- performed by an IMSA certified TST Level II (Field).
- 3) Have in their possession a wallet size card or a photocopy of their certifications and licenses. Failure to provide said documents will be cause for removal of employee from the work site, issuance of citations, and shutdown of the Work by the County.
- b. At the Preconstruction Conference, provide Engineer and the DTPW, Traffic Signal & Signs Division (7100 NW 36 Street, Miami, FL 33166) a signed affidavit affirming that the personnel performing the work described herein have all proper and valid licenses and certifications (County, State, Private or other Government Agency) required to perform the Work. Attach a list of employees assigned to this Project with a description of their duties and include copies of all of the required licenses and certifications for the Contractor and personnel performing the Work. Changes to authorized personnel must be approved by the Engineer.
- Provide copies of renewed licenses and certifications prior to their expiration.
- Work or Structures in Navigable Waters of the U.S., Waters of the U.S., and Waters of the State:
 - In general, one or more governmental agencies will exercise regulatory authority over work or structures, including related construction operations, in all tidal areas (Channelward of the mean high water lines); in the ocean and gulf waters to the outer limits of the continental shelf; in all rivers, streams, and lakes to the ordinary high water line; in marshes and shallows that are periodically inundated and normally characterized by aquatic vegetation capable of growth and reproduction; in all artificially created channels and canals used for recreational, navigational, or other purposes that are connected to navigable waters; and in all tributaries of navigable waters up to their headwaters.
 - Whenever the work under or incidental to the Contract requires structures dredge/fill/construction activities in "Navigable Waters of the U.S.," "Waters of the U.S.," and "Waters of the State," the Federal, State, county, and local regulatory agencies may require the Department to obtain a permit. For such dredge/fill /construction specified in the plans to be accomplished within the limits of the project, or for any dredge/fill/construction within the limits of Department-furnished borrow areas. Department will procure the necessary permits prior to advertising for bids.

D. Patented Devices, Materials and Processes

 Include all royalties and costs arising from patents, trademarks, and copyrights, in any way involved in the work in the Contract price. Whenever using any design, device, material, or process covered by letters patent or copyright, obtain the right for such use by suitable legal agreement with the patentee or owner of the copyright. File a copy of such agreement with Engineer. However, whether or not such agreement is made or filed as noted, Contractor and the surety in all cases shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless, the County from all claims for infringement by reason of the use of any such patented design, device, material, or process on work under the Contract, and shall indemnify the County for all costs, expenses, and damages that it may be obliged to pay by reason of any such infringement, at any time during the prosecution or after the completion of the Work.

E. Right-of-Way Furnished by the Department

 Except as otherwise stipulated in these Specifications or as shown in the Plans, the Department will furnish all rights-of-way necessary for the proper completion of the Work at no expense to Contractor.

F. Sanitary Provisions

 Contractor shall provide and maintain, in a neat and sanitary condition, such accommodations for the use of his employees as are necessary to comply with the requirements and regulations of the State and local boards of health. Commit no public nuisance.

G. Control of Contractor's Equipment

- Traffic Interference: Do not allow equipment, while it is on or traversing a road or street, to unreasonably interfere with traffic.
- Overloaded Equipment: Do not operate on any road or street any hauling unit or equipment loaded in excess of (1) the maximum weights specified in the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law, or (2) lower weights legally established for any section of road or bridge by the State, the Department, or local authorities. The governmental unit having jurisdiction over a particular road or bridge may provide exceptions by special permit under the provisions provided below for Crossings. This restriction applies to all roads and bridges inside and outside the Contract limits as long as these roads and bridges are open for public use. Contractor may overload roads and bridges which are to be demolished after they are permanently closed to the public. Contractor is responsible for all loss or damages resulting from equipment operated on a structure permanently closed to the public.
- 3. Crossings: Where it is necessary to cross an existing road or street, including specifically the existing traveled lanes of a divided highway within the limits of the Project, obtain permits from the Municipality, the Department or FDOT depending on the location, for crossing overloaded or oversized equipment. Cross existing roads or streets only at Engineer-designated points. Engineer may require Contractor to protect the pavement or Roadway at the crossing by using lumber, planks, or fill. Provide flagging and watchman service, or approved signal devices, for the protection of traffic at all such crossings, in accordance with an approved written plan for that activity.

- 4. Protection from Damage by Tractor-Type Equipment: Take positive measures to ensure that tractor-type equipment does not damage the road. If any such damage should occur, repair it without delay, at no expense to the County and subject to Engineer's approval.
- H. Contractor's Equipment on Bridge Structures
- The Specialty Engineer shall determine the effect that equipment loads have on the bridge structure and develop the procedures for using the loaded equipment without exceeding the structure's design load capacity.
- A completed bridge structure is a bridge structure in which all elemental components comprising the load carrying assembly have been completed, assembled, and connected in their final position. The components to be considered shall also include any related members transferring load to any bridge structure.
- The Specialty Engineer shall analyze the effect of imposed loads on bridge structures, within the limits of a construction contract, resulting from the following operations:
 - Overloaded Equipment as defined above operating on or crossing over completed or partially completed bridge structures.
 - Equipment within legal load limits operating on or crossing over partially completed bridge structures.
 - Construction cranes operating on completed or partially completed bridge structures.
- 4. Submit to the Department for approval three copies of design calculations, layout drawings, and erection drawings showing how the equipment is to be used so that the bridge structure will not be overstressed. The Specialty Engineer shall sign and seal one set of the three copies of the drawings and the cover sheet of one of the three copies of the calculations for the Department's Record Set.
- Any pipe culvert(s) or box culvert(s) qualifying as a bridge by definition is excluded from the requirements above.
- 6. Posting of the Legal Gross Vehicular Weight: Display the maximum legal gross weight, as specified in the Florida Uniform Traffic Code, in a permanent manner on each side of any dump truck or dump type tractortrailer unit hauling embankment material, construction aggregates, road base material, or hot bituminous mixture to the project over any public road or street. Display the weight in a location clearly visible to the scale operator, in numbers that contrast in color with the background and that are readily visible and readable from a distance of 50 feet.
- Structures over Navigable Waters
- 1. Compliance with Federal and Other Regulations:
 - Where erecting structures in, adjacent to, or over, navigable waters, observe all regulations and

- instructions of Federal and other authorities having control over such waters. Do not obstruct navigation channels without permission from the proper authority, and provide and maintain navigation lights and signals in accordance with the Federal requirements for the protection of the structure, of false work, and of navigation.
- In the event of accidental blocking of the navigation channel, immediately notify the U.S. Coast Guard of the blockage and upon removal of the blockage.
- c. When work platforms are indicated in the permit for construction, submit work platform construction plans to the appropriate Coast Guard District for approval. Obtain approval prior to beginning construction on the platform.
- Maintenance of Channel: Where the work includes the excavation of a channel or other underwater areas to a required section, maintain the section from shoaling or other encroachment until final acceptance of the project.

J. Manatee Protection

- This Subarticle applies to work in tidal waters, major canals, bodies of water where manatees have been recently spotted, or where required by any regulatory permit applicable to this Project:
 - a. Instruct all personnel associated with the Project about the presence of manatees and manatee speed zones, and the need to avoid collisions with and injury to manatees. Advise all construction personnel that there are civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing, or killing manatees which are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act.
 - b. Operate all vessels associated with the construction project at "Idle Speed/No Wake" at all times while in the immediate area and while in water where the draft of the vessel provides less than a four-foot clearance from the bottom. All vessels will follow routes of deep water whenever possible.
 - c. Properly secure and regularly monitored all siltation or turbidity barriers to avoid manatee entanglement or entrapment. Barriers must not impede manatee movement. Siltation or turbidity barriers must be made of material in which manatees cannot become entangled.
 - d. All on-site project personnel are responsible for observing water-related activities for the presence of manatee(s). All in-water operations, including vessels, must be shut down if a manatee(s) comes within 50 feet of the operation. Activities will not resume until the manatee(s) has moved beyond the 50-foot radius of the project operation, or until 30 minutes elapses if the manatee(s) has not reappeared within 50 feet of the operation. Animals must not be herded away or harassed into leaving.

- e. Report any collision with or injury to a manatee immediately to the FWC Hotline at 1-888-404-3922. In addition, report collision and/or injury to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Vero Beach (1-772-562-3909), and to FWC at ImperiledSpecies@myFWC.com
- Post, facing the water, temporary signs concerning manatees prior to and during all inwater project activities. One sign which reads "Caution: Boaters" must be posted. A second sign measuring at least 8 1/2" by 11" explaining the requirements for "Idle Speed/No Wake" and the shutdown of in-water operations must be posted in a location prominently visible to all personnel engaged in water-related activities. temporary signs that have already been approved for this use by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) must be used MyFWC.com/manatee). Questions concerning these signs can be sent to the email address listed above. Remove all signs upon completion of the Project.
- Comply with all manatee protection requirements of regulatory permits applicable to this Project.

K. Forest Protection

- Compliance with State and Federal Regulations: In carrying out work within or adjacent to State or National forests or parks, comply with all of the regulations of the State or Federal authority having jurisdiction, governing the protection of and the carrying out of work in forests or parks, and observe all sanitary laws and regulations with respect to the performance of work in these areas. Keep the areas in an orderly condition, dispose of all refuse, and obtain permits for the construction, installation, and maintenance of any construction camps, living quarters, stores, warehouses, sanitary facilities, and other structures; all in accordance with the requirements of the forest or park official.
- 2. Prevention and Suppression of Forest Fires: Take all reasonable precautions to prevent and suppress forest fires. Require employees and subcontractors, both independently and at the request of forest officials, to do all reasonably within their power to prevent and suppress forest fires. Assist in preventing and suppressing forest fires, and make every possible effort to notify a forest official at the earliest possible moment of the location and extent of all fires. Extinguish the fire if practicable.

L. Preservation of Property

1. General:

- Protect all geodetic monuments, horizontal or vertical, located within the limits of construction.
- b. All street name signs shall remain in place during time of construction except those required to be relocated due to interference with actual construction. All signs relocated or damaged by Contractor during the course of the work shall be

- re-installed or replaced at the proper location, as soon as possible at Contractor's expense.
- c. Prior to the removal of any traffic control signs that interfere with the construction, Contractor shall provide temporary signing or other provisions to assure a continuous flow of traffic under at least the same conditions as previously existed.
- d. All signs that are found to be unserviceable shall be reported to the Miami-Dade County, Department of Transportation and Public Works, Traffic Signals & Signs Division, at (305) 592-3580, prior to the commencement of work.

2. Contractor's Use of Streets and Roads:

- a. When hauling materials or equipment to the project over roads and bridges on the State road system. County road system, or city street system, and such use causes damage, immediately, at no expense to the County, repair such road or bridge to as good a condition as before the hauling began.
- b. The Department may modify the above requirement in accordance with any agreement Contractor might make with the governmental unit having jurisdiction over a particular road or bridge, provided that Contractor submits written evidence of such agreement to Engineer prior to commencement of the Work.
- The use of public streets and alleys shall be such as to provide a minimum of inconvenience to the public and to other traffic. Contractor shall so conduct his operations that he shall not close any thoroughfare nor interfere in any way with traffic on railway, highways, or on water, without the written consent of the proper authorities.
- d. Contractor must immediately remove any earth or other excavated material spilled from trucks and clean the streets to the satisfaction of the governing authority.
- e. The Department has not made any attempt to define the equipment to be used in transporting the excavated material since this may vary, however, Contractor shall abide by the following general requirements:
 - Transport vehicles must be of the type(s) approved for this application by the political jurisdiction involved.
 - 2) General requirements are that the vehicles have watertight bodies that they are properly equipped and fitted with seals and covers to prohibit material spillage or draining, and that they are cleaned as often as is necessary to prevent deposit of material on roadways.
 - Vehicles must be loaded within all legal weight limits and operated safely within all traffic and speed regulations.
- f. The Department will not allow the operation of equipment or hauling units of such weight as to cause damage to previously constructed elements of the project, including but not

- necessarily limited to bridges, drainage structures, base course, and pavement.
- g. Do not operate hauling units or equipment loaded in excess of the maximum weights specified for Overloaded Equipment on existing pavements that are to remain in place (including pavement being resurfaced), cement-treated subgrades and bases, concrete pavement, any course of asphalt pavement, and bridges.
- h. Engineer may allow exceptions to these weight restrictions for movement of necessary equipment to and from its worksite, for hauling of offsite fabricated components to be incorporated into the Project, and for crossings as specified in the Contract Documents.

3. Protection of Existing Utility Poles:

a. Ensure that existing utility poles are properly protected during installation of pipes and structures and must coordinate with the utility pole owner any safeguards necessary to protect the utility pole, including bracing of the pole, if necessary. All costs for protection of utility poles and any costs for the temporary bracing by the utility pole owner shall be the responsibility of Contractor and shall be considered incidental to and included in the Contract prices.

Traffic Signs, Signal Equipment, Highway Lighting and Guardrail:

- a. Protect all existing roadside signs, signal equipment, highway lighting and guardrail, for which permanent removal is not indicated, against damage or displacement. Whenever such signs, signal equipment, highway lighting or guardrail lie within the limits of construction, or wherever so directed by Engineer due to urgency of construction operations, take up and properly store the existing roadside signs, signal equipment, highway lighting and guardrail and subsequently reset them at their original locations or, in the case of widened pavement or roadbed, at locations designated by Engineer.
- b. If the Department determines that damage to such existing or permanent installations of traffic signs, signal equipment, highway lighting or guardrail is caused by a third party, and is not otherwise due to any fault or activities of Contractor, the Department will, with the exception of any damage resulting from vandalism, compensate Contractor for the costs associated with the repairs. Repair damage caused by vandalism at no expense to the County.

5. Operations Within Railroad Right-of-Way:

a. Notification to the Railroad Company: Notify the superintendent of the railroad company, as shown on the Plans, and Engineer at least 72 hours before beginning any operation within the limits of the railroad right-of-way; any operation requiring movement of employees, trucks, or other equipment across the tracks of the railroad company at other than an established public

- crossing; and any other work that may affect railroad operations or property.
- b. Contractor's Responsibilities: Comply with whatever requirements an authorized representative of the railroad company deems necessary in order to safeguard the railroad's property and operations. Contractor is responsible for all damages, delays, or injuries and all suits, actions, or claims brought on account of damages or injuries resulting from Contractor's operations within or adjacent to railroad company right-of-way.
- c. Watchman or Flagging Services: The railroad company will furnish protective services (i.e., watchman or flagging services) to ensure the safety of railroad operations during certain periods of the project. The Department will reimburse the railroad company for the cost thereof. Schedule work that affects railroad operations so as to minimize the need for protective services by the railroad company.

6. Utilities:

a. General:

- Contact the Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. at 1-800-432-4770 and other affected utility owners at least 48 hours prior to commencing any trenching or excavation work on this Project.
- 2) Make all necessary arrangements with the utility companies concerned for maintenance of their lines during the construction period. In the event that a relocation of utilities is required, but has not been accomplished prior to the effective date of the "Notice to Proceed," Contractor nevertheless must commence work under this Contract, and must schedule his work to avoid interference with the utility relocation work.
- County will not be liable for any delay or added expense the Contractor experiences due to the activities of utility companies, nor shall the County be held responsible for any damages to any utilities due to any actions by Contractor.

b. Arrangements for Protection or Adjustment:

- Do not commence work at points where the construction operations are adjacent to utility facilities or other property, until making arrangements with the utility facilities to protect against damage that might result in expense, loss, disruption of service, or other undue inconvenience to the public or to the owners. Contractor is solely and directly responsible to the owners and operators of such properties for all damages, injuries, expenses, losses, inconveniences, or delays caused by Contractor's operations.
- The Department will make the necessary arrangements with utility owners for removal or adjustment of utilities where Engineer

determines that such removal or adjustment is essential to the performance of the required construction. The Department will not consider relocation or adjustment requests based on Contractor's proposed use of a particular method of construction or a particular type of equipment as essential to the construction of the Project if Contractor could use other common methods and equipment without relocating or adjusting the utility. Engineer will determine the responsibility for any such required adjustments of utilities. Contractor shall make all requested relocations or adjustments because of delivery to the job site of Contractor-furnished materials, at no expense to the County.

- The Department considers relocations and adjustments (or other protection) under the following circumstances as essential to the construction of the Project:
 - a) Utilities lying within the vertical and horizontal construction limits, plus the reasonably required working room necessary for operation of equipment normally used for the particular type of construction, all as determined by Engineer (and except as provided in paragraph (d) below). (In the case of overhead electrical conductors that carry more than 400 Volts, a minimum of 10 feet clearance between the conductor and the nearest possible approach of any part of the equipment is required, except where the utility owner effects safeguards approved by OSHA.)
 - b) Utilities lying within the horizontal limits of the project and within 12 inches below the ground surface or the excavation surface on which Contractor operates construction equipment, or within 12 inches below the bottom of any stabilizing course specified in the Plans.
 - c) Utilities lying within the normal limits of excavation for underground drainage facilities or other structures (except as provided in paragraph (d) below). Such normal limits shall extend to side slopes along the angle of repose, as established by sound engineering practice, unless the Contract Documents require support of the excavation sides by sheeting or Contractor elects to sheet such excavation for his own convenience.
 - d) Where utilities cross pipe trenches transversely within the excavation area, but not within positions from which relocation or removal is necessary, the utility owner is responsible for providing and effecting all reasonable measures for their support and protection during construction operations. Cooperate with the utility owner in the owner's effecting

- of such support and protective measures. Contractor is responsible for all damage to the utility that is caused by Contractor's neglect or failure to cooperate or to use proper precaution in performing his work.
- 4) In the event that a temporary relocation of a utility or a particular sequence of timing in the relocation of a utility is necessary. Engineer will direct such relocation so as to cause the least impediment to the overall construction operations. The Department is not responsible for utility adjustments or temporary relocation work, or for the conditions resulting there from, where such adjustments are:
 - Not necessitated by the construction of the Project,
 - b) Done solely for the benefit or convenience of the utility owner or its contractor, or Contractor where the Department considers his construction procedures to be other than normal, or
 - Not shown on the approved plans for the utility relocation or the construction of the Project.
- c. Cooperation with Utility Owners:
 - Cooperate with the owners of all underground or overhead utility lines in their removal and rearrangement operations in order that these operations may progress in a reasonable manner, that duplication or rearrangement work may be reduced to a minimum, and that services rendered by the utility owners will not be unnecessarily interrupted.
 - 2) In the event of interruption of water or other utility services as a result of accidental breakage, exposure, or lack of support, promptly notify the proper authority and cooperate with the authority in the prompt restoration of service. If water service is interrupted and Contractor is performing the repair work, Contractor shall work continuously until the service is restored. Do not begin work around fire hydrants until the local fire authority has approved provisions for continued service.

d. Utility Adjustments:

- Certain utility adjustments and reconstruction work may be underway during the progress of the Contract. If known prior to award, the Department will include in the Contract documents the utility authorities who are scheduled to perform utility work on the Project.
- Cooperate with the various utility construction crews who are maintaining utility service.
- Exercise due caution when working adjacent to relocated utilities. Repair all damage to the

- relocated utilities resulting from his operations at no expense to the County.
- Protect utility facilities in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and the owner.

e. Weekly Meetings:

- Conduct weekly meetings on the job site with all the affected utility companies and Engineer in attendance to coordinate project construction and utility relocation. Submit a list of all attendees one week in advance to Engineer for approval.
- Provide the approved Work Progress Schedule and Work Plan for the Project, as specified in the Contract Documents, to document the schedule and plan for road construction and utility adjustments.
- When utility relocations no longer affect construction activities, Contractor may discontinue the meetings with Engineer's approval.
- M. Responsibility for Damages, Claims, etc.
- 1. Contractor to Provide Indemnification:
 - a. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of Contractor and persons employed or utilized by Contractor in the performance of the construction Contract.
 - b. It is specifically agreed between the parties executing this Contract that it is not intended by any of the provisions of any part of the Contract to create in the public or any member thereof, a third party beneficiary hereunder, or to authorize anyone not a party to this Contract to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage pursuant to the terms or provisions of this Contract.
- Guaranty of Payment for Claims: Contractor guaranties the payment of all just claims for materials, supplies, tools, or labor and other just claims against him or any subcontractor, in connection with the Contract. The Department's final acceptance and payment does not release Contractor's bond until all such claims are paid or released.
- N. Contractor's Responsibility for Work
- Until the Department's acceptance of the work, take charge and custody of the work, and take every necessary precaution against injury or damage to the work by the action of the elements or from any other cause whatsoever, arising either from the execution or from the nonexecution of the work. Rebuild, repair, restore, and make good, without additional expense to the Department, all injury or damage to any portion of the work occasioned by any of the above causes

before its completion and acceptance, except that in case of extensive or catastrophic damage, the Department may, at its discretion, reimburse Contractor for the repair of such damage due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control of and without the fault or negligence of Contractor, including but not restricted to Acts of God, of the public enemy, or of governmental authorities.

- O. Opening Sections of Roadway to Traffic
- Whenever any bridge or section of roadway is in an acceptable condition for travel, Engineer may direct Contractor to open it to traffic. The Department's direction to open a bridge or roadway does not constitute an acceptance of the bridge or roadway, or any part thereof, or waive any Contract provisions. Perform all necessary repairs or renewals, on any section of the roadway or bridge thus opened to traffic under instructions from Engineer, due to defective material or work or to any cause other than ordinary wear and tear, pending completion and Engineer's acceptance of the roadway or bridge, or other work, at no expense to the County.

P. Scales for Weighing Materials

- Applicable Regulations: When determining the weight of material for payment, use scales meeting the requirements of Chapter 531, F.S., pertaining to specifications, tolerances, and regulations, as administered by the Bureau of Weights and Measures of the Florida Department of Agriculture.
- Base for Scales: Place such scales on a substantial horizontal base to provide adequate support and rigidity and to maintain the level of the scales.
- Protection and Maintenance: Maintain all scale parts in proper condition as to level and vertical alignment, and fully protect them against contamination by dust, dirt, and other matter that might affect their operation.

Q. Source of Forest Products

 As required by Section 255.20, F.S., where price and quality are equal, and when available, use only timber, timber piling, or other forest products that are produced and manufactured in the State of Florida. This provision does not apply to Federal-aid projects.

R. Dust Control

Dust control measures are required as necessary to prevent the surface and air transport of dust from any construction activity performed under this contract. This may include but is not limited to: Pre-watering deeply before excavation; scheduling thorough and consistent watering that does not run off the site; applying best management practices in the loading, offloading, and transport of soils and miscellaneous materials; covering or otherwise stabilizing piles when necessary; and planning schedules so control measures are available throughout the project.

- 2. Ensure that excessive dust is not transported beyond the limits of construction in populated areas. Contractor may control dust for embankments or other cleared or unsurfaced areas by applying water, as directed by Engineer. When included in the Plans, install mulch, seed, sod, or temporary paving as early as practical. Control dust during the storage and handling of dusty materials by wetting, covering, or other means as approved by Engineer.
- When cutting through concrete, care should be exercised to prevent dust from becoming air borne. Contractor must use an engineering control such as the use of a wet saw or dust collector. Engineer shall have the final determination when in a particular circumstance this is not feasible, and the concrete must be cut dry.
- 4. No separate item for dust control measures is included for payment in this Contract. Contractor must consider the cost of any dust control measures that is necessary for the proper construction of the Project as included in the Contract price for items of work for which dust control measures are required.

S. Dredging and Filling

Section 370.033, F.S., requires that all persons, who
engage in certain dredge or fill activities in the State of
Florida, obtain a certificate of registration from the
Florida Department of Environmental Protection,
Tallahassee, Florida 32301, and that they keep
accurate logs and records of all such activities for the
protection and conservation of the natural resources.
Obtain details as to the application of this law from the
Department of Environmental Protection and contact
local regulatory agencies for additional applicable
requirements.

T. Contractor's Motor Vehicle Registration

- Provide the Department with proof that all motor vehicles operated or caused to be operated by such Contractor are registered in compliance with Chapter 320, F.S. Submit such proof of registration in the form of a notarized affidavit to the Department.
- The Department will not make payment to Contractor until the required proof of registration is on file with the Department.
- U. Compliance with FHWA 1273:
- For federally funded projects and when required by law, comply with the provisions contained in FHWA-1273.
- The FHWA-1273 Electronic version, dated May 1, 2012 is posted on the FDOT's website at the following URL

 address: http://www.frlot.com/programmanacement//

address: http://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/i molemented/URLinSpecs/Default.shtm.

Take responsibility to obtain this information and comply with all requirements posted on this website up through five calendar days before the opening of bids. If the FDOT website cannot be accessed, contact FDOT Department's Specifications Office Web Coordinator at (850) 414-4101.

1.06 PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS

A. Subletting Or Assigning The Contract

- Contractor must perform, with its own organization, contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent (or a greater percentage if specified elsewhere in the Contract Documents) of the total original contract price, excluding any specialty items designated by the County. Specialty items may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such specialty items performed may be deducted from the total original contract price before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor's own organization.
 - a. "Its own organization" is construed to include only workers employed and paid directly by the prime contractor and equipment owned or rented by the prime contractor, with or without operators. Such term does not include employees or equipment of a subcontractor, assignee, or agent of the prime contractor.
 - b. "Specialty Items" is construed to be limited to work that requires highly specialized knowledge, abilities, or equipment not ordinarily available in the type of contracting organizations qualified and expected to bid on the contract as a whole and in general are to be limited to minor components of the overall contract.
- The contract amount, upon which the requirements set forth in this Subarticle is computed, includes the cost of material and manufactured products which are to be purchased or produced by the Contractor under the provisions of the Contract.

3. Contractor must furnish:

- A competent superintendent or supervisor who is employed by its firm, has full authority to direct performance of the Work in accordance with the Contract requirements, and is in charge of all construction operations (regardless of who performs the work); and
- Such other of its own organizational resources (supervision, management, and engineering services) as the Engineer determines is necessary to assure the performance of the Contract.

B. Notice to Proceed

- 1. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the Department may issue the Notice to Proceed (NTP) within 30 Days after all conditions for Contract execution have been met. The NTP will identify the date Contractor is to begin the construction and will start the Contract Time.
- C. Project Signs

- Project Signs will be provided by Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department (ISD) at no cost to Contractor.
- The type, location, and number of signs required per each work site shall be at the discretion of Engineer.
- No work shall commence until the Project Signs are secured in place as directed by Engineer.
- 4. Maintain and Relocate Project Signs.
 - Maintain and relocate Project Signs throughout the duration of the Contract, as directed by Engineer and at no additional cost to Miami-Dade County.
 - b. Install relocated Project Signs as required by Engineer. All materials and work necessary to secure, brace, mount, place, and maintain the Project Signs will be provided at Contractor's expense.
 - c. Notify Engineer immediately if at any time, during the Contract duration, a Project Sign becomes damaged, defaced, or unreadable. If Engineer determines that a replacement sign is required, Engineer will request it from ISD.
- Upon completion of the Contract or at any time as directed by Engineer, deliver all available Project Signs to the designated ISD facility.
- No separate payment will be made for the activities described above.
- D. Schedule Of Values
- A Schedule of Values is required for any Stipulated (Lump) sum contract, or for major lump sum items on Unit price contracts for which Contractor requests progress payments.
- Upon notification of intent to Award and prior to the Notice to Proceed, submit to Engineer for review and approval, a preliminary Schedule of Values that:
 - a. Logically subdivides the Work into component parts with sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during performance of the Work and correlates to the Work Progress Schedule.
 - Includes quantities and prices of items for all of the Work which when added together equal either the Contract Base Award Amount for a Stipulated sum contract or the Contract Price for a major lump sum item in a Unit price contract.
 - c. Separately identifies the scope of work to be performed by any SBE-CONST utilized to satisfy any SBE-CONST goal in the Contract. In addition, payment requisitions for the scope of work of such SBE-CONST shall be accompanied by the statements of completion of the work of the SBE-CONST and shall be accompanied by appropriate documentation including invoicing and checks reflecting payment of the SBE-CONST for the previous construction draw.
- The Schedule of Values for a Stipulated sum contract will be acceptable to Engineer as to form and

- substance if it provides a reasonable allocation of the Contract Base Award Amount to component parts of the Work
- When directed by Engineer, submit at least 10 days prior to the next application for progress payment, a revised or updated Schedule of Values to address any changes in the Work.

E. Preconstruction Conference

- A Preconstruction Conference will be held with Contractor, members of the Department and other Miami-Dade County Agencies, representative of Utility Companies, and other municipalities or contractors affected by the Work. The Department will set the time and place of this conference.
- Submit the following items to Engineer at the Preconstruction Conference unless otherwise noted:
 - Two copies of the proposed Work Progress Schedule. (Provide an updated schedule within 5 days of each Work Order for work order contracts.)
 - b. Contractor's Chain of Authority.
 - Contractor's Emergency Telephone Numbers, during work hours, after hours, and on weekend, of Prime and MOT Contractor's Representatives.
 - d. Letter naming Contractor's Superintendent and his qualifications.
 - Letter naming Contractor's Work Site Traffic Supervisor and a copy of their respective Certification(s).
 - Letter naming Contractor's MOT Flagmen and a copy of their training Certification(s).
 - g Maintenance of Traffic Plan: Letter outlining the Specific Maintenance of Traffic Plan or Plans that will be used during construction. If the MOT plan is noted in the Construction Plans, Contractor is to affirm in writing that the same shall be followed. MOT plans must be submitted within 5 days of the date of each Work Order for work order contracts.
 - Shop drawing submittal schedule. To be submitted within 5 days of the date of each Work Order for work contracts.
 - List of potential subcontractors and rental agreements.
 - Letter listing the material providers for this project, with the respective name and address; and letter certifying the compliance of the material with the project requirements.
 - List of equipment to be utilized for construction; including make, model, year, name and description of equipment.
 - Contractor's Erosion Control Plan (ECP) pursuant to the requirements of the Contract Documents.
 - Lighting plan if Contractor intends to perform any night work.
 - All other submittal requirements stipulated in the Contract Documents.
- F. Scheduling of the Work

1. Work Progress Schedule.

- a. Within 21 days after Contract award or at the Preconstruction Conference, whichever is earlier, submit to Engineer for approval two copies of a Work Progress Schedule for this Project. Engineer will review and respond to Contractor within 15 days of receipt.
- b. The Work progress Schedule must show the various activities of work in sufficient detail to demonstrate a reasonable and workable plan to initiate, construct, and complete all requirements of the Contract Documents within the Contract Duration and must:
 - Include a projected Project completion, measured in dollars and time, on a monthly basis or at each progress payment cutoff date.
 - Identify a date for substantial completion with "sufficient time" between substantial completion and end of Contract Duration for final inspections, final roadway striping if required, development of a punch list by the Engineer, completion of all punch list items by Contractor, final submittals, and any remaining site restoration activities. "Sufficient time," as it pertains solely to this requirement, means no less than 60 days unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents or approved in writing by Engineer.
 - Include the order and interdependence of activities and the sequence for accomplishing the Work including phased restoration of areas impacted by work.
 - Describe activities in sufficient detail so that the Engineer can readily identify the Work and measure the progress of each activity.
 - Show each activity with a beginning work date, activity duration, and a monetary value.
 - Include within the activities the necessary steps for procurement, fabrication, and delivery of materials, plant, and equipment.
 - Include the review time for shop drawings and submittals.
 - Include the Critical Path and milestone activities when milestones are required by the Contract Documents.
 - 9) In projects with more than one phase, adequately identify each phase and its substantial completion date, and do not allow phase specific activities to span more than one phase.
- c. Submit with the Work Progress Schedule a narrative report describing current project schedule status and identifying potential delays. This report will include a description of the progress made since the previous schedule submission and objectives for the upcoming 30 calendar days. It will be submitted on 8,5 by 11

inch paper. This report shall at a minimum include the following information:

- Indicate if the Project is on schedule, ahead of schedule or behind schedule. If the Project is ahead of schedule or behind schedule, the report shall include the specific number of calendar days. If the Project is behind schedule, the report shall include a detailed recovery plan that will put the Project back on schedule.
- 2) The report will describe the current critical path of the Project and indicate if this has changed in the last 30 calendar days. Discuss current successes or problems that have affected either the critical path's length or have caused a shift in the critical path within the last 30 calendar days. Identify specific activities, progress, or events that may reasonably be anticipated to impact the critical path within the next 30 calendar days, either to affect its length or to shift it to an alternate path.
- 3) List all schedule logic or duration changes that have been made to the schedule since the previous submission. For each change, describe the basis for the change and specifically identify the affected activities by identification number.
- Identify any and all activities, either in progress or scheduled to occur within the following 30 days that require County participation, review, approval, etc.
- d. Submit, with the Work Progress Schedule, clear documentation demonstrating that all necessary coordination activities with utility owners that have facilities within the limits of construction have been conducted. In addition, incorporate into the work progress schedule any utility adjustment schedules included in the Contract Documents unless the utility company and the Department mutually agree to changes to the utility schedules shown in the Contract.
- Engineer will return inadequate schedules to Contractor for corrections. Resubmit a corrected schedule within 15 days from the date of Engineer's return transmittal.
- f. Submit an updated Work Progress Schedule, for Engineer's acceptance, if there is a significant change in the planned order or duration of an activity. Engineer will review the corrected schedule and respond within 7 days of receipt.
- g. By acceptance of the schedule, Engineer does not endorse or otherwise certify the validity or accuracy of the activity durations or sequencing of activities. Engineer will use the accepted schedule as a baseline against which to measure the progress.
- h. If Contractor fails to finalize either the initial or a revised schedule in the time specified, Engineer will withhold all Contract payments until Engineer accepts the schedule.

2. Weekly Work Progress Meetings:

- Coordinate weekly meetings to discuss Contract progress with Engineer including near term scheduled activities, utility relocations, and problems and their proposed solutions.
- b. Submit a Two-Week "Look Ahead" Planning Schedule at each weekly meeting, showing the items of work planned for the next two weeks. Develop the schedule in Bar Chart format, identifying current and planned activities and related Contract Schedule work activities, including subcontractor work. Designate all activities that are controlling work items as determined by the currently accepted Contract Schedule.
- c. A report shall be submitted at each weekly meeting identifying schedule activity progress including actual start or finish dates achieved for any activities.

3. Prosecution of the Work.

- Give the Work the constant attention necessary to ensure the scheduled progress, and cooperate fully with Engineer and with other contractors at work in the vicinity.
- b. Do not commence work under the Contract until after the Department has issued the Notice to Proceed. Thereafter, commence the Work and continue all work in an expeditious manner to a conclusion acceptable to Engineer and in accordance with the approved Work Progress Schedule.
- All requirements of the Contract, including completion of punch list items and final deliverables, must be completed during the Contract Duration.
- d. Compliance with Time Requirements: Commence work in accordance with the approved Work Progress Schedule and provide sufficient labor, materials and equipment to complete all work as scheduled. Should Contractor fail to furnish sufficient and suitable equipment, forces, and materials, as necessary to prosecute the Work in accordance with the required schedule, Engineer may withhold all progress payments that are, or may become due, or suspend the work until Contractor corrects such deficiencies.
- e. Provisions for Convenience of Public: Schedule construction operations so as to minimize any inconvenience to adjacent businesses or residences. Where necessary, Engineer may require Contractor to first construct the work in any areas along the Project where inconveniences caused by construction operations would present a more serious handicap. In such critical locations, where there is no assurance of continuous effective prosecution of the work once the construction operations are begun, Engineer may require Contractor to delay removal of the existing (usable) facilities.
- f. The lack of equipment or unsuitability of said equipment shall not be an acceptable reason for falling behind schedule.

g. If Contractor fails to complete all work under the Contract, within the time specified in the "Notice to Proceed" and/or Work Order(s), or fails to perform the Work with sufficient personnel and equipment or with sufficient materials to assure the prompt completion of the work assigned, or discontinues the prosecution of the Work, or fails to resume work which has been discontinued within a reasonable time after notice to do so, or becomes insolvent or is declared bankrupt, or files for reorganization under the bankruptcy or insolvency code, or for any other cause whatsoever, fails to carry on the work in an acceptable manner, or if the surety executing the bond, becomes unsatisfactory in the opinion of the County, Engineer will give notice in writing to Contractor and his surety of such delay, neglect, or default. Additionally, the County may opt to not issue further Work orders and/or to terminate the Contract in addition to assigning a non-responsive Contractor Evaluation rating. Continuous failure by Contractor to complete work in a timely fashion may result in the County not issuing further work and/or cancellation of the Contract.

4. Additional Requirements for Work Order Contracts:

- The completion time for each Work Order will consist of a reasonable duration determined by Engineer.
- b. After the "Notice to Proceed" and issuance of the Work Order(s), Contractor shall commence the Work on the effective date of each Work Order and continue all work in an expeditious manner to a conclusion acceptable to Engineer.
- c. All activities required to be performed for each Work Order, including completion of punch list items and final deliverables, must be completed during the Work Order Days provided for each Work Order.
- d. Unless otherwise provided by the Contract Documents, Engineer may issue subsequent Work Order(s) any time after Engineer determines that work under an existing Work Order is substantially completed, even if site restoration or punch list items are pending for the existing Work Order.

G. Progress of the Work.

- Unless otherwise stipulated herein, progress of the Work will be evaluated monthly and compared to the approved Work Progress Schedule.
 - a. When dollars invoiced by Contractor on the Project are 15 percent greater than the estimated dollars for the work scheduled, Engineer may request in writing, that Contractor submit a revised Work Progress Schedule for approval by the next scheduled monthly submittal date.
 - When the dollars earned by Contractor on the Project are 15 percent less than the estimated dollars for the work scheduled, Engineer may deem the progress of the Work unsatisfactory and

- will issue a notice to Contractor of unsatisfactory performance.
- In the event a noncritical item becomes critical as determined by Engineer, Contractor must submit a revised CPM schedule.
- d. When an activity on the critical path, as shown on the current approved Work Progress Schedule, has exceeded its late start date by 7 Days, Engineer will deem the progress of Work unsatisfactory and will hold a meeting with Contractor to address the schedule within 7 Days of the discovery. If a resolution cannot be determined within 5 Days, Engineer will issue a notice to Contractor of unsatisfactory performance.
- e. When it becomes apparent that an activity on the critical path, as shown on the current approved Work Progress Schedule, has exceeded its original duration by 10 or more Days, regardless of the Contract's definition of Contract Time, Contractor must submit a revised Work Progress Schedule for approval within 5 Days of the discovery and Engineer will issue a notice of unsatisfactory performance to the Contractor and identify the unsatisfactory performance.
- 2. The notice of unsatisfactory performance will also allow a reasonable period of time, as determined by Engineer but not to exceed 30 Days from receipt of the notice, for Contractor to bring the progress of the Work into compliance with the current accepted work progress schedule or to provide acceptable written justification for the delay. Contractor must do the following things within the time specified in the notice to Contractor of unsatisfactory performance:
 - a. Submit a revised baseline progress schedule and recovery plan to Engineer for review and approval. Demonstrate the proposed method to complete the Project within the remaining time specified in the current accepted work progress schedule; and
 - If Contractor is unable to provide such a revised schedule, a late completion schedule shall be submitted indicating the time required to complete the Work. The Department's approval of the late completion schedule will not operate as a waiver of the Department's right to assess liquidated damages;
 - c. Take all necessary action, subject to Engineer's approval, to ensure completion of the Project at no additional cost to the Department within the remaining time specified in the accepted schedule. Actions may include but not be limited to the following:
 - 1) Additional overtime;
 - 2) Added work shift;
 - Additional workforce;
 - 4) Extended workweek;
 - 5) Additional Equipment; or
 - 6) A combination of these.

H. Performance of Work

- Give due and adequate notices to those in control of all properties that may be affected by the construction activities.
- 2. Keep on the job site sufficient plant and equipment to meet the requirements of the Work. The plant shall be kept in a satisfactory operating condition and be capable of safely and efficiently performing the Work as set forth in the Plans and Specifications. The equipment and all operations shall be subject to inspection by Engineer at all times.
- Submit for approval by Engineer, a description of the type of materials and equipment to be used; and the method of procedure to be used in the performance of the Work.

Condition of Equipment

- a. All equipment used in the performance of the Work must be in first class operating condition, including proper mufflers and other silencing accessories. All equipment must be properly lubricated on a special maintenance type schedule to reduce noise, including tracks, rollers, idlers, sheaves and other noise producing components. Care must be taken to prevent oil spillage of any kind or oil dripping from equipment. All dewatering pumps and welding machines must be engine driven or powered by Contractor furnished generators. The temporary power source available at the jobsite is not sufficient to power that type of equipment.
- b. If the equipment used proves less than satisfactory and is unduly or needlessly disturbing the neighbors, in the opinion of Engineer, he will have the right to order Contractor to immediately modify the equipment to make it satisfactory, or to change to other equipment that is satisfactory at no additional cost to the County.

5. Saw Cutting:

a. When required in performance of this Contract, material may be removed by either saw cutting the slab perpendicular to the long edge, or by any other means that will produce a clean neat cut and that is acceptable to Engineer. All costs for saw cutting and/or any other necessary means for accomplishing the bid items listed in this Contract shall be included in the cost for said item.

Open Excavations:

a. At the close of each workday, Contractor shall refill all open excavations, or cover open excavations with steel plates capable of supporting vehicular traffic at no additional cost to the County.

7. Florida Trench Safety Act

a. The Florida Trench Safety Act (Sections 553.60-553.64, Florida Statutes) is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these Specifications. The purpose and intention of the State of Florida "Trench Safety Act" is to provide for increased worker safety by requiring compliance with sufficient standards for trench safety and providing additional specific requirements when the excavation is in excess of 5 feet deep. By executing the Contract, Contractor certifies that he is fully aware of the Trench Safety Act, and will comply with applicable trench safety standards.

In accordance with Sections 553.60-553.64, F.S., the bidder acknowledges those included in the various items of the proposal and in the total bid price are costs for complying.

As-Built Drawings

- 1. Five (5) sets of complete "As-Built" drawings signed and sealed by either a Florida Registered Surveyor and Mapper or a Florida Registered Professional Engineer, shall be accurately recorded by Contractor and submitted to Engineer prior to final acceptance of the Work. As Built drawing required for Federally Funded Projects must be signed and sealed only by a Florida Registered Professional Engineer.
- The As-Built Drawings must contain detailed information pertaining to the locations, spans, depths, and elevations of all significant elements of construction performed pursuant to the Contract Documents in addition to all information necessary to comply with Project permits and regulatory requirement.
- All locations, depths, and elevations shall be taken by a Florida Registered Surveyor and Mapper and be shown on the As-Built drawings.
- No separate payment will be made for the As-Built drawings.

J. Liquidated Damages

- Contractor, or in case of his default the surety, shall pay to the County, not as a penalty but as liquidated damages, the amount stipulated below should Contractor fail to complete all work specified within the time stipulated in the Contract for substantial completion, including extra time granted in writing by the County. Substantial completion, must be achieved 60 days prior to contract final acceptance, unless a different time is stipulated under contract duration on For Work Order based the Special Provisions. Contracts, liquidated damages shall be the amount stipulated below, computed for each Work Order, should Contractor fail to complete all work specified within the time stipulated in the Work Order, including extra time granted in writing by the County.
- Applicable liquidated damages for each day after the scheduled substantial completion date are the amounts established in the following schedule:

Total Contract/Work
Order Amount
\$50,000 and under
Over \$50,000 but less
than \$250,000

Daily Charge Per Calendar Day \$956

\$956	
\$964	

\$250,000 but less than \$500,000	\$1,241
\$500,000 but less than \$2,500,000	\$1,665
\$2,500,000 but less than \$5,000,000	\$2,712
\$5,000,000 but less than \$10,000,000	\$3,447
\$10,000,000 but less than \$15,000,000	\$4,866
\$15,000,000 but less than \$20,000,000	\$5,818
\$20,000,000 and over	\$9,198 plus 0.00005 of any amount over \$20 million (Round to nearest whole dollar)

- 3. Contractor, or in case of his default the surety, shall pay to the County, not as a penalty but as liquidated damages, 30% of the amount stipulated above under this subarticle J.2 should Contractor fail to complete punch list items and deliver all required documents, including warranties, necessary to close out the project within the total time stipulated in the Contract for final acceptance, including extra time granted in writing by the County.
- 4. Engineer will count default days in calendar days.
- County has the right to apply, as payment on such liquidated damages, any money the County owes Contractor.
- 6. County does not waive its right to liquidated damages due under the Contract by allowing Contractor to continue and to finish the work, or any part of it, after the expiration of the Contract/Work Order Time including granted time extensions.
- The requirements of this Article may not be waived, compromised or settled without the express written consent of the Board of County Commissioners.

K. Limitations of Operations

1. General:

- a. Subject to any provision to the contrary provided in these Contract Documents, Work must not be carried out during the night or on Saturdays, Sundays or on County holidays without prior written approval from Engineer issued at least 72 hours before these times so that proper inspection and engineering services may be scheduled.
- b. Prior written approval from Engineer, as specified in this Article, is not required for the performance of work that is necessary for proper care, maintenance, and protection of Work already done, or in cases when the Work would otherwise be endangered or when hazard to life or property would result, in which case Contractor must inform Engineer at the earliest possible opportunity of the same.
- All construction activities, designated by Engineer as requiring inspection by the County, must be

- scheduled to coincide with the hours of availability of Engineer or Engineer's duly authorized inspector. The hours of availability are from 7:00 AM until 4:30 PM Monday through Friday; unless otherwise approved by the Engineer, these construction activities must be scheduled to coincide with the aforementioned hours of availability.
- d. Work performed without the prior written approval of Engineer and without an Engineer's duly authorized inspector may be declared defective solely on the grounds that it was not properly inspected.
- Contractor must conform to all applicable laws, regulations, or ordinances with regard to labor employed, hours of work and general operations.

2. Night Work:

- a. Night work may be undertaken as a regular procedure when required by the Contract Documents or approved in writing by Engineer. Such approval, however, may be revoked at any time by Engineer if Contractor fails to maintain adequate equipment, lighting, and supervision for the proper prosecution and control of the Work at night pursuant to the requirements herein.
- b. For the purposes of this Article, the term "night" shall mean the period from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Due to traffic interference concerns, authorized night construction activities that may be disruptive to traffic flow can only be performed weekdays between 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- c. Prepare a specific work plan and submit it to the Engineer for approval at least one week in advance of the anticipated work. The plan must include a schedule of all activities of work and show in detail the special arrangements that will be made to provide for all regulatory and Contract requirements including cordoning off the areas with sufficient roadwork safety signs; providing approved MOT; worksite personnel and citizen safety; necessary lighting; and daily restoration of the work site.
- Obtain and comply with all necessary permits and authorizations from the applicable jurisdictions.
- Complete all scheduled work and restore the work site as required in the Engineer's approval.
- f. Lighting during nighttime operations:
 - 1) During active nighttime operations, furnish, place and maintain lighting sufficient to permit proper workmanship and inspection. Use lighting with 5 ft-cd minimum intensity. Arrange the lighting to prevent interference with traffic or produce undue glare to property owners. Operate such lighting only during active nighttime construction activities. Provide a light meter to demonstrate that the minimum light intensity is being maintained.
 - Lighting may be accomplished by the use of portable floodlights, standard equipment lights, existing street lights, temporary street

- lights, or other lighting methods approved by Engineer.
- 3) Submit a lighting plan at the Preconstruction Conference for review and acceptance by Engineer. Submit the plan on standard size plan sheets (not larger than 24 by 36 inch), and on a scale of either 100 or 50 feet to 1 inch. Do not start night work prior to the Engineer's acceptance of the lighting plan.
- 4) During active nighttime operations, furnish, place and maintain variable message signs to alert approaching motorists of lighted construction zones ahead. Operate the variable message signs only during active construction activities.
- 5) Where night work is required by the Contract Documents, include compensation for lighting for night work in the Contract prices for the various items of the Contract. Take ownership of all lighting equipment for night work.
- Sequence of Operations: Do not open up work to the prejudice of work already started. Engineer may require Contractor to finish a section on which work is in progress before starting work on any additional section.

4. Interference with Traffic:

- a. At all times conduct the Work in such manner and in such sequence as to ensure the least practicable interference with traffic. Operate all vehicles and other equipment safely and without hindrance to the traveling public. Park all private vehicles outside the clear zone. Place materials authorized to be stored along the roadway so as to cause no obstruction to the traveling public as possible.
- b. Where existing pavement is to be widened and stabilizing is not required, prevent any open trench from remaining after working hours by scheduling operations to place the full thickness of widened base by the end of each day. Do not construct widening strips simultaneously on both sides of the road, except where separated by a distance of at least 1/4 mile along the road and where either the work of excavation has not been started or the base has been completed.

5. Coordination with other contractors:

- a. Sequence the work and dispose of materials so as not to interfere with the operations of other contractors engaged upon adjacent work; join the work to that of others in a proper manner, in accordance with the spirit of the Contract Documents; and perform the work in the proper sequence in relation to that of other contractors; all as may be directed by Engineer.
- Contractor is responsible for any damage done by him or his agents to the work performed by another contractor.
- Drainage: Conduct the operations and maintain the work in such condition to provide adequate drainage

- at all times. Unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents, do not obstruct existing functioning storm drains, gutters, ditches, and other run-off facilities.
- Fire Hydrants: Keep fire hydrants on or adjacent to the roadway accessible to fire apparatus at all times, and do not place any material or obstruction within 15 feet of any fire hydrant.
- Protection of Structures: Do not operate heavy equipment close enough to pipe headwalls or other structures to cause their displacement.
- Fencing: Erect permanent fence as a first order of business on all projects that include fencing where Engineer determines that the fencing is necessary to maintain the security of livestock on adjacent property, or for protection of pedestrians who are likely to gain access to the project from adjacent property.

10. Hazardous or Toxic Waste:

- a. When the construction operations encounter or expose any abnormal condition that may indicate the presence of a hazardous or toxic waste, discontinue such operations in the vicinity of the abnormal condition and notify Engineer immediately. Be alert for the presence of tanks or barrels; discolored earth, metal, wood, ground water, etc.; visible fumes; abnormal odors; excessively hot earth; smoke; or other conditions that appear abnormal as possible indicators of hazardous or toxic wastes and treat these conditions with extraordinary caution.
- Make every effort to minimize the spread of any hazardous or toxic waste into uncontaminated areas.
- Do not resume the construction operations until so directed by Engineer.
- d. Dispose of the hazardous or toxic waste in accordance with the requirements and regulations of any Local, State, or Federal agency having jurisdiction. Where Contractor performs work necessary to dispose of hazardous or toxic waste, and the Contract does not include pay items for disposal, the Department will pay for this work as unforeseeable work.
- e. The Department may agree to hold harmless and indemnify Contractor for damages when Contractor discovers or encounters hazardous materials or pollutants during the performance of services for the Department when the presence of such materials or pollutants were unknown or not reasonably discoverable. Such indemnification agreements are only effective if Contractor immediately stops work and notifies the Department of the hazardous material or pollutant problem.
- f. Such indemnification agreement is not valid for damages resulting from Contractor's willful, wanton, or intentional conduct or the operations of Hazardous Material Contractors.
- L. Qualifications of Contractor's Personnel

- Meet the personnel qualifications requirements stipulated in Article 105 of the DTPW Specifications.
- 2. Provide competent, careful, and reliable superintendents, foremen, and workmen. Provide workmen with sufficient skill and experience to properly perform the work assigned to them. Provide workmen engaged on special work, or skilled work, such as bituminous courses or mixtures, concrete bases, pavements, or structures, or in any trade, with sufficient experience in such work to perform it properly and satisfactorily and to operate the equipment involved. Provide workmen that shall make due and proper effort to execute the work in the manner prescribed in the Contract Documents, or Engineer may take action as prescribed below.
- 3. It is prohibited as a conflict of interest for a Contractor to subcontract with a Consultant to perform Contractor Quality Control when the Consultant is under contract with the Department to perform work on any project described in Contractor's Contract with the Department. Prior to approving a Consultant for Contractor Quality Control, Contractor shall submit to the Department a Certificate from the proposed Consultant certifying that no conflict of interest exists.
- 4. Whenever Engineer determines that any person employed by Contractor is incompetent, unfaithful, intemperate, disorderly, or insubordinate, Engineer will provide written notice and Contractor shall discharge the person from the work. Do not employ any discharged person on the Project without the written consent of Engineer. If Contractor fails to remove such person or persons, Engineer may withhold all payments that are or may become due, or suspend the work until Contractor complies with such orders. Protect, defend, indemnify, and hold the County, its agents, officials, and employees harmless from all claims, actions, or suite arising from such removal, discharge, or suspension of employees.
- M. Temporary Suspension of Contractor's Operations
- 1. Authority to Suspend Contractor's Operations:
 - a. Engineer has the authority to suspend Contractor's operations, wholly or in part. Engineer will order such suspension in writing, giving in detail the reasons for the suspension. Contract Time will be charged during all suspensions of Contractor's operations.
 - b. Any work in the public right of way may be temporarily suspended by the roadway governing authority. If an extension of Contact time is authorized pursuant to the requirements of the Contract Documents, it will be of a noncompensable nature. All costs associated with temporary suspension including any demobilization or re-mobilization costs are the sole responsibility of the Contractor and no extra compensation will be allowed.
 - c. No additional time extension will be granted to Contractor when the operations are suspended for the following reasons:

- Contractor fails to comply with the Contract Documents.
- Contractor fails to carry out orders given by Engineer.
- Contractor causes conditions considered unfavorable for continuing the Work.
- Immediately comply with any suspension order. Do not resume operations until authorized to do so by Engineer in writing. Any operations performed by Contractor, and otherwise constructed in conformance with the provisions of the Contract, after the issuance of the suspension order and prior to Engineer's authorization to resume operations will be at no cost to the County. Further, failure to immediately comply with any suspension order will also constitute an act of default by Contractor and is deemed sufficient basis in and of itself for the Department to declare Contractor in default, with the exception that Contractor will not have ten calendar days to correct the conditions for which the suspension was ordered.
- Prolonged Suspensions: If Engineer suspends
 Contractor's operations for an indefinite period, store
 all materials in such manner that they will not obstruct
 or impede the traveling public unnecessarily or
 become damaged in any way. Take every reasonable
 precaution to prevent damage to or deterioration of the
 work performed. Provide suitable drainage of the
 roadway by opening ditches, shoulder drains, etc., and
 provide any temporary structures necessary for public
 travel through the project.
- 3. Permission to Suspend Contractor's Operations: Do not suspend operations or remove equipment or materials necessary for completing the work without obtaining Engineer's written permission. Submit all requests for suspension of operations in writing to Engineer, and identify specific dates to begin and end the suspension. Contractor is not entitled to any additional compensation for suspension of operations during such periods.
- 4. Suspension of Contractor's Operations-Holidays:
 - a. Unless Contractor submits a written request to work on a holiday at least ten days in advance of the requested date and receives written approval from Engineer, Contractor must not work on the following days: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; President's Day, Memorial Day; the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; the Saturday, and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day; Columbus Day, Veterans' Day; Thanksgiving Day; the Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving Day; and December 24 through January 2, inclusive. Contract Time will be charged during these holiday periods regardless of whether or not Contractor's operations have been suspended.
 - During such suspensions, remove all equipment and materials from the clear zone, except those required for the safety of the traveling public and

retain sufficient personnel at the job site to properly meet all applicable requirements for: (1) Maintenance of Traffic; and (2) Prevention, Control, and Abatement of Erosion and Water Pollution. Contractor is not entitled to any additional compensation for removal of equipment from clear zones or for compliance with the aforementioned requirements during such holiday periods.

N. Computation of Contract Time

 Date of Beginning of Contract Time: The Contract Time begins on the effective start date of the "Notice to Proceed." Perform the Work fully, entirely, and in accordance with the Contract Documents within the Contract Time(s) specified in the Contract Documents, or as may be extended in accordance with the provisions herein.

Contract Time Extensions:

- a. The Department will consider the delays in delivery of materials or component equipment that affect progress on a controlling item of work as a basis for granting a time extension if such delays are beyond the control of Contractor or supplier. Such delays may include an area-wide shortage, an industry-wide strike, or a natural disaster that affects all feasible sources of supply. In such cases, Contractor shall furnish substantiating letters from a representative number of manufacturers of such materials or equipment clearly confirming that the delays in delivery were the result of an area-wide shortage, an industrywide strike, etc. No additional compensation will be made for delays caused by delivery of materials or component equipment.
- b. The Department will not consider requests for time extension due to delay in the delivery of custom manufactured equipment including traffic signal equipment, highway lighting equipment, etc., unless Contractor furnishes documentation that the order for such equipment was placed in a timely manner, the delay was caused by factors beyond the manufacturer's control, and the lack of such equipment caused a delay in progress on a controlling item of work. No additional compensation will be paid for delays caused by delivery of custom manufactured equipment.
- c. The Department will consider the effect of utility relocation and adjustment work on job progress as the basis for granting a time extension only if all the following criteria are met:
 - Delays are the result of either utility work that was not detailed in the plans, or utility work that was detailed in the plans but was not accomplished in reasonably close accordance with the schedule included in the Contract Documents.
 - Utility work actually affected progress toward completion of controlling work items.
 - Contractor took all reasonable measures to minimize the effect of utility work on job

progress, including cooperative scheduling of Contractor's operations with the scheduled utility work at the preconstruction conference and providing adequate advance notification to utility companies as to the dates to coordinate their operations with Contractor's operations to avoid delays.

- d. As a condition precedent to an extension of Contract Time, Contractor must submit to Engineer:
 - A preliminary request for an extension of Contract Time made in writing to Engineer within ten calendar days after the commencement of a delay to a controlling item of work. If Contractor fails to submit this required preliminary request for an extension of Contract Time, Contractor fully, completely, absolutely and irrevocably waives any entitlement to an extension of Contract Time for that delay. In the case of a continuing delay only a single preliminary request for an extension of Contract Time will be required. Each such preliminary request for an extension of Contract Time shall include as a minimum the commencement date of the delay, the cause of the delay, and the controlling item of work affected by the delay; and
 - Further, Contractor must submit to Engineer a request for a Contract Time extension in writing within 30 days after the elimination of the delay to the controlling item of work identified in the preliminary request for an extension of Contract Time. Each request for a Contract Time extension shall include as a minimum all documentation that Contractor wishes the Department to consider related to the delay, and the exact number of days requested to be added to Contract Time. If Contractor contends that the delay is compensable, then Contractor is also required to submit with the request for a Contract Time extension a detailed cost analysis of the requested additional compensation. If Contractor fails to submit this required request for a Contract Time extension, with or without a detailed cost analysis, depriving Engineer of the timely opportunity to verify the delay and the costs of the delay, Contractor waives any entitlement to an extension of Contract Time or additional compensation for the delay.
- e. Upon timely receipt of the preliminary request of Contract Time from Contractor, Engineer will investigate the conditions, and if it is determined that a controlling item of work is being delayed for reasons beyond the control of Contractor, Engineer will take appropriate action to mitigate the delay and the costs of the delay. Upon timely receipt of the request for a Contract Time extension Engineer will further investigate the conditions, and if it is determined that there was an increase in the time or the cost of performance

- of the controlling item of work beyond the control of Contractor, then an adjustment of Contract Time will be made, and a monetary adjustment will be made, excluding loss of anticipated profits, and the Contract will be modified in writing accordingly.
- The existence of an accepted schedule, including any required update(s), as required by the Contract Documents is a condition precedent to Contractor having any right to the granting of an extension of contract time or any monetary compensation arising out of any delay. Contractor failure to have an accepted schedule, including any required update(s), for the period of potential impact, or in the event the currently accepted schedule and applicable updates do not accurately reflect the actual status of the project or fail to accurately show the true controlling or non-controlling work activities for the period of potential impact, will result in any entitlement determination as to time or money for such period of potential impact being limited solely to the Department's analysis and identification of the actual controlling or non-controlling work activities. Further, in such instances, the Department's determination as to entitlement as to either time or compensability will be final

O. Default and Termination of Contract

1. Determination of Default:

- a. The following acts or omissions constitute acts of default and, except as to subparagraph 10) below, the Department will give notice, in writing, to Contractor and his surety for any delay, neglect or default, if Contractor:
 - Fails to begin the work under the Contract within the time specified in the Notice to Proceed;
 - Fails to perform the work with sufficient workmen and equipment or with sufficient materials to ensure prompt completion of the Contract;
 - Performs the work unsuitably, or neglects or refuses to remove materials or to perform anew such work that Engineer rejects as unacceptable and unsuitable;
 - Discontinues the prosecution of the work, or fails to resume discontinued work within a reasonable time after Engineer notifies Contractor to do so;
 - Becomes insolvent or is declared bankrupt, or files for reorganization under the bankruptcy code, or commits any act of bankruptcy or insolvency, either voluntarily or involuntarily;
 - Allows any final judgment to stand against him unsatisfied for a period of ten calendar days;

- Makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors;
- Fails to comply with Contract requirements regarding minimum wage payments or Small Business Enterprise or Equal Employment Opportunity requirements;
- Fails to comply with Engineer's written suspension of work order within the time allowed for compliance and which time is stated in that suspension of work order; or
- 10) For any other cause whatsoever, fails to carry on the work in an acceptable manner, or if the surety executing the bond, for any reasonable cause, becomes unsatisfactory in the opinion of the Department.
- b. For a notice based upon reasons stated in subparagraphs a. 1) through 8) and 10) above: if Contractor, within a period of ten calendar days after receiving the notice described above, fails to correct the conditions of which complaint is made, the Department will, upon written certificate from Engineer of the fact of such delay, neglect, or default and Contractor's failure to correct such conditions, have full power and authority, without violating the Contract, to take the prosecution of the work out of the hands of Contractor and to declare Contractor in default.
- If Contractor, after having received a prior notice described above for any reason stated in subparagraph a, 2), 3), 4), 5), 6) or 8), commits a second or subsequent act of default for any reason covered by the same subparagraph a. 2). 3), 4), 5), 6) or 8) as stated in the prior notice, and regardless whether the specific reason is the same, then, regardless of whether Contractor has cured the deficiency stated in that prior notice, the Department will, upon written certificate from Engineer of the fact of such delay, neglect or default and Contractor's failure to correct such conditions, have full power and authority, without any prior written notice to Contractor and without violating the Contract, to take the prosecution of the work out of the hands of Contractor and to declare Contractor in default.
- d. Regarding subparagraph a. 9), if Contractor fails to comply with Engineer's written suspension of work order within the time allowed for compliance and which time is stated in that suspension of work order, the Department will, upon written certificate from Engineer of the fact of such delay and Contractor's failure to correct that condition, have full power and authority, without violating the Contract, to immediately take the prosecution of the work out of the hands of Contractor and to declare Contractor in default.
- The Department has no liability for anticipated profits for unfinished work on a Contract that the Department has determined to be in default.

2. Completion of Work by Department:

 Upon declaration of default, the Department will have full power to appropriate or use any or all

- suitable and acceptable materials and equipment on the site and may enter into an agreement with others to complete the work under the Contract, or may use other methods to complete the work in an acceptable manner. The Department will charge all costs that the Department incurs because of Contractor's default, including the costs of completing the work under the Contract, against Contractor. If the Department incurs such costs in an amount that is less than the sum that would have been payable under the Contract had the defaulting Contractor completed the work then the Department will pay the difference to the defaulting Contractor. If the Department incurs such costs in an amount that exceeds the sum that would have been payable under the Contract, then Contractor and the surety shall be liable and shall pay the County the amount of the excess.
- b. If, after the ten day notice period and prior to any action by the Department to otherwise complete the work under the Contract, Contractor establishes his intent to prosecute the work in accordance with the Department's requirements, then the Department may allow Contractor to resume the work, in which case the Department will deduct from any monies due or that may become due under the Contract, any costs to the County incurred by the delay, or from any reason attributable to the delay.

3. Termination of Contract for Convenience:

- a. The Department may terminate the entire Contract or any portion thereof, if the Department determines termination is in the County's interest. Engineer will deliver to Contractor a Written Notice of Termination specifying the extent of termination and the effective date.
- b. When the Department terminates the entire Contract, or any portion thereof, before Contractor completes all items of work in the Contract, the Department will make payment for the actual number of units or items of work that Contractor has completed, at the Contract unit price, and as approved by Engineer for items of work partially completed, and such payments will constitute full and complete compensation for such work or items. No payment of any kind or amount will be made for items of work not started. The Department will not consider any claim for loss of anticipated profits, or overhead of any kind (including home office and jobsite overhead or other indirect impacts).
- c. The Department will consider reimbursing Contractor for actual cost of mobilization (when not otherwise included in the Contract) including moving equipment to the job where the volume of the work that Contractor has completed is de minimis and thereby too small to compensate Contractor for these expenses under the Contract unit prices.
- d. The Department may purchase at actual cost acceptable materials and supplies procured for the work, that the Department has inspected, tested, and approved and that Contractor has not

- incorporated in the work. Submit the proof of actual cost, as shown by receipted bills and actual cost records, at such points of delivery as Engineer may designate.
- e. Termination of a contract or a portion thereof, under the provisions of this Subarticle, does not relieve Contractor or the surety of its responsibilities for the completed portion of the Contract or its obligations for and concerning any just claims arising out of the work performed.

P. Release of Contractor's Responsibility

The Department considers the Contract complete when Contractor has completed all work and requirements of the Contract and the Department has accepted the Work. The Department will then release Contractor from further obligation except as set forth in the Contract Bonds, and except as allowed by the Contract Documents subsequent to Final Payment.

1.07 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

A. Compensation

- Compensation provided by the Contract, through the various scheduled items having awarded Contract Unit Prices, constitutes full payment for completing the Work and meeting all requirements of the Contract Documents. Approved payments will be made only under items having awarded Contract Unit Prices that are measured and accepted by Engineer.
- 2. The aforementioned compensation includes:
 - Full payment for furnishing any material, supply, equipment, tool, labor, supervision, or meeting any requirement that is reasonably inferred or incidental to the Work whether or not specifically called for by the Contract Documents.
 - b. Items of work that do not have awarded Contract Unit Prices, even if the items appear within the Articles of these Specifications or anywhere else in the Contract Documents. These items will not be measured separately for payment. Compensation for performing any work or meeting any requirement associated with these items is included in approved payments made under the various scheduled items having awarded Contract Unit Prices.
- 3. For Job Order Contracts, the Contract Unit Price, where referenced anywhere in these Contract Documents, is the price which results from the multiplication of the unit price provided by the County on the Project Bid Form times the awarded Contractor's percentage factor. All compensation for services called for in this Contract shall be made on the basis of the Contract Unit Prices for quantities based upon the actual work performed and accepted by Engineer. Such compensation shall be complete payment for all phases of the operation and no additional payment shall be made for any reason whatsoever.

4. Miami-Dade County offers a payment option that will expedite County payments to your organization via Automatic Clearing House transfers instead of the issuance and mailing of a County check. More information is available at http://www.miamidade.gov/finance/vendor-payment.asp#5 The form can also be found on the Appendices to the Special Provisions

B. Contingency Allowance Account

 A Contingency Allowance account has been established for the Work under this Contract. The Total Contract award amount will include no more than ten percent (10%) Contingency Allowance Account. Contractor is not entitled to funds from the Contingency Allowance Account unless, at the discretion of Engineer, work is directed to be performed that is beyond the scope of established pay items. Contractor shall perform such work only upon receipt of an executed Miami-Dade-County Contingency Allowance Account expenditure form from Engineer.

C. Florida Power And Light Connection Allowance

 County will reimburse Contractor, at invoice cost, for the services of the Florida Power and Light (FPL) connection fees required by Engineer. The necessary invoices shall be submitted to Engineer for inclusion in the payment requisition. This payment will be made from the appropriate dedicated allowance. If no dedicated allowance is provided, then payment shall be made from the Contingency Allowance Account.

D. Retainage; Punch List Requirements

1. Amount of retainage.

- An amount of 10-percent retainage will be withheld from each progress payment made to Contractor.
- After "50-percent completion" of the Contract work, the amount of retainage withheld from each subsequent progress payment will be reduced to 5-percent.
- c. For the purpose of this Article, "50-percent completion" shall mean the point at which the County has expended 50 percent of the total awarded amount of the Contract together with all costs, if any, associated with existing change orders and any other changes or additions or modifications to the construction services required by the Contract.

2. Project closeout (Punch List).

a Within 21 days of reaching Substantial Completion and performance of required inspection(s), Engineer, with cooperation of Contractor, will develop a single punch list subject to the provisions of Section 218.735 (7) of the Florida Statutes (F.S.), listing all items necessary to render complete, satisfactory, and acceptable to Engineer all work and requirements of the

- Contract. Contractor will review and comment as necessary to assist Engineer in the preparation of the final draft of the list during the aforementioned timeframe.
- b. Engineer will provide Contractor with the Punch List within 5 days after the List has been developed and reviewed as provided in Subarticle 2.a above. Contractor must immediately work on completion of the items listed and provide to Engineer within 5 days of receipt of the Punch List, a final schedule for the completion of all pending work and requirements of the Contract. The schedule must provide for the final completion of all Contract requirements and acceptance by the Engineer prior to the expiration of the Contract.
- c. For work order or multiphase projects:
 - Provide a punch list listing all items necessary to render complete, satisfactory, and acceptable to Engineer all work and requirements for each phase or work order as applicable.
 - All time limitations and requirements stipulated above apply except that the timeframe requirements for the individual punch lists are based on the specific phase or work order's substantial completion.

3. Release of Retainage.

- a. The release of retainage is subject to Section 218.735 (7), F.S. and may be requested as follows:
 - After "50-percent completion" of the Contract work, Contractor may present to the County a payment request for up to one-half of the retainage held by the County.
 - 2) Upon completion of all items on the punch list and their acceptance by Engineer, Contractor may submit a payment request for all remaining retainage withheld by the County under this Contract. If a good faith dispute exists as to whether one or more items identified on the Punch List have been completed pursuant to the Contract requirements, the County may continue to withhold an amount equal to 150 percent of the total costs to complete such items.
 - 3) The County is not required to pay or release any amounts of retainage that are the subject of a good faith dispute, the subject of a claim brought pursuant to Section 255.05, F.S., or otherwise the subject of a claim or demand by the County or Contractor.

E. Measurement of Quantities

- Measurement Standards: Engineer will measure all work completed under the Contract in accordance with the United States Standard Measures.
- Method of Measurements: Engineer will take all measurements horizontally or vertically as applicable.

3. Determination of Pay Areas:

- a. Final Calculation: When measuring items paid for on the basis of area of finished work, where the pay quantity is designated to be determined by calculation, Engineer will use lengths and widths in the calculations based on the station to station dimensions shown on the plans; the station to station dimensions actually constructed within the limits designated by Engineer; or the final dimensions measured along the surface of the completed work within the neat lines shown on the Plans or designated by Engineer. Engineer will use the method or combination of methods of measurement that reflect, with reasonable accuracy, the actual surface area of the finished work as Engineer determines.
- Construction Outside Authorized Limits: Engineer will
 not pay for surfaces constructed over a greater area
 than authorized, or for material that Contractor has
 moved from outside of slope stakes and lines shown
 on the plans, except where Engineer provides written
 instruction for Contractor to perform such work.
- 5. Truck Requirements: Provide all trucks with numbers and certify that all trucks used have a manufacturer's certification or permanent decal showing the truck capacity rounded to the nearest tenth of a cubic yard placed on both sides of the truck. This capacity will include the truck body only and any side boards added will not be included in the certified truck body capacity. Ensure the lettering and numbers are legible for identification purposes at all times.
- 6. Ladders and Instrument Stands for Bridge Projects:
 - a. On bridge projects, in order to facilitate necessary measurements, provide substantial ladders to the tops of piers and bents, and place and move such ladders as Engineer directs.
 - For bridge projects crossing water or marshy areas, supply fixed stands for instrument mounting and measurements, in accordance with the details stipulated in the Specifications for the project.

F. Bituminous Material

- a. On Contracts having an original Contract Time of more than 365 calendar days, or more than 5,000 tons of asphalt concrete, the Department will adjust the bid unit price for bituminous material, excluding cutback and emulsified asphalt to reflect increases or decreases in the Asphalt Price Index (API) of bituminous material from that in effect during the month in which bids were received. Contractor will not be given the option of accepting or rejecting this adjustment. Bituminous adjustments will be made only when the current API (CAPI) varies by more than 5% of the API prevailing in the month when bids were received (BAPI), and then only on the portion that exceeds 5%.
- The Department will use the API determined by FDOT and available on the FDOT Office of Construction

- website http://www.doc.state.fl us/construction/fu el&bit/Fuel&Bit.shtm .
- c. Payment on progress estimates will be adjusted to reflect adjustments in the prices for bituminous materials in accordance with the following:
 - 1) \$ Adjustment = (ID)(Gallons)
 - Where ID = Index Difference = [CAPI -0.95(BAPI)] when the API has decreased between the month of bid and month of this progress estimate.
 - Where ID = Index Difference = [CAPI -1.05(BAPI)] when the API has increased between the month of bid and month of this progress estimate.
 - Payment will be made on the current progress estimate to reflect the index difference at the time work was performed.
 - For asphalt concrete items payable by the ton, the number of gallons will be determined assuming a mix design with 6.25 percent liquid asphalt weighing 8.58 lb/gal.
 - Asphalt concrete items payable by the square yard will be converted to equivalent tons assuming a weight of 100 lb/yd² per inch.
- 2. Non-Duplication of Payment: In cases where the basis of payment clause in these Specifications relating to any unit price in the bid schedule requires that the unit price cover and be considered compensation for certain work or material essential to the item, the Department will not measure or pay for this same work or material under any other pay item that may appear elsewhere in these Specifications.
- G. Lump Sum Quantities
- Error in Lump Sum Quantity: Where the Department designates the pay quantity for an item to be a lump sum and the plans show an estimated quantity, the Department will adjust the lump sum compensation only in the event that either Contractor submits satisfactory evidence or the Department determines from satisfactory evidence that a difference exists between the original plan quantity and final quantity of greater than 5 percent.
- 2. Authorized Changes in Work: Where the Department designates the pay quantity for an item to be a lump sum and the plans show an estimated quantity, the Department will adjust compensation for that item proportionately when an authorized plan change is made which results in an increase or decrease in the quantity of that item. When the plans do not show an estimated plan quantity or the applicable specifications do not provide adjustments for contingencies, the Department will compensate for any authorized plan change resulting in an increase or decrease in the cost of acceptably completing the item by establishing a new unit price through a Change Order.
- H. Deleted Work

- The Department will have the right to cancel the portions of the Contract relating to the construction of any acceptable item therein, by the payment to Contractor of a fair and equitable amount covering all items of cost incurred prior to the date that Engineer cancels the work.
- I Partial Payments

1. General:

- a. Engineer will make partial payments on monthly estimates based on the amount of work that Contractor completes during the month (including delivery of certain materials, as specified herein below). Engineer will make approximate monthly payments, and the Department will correct all partial estimates and payments in the subsequent estimates and in the final estimate and payment.
- b. The Department will base the amount of such payments on the total value of the work that Contractor has performed to the date of the estimate, based on the quantities completed as determined by Engineer and the Contract prices, less payments previously made and less any retainage withheld.
- Withholding Payment for Defective Work: If the Department discovers any defective work or material prior to the final acceptance, or if the Department has a reasonable doubt as to the integrity of any part of the completed work prior to final acceptance, then the Department will not allow payment for such defective or questioned work until Contractor has remedied the defect and removed any causes of doubt.
- 3. Partial Payments for Delivery of Certain Materials:

a. General:

- The Department may allow partial payments for new materials that will be permanently incorporated into the Project and are stockpiled in approved locations in the project vicinity. Stockpile materials so that they will not be damaged by the elements.
- The following conditions apply to all partial payments for stockpiled materials:
 - There must be reasonable assurance that the stockpiled material will be incorporated into the Project.
 - The stockpiled material must be approved by Engineer as meeting applicable specifications.
 - c) The total quantity for which partial payment is made shall not exceed the estimated total quantity required to complete the Project.
 - d) Contractor must furnish Engineer with copies of certified invoices to document the value of the materials received. The amount of the partial payment will be determined from invoices for the material up to the unit price in the Contract.

- Delivery charges for materials delivered to the jobsite will be included in partial payments if properly documented.
- f) Partial payments will not be made for materials which were stockpiled prior to award of the Contract for a project.
- Partial Payment Amounts: The following partial payment restrictions apply:
 - Partial payments less than \$5,000 for any one month will not be processed.
 - 2) Partial payments for structural steel and precast prestressed items will not exceed 85% of the Contract price for the item. Partial payments for all other items will not exceed 75% of the Contract price of the item in which the material is to be used.
 - 3) Partial payment will not be made for aggregate and base course material received after paving or base construction operations begin except when a construction sequence designated by the Department requires suspension of paving and base construction after the initial paving operations, partial payments will be reinstated until the paving and base construction resumes.
- 4. Certification of Payment to Subcontractors:
 - The term "subcontractor," as used herein, includes persons or firms furnishing materials or equipment incorporated into the work or stockpiled for which the Department has made partial payment and firms working under equipment-rental agreements. Contractor is required to pay all subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their Contracts before the Department will make a further progress (partial) payment. Contractor shall also return all retainage withheld to the subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily complete, as determined by the Department. Prior to receipt of any progress (partial) payment, Contractor shall certify that all subcontractors having an interest in the Contract were paid for satisfactory performance of their contracts and that the retainage is returned to subcontractors within 30 days after satisfactory completion of the subcontractor's work. Provide this certification in the form designated by the Department.
 - b. Within 30 days of Contractor's receipt of the final progress payment or any other payments thereafter, except the final payment, Contractor shall pay all subcontractors and suppliers having an interest in the Contract for all work completed and materials furnished. The Department will honor an exception to the above when Contractor demonstrates good cause for not making any required payment and furnishes written notification of any such good cause to both the Department and the affected subcontractors or suppliers within said 30 day period.
- J. Record of Construction Materials

- General: For all construction materials used in the construction of the Project, (except materials for materially generally classed as non-commercial), preserve for the Department's inspection the invoices and records of the materials for a period of five years from the date of completion of the Project. Apply this requirement when subcontractors purchase materials, and obtain the invoices and other materials records from the subcontractors. By providing the materials, Contractor certifies that all invoices will be maintained for the required period.
- K. Recovery Rights, Subsequent to Final Payment
- 1 The Department reserves the right, if it discovers an error in the partial or final payments, or if it discovers that Contractor performed defective work or used defective materials, after the final payment has been made, to claim and recover from Contractor or his surety, or both, by process of law, such sums as may be sufficient to correct the error or make good the defects in the work and materials.
- 2. Retain all records pertaining to the Project for a period of five years from the date of Engineer's final acceptance of the Project and final payment, or greater if required by record retention laws. Upon request, make all such records available to the Department or its representative. For the purpose of this Article, records include all books of account, supporting documents, and papers that the Department deems necessary to ensure compliance with the Contract provisions.

Town of Cutler Bay Contract Documents Invitation to Bid ITB# 23-10



FRANJO ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Public Works Department

ACOSTA TRACTORS, INC.

CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION BASE BID FORM TOWN RESOLUTION #24-26 SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS **BID FORMS** PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT **BOND INSURANCE AND LICENSES** DRAWINGS, PLANS, AND/OR **SPECIFICATIONS**



CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION

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this Contract for Construction (this "Contract") is made this 24 day of April , 202 24 (the "Effective Date") by and between the TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, a Florida municipal corporation, (the "Town"), and ACOSTA TRACTORS, INC., a CORPORATION (the "Contractor").

WHEREAS, the Town issued Invitation to Bid No. 2023-10 (the "ITB") for construction of FRANJO ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (the "Project"), which ITB is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Town's ITB, the Contractor submitted a bid for the Project ("Bid"), which Bid is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof, and includes the Price Submittal ("Pricing") attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Contractor submitted the lowest, responsive and responsible bid in response to the ITB and was selected and awarded this Contract for performance of the Work (as hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, Contractor has represented to the Town that it possesses the necessary qualifications, experience and abilities to perform the Work or the Project, and has agreed to provide the Work on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the Contractor and the Town agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF WORK

1.1. Scope of Work. Contractor hereby agrees to furnish all of the labor, materials, equipment, services and incidentals necessary to perform all of the work described in the Contract Documents (the "Work" or the "Project") including, without limitation as described in the approved plans, drawings and/or specifications prepared by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. dated March 22, 2021 (the "Plans") and any other documents incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Contract for the following Project:

FRANJO ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

- **1.2.** <u>Pre-Construction Conference.</u> Within fourteen (14) calendar days after this Contract is executed by both parties, and before any Work has commenced, a pre-construction conference will be held between the Town, the Contractor, and the Project Consultant. The Contractor must submit its project schedule and schedule of values, if applicable, prior to this conference.
- **1.3. Project Schedule.** Contractor must submit a proposed Project Schedule as follows:

- **1.3.1.** Schedule must identify the schedule for each location comprising the Project. The proposed Project schedule must be submitted within ten (10) calendar days from the date this Contract is executed by both parties for the review and approval of the Project Consultant or Town as applicable. This initial schedule shall establish the baseline schedule for the Project.
- **1.3.2.** All updates of schedules must be tracked against the baseline schedule and must be at a minimum submitted with each pay application. An updated schedule tracked against the baseline must also be submitted upon execution of each Change Order that impacts the Contract Time. Failure to submit such schedules will result in the rejection of any submitted payment application.
- **1.3.3.** All Project Schedules must be prepared in Microsoft Project or approved equal by the Town. At the time of submission of schedules, Contractor must submit a hard copy as well as an electronic version. Electronic versions must not be submitted in a .pdf format.

1.4. Records.

- **1.4.1. As-Built Drawings**. During the Work, Contractor must maintain records of all deviations from the Drawings as approved by the Project Consultant and prepare two copies of As-Built Record Drawings showing correctly and accurately all changes and deviations made during construction to reflect the Work as it was actually constructed. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to check the As-Built Drawings for errors and omissions prior to submittal to the Town and to certify in writing that the As-Built Record Drawings are correct and accurate, including the actual location of all infrastructure, internal piping, and electrical/signal conduits in or below the concrete floor (indicating the size, depth, and voltage in each conduit). To record actual construction, Contractor must legibly mark on-site structures and site Work as follows:
 - **1.4.1.1.** Depths of various elements of foundation in relation to finish first floor datum.
 - **1.4.1.2.** All underground piping and ductwork with elevations and dimensions and locations of valves, pull boxes, etc. Changes in location. Horizontal and vertical locations of underground utilities and appurtenances referenced to permanent surface improvements. Actual installed pipe material, class, etc.
 - **1.4.1.3.** Location of internal utilities and appurtenances concealed in the construction, referenced to visible and accessible features of the structure. Air conditioning ducts with locations of dampers, access doors, fans and other items needing periodic maintenance.
 - **1.4.1.4.** Field changes in dimensions and details.
 - **1.4.1.5.** Changes made by Project Consultant's written instructions or by Change Order.
 - **1.4.1.6.** Details not on original Contract Drawings.
 - **1.4.1.7.** Equipment, conduit, electrical panel locations.
 - **1.4.1.8.** Project Consultant's schedule changes according to Contractor's records and shop drawings.
 - **1.4.1.9.** Specifications and Addenda: Legibly mark each section to record:
 - **1.4.1.9.1.** Manufacturer, trade name, catalog number and Supplier of each product and item of equipment actually installed.

- **1.4.1.9.2.** Changes made by Project Consultant's written instructions or by Change Order.
- **1.4.1.10.** Approved Shop Drawings: Provide record copies for each process, equipment, piping, electrical system and instrumentation system.
 - **1.4.1.10.1.** As-built documents must be updated monthly as a condition precedent to payment, unless waived by the Town. A final survey signed and sealed by a surveyor must be provided to the Town at no additional cost, including digital 1 (CAD and PDF) versions.
 - **1.4.1.10.2.** For construction of new building, or building additions, field improvements, and or roadway improvements, as-built drawings must be signed and sealed by a Florida Licensed Registered Land Surveyor.
- **1.4.2. Record Set.** Contractor must maintain in a safe place one record copy and one permit set of the Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, all Drawings, Specifications, amendments, COs, RFIs, and field directives, as well as all written interpretations and clarifications issued by the Project Consultant, in good order and annotated to show all changes made during construction. The record documents must be continuously updated by Contractor throughout the prosecution of the Work to accurately reflect all field changes that are made to adapt the Work to field conditions, changes resulting from COs and/or field directives as well as all written interpretations and clarifications, and all concealed and buried installations of piping, conduit and utility services. Contractor must certify the accuracy of the updated record documents. The record documents must be clean, and all changes, corrections and dimensions must be given in a neat and legible manner in red. Upon Final Completion and as a condition precedent to Contractor's entitlement to final payment, the Record Set must be delivered to the Project Consultant by the Contractor. The Record Set of Drawing must be submitted in both hard copy and as electronic plot files.
- **1.4.3. Construction Photographs.** Prior to commencement of the Work the Contractor must take digital photographs and color audio-video recording to document existing conditions and submit copies in an acceptable format to the Town. Contractor must submit with each application for payment photographs that accurately reflect the progress of all aspects of the Work. The number of photographs to be taken will be based on the magnitude of the Work being performed. Contractor must submit one copy of each photograph in print and digitally. The photographs must be printed on 8" X 10" high resolution glossy commercial grade and weight color photographic print paper or in a format acceptable to the Town. Each photograph must be imprinted on its face with the title of the Project, the date, and time the picture was taken. Digital photographs must be taken using .jpeg format and will be submitted through a file-sharing site (such as Dropbox) or on a CD-ROM or flash drive clearly identifying the name of the Project, the name of the Contractor, and the timeframe in which the pictures were taken. Initial set up prints will be submitted in a three-ring binder with each picture protected by a clear plastic sleeve. Subsequent prints are to be submitted in clear plastic sleeves that can be added to the binder. The three-ring binder must be of such size to be able to hold all print pictures.

1.5. Staging Site.

1.5.1. The Contractor is solely responsible for making all arrangements for any staging site(s) that may be necessary for the performance of the Work and the Contractor is responsible for

- all site security, including any fencing of the site, and any loss, damage or theft to its equipment and materials. Any fencing of the Staging Site is subject to the prior written approval of the Town.
- **1.5.2.** The Town at its sole discretion may make a staging site available for use by the Contractor. If such site is made available by the Town, the Town assumes no responsibility or liability for the equipment or materials stored on the site, and the Contractor will be solely responsible for any loss, damage or theft to its equipment and materials. The Contractor must restore the site to its pre-existing condition prior to the Contractor's use of the site.
- **1.5.3.** The Contractor may be required to provide or may choose to use an office trailer for the duration of the Project. The Contractor must have the prior written approval of the Town as to the use of any office trailer and the placement location for the office trailer. The Contractor must obtain all required permits from the appropriate regulatory agencies.
- **1.5.4.** No parking is permitted at a Town provided staging site without the prior written approval of the Town.
- **1.6.** Purchase and Delivery, Storage and Installation. All materials must be F.O.B. delivered and included in the cost of the Work. The Contractor is solely responsible for the purchase, delivery, off-loading and installation of all equipment and material(s). Contractor must make all arrangement for delivery. Contractor is liable for replacing any damaged equipment or material(s) and filing any and all claims with suppliers. All transportation must comply with all federal, state (including FDOT), Miami-Dade County, and local laws, rules and regulations. No materials will be stored onsite without the prior written approval of the Town.
- **1.7.** <u>Approval of Subcontractors.</u> For any scope of work that the Contractor will utilize a subcontractor, the Contractor may only retain or utilize the services of the particular subcontractor with the prior written approval of the Town Manager, which approval may be granted or withheld in the Town Manager's sole and absolute discretion. The Contractor shall provide at least fourteen (14) days notice to the Town Manager and the Project Consultant of its intent to retain or utilize a subcontractor.
- **1.8.** <u>Project Signage.</u> Contractor must furnish and install two (2) Project signs at the Project Site in accordance with the requirements provided by the Project Consultant or the Town as applicable.

2. CONTRACT TIME

- **2.1.** Contractor shall be instructed to commence the Work by written instructions in the form of a Notice to Proceed providing a commencement date and issued by the Town Manager or designee. The Notice to Proceed will not be issued until Contractor's submission to Town of all required documents and after execution of this Contract.
- 2.2. Time is of the essence throughout this Contract. The Contractor shall prosecute the Work with faithfulness and diligence and the Work shall be substantially completed within seven hundred (700) calendar days from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed ("Contract Time"). Substantial Completion shall be defined for this purpose as the date on which Town receives beneficial use of the Project. The Work shall be fully completed in accordance with the Contract Documents within seven hundred thirty (730) calendar days from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed ("Final Completion Time"). The Final Completion date is defined as the date determined by the Town when all Work, including punch list items, has been completed in

accordance with the Contract Documents and Contractor has delivered to Town all documentation required herein.

- **2.3.** Upon failure of Contractor to substantially complete the Work as defined in this Agreement within the Contract Time, Contractor shall pay to Town the sum of **five hundred dollars (\$500)** for each calendar day after the expiration of the Contract Time that the Contractor fails to achieve Substantial Completion up until the date that the Contractor achieves Substantial Completion. Upon failure of Contractor to fully complete the Work and achieve Final Completion within the Final Completion Time, Contractor shall pay to Town the sum of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** for each calendar day after expiration of the Final Completion Time that the Contractor fails to achieve Final Completion up until the date that the Contractor achieves Final Completion. These amounts are not penalties but are liquidated damages payable by Contractor to Town for the failure to provide full beneficial occupancy and use of the Project as required. Liquidated damages are hereby fixed and agreed upon between the parties who hereby acknowledge the difficulty of determining the amount of damages that will be sustained by Town as a consequence of Contractor's delay and failure of Contractor to complete the Work on time. The above-stated liquidated damages shall apply separately to each phase of the Project for which a time for completion is given.
- **2.4.** Town is authorized to deduct the liquidated damages from monies due to Contractor for the Work under this Contract. In case the liquidated damage amount due to Town by Contractor exceeds monies due Contractor from Town, Contractor shall be liable and shall immediately upon demand by Town pay to Town the amount of said excess.

3. CONTRACT PRICE AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- **3.1.** Guaranteed Maximum Price. The Town shall pay the Contractor an amount not to exceed \$16,128,603.02 for the performance of the Work in accordance with the line items and unit prices included in Exhibit "A" (the "Contract Price"). The Contract Price shall be full compensation for all services, labor, materials, equipment, and costs, including overhead and profit, associated with completion of all the Work in full conformity with the Contract Documents and adjusted only by written change orders signed by both parties and approved as required by local law. The Contract Price shall include all applicable sales taxes as required by law.
- 3.2. Schedule of Values. The Contractor must submit two copies of schedule of values within ten (10) calendar days from the date this Contract is executed by both parties. The schedule of values shall indicate a complete breakdown of labor and material of all categories of Work on the Project. Contractor's overhead and profit must be listed as separate line items if requested. Each line item must be identified with the number and title of the major specification section or major components of the items. The Project Consultant or Town as applicable may require further breakdown after review of the Contractor's submittal. The Town reserves the right to require such information from the Contractor as may be necessary to determine the accuracy of the schedule of values. The combined total value for mobilization under the Schedule of Values shall not exceed 5% of the value of the Contract. The accepted Schedule of Values must be incorporated into the Contractor's payment application form. The Contractor guarantees that each individual line item contained in the schedule of values submitted as part of a competitive solicitation shall not be increased without written approval by the Town Manager.

- 3.3. Payment Application Procedures. Town shall make progress payments, deducting the amount from the Contract Price above on the basis of Contractor's Applications for Payment on or before thirty (30) days after receipt of the Pay Application. Rejection of a Pay Application by the Town shall be within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Pay Application. Any rejection shall specify the applicable deficiency and necessary corrective action. Any undisputed portion shall be paid as specified above. All such payments will be made in accordance with the Schedule of Values established in the Contract Documents or, in the event there is no Schedule of Values, as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. In the event the Contract Documents do not provide a Schedule of Values or other payment schedule, Applications for Payment shall be submitted monthly by Contractor on or before the 10th of each month for the prior month to the Town's Consultant, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (the "Town's Project Consultant"). Progress payments shall be made in an amount equal to the percentage of Work completed as determined by the Town or Town's Project Consultant, but, in each case, less the aggregate of payments previously made and less such amounts as Town shall determine or Town may withhold taking into account the aggregate of payments made and the percentage of Project completion in accordance with the Contract Documents and Schedule of Values, if any. The Contractor agrees that five percent (5%) of the amount due for each progress payment or Pay Application (the "Retainage") shall be retained by Town until final completion and acceptance of the Work by Town. In the event there is a dispute between Contractor and Town concerning a Pay Application, dispute resolution procedures shall be conducted by Town commencing within 45 days of receipt of the disputed Payment Application. The Town shall reach a conclusion within 15 days thereafter and promptly notify Contractor of the outcome, including payment, if applicable.
- **3.4.** <u>Progress Payment Applications.</u> Each progress payment application submitted to the Town must include:
 - **3.4.1.** A sworn and certified progress payment affidavit indicating that all laborers, material suppliers, and subcontractors dealing with the Contractor were paid in full as it relates to all Work performed up to the time of the request for payment;
 - **3.4.2.** Partial conditional releases or waivers of lien by the Contractor, material suppliers, subcontractors, and any lienors serving a Notice to the Town and evidence of proof of payment of any indebtedness incurred with respect to the Work of the Contractor as may be required by the Town;
 - **3.4.3.** Evidence that all Work was fully performed as required by the Contract Documents up to the time of the request for payment and that the Work was inspected and accepted by the Town and any other governmental authorities required to inspect the Work; and
 - **3.4.4.** An updated Project schedule, including a two-week look-ahead schedule, as approved in writing by the Town Manager.
 - **3.4.5.** All Buy-Out Savings, including supporting documentation relating to the calculation of the Buy-Out Savings.

- **3.5.** <u>Final Payment.</u> Upon Final Completion of the Work by Contractor in accordance with the Contract Documents and acceptance by the Town, and upon receipt of consent by any surety, Town shall pay the remainder of the Contract Price (including Retainage) as recommended by the Town's Project Consultant and Building Official. Final payment is contingent upon receipt by Town from Contractor of:
 - **3.5.1.** An affidavit that payrolls, bills for materials, equipment, and other indebtedness were paid in full as it relates to all Work performed under this Contract;
 - **3.5.2.** A certificate evidencing that insurance required by the Contract Documents shall remain in effect after final payment is made;
 - **3.5.3.** A written statement that the Contractor knows of no reason that the insurance will not be renewable to cover the period required by the Contract Documents;
 - **3.5.4.** Documentation of any special warranties, including, but not limited to, any manufactures' warranties or specific subcontractor warranties;
 - **3.5.5.** Evidence that all Punch List items have been fully completed to the satisfaction of the Town;
 - **3.5.6.** All previously undelivered manufacturer and subcontractor guarantees, warranties, and manuals and documents required by the Contract Documents;
 - **3.5.7.** Final releases of lien, waivers of claim, satisfactions of liens or claims, and such other affidavits as may be reasonably required by the Town to assure a lien-free and claim-free completion of the Work;
 - **3.5.8.** Evidence that the Contractor has fully cleaned and restored the site, including removal of all rubbish and debris;
 - **3.5.9.** At least one complete set of as-built plans, reflecting an accurate depiction of Contractor's Work;
 - **3.5.10.** Such other documents necessary to show that the Contractor has complied with all other requirements of the Contract Documents; and
 - **3.5.11.** Cost Savings, including supporting documentation used to calculate the Cost Savings.
- **3.6.** <u>Payment Withholding.</u> The Town may withhold any payment, including a final payment, for application to such extent as may be necessary, as determined by the Town's Project Consultant, to protect the Town from loss for which the Contractor is responsible in the event that:
 - **3.6.1.** The Contractor performs defective Work and such Work has not been corrected, provided that the amount withheld shall be limited to the amount sufficient to cover such defective Work;

- **3.6.2.** A third-party files a claim or lien in connection with the Work or this Contract;
- **3.6.3.** The Contractor fails to make payments properly to subcontractors or suppliers for labor, materials, or equipment which has been paid by the Town, provided that the amount withheld shall be limited to the amount sufficient to cover such payments to subcontractors or suppliers for labor, materials, or equipment;
- **3.6.4.** The Town has reasonable evidence that the Work cannot be completed for the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum;
- **3.6.5.** The Contractor, its employees, subcontractors, or agents have damaged the Town;
- **3.6.6.** The Town has reasonable evidence that the Work will not be completed within the Contract Time and that the unpaid balance would not be adequate to cover liquidated damages for the anticipated delay;
- **3.6.7.** The Contractor has failed to progress the Work satisfactorily and/or according to the Contract Schedule;
- **3.6.8.** The Contractor has failed to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents;
- **3.6.9.** The Contractor has failed to provide requisite releases of lien for each payment application in accordance with the Contract Documents; and/or
- **3.6.10.** Any other failure to perform a material obligation contained in the Contract Documents.
- **3.7.** No Waiver of Town Rights. The payment of any Application for Payment by the Town, including the final request for payment, does not constitute approval or acceptance by the Town of any item of the Work reflected in such Application for Payment, nor shall it be construed as a waiver of any of the Town 's rights hereunder or at law or in equity.
- **3.8.** Payment to Sub-Contractors; Certification of Payment to Subcontractors. The term "subcontractor," as used herein, includes persons or firms furnishing labor, materials or equipment incorporated into or to be incorporated into the Work or Project. The Contractor is required to pay all subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their contracts as a condition precedent to payment to Contractor by the Town. The Contractor shall also return all retainage withheld to the subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily complete and accepted by the Town.

3.9. Cost Savings and Value Engineering.

3.9.1. Cost Savings. In the event the Contractor rebids or renegotiates with any subcontractor to reduce subcontractor costs for the performance of the Work, then the difference between (i) the sum of the subcontractor costs used to establish the Contract Price, as set forth in the Schedule of Values, and (ii) the sum of the revised subcontractor costs, including any early payment or similar discounts (the "Cost Savings"), shall revert to the Town. The Contract

Price shall be adjusted in accordance with any Cost Savings through a Change and the Schedule of Values shall also be revised to reflect the new Contract Price.

3.9.2. Value Engineering. Contractor shall participate in Value Engineering the Contract Documents with the Town and the Architect with the goal of finding acceptable means for reducing the cost of the Work. Upon acceptance by the Town of recommendation for Value Engineering, the Contract Documents shall be modified to reflect such changes. All savings in connection with Value Engineering of the Work shall revert to Town.

4. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- **4.1.** The Contract Documents, which comprise the entire agreement between the Town and the Contractor concerning the Work, consist of this Contract for Construction (including any change orders and amendments thereto), the Plans and Specifications, the Technical Specifications, any Bidding Documents or procurement documents for the Project, the Contractor's Bid for the Project (including the Schedule of Bid Items-Pricing), the Bonds (defined herein), Insurance Certificates, the Notice of Award, and the Notice to Proceed, all of which are deemed incorporated into and made a part of this Contract by this reference and govern this Project. In the event of any conflict among the foregoing, the documents shall govern in the order listed herein. Contractor is reminded and hereby recognizes that all Work under this Contract must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local law. Any mandatory clauses which are required by applicable law shall be deemed to be incorporated herein.
- **4.2.** This Contract incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, or understandings applicable to the matters contained herein and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of these Contract Documents that are not contained herein. Accordingly, it is agreed that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.
- **4.3.** The Contract Documents shall remain the property of the Town. The Contractor shall have the right to keep one record set of the Contract Documents upon completion of the Project; however in no circumstances shall the Contractor use, or permit to be used, any or all of such Contract Documents on other projects without the Town's prior written authorization.
- **4.4.** Conflicts; Order of Priority. This document without exhibits is referred to as the "Base Agreement." In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Base Agreement and any exhibits or attachments hereto, or any documents incorporated herein by reference, the conflict shall be resolved in the following order of priorities and the more stringent criteria for performance of the Work shall apply:
 - **4.4.1.** First Priority: Change Orders with later date taking precedence;
 - **4.4.2.** Second Priority: ARPA Contract Form, if applicable;
 - **4.4.3.** Third Priority: This Base Agreement;
 - **4.4.4.** Fourth Priority: Contract Documents, excluding this Base Agreement; and
 - **4.4.5.** Fifth Priority: Exhibit A, "Price Submittal Form."

5. INDEMNIFICATION

5.1. Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Town of Cutler Bay, Miami-Dade County, its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all demands, claims, losses, suits, liabilities, causes of action, judgment or damages, including legal fees and costs and through appeal, arising out of or, related to, or in any way connected with Contractor's negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct in the Contractor's performance or non-performance of this Contract, Contractor's obligations, or the Work related to the Contract, including by reason of any damage to property, or bodily injury or death incurred or sustained by any party. Additionally, the Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold the Town harmless from all losses, injuries or damages and wages or overtime compensation due its employees in rendering services pursuant to this Contract, including payment of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in the defense of any claim made under the Fair Labor Standards Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act or any other employment related litigation or worker's compensation claims under federal, state, or local law. The provisions of this section shall survive termination of this Contract.

6. INSURANCE AND BONDS

6.1. Insurance.

- **6.1.1.** Contractor shall secure and maintain throughout the duration of this Contract insurance of such types and in such amounts not less than those specified below as satisfactory to the Town, naming the Town as an Additional Insured, underwritten by a firm rated A-X or better by Bests Rating and qualified to do business in the State of Florida. Certificates of Insurance shall be provided to the Town, reflecting the Town as an Additional Insured, no later than ten (10) days after award of this Contract and prior to the execution of this Contract by Town and prior to commencing any Work. Each certificate shall include no less than (30) thirty-day advance written notice to Town prior to cancellation, termination, or material alteration of said policies or insurance. The insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the Town, its officials, employees, agents and volunteers naming the Town as additional insured. Any insurance maintained by the Town shall be in excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute to the Contractor's insurance. The insurance coverages shall include at a minimum the amounts set forth in this Section 6.1.
 - **6.1.1.1.** Commercial General Liability coverage with limits of liability of not less than a \$2,000,000 per Occurrence combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage. This Liability Insurance shall also include Completed Operations and Product Liability coverages and eliminate the exclusion with respect to property under the care, custody and control of Contractor. The General Aggregate Liability limit (except for Products/Completed Operations) shall be in the amount of \$2,000,000.
 - **6.1.1.2.** Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance, to apply for all employees for statutory limits as required by applicable State and Federal laws. The policy(ies) must include Employer's Liability with minimum limits of \$1,000,000.00 each accident. No employee, subcontractor or agent of the Contractor shall be allowed to provide Work pursuant to this Contract who is not covered by Worker's Compensation insurance.

- **6.1.1.3.** Business Automobile Liability with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per Occurrence, combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage. Coverage must be afforded on a form no more restrictive than the latest edition of the Business Automobile Liability policy, without restrictive endorsements, as filed by the Insurance Services Office, and must include Owned, Hired, and Non-Owned Vehicles.
- **6.1.1.4.** Builder's Risk property insurance upon the entire Work to the full replacement cost value thereof. This insurance shall include the interest of Town and Contractor and shall provide All-Risk coverage against loss by physical damage including, but not limited to, Fire, Extended Coverage, Theft, Vandalism and Malicious Mischief.
- **6.1.1.5.** Contractor acknowledges that it shall bear the full risk of loss for any portion of the Work damaged, destroyed, lost or stolen until Final Completion has been achieved for the Project, and all such Work shall be fully restored by the Contractor, at its sole cost and expense, in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- **6.1.2. Certificate of Insurance.** On or before the Effective Date of this Contract, the Contractor shall provide the Town with Certificates of Insurance for all required policies. The Contractor shall be responsible for assuring that the insurance certificates required by this Section remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Contract, including any extensions or renewals that may be granted by the Town. The Certificates of Insurance shall not only name the types of policy(ies) provided, but also shall refer specifically to this Contract and shall state that such insurance is as required by this Contract. The Town reserves the right to inspect and return a certified copy of such policies, upon written request by the Town. If a policy is due to expire prior to the completion of the Work, renewal Certificates of Insurance shall be furnished thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date of their policy expiration. Each policy certificate shall be endorsed with a provision that not less than thirty (30) calendar days' written notice shall be provided to the Town before any policy or coverage is cancelled or restricted. Acceptance of the Certificate(s) is subject to approval of the Town.
 - **6.1.2.1. Additional Insured.** The Town is to be specifically included as an Additional Insured for the liability of the Town resulting from Work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor in performance of this Contract. The Contractor's insurance, including that applicable to the Town as an Additional Insured, shall apply on a primary basis and any other insurance maintained by the Town shall be in excess of and shall not contribute to the Contractor's insurance. The Contractor's insurance shall contain a severability of interest provision providing that, except with respect to the total limits of liability, the insurance shall apply to each Insured or Additional Insured (for applicable policies) in the same manner as if separate policies had been issued to each.
 - **6.1.2.2. Deductibles.** All deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and be reasonably approved by the Town. The Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of any deductible or self-insured retentions in the event of any claim.
- **6.1.3.** The provisions of this section shall survive termination of this Contract.

6.2. Bonds. If required by the Town, prior to performing any portion of the Work the Contractor shall deliver to Town the Bonds required to be provided by Contractor hereunder (the bonds referenced in this Section are collectively referred to herein as the "Bonds"). Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, the Contractor shall obtain and thereafter at all times during the performance of the Work maintain a separate performance bond and labor and material payment bond for the Work, each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price and each in the form provided in the Contract Documents or in other form satisfactory to and approved in writing by Town and executed by a surety of recognized standing with a rating of B plus or better for bonds up to Two Million Dollars. The surety providing such Bonds must be licensed, authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Florida and must be listed in the Federal Register (Dept. of Treasury, Circular 570). The cost of the premiums for such Bonds is included in the Contract Price. If notice of any change affecting the Scope of the Work, the Contract Price, Contract Time or any of the provisions of the Contract Documents is required by the provisions of any bond to be given to a surety, the giving of any such notice shall be Contractor's sole responsibility, and the amount of each applicable bond shall be adjusted accordingly. If the surety is declared bankrupt or becomes insolvent or its right to do business in Florida is terminated or it ceases to meet applicable law or regulations, the Contractor shall, within five (5) days of any such event, substitute another bond (or Bonds as applicable) and surety, all of which must be satisfactory to Town.

7. CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- **7.1.** In order to induce the Town to enter into this Contract, the Contractor makes the following representations and warranties:
 - **7.1.1.** Contractor represents the following:
 - **7.1.1.1.** Contractor has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents and the other data identified in the bidding documents, including, without limitation, the "technical data" and plans and specifications and the Plans.
 - **7.1.1.2.** Contractor has visited the Project site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general and local conditions and site conditions that may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work.
 - **7.1.1.3.** Contractor is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state and local laws, regulations and permits that may affect cost, progress, performance and furnishing of the Work. Contractor agrees that it will at all times comply with all requirements of the foregoing laws, regulations and permits.
 - **7.1.1.4.** Contractor has made, or caused to be made, examinations, investigations, tests and/or studies as necessary to determine surface and subsurface conditions at or on the site. Contractor acknowledges that the Town does not assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to underground or ground facilities at, contiguous or near the site or for existing improvements at or near the site. Contractor has obtained and carefully studied (or assumes responsibility for having done so) all such additional supplementary examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies and data concerning conditions (surface, subsurface and underground facilities and improvements) at, contiguous or near to the site or otherwise which may affect cost,

progress, performance or furnishing of the Work or which relate to any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor and safety precautions and programs incident thereto. Contractor does not consider that any additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies or data are necessary for the performance and furnishing of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

- **7.1.1.5.** Contractor is aware of the general nature of Work to be performed by the Town and others at the site that relates to the Work as indicated in the Contract Documents.
- **7.1.1.6.** Contractor has correlated the information known to Contractor, information and observations obtained from visits to the site, reports and drawings identified in the Contract Documents and all additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies and data with the Contract Documents.
- **7.1.1.7.** Contractor has given Town written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities or discrepancies that Contractor has discovered in the Contract Documents and the written resolution thereof by Town is acceptable to Contactor, and the Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.
- **7.1.1.8.** The Contractor agrees and represents that it possesses the requisite qualifications and skills to perform the Work and that the Work shall be executed in a good and workmanlike manner, free from defects, and that all materials shall be new and approved by or acceptable to Town, except as otherwise expressly provided for in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall cause all materials and other parts of the Work to be readily available as and when required or needed for or in connection with the construction, furnishing and equipping of the Project.

7.2. No recovery for changed market conditions.

- **7.2.1.** In entering into the Contract, Contractor represents and warrants that it has accounted for any and all inflation-related events, recession, labor or material shortages, supply chain disruptions, delivery lead time, or price increases that may be caused by local and or national conditions, whether known or unknown at the time of entering into the Contract (the "Market Conditions"). Contractor further specifically represents and warrants that it has considered all impacts and potential impacts, including any current and future supply chain disruptions and labor shortages, associated with the following events: (1) worldwide pandemics including, but not limited to, COVID-19 and Monkey Pox (the "Pandemics") and (2) the current military conflict involving Russia and the Ukraine (the "Ukraine Military Conflict"). Contractor also represents and warrants that in determining time requirements for procurement, installation, and construction completion, Contractor has taken into account the impacts of Market Conditions, the Pandemics, and the Ukraine Military Conflict, and has included all of those factors in the Construction Schedule and Contract Sum.
- **7.2.2.** Contractor shall not seek any price increases or time extensions relating to or arising from the impacts of any Market Conditions, the Pandemics or Ukraine Military Conflict.

7.2.3. The Town shall not make any adjustment in the Contract Sum or grant an extension to the Contract Time in connection with any failure by the Contractor to comply with the requirements of this Paragraph.

7.3. Contractor warrants the following:

- **7.3.1. Anti-Discrimination.** Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employees or applicants for employment or against persons for any other benefit or service under this Contract because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or physical or mental handicap where the handicap does not affect the ability of an individual to perform in a position of employment, and agrees to abide by all federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination.
- **7.3.2. Anti-Kickback.** Contractor warrants that no person has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, and that no employee or officer of the Town has any interest, financially or otherwise, in the Project. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Town shall have the right to annul this Contract without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Contract Price or consideration, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.
- **7.3.3. Licensing.** Contractor represents that it is a properly qualified and licensed contractor in good standing within the jurisdiction within which the Project is located. Contractor warrants that it shall have, prior to commencement of Work under this Contract and at all times during said Work, all required licenses from the federal, state, Miami-Dade County, Town, or other governmental or regulatory entity. Contractor acknowledges that it is the obligation of Contractor to obtain all licenses required for this Project, including Town building permits. Prior to commencement of the Work, the Contractor shall provide the Town with copies of all required licenses.
- **7.3.4. Permits.** Contractor warrants that it shall have, prior to commencement of Work under this Contract and at all times during said Work, all required permits from the federal, state, Miami-Dade County, Town, or other governmental or regulatory entity with jurisdiction over the site that are necessary to perform the Work. Contractor acknowledges that it is the obligation of Contractor to obtain all permits required for this Project, including Town building permits. Prior to commencement of the Work, the Contractor shall provide the Town with copies of all required permits. Town building permit fees may be waived for this Project. If permits are required by any other governing body or agency, the Contractor shall be obligated to pay the fees.

7.4. Defective Work; Warranty and Guarantee.

- **7.4.1.** Town shall have the authority to reject or disapprove Work which the Town finds to be defective. If required by the Town, Contractor shall promptly either correct all defective Work or remove such defective Work and replace it with non-defective Work. Contractor shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs of such removal or corrections including cost of testing laboratories and personnel.
- **7.4.2.** Should Contractor fail or refuse to remove or correct any defective Work or to make any necessary repairs in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents within

the time indicated in writing by the Town or its designee, Town shall have the authority to cause the defective Work to be removed or corrected, or make such repairs as may be necessary at Contractor's expense. Any expense incurred by Town in making such removals, corrections or repairs, shall be paid for out of any monies due or which may become due to Contractor. In the event of failure of Contractor to make all necessary repairs promptly and fully, Town may declare Contractor in default.

- **7.4.3.** The Contractor shall unconditionally warrant and guarantee all labor, materials and equipment furnished and Work performed for a period of one (1) year from the date of Substantial Completion. If, within one (1) year after the date of substantial completion, any of the Work is found to be defective or not in accordance with the Contract Documents, Contractor, after receipt of written notice from Town, shall promptly correct such defective or nonconforming Work within the time specified by Town without cost to Town. Should the manufacturer of any materials and equipment furnished provide for a longer warranty, then the Contractor shall transfer such warranty to the Town prior to Final Completion. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to establish a period of limitation with respect to any other obligation which Contractor might have under the Contract Documents including but not limited to any claim regarding latent defects. Contractor shall provide and assign to Town all material and equipment warranties upon completion of the Work hereunder.
- **7.4.4.** Failure to reject any defective Work or material shall not in any way prevent later rejection when such defect is discovered.

8. DEFAULT, TERMINATION, AND SUSPENSION; REMEDIES

- **8.1. Termination for Cause.** If Contractor fails to timely begin the Work, or fails to perform the Work with sufficient workers and equipment or with sufficient materials to ensure the prompt completion of the Work within the Contract Time or Final Completion Time as specified in Section 2, or shall perform the Work unsuitably, or cause it to be rejected as defective and unsuitable, or shall discontinue the prosecution of the Work pursuant to the accepted schedule or if the Contractor shall fail to perform any material term set forth in the Contract Documents or if Contractor shall become insolvent or be declared bankrupt, or commit any act of bankruptcy or insolvency, or shall make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or from any other cause whatsoever shall not carry on the Work in an acceptable manner, Town may, upon seven (7) days after sending Contractor a written Notice of Termination, terminate the services of Contractor, exclude Contractor from the Project site, provide for alternate prosecution of the Work, appropriate or use any or all materials and equipment on the Project site as may be suitable and acceptable, and may finish the Work by whatever methods it may deem expedient. In such case Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Project is completed. All damages, costs and charges incurred by Town, together with the costs of completing the Project, shall be deducted from any monies due or which may become due to Contractor. In case the damages and expenses so incurred by Town shall exceed monies due Contractor from Town, Contractor shall be liable and shall pay to Town the amount of said excess promptly upon demand therefore by Town. In the event it is adjudicated that Town was not entitled to terminate the Contract as described hereunder for default, the Contract shall automatically be deemed terminated by Town for convenience as described below.
- **8.2.** <u>Termination for Convenience.</u> This Contract may be terminated by the Town for convenience upon seven (7) calendar days' written notice to the Contractor. In the event of such a termination, the Contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the Project

and shall, to the extent possible, terminate any outstanding subcontractor obligations. The Contractor shall be compensated for all services performed to the satisfaction of the Town. In such event, the Contractor shall promptly submit to the Town its Application for Payment for final payment which shall comply with the provisions of the Contract Documents.

- **8.3.** Suspension of Contract. This Contract may be suspended for convenience by the Town upon seven (7) calendar days' written notice to the Contractor or immediately if suspended in connection with a local or state declaration of emergency. Suspension of the Work will entitle the Contractor to additional Contract Time as a non-compensable, excusable delay.
- **8.4.** Termination Due to Lack of Funding. This Contract is subject to the conditions precedent that: (i) Town funds are available, appropriated, and budgeted for the Work, the Project, and/or Contract Price; (ii) the Town secures and obtains any necessary proceeds, grants, and/or loans for the accomplishment of the Work and/or the Project pursuant to any borrowing legislation adopted by the Town Council relative to the Project; and (iii) Town Council enacts legislation which awards and authorizes the execution of this Contract if such is required.
- **8.5.** No Damages for Delay. No claim for damages or any claim, other than for an extension of time shall be made or asserted against Town by reason of any delays. Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract Price or payment or compensation of any kind from Town for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to, costs of acceleration or inefficiency, arising because of delay, disruption, interference or hindrance from any cause whatsoever, whether such delay, disruption, interference or hindrance be reasonable or unreasonable, foreseeable or unforeseeable, or avoidable or unavoidable or whether or not caused by Town. Contractor shall be entitled only to extensions of the Contract Time as the sole and exclusive remedy for such resulting delay.
- **8.6.** Waiver of Consequential Damages. Contractor assumes all risks for the following items, none of which shall be the subject of any Change Order or Claim and none of which shall be compensated for except as they may have been included in the Contractor's Contract Price as provided in the Contract Documents: Loss of any anticipated profits, loss of bonding capacity or capability losses, loss of business opportunities, loss of productivity on this or any other project, loss of interest income on funds not paid, inefficiencies, costs to prepare a bid, cost to prepare a quote for a change in the Work, costs to prepare, negotiate or prosecute Claims, and loss of projects not bid upon, or any other indirect and consequential costs not listed herein. No compensation shall be made for loss of anticipated profits from any deleted Work.
- **8.7.** <u>Litigation of Claims.</u> Mediation shall not be required before either party may proceed to litigation.
- **8.8.** <u>Rights and Remedies.</u> The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract Documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder and in accordance with this Contract shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law.

9. CHANGES IN THE WORK

9.1. Change Orders.

- **9.1.1.** Without invalidating the Contract Documents, and without notice to any Surety, the Town reserves the right to make increases, decreases or other changes in the character or quantity of the Work under the Contract Documents as may be considered necessary or desirable to complete the Work in a manner satisfactory to the Town. The Town reserves the right to order changes, which may result in additions to or reductions from the amount, type or value of the Work shown in the Contract, and which are within the general scope of the Contract Documents, and all such changes will be authorized only by a change order ("CO") approved in advance, and issued in accordance with provisions of the Contract Documents.
- **9.1.2.** For Contractor initiated change orders, the Contractor is required to provide the Project Consultant with a detailed Request for Change Order ("RCO") in a form approved by the Town, which must include the requested revisions to the Contract, including, but not limited to, adjustments in the Contract Price and/or Contract Time. The Contractor must provide sufficient supporting documentation to demonstrate the reasonableness of the RCO. The Town may require Contractor to provide additional data including, but not limited to, a cost breakdown of material costs, labor costs, labor rates by trade, work classifications, and overhead rates to support the RCO. If applicable, the RCO must include any schedule revisions accompanied by an explanation of the cost impact of the proposed change. Failure to include schedule revisions in an RCO will be deemed as the Contractor's acknowledgement that the changes included in an RCO will not affect the project schedule.
- **9.1.3.** Any modifications to the Contract Work, Contract Time, or Contract Price, must be effectuated through a written CO executed by both parties and, if required by the Town Code of Ordinances, approved by the Town Council.
- **9.1.4.** In the event a satisfactory adjustment cannot be reached, and a CO has not been issued, given that time is of the essence, the Town reserves the right, at its sole option, to direct the Contractor to proceed on a time and materials basis or make such arrangements as may be deemed necessary to complete the proposed additional Work at the unit prices provided in the Contract Documents. Where the Town directs the Contractor to proceed on a time and materials basis, the Town shall impose a maximum not-to-exceed amount and the Contractor must maintain detailed records of all labor and material costs including but not limited to payroll records and material receipts. Contractor must demonstrate its costs with sufficient evidence to be entitled to compensation from the Town.
- **9.2.** Continuing the Work. Contractor must continue to perform all Work under the Contract Documents during all disputes or disagreements with Town, including disputes or disagreements concerning an RCO. Contractor shall not delay any Work pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

10.1. No Assignment. Neither party shall assign the Contract or any sub-contract in whole or in part without the written consent of the other, nor shall Contractor assign any monies due or to become due to it hereunder, without the previous written consent of the Town Manager.

10.2. Contractor's Responsibility for Damages and Accidents.

10.2.1. Contractor shall accept full responsibility for the Work against all loss or damage of any nature sustained until final acceptance by Town and shall promptly repair any damage done from any cause.

- **10.2.2.** Contractor shall be responsible for all materials, equipment and supplies pertaining to the Project. In the event any such materials, equipment and supplies are lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed prior to final acceptance by Town, Contractor shall replace same without cost to Town.
- **10.3.** Governing Law. This Contract shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any litigation arising out of this Contract shall be proper exclusively in Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- **10.4.** Waiver of Jury Trial. TOWN AND CONTRACTOR KNOWINGLY, IRREVOCABLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT EITHER MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN STATE AND OR FEDERAL COURT PROCEEDINGS IN RESPECT TO ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, LAWSUIT OR COUNTERCLAIM BASED UPON THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION, ARISING OUT OF, UNDER, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORK, OR ANY COURSE OF CONDUCT, COURSE OF DEALING, STATEMENTS OR ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF ANY PARTY.
- **10.5.** Prevailing Party; Attorneys' Fees. In the event of any controversy, claim, dispute or litigation between the parties arising from or relating to this Contract (including, but not limited to, the enforcement of any indemnity provisions), the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party all reasonable costs, expenses, paralegals' fees, experts' fees and attorneys' fees including, but not limited to, court costs and other expenses through all trial and appellate levels. In addition, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party all litigation costs associated with discovery, processing, management, hosting, and production of electronically stored information (ESI).
- **10.6.** Compliance with Laws. The Consultant shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities in carrying out Services under this Agreement, and in particular shall obtain all required permits from all jurisdictional agencies to perform the Services under this Agreement at its own expense.

10.7. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records.

- **10.7.1.** The Town or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, for five (5) years after final payment under this Contract, have access to and the right to examine any of the Contractor's books, ledgers, documents, papers, or other records involving transactions related to this Contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply specifically with the provisions of Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes.
- **10.7.2.** The Contractor agrees to include in any subcontractor contracts for this Project corresponding provisions for the benefit of Town providing for retention and audit of records.
- **10.7.3.** The right to access and examination of records stated herein and in any subcontracts shall survive termination or expiration of this Contract and continue until disposition of any mediation, claims, litigation or appeals related to this Project.
- **10.7.4.** The Town may cancel and terminate this Contract immediately for refusal by the Contractor to allow access by the Town Manager or designees to any Records pertaining to work performed under this Contact that are subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

10.8. Authorized Representative.

- **10.8.1.** Before commencing the Work, Contractor shall designate a skilled and competent authorized supervisor and representative ("Authorized Representative") acceptable to Town to represent and act for Contractor and shall inform Town, in writing, of the name and address of such representative together with a clear definition of the scope of his authority to represent and act for Contractor. Contractor shall keep Town informed of any subsequent changes in the foregoing. Such representative shall be present or duly represented at the Project site at all times when Work is actually in progress. All notices, determinations, instructions and other communications given to the authorized representatives of Contractor shall be binding upon the Contractor.
- **10.8.2.** The Authorized Representative, project managers, superintendents and supervisors for the Project are all subject to prior and continuous approval of the Town. If, at any time during the term of this Contract, any of the personnel either functionally or nominally performing any of the positions named above, are, for any reasonable cause whatsoever, unacceptable to the Town, Contractor shall replace the unacceptable personnel with personnel acceptable to the Town.
- **10.9.** <u>Taxes.</u> Contractor shall pay all taxes, levies, duties and assessments of every nature which may be applicable to any Work under this Contract. The Contract Price and any agreed variations thereof shall include all taxes imposed by law at the time of this Contract. Contractor shall make any and all payroll deductions required by law. Contractor herein indemnifies and holds the Town harmless from any liability on account of any and all such taxes, levies, duties and assessments.
- **10.10.** <u>Utilities.</u> Contractor shall, at its expense, arrange for, develop and maintain all utilities at the Project to perform the Work and meet the requirements of this Contract. Such utilities shall be furnished by Contractor at no additional cost to Town. Prior to final acceptance of the Work, Contractor shall, at its expense, satisfactorily remove and dispose of all temporary utilities developed to meet the requirements of this Contract.
- 10.11. Safety. Contractor shall be fully and solely responsible for safety and conducting all operations under this Contract at all times in such a manner as to avoid the risk of bodily harm to persons and damage to property and in full compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Act requirements and all other similar applicable safety laws or codes. Contractor shall continually and diligently inspect all Work, materials and equipment to discover any conditions which might involve such risks and shall be solely responsible for discovery and correction of any such conditions. Contractor shall have sole responsibility for implementing its safety program. Town shall not be responsible for supervising the implementation of Contractor's safety program, and shall not have responsibility for the safety of Contractor's or its subcontractor's employees. Contractor shall maintain all portions of the Project site and Work in a neat, clean and sanitary condition at all times. Contractor shall assure that subcontractors performing Work comply with the foregoing safety requirements.
- **10.12.** Cleaning Up. Contractor shall, at all times, at its expense, keep its Work areas in a neat, clean and safe condition. Upon completion of any portion of the Work, Contractor shall promptly remove all of its equipment, construction materials, temporary structures and surplus materials not to be used at or near the same location during later stages of Work. Upon completion of the Work and before final payment is made, Contractor shall, at its expense, satisfactorily dispose

of all rubbish, unused materials and other equipment and materials belonging to it or used in the performance of the Work and Contractor shall leave the Project in a neat, clean and safe condition. In the event of Contractor's failure to comply with the foregoing, the same may be accomplished by Town at Contractor's expense.

- **10.13.** <u>Liens.</u> Contractor shall not permit any mechanic's, laborer's or materialmen's lien to be filed against the Project site or any part thereof by reason of any Work, labor, services or materials supplied or claimed to have been supplied to the Project. In the event such a lien is found or claimed against the Project, Contractor shall within ten (10) days after notice of the lien discharge the lien or liens and cause a satisfaction of such lien to be recorded in the public records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, or cause such lien to be transferred to a bond, or post a bond sufficient to cause the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to discharge such lien pursuant to Chapter 713.24, F.S. In the event Contractor fails to so discharge or bond the lien or liens within such period as required above, Town shall thereafter have the right, but not the obligation, to discharge or bond the lien or liens. Additionally, Town shall thereafter have the right, but not the obligation, to retain out of any payment then due or to become due Contractor, one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the amount of the lien and to pay Town 's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection therewith.
- **10.14.** <u>Public Entity Crimes Affidavit.</u> Contractor shall comply with Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, and (Public Entity Crimes Statute) notification of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference, including execution of any required affidavit.
- **10.15.** <u>Independent Contractor.</u> The Contractor is an independent contractor under the Contract. This Contract does not create any partnership nor joint venture. Services provided by the Contractor shall be by employees of the Contractor and subject to supervision by the Contractor, and not as officers, employees, or agents of the Town. Personnel policies, tax responsibilities, social security and health insurance, employee benefits, purchasing policies and other similar administrative procedures, applicable to services rendered under the Contract shall be those of the Contractor.
- **10.16.** <u>Notices/Authorized Representatives.</u> Any notices required by this Contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been properly given if transmitted by hand-delivery, by registered or certified mail with postage prepaid return receipt requested, or by a private postal service, addressed to the parties (or their successors) at the addresses listed on the signature page of this Contract or such other address as the party may have designated by proper notice.

10.17. Ownership and Access to Records and Audits.

- **10.17.1.** Contractor acknowledges that all inventions, innovations, improvements, developments, methods, designs, analyses, drawings, reports, compiled information, and all similar or related information (whether patentable or not) which relate to Services to the Town which are conceived, developed or made by Contractor during the term of this Contract ("Work Product") belong to the Town. Contractor shall promptly disclose such Work Product to the Town and perform all actions reasonably requested by the Town (whether during or after the term of this Contract) to establish and confirm such ownership (including, without limitation, assignments, powers of attorney and other instruments).
- **10.17.2.** Contractor agrees to keep and maintain public records in Contractor's possession or control in connection with Contractor's performance under this Contract. The Town Manager or her designee shall, during the term of this Contract and for a period of five (5)

years from the date of termination of this Contract, have access to and the right to examine and audit any records of the Contractor involving transactions related to this Contract. Contractor additionally agrees to comply specifically with the provisions of Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Contractor shall ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed, except as authorized by law, for the duration of the Contract, and following completion of the Contract until the records are transferred to the Town.

- **10.17.3.** Upon request from the Town's custodian of public records, Contractor shall provide the Town with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
- **10.17.4.** Unless otherwise provided by law, any and all records, including but not limited to reports, surveys, and other data and documents provided or created in connection with this Contract are and shall remain the property of the Town.
- **10.17.5.** Upon completion of this Contract or in the event of termination by either party, any and all public records relating to the Contract in the possession of the Contractor shall be delivered by the Contractor to the Town Manager, at no cost to the Town, within seven (7) days. All such records stored electronically by Contractor shall be delivered to the Town in a format that is compatible with the Town's information technology systems. Once the public records have been delivered upon completion or termination of this Contract, the Contractor shall destroy any and all duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements.
- **10.17.6.** Any compensation due to Contractor shall be withheld until all records are received as provided herein.
- **10.17.7.** Contractor's failure or refusal to comply with the provisions of this section shall result in the immediate termination of this Contract by the Town.
- 10.17.8. Notice Pursuant to Section 119.0701(2)(a), Florida Statutes. IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS: MAURICIO MELINU, TOWN CLERK, 10720 CARIBBEAN BLVD SUITE 110, CUTLER BAY, FL 33189, MMELINU@CUTLERBAY-FL.GOV.
- 10.18. E-Verify Affidavit. In accordance with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, the Town requires all contractors doing business with the Town to register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The Town will not enter into a contract unless each party to the contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system. The contracting entity must provide of its proof of enrollment in E-Verify. For instructions on how to provide proof of the contracting entity's participation/enrollment in https://www.e-verify.gov/faq/how-do-i-provide-proof-of-myplease visit: participationenrollment-in-e-verify. Byentering into this Agreement. Contractor

acknowledges that it has read Section 448.095, Florida Statutes; will comply with the E-Verify requirements imposed by Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, including but not limited to obtaining E-Verify affidavits from subcontractors; and has executed the required affidavit attached hereto and incorporated herein.

11. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The following provisions in this Section 10 supersede any other provisions contained in this Contract only to the extent of any conflict with same. These provisions are particular to a given transaction and are transaction specific:

11.1. <u>Unsatisfactory Personnel.</u>

- **11.1.1.** Contractor must at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among its employees and subcontractors at the Project(s) site(s) and must not employ on any Work any unfit person or anyone not skilled in the Work to which they are assigned.
- 11.1.2. The Town may make written request to the Contractor for the prompt removal and replacement of any personnel employed or retained by the Contractor, or any or Subcontractor engaged by the Contractor to provide and perform services or Work pursuant to the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Contractor must respond to the Town within five (5) calendar days of receipt of such request with either the removal and replacement of such personnel or written justification as to why that may not occur. The Town will make the final determination as to the removal of unsatisfactory personnel from the Work. The Contractor agrees that the removal of any of such individual(s) does not require the termination or demotion of said individual(s).
- 11.2. <u>Hours of Work.</u> Contractor shall conform to and obey all applicable laws, regulations, or ordinances with regard to labor employed, hours of Work and Contractor's general operations. Contractor shall conduct its operations so as not to interfere with or close any thoroughfare, without the written consent of the Town or governing jurisdiction. Work is anticipated to be performed Monday through Friday in accordance with the requirements and limitations of applicable law including, without limitation, the Town Code of Ordinances. The Contractor shall not perform Work beyond the time and days provided above without the prior written approval of the Town.
- 11.3. Maintenance of Traffic. Whenever required by the scope of Work, by federal, state, or local law, or requested by the Town to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, a Maintenance of Traffic ("MOT") must be performed in accordance with the applicable FDOT Index Numbers (600 Series) and as further stated herein. The manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devises for Streets and Highways (U.S. Department of Transportation, FHWA), must be followed in the design, application, installation, maintenance and removal of all traffic control devices, warning devices and barriers necessary to protect the public and workmen from hazards with the Project limits. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic must be maintained and protected at all times. Prior to commencement of the Work, Contractor must provide the Town with a proposed MOT plan for review. The Town may require revisions to the proposed MOT plan. The MOT plan must be updated by the Contractor every two weeks. Failure to provide an MOT plan may result in the issuance of a stop work order. The Contractor will not be entitled to additional Contract Time for delays resulting from its failure to provide the required MOT plan.
- 11.4. Royalties and Patents. All fees, royalties, and claims for any invention, or pretended inventions, or patent of any article, material, arrangement, appliance, or method that may be used

upon or in any manner be connected with the Work or appurtenances, are hereby included in the prices stipulated in the Contract for said Work.

- 11.5. <u>Substitutions.</u> Substitution of any specified material or equipment requires the prior written acceptance of the Project Consultant. It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to provide sufficient information and documentation to the Project Consultant to allow for a thorough review and determination on the acceptability of the substitution. Approval of a substitution does not waive or mitigate the Contractor's responsibility to meet the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Town may require an adjustment in price based on any proposed substitution.
- 11.6. Severe Weather Preparedness. During such periods of time as are designated by the United States Weather Bureau or Miami-Dade County as being a severe weather event, including a hurricane watch or warning, the Contractor, at no cost to the Town, must take all precautions necessary to secure any Work in response to all threatened storm events, regardless of whether the Contractor has been given notice of same, in accordance with the Miami-Dade County Code. Compliance with any specific severe weather event or alert precautions will not constitute additional work. Suspension of the Work caused by a threatened or actual storm event, regardless of whether the Town has directed such suspension, will entitle the Contractor to additional Contract Time as non-compensable, excusable delay.
- 11.7. <u>American Rescue Plan Act Contract Conditions.</u> The Contractor acknowledges that the Work may be fully or partially funded utilizing Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocated to the Town pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). Towards that end, the Contractor shall be required to comply with all laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines (including any subsequent amendments to such laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines) required by ARPA, as further detailed in the ARPA Contract Conditions.

If compliance with the ARPA Contract Conditions is required, the Town shall select this box:

11.8. <u>Grant Funding.</u> The Contractor acknowledges that the Work may be fully or partially funded utilizing funds from the grants listed below (the "Grant"). Accordingly, the Contractor warrants and represents that it has reviewed the terms and conditions for each Grant and will perform the Work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant.

Grant Titl	e	Grant Agreement Exhibit	

If the Work will be funded utilizing Grant funds, the Town shall select this box:□.

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank. Signature pages follow.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be executed the day and year as first stated above.

TOWN OF CUTLER BAY

CONTRACTOR

By: Rafael Casals (Apr 24, 2024 15:18 EDT)	By: Acri
Rafael G. Casals, ICMA-CM, CFM Town Manager	Name: Felix Acosta
Town Resolution No.: 24-26	Title: President
Attest:	Entity: Acosta Tractors, Inc.
By: Milli	
Mauricio Melinu, CMC Town Clerk	
Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:	
Witch Bierman By: Mitch Bierman (Apr 24, 2024 14:57 EDT) Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L. Town Attorney	
Addresses for Notice:	Addresses for Notice:
Town of Cutler Bay	Acosta Tractors, Inc
Attn: Town Manager	Attn: President & Vice President 11986 NW 97th Avenue
10720 Caribbean Blvd., Suite 105 Cutler Bay, FL 33189	Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018
305-234-4262 (telephone)	305-556-0473 (telephone)
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RCasals@cutlerbay-fl.gov (email)	
With a copy to:	With a copy to:
Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.	
Attn: Mitchell Bierman, Esq.	
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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ADDENDUM TO FRANJO ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BETWEEN TOWN OF CUTLER BAY AND ACOSTA TRACTORS, INC.

THIS ADDENDUM to the FRANJO ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT ("Addendum") is entered into as of the 24 day of April , 2024 ("Effective Date of this Addendum"), by and between TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, a Florida municipal corporation, ("Town") and ACOSTA TRACTORS, INC., a FLORIDA for profit Corporation ("Contractor"). The Contractor are referred to as "Parties."

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2024 , the Town and Contractor entered into an Agreement between the Town and the Contractor for FRANJO ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to incorporate the terms and conditions required under the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the Town and Contractor agree as follows: ¹

- 1. **Recitals Incorporated.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.
- 2. <u>American Rescue Plan Act Provisions.</u> The Agreement is hereby amended by adding the following provisions to the Agreement:

2.1. Mandated Federal Agreement Conditions.

2.1.1. In connection with the performance of this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges that compensation for the Project services under this Agreement shall be fully or partially funded using the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocated to the Town pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act. As such, Contractor shall comply with all laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines (including any subsequent amendments to such laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines) required by the American Rescue Plan Act, including, but not limited to the following documents and guidelines, which are incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement:

ARPA Exhibit 1. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR Part 200), as applicable and as may be amended from time to time;

ARPA Exhibit 2. The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Final Rule governing ARPA, dated January 27, 2022;

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¹ Coding: Strikethrough words are deletions to the existing words. <u>Underlined words</u> are additions to the existing words.

- **ARPA Exhibit 3.**U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Award Terms and Conditions (Assistance Listing Number 21.019);
- **ARPA Exhibit 4.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Frequently Asked Questions, dated April 27, 2022;
- ARPA Exhibit 5. American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Agreement between the Town and the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management dated September 28, 2021;
- **ARPA Exhibit 6.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury's ARPA Compliance and Reporting Guidance, dated June 17, 2022; and
- **ARPA Exhibit 7.** Assurances of Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements.

A copy of the above-referenced documents are available for inspection by the Contractor at the Office of the Town Clerk and at the following Town link: https://www.cutlerbay-fl.gov/government/page/arpa-documents.

- **2.1.2.** <u>Title VI Requirements</u>. Contractor acknowledges that the Town has certified compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to the U.S. Department of the Treasury on the form incorporated herein as ARPA Exhibit 7. Towards that end, Contractor shall ensure that performance of work in connection with this Agreement complies with the certifications and requirements contained in ARPA Exhibit 7 and shall also adhere to the following provisions:
 - (1) The Contractor and its subcontractors, successors, transferees, and assignees shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.
 - (2) Pursuant to 44 C.F.R. §§ 7 and 16, and 44 C.F.R. § 206.11, and that the Contractor shall undertake an active program of nondiscrimination in its administration of the Work under this Agreement.
- **2.1.3.** <u>Americans with Disabilities Act Requirements</u>. The Contractor agrees to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination by public and private entities on the basis of disability in employment, public accommodations, transportation, State and Local government services, and telecommunications. Additionally, Contractor agrees to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §§ 3601), which prohibits discrimination against individuals on the basis of discrimination under any program or activity under this Agreement.

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2.1.4. <u>Age Discrimination Act of 1975</u>. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 et seq., as amended, and the Treasury's implementing regulations (31 CFR Part 23), which prohibits the discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities under this Agreement.

2.1.5. *Protections for Whistleblowers.*

- (1) In accordance with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, Contractor may not discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee in reprisal for disclosing to any of the list of persons or entities provided below, information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a federal contract or grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.
- (2) The list of persons and entities referenced in the paragraph above includes the following:
 - i.A Member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress.
 - ii.An Inspector General
- iii. The Government Accountability Office.
- iv.A Federal employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management at the relevant agency.
- v.An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency.
- vi.A court or grand jury.
- vii.A management official or other employee of the Contractor, subcontractor, the State of Florida, or the Town who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.
- (3) The Contractor shall inform its employees in writing of the rights and remedies provided under this section, in the predominant native language of the workforce.
- **2.1.6.** Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Contractor hereby certifies that it does not knowingly employ unauthorized alien workers in violation of the employment provisions contained in 8 USC Section 1324a(e) [Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA")].
- **2.1.7.** <u>Seat Belts Required</u>. Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, 62 FR 19217, Contractor shall adopt and enforce policies or programs that require employees to use seat belts while operating or traveling on vehicles owned, rented, or personally owned by the Contractor and its employees while performing the Work.

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- **2.1.8.** <u>Texting While Driving Ban</u>. Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, 74 FR 51225, Contractor shall adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving and workplace safety policies designed to decrease accidents caused by distracted drivers.
- **2.1.9.** <u>Publication</u>. Contractor shall obtain approval from the Town in writing prior to issuing any publications in connection with this Agreement. If approved by the Town, the Contractor shall include the following language in any and all publications issued:
 - "This Project is <u>[being funded/was supported]</u> in part by federal award number (FAIN) <u>[Insert Project FAIN]</u> awarded to the Town of Cutler Bay by the U.S. Department of the Treasury."
- **2.1.10.** <u>Reporting Conflict of Interests.</u> Contractor agrees to disclose in writing to the Town, U.S. Department of the Treasury, and the State of Florida, as appropriate, any potential conflicts of interest affecting the use of funds awarded under the American Rescue Plan Act in accordance with 2 CFR 200.112.
- 2.2. Compliance with Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR Part 200). In accordance with the Final Rule and other guidelines provided in connection with the American Rescue Plan Act, Contractor shall be subject to the federal Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards under 2 CFR Part 200, including, but not limited to:
- **2.2.1.** Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance. During the performance of this Agreement, the Contractor agrees as follows:
- (1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:
 - a. Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising;
 - b. layoff or termination;
 - c. rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and
 - d. selection for training, including apprenticeship

The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

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