written proof that the AOC's estimate is in error.
6.1.2 The Contractor, when ordered by the AOC, shall proceed with changes before agreement is reached on adjustment in compensation or time for performance, and shall furnish to the AOC records as specified in Clause 6.2.1.3. If the Contractor fails to provide such records, the AOC's records will be used for the purpose of adjustment in Contract Time and Contract Sum.

   .1 Contractor may request progress payments for such work.

6.2 CHANGE ORDER

6.2.1 Methods used in determining adjustments to the Contract Sum shall be based on one of the following methods:

   .1 By mutual acceptance of a lump sum increase or decrease in costs. Upon the AOC's written request, the Contractor shall furnish a detailed estimate of increase or decrease in costs, together with cost breakdowns and other support data within the time specified in such request. The Contractor shall be responsible for any additional costs caused by the Contractor's failure to provide the estimate within the time specified.

   .2 By the AOC, on the basis of the AOC's estimate of increase or decrease in the costs.

   .3 By the AOC, whether or not negotiations are initiated as provided in Clause 6.2.1.1, by actual and necessary costs, as determined by the AOC, on the basis of records. Beginning with the first day and at the end of each day, the Contractor shall furnish to the AOC detailed hourly records for labor, construction equipment, and services; and itemized records of materials and equipment used that day in performance of the changes. Such records shall be on a form acceptable to the AOC. Such records shall be signed by the Contractor and , when agreed to by the AOC, will become the basis for compensation for the changed work. Such agreement shall not preclude subsequent adjustment based upon later audit by the AOC.

   .4 By Unit Prices stated in the Contract Documents, or subsequently agreed upon.

6.2.2 Allowable Costs: The only costs which will be allowed due to changes in the Work shall be computed in the following manner:

   .1 Compensation for labor shall include the necessary payroll cost for labor, including first level supervision, directly engaged in performance of the changes. Wages shall not exceed current prevailing wages in the locality for performance of the changes. Use of a classification which would increase labor costs will not be permitted. Exceptions will be permitted only when the Contractor establishes, to the satisfaction of the AOC, the necessity for payment at higher rates or classifications.

   .2 Materials and Equipment: Compensation for materials and equipment shall include the necessary costs for materials and equipment directly required for performance of the changes. Cost of materials and equipment may include costs of transportation and delivery. If discounts by suppliers are available to the Contractor, they shall be credited to the AOC. If materials and equipment are obtained from a supply or source owned by, or in part, by the Contractor, payment therefor will not exceed current wholesale prices for such materials and equipment. If, in the opinion of the AOC, the cost of materials and equipment is excessive, or if the Contractor fails to furnish satisfactory evidence of costs from supplier, the cost of materials and equipment shall be the lowest current wholesale price at which similar materials and equipment are available in quantities required. The AOC reserves the right to furnish materials and equipment required for performance of the changes, and the Contractor shall have no Claim for costs or mark-ups on such materials and equipment.

   .3 Construction Equipment:

      .1 Compensation for construction equipment shall include the necessary costs for use of construction equipment directly required for performance of the changes. Any use for less than
30 minutes shall be considered one-half hour. No costs will be allowed for time while construction equipment is inoperative, idle, or on stand-by, for any reason, unless such times have been approved in advance by the AOC. Rental time for construction equipment moved by its own power shall include the time required to move construction equipment to the Work site from the nearest available source for rental of such equipment, and time required to return such equipment to the source. If construction equipment is not moved by its own power, loading and transportation costs will be paid in lieu of such rental time. Neither moving time nor loading and transportation costs will be allowed if the construction equipment is used for any work other than the changes. No allowance will be made for individual pieces of construction equipment and tools having a replacement value of $500 or less. No construction equipment costs will be recognized in excess of rental rates established by distributors or equipment rental agencies in the locality for performance of the changes.

.2 Unless otherwise approved by the AOC, the allowable rate for use of construction equipment shall constitute full compensation to the Contractor for cost of fuel, power, oil, lubrication, supplies, necessary attachments, repairs and maintenance of any kind, depreciation, storage, insurance, labor except for construction equipment operators and any and all costs to the Contractor incidental to the use of such construction equipment.

.4 Mark-Ups for Added Work:

.1 General: The following allowance for mark-ups for performance of the changes shall constitute full compensation for additional field and home office overhead, profit, insurance, taxes, and bonds, and all other costs not covered under Clauses 6.2.2.1 through 6.2.2.3.

.2 For Added Work: When work is added, the Contractor may add as mark-up to totals of authorized allowable costs, an amount not to exceed the following percentages:

.1 Labor : 21 percent, including bond cost.
.2 Materials and Equipment : 16 percent, including bond cost.
.3 Subcontract : 6 percent, as set forth in Subclause 6.2.2.4.3.3

.3 Subcontractors: Actual cost to the Contractor for work performed by the Subcontractor. The Subcontractor shall compute mark ups as follows, except that the aggregate mark-ups made at all subcontract tiers shall not exceed 20 percent:

.1 Labor : 20 percent
.2 Materials and Equipment : 15 percent
.3 Contractor may add, as mark-up of actual cost to Contractor, 6 percent, including bond cost.

.4 Deleted Work: When the AOC is entitled to a credit for deleted work, the credit shall include direct labor, materials, and supervision plus overhead of the Contractor or Subcontractor, as applicable for the deleted work. Deleted overhead shall be computed as 5 percent of the direct labor, materials, and supervision. For example, if a $10,000 item of work is deleted, the credit to the AOC would be $10,500.

.5 For Combination of Added and Deleted Work: For Change Orders that involve both added and deleted work, the Contract Sum will be adjusted based on the following computation: Cost before mark-ups of added and deleted work shall each be separately estimated. If a difference between costs results in an increase to the Contract Sum, a mark-up for added work shall be applied to the difference. If a difference in costs results in a decrease, then the 5 percent credit to the AOC for deleted overhead shall be applied to the difference.

.6 General Limitations: Costs to the Contractor for changes which exceed market values prevailing at the time of the change will not be allowed unless the Contractor establishes that all reasonable means for performance of the changes at prevailing market values have been investigated and the excess cost could not be avoided. Notwithstanding actual charges to the Contractor on work performed or furnished by others, no mark-ups will be allowed in excess of those specified in Clause 6.2.2.4 above.
6.2.3 Cost Disallowance: Costs which will not be allowed or paid in Change Orders or Claim settlements under this Contract include, but are not limited to, interest cost of any type other than those mandated by statute; Claim preparation or filing costs; legal expenses; the costs of preparing or reviewing proposed Change Orders or Change Order proposals concerning Change Orders which are not issued by the AOC; lost revenues; lost profits; lost income or earnings; rescheduling costs; costs of idled equipment when such equipment is not yet at the site or has not yet been employed on the Work; lost earnings or interest on unpaid retainage; Claims consulting costs; the costs of corporate officers or staff visiting the site or participating in meetings with the AOC; any compensation due to the fluctuation of foreign currency conversions or exchange rates; or loss of other business.

6.3 ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGE ORDERS: The Contractor's written acceptance of a Change Order shall constitute final and binding agreement to the provisions thereof and a waiver of all Claims in connection therewith, whether direct, indirect, or consequential in nature.

6.4 EFFECT ON SURETIES: All alterations, extensions of time, extra and additional work, and other changes authorized by the Contract Documents may be made without securing consent of Surety(s) on Contract Bonds.

6.5 VALIDITY OF ALTERATIONS: Alteration or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall not be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties, and an oral understanding or agreement that is not incorporated shall not be binding on any of the parties.

6.6 GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE:

6.6.1 The contract amount for the Project is guaranteed by the Contractor not to exceed the GMAX, as set forth in the Agreement. The GMAX shall be supported by a line item cost breakdown for each subcontractor, including Contractor contingency on overall cost of the work, and based on multiple trade subcontractor bids for each trade contract obtained as provided in these General Conditions. The GMAX shall be subject to additions and deductions by change order as provided in this Article 6, Changes in the Work.

6.6.2 By signing the construction amendment for the Guaranteed Maximum Price, the Contractor agrees that he has reviewed and accepted the Construction Documents as complete and that he has no right for change orders or extra work due to conflicts, ambiguities or omissions in the Contract Documents or in the subcontractor bid packages, and for any construction phase change orders arising from subcontractors’ performance, as determined by the AOC. The cost of change orders or extra work due to conflicts, ambiguities or omissions in the Contract Documents or in the subcontractor bid packages and for any construction phase change orders arising from subcontractors’ performance, as determined by the AOC, shall be paid by the Contractor from the Contractor contingency, as set forth in the Agreement.

6.6.3 If the cost of the work, excluding AOC-requested changes and unforeseen conditions, exceeds the GMAX, adjusted from time to time by change order, the Contractor shall pay the overrun without reimbursement by the AOC. If the actual cost of the work, excluding AOC-requested changes, is less than the GMAX, adjusted from time to time by change order, then the Contractor shall return the cost savings to the AOC in the final change order. Contractor agrees to use all reasonable efforts to maximize cost savings for the benefit of the AOC.

6.7 COST CLASSIFICATIONS:

6.7.1 Direct cost of the work: The term “direct cost of the work” shall mean costs necessarily incurred by the Contractor in the proper performance of the work. Such costs shall be at rates not higher than the standard paid at the place of the Project except with prior written consent of the AOC. The “direct cost of the work” shall include only the following items set forth in this Article 6.7.1, Direct Cost of the Work.
.1 Labor Costs
   .1 Wages of construction workers directly employed by the Contractor to perform the construction of the work at the Site or, with the AOC’s agreement, at off-site workshops.
   .2 Actual costs paid or incurred by the Contractor for taxes, insurance, contributions, assessments and benefits, associated with the construction workers directly employed by the Contractor, and as required by law.

.2 Trade Contractor Cost: Payments made by the Contractor to trade contractors in accordance with the requirements of the subcontracts.

.3 Cost of Materials and Equipment Incorporated in the Completed Construction
   .1 Actual costs, including transportation of materials and equipment incorporated or to be incorporated in the completed construction.
   .2 Costs of materials in excess of those actually installed but required to provide reasonable allowance for waste and for spoilage. Unused excess materials, if any, shall be handed over to the AOC at the completion of the work or, at the AOC’s option, shall be sold by the Contractor. Amounts realized, if any, from such sales shall be credited to the AOC as deduction from the cost of the work.

.4 Cost of Other Materials and Equipment and Related Items
   .1 Actual costs, including transportation, installation, maintenance, dismantling and removal of materials, supplies, temporary facilities, machinery, equipment, and hand tools not customarily owned by the construction workers, which are provided by the Contractor at the Site and fully consumed in the performance of the work. Cost for items previously used by the Contractor shall mean fair market value. The AOC reserves the right to dispose of all temporary structures and small tools that have been purchased but no longer required for the work.
   .2 Costs of removal of debris from the site.

.5 Miscellaneous Costs
   .1 Sales, use or similar taxes imposed by a governmental authority which are related to the work and for which the Contractor or AOC is liable.
   .2 Fees of testing laboratories for tests required by the Contract Documents, except those related to defective or nonconforming work for which reimbursement is excluded by Article 5.06, Testing Materials, Articles, Equipment and Work, or other provisions of the Contract Documents.
   .3 Deposits lost for causes other than the Contractor’s fault or negligence.
   .4 Cost of surveys if required for the work.
   .5 Costs of obtaining and using all utility services required for the work, if not paid directly by the AOC.

.6 Other Costs: This category includes other costs incurred in the performance of the work if and to the extent approved in advance by the AOC.

.7 Costs for Emergencies; Repairs to Damaged, Defective or Nonconforming Work: To the extent not covered by the proceeds of insurance required under Article 11.1 of this Contract, including deductibles or self-insured retentions associated with the required insurance policies, or from insurance required by the Contractor from Subcontractors, or directly from Subcontractors, trade contractors, or suppliers, the
   .1 Costs in taking action to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss in case of an emergency affecting the safety of persons and property.
   .2 Costs in repairing or correcting work damaged or improperly executed by construction workers in the employment of the Contractor or Subcontractor, provided such damage or improper execution did not result from the fault or negligence, or the failure of the Contractor, the Subcontractor or the Contractor’s or Subcontractor’s employees, foremen, engineers or
superintendents, or other supervisory, administrative or managerial personnel to supervise adequately the Work of the Subcontractors or suppliers, and then only to the extent that the cost of to fulfill a specific responsibility to the AOC set forth in this Contract by the Contractor.

.3 Costs in repairing damaged work other than that described in Article 8.03-g (2), provided such damage did not result from the fault or negligence of the Contractor or the Contractor’s personnel.

.4 Costs in correcting defective or nonconforming work performed or supplied by a trade contractor or material supplier and not corrected by them, provided such defective or nonconforming work did not result from the fault or neglect of the Contractor or the Contractor’s personnel to adequately supervise and direct the work of the trade contractor or material supplier.

6.7.2 Construction Phase Services: The term “construction phase services” shall mean those costs incurred by the Contractor in the field management, supervision, and administration of the work. Such costs are reimbursed to the Contractor through Contractor’s fee percentage for construction phase services as included in the cost proposal. The construction phase services shall include only the following items set forth in this Article 6.7.2:

.1 Labor Costs

.1 Wages or salaries of the Contractor's supervisory and administrative personnel when stationed at the Site with the AOC’s agreement.

.2 Wages and salaries of the Contractor's supervisory or administrative personnel engaged at factories, workshops (not including Contractor’s principal or branch offices) or on the road expediting the production or transportation of materials or equipment required for the work, but only for that portion of their time required for the work.

.3 Wages or salaries of the Contractor’s project manager, whether stationed at the Site or in the Contractor’s principal office or branch offices, but only for that portion of his/her time required for the work.

.2 Materials and Equipment and Temporary Facilities and Accommodations

.1 Rental charges for temporary facilities, machinery, equipment and hand tools not customarily owned by the construction workers, which are provided by the Contractor at the site, whether rented from the Contractor or others, and costs of transportation, installation, minor repairs and replacements, dismantling and removal thereof.

.2 Costs of long-distance telephone calls, project specific cell phone calls, postage and parcel delivery charges, telephone service at the site, and reasonable petty cash expenses at the Site office.

.3 That portion of the reasonable travel and subsistence expenses of the Contractor's personnel incurred while traveling in discharge of duties connected with the work.

.3 Miscellaneous Costs

.1 That portion of premiums for insurance and bonds directly attributable to the Contract.

.2 Fees and assessments for the building permit and for other permits, licenses and inspections for which the Contractor is required by the Contract Documents to pay.

6.7.3 Costs Not Reimbursed: The cost of the work shall not include:

.1 Any costs incurred by the Contractor in providing pre-construction services.

.2 Salaries and other compensation of the Contractor's personnel stationed at the Contractor's principal office or offices other than the Site office, except as specifically provided in Articles 6.7.1 and 6.7.2.

.3 Payments to Contractor's employees over and above their regular pay (bonuses, incentive pay, profit sharing, severance pay, etc.).

.4 Expenses of the Contractor’s principal office and offices other than the Site office.
.5 Overhead and general expenses, except as may be expressly included in Articles 6.7.1 and 6.7.2.
.6 The Contractor's capital expenses, including interest on the Contractor’s capital employed for the work.
.7 Rental costs of machinery and equipment, except as specifically provided in Articles 6.7.1 and 6.7.2.
.8 Except as provided in Article 6.7.1, costs due to the fault or negligence of the Contractor, subcontractors, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor or subcontractors, or for whose acts the Contractor or subcontractors may be liable, including but not limited to costs for the correction of damaged, defective or nonconforming work, disposal and replacement of materials and equipment incorrectly ordered or supplied, and making good damage to property not forming part of the work.
.9 Deductibles or self-insured retentions associated with the insurance required under the provisions of Article 11.1.
.10 Electronic processing and personnel cost incurred by the Contractor in preparing the Project schedule and schedule updates, payroll, project cost reports or project status reports and any other reports necessary to the progress of the work.
.11 Any costs based on percentages, rather than actual costs paid by the Contractor, unless specific percentages are documented and approved by the AOC.
.12 Any fees paid to Contractor/Construction Manager organizations. (AGC, ABC, AIA etc.)
.13 Contractor's business license.
.14 Any cost not specifically and expressly described in Articles 6.7.1 and 6.7.2.
.15 Costs that would cause the Guaranteed Maximum Price to be exceeded.

6.7.4 Discounts, Rebates and Refunds
.1 Cash discounts obtained on payments made by the Contractor shall accrue to the AOC if (1) before making the payment, the Contractor included them in a payment request and received payment therefore from the AOC, or (2) the AOC has deposited funds with the Contractor with which to make payments; otherwise, cash discounts shall accrue to the Contractor. Trade discounts, rebates, refunds and amounts received from sales of surplus materials and equipment shall accrue to the AOC, and the Contractor shall make provisions so that they can be secured. If a trade discount by the actual supplier is available to the Contractor, it shall be credited to the AOC.
.2 Amounts, which accrue to the AOC in accordance with the provisions of Article 6.7.4.1 shall be credited to the AOC as a deduction from the cost of the work.

ARTICLE 7 - TIME

7.1 NOTICE TO PROCEED

7.1.1 The Contractor will be notified of the Contract start date as stated in the Notice to Proceed. Notwithstanding other provisions of the Contract, the AOC will not be obligated to accept or to pay for work furnished by the Contractor prior to delivery of the Notice to Proceed whether or not the AOC has knowledge of the furnishing of such work. The Contractor shall not be allowed on the site of the Work until the Contractor's Contract bonds and certificates of insurance comply with requirements of the Contract.

7.1.2 Work under the Contract shall be conducted in accordance with Paragraph 3.10. The Contractor shall not begin any Work until authorized in writing by the AOC.

7.2 CONTRACT TIME: The Contract Time is the period set forth in Document 00800, Supplementary Conditions; with start and completion dates as stated in the Notice to Proceed. It is essential that the Project be completed within the time fixed for Completion in Document 00800. All portions of the
Work shall be completed with necessary labor, equipment, procedures and overtime and shall be ready for full use by the AOC on, or prior to, the completion date. The AOC may occupy or utilize areas upon Substantial Completion of the Work.

7.3 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

7.3.1 Contract may provide time within which Work or portions thereof shall be completed and may provide for payment of agreed liquidated damages to the State for every day thereafter during which Work shall be uncompleted.

7.3.2 Execution of the Contract by the Contractor shall constitute acknowledgment by Contractor that Contractor understands, has ascertained and agrees that the State will actually sustain damages in the amount fixed in the Contract for each and every calendar day during which completion of Work required is delayed beyond expiration of time fixed for completion or extensions of time as have been allowed pursuant to the provisions hereof. Contractor and State agree that such damages shall be presumed to be the damages actually sustained by the State as defined below, and that because of the nature of the project, it would be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the actual damages.

7.3.3 Liquidated damages shall be considered not as a penalty but as agreed monetary damage sustained by the State for loss of revenue and increased project administration expenses, including extra inspection, construction management and architectural and engineering expenses, related to this Contract because Contractor failed to perform and complete Work within time fixed for completion or extension of time as have been allowed pursuant to the provisions hereof. Liquidated damages shall not be deemed to include within their scope additional damages arising from defective work, cost of completion of the contract, or damages suffered by others or other forms of liability claimed against the State as a result of delay (e.g. delay or delay related claims of other contractors and subcontractors) or defense costs thereof; Contractor shall be responsible for the actual amount of any such damages.

7.3.4 Should Contractor fall behind the approved Work Schedule, the State reserves the right to deduct liquidated damages based on estimated period of late completion. The State need not wait until Contract completion to withhold liquidated damaged for Contractor’s progress payments.

7.3.5 Should money due or to become due to Contractor be insufficient to cover agreed liquidated damages, the Contractor forthwith shall pay remainder to the State.

7.3.6 Time is of the essence.

7.3.7 If the Contractor fails to complete the work within the time specified in the contract, the Contractor shall pay liquidated damages to the Government in the amount of $__________ for each calendar day of delay until the work is completed or accepted.

7.4 TIME EXTENSIONS

7.4.1 Request for Time Extension: In the event the Contractor requests an extension of Contract Time for unavoidable delay, the Contractor shall furnish such justification and supporting evidence as the AOC may deem necessary for the determination as to whether the Contractor is entitled to an extension of Contract Time. The Contractor shall submit justification no later than 7 days after the initial occurrence of any delay. The justification shall be based on the Official Progress Schedule as updated at the time of occurrence of the delay or execution of work related to any changes to the scope of the Work. The justification shall include, but is not limited to the following information:

.1 Duration to perform activity(ies) relating to changes in the Work and resources (manpower, equipment, material, etc.) required to perform these activities within the stated duration.

.2 Logical ties to the Official Progress Schedule for proposed changes or delay showing activity(ies) in the schedule start or completion dates are affected by the change or delay.
7.4.2 The AOC, upon receipt of such justification and supporting evidence, shall make its finding of fact. The AOC's decision shall be final and conclusive and the AOC will advise the Contractor in writing of such decision. If the AOC finds that the Contractor is entitled to an extension of Contract Time, the AOC's determination as to the total number of extension days shall be based upon the latest updated version of the Official Progress Schedule. Such data will be included in the next monthly updating of the schedule.

7.4.3 Time Extensions: For delays that the AOC agrees are unavoidable, the Contractor shall, pursuant to the Contractor's application, be allowed an extension of time beyond the Contract Time. During such extension of time, extra compensation for engineering and inspection will be charged to the Contractor. Time extensions shall be granted only for delays or changes that extend the completion date, based on the latest updated version of the Official Progress Schedule. Time extensions for delays and changes shall not exceed one day for each day that the Contract completion date of the Official Progress Schedule is extended by this change or delay.

7.5 DELAYS IN COMPLETION OF THE WORK

7.5.1 Notice of Delays: Whenever the Contractor foresees delay in the continuance and completion of the Work, or immediately upon the occurrence of any delay which the Contractor regards as unavoidable, the Contractor shall notify the AOC in writing, in a separate notice of the delay. The Contractor's notice shall include the probability of the occurrences of such delay and its cause in order that the AOC may take immediate steps to prevent the occurrence or continuance of the delay. If the delay cannot be prevented, the AOC will determine whether the delay is unavoidable and to what extent continuance and completion of the Work is anticipated to be delayed.

.1 The Contractor shall make no Claim for delay not called to the attention of the AOC in writing, at the time of its occurrence.

.2 Delay in the continuance of parts of the Work that may in themselves be unavoidable but do not necessarily prevent or delay the continuance of other parts of the Work nor the completion of the whole Work within the time specified, shall be deemed to constitute neither avoidable delays nor unavoidable delays, within the meaning of the Contract.

7.5.2 Justified Delay: Justified delays in the continuance or completion of the Work shall include all delays which result from causes beyond the control of the Contractor and which could not have been avoided by the exercise of due care and diligence on the part of the Contractor or the Contractor's Subcontractors. Delay in completion of the Work due to Contract modifications ordered by the AOC and unforeseeable delays in continuance or completion of the work of other contractors employed by the AOC may be considered justified delays insofar as they interfere with the Contractor's completion of the Work. Delays due to normal weather conditions which prevent the Contractor from proceeding with the controlling item on the accepted critical path schedule will not be regarded as a justified delay.

7.6 ACCELERATION

7.6.1 The AOC reserves the right to accelerate the Work of the Contract. In the event that the AOC directs acceleration, such directive will be only in written form. The Contractor shall keep cost and other Project records related to the acceleration directive separately from normal Project costs and records, and shall provide a written record of acceleration cost to the AOC on a daily basis.

7.6.2 In the event that the Contractor believes that some action or inaction on the part of the AOC constitutes an acceleration directive, the Contractor shall immediately notify the AOC in writing that the Contractor considers the actions an acceleration directive. This written notification shall detail the circumstances of the acceleration directive. The Contractor shall not accelerate work efforts until the AOC responds to the written notification. If acceleration is then directed or required by the AOC, all cost records referred to above shall be maintained by the Contractor and provided to the AOC on a
7.6.3 In order to recover additional costs due to acceleration, the Contractor shall document that additional expenses were incurred and paid by the Contractor. Labor costs recoverable will be only overtime or shift premium costs or the cost of additional laborers brought to the site to accomplish the accelerated work effort. Equipment costs recoverable will be only the cost of added equipment mobilized to the site to accomplish the accelerated work effort.

ARTICLE 8 - PAYMENTS AND COMPLETION

8.1 SCHEDULE OF VALUES: Before Contractor’s first invoice to the AOC, the Contractor shall submit to the AOC a Schedule of Values allocated to portions of the Work, included with the Contractor’s Progress Schedule, and supported by such data to substantiate the accuracy as the AOC may require. This Schedule of Values, unless objected to by the AOC, shall be used as a basis for progress payments.

8.2 PROGRESS PAYMENTS

8.2.1 Upon AOC’s receipt of an invoice with updated Progress Schedule from the Contractor, the AOC will review same to determine if it is a proper invoice based on the approved Schedule of Values. Any invoice determined by the AOC not to be suitable for payment shall be modified and processed in accordance with the AOC’s assessment.

8.2.2 Progress payments will only be authorized by the AOC where the Work requires more than six weeks to complete. Actual progress payment submittal dates shall be established by the AOC. The Contractor shall submit invoice(s) for allowable progress payments in accordance with the established submittal dates.

8.2.3 Contractor shall provide conditional lien releases for Contractor, all Subcontractors and Sub-subcontractor with each progress payment invoice totaling the amount requested in the progress payment and covering the same time period as the progress payment time period.

8.2.4 Contractor shall submit invoices for progress payments as set forth in Paragraph 8.8, below.

8.3 RETentions

8.3.1 Upon submittal and receipt of a monthly progress payment in accordance with Paragraph 8.2 above, the following shall apply:

.1 The Contractor's invoice shall include the total amount of Work completed to date, including materials furnished and delivered on the Project site, not used, or in a secure bonded warehouse, and the value of the materials to date; pursuant to Public Contract Code, Section 10261. The Contractor shall furnish evidence showing the value of such materials when requested by the AOC.

.2 The AOC shall retain not less than ten (10) percent of the estimated value of Work completed.

.3 The AOC will release Retention proceeds to the Contractor only upon Acceptance of the Work.

8.3.2 Warranty of Title: If a stop notice or a Claim based on a stop notice or lien of any nature should at any time be filed against the Work or any AOC property, by any entity or person that has supplied material or services for a Project, or financing for any supplied materials, Contractor and Contractor’s payment bond surety (“Payment Bond Surety”), at Contractor’s and/or Payment Bond Surety’s own expense, shall promptly take any and all action necessary to cause any such stop notice or a Claim based on a lien or a stop notice to be released or discharged immediately therefrom. If the Contractor fails to furnish to the AOC, within thirty (30) Days after demand by the AOC, satisfactory evidence
that a lien or a Claim based on a stop notice has been so released, discharged, or secured, the AOC may discharge such indebtedness and deduct the amount required therefore, together with any and all losses, costs, damages, and attorney fees and expense incurred or suffered by the AOC from any sum payable to Contractor under the Contract.

8.4 ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT FUNDS: The Contractor may assign moneys due or to become due under the Contract, through an amendment to the Contract. Any assignment of moneys earned by the Contractor shall be subject to proper retention in favor of the AOC and to all deductions provided for in the Contract. All moneys withheld, whether assigned or not, are subject to being used by the AOC to the extent permitted by law, for the Completion of the Work in the event that the Contractor is in default of the Contract.

8.5 OCCUPANCY BY THE AOC PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THE WORK

8.5.1 The AOC reserves the right to occupy all or any part of the Project prior to Completion of the Work, upon written notice. Such occupancy or use is herein referred to as Beneficial Occupancy. In this event, the Contractor shall be relieved of responsibility to the AOC for injury or damage that results from occupancy and use by the AOC. If, by reason of the AOC’s occupancy, the premium for the Contractor's bodily injury and property damage insurance is increased, the AOC will reimburse the Contractor for the additional amount necessarily incurred allocable to the area and the period of AOC’s occupancy up to the date of Acceptance of the Work.

The AOC’s Beneficial Occupancy does not constitute Completion of the Work or Acceptance of the Work by the AOC, or any portion of the Work, nor will it relieve the Contractor of responsibility for correcting defective Work or materials found at any time before Acceptance of the Work, as set forth in Paragraph 3.5, or during the Guarantee period after the AOC's acceptance, as set forth in Subparagraph 8.6.1. However, when the Project includes separate buildings, and one or more of the buildings is entirely occupied by the AOC, then upon written request by the Contractor and by written consent from the AOC, the Guarantee period will commence to run from the date of the AOC’s occupancy of such building or buildings.

8.6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORK

8.6.1 When the Contractor considers the Work complete, the Contractor shall request a final inspection by the AOC.

.1 The Contractor shall request this final inspection only when all Work, including deficient items identified on previous inspections, has been completed.

.2 The AOC will conduct a final inspection within 14 days of receipt of written request from the Contractor for final inspection.

.3 If, after the inspection, the AOC determines that the Work is complete, the AOC will determine the date of the completion of the Work and recommend that the Director accept the Work within 60 days after the date of Completion of the Work.

.4 Upon Acceptance of the Work by the Director:

.5 The Retention held by the AOC will be released, and

.6 The Contractor will be relieved of the duty of maintaining and protecting the Work.

.7 If the AOC determines that the Work is not complete, the Contractor will be notified in writing of deficiencies. After correcting all deficiencies the Contractor shall again initiate the procedures for final inspection as set forth above.

.8 Determination by the AOC that the Work is complete or Acceptance of the Work will not bar any Claim against the Contractor pursuant to Paragraph 3.5.
8.6.2 Upon Acceptance of the Work, the AOC will submit a final statement to the Contractor:
   .1 The final statement shall take into account the Contract Sum as adjusted by any Change Orders, amounts already paid to the Contractor, sums to be withheld for incomplete Work, stop notices, and for any other cause under the Contract.
   .2 If the Contractor owes any amount to the AOC, the final statement shall serve as an invoice to the Contractor.

8.6.3 The Contractor has 30 days after receipt of the final statement to file a Claim with the AOC.
   .1 All Claims shall comply with the requirements of Subparagraph 9.1.2.
   .2 Failure to file a Claim within the 30 day period constitutes a failure to diligently pursue and exhaust the required administrative procedures set forth in the Contract. Such failure shall constitute waiver of additional rights to compensation under the Contract or the right to request Equitable Adjustment.
   .3 If the Contractor does not file a Claim within the 30 day period, the final warrant made by the AOC will become a complete and final settlement between the AOC and the Contractor.

8.7 FINAL PAYMENT

8.7.1 After Acceptance of the Work, and upon receipt of final statement from the AOC, Contractor will invoice the AOC for any sum due the Contractor including released Retention.

8.7.2 Contractor shall provide the AOC unconditional lien and stop notices release for Contractor, all Subcontractors and Sub-subcontractor covering all labor, materials, and equipment for which a lien or stop notice could be filed when submitting Contractor’s final statement invoice.

8.7.3 For contracts where progress payments were not authorized, Contractor will invoice the AOC, and the AOC will pay the Contractor 100 percent of the Contract Sum after Acceptance of the Work and receipt by the AOC of unconditional lien and stop notices release for Contractor, all Subcontractors and Sub-subcontractor covering all labor, materials, and equipment for which a lien or stop notice could be filed.

8.8 METHOD OF PAYMENT

8.8.1 The AOC will make payment in arrears after receipt of the Contractor’s properly completed invoice. Invoices shall clearly indicate:
   .1 The Contract number;
   .2 A unique invoice number;
   .3 The Contractor's name and address;
   .4 Taxpayer identification number (the Contractor’s federal employer identification number);
   .5 Description of the completed Work, in accordance with the Contractor’s Progress Schedule;
   .6 The DVBE dollars expended, if DVBE commitments were made;
   .7 The contractual charges, including the appropriate progress payment, if authorized; and,
   .8 Preferred remittance address, if different from the mailing address.

8.8.2 The Contractor shall submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of invoices to:
   1) the AOC Project Manager, identified in the Contract for Construction.

8.8.3 Invoices not on printed bill heads shall be signed by the Contractor.
ARTICLE 9 - DISPUTES AND CLAIMS

9.1 DISPUTE AND CLAIM PROCEDURES

9.1.1 Dispute as to Contract Requirements: When the Contractor and the AOC fail to agree whether or not any work is within the scope of Contract requirements, the Contractor shall immediately perform such work upon receipt of a written notice to do so by the AOC. Within 14 days after receipt of such notice to perform disputed work, the Contractor may submit a written protest to the AOC, specifying in detail in what particulars Contract requirements were exceeded, and approximate change in cost resulting so that the AOC will have notice of a potential Claim. Failure to submit a protest within the specified period shall constitute a waiver of any and all rights to an adjustment in Contract Sum and Contract Time due to such work, and the Contractor thereafter shall not be entitled to adjustment of Contract Sum or Contract Time. For any such work that is found to exceed Contract requirements, there shall be an adjustment in Contract Sum and Contract Time on same basis as any other change in the Work.

.1 The Contractor shall provide supporting data and shall provide and maintain records of costs attributable to Disputes in similar manner as for Change Orders in Article 6.

.2 The AOC’s Representative and the Contractor’s Superintendent will make every reasonable effort to resolve the Dispute prior to proceeding to the next step.

.3 Either the AOC or the Contractor may call a special meeting for the purpose of resolving the Dispute. Such a meeting will be held within 7 days of written request thereof.

.4 If the Dispute as to the Contract Documents has not been resolved, the Contractor shall, within 14 days after the special meeting, take one or more of the following actions:

1) submit additional supporting data requested by the AOC;
2) modify the initial Dispute; or
3) notify the AOC that the initial Dispute stands as is.
4) If the Dispute has not been resolved within 7 days after the Contractor’s action in response to Clause 9.1.1.4, another meeting may be scheduled, at the AOC’s option, with senior management personnel of the AOC and the Contractor. The purpose of this meeting is to resolve the Dispute prior to proceeding to the action under Subparagraph 9.1.2.

9.1.2 Claim Submission and Documentation: If a Dispute has not been resolved at the senior management level, the Contractor shall submit within 30 days a Claim along with detailed documentation required by Subparagraph 9.1.1 for the AOC’s consideration.

.1 The Contractor shall furnish 3 certified copies of the required Claim documentation. The Claim documentation shall be complete when furnished. The evaluation of the Contractor's Claim will be based upon AOC records and the Claim documents furnished by the Contractor.

.2 Claim documentation shall conform to generally accepted accounting principles and shall be in the following format:

1) General Introduction
2) General Background Discussion
3) Issues
   .1 Index of Issues (listed numerically)
   .2 For each issue
      .1 Background
      .2 Chronology
.3 Contractor's position (reason for AOC's potential liability)
.4 Supporting documentation of merit or entitlement
.5 Supporting documentation of damages
.6 Begin each issue on a new page

4) All critical path method schedules, both as-planned, monthly updates, schedule revisions, and as-build along with the computer disks of all schedules related to the Claim.

5) Productivity exhibits (if appropriate)

6) Summary of Issues and Damages

.3 Supporting documentation of merit for each issue shall be cited by reference, photocopies, or explanation. Supporting documentation may include, but shall not be limited to, General Conditions; General Requirements; technical Specifications; Drawings; correspondence; conference notes; shop drawings and submittals; shop drawing logs; survey books; inspection reports; delivery schedules; test reports; daily reports; subcontracts; fragmentary CPM schedules or time impact analyses; photographs; technical reports; requests for information; field instructions; and all other related records necessary to support the Contractor's Claim.

.4 Supporting documentation of damages for each issue shall be cited, photocopied, or explained. Supporting documentation may include, but shall not be limited to, any or all documents related to the preparation and submission of the bid; certified, detailed labor records, including labor distribution reports; material and equipment procurement records; construction equipment ownership costs records or rental records; Subcontractor or vendor files and cost records; service cost records; purchase orders; invoices; Project as-planned and as-built cost records; general ledger records; variance reports; accounting adjustment records; and any other accounting materials necessary to support the Contractor's Claim.

.5 Each copy of the Claim documentation shall be certified by a responsible officer of the Contractor in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

.6 Should the Contractor be unable to support any part of the Claim, and it is determined that such inability is attributable to falsity of such certification or misrepresentation of fact or fraud on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor shall be liable to the AOC as provided for under California Government Code, Section 12650 et seq., known as the False Claims Act.

.7 The AOC will render a written decision to the Contractor relative to the Claim. The AOC’s written decision shall be final and binding on the party(ies) but subject to mediation. The AOC may withhold from the final payment an amount not to exceed 150 percent of the disputed amount. If there is a Surety and there appears to be a possibility of a Contractor’s default, the AOC may, but is not obligated to, notify the Surety and request the Surety’s assistance in resolving the controversy.

.8 All issue items to be included in the Claim Submission shall be a part of the Claim submitted with the required documentation under this Subparagraph 9.1.2. Issues not included in the Claim under Subparagraph 9.1.2 shall not be considered.

.9 Mediation. Within thirty (30) days after the State renders its written decision, the Contractor may request that the parties submit the dispute to mediation. Absent a request for mediation, the State’s written decision is final and binding on the parties.

.10 Litigation. If, after mediation pursuant to Subparagraph 9.1.2.9, the parties have not resolved the dispute, the receiving party’s decision made pursuant to mediation will be conclusive and binding regarding the dispute unless the submitting party commences an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to contest such decision within ninety (90) days following the conclusion of such mediation or one (1) year following the accrual of the cause of action, whichever is later. In the event of litigation of a dispute arising from or related to this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and costs.
.11 Continuation of Work. Pending the final resolution of any dispute arising under, related to, or involving this Agreement, Contractor agrees to diligently proceed with the performance of this Agreement, including the delivery of deliverables or providing of Services, in accordance with the AOC’s instructions. Contractor’s failure to diligently proceed in accordance with the AOC’s instructions will be considered a material breach of this Agreement.

9.2 AUDIT AND ACCESS TO RECORDS

9.2.1 The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, documents, and other evidence directly pertinent to the performance of the Work under this Contract, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices consistently applied. The Contractor shall also maintain all financial information and data used by the Contractor in the preparation or support of any cost submission, including the Contractor's original bid required for this Contract, or any Change Order, Claim, or other request for equitable adjustment, and a copy of the cost summary or information submitted to the AOC. The AOC's Representative shall have access upon 24 hours advance written notice, at all times during normal business hours, to all such books, records, documents, financial information, and all other evidence for the purpose of inspection, audit, and copying. The Contractor shall, at no cost to the AOC, provide proper facilities for such access, inspection and copying purposes.

9.2.2 The Contractor agrees to make the provisions of Paragraph 9.2 applicable to this Contract, and all Change Orders, Claims, or other requests for Equitable Adjustment affecting the Contract Time or Contract Sum. The Contractor agrees to include the provisions of Paragraph 9.2 in all subcontracts and sub-subcontracts or purchase orders, at any tier, and make Paragraph 9.2 applicable to all subcontracts, at any tier, in excess of $10,000, and to make the provisions of Paragraph 9.2 applicable to all Change Orders, Claims, and other requests for Equitable Adjustment related to Project performance.

9.2.3 Audits conducted under Paragraph 9.2 shall be in accordance with general accepted auditing standards and established procedures and guidelines of the reviewing or audit agency.

9.2.4 The Contractor agrees to the disclosure of all information and reports resulting from access to records under the provisions of Paragraph 9.2, to the AOC, and other affected agencies.

9.2.5 Records under the provisions of Paragraph 9.2 shall be maintained and made available during the performance of the Work under this Contract until 3 years past final payment, and until final settlement of all Disputes, Claims, or litigation, whichever occurs later. In addition, those records which relate to any portion of this Contract, to any Change Order, to any Dispute, to any litigation, to the settlement of any Claim arising out of such performance, or to the cost or items to which an audit exception has been taken, shall be maintained and made available until final payment or final resolution of such Dispute, litigation, Claim, or exception, whichever occurs later.

9.2.6 The right of access provisions of Paragraph 9.2 applies to all financial records pertaining to this Contract and all Change Orders and Claims. In addition, this right of access applies to all records pertaining to all contracts, Change Orders, and Contract Amendments:

.1 To the extent the records pertain directly to Contract performance;

.2 If there is any indication that fraud, gross abuse, or corrupt practices may be involved;

.3 If the Contract is terminated for default or convenience.

9.2.7 Access to records is not limited to the required retention periods. The authorized AOC Representatives shall have access to records at any reasonable time for as long as the records are maintained.

9.2.8 Further, the Contractor agrees to include a similar right of the AOC to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this Contract, in regards to the Disabled Veterans
ARTICLE 10 - PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

10.1 SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

10.1.1 The Contractor shall initiate, maintain and supervise all safety precautions and programs in connection with the performance of the Work.

10.1.2 The Contractor shall take precautions for safety and provide protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:

.1 Employees working under the Contract and other persons who may be affected thereby;

.2 The Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Project site, under care, custody or control of the Contractor or the Contractor's Subcontractors or Sub-subcontractors; and

.3 Other property at the Project site, or adjacent thereto, such as trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures and utilities, except as otherwise noted or specified.

10.1.3 The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and lawful orders of public authorities bearing on the safety of persons or property, or their protection from damage, injury or loss.

10.1.4 The Contractor shall erect and maintain, as required by existing conditions and performance of the Contract, safeguards for safety and protection, including posting danger signs and other warnings against hazards, promulgating safety regulations and notifying the AOC, other owners and users of adjacent sites and utilities.

10.1.5 The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and lawful orders of public authorities regarding the storage and/or use of explosives or other hazardous materials or equipment necessary for execution of Work. The Contractor shall designate the Work Superintendent, or some other responsible member of the Contractor's organization who is at the Site, to be the person responsible for the prevention of accidents and the monitoring of the safety of the Work.

10.1.6 The Contractor shall remedy damage and loss to property referred to in Clauses 10.1.2.2 and 10.1.2.3 caused in whole or in part by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, a Sub-subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts they may be liable and for which the Contractor is responsible under Clauses 10.1.2.2 and 10.1.2.3. The foregoing obligations of the Contractor are in addition to the Contractor's obligations under Paragraph 3.19.

10.1.7 The Contractor shall not permit any part of the Work or Project site to be loaded so as to endanger its safety.

10.1.8 When conditions of the Work, in the judgment of the AOC, present unreasonable risk of injury or death to persons or property damage, the AOC, may direct the Contractor, at the Contractor's sole expense, to close down the Work and not commence work again until all dangerous conditions are eliminated.

10.1.9 The Contractor, at the Contractor's own cost, shall rebuild, repair, restore and make good any and all damages to any portion of the Work affected by such causes before its acceptance.

10.2 EMERGENCIES: In an emergency affecting safety of persons or property, the Contractor shall act, at the Contractor's sole discretion, to prevent any threatened damage, injury or loss. Additional compensation or extension of Contract Time claimed by the Contractor because of an emergency will be reviewed as provided in Article 6.
10.3 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

10.3.1 By signing the Contract, the Contractor certifies, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the AOC of California, that the Contractor will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Government Code, Section 8350 et seq.), and will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:

.1 Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations.

.2 Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program to inform employees about:
   .1 The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
   .2 The person's or company's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
   .3 Any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and,
   .4 penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.

.3 Provide, as required by Government Code, Section 8355(c), that every employee who works under the Contract will:
   .1 receive a copy of the company's drug-free workplace policy statement; and
   .2 agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment.

ARTICLE 11 - INSURANCE AND BONDS

11.1 CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE

11.1.1 General Requirements during the Construction Phase:
Unless provided by the AOC under the terms of section 11.2, Contractor shall maintain insurance issued by an insurance company or companies that are rated “A-VII” or higher by A. M. Best’s key rating guide, and are authorized to do business in the State of California.

.1 For all insurance policies required by this section 11.1 the Contractor shall declare any deductible or self-insured retention (SIR). Any deductible or SIR shall be clearly stated on the appropriate certificate of insurance.

.2 If self-insured, the Contractor agrees to administer its self-insurance program in a commercially reasonable manner so as to ensure the availability of funds to cover losses required to be insured against by Contractor under the terms of this Section 11.1.

.3 The Contractor shall, prior to commencement of the Construction Phase, provide the AOC certificates of insurance, on forms acceptable to the AOC, as evidence that the required insurance is in full force and effect. Where applicable, each certificate of insurance shall specifically provide verification that the State of California, Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts, and their respective elected and appointed officials, judges, officers, employees and agents have been added as an additional insured on the insurance policy being referenced.

.4 The Certificates of Insurance shall be addressed as follows:
   (Name)
   (Address)

.5 All insurance policies required under this Section 11.1 shall be in force until the end of the term of this Contract or Acceptance of the Work, whichever comes later and the Contractor and the AOC have agreed in writing that the Work is covered under the AOC’s programs of insurance or self-insurance designed for the purpose of providing coverage for the accepted
The completed operations insurance required under Section 11.1.2.1 shall extend for a period of five (5) years past the Acceptance, termination or cancellation of the Work.

If the insurance expires during the term of the Construction Phase, the Contractor shall immediately renew or replace the required insurance and provide a new current certificate of insurance or be declared in breach of Contract. The AOC reserves the right to withhold all progress and retention payments until the breach is cured to the satisfaction of the AOC. Renewal insurance certificates must be tendered to the AOC at least ten (10) days following the expiration of the previous insurance certificate.

The insurance required by Section 11.1.2.1, 11.1.2.2, and 11.1.2.4 as well as any excess liability or umbrella liability insurance that the Contractor maintains in compliance with the terms of this Section 11.1 shall include the State of California, Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts, and their respective elected and appointed officials, judges, officers, employees and agents as additional insureds, but only with respect to liability assumed by the Contractor under the terms of this Contract or liability arising out of the performance of the Services.

The Contractor, and any insurer providing insurance required under the terms of this Section 11.1 shall waive any right of recovery or subrogation it may have against the State of California or the AOC, including their respective elected and appointed officials, judges, officers, employees and agents for direct physical loss or damage to the Work, or for any liability arising out of the Services performed by the Contractor under this Contract.

All insurance policies required under this Section 11.1 shall contain a provision that coverage will not be materially changed or cancelled without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the AOC.

The Contractor shall be responsible for and may not recover from the AOC or the State of California any deductible or self-insured retention that is connected to the insurance required under this Section 11.1.

In the event the Contractor fails to keep in effect at all times the specified insurance coverage, the AOC may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, terminate this Contract upon the occurrence of such event, subject to the provisions of this Contract.

Any insurance required under this Section 11.1 shall be endorsed to be primary and non-contributing with any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the AOC or the State of California.

The AOC reserves the right to request certified copies of any of the insurance policies required under this Section 11.1.

11.1.2 Insurance Requirements: Prior to the commencement of performance of the Construction Phase the Contractor shall furnish to the AOC evidence of insurance as follows:

Commercial General Liability: Commercial General Liability Insurance (and if required Excess Liability or Umbrella Liability insurance) written on an occurrence form covering the Contractor, the AOC and the State parties, and subcontractors with limits of not less than $5,000,000 per occurrence and a $5,000,000 per location annual aggregate limit of liability for bodily injury and property damage liability combined that is applicable solely to the Project. The policy shall include coverage for liabilities arising out of premises, operations, independent contractors, products and completed operations, personal and advertising injury, liability assumed under an insured contract, and professional services provided in connection with the Work. The policy shall not include exclusions for professional services performed in connection with the Services, property damage resulting from explosion, collapse or underground hazard, or the consequences of inadvertent construction defects. This insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom a Claim is made or
lawsuit is brought subject to the insurance policy limit of liability.

.2 Commercial Automobile Liability: Automobile liability insurance with limits of not less than $2,000,000 per accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of the operation of a motor vehicle, including owned, hired, and non-owned motor vehicles, assigned to or used in connection with the Work.

.3 Workers' Compensation: Statutory workers' compensation insurance for all of the Contractor’s employees who will be engaged in the performance of the Work including special coverage extensions where applicable and employer’s liability with limits not less than $1,000,000 for each accident $1,000,000 as the aggregate disease policy limit, and $1,000,000 as the disease limit for each employee...

.4 Builders Risk: Builder’s Risk Insurance with limits of liability equal to the final completed value of the Project. The insurance shall apply to physical loss or damage to the insured property and shall include coverage for flood, water damage, and, if available at commercially affordable cost as reasonably determined by the AOC, earthquake and earth movement.

The Builder’s Risk Insurance shall cover the Work in the course of construction at the Work site, at any temporary off-site location, and while in transit. Included within the terms of coverage shall be all buildings, materials, supplies scaffolding, falsework, and temporary structures located at the Work site that are to be used in or incidental to the fabrication, erection, testing, or completion of the Work. The Builder’s Risk Insurance shall cover the cost of removing debris, including demolition as may be made necessary by the operations of any law, ordinance or regulation.

The Builder’s Risk Insurance may exclude loss resulting from, war and related causes, terrorism resulting from nuclear, biological or chemical materials, nuclear perils, dishonest acts of employees, mysterious disappearance, ordinary wear and tear, and with the prior consent of the AOC earthquake and earth movement. The insurance policy may also exclude the cost of making good faulty workmanship or materials, but shall specifically cover loss or damage arising as a consequence of faulty workmanship or materials.

The Builder’s Risk Insurance may include a deductible or self-insured retention, but such deductible or self-insured retention shall not be a recoverable cost under the terms of this Contract, either as a cost included in a change order or otherwise.

.5 Equipment Breakdown: Equipment Breakdown Insurance (which may be provided separately or as part of the Builder’s Risk Insurance) with limits of liability of not less than $5,000,000 per accident. Coverage will be provided with coverage for damage to any object when connected and ready for use including coverage for damage during hydrostatic, pneumatic or gas pressure tests.

11.2 AOC PROVIDED INSURANCE PROGRAM

11.2.1 General Requirements for the AOC Provided Insurance program (OCIP) during the Construction Phase:

The AOC may elect, at its sole discretion, to maintain any or all of the types of insurance indicated in section 11.2.2 insuring the AOC, the Contractor, Subcontractors, and Sub-subcontractors of every tier while performing Work at the Project site until Completion of the Project. Should the AOC make such an election it will provide such insurance through an insurance company or companies that are rated “A-VII” or higher by A. M. Best’s key rating guide, and are authorized to do business in the State of California.

.1 Named Insureds: The State of California, Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts, Contractor, Subcontractors, and Sub-subcontractors of every tier are
named insureds.

.2 Additional Insureds: As required by written contract.

.3 Term: Any insurance policies required under this Section 11.2 shall be in force until the end of the term of this Contract or Completion of the Project, whichever comes later.

.4 Completed Operations: The completed operations insurance shall extend for a period of five (5) years past the Completion, termination or cancellation of the Project.

.5 Waiver of Subrogation: Each OCIP insurers shall waive any right of recovery or subrogation it may have against the Named Insureds and Additional Insureds for direct physical loss or damage to the Project, or for any liability arising out of the Services performed in the completion of the Work.

.6 Contractor/subcontractor waiver: The Contractor, shall waive and require its Subcontractors and their Sub-subcontractors to waive any right of recovery or subrogation it may have against the State of California and the AOC, including their respective elected and appointed officials, judges, officers, employees and agents arising out of the Services performed in the completion of the Project.

.7 Cancellation: All required insurance policies required under this Section 11.2 shall contain a provision that coverage will not be materially changed or cancelled without ninety (90) days prior written notice to the Named Insureds.

.8 Loss Sharing: All Subcontractors and Sub-subcontractors involved in a loss which arises from their negligence as reasonably determined by the Contractor, shall share equally in the first $10,000 of such loss.

.9 Primary and non-contributory: Any insurance provided under this Section 11.2 shall be endorsed to be primary and non-contributing with any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Named Insureds and Additional Insureds.

.10 Loss Sharing: The limits of liability provided under the commercial general liability insurance apply collectively for all Named Insureds and Additional Insureds.

.11 Insurance Credits: The Contractor will deduct a credit, as specified by the AOC in consultation with the Contractor, from each Subcontract amount and any change order increasing the Subcontract amount, and the Contractor and Subcontractor agree that all insurance charges for any OCIP insurance have been removed from its cost of work and any duplication in insurance coverage will not be reimbursed.

.12 Contract Obligations: Any OCIP insurance provided by the AOC is not intended to, and shall not qualify, limit or waive any liabilities or obligations of Contractor or Subcontractors, assumed under this Contract, or the contract between the Contractor and Subcontractor.

.13 Contractor Insurance: The Contractor shall continue to be responsible to provide any insurance required under section 11.1 that is not provided by the AOC under section 11.2.

11.2.2 OCIP Insurance: Prior to the commencement of performance of the Construction Phase the AOC may, at its sole discretion, furnish any of the Project insurance as follows:

.1 Commercial General Liability: Commercial General Liability Insurance (and if required Excess Liability or Umbrella Liability insurance) written on an occurrence form with limits of not less than $10,000,000 per occurrence and $10,000,000 general aggregate for bodily injury and property damage combined, and $25,000,000 products and completed operations aggregate. The policy shall include coverage for liabilities arising out of premises, operations, independent contractors, products and completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract. The policy shall not include exclusions for property damage resulting from explosion, collapse or underground hazard, or the consequences of inadvertent construction defects.
.2 Workers’ Compensation: Statutory workers’ compensation insurance for all of the Contractor’s, Subcontractors, and Sub-subcontractors employees who will be engaged in the performance of the Work including special coverage extensions where applicable and employer’s liability with limits not less than $1,000,000 for each accident $1,000,000 as the aggregate disease policy limit, and $1,000,000 as the disease limit for each employee...

.3 Builders Risk: Builder’s Risk Insurance with limits of liability equal to the final completed value of the Work. The insurance shall apply to physical loss or damage to the insured property and shall include coverage for flood, water damage, and if available at commercially affordable cost as reasonably determined by the AOC, earthquake and earth movement.

The Builder’s Risk Insurance shall cover Work in the course of construction at the Work site, at any temporary off-site location, and while in transit. Included within the terms of coverage shall be all buildings, materials, supplies scaffolding, falsework, and temporary structures located at the Work site that are to be used in or incidental to the fabrication, erection, testing, or completion of the Project. The Builder’s Risk Insurance shall cover the cost of removing debris, including demolition as may be made necessary by the operations of any law, ordinance or regulation.

The Builder’s Risk Insurance may exclude loss resulting from, war and related causes, terrorism resulting from nuclear, biological or chemical materials, nuclear perils, dishonest acts of employees, mysterious disappearance, ordinary wear and tear, and with the prior consent of the AOC earthquake and earth movement. The insurance policy may also exclude the cost of making good faulty workmanship or materials, but shall specifically cover loss or damage arising as a consequence of faulty workmanship or materials.

.4 Equipment Breakdown: Equipment Breakdown Insurance (which may be provided separately or as part of the Builder’s Risk Insurance) with limits of liability of not less than $5,000,000 per accident. Coverage will be provided with coverage for damage to any object when connected and ready for use including coverage for damage during hydrostatic, pneumatic or gas pressure tests.

11.3 PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND

11.3.1 Contract Security – Bonds: Prior to commencing any Work pursuant to this Contract, Contractor shall furnish the following surety bonds issued by a California admitted surety insurer as follows:

A. Performance Bond: A bond in an amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Project as security for faithful performance of this Contract; and

B. Payment Bond: A bond in an amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Project for payment of persons performing labor and/or furnishing materials in connection with this Contract.

The cost for these bonds shall be a Reimbursable Expense and shall be specified on the first payment request. Prior to obtaining these bonds, Contractor shall provide the Project Manager with quotes from the proposed sureties for such bonds for approval by the AOC. Any cost of bonds in excess of the quotes approved by the AOC shall be at the sole expense of Contractor.

All bonds related to this Contract shall be in a form acceptable to the AOC.

11.3.2 Upon the request of any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of bonds covering payment of obligations arising under the Contract, the Contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of the bond(s) or permit a copy to be made.

ARTICLE 12 - UNCOVERING AND CORRECTION OF WORK

12.1 UNCOVERING AND CORRECTION OF WORK
12.1.1 If a portion of the Work is covered prior to the AOC's review, it shall, if requested in writing by the AOC, be uncovered for the AOC's observation and replaced at the Contractor's expense without change in the Contract Time.

12.1.2 The Contractor shall notify the AOC 2 working days prior to covering any work.

12.2 CORRECTION OF WORK

12.2.1 The Contractor shall promptly correct work rejected by the AOC or Work failing to conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents, whether or not fabricated, installed or completed. The Contractor shall bear the costs of correcting such rejected work, including additional testing and inspections required and compensation for the AOC's services and expenses made necessary thereby.

12.2.2 Notwithstanding Paragraph 3.5, in the event of an emergency constituting an immediate hazard to the health or safety of AOC employees, property, or licensees, the AOC may undertake, at the Contractor's expense and without prior notice, all work necessary to correct such hazardous condition(s) when it was caused by work of the Contractor not being in accordance with requirements of the Contract Documents.

12.2.3 The Contractor shall remove from the Project site portions of the Work that are not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, and are neither corrected by the Contractor nor accepted by the AOC.

12.2.4 If the Contractor fails to correct nonconforming work, as per Paragraph 3.5, the AOC may correct the nonconforming work in accordance with Paragraph 2.3. If the Contractor does not proceed with correction of such nonconforming work, within such time fixed by written notice from the AOC, the AOC may remove and store the salvable materials articles and/or equipment at the Contractor's expense. If the Contractor does not pay all costs of such removal and storage within 14 days after written notice, the AOC may, upon 14 additional calendar days written notice, sell such materials articles and/or equipment at an auction or private sale, and shall account for the proceeds thereof, after deducting costs and damages that would have been borne by the Contractor, including compensation for the AOC's services and expenses made necessary thereby. If the proceeds of a sale do not cover all costs that the Contractor would have borne, the Contract Sum shall be reduced by the deficiency. If payments then or thereafter due the Contractor are not sufficient to cover such amount, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the AOC.

12.2.5 The Contractor shall bear the cost of correcting destroyed or damaged Work executed by the AOC or separate contractors, whether fully completed or partially completed, which is caused by the Contractor's correction or removal of Work that is not in accordance with requirements of the Contract Documents.

12.2.6 Nothing contained in this Paragraph 12.2 shall be construed to establish a period of limitation with respect to other obligations that the Contractor might have in the Contract Documents. Establishment of the time period of 1 year, as described in Subparagraph 3.5.1, relates only to the specific obligation of the Contractor to correct the Work, and has no relationship to the time within which the obligation to comply with requirements of the Contract Documents may be sought to be enforced, nor to the time within which proceedings may be commenced to establish the Contractor's liability with respect to the Contractor's obligations other than specifically to correct the Work.

12.3 ACCEPTANCE OF NONCONFORMING WORK: If the AOC prefers to accept any or all of the Work that is not in accordance with requirements of the Contract Documents, the AOC may do so instead of requiring its correction and/or removal, in which case the Contract Sum will be reduced as appropriate and equitable. Such adjustment shall be effected whether or not final payment to the Contractor has been made.
ARTICLE 13 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

13.1 **GOVERNING LAW:** The Contract shall be governed by California law without regard to any conflict of law rules that would direct the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction. The Contractor irrevocably consents to personal jurisdiction in California.

13.2 **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:** The Contractor binds the Contractor, the Contractor's partners, successors, permitted assigns and legal representatives to the AOC in respect to covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall not assign the Contract in whole or in part without written consent of the AOC. If Contractor attempts to make such an assignment without such consent, such assignment shall be null and void, and the Contractor shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all obligations in the Contract Documents.

13.3 **WRITTEN NOTICE:** Written notice shall be deposited in the U.S. Mail (or approved commercial express carrier) prepaid to the address of the appropriate authorized representative of the other party, which shall be effective upon date of receipt; or, hand-delivered to the other party’s authorized representative, which shall be effective on the date of service.

13.4 **CONTRACTOR'S USE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE:** By execution of the Contract, the Contractor certifies that it has appropriate systems and controls in place to ensure that AOC funds will not be used in the performance of the Contract for the acquisition, operation or maintenance of computer software in violation of copyright laws.

13.5 **RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES:** The Contractor and the agents and employees of the Contractor, in the performance of this Contract, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of the State of California.

13.6 **AOC’S OBLIGATION SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

13.6.1 The AOC's obligation under this Contract is subject to the availability of authorized funds. The AOC may terminate the Contract or any part of the Work, without prejudice to any right or remedy of the AOC, for lack of appropriation of funds. If expected or actual funding is withdrawn, reduced or limited in any way prior to the expiration date set forth in this Contract, or in any amendment or Change Order hereto, the AOC may terminate this Contract in whole or in part, upon written notice to the Contractor. Such termination shall be in addition to the AOC’s rights to terminate for convenience or default.

13.6.2 Payment shall not exceed the amount allowable for appropriation by Legislature. If the Contract is terminated for non-appropriation:

.1 The AOC will be liable only for payment in accordance with the terms of this Contract for services rendered prior to the effective date of termination; and

.2 The Contractor shall be released from any obligation to provide further services pursuant to the Contract as are affected by the termination.

13.6.3 Funding for this Contract beyond the current appropriation year is conditional upon appropriation by the Legislature of sufficient funds to support the activities described in this Contract. Should such an appropriation not be approved, the Contract may terminate at the close of the current appropriation year. The appropriation year ends on June 30 of each year.

13.7 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

13.7.1 The Contractor and employees of the Contractor shall not participate in proceedings that involve the use of AOC funds or that are sponsored by the AOC if the person's partner, family, or organization has a financial interest in the outcome of the proceedings. The Contractor and employees of the Contractor
shall also avoid actions resulting in or creating the appearance of:

.1 Use of an official position with the government for private gain;
.2 Preferential treatment to any particular person associated with this Contract or the Work of this Contract;
.3 Loss of independence or impartiality;
.4 A decision made outside official channels; or
.5 Adverse effects on the confidence of the public in the integrity of the government or this Contract.

13.7.2 The Contractor certifies and shall require any Subcontractor to certify to the following:

Former AOC employees will not be awarded a contract for two (2) years from the date of separation if that employee had any part of the decision making process relevant to the contract, or for one (1) year from the date of separation if that employee was in a policy making position in the same general subject area as the proposed contract within the twelve (12) month period of his or her separation from AOC service.

13.8 COVENANT AGAINST GRATUITIES: The Contractor warrants by signing this Contract that no gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered by the Contractor or any agent, director, or representative of the Contractor, to any officer, official, agent, or employee of the AOC with a view toward securing the Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to any determinations concerning the performance of the Contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, the AOC will have the right to terminate the Contract, either in whole or in part, and any loss or damage sustained by the AOC in procuring, on the open market, any items which the Contractor agreed to supply, shall be borne and paid for by the Contractor. The rights and remedies of the AOC provided in this provision shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Contract.

13.9 NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD: By executing this Contract, the Contractor certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that no more than one (1) final, unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against the Contractor within the immediately preceding two (2) year period because of the Contractor's failure to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

13.10 SEVERABILITY: If any term or provision of this Contract is found to be illegal or unenforceable, this Contract shall remain in full force and effect and that term or provision shall be deemed stricken.

13.11 WAIVER: The omission by either party at any time to enforce any default or right, or to require performance of any of this Contract's terms, covenants, or provisions by the other party at the time designated, shall not be a waiver of the default or right, nor shall it affect the right of the party to enforce those provisions later.

13.12 PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE REFERENCES: References to the Public Contract Code are provided for Contract’s convenience only and shall not imply that the Public Contract Code applies to the AOC, but rather shall be used to define the Contractor’s obligations under the particular contract provision in which such code section is referenced. The AOC is not subject to the Public Contract Code.

13.13 ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This Contract, consisting of the Contract Documents as defined herein, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall supersede all previous proposals, both oral and written, negotiations, representations, commitments, writing and all other communications between the parties. No waiver, alteration, modification of, or addition to the terms and conditions contained herein shall be binding unless expressly agreed in writing by a duly authorized representative of the State.