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**PURCHASING AGENT CONTRACT  
PUBLIC WORK PROJECT**

**This AGREEMENT** (this "Agreement") is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by and between **COUNTY OF TULARE**, a political subdivision of the State of California ("COUNTY"), and **COMPANY NAME**, a (STATE\_OF\_INCORPORATION) (Entity\_Type) ("CONTRACTOR"). COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are each a "Party" and together are the "Parties" to this Agreement.

**THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. WORK:** CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish at its own cost and expense, all tools, equipment, apparatus, labor, materials (excepting COUNTY supplied materials), mechanical workmanship, transportation and services necessary to perform and complete, in a good and workmanlike manner, the following work:

**contract description**

**LOCATION:** **BUILDING NAME OR PROJECT ADDRESS**  
**PROJECT\_ADDRESS**  
**PROJECT\_CITY PROJECT\_ZIP**

**2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTOR:** It shall be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR to establish a knowledge of the general area, and the specific location of the various sites where the work is to be performed. This, so as to familiarize itself with the following as applicable: worksite, ingress and egress thereto, location of adjacent buildings, structures, utilities, trees, plantings, obstructions, soil composition and the extent of the job. It shall be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR to cope with all of the difficulties encountered concerning these eventualities, and all others that might affect CONTRACTOR's ability to perform the work agreed upon under this Agreement.

**3. PROTECTION OF THE PROPERTY:** CONTRACTOR shall take all needed precautions to protect the property, both real and personal, of COUNTY and private individuals and shall safeguard the passing public from harm, from any eventualities arising during the course of the work. CONTRACTOR shall make certain that these safeguards are used for the above both during and after the hours of work.

**4. WORKMANSHIP:** All work pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed in a neat and workmanlike manner using the best-recognized practices of the particular trade involved to properly complete the work required. The work shall proceed vigorously to completion once it is started.

**5. SPECIFICATIONS:** CONTRACTOR shall perform and complete the work described above in accordance with the specifications attached as **EXHIBIT A. Exhibit B**, Compensation, is omitted from this agreement.

**6. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW:** All work under this Agreement shall be done in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, **Including but Not Limited to the Federal Requirements set out in the Attached Exhibit D and Exhibit E,** and using the best practices of the profession/trade(s), and shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Resource Management Agency Director or his or her designee. With respect to CONTRACTOR'S employees, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to wages and hours, state and federal income tax, unemployment insurance, Social Security, disability insurance, workers' compensation insurance, and discrimination in employment.

**7. COSTS:** The price for all services rendered under this Agreement is to include all materials and all labor and shall cover all costs of the use of the usual machinery and tools required in the work and shall include all of CONTRACTOR'S costs of insurance for property damage and public liability protection, social security benefits, unemployment insurance for workers, any other benefits, costs or charges required to be borne by CONTRACTOR.

**8. TIME FOR COMPLETION AND DAMAGES:**

- A. The work to be performed under this Agreement shall commence within 5 days after the date first above written, and shall be diligently pursued by CONTRACTOR, and completed within 10 days thereafter. Should CONTRACTOR be delayed in the erection or completion of the work by the neglect or default of COUNTY, or by fire, strikes, lockouts, embargoes, or earthquakes and that were not reasonably foreseeable at the time of execution of contract documents, then the time allowance herein fixed for the completion of the work shall be extended for a period equivalent to the time lost by reason of any or all of the causes afore-said, but no allowance of additional time shall be made unless a request is presented to COUNTY within 5 days of such obstruction or delay, including holidays, specifying the cause thereof.
- B. In addition, CONTRACTOR and COUNTY reserve the right to agree in writing upon an extension of time for completion for causes other than enumerated above.
- C. The granting of an extension of time by COUNTY for performance by CONTRACTOR shall not operate as a waiver or stop COUNTY from claiming damage due to any other delay, prior to or subsequent to such extension, which other delay was not approved by COUNTY as herein provided. COUNTY shall not be liable for any damages on account of any such delay.
- D. Should CONTRACTOR fail to complete this Agreement, and the work provided herein within the time fixed for such completion as determined by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall become liable to COUNTY for all loss and damage that the latter may suffer on account thereof, and IT IS HEREBY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that it is and will be extremely difficult or impractical to ascertain and determine the actual damage with COUNTY will sustain in the event of, and by reason of, such delay, and that the following sum is a reasonable estimate of such damages. It is therefore agreed that said CONTRACTOR will pay to COUNTY the sum of \$2,000.00 per day for each and every day beyond the time herein prescribed in finishing the said work as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, as herein provided, and in case the same is not paid, agrees that the said COUNTY may deduct the amount thereof from any monies due or that may become due said CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. This Section does not exclude the recovery of damages under other provisions of the documents and exhibits incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

## 9. THE CONTRACT SUM:

- A. In consideration of the covenants, agreements, and promises on the part of CONTRACTOR contained in this Agreement, and the strict and literal fulfillment of each and every such covenant, agreement, and promise and as compensation in full for the performance and diligent completion of the work specified above, COUNTY agrees to pay and cause to be paid to CONTRACTOR according to the following schedule:

### **contract amount**

It is mutually agreed that COUNTY shall pay no more than a maximum of **contract amount** for the performance of all work under this Agreement, which amount is sometimes called the "Contract Sum" that **contractor exceeds at its own risk**.

- B. The Contract Sum to be paid to CONTRACTOR shall be paid in legally issued warrants drawn at the order of COUNTY on the appropriate fund or funds as required by law, subject to the delay attendant upon examination and approval of said orders by COUNTY officers in the manner required by law for the issuance of warrants. **Partial payments may be made as the work progresses. The aggregated totals of these partial payments are not to exceed ninety-five percent (95%) of the total accumulated work at the time of the partial payment.** Upon completion of the work and its acceptance by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR may be paid 95% of the Contract Sum. The final payment of the balance of the Contract Sum, if unencumbered, shall be due 35 days after the filing of the Notice of Completion. COUNTY warrants will be issued with lag time as per standard COUNTY invoice payment procedures.
- C. In lieu of the 5% retainage, the CONTRACTOR may substitute securities as provided below.
- D. Caution: This project may be partially funded with Federal funds and therefore requires full compliance with Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, § 200.218 through 200.326 AND the County Purchasing Ordinance.

**10. SECURITY SUBSTITUTIONS FOR MONEYS WITHHELD TO INSURE CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE:** CONTRACTOR, at its request and expense, will be permitted to substitute equivalent securities for any monies withheld to insure performance of this Agreement, as follows, and in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 22300. The term "satisfactory completion of the contract" in said Section 22300 shall mean the time when COUNTY has issued written final acceptance of the work and filed a Notice of Completion as required by law.

- A. At the request and expense of CONTRACTOR, securities equivalent to the amount withheld shall be deposited with the public agency, or with a state or federally chartered bank as the escrow agent, who shall then pay such monies to CONTRACTOR. Upon satisfactory completion of this Agreement, the securities shall be returned to CONTRACTOR.
- B. Securities eligible for investment under this section shall include those listed in Government Code Section 16430, bank or savings and loan certificates of deposit, interest bearing demand deposit accounts, standby letters of credit, or any other security mutually agreed to by CONTRACTOR and the public agency.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for monies withheld and shall receive any interest thereon.
- D. Any escrow agreement entered into pursuant to these conditions shall contain as a minimum, the following provisions:
- (1) The amount and type of securities to be deposited;

- (2) The terms and conditions of conversion to cash in case of the default of CONTRACTOR;
- (3) The termination of the escrow upon completion of this Agreement; and
- (4) CONTRACTOR shall pay all costs and fees associated with the escrow or deposit.

**11. WITHHOLDING:** Payment of the Contract Sum shall be made in the manner and upon the conditions set forth in Section 3. hereinabove, subject to the following conditions, which are in addition to those contained elsewhere in the Agreement:

- A.** COUNTY may withhold payments to such extent as may be necessary to protect COUNTY from loss on account of:
  - (1) Defective work or material not remedied or replaced.
  - (2) The filing of claims or notices to withhold, or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of such claims or notices.
  - (3) Failure of CONTRACTOR to make payments properly to sub-contractors, or for materials or labor.
  - (4) A reasonable doubt that this Agreement can be completed for the balance then unpaid.
  - (5) Damage to another contractor.
- B.** When the grounds mentioned in paragraph (4) of subsection A for withholding are remedied, then COUNTY shall make payment for amounts withheld because of them.

**12. THE INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS:** The complete agreement between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR shall consist of the following Agreement Documents in existence: The Solicitation for Bids; the Bonds; the text of this Agreement; Plans and Specifications; the Plot Plan; and all addenda, bulletins and modifications incorporated in those documents before their execution. The work called for in one document and not expressly mentioned in the others is to be performed the same as if mentioned in all Agreement documents.

**13. TEXT OF THIS AGREEMENT CONTROLLING:** It is hereby mutually agreed and understood that in any particulars and provisions or parts thereof wherein any of the other Agreement Documents are contrary to the text of this Agreement, then the text of this Agreement shall control and supersede such provisions of any other Agreement Documents.

**14. CHANGE ORDERS:**

- A.** No change shall be made except on Change Order duly issued and unless in pursuance of a written order from COUNTY stating that extra work or change is authorized, and no claim of an addition to the Contract Sum shall be valid unless so ordered, approved and executed in the form of a supplemental written agreement or written Change Order.
- B.** COUNTY, at any time during the progress of the work, shall have the right to order alterations in, additions to, or deviations or omissions from, the work contemplated by this Agreement, and the same shall in no way make void this Agreement. If any such changes involve an increase or decrease in the Contract Sum, the Change Order shall state the amount to be added to or deducted from the Contract Sum, and shall

also state the additional time, if any, needed for the performance of the work; provided that any addition shall be determined upon the basis of an estimate and acceptance of a lump sum; and provided further that, where additions to the Contract Sum cannot feasibly be determined upon such estimate and acceptance basis, such additions shall be upon the basis of actual cost of labor and material, plus not more than fifteen percent (15%) to cover CONTRACTOR's profit and overhead expenses for the extra work.

**15. GUARANTEE:** CONTRACTOR guarantees that all materials and workmanship shall conform to the Agreement and agrees to replace, at its sole cost and expense, and in conformity with the Agreement, any defective material and any and all work defectively or improperly performed or installed within a period of 1 year after final acceptance of the work. CONTRACTOR shall, in no case longer than 15 days after receipt of written notice thereof, commence to repair and/or replace any defect in materials or workmanship that may develop during said 1 year period, and any damage to adjacent materials resulting from the repairing or replacing of such defects, at its own expense and without cost to COUNTY. If CONTRACTOR fails to remedy any such defect within 15 days after receipt of such written notice (unless CONTRACTOR has commenced the repair and is diligently pursuing the repair to completion), then COUNTY may proceed to have such defects remedied at CONTRACTOR's expense and CONTRACTOR shall pay the costs and charges incurred thereby. Emergency repairs, including, but not limited to, power, water, sewer, fire and life safety, shall have a 48-hour response time. The cost and repair of any supplementary damage caused by construction defects will be the sole responsibility of CONTRACTOR, unless such damage is solely caused by acts or events beyond the CONTRACTOR's reasonable control, including, without limitation, to a) acts of God; (b) flood, fire, earthquake, or explosion; (c) war, invasion, hostilities, terrorist threats or acts, riot or other civil unrest; (d) government order, law, or actions; (e) embargoes or blockades in effect on or after the date of this Agreement; and (f) national or regional emergency which renders performance by the CONTRACTOR impossible. Neither acceptance nor payment nor any provision in these documents shall be deemed to be a waiver by COUNTY of its right to relieve CONTRACTOR of any responsibility under this Agreement.

#### **16. PROSECUTION OF WORK:**

- A. If CONTRACTOR neglects to prosecute the work efficiently, properly and diligently, or fails to perform any provisions of this Agreement, then COUNTY, after one day written notice to CONTRACTOR, may, without prejudice to any other remedy it may have, make good such deficiencies and may deduct the cost thereof from the payment then or thereafter due to CONTRACTOR.
- B. COUNTY shall have the power and authority to order any mechanic or laborer from the worksite upon finding that such mechanic or laborer is not endeavoring in good faith to comply with the plans and specifications, or is so careless or incompetent as to jeopardize the proper prosecution of the work, and such mechanic or laborer shall not thereafter be re-employed on the work, except with the express permission of COUNTY.

#### **17. TERMINATION BY COUNTY:**

- A. **Without Cause:** COUNTY will have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause by giving 30 days prior written notice of intention to terminate pursuant to this provision, specifying the date of termination. COUNTY will pay to CONTRACTOR the compensation earned for work satisfactorily performed and not previously paid for to the date of termination. COUNTY will not pay lost anticipated profits or other economic loss. The payment of such compensation is subject to the restrictions on payment of compensation otherwise provided in this Agreement, and is conditioned upon receipt from CONTRACTOR of any and all plans, specifications and estimates, and other documents prepared by CONTRACTOR in accordance with this Agreement. COUNTY will not impose sanctions on CONTRACTOR under these circumstances.
- B. **With Cause:** COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately, by written notice to the CONTRACTOR,

should the CONTRACTOR:

- (1) Be adjudged a bankrupt, or
- (2) Become insolvent or have a receiver appointed, or
- (3) Make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or
- (4) Suffer any judgment that remains unsatisfied for 30 days, and that would substantively impair the ability of the judgment debtor to perform under this Agreement, or
- (5) Materially breach this Agreement.

In addition, COUNTY may terminate this Agreement based on:

- (6) Material misrepresentation, either by CONTRACTOR or anyone acting on CONTRACTOR'S behalf, as to any matter related in any way to COUNTY'S retention of CONTRACTOR, or
  - (7) Other misconduct or circumstances that, in the sole discretion of COUNTY, either impairs the ability of CONTRACTOR to competently provide the services under this Agreement, or exposes COUNTY to an unreasonable risk of liability.
- C. For any of the occurrences except item (5) above, termination may be effected upon written notice by the COUNTY specifying the date of the termination. If CONTRACTOR fails to perform according to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, then COUNTY may, in addition to any other remedy it may have, issue a declaration of default after 10 days written notice to CONTRACTOR and its surety. Upon a material breach by CONTRACTOR, COUNTY may terminate the Agreement after the failure of the CONTRACTOR to remedy the breach to the satisfaction of the COUNTY within 5 days of written notice specifying the breach. If the breach is not remedied within that 5-day period, then the COUNTY may terminate this Agreement on further written notice to CONTRACTOR and its surety specifying the date of termination. If the nature of the breach is such that it cannot be cured within a 5-day period, then the CONTRACTOR may submit a written proposal within that period which sets forth a specific means to resolve the default. If the COUNTY consents to that proposal in writing, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld, then the CONTRACTOR must immediately embark on its plan to cure the default or breach. If the default or breach is not cured within the time agreed, then the COUNTY may terminate this Agreement upon written notice to CONTRACTOR and its surety specifying the date of termination.
- D. In the event of any such termination, COUNTY shall immediately serve written notice thereof upon the surety and CONTRACTOR, and the surety shall have the right to take over and perform the Agreement, provided, however, that the surety within 10 days after the serving upon it of notice of termination does not give COUNTY written notice of its intention to take over and perform the Agreement or does not commence performance thereof within the 10 days stated above from the date of the serving of such notice, then COUNTY may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by agreement or by any other method it may deem advisable, for the account and at the expense of CONTRACTOR, and CONTRACTOR and its surety shall be liable to COUNTY for any excess cost occasioned COUNTY thereby, and in such event COUNTY may without liability for so doing, take possession and utilize in completing the work, such materials, appliances, plant, and other property belonging to CONTRACTOR as may be on the site of the work and necessary therefore. In such case CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the work is finished.

- E. COUNTY will pay to CONTRACTOR the compensation earned for work satisfactorily performed and not previously paid for to the date of termination. The payment of such compensation is subject to the restrictions on payment of compensation otherwise provided in this Agreement, and is conditioned upon receipt from CONTRACTOR of all plans, specifications and estimates, and other documents prepared by CONTRACTOR by the date of termination in accordance with this Agreement. COUNTY will not pay lost anticipated profits or other economic loss, nor will COUNTY pay compensation or make reimbursement to cure a breach arising out of or resulting from such termination. If COUNTY terminates this Agreement for cause and if the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum exceeds all direct and indirect costs of finishing CONTRACTOR'S scope of work, including costs incurred by the COUNTY for additional managerial and administrative services, then COUNTY will pay CONTRACTOR for its actual unpaid costs from such excess. If such expense exceeds such unpaid balance, then CONTRACTOR must pay the difference to COUNTY. COUNTY may impose sanctions under these circumstances, which may include possible rejection of future proposals based on specific causes of CONTRACTOR'S non-performance.
- F. **Effects of Termination:** Expiration or termination of this Agreement shall not terminate any obligations to indemnify COUNTY, to maintain the work, and make available any records pertaining to the Agreement, to cooperate with any audit, to be subject to offset, or to make any reports of pre-termination contract activities. Where CONTRACTOR'S services have been terminated by COUNTY, said termination will not affect any rights of COUNTY to recover damages against CONTRACTOR.
- G. **Suspension of Performance:** Independent of any right to terminate this Agreement, the authorized representative of COUNTY for which CONTRACTOR'S services are to be performed, may immediately suspend performance by CONTRACTOR, in whole or in part, in response to health, safety or financial emergency, or a failure or refusal by CONTRACTOR to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, until such time as the cause for suspension is resolved, or a notice of termination becomes effective.

**18. ASSIGNMENT:** Neither Party to the Agreement shall assign the Agreement or sublet it as a whole without the written consent of the other, nor shall CONTRACTOR assign any monies due or to become due to the CONTRACTOR hereunder, without the previous written consent of COUNTY.

**19. LOSS OR DAMAGE:** COUNTY or its authorized representative shall not in any way or manner be answerable or suffer loss, damage, or expense or liability for any loss or damage that may happen to said work, or part thereof, or in or about the same during its execution and before acceptance and the said CONTRACTOR shall assume all liabilities of every kind or nature arising from said work, either by accident, negligence, theft, vandalism, or any causes whatever; and shall hold COUNTY and its authorized representatives harmless from all liability of every kind and nature arising from accident, negligence or any cause whatever.

**20. INDEMNIFICATION:**

- A. CONTRACTOR shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify COUNTY, its agents, officers and employees from and against any liability, claims, actions, costs, damages or losses of any kind, including death or injury to any person and/or damage to property, including COUNTY property, arising out of the acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR or its agents, officers and employees under this Agreement. This indemnification specifically includes any claims that may be made against COUNTY by any taxing authority asserting that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement, the cost of any penalty or sanction imposed by any agency with regulatory authority over the activities carried out by CONTRACTOR, and any claims made against COUNTY alleging civil rights violations by CONTRACTOR under Government Code Sections 12920 *et seq.* (California Fair Employment and Housing Act). CONTRACTOR specifically agrees to hold harmless and indemnify COUNTY for any and all claims arising out of any injury, disability, or death of CONTRACTOR'S employees or agents. This indemnification obligation shall continue beyond the term of this Agreement as to any acts or omissions occurring under this Agreement or any extension of this Agreement.

- B. CONTRACTOR'S liability for indemnification under this Agreement is in addition to any liability CONTRACTOR may have to COUNTY for a breach by CONTRACTOR of any of the provisions of this Agreement. Under no circumstances may the insurance requirements and limits set forth in this Agreement be construed to limit CONTRACTOR'S indemnification obligation or other liability under this Agreement. The terms of this Agreement are contractual and the result of negotiation between the Parties.
- C. CONTRACTOR must indemnify and hold COUNTY harmless from all loss and liability, including attorneys' fees, court costs and all other litigation expenses, for any infringement of the patent rights, copyright, trade secret or any other proprietary right or trademark, and all other intellectual property claims of any person or persons in consequence of the use by COUNTY, or any of its officers or agents, of articles or services to be supplied in the performance of this Agreement.

**21. INSURANCE:** Prior to approval of this Agreement by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall file with the (Department, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors etc.), evidence of the insurance as set forth in **EXHIBIT C** attached, which outlines the minimum scope, specifications and limits of insurance required under this Agreement. Additional insured endorsements required as outlined in **EXHIBIT C** shall not be used to reduce limits available to COUNTY as an additional insured from CONTRACTOR's full policy limits. Insurance policies shall not be used to limit liability or to limit the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Agreement or act in any way to reduce the policy coverage and limits available from the insurer (s). Failure to maintain or renew coverage, or to provide evidence of renewal, may be considered a material breach of this Agreement. **COUNTY may also withhold any payment otherwise due to CONTRACTOR for failure to provide evidence of renewal until CONTRACTOR provides such evidence.**

**22. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The Parties enter into this Agreement with the express understanding that CONTRACTOR will perform all services required under this Agreement as an independent contractor. The Parties agree that the CONTRACTOR and any of its agents, employees, or officers cannot be considered agents, employees, or officers of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR agrees to advise everyone it assigns or hires to perform any duty under this Agreement that they are not employees of COUNTY. Subject to any performance criteria contained in this Agreement, CONTRACTOR will be solely responsible for determining the means and methods of performing the specified services and COUNTY will have no right to control or exercise any supervision over CONTRACTOR as to how the CONTRACTOR will perform the services. As CONTRACTOR is not COUNTY'S employee, CONTRACTOR is responsible for paying all required state and federal taxes. In particular, COUNTY will not:

- A. Withhold FICA (Social Security) from CONTRACTOR'S payments.
- B. Make state or federal unemployment insurance contributions on CONTRACTOR'S behalf.
- C. Withhold state or federal income tax from payments to CONTRACTOR.
- D. Make disability insurance contributions on behalf of CONTRACTOR.
- E. Obtain unemployment compensation insurance on behalf of CONTRACTOR.

Notwithstanding this independent CONTRACTOR relationship, COUNTY, through COUNTY's Purchasing Agent, shall have the right to designate the sites at which services are to be performed, and to monitor and evaluate the performance of CONTRACTOR to assure compliance with this Agreement.

**23. NON-RESPONSIBILITY OF COUNTY:** Indebtedness incurred for any cause in connection with this work must be paid by CONTRACTOR, and COUNTY is hereby relieved at all times from any indebtedness or claim other than the sum to be paid agreed upon in this Agreement.



**24. HOURS OF WORK:** 8 hours of labor shall constitute a legal day's work upon all work done hereunder, and it is expressly stipulated that no workmen employed at any time by CONTRACTOR, or by subcontractor under this Agreement, upon the work, shall be required or permitted to work thereon more than 8 hours in any one calendar day and 40 hours in any one calendar week, except as provided in Section 1810 to 1815, inclusive, of the Labor Code of the State of California, all the provisions whereof are deemed to be incorporated herein as if fully set out; and it is further expressly stipulated that for each and every violation of said last named stipulation, said CONTRACTOR shall forfeit, as a penalty to the said COUNTY, \$\$25.00 for each worker employed by CONTRACTOR in the execution of this Agreement, or by any subcontractor under this Agreement, for each calendar day during which said worker is required or permitted to labor more than 8 hours in any one calendar day and 40 hours in any one calendar week in violation of the provisions of said sections of the Labor Code.

- A. CONTRACTOR and each subcontractor shall also keep an accurate record showing the names and actual hours worked each calendar day and each calendar week by each worker employed by the CONTRACTOR in connection with the work contemplated by this Agreement, which record shall be open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of COUNTY or its officers or agents, and to the Division of Labor Law Enforcement of the Department of Industrial Relations, its deputies and agents.
- B. Notwithstanding the above stipulations, pursuant to Section 1815 of the Labor Code, work performed by employees of CONTRACTORS in excess of 8 hours per day and 40 hours during any one week shall be permitted upon the project upon compensation for all hours worked in excess of 8 hours per day at not less than 1 ½ times the basic rate of pay.

**25. WAGE RATES:** In accordance with the requirements of Section 1770 of the Labor Code, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for works required to perform the subject work. A copy of such prevailing wage rates is available on the website of the California Department of Industrial Relations (<https://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/DPreWageDetermination.htm>) and are on file with the Purchasing Division and available for inspection.

- A. It shall be mandatory upon CONTRACTOR to whom the Agreement is awarded, and upon any subcontractor under the CONTRACTOR, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all laborers, workers, and mechanics employed by them in the execution of the Agreement. It is the responsibility of CONTRACTOR to furnish certified payroll records directly to the Labor Commissioner (aka Division of Labor Standards Enforcement).
- B. It is hereby further agreed that CONTRACTOR shall forfeit to COUNTY, as a penalty, not more than \$\$200.00 for each calendar day or portion thereof, for each laborer, worker, or mechanic employed who is paid less than the said stipulated rates for any work done under the Agreement, by the CONTRACTOR or by any subcontractor under the CONTRACTOR. The difference between said stipulated rates and the amount paid to each worker for each calendar day or portion thereof for which each worker was paid less than said stipulated rate shall be paid by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR, and each subcontractor, shall keep or cause to be kept an accurate record showing the names and occupations of all laborers, workmen and mechanics employed in connection with the execution of this Agreement or any subcontractors thereunder, and showing also the actual per diem wages paid to each of such workers, which record shall be open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of COUNTY or its officers and agents, and to the Chief of the Division of Labor Statistics and Law Enforcement of the State Department of Industrial Relations, its deputies and agents.
- C. In case it becomes necessary for CONTRACTOR or any subcontractor to employ on the work under this Agreement any person in a trade or occupation (except executive, supervisory, administrative, clerical or other non-manual workers as such) for which no minimum wage rate is hereby specified, the Agreement

shall immediately notify COUNTY who will promptly thereafter determine the prevailing rate for such additional trade or occupation from the time of the initial employment of the person affected and during the continuance of such employment.

**26. EMPLOYMENT OF APPRENTICES:** Pursuant to Section 1775 of the Labor Code of the State of California, nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the employment of properly registered apprentices upon public works.

- A. Every such apprentice shall be paid the standard wage paid to apprentices under the regulation of the craft or trade at which such apprentice is employed, and shall be employed only at the work of the craft or trade to which such apprentice is registered.
- B. Only apprentices, as defined in Section 3077, who are in training under apprenticeship standards and written apprentice agreements under Chapter 4 (commencing at Section 3070), Division 3 of the Labor Code, are eligible to be employed on public works. The employment and training of each apprentice shall be in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship standards and apprentice agreements under which such apprentice is training.

**27. CONVICT MADE MATERIALS:** CONTRACTOR agrees that no materials manufactured or produced in a penal or correctional institution shall be incorporated under this Agreement.

**28. ROYALTIES AND PATENTS:** CONTRACTOR shall pay all royalties and license fees. CONTRACTOR shall defend all suits or claims for infringement of any patent rights and shall hold COUNTY harmless from loss on account thereof, except that COUNTY shall be responsible for all such loss when a particular process or the products of a particular manufacturer or manufacturers is specified in the Agreement Documents, but if CONTRACTOR has information that the process or article specified is an infringement of a patent it shall be responsible for such loss unless it promptly gives such information to COUNTY.

**29. SURVEYS, PERMITS, AND REGULATIONS:** COUNTY shall furnish all necessary existing surveys unless otherwise specified. Permits and licenses of a temporary nature necessary for the prosecution of the work shall be secured and paid for by CONTRACTOR. Permits, licenses, and easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing facilities shall be secured and paid for by COUNTY, unless otherwise specified. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that it possesses and will maintain during the term of this Agreement all licenses and permits required for its performance of the services required under this Agreement.

**30. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT:**

- A. Federal and State Laws prohibit discrimination in employment. The California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code Sections 12900 to 12996) prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status and applies to all employers, employment agencies, and labor organizations.
- B. Title VII of the Federal 1964 Civil Rights Act (42 U.S.C. Section 2000e – 2000e-17) prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion or national origin, and applies to all employers that employ at least fifteen (15) workers during each working day in each of twenty (20) or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding year.
- C. In addition to these two laws of general application, there are other Federal and State laws that prohibit employment discrimination in particular cases.

- D. COUNTY is an Affirmative Action Employer and expects all of its contractors and suppliers to familiarize themselves with, and comply with, all applicable laws relating to employment discrimination.

**31. NON-FUNDING CLAUSE:** It is understood and agreed that if COUNTY'S funding is either discontinued or reduced for the services to be provided under this Agreement, then COUNTY will have the right to terminate this Agreement under section 17. (A) ("Termination Without Cause") as of the end of the term for which funds are appropriated. Such termination shall be without penalty, liability, or expense to COUNTY of any kind, provided that COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR in accordance with section 17. (A) for services satisfactorily performed prior to the date of such termination and to the extent funds have been appropriated for such payment. Notice shall be fully given in writing through service in person or by first class mail.

**32. LICENSE CLASSIFICATION & SB 854 REGULATION:** CONTRACTOR is required by law to be licensed and regulated by CONTRACTOR's State License Board.

- A. SMALL PROJECT EXEMPTION: A CONTRACTOR who works exclusively on small public works projects is not required to register as a public works contractor or file electronic certified payroll reports for those projects. CONTRACTORS are still required to maintain certified payroll records on a continuous basis, and provide them to the Labor Commissioner's Office upon request. Additionally, awarding agencies are not required to submit the notice of contract award through DIR's PWC-100 system on projects that fall within the small project exemption. The small project exemption applies for all public works projects that do not exceed:

- (1) \$25,000 for new construction, alteration, installation, demolition or repair; or

- (2) \$15,000 for maintenance.

- B. For public works projects with a contract price greater than \$25,000 or \$15,000 as listed above, the following Labor Code provisions will apply:

- (1) No CONTRACTOR or subcontractor may be awarded a contract/agreement for public works unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].

- (2) The project will be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). Listed contractor/subcontractors must be registered with the DIR. Pursuant to SB 854, the DIR registration number of each contractor/subcontractor must be identified. In addition, COUNTY reports all public works projects to the DIR within 5 days of the award of contract/agreement.

**33. RECORDS AND AUDIT:** CONTRACTOR shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to the services rendered and the costs incurred under this Agreement. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to any payments to employees or subcontractors. All such records shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures, shall be clearly identified, and shall be kept readily accessible. Upon request, CONTRACTOR shall make such records available within Tulare County to the Auditor of COUNTY and to its agents and representatives, for the purpose of auditing and/or copying such records for a period of 5 years from the date of final payment under this Agreement.

**34. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

- A. CONTRACTOR agrees to, at all times during the performance of this Agreement, comply with the law of the State of California regarding conflicts of interests and appearance of conflicts of interests, including, but not limited to Government Code Section 1090 et seq., and the Political Reform Act, Government Code Section 81000 et seq. and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto by the California Fair Political Practices Commission. The statutes, regulations, and laws previously referenced include, but are not limited to, prohibitions against any public officer or employee, including CONTRACTOR for this purpose, from making any decision on behalf of COUNTY in which such officer, employee, or consultant/ CONTRACTOR has a direct or indirect financial interest. A violation can occur if the public officer, employee, or consultant/CONTRACTOR participates in or influences any COUNTY decision that has the potential to confer any pecuniary benefit on CONTRACTOR or any business firm in which CONTRACTOR has an interest, with certain narrow exceptions.
- B. CONTRACTOR agrees that if any facts come to its attention that raise any questions as to the applicability of conflicts of interests laws, it will immediately inform COUNTY designated representative and provide all information needed for resolution of this question.

**35. FORM DE-542:** If CONTRACTOR is an individual, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that this Agreement is subject to filing obligations under Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.8. Accordingly, COUNTY has an obligation to file a report with the Employment Development Department, which report will include CONTRACTOR'S full name, social security number, address, the date this Agreement was executed, the total amount of the Agreement, its expiration date or whether it is ongoing. CONTRACTOR agrees to cooperate with COUNTY to make that information available and to complete Form DE- 542. Failure to provide the required information may, at COUNTY'S option, prevent approval of this Agreement, or be grounds for termination by COUNTY.

**36. NOTICES:**

- A. Except as may be otherwise required by law, any notice to be given shall be written and shall be either personally delivered, sent by facsimile transmission, or sent by first class mail, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

**COUNTY:**

General Services Agency  
Purchasing Division  
2637 W. Burrell Ave., Suite 200  
Visalia, CA 93291  
Phone No.: (559) 205-1100  
Fax No.: (559) 687-6939

**FOR BILLING/INVOICE INQUIRIES:**

\$formula(UPPER(\$for\_department\_))  
Attn: Accounts Payable  
\$dept\_address  
\$dept\_city, \$dept\_state \$dept\_zip  
Phone No.: \$dept\_phone  
Fax No.: \$dept\_fax

**CONTRACTOR:**

\$formula(UPPER(\$company\_name))  
Attn: \$party\_main\_contact  
\$address\_1\_and\_2\_comma\_formatted  
\$city0, \$state\_province, \$zip\_or\_postal\_code0  
Phone No.: \$telephone  
Email Address: \$party\_main\_contact\_email

- B. Notice personally delivered is effective when delivered. Notice sent by facsimile transmission is deemed to be received upon successful transmission. Notice sent by first class mail shall be deemed received on

the fifth day after the date of mailing. Either Party may change the above address by giving written notice pursuant to this Section.

**37. DISPUTES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** CONTRACTOR shall continue with its responsibilities under this Agreement during any dispute. If a dispute arises out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, and if said dispute cannot be settled through negotiation, the Parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the dispute by non-binding mediation before resorting to litigation or some other dispute resolution procedure, unless the Parties mutually agree otherwise. The mediator shall be mutually selected by the Parties, but in case of disagreement, the mediator shall be selected by lot from among two nominations provided by each Party. All costs and fees required by the mediator shall be split equally by the Parties; otherwise, each Party shall bear its own costs of mediation. If mediation fails to resolve the dispute within 30 days, either Party may pursue litigation to resolve the dispute.

**38. FURTHER ASSURANCES:** Each Party will execute any additional documents and perform any further acts that may be reasonably required to affect the purposes of this Agreement.

**39. CONSTRUCTION:** This Agreement reflects the contributions of all undersigned Parties and accordingly the provisions of Civil Code section 1654 shall not apply to address and interpret any alleged uncertainty or ambiguity.

**40. HEADINGS:** Section headings are provided for organizational purposes only and do not in any manner affect the scope, meaning, or intent of the provisions under the headings.

**41. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES INTENDED:** Unless specifically set forth, the Parties to this Agreement do not intend to provide any other party with any benefit or enforceable legal or equitable right or remedy hereunder.

**42. CONFLICT WITH LAWS OR REGULATIONS/SEVERABILITY:** This Agreement is subject to all applicable laws and regulations. If any provision of this Agreement is found by any court or other legal authority, or is agreed by the Parties to be, in conflict with any code or regulation governing its subject matter, only the conflicting provision shall be considered null and void. If the effect of nullifying any conflicting provision is such that a material benefit of the Agreement to either Party is lost, then the Agreement may be terminated at the option of the affected Party. In all other cases, the remainder of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

**43. ENTIRE AGREEMENT REPRESENTED:** This Agreement represents the entire Agreement between CONTRACTOR and COUNTY as to its subject matter and no prior oral or written understanding shall be of any force or effect. No part of this Agreement may be modified without the written consent of both Parties.

**44. WAIVERS:** The failure of either Party to insist on strict compliance with any provision of this Agreement shall not be considered a waiver of any right to do so, whether for that breach or any subsequent breach. The acceptance by either Party of either performance or payment shall not be considered to be a waiver of any preceding breach of the Agreement by the other Party.

**45. GOVERNING LAW:** This Agreement shall be interpreted and governed under the laws of the State of California without reference to California conflicts of law principles. The Parties agree that this contract is made in and shall be performed within Tulare County, California.

**46. TIME OF ESSENCE:** The Parties agree that time is of the essence under this Agreement, unless they agree otherwise in writing.

**47. SUBMITTING FALSE CLAIMS; MONETARY PENALTIES:** Under applicable federal and state law, if CONTRACTOR submits a false claim to COUNTY under this Agreement, then CONTRACTOR will be liable to COUNTY for the statutory penalties set forth in those statutes, including but not limited to statutory fines, treble damages, costs, and

attorneys' fees. CONTRACTOR will be deemed to have submitted a false claim to COUNTY if CONTRACTOR:

- A. Knowingly presents or causes to be presented to COUNTY a false claim or request for payment or approval;
- B. Knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used a false record or statement to get a false claim paid or approved by COUNTY;
- C. Conspires to defraud COUNTY by getting a false claim allowed or paid by COUNTY;
- D. Knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used a false record or statement to conceal, avoid, or decrease an obligation to pay or transmit money or property to COUNTY; or
- E. Is a beneficiary of an inadvertent submission of a false claim to COUNTY, later discovers the falsity of the claim, and fails to disclose the false claim to COUNTY within a reasonable time after discovery of the false claim.

**48. DISALLOWANCE:** If CONTRACTOR requests or receives payment from COUNTY for services hereunder, reimbursement for which is later disallowed by the State of California or United States Government, CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to COUNTY upon COUNTY'S request. At its option, COUNTY may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due or to become due to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement or any other Agreement between CONTRACTOR and COUNTY. CONTRACTOR'S obligations under this section 48 will survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

**49. LIABILITY OF COUNTY:** COUNTY'S payment obligations under this Agreement shall be limited to the payment of the compensation provided for in section 9, "THE CONTRACT SUM," of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event shall COUNTY be liable, regardless of whether any claim is based on contract or tort, for any special, consequential, indirect or incidental damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or the services performed in connection with this Agreement.

**50. QUALIFIED PERSONNEL:** CONTRACTOR shall utilize only competent personnel under the supervision of, and in the employment of, CONTRACTOR (or CONTRACTOR'S authorized subcontractors) to perform the services. CONTRACTOR will comply with COUNTY'S reasonable requests regarding assignment and/or removal of personnel but all personnel, including those assigned at COUNTY'S request, must be supervised by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall commit adequate resources to allow timely completion within the project schedule specified in this Agreement.

**THE PARTIES,** having read and considered the above provisions, indicate their agreement by their authorized signatures below.

**"COUNTY"**  
**COUNTY OF TULARE**

Date

By

Resource Management Agency Director

**"CONTRACTOR"**  
**\$formula(UPPER(\$company\_name))**

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Date:

By

Print Name

Title

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By

Print Name

Title

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[Pursuant to Corporations Code section 313, County policy requires that contracts with a **Corporation** be signed by both (1) the chairman of the Board of Directors, the president or any vice-president (or another officer having general, operational responsibilities), and (2) the secretary, any assistant secretary, the chief financial officer, or any assistant treasurer (or another officer having recordkeeping or financial responsibilities), unless the contract is accompanied by a certified copy of a resolution of the corporation's Board of Directors authorizing the execution of the contract. Similarly, pursuant to California Corporations Code section 17703.01, County policy requires that contracts with a **Limited Liability Company** be signed by at least two managers, unless the contract is accompanied by a certified copy of the articles of organization stating that the LLC is managed by only one manager.]

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE CLASSIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS REGISTRATION NUMBER (If Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION CONCERNING WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF TULARE     )

The undersigned is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code of the State of California that requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and the undersigned will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of work under this Agreement.

Date

Signed

CONTRACTOR – \$company\_name



# EXHIBIT A

## REQUEST FOR BID PROPOSAL



# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

5961 SOUTH MOONEY BLVD

VISALIA, CA 93277

PHONE (559) 624-7000

FAX (559) 730-2653

Aaron R. Bock

Reed Schenke

Sherman Dix

Economic Development and Planning

Public Works

Fiscal Services

REED SCHENKE, DIRECTOR

MICHAEL WASHAM, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

## REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

September 21, 2023

To: Construction Contractor

Re: March 2023 Storm Damage – Diagonal 60 (D60) Repair Project

Dear Contractors:

The County of Tulare is seeking **Emergency Construction Services** to assist the County with repairs along Diagonal 60 at Cross Creek, located approximately 4 miles north of the unincorporated community of Goshen, CA (see Vicinity Map – Attachment B). The work to be done consists, in general, of reconstructing the bridge approach roadway on the north end of the bridge, reinforcing the foundations with rock to prevent future roadway/embankment/abutment erosion, and sealing up all eroded areas that may have developed around or underneath the bridge abutments (see Attachment C). Construction services are anticipated to include, but are not limited to, debris removal, earthwork, lane/shoulder repairs, and installation/maintenance of road/embankment stabilization features.

The Project will be funded with Local County Road funds and may be funded with Federal funds (depending on availability), requiring the contractor to follow all pertinent Local and State laws and Federal regulations (as depicted in Attachment A “Exhibit 12-G”: the County follows Method 1 for Section 1 Subsection D [highlighted], and will be excluding Section 8 Subsection “Waiver”, and Section 14). All work shall be performed in compliance with the 2018 Standard Specifications and 2018 Standard Plans of the Department of Transportation of the State of California. This Project is subject to state and federal prevailing wage requirements applicable to the locality where the work will be performed. A copy of such prevailing wage rates is available on the website of the California Department of Industrial Relations (<https://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/DPreWageDetermination.html>) and is on file with the Purchasing Division (available for inspection).

Your response to this Request for Emergency Construction Services shall include an associated bid proposal based on the following timeline:

- **ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE**

Issue Request for CON Support Services	September 21, 2023
Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting (RMA Main Conf. Room)	September 26, 2023, at 9:00 am
Deadline for Emailed Questions	September 27, 2023, by 12:00 pm
Respond to Questions from Contractors	September 27, 2023
Request for Sealed Proposal Due	October 2, 2023, by 2:00 pm
Bid Opening in RMA Main Conference Room	October 2, 2023, at 2:00 pm
Anticipated Award Date	October 13, 2023
Anticipated Construction Start	October 16, 2023*

\*Anticipated dates may change depending on weather or prioritization of other emergency work.

- **ADDITIONAL CRITERIA**

- Bid Proposal – **Provide the following items in your sealed bids:**

1. Contractor's Lump Sum bid proposal (fill out information using the "Contractor's Bid Tabulation" document in the provided website link at the bottom of this Request for Construction Services) to complete the work as described below.
2. Construction schedule with a breakdown of itemized work.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

This project was identified to fall within a critical habitat for endangered species. Note that the Contractor will be responsible for providing a Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (SFWO) approved biologist on site at all times during construction activities, as specified by the referenced Species-Specific Conservation Measures (CRLF-CTS-1 through CRLF-CTS-26) included in Attachment C. It is the Contractor's responsibility to complete all construction work as required and comply with all environmental requirements.

- **SCOPE OF WORK**

The scope of work includes all aspects of road repairs to reestablish access to traffic. Construction services are anticipated to include, but are not limited to, debris removal, earthwork, lane/shoulder repairs, and installation/maintenance of road/embankment stabilization features. See the attached vicinity map, plans, specifications & environmental requirements, and list of anticipated items of work with estimated quantities (Contractor's Bid Tabulation), as a tool for preparing your Lump Sum bid proposal.

Note that the work items provided in the Contractor's Bid Tabulation along with the estimated quantities serve as an estimate for estimating purposes only and do not constitute exact quantities. By providing a lump sum bid proposal for this work, it is assumed that the Contractor has reviewed the project site and fully understands the scope of the work to be performed. Contractor shall coordinate with Utility Owners for their re-installation/repair of any aboveground or underground utilities if they apply. Due to the nature of the work included in this request for emergency construction services, **a performance bond, and a payment bond will be required (see Attachment D).**

- **ANTICIPATED ORDER OF WORK**

1. As a first order of work and prior to performing any work on site, perform all necessary preconstruction surveys, clear and delineate all environmentally sensitive areas and perform environmental awareness training. See Attachment C for additional requirements prior to starting on-site construction activities.
2. Clear all existing debris and material (including dirt piles placed by County to prevent unauthorized use of the bridge) and excavate damaged roadway as needed.
3. Place RSP material around abutments.
4. Proceed with work as necessary to complete all work as shown on the plans and specifications, and/or as directed by the Engineer.

- **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The Project has an estimated project cost of approximately \$238,000.

The contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest-priced responsive bid.

The Project is to be completed within ten (10) working days.

No DBE goal is required.

As time is of the essence, a response to this proposal must be submitted by **Monday, October 2, 2023, at 2:00 pm** to be considered a responsive bid. Hardcopies are required and mandatory.

Completed and **sealed** bids shall be received at or mailed to:

Resource Management Agency

Attn: Gerardo Lopez (SEALED RFB – Diagonal 60 (D60) Repair Project)

5961 S. Mooney Blvd

Visalia, CA 93277

The bids will be opened publicly at the RMA Main Conference Room, Government Plaza, 5961 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA 93277, and will be broadcast via Zoom video conferencing. The meeting will be accessible through the following link: [<https://tularecounty-ca.zoom.us/j/7497105116>], the Meeting ID is [749 710 5116].

The work shall commence upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed by the County's Contract Administrator. The website link below has additional documents to assist the Contractor in preparing their proposal and schedule: photos, proposed contract, as-builts (if available), and any other applicable documents.

<https://tcgov.link/bids>

Note: Issuance of this Request for Bids and receipt of Bids does not commit the County of Tulare to award a Contract.

Any questions, please contact me by phone: (559) 624-7147 or email: [GLopez@tularecounty.ca.gov](mailto:GLopez@tularecounty.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Gerardo Lopez

Tulare County Public Works – Project Engineer

Attachments:

- Attachment A – Exhibit 12-G Required Federal Aid Contract Language
- Attachment B – Diagonal 60 (D60) Repair Project Vicinity Map
- Attachment C – Plans, Specifications & Environmental Requirements
- Attachment D – Sample Performance Bond and Payment Bond Forms

EXHIBIT B

NOT USED

# EXHIBIT C

## NON-PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Exhibit C  
**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**  
**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

CONTRACTOR shall provide and maintain insurance for the duration of this Agreement against claims for injuries to persons and damage to property which may arise from, or in connection with, performance under the Agreement by the CONTRACTOR, his agents, representatives, employees, and subcontractors, if applicable.

A. Minimum Scope & Limits of Insurance

1. Coverage at least as broad as Commercial General Liability, insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage occurrence form GC 00 01, with limits no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. Automobile Liability Insurance of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage covering any auto. If the annual aggregate applies it must be no less than \$2,000,000.
3. Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.
4. Builders Risk. (County shall be named loss payee as its interest may appear)
  - a. *All Risk (Special Perils) covering completed value of the project with no coinsurance penalty provision.*
  - b. *Professional Liability of \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim for design and build.*
  - c. *Contractors Pollution Legal Liability and/or Asbestos Legal Liability and/or errors and omissions of \$1,000,000 each occurrence with \$2,000,000 policy aggregate.*

B. Specific Provisions of the Certificate

1. If any of the required insurance is written on a claims-made form, the retroactive date must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of the contract work and must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract work.
2. The General Liability and Automobile Liability policies are to be endorsed to contain the following provisions:
  - a. *The COUNTY, its officers, agents, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds as respects: liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor; or automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by the CONTRACTOR.*
  - b. *For any claims related to this project, the CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the COUNTY, its officers, agents, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the COUNTY, its officers, agents, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR's insurance and shall not contribute with it.*

- c. *Each insurance policy required by this agreement shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled, except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been provided to the COUNTY.*
- d. *CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to waive rights of subrogation which any insurer of Contractor may acquire from Contractor by virtue of the payment of any loss. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation.*
3. The Workers' Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the COUNTY for all work performed by the CONTRACTOR, its employees, agents, and subcontractors. CONTRACTOR waives all rights against the COUNTY and its officers, agents, officials, employees, and volunteers for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by the workers compensation and employers' liability.
- C. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions  
Deductibles and Self-insured retentions must be declared and any deductible or self-insured retention that exceeds \$100,000 will be reviewed by the COUNTY Risk Manager for approval.
- D. Acceptability of Insurance  
Insurance must be placed with insurers with a current rating given by A.M. Best and Company of no less than A-:VII and a Standard & Poor's Rating (if rated) of at least BBB and from a company approved by the Department of Insurance to conduct business in California. Any waiver of these standards is subject to approval by the County Risk Manager.
- E. Verification of Coverage  
Prior to approval of this Agreement by the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR shall file with the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, certificates of insurance with original endorsements effecting coverage in a form acceptable to the COUNTY. Endorsements must be signed by persons authorized to bind coverage on behalf of the insurer. The COUNTY reserves the right to require certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.
- F. ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:
- a. Payment Bond: For public works projects of more than \$25,000 a "payment bond" is required in the full amount of the Contract price and shall insure to the benefit of persons performing labor or furnishing materials in connection with the Work of the Contract. This bond shall be maintained in full force and effect until all work under the Contract is completed and accepted by the COUNTY, or until all claims for materials and labor have been paid, whichever is longer.
- b. Performance Bond: For public works projects of more than \$25,000 a "performance bond" is required in the full amount of the Contract price and shall insure the faithful performance by Contractor of all work under the Contract. It shall also insure the replacing of, or making acceptable, any defective materials or faulty workmanship.
- c. Acceptability of Surety: Only California admitted sureties with current AM Best Rating of no less than VII.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I acknowledge and represent that all of the insurance requirements listed above have been met.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



## EXHIBIT D

### ADDITIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED CONTRACTS

**COUNTY OF TULARE**  
**ADDITIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED CONTRACTS**  
**For Awards Issued on or After November 12, 2020.**  
**(Form revision approved September 2022)**

**FEDERALLY-FUNDED AGREEMENTS.** COUNTY will be paying for the goods or services to be provided under this Agreement, in whole, or in part, with Federal grant funds, so the following additional terms and conditions will apply to this Agreement, if applicable as noted:

**(1) Equal Employment Opportunity (FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK)** Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, if this Agreement meets the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3, then 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: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The CONTRACTOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. (2) The CONTRACTOR will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. (3) The CONTRACTOR will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the CONTRACTOR'S legal duty to furnish information. (4) The CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers'

representatives of the CONTRACTOR'S commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment. (5) The CONTRACTOR will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor. (6) The CONTRACTOR will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders. (7) In the event of the CONTRACTOR'S noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Agreement may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law. (8) The CONTRACTOR will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The CONTRACTOR will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the COUNTY may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: *Provided*, however, that in the event CONTRACTOR becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the COUNTY, then the CONTRACTOR may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States. The COUNTY further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work.

The COUNTY agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will

**COUNTY OF TULARE**  
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furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance. The COUNTY further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the COUNTY agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the COUNTY under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from the COUNTY; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

The CONTRACTOR and each of its subcontractors shall include the equal opportunity clause in each of its subcontracts.

**(2) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141–3148). (FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK).** If this Agreement involves payment for construction services in excess of \$2,000, then the CONTRACTOR must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141–3144, and 3146–3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, the CONTRACTOR is required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the U.S. Secretary of Labor. In addition, the CONTRACTOR is required to pay wages not less than once a week. The COUNTY must provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the U.S. Department of Labor with respect to the services to be provided under the subject Agreement. The CONTRACTOR'S execution of the subject Agreement constitutes the CONTRACTOR'S acceptance of the wage determination. The COUNTY must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

**(3) Copeland “Anti- Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145). (FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK GREATER THAN \$2000).** CONTRACTOR must comply with the Copeland “Anti- Kick- back” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). Under the Copeland “Anti- Kickback” Act, the CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors are prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The COUNTY must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

**(4) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708). (FOR AGREEMENTS >\$100,000 THAT USE MECHANICS OR LABORERS).** If this Agreement involves payments for services in excess of \$100,000 that include the employment of mechanics or laborers, then the CONTRACTOR must comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, the CONTRACTOR is required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

**(5) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement (FOR FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR EXPERIMENTAL, DEVELOPMENTAL OR RESEARCH WORK).** If the Federal award supporting payments for services under this Agreement meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the Agreement is with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” then the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by

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the awarding agency.

**(6) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387), as amended (FOR AGREEMENTS >\$150,000).** If this Agreement involves payments for services in excess of \$150,000, then the CONTRACTOR must comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**(7) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689) (FOR ALL AGREEMENTS >\$25,000).** By execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies to the COUNTY that it is not a party listed on the government-wide exclusions list in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension,” and is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from the award of a federally-supported contract under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

**(8) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) (FOR ALL AGREEMENTS >\$100,000).** If this Agreement involves payments for services in excess of \$100,000, then by execution of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR certifies to the COUNTY that it will not and has not used Federally-appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C.1352. The CONTRACTOR must also disclose to the COUNTY in writing any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award.

**(9) Procurement of recovered materials (FOR AGREEMENTS >\$10,000 FOR CONTRACTORS WHO MUST COMPLY WITH SECTION 6002 OF THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ACT).** Pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.323, the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR must comply with section 6002 of the Federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the

highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

**(10) Records Retention and Access (ALL AGREEMENTS).** Pursuant to 2 CFR §§ 200.333 through 200.337, the following provisions regarding Records Retention and Access will apply to this Agreement:

**(A) Retention requirements for records.** CONTRACTOR must retain all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other of its records pertinent to this Agreement for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or, for Federal awards that are renewed quarterly or annually, from the date of the submission of the quarterly or annual financial report, respectively, as reported to the Federal awarding agency or COUNTY. The only exceptions to the 3 year limit are the following:

(a) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, then the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

(b) When the CONTRACTOR is notified in writing by the COUNTY or Federal awarding agency, cognizant agency for audit, oversight agency for audit, or cognizant agency for indirect costs to extend the retention period.

(c) Records for real property and equipment acquired with Federal funds must be retained for 3 years after final disposition.

(d) When records are transferred to or maintained by the COUNTY, or Federal awarding agency, the 3-year retention requirement is not applicable to the CONTRACTOR.

(e) Records for program income transactions after the period of performance. In some cases recipients must report program income after the period of

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performance. Where there is such a requirement, the retention period for the records pertaining to the earning of the program income starts from the end of the CON- TRACTOR'S fiscal year in which the program income is earned.

(f) Indirect cost rate proposals and cost allocations plans. This paragraph applies to the following types of documents and their supporting records: indirect cost rate computations or proposals, cost allocation plans, and any similar accounting computations of the rate at which a particular group of costs is chargeable (such as computer usage chargeback rates or composite fringe benefit rates).

(1) *If submitted for negotiation.* If the proposal, plan, or other computation is required to be submitted to the COUNTY or the Federal Government to form the basis for negotiation of the rate, then the 3-year retention period for its supporting records starts from the date of such submission.

(2) *If not submitted for negotiation.* If the proposal, plan, or other computation is not required to be submitted to the COUNTY or Federal Government for negotiation purposes, then the 3-year retention period for the proposal, plan, or computation and its supporting records starts from the end of the fiscal year (or other accounting period) covered by the proposal, plan, or other computation.

**(B) Methods for collection, transmission, and storage of information.** In accordance with the May 2013 Executive Order on Making Open and Machine Readable the New Default for Government Information, the Federal awarding agency and the CONTRACTOR should, whenever practicable, collect, transmit, and store Federal award-related information in open and machine readable formats rather than in closed formats or on paper. The Federal awarding agency or COUNTY must always provide or accept paper versions of Federal award-related information to and from the CONTRACTOR upon request. If paper copies are submitted, the Federal awarding agency or COUNTY must not require more than an original and two copies. When original records are electronic and cannot be altered, there is no need to create and retain paper copies. When original records are paper, electronic versions may be substituted through the

use of duplication or other forms of electronic media provided that they are subject to periodic quality control reviews, provide reasonable safeguards against alteration, and remain readable.

**(C) Access to records.**

(a) Records of CONTRACTOR. The Federal awarding agency, Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, and the COUNTY, or any of their authorized representatives, must have the right of access to any documents, papers, or other records of the CONTRACTOR which are pertinent to the Federal award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the CONTRACTOR'S personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents.

(b) Only under extraordinary and rare circumstances would such access include review of the true name of victims of a crime. Routine monitoring cannot be considered extraordinary and rare circumstances that would necessitate access to this information. When access to the true name of victims of a crime is necessary, appropriate steps to protect this sensitive information must be taken by both the CONTRACTOR and the Federal awarding agency or COUNTY. Any such access, other than under a court order or subpoena pursuant to a bona fide confidential investigation, must be approved by the head of the Federal awarding agency or delegate.

(c) Expiration of right of access. The rights of access in this section are not limited to the required retention period but last as long as the records are retained. Federal awarding agencies and COUNTY must not impose any other access requirements upon CONTRACTOR.

**(11) Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (ALL AGREEMENTS WITH FUNDS AWARDED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 12, 2020)** CONTRACTOR must comply with 2 CFR § 200.216, the prohibition of obligating or expending loan or grant funds to procure or obtain, enter into a contract to procure or obtain certain equipment, services or systems that uses "covered telecommunications equipment" as defined in 2

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CFR §200.216 (3), or services as a substantial or essential component of any system.

**(12) Domestic Preferences For Procurement (ALL AGREEMENTS WITH FUNDS AWARDED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 12, 2020)** Pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.322, CONTRACTOR shall, as appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).

**(13) Use Of DHS Seal, Logo, And Flags. (ALL AGREEMENTS)** The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval. The contractor shall include this provision in any subcontracts.

**(14) Compliance With Federal Law, Regulations and Executive Orders (ALL AGREEMENTS).** This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The contractor will comply with all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives

**(15) No Obligation by Federal Government. (ALL AGREEMENTS).** The federal government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

**(16) Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts. (ALL AGREEMENTS).** The contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

**(17) Affirmative Socioeconomic Steps. (ALL AGREEMENTS)** If subcontracts are to be let, the prime contractor is required to take all necessary steps identified in 2 C.F.R. § 200.321(b)(1)-(5) to ensure that small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

**(18) License and Delivery of Works Subject to Copyright and Data Rights (ALL AGREEMENTS INVOLVING CREATION OF COPYRIGHTABLE MATERIAL)** The Contractor grants to the COUNTY OF TULARE, a paid-up, royalty-free, nonexclusive,

irrevocable, worldwide license in data first produced in the performance of this contract to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, including prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly such data. For data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract, the Contractor will identify such data and grant to the COUNTY OF TULARE or acquires on its behalf a license of the same scope as for data first produced in the performance of this contract. Data, as used herein, shall include any work subject to copyright under 17 U.S.C. § 102, for example, any written reports or literary works, software and/or source code, music, choreography, pictures or images, graphics, sculptures, videos, motion pictures or other audiovisual works, sound and/or video recordings, and architectural works. Upon or before the completion of this contract, the Contractor will deliver to the COUNTY OF TULARE data first produced in the performance of this contract and data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract in formats acceptable by the COUNTY OF TULARE.

## EXHIBIT E

### EXHIBIT 12-G REQUIRED FEDERAL AID CONTRACT LANGUAGE

**EXHIBIT 12-G: REQUIRED FEDERAL-AID CONTRACT LANGUAGE**  
(For Local Assistance Construction Projects)

The following language must be incorporated into all Local Assistance Federal-aid construction contracts.  
The following language, with minor edits, was taken from the Code of Federal Regulations.

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## 1. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE)

The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall take necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that DBEs have opportunity to participate in the contract (49 CFR 26). To ensure equal participation of DBEs provided in 49 CFR 26.5, the Agency shows a contract goal for DBEs. The prime contractor shall make work available to DBEs and select work parts consistent with available DBE subcontractors and suppliers.

The prime contractor shall meet the DBE goal shown elsewhere in these special provisions or demonstrate that they made adequate good faith efforts to meet this goal.

It is the prime contractor's responsibility to verify that the DBE firm is certified as a DBE on the date of bid opening by using the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) database and possesses the most specific available North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes and Work Code applicable to the type of work the firm will perform on the contract. Additionally, the prime contractor is responsible to document this verification by printing out the CUCP data for each DBE firm. A list of DBEs certified by the CUCP can be found at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/dbe-search>.

All DBE participation will count toward the California Department of Transportation's federally mandated statewide overall DBE goal.

Credit for materials or supplies the prime contractor purchases from DBEs counts towards the goal in the following manner:

- 100 percent counts if the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE manufacturer.
- 60 percent counts if the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE regular dealer.
- Only fees, commissions, and charges for assistance in the procurement and delivery of materials or supplies count if obtained from a DBE that is neither a manufacturer nor regular dealer. 49 CFR 26.55 defines "manufacturer" and "regular dealer."

The prime contractor receives credit towards the goal if they employ a DBE trucking company that performs a commercially useful function as defined in 49 CFR 26.55(d) as follows:

- The DBE must be responsible for the management and supervision of the entire trucking operation for which it is responsible on a particular contract, and there cannot be a contrived arrangement for the purpose of meeting DBE goals.
- The DBE must itself own and operate at least one fully licensed, insured, and operational truck used on the contract.
- The DBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services it provides on the Contract using trucks it owns, insures, and operates using drivers it employs.
- The DBE may lease trucks from another DBE firm, including an owner-operator who is certified as a DBE. The DBE who leases trucks from another DBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services the lessee DBE provides on the Contract.
- The DBE may also lease trucks from a non-DBE firm, including from an owner-operator. The DBE that leases trucks equipped with drivers from a non-DBE is entitled to credit for the total value of transportation services provided by non-DBE leased trucks equipped with drivers not to exceed the value of transportation services on the contract provided by DBE-owned trucks or leased trucks with DBE employee drivers. Additional participation by non-DBE owned trucks equipped with drivers receives credit only for the fee or commission it receives as a result of the lease arrangement.
- The DBE may lease trucks without drivers from a non-DBE truck leasing company. If the DBE leases trucks from a non-DBE truck leasing company and uses its own employees as drivers, it is entitled to credit for the total value of these hauling services.
- A lease must indicate that the DBE has exclusive use of and control over the truck. This does not preclude the leased truck from working for others during the term of the lease with the consent of the DBE, so long as the lease gives the DBE absolute priority for use of the leased truck. Leased trucks must display the name and identification number of the DBE.

**A. Nondiscrimination Statement**

The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor will never exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR 26 on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin. In administering the Local Agency components of the DBE Program Plan, the contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor will not, directly, or through contractual or other arrangements, use criteria or methods of administration that have the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the DBE Program Plan with respect to individuals of a particular race, color, sex, or national origin.

**B. Contract Assurance**

Under 49 CFR 26.13(b): The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR 26 in the award and administration of federal-aid contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Withholding monthly progress payments;
- (2) Assessing sanctions;
- (3) Liquidated damages; and/or
- (4) Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.

**C. Prompt Progress Payment**

The prime contractor or subcontractor shall pay to any subcontractor, not later than seven days after receipt of each progress payment, unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the respective amounts allowed the contractor on account of the work performed by the subcontractors, to the extent of each subcontractor's interest therein. In the event that there is a good faith dispute over all or any portion of the amount due on a progress payment from the prime contractor or subcontractor to a subcontractor, the prime contractor or subcontractor may withhold no more than 150 percent of the disputed amount. Any violation of this requirement shall constitute a cause for disciplinary action and shall subject the licensee to a penalty, payable to the subcontractor, of 2 percent of the amount due per month for every month that payment is not made.

In any action for the collection of funds wrongfully withheld, the prevailing party shall be entitled to his or her attorney's fees and costs. The sanctions authorized under this requirement shall be separate from, and in addition to, all other remedies, either civil, administrative, or criminal. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

**D. Prompt Payment of Withheld Funds to Subcontractors**

The Agency may hold retainage from the prime contractor and shall make prompt and regular incremental acceptances of portions, as determined by the Agency, of the contract work, and pay retainage to the prime contractor based on these acceptances. The Agency shall designate one of the methods below in the contract to ensure prompt and full payment of any retainage kept by the prime contractor or subcontractor to a subcontractor. The Agency shall include either Method 1, Method 2, or Method 3 below and delete the other two.

**Method 1:** No retainage will be held by the Agency from progress payments due to the prime contractor. Prime contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from holding retainage from subcontractors. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the Agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code and Section 10262 of the California Public Contract Code. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

**Method 2:** No retainage will be held by the Agency from progress payments due to the prime contractor. Any retainage kept by the prime contractor or by a subcontractor must be paid in full to the earning subcontractor within seven (7) days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the Agency's prior written approval.

Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions, and remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code and Section 10262 of the California Public Contract Code. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

**Method 3:** The Agency shall hold retainage from the prime contractor and shall make prompt and regular incremental acceptances of portions, as determined by the Agency of the contract work and pay retainage to the prime contractor based on these acceptances. The prime contractor or subcontractor shall return all monies withheld in retention from all subcontractors within seven (7) days after receiving payment for work satisfactorily completed and accepted including incremental acceptances of portions of the contract work by the Agency. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the Agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating prime contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies specified in Section 7108.5 of the California Business and Professions Code and Section 10262 of the California Public Contract Code. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative or judicial remedies otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor; deficient subcontractor performance and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

Any violation of these provisions of Prompt Progress Payment and Prompt Payment of Withheld Funds to Subcontractors shall subject the violating prime contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions and other remedies specified therein. These requirements shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies otherwise available to the prime contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the prime contractor, deficient subcontract performance, or noncompliance by a subcontractor.

#### **E. Termination and Substitution of DBE Subcontractors**

The prime contractor shall utilize the specific DBEs listed to perform the work and supply the materials for which each is listed unless the contractor obtains the Agency's written consent. The prime contractor shall not terminate or substitute a listed DBE for convenience and perform the work with their own forces or obtain materials from other sources without prior written authorization from the Agency. Unless the Agency's prior written consent is provided, the contractor shall not be entitled to any payment for work or material unless it is performed or supplied by the listed DBE on the Exhibit 15-G Construction Contract DBE Commitment form, included in the Bid.

The Agency authorizes a request to use other forces or sources of materials if the bidder shows any of the following justifications:

1. Listed DBE fails or refuses to execute a written contract based on plans and specifications for the project.
2. The Local Agency stipulated that a bond is a condition of executing the subcontract and the listed DBE fails to meet the Local Agency's bond requirements.
3. Work requires a contractor's license and listed DBE does not have a valid license under Contractors License Law.
4. Listed DBE fails or refuses to perform the work or furnish the listed materials (failing or refusing to perform is not an allowable reason to remove a DBE if the failure or refusal is a result of bad faith or discrimination).
5. Listed DBE's work is unsatisfactory and not in compliance with the contract.
6. Listed DBE is ineligible to work on the project because of suspension or debarment.
7. Listed DBE becomes bankrupt or insolvent.
8. Listed DBE voluntarily withdraws with written notice from the Contract
9. Listed DBE is ineligible to receive credit for the type of work required.
10. Listed DBE owner dies or becomes disabled resulting in the inability to perform the work on the Contract.

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**11. The Agency determines other documented good cause.**

The prime contractor shall notify the original DBE of the intent to use other forces or material sources and provide the reasons, allowing the DBE 5 days to respond to the notice and advise the prime contractor and the Agency of the reasons why the use of other forces or sources of materials should not occur.

The prime contractor's request to use other forces or material sources must include:

1. One or more of the reasons listed in the preceding paragraph.
2. Notices from the prime contractor to the DBE regarding the request.
3. Notices from the DBEs to the prime contractor regarding the request.

If the Agency authorizes the termination or substitution of a listed DBE, the prime contractor must make good faith efforts to find another DBE to substitute for the original DBE. The substitute DBE must (1) perform at least the same amount of work as the original DBE under the contract to the extent needed to meet or exceed the DBE goal, and (2) be certified as a DBE with the most specific available NAICS codes and work codes applicable to the type of work the DBE will perform on the contract at the time of the prime contractor's request for substitution. The prime contractor shall submit their documentation of good faith efforts within 7 days of their request for authorization of the substitution. The Agency may authorize a 7-day extension of this submittal period at the prime contractor's request. More guidance can be found at 49 CFR 26 app A regarding evaluation of good faith efforts to meet the DBE goal.

**F. Commitment and Utilization**

Note: In the Agency's reports of DBE participation to Caltrans, the Agency must display both commitments and attainments.

The Agency's DBE program must include a monitoring and enforcement mechanism to ensure that DBE commitments reconcile to DBE utilization.

The bidder shall submit the Exhibit 15-G Construction Contract DBE Commitment, included in the Bid book. This exhibit is the bidder's DBE commitment form. If the form is not submitted with the bid, the bidder must remove the form from the Bid book before submitting their bid.

The bidder shall complete and sign Exhibit 15-G Construction Contract DBE Commitment included in the contract documents regardless of whether DBE participation is reported. The bidder shall provide written confirmation from each DBE that the DBE is participating in the Contract. A copy of a DBE's quote serves as written confirmation. If a DBE is participating as a joint venture partner, the bidder shall submit a copy of the joint venture agreement.

If the DBE Commitment form, Exhibit 15-G, is not submitted with the bid, it must be completed and submitted by all bidders to the Agency within five (5) days of bid opening. If the bidder does not submit the DBE Commitment form within the specified time, the Agency will find the bidder's bid nonresponsive.

The prime contractor shall use each DBE subcontractor as listed on Exhibit 12-B Bidder's List of Subcontractors (DBE and Non-DBE), and Exhibit 15-G Construction Contract DBE Commitment form unless they receive authorization for a substitution.

The Agency shall request the prime contractor to:

1. Notify the Resident Engineer or Inspector of any changes to its anticipated DBE participation
2. Provide this notification before starting the affected work
3. Maintain records including:
  - Name and business address of each 1<sup>st</sup>-tier subcontractor
  - Name and business address of each DBE subcontractor, DBE vendor, and DBE trucking company, regardless of tier
  - Date of payment and total amount paid to each business (see Exhibit 9-F Monthly Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Payment)

If the prime contractor is a DBE contractor, they shall include the date of work performed by their own forces and the corresponding value of the work.

Before the 15th of each month, the prime contractor shall submit a Monthly DBE Trucking Verification (LAPM Exhibit 16-Z1) form.

If a DBE is decertified before completing its work, the DBE must notify the prime contractor in writing of the decertification date. If a business becomes a certified DBE before completing its work, the business must notify the prime contractor in writing of the certification date. The prime contractor shall submit the notifications. Upon work completion, the prime contractor shall complete a Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Certification Status Change, Exhibit 17-O, form and submit the form within 30 days of contract acceptance.

Upon work completion, the prime contractor shall complete Exhibit 17-F Final Report – Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), First-Tier Subcontractors and submit it within 90 days of contract acceptance. The Agency will withhold \$10,000 until the form is submitted. The Agency releases the withhold upon submission of the completed form.

#### **G. DBE RUNNING TALLY OF ATTAINMENTS**

After submitting an invoice for reimbursement that includes a payment to a DBE, but no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month, the prime contractor/consultant shall complete and email the Exhibit 9- F: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Running Tally of Payments to [business.support.unit@dot.ca.gov](mailto:business.support.unit@dot.ca.gov) with a copy to the Agency.

- 2. BID OPENING** The Agency publicly opens and reads bids at the time and place shown on the Notice to Contractors.
- 3. BID RIGGING** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free hotline to report bid rigging activities. Use the hotline to report bid rigging, bidder collusion, and other fraudulent activities. The hotline number is (800) 424-9071. The service is available 24 hours 7 days a week and is confidential and anonymous. The hotline is part of the DOT's effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General.
- 4. CONTRACT AWARD** If the Agency awards the contract, the award is made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.
- 5. CONTRACTOR LICENSE** The Contractor must be properly licensed as a contractor from contract award through Contract acceptance (Public Contract Code §10164).
- 6. CHANGED CONDITIONS**

##### **A. Differing Site Conditions**

1. During the progress of the work, if subsurface or latent physical conditions are encountered at the site differing materially from those indicated in the contract or if unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the work provided for in the contract, are encountered at the site, the party discovering such conditions shall promptly notify the other party in writing of the specific differing conditions before the site is disturbed and before the affected work is performed.
2. Upon written notification, the engineer will investigate the conditions, and if it is determined that the conditions materially differ and cause an increase or decrease in the cost or time required for the performance of any work under the contract, an adjustment, excluding anticipated profits, will be made and the contract modified in writing accordingly. The engineer will notify the contractor of the determination whether or not an adjustment of the contract is warranted.
3. No contract adjustment which results in a benefit to the contractor will be allowed unless the contractor has provided the required written notice.
4. No contract adjustment will be allowed under this clause for any effects caused on unchanged work. *[This provision may be omitted by the Local Agency, at their option.]*

##### **B. Suspensions of Work Ordered by the Engineer**

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

shall set forth the reasons and support for such adjustment.

2. Upon receipt, the engineer will evaluate the contractor's request. If the engineer agrees that the cost and/or time required for the performance of the contract has increased as a result of such suspension and the suspension was caused by conditions beyond the control of and not the fault of the contractor, its suppliers, or subcontractors at any approved tier, and not caused by weather, the engineer will make an adjustment (excluding profit) and modify the contract in writing accordingly. The contractor will be notified of the engineer's determination whether or not an adjustment of the contract is warranted.
3. No contract adjustment will be allowed unless the contractor has submitted the request for adjustment within the time prescribed.
4. No contract adjustment will be allowed under this clause to the extent that performance would have been suspended or delayed by any other cause, or for which an adjustment is provided or excluded under any other term or condition of this contract.

#### **C. Significant Changes in the Character of Work**

1. The engineer reserves the right to make, in writing, at any time during the work, such changes in quantities and such alterations in the work as are necessary to satisfactorily complete the project. Such changes in quantities and alterations shall not invalidate the contract nor release the surety, and the contractor agrees to perform the work as altered.
2. If the alterations or changes in quantities significantly change the character of the work under the contract, whether such alterations or changes are in themselves significant changes to the character of the work or by affecting other work cause such other work to become significantly different in character, an adjustment, excluding anticipated profit, will be made to the contract. The basis for the adjustment shall be agreed upon prior to the performance of the work. If a basis cannot be agreed upon, then an adjustment will be made either for or against the contractor in such amount as the engineer may determine to be fair and equitable.
3. If the alterations or changes in quantities do not significantly change the character of the work to be performed under the contract, the altered work will be paid for as provided elsewhere in the contract.
4. The term "significant change" shall be construed to apply only to the following circumstances:
  - When the character of the work as altered differs materially in kind or nature from that involved or included in the original proposed construction; or
  - When a major item of work, as defined elsewhere in the contract, is increased in excess of 125 percent or decreased below 75 percent of the original contract quantity. Any allowance for an increase in quantity shall apply only to that portion in excess of 125 percent of original contract item quantity, or in case of a decrease below 75 percent, to the actual amount of work performed.

#### **7. BEGINNING OF WORK, TIME OF COMPLETION AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

The Contractor shall begin work within 15 calendar days after the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

This work shall be diligently prosecuted to completion before the expiration of \_\_\_\_\_ WORKING DAYS beginning on the fifteenth calendar day after the date shown on the Notice to Proceed.

The Contractor shall pay to the City/County \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per day, for each and every calendar days' delay in finishing the work in excess of the number of working days prescribed above.

## 8. BUY AMERICA

Buy America Requirements apply to steel and iron, manufactured products, and construction materials permanently incorporated into the project.

### Steel and Iron Materials

All steel and iron materials must be melted and manufactured in the United States except:

1. Foreign pig iron and processed, pelletized, and reduced iron ore may be used in the domestic production of the steel and iron materials [60 Fed Reg 15478 (03/24/1995)];
2. If the total combined cost of the materials produced outside the United States does not exceed the greater of 0.1 percent of the total contract amount or \$2,500, materials produced outside the United States may be used if authorized.

Furnish steel and iron materials to be incorporated into the work with certificates of compliance and certified mill test reports. Mill test reports must indicate where the steel and iron were melted and manufactured. All melting and manufacturing processes for these materials, including an application of a coating, must occur in the United States. Coating includes all processes that protect or enhance the value of the material to which the coating is applied.

### Manufactured Products

Iron and steel used in precast concrete manufactured products must meet the requirements of the above section (Steel and Iron Materials) regardless of the amount used. Iron and steel used in other manufactured products must meet the requirements of the above section (Steel and Iron Materials) if the weight of steel and iron components constitute 90 percent or more of the total weight of the manufactured product.

### Construction Materials

Buy America requirements apply to the following construction materials that are or consist primarily of:

1. Non-ferrous metals
2. Plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables)
3. Glass (including optic glass)
4. Lumber
5. Drywall

Where one or more of these construction materials have been combined by a manufacturer with other materials through a manufacturing process, Buy America requirements do not apply unless otherwise specified.

Furnish construction materials to be incorporated into the work with certificates of compliance with each project delivery. Manufacturer's certificate of compliance must identify where the construction material was manufactured and attest specifically to Buy America compliance.

All manufacturing processes for these materials must occur in the United States.

Buy America requirements do not apply to the following:

1. Tools and construction equipment used in performing the work
2. Temporary work that is not incorporated into the finished project

### Waivers

~~If Buy America waivers are granted, use the following language to include in the contract:~~

~~The following steel and iron products, manufactured products, or construction materials have received an approved Buy America waiver for this contract, and therefore, are not subject to Buy America requirements:~~

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**9. QUALITY ASSURANCE**

The Local Agency uses a Quality Assurance Program (QAP) to ensure a material is produced to comply with the Contract. The Local Agency may examine the records and reports of tests the prime contractor performs if they are available at the job site. Schedule work to allow time for QAP.

**10. PROMPT PAYMENT FROM THE AGENCY TO THE CONTRACTORS**

The Agency shall make any progress payment within 30 days after receipt of an undisputed and properly submitted payment request from a contractor on a construction contract. If the Agency fails to pay promptly, the Agency shall pay interest to the contractor, which accrues at the rate of 10 percent per annum on the principal amount of a money judgment remaining unsatisfied. Upon receipt of a payment request, the Agency shall act in accordance with both of the following:

1. Each payment request shall be reviewed by the Agency as soon as practicable after receipt for the purpose of determining that it is a proper payment request.
2. Any payment request determined not to be a proper payment request suitable for payment shall be returned to the contractor as soon as practicable, but not later than seven (7) days, after receipt. A request returned pursuant to this paragraph shall be accompanied by a document setting forth in writing the reasons why the payment request is not proper.

**11. FORM FHWA-1273 REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FEDERAL-AID CONTRACTS**

*[The following 12 pages must be physically inserted into the contract without modification.  
Excluding ATTACHMENT A - EMPLOYMENT AND MATERIALS PREFERENCE FOR APPALACHIAN  
DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY SYSTEM OR APPALACHIAN LOCAL ACCESS ROAD CONTRACTS]*



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**REQUIRED CONTRACT  
PROVISIONS FEDERAL-AID  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

- I. General
- II. Nondiscrimination
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- IV. Davis-Bacon and Related Act Provisions
- V. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act Provisions
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- VIII. False Statements Concerning Highway Projects
- IX. Implementation of Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- X. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion
- XI. Certification Regarding Use of Contract Funds for Lobbying
- XII. Use of United States-Flag Vessels:

## ATTACHMENTS

A. Employment and Materials Preference for Appalachian Development Highway System or Appalachian Local Access Road Contracts (included in Appalachian contracts only)

**I. GENERAL**

1. Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated in each construction contract funded under title 23, United States Code, as required in 23 CFR 633.102(b) (excluding emergency contracts solely intended for debris removal). The contractor (or subcontractor) must insert this form in each subcontract and further require its inclusion in all lower tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services). 23 CFR 633.102(e).

The applicable requirements of Form FHWA-1273 are incorporated by reference for work done under any purchase order, rental agreement or agreement for other services. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider. 23 CFR 633.102(e).

Form FHWA-1273 must be included in all Federal-aid design-build contracts, in all subcontracts and in lower tier subcontracts (excluding subcontracts for design services, purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services) in accordance with 23 CFR 633.102. The design-builder shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider.

Contracting agencies may reference Form FHWA-1273 in solicitation-for-bids or request-for-proposals documents, however, the Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated (not referenced) in all contracts, subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services related to a construction contract). 23 CFR 633.102(b).

2. Subject to the applicability criteria noted in the following sections, these contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract. 23 CFR 633.102(d).

3. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions may be sufficient grounds for withholding of progress payments, withholding of final payment, termination of the contract, suspension / debarment or any other action determined to be appropriate by the contracting agency and FHWA.

4. Selection of Labor: During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not use convict labor for any purpose within the limits of a construction project on a Federal-aid highway unless it is labor performed by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation. 23 U.S.C. 114(b). The term Federal-aid highway does not include roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors. 23 U.S.C. 101(a).

**II. NONDISCRIMINATION** (23 CFR 230.107(a); 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A; EO 11246)

The provisions of this section related to 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A are applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of \$10,000 or more. The provisions of 23 CFR Part 230 are not applicable to material supply, engineering, or architectural service contracts.

In addition, the contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the following policies: Executive Order 11246, 41 CFR Part 60, 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627, 23 U.S.C. 140, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26, and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with: the requirements of the Equal Opportunity Clause in 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) and, for all construction contracts exceeding \$10,000, the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications in 41 CFR 60-4.3.

Note: The U.S. Department of Labor has exclusive authority to determine compliance with Executive Order 11246 and the policies of the Secretary of Labor including 41 CFR Part 60, and 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627. The contracting agency and the FHWA have the authority and the responsibility to ensure compliance with 23 U.S.C. 140, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26, and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The following provision is adopted from 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A, with appropriate revisions to conform to the U.S. Department of Labor (US DOL) and FHWA requirements.

**1. Equal Employment Opportunity:** Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) requirements not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal opportunity as set forth under laws, executive orders, rules, regulations (see 28 CFR Part 35, 29 CFR Part 1630, 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627, 41 CFR Part 60 and 49 CFR Part 27) and orders of the Secretary of Labor as modified by the provisions prescribed herein, and imposed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 140, shall constitute the EEO and specific affirmative action standards for the contractor's project activities under this contract. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) set forth under 28 CFR Part 35 and 29 CFR Part 1630 are incorporated by reference in this contract. In the execution of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of EEO:

a. The contractor will work with the contracting agency and the Federal Government to ensure that it has made every good faith effort to provide equal opportunity with respect to all of its terms and conditions of employment and in their review of activities under the contract. 23 CFR 230.409 (g)(4) & (5).

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

"It is the policy of this Company to assure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**4. Recruitment:** When advertising for employees, the contractor will include in all advertisements for employees the notation: "An Equal Opportunity Employer." All such advertisements will be placed in publications having a large circulation among minorities and women in the area from which the project work force would normally be derived.

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

b. In the event the contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hiring hall referrals, the contractor is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system meets the contractor's compliance with EEO contract provisions. Where implementation of such an agreement has the effect of discriminating against minorities or women, or obligates the contractor to do the same, such implementation violates Federal nondiscrimination provisions.

c. The contractor will encourage its present employees to refer minorities and women as applicants for employment. Information and procedures with regard to referring such applicants will be discussed with employees.

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

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

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

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

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

**6. Training and Promotion:**

a. The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minorities and women who are applicants for employment or current employees. Such efforts should be aimed at developing full journey level status employees in the type of trade or job classification involved.

b. Consistent with the contractor's work force requirements and as permissible under Federal and State regulations, the contractor shall make full use of training programs (i.e., apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs for the geographical area of contract performance). In the event a special provision for training is provided under this contract, this subparagraph will be superseded as indicated in the special provision. The contracting agency may reserve training positions for persons who receive welfare assistance in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 140(a).

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

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

**7. Unions:** If the contractor relies in whole or in part upon unions as a source of employees, the contractor will use good faith efforts to obtain the cooperation of such unions to increase opportunities for minorities and women. 23 CFR 230.409. Actions by the contractor, either directly or through a contractor's association acting as agent, will include the procedures set forth below:

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

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

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

d. In the event the union is unable to provide the contractor with a reasonable flow of referrals within the time limit set forth in the collective bargaining agreement, the contractor will, through independent recruitment efforts, fill the employment vacancies without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability; making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualifiable minorities and women. The failure of a union to provide sufficient referrals (even though it is obligated to provide exclusive referrals under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement) does not relieve the contractor from the requirements of this paragraph. In the event the union referral practice prevents the contractor from meeting the obligations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and these special provisions, such contractor shall immediately notify the contracting agency.

**8. Reasonable Accommodation for Applicants / Employees with Disabilities:**

The contractor must be familiar with the requirements for and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and all rules and regulations established thereunder. Employers must provide reasonable accommodation in all employment activities unless to do so would cause an undue hardship.

**9. Selection of Subcontractors, Procurement of Materials and Leasing of Equipment:**

The contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure nondiscrimination in the administration of this contract.

a. The contractor shall notify all potential subcontractors, suppliers, and lessors of their EEO obligations under this contract.

b. The contractor will use good faith efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their EEO obligations.

**10. Assurance Required:**

a. The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and the State DOT's FHWA-approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program are incorporated by reference.

b. The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Withholding monthly progress payments;
- (2) Assessing sanctions;
- (3) Liquidated damages; and/or
- (4) Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.

c. The Title VI and nondiscrimination provisions of U.S. DOT Order 1050.2A at Appendixes A and E are incorporated by reference. 49 CFR Part 21.

**11. Records and Reports:** The contractor shall keep such records as necessary to document compliance with the EEO requirements. Such records shall be retained for a period of three years following the date of the final payment to the contractor for all contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of the contracting agency and the FHWA.

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

- (1) The number and work hours of minority and non-minority group members and women employed in each work classification on the project;
- (2) The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions, when applicable, to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women; and
- (3) The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minorities and women.

b. The contractors and subcontractors will submit an annual report to the contracting agency each July for the duration of the project indicating the number of minority, women, and non-minority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by the contract work. This information is to be reported on Form FHWA-1391. The staffing data should represent the project work force on board in all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July. If on-the-job training is being required by special provision, the contractor will be required to collect and report training data. The employment data should reflect the work force on board during all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July.

### III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of more than \$10,000. 41 CFR 60-1.5.

As prescribed by 41 CFR 60-1.8, the contractor must ensure that facilities provided for employees are provided in such a manner that segregation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin cannot result. The contractor may neither require such segregated use by written or oral policies nor tolerate such use by employee custom. The contractor's obligation extends further to ensure that its employees are not assigned to perform their services at any location under the contractor's control where the facilities are segregated. The term "facilities" includes waiting rooms, work areas, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, restrooms, washrooms, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing provided for employees. The contractor shall provide separate or single-user restrooms and necessary dressing or sleeping areas to assure privacy between sexes.

### IV. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT PROVISIONS

This section is applicable to all Federal-aid construction projects exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (regardless of subcontract size), in accordance with 29 CFR 5.5. The requirements apply to all projects located within the right-of-way of a roadway that is functionally classified as Federal-aid highway. 23 U.S.C. 113. This excludes roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt. 23 U.S.C. 101. Where applicable law requires that projects be treated as a project on a Federal-aid highway, the provisions of this subpart will apply regardless of the location of the project. Examples include: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 133 [excluding recreational trails projects], the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 117, and National Highway Freight Program projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 167.

The following provisions are from the U.S. Department of Labor regulations in 29 CFR 5.5 "Contract provisions and related matters" with minor revisions to conform to the FHWA-1273 format and FHWA program requirements.

#### 1. Minimum wages (29 CFR 5.5)

a. All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work, will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph 1.d. of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under paragraph 1.b. of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

b. (1) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

- (i) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and
- (ii) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and
- (iii) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(2) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(3) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(4) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs 1.b.(2) or 1.b.(3) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

c. Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

d. If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program. Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

## 2. Withholding (29 CFR 5.5)

The contracting agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor under this contract, or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, the contracting agency may, after written notice to the contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

## 3. Payrolls and basic records (29 CFR 5.5)

a. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

b. (1) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the contracting agency. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker, and shall provide them upon request to the contracting agency for transmission to the State DOT, the FHWA or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the contracting agency.

(2) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(i) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(ii), the appropriate information is being maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), and that such information is correct and complete;

(ii) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in 29 CFR part 3;

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

(3) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph 3.b.(2) of this section.

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

c. The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 3.a. of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the FHWA may, after written notice to the contractor, the contracting agency or the State DOT, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

#### 4. Apprentices and trainees (29 CFR 5.5)

##### a. Apprentices (programs of the USDOL).

Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice.

The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed.

Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination.

In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

##### b. Trainees (programs of the USDOL).

Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration.

Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

c. Equal employment opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

## d. Apprentices and Trainees (programs of the U.S. DOT).

Apprentices and trainees working under apprenticeship and skill training programs which have been certified by the Secretary of Transportation as promoting EEO in connection with Federal-aid highway construction programs are not subject to the requirements of paragraph 4 of this Section IV. 23 CFR 230.111(e)(2). The straight time hourly wage rates for apprentices and trainees under such programs will be established by the particular programs. The ratio of apprentices and trainees to journeymen shall not be greater than permitted by the terms of the particular program.

**5. Compliance with Copeland Act requirements.** The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract as provided in 29 CFR 5.5.

**6. Subcontracts.** The contractor or subcontractor shall insert Form FHWA-1273 in any subcontracts and also require the subcontractors to include Form FHWA-1273 in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.

**7. Contract termination: debarment.** A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

**8. Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements.** All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract as provided in 29 CFR 5.5.

**9. Disputes concerning labor standards.** As provided in 29 CFR 5.5, disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

**10. Certification of eligibility (29 CFR 5.5)**

a. By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

b. No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

c. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

**V. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT**

Pursuant to 29 CFR 5.5(b), the following clauses apply to any Federal-aid construction contract in an amount in excess of \$100,000 and subject to the overtime provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. These clauses shall be inserted in addition to the clauses required by 29 CFR 5.5(a) or 29 CFR 4.6. As used in this paragraph, the terms laborers and mechanics include watchmen and guards.

**1. Overtime requirements.** No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek. 29 CFR 5.5.

**2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.** In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph 1 of this section, the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph 1 of this section, in the sum currently provided in 29 CFR 5.5(b)(2)\* for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph 1 of this section. 29 CFR 5.5.

\* \$27 as of January 23, 2019 (See 84 FR 213-01, 218) as may be adjusted annually by the Department of Labor; pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990).

**3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.** The FHWA or the contracting agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph 2 of this section. 29 CFR 5.5.

**4. Subcontracts.** The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs 1 through 4 of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs 1 through 4 of this section. 29 CFR 5.5.



**VI. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts on the National Highway System pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116.

1. The contractor shall perform with its own organization contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent (or a greater percentage if specified elsewhere in the contract) of the total original contract price, excluding any specialty items designated by the contracting agency. Specialty items may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such specialty items performed may be deducted from the total original contract price before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor's own organization (23 CFR 635.116).

a. The term "perform work with its own organization" in paragraph 1 of Section VI refers to workers employed or leased 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 or lower tier subcontractor, agents of the prime contractor, or any other assignees. The term may include payments for the costs of hiring leased employees from an employee leasing firm meeting all relevant Federal and State regulatory requirements. Leased employees may only be included in this term if the prime contractor meets all of the following conditions: (based on longstanding interpretation)

(1) the prime contractor maintains control over the supervision of the day-to-day activities of the leased employees;

(2) the prime contractor remains responsible for the quality of the work of the leased employees;

(3) the prime contractor retains all power to accept or exclude individual employees from work on the project; and

(4) the prime contractor remains ultimately responsible for the payment of predetermined minimum wages, the submission of payrolls, statements of compliance and all other Federal regulatory requirements.

b. "Specialty Items" shall be construed to be limited to work that requires highly specialized knowledge, abilities, or equipment not ordinarily available in the type of contracting organizations qualified and expected to bid or propose on the contract as a whole and in general are to be limited to minor components of the overall contract. 23 CFR 635.102.

2. Pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116(a), the contract amount upon which the requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of Section VI is computed includes the cost of material and manufactured products which are to be purchased or produced by the contractor under the contract provisions.

3. Pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116(c), the contractor shall furnish (a) a competent superintendent or supervisor who is employed by the firm, has full authority to direct performance of the work in accordance with the contract requirements, and is in charge of all construction operations (regardless of who performs the work) and (b) such other of its own organizational resources (supervision, management, and engineering services) as the contracting officer determines is necessary to assure the performance of the contract.

4. No portion of the contract shall be sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the contracting officer, or authorized representative, and such consent when given shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract. Written consent will be given only after the contracting agency has assured that each subcontract is evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract. (based on long-standing interpretation of 23 CFR 635.116).

5. The 30-percent self-performance requirement of paragraph (1) is not applicable to design-build contracts; however, contracting agencies may establish their own self-performance requirements. 23 CFR 635.116(d).

**VII. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

1. In the performance of this contract the contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation (23 CFR Part 635). The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions as it determines, or as the contracting officer may determine, to be reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract. 23 CFR 635.108.

2. It is a condition of this contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract, which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract, that the contractor and any subcontractor shall not permit any employee, in performance of the contract, to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his/her health or safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards (29 CFR Part 1926) promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704). 29 CFR 1926.10.

3. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.3, it is a condition of this contract that the Secretary of Labor or authorized representative thereof, shall have right of entry to any site of contract performance to inspect or investigate the matter of compliance with the construction safety and health standards and to carry out the duties of the Secretary under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704).

**VIII. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

In order to assure high quality and durable construction in conformity with approved plans and specifications and a high degree of reliability on statements and representations made by engineers, contractors, suppliers, and workers on Federal-aid highway projects, it is essential that all persons concerned with the project perform their functions as carefully, thoroughly, and honestly as possible. Willful falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project is a violation of Federal law. To prevent any misunderstanding regarding the seriousness of these and similar acts, Form FHWA-1022 shall be posted on each Federal-aid highway project (23 CFR Part 635) in one or more places where it is readily available to all persons concerned with the project:

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

"Whoever, being an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or of any State or Territory, or whoever, whether a person, association, firm, or corporation, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, or false report as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of the material used or to be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the cost thereof in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or costs of construction on any highway or related project submitted for approval to the Secretary of Transportation; or

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

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to provisions of the Federal-aid Roads Act approved July 11, 1916, (39 Stat. 355), as amended and supplemented;

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both."

#### **IX. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (42 U.S.C. 7606; 2 CFR 200.88; EO 11738)**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts in excess of \$150,000 and to all related subcontracts. 48 CFR 2.101; 2 CFR 200.326.

By submission of this bid/proposal or the execution of this contract or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, proposer, Federal-aid construction contractor, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal Highway Administration and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II.

The contractor agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of this Section in every subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements. 2 CFR 200.326.

#### **X. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, consultant contracts or any other covered transaction requiring FHWA approval or that is estimated to cost \$25,000 or more – as defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

##### **1. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:**

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

b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective first tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective first tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction. 2 CFR 180.320.

c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the contracting agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the contracting agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default. 2 CFR 180.325.

d. The prospective first tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective first tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. 2 CFR 180.345 and 180.350.

e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180, Subpart I, 180.900-180.1020, and 1200. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

f. The prospective first tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction. 2 CFR 180.330.

g. The prospective first tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the department or contracting agency, entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold. 2 CFR 180.220 and 180.300.

h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. 2 CFR 180.300; 180.320, and 180.325. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. 2 CFR 180.335. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (<https://www.sam.gov>). 2 CFR 180.300, 180.320, and 180.325.

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

j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (f) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default. 2 CFR 180.325.

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## 2. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – First Tier Participants:

a. The prospective first tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

- (1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency, 2 CFR 180.335;
- (2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property, 2 CFR 180.800;
- (3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, 2 CFR 180.700 and 180.800; and
- (4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default. 2 CFR 180.335(d).
- (5) Are not a corporation that has been convicted of a felony violation under any Federal law within the two-year period preceding this proposal (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements); and
- (6) Are not a corporation with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements).

b. Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant should attach an explanation to this proposal. 2 CFR 180.335 and 180.340.

## 3. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders, and other lower tier transactions requiring prior FHWA approval or estimated to cost \$25,000 or more - 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200). 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

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

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

c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. 2 CFR 180.365.

d. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180, Subpart I, 180.900 – 180.1020, and 1200. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated. 2 CFR 1200.220 and 1200.332.

f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold. 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (<https://www.sam.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration. 2 CFR 180.300, 180.320, 180.330, and 180.335.

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

i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment. 2 CFR 180.325.

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#### **Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Participants:**

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals:

(a) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency, 2 CFR 180.355;

(b) is a corporation that has been convicted of a felony violation under any Federal law within the two-year period preceding this proposal (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements); and

(c) is a corporation with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability. (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements)

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

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#### **XI. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts which exceed \$100,000. 49 CFR Part 20, App. A.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **XII. USE OF UNITED STATES-FLAG VESSELS:**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, or any other covered transaction. 46 CFR Part 381.

This requirement applies to material or equipment that is acquired for a specific Federal-aid highway project. 46 CFR 381.7. It is not applicable to goods or materials that come into inventories independent of an FHWA funded-contract.

When oceanic shipments (or shipments across the Great Lakes) are necessary for materials or equipment acquired for a specific Federal-aid construction project, the bidder, proposer, contractor, subcontractor, or vendor agrees:

1. To utilize privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to this contract, to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-flag commercial vessels. 46 CFR 381.7.

2. To furnish within 20 days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, 'on-board' commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section to both the Contracting Officer (through the prime contractor in the case of subcontractor bills-of-lading) and to the Office of Cargo and Commercial Sealift (MAR-620), Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590. (MARAD requires copies of the ocean carrier's (master) bills of lading, certified onboard, dated, with rates and charges. These bills of lading may contain business sensitive information and therefore may be submitted directly to MARAD by the Ocean Transportation Intermediary on behalf of the contractor). 46 CFR 381.7.

**12. FEMALE AND MINORITY GOALS**

To comply with Section II, "Nondiscrimination," of "Required Contract Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contracts," the following are for female and minority utilization goals for Federal-aid construction contracts and subcontracts that exceed \$10,000:

The nationwide goal for female utilization is 6.9 percent.

The goals for minority utilization (45 Fed Reg 65984 (10/3/1980)) are as follows:

**MINORITY UTILIZATION GOALS**

	Economic Area	Goal (Percent)
174	Redding CA: Non-SMSA (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area) Counties: CA Lassen; CA Modoc; CA Plumas; CA Shasta; CA Siskiyou; CA Tehama	6.8
175	Eureka, CA Non-SMSA Counties: CA Del Norte; CA Humboldt; CA Trinity	6.6
176	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA: SMSA Counties:	28.9
	7120 Salinas-Seaside-Monterey, CA	
	CA Monterey	25.6
	7360 San Francisco-Oakland	
	CA Alameda; CA Contra Costa; CA Marin; CA San Francisco; CA San Mateo	
	7400 San Jose, CA	19.6
	CA Santa Clara, CA	
	7485 Santa Cruz, CA	14.9
	CA Santa Cruz	
	7500 Santa Rosa	9.1
177	CA Sonoma	
	8720 Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA	17.1
	CA Napa; CA Solano	
	Non-SMSA Counties:	23.2
	CA Lake; CA Mendocino; CA San Benito	
	Sacramento, CA: SMSA Counties:	16.1
	6920 Sacramento, CA	
	CA Placer; CA Sacramento; CA	
	Yolo Non-SMSA Counties	14.3
	CA Butte; CA Colusa; CA El Dorado; CA Glenn; CA Nevada; CA Sierra; CA Sutter; CA Yuba	
178	Stockton-Modesto, CA: SMSA Counties:	12.3
	5170 Modesto, CA	
	CA Stanislaus	
	8120 Stockton, CA	24.3
	CA San Joaquin	
179	Non-SMSA Counties	19.8
	CA Alpine; CA Amador; CA Calaveras; CA Mariposa; CA Merced; CA Tuolumne	
	Fresno-Bakersfield, CA SMSA Counties:	19.1
	0680 Bakersfield, CA	
	CA Kern	
	2840 Fresno, CA	26.1

	CA Fresno Non-SMSA Counties: CA Kings; CA Madera; CA Tulare	23.6
180	Los Angeles, CA: SMSA Counties: 0360 Anaheim-Santa Ana-Garden Grove, CA	11.9
	CA Orange	28.3
	4480 Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA	
	CA Los Angeles	21.5
	6000 Oxnard-Simi Valley-Ventura, CA	
	CA Ventura	19.0
	6780 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	
	CA Riverside; CA San Bernardino	19.7
	7480 Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA	
	CA Santa Barbara	24.6
181	Non-SMSA Counties	
	CA Inyo; CA Mono; CA San Luis Obispo	
	San Diego, CA: SMSA Counties	16.9
	7320 San Diego, CA	
	CA San Diego	18.2
	Non-SMSA Counties	
	CA Imperial	

For the last full week of July during which work is performed under the contract, the prime contractor and each non material-supplier subcontractor with a subcontract of \$10,000 or more must complete Form FHWA PR-1391 (Appendix C to 23 CFR 230). Submit the forms by August 15.

### 13. TITLE VI ASSURANCES

The U.S. Department of Transportation Order No.1050.2A requires all federal-aid Department of Transportation contracts between an agency and a contractor to contain Appendix A and E. Appendix B only requires inclusion if the contract impacts deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein. Appendices C and D only require inclusion if the contract impacts deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the recipient.

#### APPENDIX A

During the performance of this Agreement, the contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter collectively referred to as CONTRACTOR) agrees as follows:

- a. Compliance with Regulations: CONTRACTOR shall comply with the regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the REGULATIONS), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this agreement.
- b. Nondiscrimination: CONTRACTOR, with regard to the work performed by it during the AGREEMENT, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, or disability in the selection and retention of sub-applicants, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. CONTRACTOR shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the agreement covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
- c. Solicitations for Sub-agreements, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by CONTRACTOR for work to be performed under a Sub- agreement, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment,

each potential sub-applicant or supplier shall be notified by CONTRACTOR of the CONTRACTOR'S obligations under this Agreement and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

- d. Information and Reports: CONTRACTOR shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the recipient or FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations or directives. Where any information required of CONTRACTOR is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, CONTRACTOR shall so certify to the recipient or FHWA as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts CONTRACTOR has made to obtain the information.
- e. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of CONTRACTOR's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this agreement, the recipient shall impose such agreement sanctions as it or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
  - i. withholding of payments to CONTRACTOR under the Agreement within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 90 days; and/or
  - ii. cancellation, termination or suspension of the Agreement, in whole or in part.
- f. Incorporation of Provisions: CONTRACTOR shall include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (6) in every sub-agreement, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto.

CONTRACTOR shall take such action with respect to any sub-agreement or procurement as the recipient or FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance, provided, however, that, in the event CONTRACTOR becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a sub-applicant or supplier as a result of such direction, CONTRACTOR may request the recipient enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State, and, in addition, CONTRACTOR may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

## APPENDIX B

### CLAUSES FOR DEEDS TRANSFERRING UNITED STATES PROPERTY

The following clauses will be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4:

**NOW THEREFORE**, the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the recipient will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with Title 23 U.S.C., the regulations for the administration of the preceding statute, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the FHWA of the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the recipient all the right, title and interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

### (HABENDUM CLAUSE)

**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** said lands and interests therein unto the recipient and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the recipient, its successors and assigns. The recipient, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interest in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person

will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and]\* (2) that the recipient will use the lands and interests in lands and interest in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended[, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned non-discrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said lands, and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction].\*

(\*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

## APPENDIX C

### CLAUSES FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY, OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the recipient pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

A. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:

1. In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.

B. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the recipient will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued.\*

C. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the recipient will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the recipient and its assigns.\*

(\*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)



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**APPENDIX D****CLAUSES FOR CONSTRUCTION/USE/ACCESS TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER THE  
ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM**

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/agreements entered into by the recipient pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b):

A. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, "as a covenant running with the land") that (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishings of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits or, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.

B. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.) in the event of breach of any of the above of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the recipient will have the right to terminate the (license, permits, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued.\*

C. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the recipient will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the recipient and its assigns.

(\*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

**APPENDIX E**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities, including, but not limited to:

**Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:**

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex;
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CR Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 U.S.C. § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);

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- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
  - The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
  - Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
  - Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
  - Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

Federal Trainee Program Special Provisions  
(to be used when applicable)**14. FEDERAL TRAINEE PROGRAM**

~~For the Federal training program, the number of trainees or apprentices is \_\_\_\_.~~

~~This section applies if a number of trainees or apprentices is specified in the special provisions.~~

~~As part of the prime contractor's equal opportunity affirmative action program, provide on the job training to develop full journeymen in the types of trades or job classifications involved.~~

~~The prime contractor has primary responsibility for meeting this training requirement.~~

~~If the prime contractor subcontracts a contract part, they shall determine how many trainees or apprentices are to be trained by the subcontractor. Include these training requirements in each subcontract.~~

~~Where feasible, 25 percent of apprentices or trainees in each occupation must be in their 1st year of apprenticeship or training.~~

~~Distribute the number of apprentices or trainees among the work classifications on the basis of the prime contractor's needs and the availability of journeymen in the various classifications within a reasonable recruitment area.~~

~~Before starting work, the prime contractor shall submit to the City/County of \_\_\_\_\_ :~~

- ~~1. Number of apprentices or trainees to be trained for each classification~~
- ~~2. Training program to be used~~
- ~~3. Training starting date for each classification~~

~~The prime contractor shall obtain the City/County of \_\_\_\_\_ approval for this submitted information before the prime contractor starts work. The City/County of \_\_\_\_\_ credits the prime contractor for each apprentice or trainee the prime contractor employs on the job who is currently enrolled or becomes enrolled in an approved program.~~

~~The primary objective of this section is to train and upgrade minorities and women toward journeyman status. The prime contractor shall make every effort to enroll minority and women apprentices or trainees, such as conducting systematic and direct recruitment through public and private sources likely to yield minority and women apprentices or trainees, to the extent they are available within a reasonable recruitment area and show that they have made the efforts. In making these efforts, the prime contractor shall not discriminate against any applicant for training.~~

~~The prime contractor shall not employ as an apprentice or trainee an employee:~~

- ~~1. In any classification in which the employee has successfully completed a training course leading to journeyman status or in which the employee has been employed as a journeyman~~
- ~~2. Who is not registered in a program approved by the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training~~

~~The prime contractor shall ask the employee if the employee has successfully completed a training course leading to journeyman status or has been employed as a journeyman. The prime contractor's records must show the employee's answers to the questions.~~

~~In the training program, the prime contractor shall establish the minimum length and training type for each classification. The City/County of \_\_\_\_\_ and FHWA approves a program if one of the following is met:~~

- ~~1. It is calculated to:
  - ~~• Meet the equal employment opportunity responsibilities~~
  - ~~• Qualify the average apprentice or trainee for journeyman status in the classification involved by the end of the training period~~~~
- ~~2. It is registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, and it is administered in a way consistent with the equal employment responsibilities of Federal aid highway construction contracts~~

~~The prime contractor shall obtain the State's approval for their training program before they start work involving the classification covered by the program.~~

~~The prime contractor shall provide training in the construction crafts, not in clerk typist or secretarial type positions. Training is allowed in lower level management positions such as office engineers, estimators, and timekeepers if the training is oriented toward construction applications. Training is allowed in the laborer classification if significant and meaningful training is provided and approved by the division office. Off-site training is allowed if the training is an integral part of an approved training program and does not make up a significant part of the overall training.~~

~~The City/County of \_\_\_\_\_ reimburses the prime contractor 80 cents per hour of training given an employee on this contract under an approved training program:~~

- ~~1. For on-site training~~
- ~~2. For off-site training if the apprentice or trainee is currently employed on a Federal aid project and prime contractor does at least one of the following:~~
  - ~~a. Contribute to the cost of the training~~
  - ~~b. Provide the instruction to the apprentice or trainee~~
  - ~~c. Pay the apprentice's or trainee's wages during the off-site training period~~
- ~~3. If the prime contractor complies with this section.~~

~~Each apprentice or trainee must:~~

- ~~1. Begin training on the project as soon as feasible after the start of work involving the apprentice's or trainee's skill~~
- ~~2. Remain on the project as long as training opportunities exist in the apprentice's or trainee's work classification or until the apprentice or trainee has completed the training program~~

~~The prime contractor shall furnish the apprentice or trainee with a copy of the program that the prime contractor will comply with in providing the training.~~

## 15. PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

In response to significant national security concerns, the agency shall check the prohibited vendor list before making any telecommunications and video surveillance purchase because recipients and subrecipients of federal funds are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

- Procure or obtain;
- Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
- Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

The prohibited vendors (and their subsidiaries or affiliates) are:

- Huawei Technologies Company;
- ZTE Corporation;
- Hytera Communications Corporation;
- Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company;
- Dahua Technology Company; and
- Subsidiaries or affiliates of the above-mentioned companies.

In implementing the prohibition, the agency administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.

The contractors should furnish telecommunications and video surveillance equipment with a certificate of compliance. The certificate must state telecommunications and video surveillance equipment was not procured or obtained from manufacturers identified in the above list.