

**COUNTY OF NEVADA**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**CONTRACT**

THIS CONTRACT, made this 13th day of December, 2016, by and between the COUNTY OF NEVADA, hereinafter referred to as County and Crusader Fence Company, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Contractor.

WITNESSETH: That the County and Contractor, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS**

Wherever used in these general conditions or in the other contract documents the following terms have the meanings indicated which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof:

**Act of God**

"Act of God" means an earthquake or flood, or other cataclysmic phenomenon of nature. A rain, windstorm, high water or other natural phenomenon of unusual intensity for the specific locality of the work, which might reasonably have been anticipated from historical records of the general locality of the work, shall not be construed as an Act of God.

**Addenda**

Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the opening of bids which clarify, correct or change the bidding documents.

**Application for Payment**

The form accepted by County which is to be used by Contractor in requesting progress or final payments and which is to include such supporting documentation as is required by the contract documents.

**Contract Price**

Either the total lump sum bid of the Contractor or the total of the unit price bids of the Contractor extended based upon the estimated quantities set forth in the bid, or combinations thereof, plus or minus any adjustments made in accordance with the contract.

**Contractor's Plant and Equipment**

Everything, except labor, brought onto the site by the Contractor in order to carry out the work, but not to be incorporated in the work.

**County**

The County of Nevada and any person or persons to whom the power belonging to County shall be duly designated including but not limited to an engineer or architect. Only those persons designated in writing by the County Administrator or Director of the department overseeing the project shall have authority to act on behalf of County.

**Day**

A calendar day of 24 hours, except when preceded by "working", as defined below.

**Defective**

An adjective which when modifying the word "work" refers to work that is unsatisfactory, faulty or deficient, or does not conform to the contract documents, or does not meet the requirements of any inspection, reference standard, test or approval referred to in the contract documents, or has been damaged (unless responsibility for the protection thereof has been assumed by County).

**Directed**

"Directed", "designated", "permitted", "required", "accepted", and words of like import, wherever and in whatever manner used means as directed, designated, permitted, required, and accepted by County.

**Director**

"Director" shall mean the Director of the department overseeing the project.

**Drawings**

The drawings which show the character and scope of the work to be performed and which have been prepared or approved by County and are referred to in the contract documents.

**Effective Date of the Contract**

The date indicated in the Contract on which it becomes effective, but if no such date is indicated it means the date on which the Contract is signed and delivered by the last of the two parties to sign and deliver.

**Equal**

A device, material, equipment, technique or method that conforms to the intent of that specified or indicated on the Drawing.

**Field Order**

A written order issued by County which orders minor changes in the work but which does not involve a change in the contract price or the contract time.

**Lien**

Any claim by a person entitled to file a stop notice pursuant to the provisions of California Civil Code Sections 3179, et seq.

**Notice of Award**

The written notice by County to the apparent successful bidder stating that upon compliance by the apparent successful bidder with the conditions precedent enumerated therein, within the time specified, County will sign and deliver the Contract.

**Notice to Proceed**

A written notice given by County to Contractor fixing the date on which the contract time will commence to run and on which Contractor shall start to perform Contractor's obligations under the Contract Documents.

**Partial Completion**

Placing a portion of the work in service for the purpose for which it is intended (or a related purpose) before reaching completion of all the work.

**Person**

Includes firms, companies and corporations.

**Schedule of Values**

A list of divisions of the total scope of work under the contract made by the Contractor and approved by the County for purposes of progress payments.

**Shop Drawings**

All drawings, diagrams, illustrations, schedules and other data which are specifically prepared by or for Contractor to illustrate some portion of the work and all product data illustrations, brochures, standard schedules, performance charts, instructions, diagrams, samples, and other information prepared by a supplier and submitted by Contractor to illustrate material or equipment for some portion of the work.

**Subcontractor**

An individual, firm or corporation having a direct contract with Contractor or with any other subcontractor for the performance of a part of the work at the site.

**Substitute**

A device, material, equipment, technique or method of construction that differs from that intended or indicated on the Drawings.

**Supplementary Conditions**

An addition to the Contract Documents which supplements the main Contract.

**Underground Facilities**

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

**Unit Price Work**

Work to be paid for on the basis of unit prices.

**ARTICLE II: SCOPE OF WORK**

Contractor, at Contractor's own proper costs and expense, shall do all the work and furnish all the materials necessary to construct and/or reconstruct and complete in good workmanlike and substantial manner and to the satisfaction of the County, the Perimeter Fence and Gate System Upgrades project at the Nevada County Airport which shall be constructed in accordance with this Contract, the Invitation to Bid, the Instruction to Bidders, the Plans and Specifications and Drawings, and all other contract documents attached hereto and which are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Contract as if set forth in full.

**ARTICLE III: CONTRACT TIME**

Contractor will start work to be performed under this Contract within 15 Calendar days after the Contractor is instructed in writing by County to proceed with the work. Said work shall be diligently prosecuted to completion. All the work shall be completed and ready for acceptance within 60 calendar days for the base bid, with an additional 60 calendar days should Alternate 1

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

#### **ARTICLE IV: DELETED**

#### **ARTICLE V: CONTRACT PRICE**

County shall pay Contractor for performance of the work in accordance with the Contract Documents in current funds as follows:

- a) Lump Sum of **Eight Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$826,946.00)** for Items No. 2 through 10 identified in Contractor's bid.
- b) Time and Materials reimbursement not to exceed **One Hundred Twenty Two and 00/100 Dollars (\$122,000.00)** for Item No. 1, Clearing & Grubbing, identified in Contractor's bid.

#### **ARTICLE VI: DELETED**

#### **ARTICLE VII: DELETED**

#### **ARTICLE VIII: PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

##### **Pre-construction Conference**

Within 30 days after receipt of the notice of award, but before the issuance of the Notice to Proceed, a conference attended by Contractor and County and others as appropriate will be held to discuss schedules, procedures for handling shop drawings and other submittals and for processing applications for payment, and to establish a working understanding among the parties as to the work.

##### **Delivery of Schedules**

Contractor shall submit a schedule to the County at the Pre-Construction Conference, including the following items:

1. An estimated progress schedule indicating the starting and completion dates of the various stages of the work;
2. A preliminary schedule of shop drawing submissions;
3. A preliminary schedule of product deliveries;
4. A preliminary schedule of values for all of the work which will include quantities and prices of items aggregating the contract price and will subdivide the work into component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during construction. Such prices will include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of work which will be confirmed in writing by Contractor at the time of submission.

##### **Finalizing Schedules**

At least ten days before submission of the first application for payment a conference attended by Contractor, County and others as appropriate will be held to finalize schedules. The finalized progress schedule will be acceptable to County as providing an orderly progression of the work to completion within the contract time, but such acceptance will neither impose on County responsibility for the progress or scheduling of the work nor relieve Contractor from full responsibility therefor. The finalized schedule of shop drawing submissions will be acceptable

to County as providing a workable arrangement for processing the submissions. The finalized schedule of values will be acceptable to County as to form and substance.

### **Before Starting Construction**

Contractor shall provide County with at least 24 hours written notice of the date on which it intends to commence work. Before undertaking each and every part of the work, Contractor shall carefully study and compare the contract documents and check and verify pertinent figures shown thereon and all applicable field measurements. Contractor shall promptly report in writing to County any conflict, error or discrepancy which Contractor may discover and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from County before proceeding with any work affected thereby; however, Contractor shall not be liable to County for failure to report any conflict, error or discrepancy in the contract documents, unless Contractor had actual knowledge thereof or should reasonably have known thereof.

### **Contractor's Representations**

In order to induce County to enter into this agreement, Contractor makes the following representations:

1. Contractor has familiarized himself or herself with the nature and extent of the contract documents, work, locality, and with all local conditions and federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress or performance of the work.
2. Contractor has studied carefully all reports of investigations and tests of subsurface and latent physical conditions at the site or otherwise affecting cost, progress or performance of the work which were relied upon by County in the preparation of the drawings and specifications and which have been identified in the contract documents.
3. Contractor has made or caused to be made examinations, investigations, and tests and studies of such reports and related data necessary for the performance of the work at the contract price, within the contract time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the contract documents; and no additional examinations, investigations, tests, reports or similar data are or will be required by Contractor for such purposes.
4. Contractor has correlated the results of all such observations, examinations, investigations, tests, reports and data with the terms and conditions of the contract documents.
5. Contractor has given County written notice of all conflicts, errors or discrepancies that have been discovered in the contract documents and the written resolution thereof by County is acceptable to Contractor.

### **ARTICLE IX: DELETED**

### **ARTICLE X: CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

#### **Intent**

The contract documents comprise the entire agreement between County and Contractor concerning the work. The contract documents are complementary; what is called for by one is as binding as if called for by all. The contract documents will be construed in accordance with California law.

#### **Conflicts, Errors and Discrepancies**

If during the performance of the work, Contractor finds a conflict, error or discrepancy in the contract documents, Contractor shall so report to County in writing at once and before proceeding with the work affected thereby shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from County.

## **Amending Contract Documents**

The contract documents may be amended to provide for additions, deletions and revisions in the work or to modify the terms and conditions thereof by change order. Contract price and contract time may only be changed by change order.

## **Supplementary Contract Documents**

In addition to the above, the requirements of the contract documents may be supplemented, and minor variations and deviations in the work may be authorized in one or more of the following ways:

1. A field order,
2. County's approval of a shop drawing or sample, or
3. County's written interpretation or clarification.

## **Reuse of Documents**

Neither contractor nor any subcontractor or supplier or other person or organization performing or furnishing any of the work under a direct or indirect contract with County shall have or acquire any title to or ownership rights in any of the drawings, specifications or other documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the seal of County; and they shall not reuse any of them on extensions of the project or any other project without written consent of County and specific written verification or adaptation by County.

## **ARTICLE XI: THE PROJECT SITE**

### **Availability of Lands**

County shall furnish, as indicated in the contract documents, the lands upon which the work is to be performed, rights-of-way and easements for access thereto, and such other lands which are designated for the use of Contractor. Easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing facilities will be obtained and paid for by County, unless otherwise provided in the contract documents. If Contractor believes that any delay in County's furnishing these lands, rights-of-way or easements entitles Contractor to an extension of the contract time, Contractor may make a claim therefor as provided for herein. Contractor shall provide for all additional lands and access thereto that may be required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment.

### **Physical Conditions**

If the contract documents identify those reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at the site that have been utilized by County in preparation of the contract documents, Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of the factual data contained in such reports but not upon interpretations or opinions contained therein or for the completeness or representativeness thereof for Contractor's purposes. If construction drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface and subsurface structures (except underground facilities discussed below) at or contiguous to the site have been utilized by County in preparation of the contract documents, Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of the factual data contained in such drawings but not the completeness thereof for Contractor's purposes. If Contractor believes that any factual data on which Contractor is entitled to rely is inaccurate, or any physical condition uncovered or revealed at the site differs materially from that indicated, reflected or referred to in the contract documents, Contractor shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before performing any work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as permitted herein), notify County in writing about the inaccuracy or difference. Failure to notify County promptly shall relieve County of any liability for any and all claims resulting from such inaccuracy or difference.

## **County's Review**

County will review the pertinent conditions, determine the necessity of obtaining additional explorations or tests with respect thereto and advise Contractor in writing of County's findings and conclusions.

## **Power**

The Contractor shall provide, at no additional cost to the County, all construction power used at the project site and shall make all arrangements with the electrical utility and with the County for power takeoff points, voltage and phasing requirements, transformers, and metering and shall pay all costs and fees arising therefrom. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to provide all special connections required for the work.

## **Water**

The Contractor shall provide the water needed for the work, including potable water, construction water, and water for testing purposes.

## **ARTICLE XII: LABOR, MATERIAL AND PERFORMANCE BONDS**

### **Bonds to be Provided**

The Contractor shall furnish two bonds each in the amount of one hundred (100%) percent of the contract price, one as security for the faithful performance of the work, and the other as security for the faithful payment and satisfaction of all persons furnishing materials and performing labor for the project. The bonds shall be issued by a corporation duly and legally licensed to transact surety business in the State of California. The labor and materials bond shall remain in force throughout the period required to complete the work and for 35 days after the recording of the Notice of Completion. The performance bond shall remain in force for a period of 365 days after final acceptance of the work to cover any defects in workmanship, materials, or equipment which develop in that time. The bonds must be executed by a duly licensed surety company and accompanied by a certified copy of the authority to act. The scope of the bonds or the forms thereof shall in no way affect or alter the liabilities of the Contractor to County. Bonds shall be executed on the forms included in the contract documents.

### **Insolvency or Termination of Right to Do Business**

If the surety on any bond furnished by Contractor is declared bankrupt or becomes insolvent or its right to do business is terminated in California, Contractor shall within five days thereafter substitute another bond and surety, both of which must be acceptable to County. If an acceptable substitute is not furnished within five days, County may terminate Contractor.

## **ARTICLE XIII: CONTRACTOR LIABILITY AND INSURANCE**

### **Liability of Contractor**

The Contractor shall be liable for all damages and injury which shall be caused to County or any other owners of property on or in the vicinity of the work or which shall occur to any person or persons or property whatsoever arising out of the performance of this contract. Contractor agrees to hold County harmless and indemnify County for any such losses.

### **Contractor's Liability Insurance**

Contractor shall purchase and maintain commercial general liability and other insurance as is appropriate for the work being performed and furnished and as will provide protection from claims set forth below which may arise out of or result from Contractor's performance and

furnishing of the work and Contractor's other obligations under the contract documents, whether it is to be performed or furnished by Contractor, by any subcontractor, by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the work, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable:

1. Claims under workers' disability benefits and other similar employee benefit acts;
2. Claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of Contractor's employees;
3. Claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death of any person other than Contractor's employees;
4. Claims for damages insured by personal injury liability coverage which are sustained (a) by any person as a result of an offense directly or indirectly related to the employment of such person by Contractor, or (b) by any other person for any other reason;
5. Claims for damages, other than to the work itself, because of injury to or destruction of tangible property wherever located, including loss of use resulting therefrom;
6. Claims arising out of operation of laws or regulations for damages because of bodily injury or death of any person or for damage to property; and
7. Claims for damages because of bodily injury or death of any person or property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of any motor vehicle.

To the extent that Contractor's work, or work under Contractor's direction, may require blasting, explosive conditions, or underground operations, the comprehensive general liability coverage shall contain no exclusion relative to blasting, explosion, collapse of buildings, or damage to underground property.

The insurance required by this paragraph shall be "per occurrence" coverage and shall include the specific coverages and be written for not less than the limits of liability and coverages provided herein, or required by law, whichever is greater. The commercial general liability insurance shall include completed operations insurance. All such insurance shall remain in effect until final payment and at all times thereafter when Contractor may be correcting, removing or replacing defective work. In addition, Contractor shall maintain such completed operations insurance for at least one year after final payment and furnish County with evidence of continuation of such insurance at final payment. If Contractor's insurance is canceled prior to completion of the project and the Contractor does not furnish a new Certificate of Insurance prior to cancellation, County may obtain the required insurance and deduct the premium from contract moneys due the Contractor.

At the option of Contractor, evidence of coverage and limits may be furnished by an umbrella liability policy certificate in addition to certificates for worker's compensation and employer's liability, and comprehensive automobile and general liability policies.

### **Contractual Liability Insurance**

The commercial general liability insurance required above will include contractual liability insurance applicable to Contractor's obligations hereunder.

### **Owner's Liability Insurance**

Contractor shall purchase and maintain Owner's liability insurance. This insurance shall be issued in the name of County and shall protect and defend County and its agents against all claims arising as a result of the operations of Contractor. The coverage and limits of liability shall be co-extensive with those specified for the Contractor's liability insurance. The Owner's liability insurance may be provided by naming County and its agents as an additional insured on the Contractor's liability insurance.

## **Property Insurance**

Unless otherwise specifically provided, Contractor shall purchase and maintain property insurance (builder's risk) upon the work or equipment and supplies stored at the site to the full insurable value thereof (subject to such deductible amounts as may be agreed upon or required by laws and regulations.) This insurance shall include the interests of County and its agents, Contractor and subcontractors in the work. County shall be listed as an additional insured party. Said policy shall insure against the perils of fire, extended coverage, testing and shall include "all risk" insurance for physical loss and damage including theft, vandalism and malicious mischief, collapse and water damage, and such other perils as may be provided herein, and shall include damages, losses and expenses arising out of or resulting from any insured loss or incurred in the repair or replacement of any insured property (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals).

### **Amount of Property Insurance**

Said insurance shall be on a "per occurrence" basis for the full value of the work and supplies and equipment stored or used in connection with the project and shall include vandalism and malicious mischief endorsement. Special consent of County shall be required prior to use of "claims made" coverage.

### **Schedule of Required Insurance**

1. Worker's Compensation Insurance: Statutory amount and employer's liability of \$1,000,000.
2. Contractor's Commercial General Liability Insurance (bodily injury, property damage and including contractual liability insurance, completed operations and products liability insurance): \$2,000,000.00.
3. Physical Damage to Owner Owned Property (remodeling or retrofitting project) or Builder's Risk Insurance (new construction project) including but not limited to fire, extended coverage, vandalism, malicious mischief, and optional perils coverage; full value of work to be performed under contract including supplies and equipment stored or used in connection with the project with a maximum deductible of \$500.
4. Comprehensive Business or Commercial Automobile Liability Coverage (bodily injury liability, property damage liability, uninsured motorist protection and including non-owned and hired automobile liability): \$1,000,000.

Nevada County shall be named as additional insured on all insurance policies. Contractor shall provide proof of insurance required in this contract evidenced by certificates of insurance and endorsements.

### **Notice Requirement**

All the policies of insurance (or the certificates or other evidence thereof) required to be purchased and maintained by the Contractor shall contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled, materially changed, or renewal refused until at least ten (10) days prior written notice has been given to County by registered mail.

### **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions**

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be fully disclosed by Contractor and approved by County prior to commencement of work. At County's option, the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects County, its officials and employees, or Contractor shall provide a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration and defense expenses.

## **Risk of Loss**

Liability for loss or damage to equipment, materials, workmanship or services occurring on or off the site shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. Liability for completed work shall not be assumed by County until both the work has been completed and County has accepted the work as complete. County will not be responsible for purchasing and maintaining any property insurance to protect the interests of Contractor, subcontractors or others in the work. The risk of loss will be borne by Contractor, subcontractor or others suffering any such loss and if any of them wishes property insurance coverage in addition to insurance required herein, each may purchase and maintain it at the purchaser's own expense.

## **Waiver of Rights**

Contractor waives all rights against County and its agents for all losses and damages caused by any of the perils covered by the policies of insurance provided for above and any other property insurance applicable to the work, and all other parties named as insureds in such policies for losses and damages so caused. Each subcontract between Contractor and a subcontractor will contain similar waiver provisions by the subcontractor in favor of County and its agents and all other parties named as insureds. None of the above waivers shall extend to the rights that any of the insured parties may have to the proceeds of insurance held by County as trustee or otherwise payable under any policy so issued.

## **No Right of Recovery**

County and Contractor intend that any policies provided as set forth herein shall protect all of the parties insured and provide primary coverage for all losses and damages caused by the perils covered thereby. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by County shall be in excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute to it.

## **Receipt and Application of Proceeds**

Any insured loss under the policies of insurance required herein will be adjusted with County and made payable to County as trustee for the insureds, as their interests may appear, subject to the requirements of any applicable mortgage clause. County shall deposit in a separate account any money so received, and shall distribute it in accordance with such agreement as the parties in interest may reach. If no other special agreement is reached, the damaged work shall be repaired or replaced, the moneys so received applied on account thereof and the work and the cost thereof covered by an appropriate change order or written amendment.

## **County's Duties as Trustee**

County as trustee shall have power to adjust and settle any loss with the insurers.

## **Acceptance of Insurance**

If County has any objection to the coverage afforded by or other provisions of the insurance required to be purchased and maintained by Contractor on the basis of its not complying with the contract documents, County shall notify Contractor in writing thereof and Contractor shall immediately provide proof of the proper coverage. Contractor shall provide to County such additional information in respect of insurance provided by it as County may reasonably request. County may at its option waive any type of insurance required herein which County in its discretion deems to be inapplicable to the type of project being constructed. Any such waiver shall be in writing by the County Administrator.

## **Verification of Coverage**

Contractor shall furnish County with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements affecting coverage required by this clause. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificates and endorsements are to be on forms provided by County and are to be received and approved by County before work commences.

## **Subcontractors**

Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

## **ARTICLE XIV: DELETED**

## **ARTICLE XV: PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS**

### **Ownership**

All plans and specifications shall remain the property of County and shall be returned to County before the final certificate will be issued.

### **Handicapped Access**

Where applicable, it is the County's intent for all features on the plans and specifications to conform to applicable regulations for the accommodation of physically handicapped persons in buildings and facilities used by the public.

## **ARTICLE XVI: SHOP DRAWINGS AND SAMPLES**

### **Shop Drawings**

After checking and verifying all field measurements and after complying with applicable procedures herein, Contractor shall submit to County for review and acceptance in accordance with the accepted schedule of shop drawing submissions or other appropriate action if so indicated herein, the number of copies specified of all shop drawings, which will bear a stamp or specific written indication that Contractor has satisfied Contractor's responsibilities under the contract documents with respect to the review of the submission. All submissions will be identified as County may require. Such drawings shall be approved by County before any work involving the drawings is performed. The data shown on the shop drawings will be complete with respect to quantities, dimensions, specified performance and design criteria, materials and similar data to enable County to review the information as required.

### **Contractor's Review**

Before submission of each shop drawing or sample, Contractor shall have determined and verified all quantities, dimensions, specified performance criteria, installation requirements, materials, catalog numbers and similar data with respect thereto and reviewed or coordinated each shop drawing or sample with other shop drawings and samples and with the requirements of the work and the contract documents.

### **Notice of Variation**

At the time of each submission, Contractor shall give County specific written notice of each variation that the shop drawings or samples may have from the requirements of the contract documents, and, in addition, shall cause a specific notation to be made on each shop drawing submitted to Engineer for review and acceptance of each such variation.

### **County's Review**

County will review and accept with reasonable promptness shop drawings and samples, but County's review and acceptance will be only for conformance with the design concept of the project and for compliance with the information given in the contract documents and shall not extend to means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction (except where a specific means, method, technique, sequence or procedure of construction is indicated in or required by the contract documents) or to safety precautions or programs incident thereto. The review and acceptance of a separate item as such will not indicate acceptance of the assembly in which the item functions. Within a reasonable time after receipt of drawings or samples, County will return marked up copies indicating one of the following four actions:

1. If review and checking indicates no exceptions, copies will be returned marked "NO EXCEPTIONS TAKEN" and work may begin immediately on incorporating the material and equipment covered by the submittal into the work.
2. If review and checking indicates limited corrections are required, copies will be returned marked "MAKE CORRECTIONS NOTED" and work may begin immediately on incorporating the material and equipment covered by the submittal into the work.
3. If review and checking indicates insufficient or incorrect data has been submitted, copies will be returned marked "AMEND AND RESUBMIT". No work may begin on incorporating the material and equipment covered by this submittal into the work until the submittal is revised, resubmitted, and returned marked either "NO EXCEPTIONS TAKEN" or "MAKE CORRECTIONS NOTED".
4. If review and checking indicates the material and equipment submittal is unacceptable, copies will be returned marked "REJECTED". No work may begin on incorporating the material and equipment covered by this submittal into the work until a new submittal is made and returned marked either "NO EXCEPTIONS TAKEN" or "MAKE CORRECTIONS NOTED".

Contractor shall direct specific attention in writing to revisions other than the corrections called for by County on previous submittals. The Contractor may authorize material or equipment supplier to deal directly with County with regard to such submittals; however, ultimate responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the information contained in the submittal shall remain with the Contractor. Normally, a separate transmittal form shall be used for each specific item or class of material or equipment for which a submittal is required. Submittals on various items using a single transmittal form will be permitted only when the items taken together constitute a manufacturer's "package" or are so functionally related that expediency indicates checking or review of the group or "package" as a whole.

### **Contractor's Responsibility for Variation**

County's review of shop drawings or samples shall not relieve Contractor from responsibility for any variation from the requirements of the contract documents unless Contractor has in writing called County's attention to each such variation at the time of submission and County has given written acceptance of each such variation by a specific written notation thereof incorporated in or accompanying the shop drawing or sample review nor will any review by County relieve Contractor from responsibility for errors or omissions in the shop drawings or from responsibility for having complied with the provisions above.

### **Work Performed Prior to Shop Drawing or Sample Review**

Where a shop drawing or sample is required by the specifications, any related work performed prior to County's review of the pertinent submission will be the sole expense and responsibility of Contractor.

### **ARTICLE XVII: DELETED**

### **ARTICLE XVIII: PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK**

## **Supervision**

Contractor shall supervise and direct the work competently and efficiently, devoting such attention thereto and applying such skills and expertise as may be necessary to perform the work in accordance with the contract documents. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction. Contractor shall be responsible to see that the finished work complies accurately with the contract documents.

## **Superintendence**

Contractor shall keep on the work at all times during its progress a competent resident superintendent, acceptable to County, who shall not be replaced without written notice to County except under extraordinary circumstances. The superintendent will be Contractor's representative at the site and shall have authority to act on behalf of Contractor. All communications given to the superintendent shall be as binding as if given to Contractor. When work is not in progress and during periods when work is suspended, arrangements acceptable to County shall be made for emergencies. If the superintendent is not present, County shall give direction to the next in command and said direction shall be binding.

## **Personnel**

Contractor shall provide competent, suitably qualified personnel to survey and lay out the work and perform construction as required by the contract documents. Contractor shall at all times maintain good discipline and order at the site. Except in connection with the safety or protection of persons or the work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, and except as otherwise indicated in the contract documents, all work at the site shall be performed during regular working hours, and Contractor will not permit overtime work or the performance of work on Saturday, Sunday or any legal holiday without County's written consent given after prior written notice to County.

## **Order of Work**

If a sequence or procedure is specified in the special provisions or plans for the project, Contractor shall be required to follow the sequence or procedure specified. The price for compliance with a specified sequence or procedure will be considered as part of the bid price and no extra amounts will be allowed therefor.

## **Safety and Protection**

Contractor shall be solely responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the work. Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of, and shall provide reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:

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

Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss; and shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for such safety and protection. Contractor shall notify owners of adjacent property and of underground facilities and utility owners when prosecution of the work may affect them, and shall cooperate with them in the protection, removal, relocation and replacement of their property. All damage, injury or loss to any property referred to herein caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by Contractor,

any subcontractor, supplier or any other person or organization directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the work or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, shall be remedied by Contractor. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for the safety and protection of the work shall continue until such time as all the work is completed and County has issued a notice to County and Contractor that the work is acceptable.

The Contractor shall at all times so conduct the work as to insure the least possible obstruction to traffic and inconvenience to the general public and the residents in the vicinity of the work, and to insure the protection of persons and property. No road or street shall be closed to the public except with the permission of County and other governmental authority. Fire hydrants on or adjacent to the work shall be kept accessible to fire fighting equipment at all times. Temporary provisions shall be made by the Contractor to insure the use of sidewalks and private and public driveways, and the proper functioning of all gutters, sewer inlets, drainage ditches and culverts, irrigation ditches and natural water courses.

The Contractor shall leave a night emergency telephone number or numbers with the local law enforcement office, so that contact may be made easily at all times in case of trouble or emergencies. The names and telephone numbers of at least two medical doctors practicing in the vicinity and the telephone number of the local ambulance shall be prominently displayed adjacent to all telephones.

Any lighting fixtures shall be installed, mounted and directed in a manner precluding glare to approaching traffic.

### **Safety Representative**

Contractor shall designate a responsible representative at the site whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. This person shall be Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by Contractor to County.

### **Vehicle Code**

Pursuant to the authority contained in Vehicle Code Section 591, County has determined that within such areas as are within the limits of the project and are open to public traffic, the following requirements of the Vehicle Code will apply. The lighting requirements in Section 25803; the brake requirements in Chapter 3, Division 12; the splash apron requirements in Section 27600; and, when operated on completed or existing treated base, surfacing, pavement or structures, except as otherwise provided in Section 7-1.02, "Weight Limitations," the weight limitation requirements contained in Division 15.

Attention is directed to the statement in said Section 591 that this section shall not relieve Contractor or any person from the duty of exercising due care. The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for safe operation of its equipment and the protection of the public from injury and damage from such equipment.

Any other requirements set forth in Divisions 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Vehicle Code which County, pursuant to the authority contained in Vehicle Code Section 591, will require compliance with, will be set forth in the special provisions.

### **Trench Safety**

Attention is directed to the provisions of Section 6705 of the Labor Code of the State of California.

Excavation for any trench 5 feet or more in depth shall not begin until the Contractor has submitted to County the Contractor's detailed plan for worker protection from the hazards of caving ground during the excavation of such trench. Such plan shall be submitted at least 5 days before the Contractor intends to begin excavation for the trench and shall show the details of the design of shoring, bracing, sloping, or other provisions to be made for worker protection

during such excavation. The plan shall not use shoring, sloping or a protective system less effective than that required by the Construction Safety Orders of the Division of Industrial Safety and if such plan varies from the shoring system standards established by the Construction Safety Orders, the plan shall be prepared and signed by an engineer who is registered as a Civil or Structural Engineer in the State of California.

In addition, the Contractor shall obtain, pay for, and comply with all provisions of the permit required by Section 6500 of the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973.

### **Notice Prior to Trenching**

Where trenching is required, Contractor shall, pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 7104, promptly, and before the following conditions are disturbed, notify County, in writing of any:

- (1) Material that contractor believes may be material that is hazardous waste, as defined in Section 25117 of the Health and Safety Code, that is required to be removed to a Class I, Class II, or Class III disposal site in accordance with provisions of existing law.
- (2) Subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site differing from those indicated.
- (3) Unknown physical conditions at the site of any unusual nature, different materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in the contract.

Upon receipt of such notice, County shall, as required by Public Contracts Code Section 7104, promptly investigate the conditions. If County finds the conditions do materially so differ, or do involve hazardous waste, and would require a decrease or increase in Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the work, County shall issue a change order under the procedures described in this Contract. In the event that a dispute arises between County and Contractor as to whether the conditions materially differ, or involve hazardous waste, or cause a decrease or increase in the cost or time required for performance, Contractor will not be excused from the scheduled completion date but shall proceed with all work to be performed. Contractor shall retain its rights to file a claim as set forth herein.

### **Alcoholic Beverages**

Absolutely no alcoholic beverages shall be permitted on the job site.

### **Emergencies**

In emergencies affecting the safety or protection of persons or the work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, Contractor, without special instruction or authorization from County, is obligated to act to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. Contractor shall give County prompt written notice as soon as possible thereafter. If County determines that a change in the contract documents is required because of the action taken in response to an emergency, a change order will be issued to document the consequences of the changes or variations.

### **Environmental and Toxics Warranty**

Contractor warrants that no asbestos-containing materials, no PCB-containing fixtures or equipment or other toxic or hazardous materials or equipment other than what is contained in standard building materials were installed on this project without County's express written consent. Contractor further warrants that no asbestos-containing materials, PCB-containing fixtures or equipment or other toxic or hazardous materials were discovered during construction of this project which were not disclosed to County in writing.

Contractor also warrants that its operations during the project were not in violation of any applicable federal, state or local environmental law or regulation dealing with hazardous materials or toxic substances, and no notice from any governmental body has been given to Contractor claiming any such violation or calling attention to the need for any work, repairs, construction, or installation or in connection with the project in order to comply with such laws

with which Contractor has not complied. If there are any such notices with which Contractor has complied, Contractor shall provide County with copies thereof.

This warranty shall survive completion of the project, and Contractor shall indemnify County for any breach thereof.

### **Access to Work**

County's representatives, testing agencies and governmental agencies with jurisdictional interests will have access to the work at reasonable times for their observation, inspecting and testing. Contractor shall provide proper and safe conditions for such access.

### **Adjusting Progress Schedule**

Contractor shall submit to County for acceptance adjustments in the progress schedule to reflect the impact thereon of new developments; these will conform generally to the progress schedule then in effect and additionally will comply with any provisions of the general requirements applicable thereto.

### **Substitute Method of Construction**

If a specific means, method, technique, sequence or procedure of construction is indicated in or required by the contract documents, Contractor may furnish or utilize a substitute means, method, sequence, technique or procedure of construction acceptable to County, if Contractor submits sufficient information to allow County to determine that the substitute proposed is equivalent to that indicated or required by the contract documents. The procedure for review by County will be similar to that provided in the paragraph regarding substitution of materials or equipment. No extension of time or extra compensation will be paid to the Contractor by virtue of County's accepting a substitute method of construction.

### **Suggestions to Contractor**

Any plan or method of work suggested by County to the Contractor but not specified or required, if adopted or followed by the Contractor in whole or in part, shall be used at the risk and responsibility of the Contractor; and County shall assume no responsibility therefor and in no way be held liable for any defects in the work which may result from or be caused by use of such plan or method of work. Acceptance by the Contractor of any plan or method of work or change suggested by County shall not relieve the Contractor from any other requirements or provisions of the contract.

### **Permits**

Unless otherwise provided for herein, Contractor shall obtain and pay for all construction permits and licenses necessary or incidental to the work. County shall assist Contractor, when necessary, in obtaining such permits and licenses. Contractor shall pay all governmental charges and inspection fees necessary for the prosecution of the work, which are applicable at the time of opening of bids. County shall pay all charges of utility connections to the work.

### **Laws and Regulations**

Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws and regulations applicable to furnishing and performance of the work. Except where otherwise expressly required by applicable laws and regulations, County shall not be responsible for monitoring Contractor's compliance with any laws or regulations. If Contractor observes that the specifications or drawings are at variance with any laws or regulations, Contractor shall give County prompt written notice thereof, and any necessary changes will be authorized by one of the methods indicated herein. If Contractor performs any work knowing or having reason to know that it is contrary to such laws or regulations, and without such notice to County, Contractor shall bear all costs, damages, fines or penalties, arising therefrom.

## **Taxes**

Contractor shall pay all sales, consumer, use and other similar taxes required to be paid by Contractor in accordance with the laws and regulations of the place of the project which are applicable during the performance of the work.

## **Use of Premises**

Contractor shall confine construction equipment, the storage of materials and equipment and the operations of workers to the project site and land and areas identified in and permitted by the contract documents and other land and areas permitted by laws and regulations, rights-of-way, permits and easements, and shall not unreasonably encumber the premises with construction equipment or other materials or equipment. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for any damage to any such land or area, or to the owner or occupant thereof or of any land or areas contiguous thereto, resulting from the performance of the work. Should any claim be made against County by any such owner or occupant because of the performance of the work, Contractor shall promptly attempt to settle with such other party by agreement or otherwise resolve the claim by arbitration or at law. Contractor shall, to the fullest extent permitted by laws and regulations, indemnify and hold County harmless from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses (including, but not limited to, fees of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court and arbitration costs) arising directly, indirectly or consequentially out of any action, legal or equitable, brought by any such other party against County to the extent based on a claim arising out of Contractor's performance of the work.

Fences which cross, abut, or are on easements shall at all times be maintained by the Contractor in a condition which provides the functional purpose of the fence. Temporary fencing of the construction area will be permitted and temporary fencing shall provide the same functional purpose as existing fencing. Unless otherwise indicated, all improvements within easements shall be restored to conditions that existed prior to the start of work.

Before final acceptance of the work the Contractor shall obtain a written statement of release from each property owner that granted an easement for the work. Release statement shall indicate the property owner's acceptance of the site conditions as restored by the Contractor. The County may waive said written releases where a property owner refuses to sign same but only upon making a determination that there is no work to be completed with respect to said property.

## **Site Clean-Up**

During the progress of the work, Contractor shall keep the premises free from accumulations of waste materials, rubbish and other debris resulting from the work. At the completion of the work, Contractor shall remove all waste materials, rubbish and debris from and about the premises as well as all tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery, and surplus materials, and shall leave the site clean and ready for occupancy by County. Contractor shall restore to original condition all property not designated for alteration by the contract documents.

The Contractor is advised that the final cleanup of the project shall be done with meticulous care and that the County expects all ductwork, cubicles, cabinets, motor control centers, control panels, rooms, and enclosures to be thoroughly vacuum cleaned and dust-free prior to acceptance of the work.

## **Protection of Structures**

Contractor shall not load nor permit any part of any structure to be loaded in any manner that will endanger the structure, nor shall Contractor subject any part of the work or adjacent property to stresses or pressures that will endanger it.

## **Restoration of Structures**

The Contractor shall remove such existing structures or monuments as may be necessary for the performance of the work and, if required, shall rebuild the structures or monuments thus removed in as good a condition as found. Contractor shall also repair all existing structures or monuments which may be damaged as a result of the work under this contract.

All curbs, gutters, driveways, sidewalks, and similar structures that are damaged by the installation of the work shall be reconstructed by the Contractor. Reconstruction shall be of the same kind of material with the same finish and in not less than the same dimensions as the original work. All concrete shall be as set forth in the specifications, or as required by County if not so specified. Repairs shall be made by removing and replacing the entire portions between joints or scores and not merely refinishing any damaged part. All work shall match the appearance of the existing improvements as nearly as possible.

All road and streets where the surface is removed, broken or damaged, or in which the ground has caved or settled due to work under this contract, shall be completely resurfaced and brought to the original grade and crown section unless otherwise indicated. Before resurfacing material is placed, edges of pavements shall be trimmed back far enough to provide clean, solid, vertical faces, and shall be free of any loose material. All cultivated areas, lawns, and other surface improvements which are damaged by actions of the Contractor shall be restored as nearly as possible to their original conditions.

### **Drainage**

Existing drainage facilities shall be maintained throughout the contract time to provide the flow capacities available before commencing work. Drainage conduits shall not be broken, removed, or otherwise interfered with, without permission of the responsible agency.

Where construction requires blocking the flow, flows shall be bypassed as necessary. Stream crossings, blockages, and bypassing shall be accomplished in such a manner as to avoid degradation of downstream water quality. Particular attention shall be given to the avoidance of siltation.

### **Environmental Control**

The Contractor shall not pollute the construction site or any drainage course or its tributary inlets with fuels, oils, bitumens, acids, insecticides, herbicides or other harmful materials. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, County and municipal laws concerning pollution of waterways. Contractor shall submit a plan for preventing such occurrences if required by County. Special measures shall be taken to prevent chemicals, fuels, oils, greases, bituminous materials, waste washings, herbicides and insecticides, from spilling and entering public waters.

Where the Contractor is required to connect or otherwise work around existing lines carrying sewage or process wastes, Contractor shall perform the work to prevent the spill of sewage and insure the delivery of sewage to the treatment plants. Where the Contractor chooses to provide temporary pumping of sewage, Contractor shall first have the pumping facilities approved by County and shall provide 100 percent standby equipment on 24-hour basis.

The Contractor shall provide the means for preventing or lessening all dust nuisances and damages. Such means shall consist of applying water, dust palliative, or both all in accordance with local ordinances and regulations or as directed by County.

### **Continuing the Work**

Contractor shall carry on the work and adhere to the progress schedule during all disputes or disagreements with County. No work shall be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, except as permitted specifically herein or as Contractor and County may otherwise agree in writing.

## **Indemnification**

To the fullest extent permitted by laws and regulations, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless County and its consultants, agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, direct, indirect or consequential (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court and arbitration costs) arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expenses (a) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (including the work itself) including the loss of use resulting therefrom and (b) is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of Contractor, any subcontractor, any person or organization directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the work or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. The Contractor's indemnification obligation shall apply whether or not the act giving rise to such claims, damages, losses and expenses is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder or arises by or is imposed by law and regulations regardless of the negligence of any such party.

## **Statutory Limitations**

In any and all claims against County or any of its consultants, agents or employees by any employee of Contractor, any subcontractor, any person or organization directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the work or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation above shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for Contractor or any such subcontractor or other person or organization under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

## **Related Work at Site**

County may perform other work related to the project at the site by County's own forces, have other work performed by utility companies or let other direct contracts therefor which shall contain conditions similar to these. If the fact that such other work is to be performed was not noted in the contract documents, written notice thereof will be given to Contractor prior to starting any such other work; and, if Contractor believes that such performance will involve additional expense to Contractor or requires additional time and the parties are unable to agree as to the extent thereof, Contractor may make a claim therefor as provided for herein. Any difference or conflict arising between the Contractor and any other Contractor employed by County, or between the Contractor and the workers of County with regard to their work, shall be submitted to County and the Contractor shall abide by County's decision in the matter. If the work of the Contractor is delayed because of any facts or omissions of any other Contractor or of County, the Contractor shall on that account have no claim against County other than for an extension of time.

## **Access to Site**

Contractor shall afford each utility company or district and other contractor who is a party to such a direct contract (or County, if County is performing the additional work with County's employees) proper and safe access to the site and a reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of such work, and shall properly connect and coordinate the work with theirs. Contractor shall do all cutting, fitting and patching of the work that may be required to make its several parts come together properly and integrate with such other work. Contractor shall not endanger any work of others by cutting, excavating or otherwise altering their work and will only cut or alter their work with the written consent of County and the others whose work will be affected. The duties and responsibilities of Contractor under this paragraph are for the benefit of such utility companies or districts and other contractors to the extent that there are comparable provisions for the benefit of Contractor in said direct contracts between County and such utility companies or districts and other contractors.

## **Acceptance of Work by Others**

If any part of Contractor's work depends for proper execution or results upon the work of any such other contractor or utility company or district (or County), Contractor shall inspect and promptly report to County in writing any delays, defects or deficiencies in such work that render it unavailable or unsafe for such proper execution and results. Contractor's failure so to report will constitute an acceptance of the other work as fit and proper for integration with Contractor's work except for latent or nonapparent defects and deficiencies in the other work.

## **Claims and Disputes**

For purposes of this paragraph, "claim" shall be defined as set forth in Public Contracts Code Section 20104(b)(2). Claims shall be presented in writing and include the documents necessary to substantiate the claim. Claims must be filed with the designated County representative no later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence of the event giving rise thereto or denial of the change order, whichever occurs last. The form of said claims shall be the same as is required by Government Code Sections 910 and 910.2.

If the claim is under \$50,000, County shall respond in writing to Contractor within 45 days of receipt of Contractor's claim or may request, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of the claim, any additional documentation supporting the claim or relating to defenses or claims the County may have against the Contractor. If additional information is thereafter required, it shall be requested and provided pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20104.2, upon mutual agreement of the County and Contractor. The County's written response to the claim, as further documented, shall be submitted to Contractor within 15 days after receipt of the further documentation or within a period of time no greater than that taken by Contractor in producing the additional information, whichever is greater.

For claims over \$50,000 and less than or equal to \$375,000, County shall respond in writing to all written claims within 60 days of receipt of the claim, or may request, in writing within 30 days of receipt of the claim, any additional documentation supporting the claim or relating to defenses or claims the County may have against Contractor. If additional information is thereafter required, it shall be requested and provided pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20104.2, upon mutual agreement of County and Contractor. The County's written response to the claim, as further documented, shall be submitted to Contractor within 30 days after receipt of the further documentation, or within a period of time no greater than that taken by Contractor in producing the additional information or requested documentation, whichever is greater.

If Contractor disputes County's written response, or County fails to respond within the time prescribed above, Contractor may so notify County, in writing, either within 15 days of receipt of County's response or within 15 days of County's failure to respond within the time prescribed, respectively, and demand an informal conference to meet and confer with such County representatives as the County Administrator or the Board of Supervisors directs for settlement of the issues in dispute. Upon such demand, County shall schedule a meet and confer conference within 30 days for settlement of the dispute.

Following the meet and confer conference, if the claim or any portion remains in dispute, Contractor may file a claim with the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 910) of Part 3 of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code. Pursuant to authority granted by Government Code Section 930.2, all claims filed with the Board of Supervisors pursuant to the Government Code shall be filed within 90 days of the denial of the original claim by the County representative. The running of the period of time within which a claim under the Government Code must be filed shall be tolled by any period of time utilized by the meet and confer conference. Any lawsuit which Contractor intends to bring with respect to any claim filed pursuant to the Government Code which claim has been denied by County must be commenced not later than six months after the

recording of the notice of completion or not later than six months after the date final payment is deposited in the mail or personally delivered, whichever date comes first. If a civil action is filed, the mediation provisions set forth in Public Contract Code Section 20104.4 shall apply unless waived by mutual stipulation of County and Contractor or unless County elects to resolve the dispute pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 10240 et seq.

For every claim that Contractor makes, it shall provide the following documentation upon request of County as a condition precedent to consideration of the claim: Contractor's bidding calculations forms, cost estimates, time sheets, trend reports, job cost analysis records, labor records, as-built documents, any other records used by Contractor in arriving at its bid price, and any other documents or records kept by Contractor during the course of construction. In the event that claims are made, Contractor agrees that County shall have the right to conduct a complete audit of the books and records of Contractor relating to this project and any books and records relating to overhead, profit or general office expenses charged to this project.

### **Representative's Decision**

Where a representative is appointed, the rendering of a decision by the representative with respect to any such claim, dispute or other matter (except any which have been waived by the making or acceptance of final payment) will be a condition precedent to any exercise by County or Contractor of such rights or remedies as either may otherwise have under the contract documents or by laws or regulations in respect of any such claim, dispute or other matter.

### **Limitations on Representative's Responsibilities**

Neither the County's representative's authority to act nor any decision made by the representative in good faith either to exercise or not exercise such authority shall give rise to any duty or responsibility of the representative or County to Contractor, any subcontractor, any supplier, or any other person or organization performing any of the work, or to any surety for any of them.

### **Construction Methods and Safety**

Notwithstanding any references to laws and regulations, rules, codes or standards in the contract documents, the representative and County will not be responsible for Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, and the representative and County will not be responsible for Contractor's failure to perform or furnish the work in accordance with the contract documents.

### **Acts and Omissions of Contractor**

Neither the County nor its representatives will be responsible for the acts or omissions of Contractor or of any subcontractor, any supplier, or any other person or organization performing or furnishing any of the work.

### **ARTICLE XIX: DELETED**

### **ARTICLE XX: DELETED**

### **ARTICLE XXI: DELETED**

### **ARTICLE XXII: PARTIAL COMPLETION**

#### **Partial Completion (Completion of a Portion of the Work)**

Use by County of any finished part of the work, which has specifically been identified in the contract documents, or which County and Contractor agree constitutes a separately functioning process or facility that can be used by County without significant interference with Contractor's

performance of the remainder of the work, may be accomplished prior to completion of all the work subject to the following:

1. County at any time may request Contractor in writing to permit County to use any such part of the work which County believes to be ready for its intended use and substantially complete. If Contractor agrees, Contractor will certify to County that said part of the work is substantially complete and request County to issue a certificate of substantial completion for that part of the work. Contractor at any time may notify County in writing that Contractor considers any such part of the work ready for its intended use and substantially complete and request County to issue a certificate of substantial completion for that part of the work. Within a reasonable time after either such request, County and Contractor shall make an inspection of that part of the work to determine its status of completion. If County does not consider that part of the work to be substantially complete, County will notify Contractor in writing giving the reasons therefor. If County considers that part of the work to be substantially complete, County will deliver to Contractor a written recommendation as to the division of responsibilities pending final payment between County and Contractor for the entire work with respect to security, operation, safety, maintenance, heat, utilities, insurance and warranties. Unless Contractor disagrees in writing and so informs County promptly, County's aforesaid recommendation will be binding on Contractor until final payment for the entire work.
2. County may at any time request Contractor in writing to permit County to take over operation of any such part of the work although it is not substantially complete. A copy of such request will be sent to Contractor and within a reasonable time thereafter County and Contractor shall make an inspection of that part of the work to determine its status of completion and will prepare a list of the items remaining to be completed or corrected thereon before final payment. If Contractor does not object in writing to County that such part of the work is not ready for separate operation by County, County will finalize the list of items to be completed or corrected and will deliver such list to Contractor together with a written recommendation as to the division of responsibilities pending final payment between County and Contractor with respect to security, operation, safety, maintenance, utilities, insurance, warranties and guarantees for that part of the work which will become binding upon County and Contractor at the time when County takes over such operation (unless they shall have otherwise agreed in writing). During such operation and prior to substantial completion of such part of the work, County shall allow Contractor reasonable access to complete or correct items on said list and to complete other related work.
3. No occupancy or separate operation of part of the work will be accomplished prior to the insurers who are then providing the property insurance having acknowledged notice thereof and in writing effecting the changes in coverage necessitated thereby. The insurers providing the property insurance shall consent by endorsement on the policies, but the property insurance shall not be canceled or lapse on account of any such partial use or occupancy. Each party shall be responsible for notifying its own insurer.

## **ARTICLE XXIII: ARBITRATION**

### **Arbitration**

Where the total of all claims filed by Contractor are under \$375,000, County shall have the option of electing arbitration pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 10240, et seq. If County does so elect, the mediation provisions of Public Contract Code Section 20104.4 shall not apply pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20104(a)(2). If County does not elect such arbitration pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 10240 et seq., the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 20104.4 shall apply.

Where the total of all claims filed by Contractor are above \$375,000, the arbitration provisions of this contract are voluntary. Neither County nor Contractor shall be required to enter into mediation or arbitration for amounts above \$375,000. Written consent of both parties to mediate or arbitrate such claims shall be a prerequisite to such mediation or arbitration. If the parties agree to arbitrate claims above \$375,000, the provisions of Public Contract Code Sections 10240, et seq. shall be utilized.

### **Time to Request Arbitration**

No request for arbitration of any claim, dispute or other matter that is required to be referred to County initially for decision will be made until the earlier of (a) the date on which County has rendered a decision or (b) the tenth day after Contractor has presented its evidence to County if a written decision has not been rendered by County before that date. Unless otherwise required by law, no request for arbitration of any such claim, dispute or other matter will be made later than thirty days after the date on which County has rendered a written decision. Notice of the request for arbitration will be in writing to the other party.

## **ARTICLE XXIV: LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT**

### **Worker's Compensation Certification**

By my signature hereunder, as Contractor, I certify that I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this contract.

### **Prevailing Wage Rates**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1770 and 1773 of the Labor Code, the County of Nevada has determined that prevailing wage rates are applicable to the work to be done. The Contractor shall post a copy of the wage rates on the job site.

Contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the requirements of Labor Code Section 1771.1(a) pertaining to registration of contractors pursuant to Section 1725.5. Registration and all related requirements of those sections must be maintained throughout the performance of the Contract. The DIR has launched an online application to assist public works contractors in meeting these requirements at <https://efiling.dir.ca.gov/PWCR/ActionServlet?action=displayPWCRRegistrationForm>

The general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of Industrial Relations, for the county or counties in which the work is to be done, are available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet website at <http://www.wdol.gov>. These wage rates are not included in the proposal and contract for the project. Changes, if any, to the general prevailing wage rates will be available at the same location.

Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1775, Contractor shall forfeit Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing rates for such work or craft, and said amounts shall be distributed pursuant to the requirements of said Section 1775. Any employee whose type of work is not covered by any of the classified wage rates shall be paid not less than the rate of wage listed for the classification which most nearly corresponds to the type of work to be performed.

In the case where Federal and State Prevailing Wage Rates conflict, the higher of the two wage rates shall be used.

### **Collective Bargaining Agreements**

Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1773.8, Contractor shall pay travel and subsistence payments to all workers needed to execute the work as such travel and subsistence payments are defined in the applicable collective bargaining agreements filed in accordance with Section 1773.8 of the Labor Code.

### **Payroll Records**

Contractor shall be responsible for keeping accurate payroll records as required by California Labor Code Section 1776. Contractor is aware that a penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day or portion thereof for each worker may be assessed for noncompliance with said section. Contractor shall forward to County a certified copy of each payroll record within ten days after close of each payroll period. Such certification shall include a statement that payroll is correct and complete and complies with prevailing wage requirements.

If by the 15th of the month, the Contractor has not submitted satisfactory payrolls for all work performed during the monthly period ending on or before the 1st of that month, County will retain an amount equal to 5 percent of the estimated value of the work performed during the month from the next monthly estimate, except that such retention shall not exceed \$10,000. Retentions for failure to submit satisfactory payrolls shall be additional to all other retentions provided for in the contract. The retention for failure to submit payrolls for any monthly period will be released for payment on the monthly estimate for partial payments next following the date that all the satisfactory payrolls for which the retention was made are submitted.

The Contractor and each subcontractor shall preserve their payroll records for a period of three years from the date of completion of the contract.

### **Limitations on Hours Worked**

Eight hours constitutes a day's work and workers shall be limited to working 8 hours during any one calendar day and 40 hours during any one calendar week. Contractor and all subcontractors shall keep an accurate record of hours worked by each worker for each calendar day and each calendar week which record shall be available for inspection during business hours. Contractor shall, pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1813, forfeit twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each day for each worker where such worker is required or permitted to work more than 8 hours in any one day and 40 hours in any one week in violation of the provisions of the Labor Code. No overtime shall be authorized unless prior written approval of County is obtained permitting such overtime. If such overtime work is authorized by County, Contractor shall compensate each worker required to work overtime at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the basic rate of pay. All costs for overtime inspection, except those occurring as a result of overtime and shift work established as a regular procedure, shall be paid by the Contractor. Overtime inspection shall include inspection required during holidays, Saturdays, Sundays, and any weekday between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Such costs will include but will not necessarily be limited to engineering, inspection, general supervision and other overhead expenses which are directly chargeable to the overtime work. All such charges shall be deducted by County from payments due the Contractor.

### **Equal Employment Opportunity and Nondiscrimination**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to abide by all provisions of Section 1735 of the California Labor Code, as amended, regarding nondiscrimination practices.

### **Employment of Apprentice Labor**

Reference is hereby made to Section 1777.5 of the Labor Code of the State of California, which regulations shall govern the employment of apprentices on the work.

### **Preference for Resident Labor**

In the employment of labor for doing the work, the Contractor shall give preference to qualified persons residing within the general area of the work.

### **Incompetent Workers**

If at any time any worker employed by Contractor or any of the subcontractors shall be declared by County to be incompetent or unfaithful in executing the work, the Contractor, on receiving written notice, shall forthwith initiate appropriate action to dismiss such person.

### **Labor Class Substitutions**

If Contractor substitutes a labor classification or provides a new classification which results in a reduction in the contract price, County's execution of a change order evidencing said reduction in price shall in no way be construed, either express or implied, as consent to the use of said labor classification in the performance of any work on the project.

### **ARTICLE XXV: DELETED**

### **ARTICLE XXVI: CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESTRICTIONS**

No official of County who is authorized in such capaCounty and on behalf of County to negotiate, make, accept or approve, or to take part in negotiating, making, accepting, or approving any architectural, engineering, inspecting, construction or material supply contract or any subcontract in connection with the construction of the project, shall become directly or indirectly interested personally in this contract or in any part thereof. No officer, employee, architect, attorney, engineer, or inspector of or for County who is authorized in such capaCounty and on behalf of County who is in any legislative, executive, supervisory, or other similar function in connection with the construction of the project, shall become directly or indirectly interested personally in this contract or in any part thereof, any material supply contract, subcontract, insurance contract, or any other contract pertaining to the project.

### **ARTICLE XXVII: WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

No action or lack of action on the part of County at any time to exercise any right or remedy conferred upon it under this contract shall be deemed to be a waiver on the part of County of any of County's rights or remedies.

### **ARTICLE XXVIII: SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST**

County and Contractor each bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto, their partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the contract documents.

### **ARTICLE XXIX: NOTICE**

#### **Giving Notice**

Whenever any provision of the contract documents requires the giving of written notice, it will be deemed to have been validly given if delivered in person to the individual or to a member of the firm or to an officer of the corporation for whom it is intended, or if delivered at or sent registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the last business address known to the giver of the notice. The business addresses of Contractor given in the bid form and Contractor's office at the site of the work are hereby designated as the places to which all notices, letters, and other communication to Contractor will be delivered. However, County or Contractor may change their addresses at any time by an instrument in writing delivered to the other.

**Joint Venture Contractor**

In the event the Contractor is a joint venture of two or more Contractors, all grants, covenants, provisos and claims, rights, powers, privileges and liabilities of the contract shall be construed and held to be several as well as joint; any notice, order, direction, request or other communication required to be or that may be given by County to the Contractor under this agreement shall be well and sufficiently given to all persons being the Contractor if given to any one or more of such persons; any notice, request or other communication given by any one of such persons to County under this agreement shall be deemed to have been given by and shall bind all persons being the Contractor.

**ARTICLE XXX: VENUE AND JURISDICTION**

This contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California and the parties agree that venue shall be in Nevada County, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this Agreement on the date first written, above. One counterpart each has been delivered to County, Contractor, and the Sureties. All portions of the contract documents have been signed or identified by County and Contractor.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY OF NEVADA

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

CONTRACTOR

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Licensed in accordance with an act providing for the registration of Contractors

License Number:\_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Tax ID No: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_