

AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR

The Parties to this agreement are:

Owner:

FORT BEND COUNTY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY,
a political subdivision of the State of Texas.
c/o The Muller Law Group, PLLC
202 Century Square Blvd.
Sugar Land, Texas 77478

Contractor:

Creacom, Inc.
Attention Thomas Crea
21333 Huffsmith Kohrville Rd.
Tomball, TX 77375

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 20th day of February, 2023, between the Parties, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, and under the conditions expressed in the Bonds bearing event date herewith, the Contractor and Owner hereby agree as follows:

Scope of Work:

Contractor shall commence and complete the Work generally described as follows:

Illumination Maintenance
for Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road and Fort Bend Westpark Tollway
for Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority,
Fort Bend County, Texas

and all extra work in connection therewith, as agreed to by the Parties hereof ("Extra Work"), under the terms as stated in this Agreement and the Contract Documents (as defined herein), and, at Contractor's own proper cost and expense, to furnish all the materials, supplies, machinery, equipment, tools, superintendence, labor, insurance, and other accessories and services necessary to complete the said Work, in accordance with the conditions and prices stated in the Specifications and Bid attached hereto and in accordance with the contract documents, including, but not limited to, invitation to bidders, instructions to bidders, all documents referenced in the Governing Specifications and Special Provisions, General Notes, plans, and other drawings and printed or written explanatory matter thereof (collectively, "Plans"), and the Specifications and Bid and other technical specifications (collectively, "Technical Specifications"), on file with Engineer (collectively, "Contract Documents"). Contractor represents and warrants to the Owner that it has carefully examined this Agreement and all other Contract Documents, which are made a part of the Agreement, and is thoroughly familiar therewith.

Under this Agreement and the Contract Documents, Contractor shall furnish all materials, appliances, tools, equipment, transportation, services, and all labor and superintendence necessary for the Work as described in the Technical Specifications and as shown on the Plans. The completed Work shall not lack any part that can be reasonably implied as necessary to its proper functioning or any subsidiary item that is customarily furnished, and Contractor shall deliver the Work to Owner in operating condition.

The Work, in general, under the Agreement includes:

Illumination Maintenance for Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road and Fort Bend Westpark Tollway

Time for Completion:

The Contractor hereby agrees to begin work within **10 calendar days** after Engineer has given written Notice to Proceed. Contractor hereby also agrees to achieve Final Acceptance (as defined in Section 12 of Item 5 of the Texas Department of Transportation's Items 1-9, General Requirements and Covenants) of the Work within **90 calendar days** after the date of the written Notice to Proceed.

Surety Bonds Required:

It is further agreed by the parties to this Agreement that Contractor will execute:

- a Payment Bond in the sum of 100% of the initial Contract Price (as defined herein), if the initial Contract Price is \$25,000 or more
AND
- a Performance Bond in the sum of 100% of the initial Contract Price, if the initial Contract Price is \$100,000 or more,

for the satisfactory performance of the Work, the fulfillment of any guarantees required, and the prompt payment to all persons supplying labor and materials in the prosecution of the Work, in accordance with this Agreement on the forms provided for this purpose; and it is agreed that this Agreement shall not be in effect until such Bonds are furnished and approved by Owner. Upon increase of the Contract Price authorized by Change Order, Contractor shall immediately provide revised Bonds for such increased Contract Price. Contractor's failure to provide compliant Bonds may be grounds for immediate termination regardless of whether the Contractor has started the Work.

All Bonds shall be in the form prescribed by the Contract Documents except as required otherwise by applicable laws or regulations, and shall be executed by such sureties as are named in the current list of "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" as published in Circular 370 (amended) by the Financial Management Service, Surety Bond Branch, U.S. Department of the Treasury. A certified copy of the agent's authority to act must accompany all Bonds signed by an agent. Surety must have a minimum Best's Key Rating of "B+". If the surety company does not have such a rating due to the length of time it has existed, the surety company must be eligible to participate in the surety bond guarantee

program of the Small Business Administration and must be an approved surety listed in the current U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570, and must meet all of the rules and regulations of the Treasury Department with respect to performance and payment bonds for federal jobs, including specifically the rules related to the underwriting limitation.

For bonds over \$100,000, the surety must also hold a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury to qualify as a surety on obligations permitted or required under federal law, or have obtained reinsurance for any liability in excess of \$1,000,000 from a reinsurer that is authorized and admitted as a reinsurer in the State of Texas and is the holder of a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury to qualify as a surety or reinsurer on obligations permitted or required under federal law. The person executing the Bonds must be a licensed Texas local recording agent and such licensing must be recorded in the files of the Texas Department of Insurance.

The person executing the Bonds must be authorized by the surety company to execute the Bonds on behalf of the company in the amount required for this Agreement and such authorization must be recorded in the files of the Texas Department of Insurance. This Agreement shall not be in effect until such Bonds have been provided by the Contractor and accepted by the Owner.

If the surety on any Bond furnished by Contractor is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent, its right to do business is terminated in any state where any part of the project is located, or it ceases to meet the requirements herein, Contractor shall promptly notify Owner and Engineer, and shall, within 10 calendar days after the event giving rise to such notification, provide another Bond and surety to fulfill the required obligations.

Contract Price:

The Contract Price for this Work is One hundred sixty-seven thousand, nine hundred seventy-eight and sixty-six cents (\$167,978.66). The initial Contract Price may increase or decrease due to Change Orders and the Contract Price Adjustment as provided by this Agreement and the Contract Documents.

Owner agrees to pay Contractor's invoices for work performed, in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents, in an aggregate amount not to exceed the Contract Price, plus Change Orders and Extra Work approved by the Board of Directors of the Owner. Failure by Owner to make such payments to the Contractor shall constitute a default by Owner and shall entitle the Contractor to all rights and remedies arising under the Contract Documents for a default in payment of sums due.

Contractor and Owner agree that time is of the essence of this Agreement. Therefore, Contractor and Owner agree that for each and every calendar day the Work or any portion thereof shall remain incomplete after the expiration of the time limits set in the Agreement, or as extended under the provisions of the Contract Documents, the Contract Price will decrease by \$250.00 for Final Acceptance ("Contract Price Adjustment"). The Owner shall have the option to deduct and withhold said amount from any monies that the Owner owes the Contractor or its sureties or to recover such amount from the Contractor or the sureties on the Contractor's performance bond.

FORT BEND COUNTY
TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY

AGREEMENT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have executed this Agreement in the year and day first above written.

FORT BEND COUNTY TOLL ROAD
AUTHORITY

Owner

By: 

Name: Swapan Dhairyawan

Title: Secretary

Creacom, Inc.

Contractor


By: 

Name: Thomas Crea

Title: President

(The following to be executed if Contractor is a Corporation)

I, Terry A Kennedy certify that I am the secretary of the Corporation named as Contractor herein; that Thomas Crea, who signed this Agreement on behalf of Contractor, was then President of said Corporation; that said Agreement was duly signed for and on behalf of said Corporation by authority of its governing body and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

Signed: 

Corporate Seal

EFFECTIVE DATE

THIS AGREEMENT IS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE IT IS APPROVED BY THE FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, AND IF NOT SO APPROVED SHALL BE NULL AND VOID.

DATE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVAL: _____

AGENDA ITEM NO.: _____

Fort Bend And West Park Tollway
Illumination Maintenance
Bid Form

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>	<u>Estimated Quantity</u>		<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
502-2001	BARRICADES, SIGNS AND TRAFFIC HANDLING	LS	1.00	X	\$26,114.69	= \$26,114.69
610-6057	IN RD IL (TY SA) 40T-10 (250W EQ) LED	EA	1.00	X	\$6,867.39	\$6,867.39
620 2009	ELEC CONDR (NO. 6) BARE (Ground Rdwy ILL Pole)	EA	86.00	X	\$464.02	\$39,905.72
620 6007	ELEC CONOR (NO. 8) BARE	LF	1,130.00	X	\$1.20	\$1,356.00
620 6008	ELEC CONDR (NO. 8) INSULATED	LF	2,260.00	X	\$1.63	\$3,683.80
628 9001	INSTALL TVSS	EA	18.00	X	\$1,497.72	\$26,958.96
9000 9001	LED REPLACE FIXTURES(250W)	EA	86.00	X	\$617.35	\$53,092.10
	FORCE ACCOUNT: LAW ENFORCEMENT & SAFETY					\$10,000.00
Grand Total						\$167,978.66

The work is to make needed repairs to existing illumination along the Fort Bend Westpark Tollway and the Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road. All work shall conform to and meet requirements of TxDOT 2014 Specification Items listed above, and Items 1-9. Payment will be made for the actual quantities completed. FBCTRA will receive the warranty provided by the manufacturer of any installed equipment/materials.

Tollway: Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road and Fort Bend
Westpark Tollway

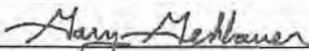
Project No.: Maintenance FR1

County: Fort Bend

The enclosed Texas Department of Transportation and Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority Specifications, Special Provisions, General Notes and Specification Data in this document have been selected by me, or under my responsible supervision, as being applicable to this project(s).

NOTE: For the purpose of constructing this Specifications and Bid and the attached form of Contract, the Texas Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Construction of Highways, Streets and Bridges, as adopted by the Texas Department of Transportation on November 1, 2014, hereinafter referred to are approved and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes by the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority as official specifications, together with and to be modified by the Special Provisions and Special Specifications as are listed herein.





Project Manager

BGE, Inc.

February 13, 2023

Date:

GOVERNING SPECIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

All Specifications and Special Provisions applicable to this Project are identified as follows:

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

Adopted by the Texas Department of Transportation November 1, 2014. Standard Specifications are incorporated into the Contract by reference.

Items 1, 2, 4 - 9	General Requirements and Covenants
Item 502	Barricades, Signs, and Traffic Handling (5)(9)
Item 610	Roadway Illumination Assemblies
Item 620	Electrical Conductors
Item 628	Electrical Services

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Special Provisions will govern and take precedence over the Specifications enumerated hereon wherever in conflict therewith. All Special Provisions are included herein.

Prevailing Wages	
Special Provision	General (FBGPTRA)
Special Provision to Item 2	Instructions to Bidders (FBGPTRA) 002-001
Special Provision to Item 4	Scope of Work (FBGPTRA) 004-001
Special Provision to Item 7	Legal Relations and Responsibilities 007-001(FBGPTRA)
Special Provision to Item 8	Prosecution and Progress (FBGPTRA)
Special Provision to Item 9	Measurement and Payment (FBGPTRA) 009-001

SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS

Special Specifications are included herein.

Item 6185	Truck Mounted Attenuator (TMA) and Trailer Attenuator (TA)
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General: The above-listed specification items are those under which payment is to be made. These, together with such other pertinent items, if any, as may be referred to in the above-listed specification items, and including the Special Provisions listed above, constitute the complete specifications for this contract.

"General Decision Number: TX20210038 01/01/2021

Superseded General Decision Number: TX20200038

State: Texas

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, Orange, San Jacinto and Waller Counties in Texas.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (excluding tunnels, building structures in rest area projects & railroad construction; bascule, suspension & spandrel arch bridges designed for commercial navigation, bridges involving marine construction; and other major bridges).

Note: Under Executive Order (EO) 13658, an hourly minimum wage of \$10.95 for calendar year 2021 applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2015. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must pay all workers in any classification listed on this wage determination at least \$10.95 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in calendar year 2021. If this contract is covered by the EO and a classification considered necessary for performance of work on the contract does not appear on this wage determination, the contractor must pay workers in that classification at least the wage rate determined through the conformance process set forth in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(ii) (or the EO minimum wage rate, if it is higher than the conformed wage rate). The EO minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Please note that this EO applies to the above-mentioned types of contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but it does not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 5.1(a)(2)-(60). Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

Modification Number Publication Date

0 01/01/2021

* SUTX2011-013 08/10/2011

Rates Fringes

CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE

FINISHER (Paving and Structures).....\$ 12.98
ELECTRICIAN.....\$ 27.11

FORM BUILDER/FORM SETTER

Paving & Curb.....\$ 12.34
Structures.....\$ 12.23

LABORER

Asphalt Raker.....\$ 12.36
Flagger.....\$ 10.33
Laborer, Common.....\$ 11.02
Laborer, Utility.....\$ 11.73
Pipelayer.....\$ 12.12
Work Zone Barricade
Servicer.....\$ 11.67

PAINTER (Structures).....\$ 18.62

POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:

Asphalt Distributor.....\$ 14.06
Asphalt Paving Machine.....\$ 14.32
Broom or Sweeper.....\$ 12.68
Concrete Pavement
Finishing Machine.....\$ 13.07
Concrete Paving, Curing,
Float, Texturing Machine....\$ 11.71
Concrete Saw.....\$ 13.99
Crane, Hydraulic 80 Tons
or less.....\$ 13.86
Crane, Lattice boom 80
tons or less.....\$ 14.97
Crane, Lattice boom over
80 Tons.....\$ 15.80
Crawler Tractor.....\$ 13.68

Excavator, 50,000 pounds
 or less.....\$ 12.71
 Excavator, Over 50,000
 pounds.....\$ 14.53
 Foundation Drill, Crawler
 Mounted.....\$ 17.43
 Foundation Drill, Truck
 Mounted.....\$ 15.89
 Front End Loader 3 CY or
 Less.....\$ 13.32
 Front End Loader, Over 3 CY.\$ 13.17
 Loader/Backhoe.....\$ 14.29
 Mechanic.....\$ 16.96
 Milling Machine.....\$ 13.53
 Motor Grader, Fine Grade....\$ 15.69
 Motor Grader, Rough.....\$ 14.23
 Off Road Hauler.....\$ 14.60
 Pavement Marking Machine....\$ 11.18
 Piledriver.....\$ 14.95
 Roller, Asphalt.....\$ 11.95
 Roller, Other.....\$ 11.57
 Scraper.....\$ 13.47
 Spreader Box.....\$ 13.58

 Servicer.....\$ 13.97
 Steel Worker
 Reinforcing Steel.....\$ 15.15
 Structural Steel Welder.....\$ 12.85
 Structural Steel.....\$ 14.39

TRUCK DRIVER

Low Boy Float.....\$ 16.03
 Single Axle.....\$ 11.46
 Single or Tandem Axle Dump..\$ 11.48
 Tandem Axle Tractor w/Semi
 Trailer.....\$ 12.27

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

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2017. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must provide employees with 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours they work, up to 56 hours of paid sick leave each year. Employees must be permitted to use paid sick leave for their own illness, injury or other health-related needs, including preventive care; to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is ill, injured, or has other health-related needs, including preventive care; or for reasons resulting from, or to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is a victim of, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

The body of each wage determination lists the classification and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of ""identifiers"" that indicate whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate for local), a survey rate (weighted average rate) or a union average rate (weighted union average rate). Union Rate Identifiers A four letter classification abbreviation identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than ""SU"" or ""UAVG"" denotes that the union classification and rate were prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example:

PLUM0198-005 07/01/2014. PLUM is an abbreviation identifier of the union which prevailed in the survey for this classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198 indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. 07/01/2014 is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate, which in this example is July 1, 2014.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all rate changes in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing this classification and rate.

Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the ""SU"" identifier indicate that no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average

rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As this weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average

calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier. Survey wage rates are not updated and remain in effect until a new survey is conducted. Union Average Rate Identifiers Classification(s) listed under the UAVG identifier indicate that no single majority rate prevailed for those classifications; however, 100% of the data reported for the classifications was union data. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010 08/29/2014. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the state. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 08/29/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January of each year, to reflect a weighted average of the current negotiated/CBA rate of the union locals from which the rate is based.

WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wage and Hour Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

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

Administrative Review Board
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

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END OF GENERAL DECISION

FORT BEND GRAND PARKWAY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY

SPECIAL PROVISION – GENERAL

For this project, the following sections of the Texas Standard Specifications (“TSS”) are hereby modified with respect to the clauses cited below and no other clauses or requirements of the TSS are waived or changed hereby.

Global – All references to “State” or “Department” are replaced with “Authority.”

FORT BEND GRAND PRAKWAY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY
SPECIAL PROVISION TO ITEM 2
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Item 2, “Instructions to Bidders,” of the Texas Department of Transportation Standard Specifications is hereby amended with respect to the clauses cited below. No other clauses or requirements are waived or changed.

Except for Section 1, the remainder of Item 2 is voided and replaced by the following:

Section 2, Eligibility of Bidders.

To demonstrate Bidder’s qualifications to perform the Work, after submitting its Bid and within five (5) days of FBGPTRA’s request, Bidder shall submit (a) written evidence establishing its qualifications such as financial data, previous experience, and present commitments, and (b) the following additional information:

- Evidence of Bidder’s authority to do business in the state of Texas.
- Bidder’s state or other contractor license number, if applicable.
- Subcontractor and Supplier qualification information.
- Evidence that Bidder has successfully completed 4 similar projects under the direction of the same firm. Successfully completed projects shall be located in the Houston area, completed within the last 3 years and shall be similar to this Work in scope and in magnitude of cost.

A Bidder’s failure to submit required qualification information within the times indicated may disqualify Bidder from receiving an award of the Contract.

Section 3, Issuing Bid Forms. Request bid forms orally, in writing, or electronically.

In the case of a joint venture, all joint venture participants must be prequalified. An equally divided portion of the Engineer’s estimate must be within each participant’s available bidding capacity.

The FBGPTRA will not issue a bid form for a proposed Contract if one or more of the following apply:

- The Bidder is disqualified by an agency of the federal government.
- The Bidder is suspended or debarred by the TxDOT Commission, or is prohibited from rebidding a specific proposal because of bid error or failure to enter into a Contract of the first awarded bid.
- The Bidder has not fulfilled the requirements for prequalification.

- The Bidder or a subsidiary or affiliate of the Bidder has received compensation from the FBGPTRA to participate in the preparation of the plans or specifications on which the bid or Contract is based.
- The Bidder did not attend an advertised mandatory pre-bid conference.

Section 4, Interpreting Estimated Quantities. The quantities listed in the bid form are approximate and will be used for the comparison of bids. Payments will be made for the work performed in accordance with the Contract.

Section 5, Examining Documents and Work Locations. Examine the bid form, plans, specifications, and specified work locations before submitting a bid for the work contemplated. Submitting a bid will be considered evidence that the Bidder has performed this examination. Borings, soil profiles, water elevations, and underground utilities shown on the plans were obtained for use of the FBGPTRA in the preparation of plans. This information is provided for the Bidder's information only and the FBGPTRA makes no representation as to the accuracy of the data. Be aware of the difficulty of accurately classifying all material encountered in making foundation investigations, the possible erosion of stream channels and banks after survey data have been obtained, and the unreliability of water elevations other than for the date recorded.

Oral explanations, instructions, or consideration for contractor-proposed changes in the Items of work, specifications, plans or bid forms given during the bidding process are not binding. Only requirements included in the bid form, associated specifications, plans and FBGPTRA issued addenda are binding. Request explanations of documents in adequate time to allow the FBGPTRA to reply before the bid opening date.

Immediately notify the FBGPTRA of any error, omission, or ambiguity discovered in any part of the bid form, specifications or plans. The FBGPTRA will issue an addendum when appropriate.

Section 6, Preparing the Bid. Prepare the bid on the form furnished by the FBGPTRA. Bid forms may be printed or electronic (if permitted). Informational forms will not be accepted.

Specify a unit price in dollars and cents for each Item for which an estimated quantity is given. When "Working Days" is an Item, submit the number of working days to be used to complete the Contract, or phases of the Contract shown on the plans.

An Item left blank will constitute an incomplete bid and will be handled as prescribed in Section 11, "Tabulating Bids." Include unit bid prices for each Item in the Item group or alternate Item group, except for instances when alternate Items pertain to foreign steel or iron materials.

If a bid form contains both regular bid Items for domestic and alternate bid Items pertaining to foreign steel or iron materials the bidder must either:

- Submit unit bid prices for domestic bid items only, or
- Submit unit bid prices for both the alternate foreign bid items and domestic bid items.

Verify whether addenda have been issued on a proposed Contract. Acknowledge all addenda.

Section 7, Nonresponsive Bids. A bid that has one or more of the deficiencies listed below is nonresponsive and will not be considered.

- The person or, in the case of a manually submitted joint venture bid, persons did not sign the bid form.
- The proposal guaranty did not comply with the requirements contained in Article 2.8, “Bid Guaranty.”
- The bid was in a form other than the official bid form issued to the Bidder or Bidders.
- The bid was not in the hands of the letting official at the time and location specified in the advertisement. For electronic bids, “in the hands of the letting official” means CivCast vault acknowledgement.
- The bid form submitted had the incorrect number of Items.
- A computer printout, when used, was not signed in the name of the Bidder (or joint Bidders, in the case of a joint venture), or omitted required Items or included an Item or Items not shown in the bid form.
- The Bidder was not authorized to receive a bid form under Article 2.3, “Issuing Bid Forms.”
- The Bidder failed to acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued.
- The Bidder bid more than the maximum or less than the minimum number of allowable working days shown on the plans when working days was an Item.
- The Bidder modified the bid in a manner that altered the conditions or requirements for work as stated in the bid form.
- The Bidder did not attend a specified mandatory pre-bid conference.
- The FBGPTRA will not accept or read any of the bids submitted on the same project by:
 - A joint venture and one or more of its partners, or
 - Affiliated bidders.

Section 8, Electronic Bid (if permitted).

Section 8.1. Electronic Bid Form (if permitted). Use the electronic bid form in CivCast. Acknowledge an addendum by initialing each addendum listed under the addenda tab in CivCast.

Article 8.2. Bid Guaranty. For electronic bids, upload a copy of the guaranty check or bid bond on CivCast. Submit the original guaranty check or bid bond within 24 hours to FBGPTRA.

Article 8.3. Electronically Submitted Bids (if permitted). Submit the electronic bid to the electronic vault using CIVCAST. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the bid is received by the electronic vault on or before the time and date set for the opening.

Article 8.4. Revising Bid Forms. Make desired changes up until the time and date set for the opening of bids using CIVCAST. The electronically submitted bid with the latest time stamp by the electronic vault will be used for tabulation purposes.

Article 8.4.1. After Bid Opening. Revisions to bids are not allowed after the time and date set for the opening.

Article 8.5. Withdrawing Bids. Submit a written request to withdraw the bid. For a written request, submit a signed request to the Letting Official. A request to withdraw an electronic bid must be made by a person authorized to bind the Bidder and must be made prior to the time and date set for the opening. For written request for withdrawals of electronic bids and in the case of joint venture, the FBGPTRA will accept a request from any person authorized to bind a party to the joint venture to withdraw a bid.

Article 8.6. The FBGPTRA will not be responsible for Internet unavailability. The FBGPTRA will not provide a computer for preparing, submitting, revising or withdrawing an electronic bid.

Section 9, Printed Bid.

Article 9.1. Printed Bid Form. Make all entries and execute the bid form in ink. Acknowledge all addenda by checking the appropriate box on the addendum acknowledgement page. Provide the complete and correct name of the Bidder submitting the bid. A person authorized to bind the Bidder must sign the bid form. In the case of a joint venture, provide the complete and correct name of all Bidders submitting the bid. The bid form must be signed by person(s) authorized to bind the Bidder(s).

As an alternative to hand writing the unit prices in the bid form, submit a computer printout signed by the person authorized to bind the Bidder or for a joint venture the persons authorized to bind the Bidders. As a minimum, computer printouts must contain the information in the format shown on the "Example of Bid Prices Submitted by Computer Printout" form in the bid form.

Article 9.2. Bid Guaranty. The bid guaranty amount is fixed at the amount indicated on the bid form on the date the bid form is released to the public. Provide a bid guaranty in the amount indicated on the bid form as follows:

- For printed bids, use either a guaranty check or a bid bond.

Article 9.2.1. Guaranty Check. The guaranty check must be payable to Fort Bend Grand Parkway Toll Road Authority and must be a cashier's check, money order, or teller's check drawn by or on a state or national bank, a savings and loan association, or a state or federally chartered credit union (collectively referred to as "bank"). The check must be dated on or before the date of the bid opening. Post dated checks will not be accepted. The type of check or money order must be indicated on the face of the instrument and the instrument must be no more than 90 days old. A check must be made payable at or through the institution issuing the instrument; be

drawn by a bank and on a bank; or be payable at or through a bank. The FBGPTRA will not accept personal checks, certified checks, or other types of money orders as a bid guaranty.

Article 9.2.2. Bid Bond. The bid bond shall be on the American Institute of Architects, AIA Document 310, with powers of attorney attached, and in the amount specified on the bid bond form. The bond form must be dated on or before the date of the bid opening, bear the impressed seal of the Surety and be signed by the Bidder or Bidders, in the case of a joint venture, and an authorized individual of the Surety. As an alternative for joint venture Bidders, each of the Bidders may submit a separate bid bond, completed as outlined in this Subarticle. Bid bonds will only be accepted from Sureties authorized to execute a bond under and in accordance with state law.

Article 9.3. Submittal of Bid. Place the completed bid form and the bid guaranty in a sealed envelope marked to indicate the contents.

When submitting by mail or delivery service, place the envelope in another sealed envelope and address as indicated in the official advertisement. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed bid arrives at the location described in the official advertisement of the project on or before the time and date set for the opening. The bid must be in the hands of the Letting Official by that time, regardless of the method chosen for delivery, in order to be accepted.

In addition to the requirements above, all pages of a bid form printed from CIVCAST must be submitted.

Article 9.4. Revising Bid Forms. Revisions to bids will be handled as follows:

Article 9.4.1. Before Submission. Make desired changes to the printed bid form in ink and initial the changes.

Article 9.4.2. After Submission. Withdraw the bid in accordance with Article 2.11, "Withdrawing Bids." Make desired changes to the printed bid form in ink and initial the changes. Resubmit to the Letting Official in accordance with Article 2.9, "Delivery of Bid." The FBGPTRA will not make revisions to a bid on behalf of a Bidder.

Article 9.4.3. After Bid Opening. Revisions to bids are not allowed after the time and date set for the opening.

Article 9.5. Withdrawing Bids. Submit a signed written request to the Letting Official. The FBGPTRA will not accept telephone or electronic requests, but will accept a properly signed telefacsimile request. The request must be made by a person authorized to bind the Bidder, and must be in the hands of the Letting Official before the time and date set for the opening. In the case of joint venture, the FBGPTRA will accept a request from any person authorized to bind a party to the joint venture to withdrawal a bid.

Section 10, Opening and Reading of Bids. At the time, date and location specified in the official advertisement, the Letting Official will publicly:

- Open and read manually submitted bids; and
- Read electronically submitted bids.

Section 11, Tabulating Bids.

Article 11.1. Official Total Bid Amount. The FBGPTRA will sum the products of the quantities and the unit prices bid in the bid form to determine the official total bid amount. Except as provided in Section 11.5.3., “Special Item Considerations,” the official total bid amount is the basis for determining the apparent low Bidder. The total bid amounts will be compared and the results made public.

Article 11.2. Consideration of Bid Format. When a Bidder submits both an electronic bid and a properly completed manual bid, the unit bid prices in the manual bid will be used to determine the total bid amount. If a bidder submits an electronic bid and an incomplete manual bid, the electronic bid will be used in the tabulation of the total bid amount.

If a bidder submits two or more manual bids, all responsive bids will be tabulated. The bid with the lowest tabulation will be used to determine the total bid amount.

Article 11.3. Rounding of Unit Prices. The FBGPTRA will round off all unit bids involving fractional parts of a cent to the nearest one-tenth cent (\$0.001) in determining the amount of the bid as well as computing the amount due for payment of each Item under the Contract. For rounding purposes, entries of five-hundredths of a cent (\$0.0005) or more will be rounded up to the next highest tenth of a cent, while entries less than five-hundredths of a cent will be rounded down to the next lowest tenth of a cent.

Article 11.4. Interpretation of Unit Prices. The FBGPTRA will make a documented determination of the unit bid price for tabulation purposes if a unit bid price is illegible. The FBGPTRA’s determination will be final.

Article 11.5. Consideration of Unit Prices. Unit bid price entries such as no dollars and no cents, zero dollars and zero cents, or numerical entries of \$0.00, will be tabulated as one-tenth of a cent (\$0.001).

The FBGPTRA will consider proposals where unit bid prices have been left blank incomplete and nonresponsive. If a proposal has a regular and a corresponding alternate Item or group of Items, the bid will be considered complete if:

- The regular Item or group of regular Items has unit prices entered, or
- The alternate Item or group of alternate Items has unit prices entered.

The bid will be considered incomplete and nonresponsive if:

- A regular Item or group of regular Items is left blank, and
- A corresponding alternate Item or group of alternate Items is left blank.

Article 11.5.1. Consideration of Alternate Items. The FBGPTRA will make two calculations using one-tenth of a cent (\$0.001) for each Item if:

- A regular Item or a group of Items have an entry such as no dollars and no cents, zero dollars and zero cents, or numerical entries of \$0.00, and

- A corresponding alternate Item or group of Items, have an entry such as no dollars and no cents, zero dollars and zero cents, or numerical entries of \$0.00.

The FBGPTRA will select the regular Item or Items or the alternate Item or Items at the FBGPTRA's discretion if both the regular and alternate bid results in the same cost to the State.

The FBGPTRA will use the unit price that is greater than zero for bid tabulation if:

- A unit price greater than zero has been entered for either a regular bid or a corresponding alternate Item or group of Items, and
- An entry of no dollars and no cents, zero dollars and zero cents, or a numerical entry of \$0.00 has been entered for the other corresponding Item or group of Items.

If a unit price has been entered for both the regular Item and a corresponding alternate Item, the FBGPTRA will select the option (regular or alternate) that results in the lowest cost to the State. The FBGPTRA will select the regular Item or Items or the alternate Item or Items at the FBGPTRA's discretion if both the regular and alternate bid results in the same cost to the State.

Article 11.5.2. Special Item Considerations.

Article 11.5.2.1. Rubber Additives. For proposed Contracts without federal funds, if an alternate Item for "Hot Asphalt-Rubber Surface Treatments" or "Hot Mix Asphalt Concrete Pavement" which contains ground tire rubber is shown in the bid form and the Bidder bids that alternate Item, the amounts bid for "Hot Asphalt-Rubber" and "Aggregate" or "Hot Mix Asphalt Concrete" will be reduced to 85% of the amounts actually bid. This reduction will only be used for the purposes of determining the lowest Bidder. To qualify, the ground tire rubber used must be produced from scrap tire ground in a facility in Texas. Payment for "Hot Asphalt-Rubber" and "Aggregate" or "Hot Mix Asphalt Concrete" will be at the actual unit prices bid.

Article 11.5.2.2. "Buy America." For proposed Contracts where unit bid prices are submitted for both domestic and foreign steel or iron materials, the total bid amount will be calculated using both the domestic and foreign steel unit bid prices. If the total bid amount using the foreign steel or iron materials is the low bid, and the lowest bid using domestic steel or iron materials exceeds the low bid using foreign steel or iron materials by 25% or more, the apparent low Bidder will be the bid using foreign steel or iron materials. If the difference between the low bid using foreign steel or iron materials and the lowest bid using domestic steel or iron materials is less than 25%, the apparent low Bidder will be the bid using domestic steel or iron materials.

Article 11.5.2.3. Home State Bidding Preference. For the purpose of determining the apparent low Bidder on proposed Contracts without federal funds, the total bid amount will be based upon the reverse application of the non-resident Bidder's home state bidding preference, if any.

Section 12, Consideration of Bid Errors. The FBGPTRA will consider a claim of a bid error by the apparent low Bidder if the following requirements have been met:

- Submit written notification to the FBGPTRA within 5 business days after the date the bid is opened.

- Identify the Items of work involved and include bidding documentation. The FBGPTRA may request clarification of submitted documentation.

The FBGPTRA will evaluate the claim of an error by the apparent low Bidder by considering the following:

- The bid error relates to a material Item of work.
- The bid error amount is a significant portion of the total bid.
- The bid error occurred despite the exercise of ordinary care.
- The delay of the proposed work will not impact cost and safety to the public.

Acceptance of the bid error claim by the FBGPTRA will result in the rejection of all bids. The erring Contractor will not be allowed to bid the project when it is relet. Rejection of bids due to the Contractor's bid error may result in the application of sanctions by the FBGPTRA.

Section 13, Gratuities. Do not offer FBGPTRA employees benefits, gifts, or favors. The only exceptions allowed are ordinary business lunches. Failure to honor this policy may result in the termination of the Contract and sanctions under the Texas Administrative Code. Termination of the Contract will be in accordance with Article 8.7, "Termination of Contract."

END OF SPECIAL PROVISION

FORT BEND GRAND PARKWAY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY
SPECIAL PROVISION TO ITEM 4
SCOPE OF WORK

Item 4, "Scope of Work," of the Texas Department of Transportation Standard Specifications is hereby amended with respect to the clauses cited below. No other clauses or requirements are waived or changed.

Section 4, "Changes in the Work," is supplemented by the following:

For purposes of extra work, the following individuals have the authority shown to approve extra work. The Authority has no obligation to pay for extra work unless the Contractor secures written authorization executed by the appropriate person prior to commencement of the work. Extra work may not be split or severed to avoid the requirements of this section.

Mike Stone (Chief Operating Officer):	\$ 50,000 or less
Board of Directors:	greater than \$ 50,000

Article 4.1., "Change Orders," is added as follows:

The unit prices Bid shall govern for additions to, or deductions from the Contract. If materials or labor are required for which no unit price is bid, the price shall be that reached by agreement by the Authority and the Contractor after definite evidence is furnished by the Contractor to the Authority that the price is the current prevailing price in the area. If the Authority and the Contractor cannot agree, the Engineer shall determine the price for changes.

No compensation shall be allowed under a Change Order for any person not actively engaged in the performance of the specified work.

No extra work shall be paid for without an approved Change Order prior to the start of the extra work.

If additional time is required by reason of the Change, the number of days for completion provided for in this Contract shall be adjusted at the time the Change Order is entered into, and if no adjustment is made on the Change Order form, any additional time is to be considered waived by the Contractor.

Any extension of time given shall not release the Contractor or the Surety from their Performance and Payment Bonds or from all obligations hereunder, which shall remain in full force until the discharge of the Contract.

All time limits stated in the Contract Documents are the essence of the agreement. The provisions of this Article shall not exclude recovery of damage (including but not limited to fees

and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court and arbitration costs for delay by Contractor.)

Section 6, “Requests for Additional Compensation and Damages,” is revised by removing the first two paragraphs and replacing as follows:

In the event the Contractor requests additional compensation for work not clearly covered in the contract, the contractor shall notify the Authority in writing of his intention to make a claim for additional compensation before beginning such work, within 21 days of the day Contractor knows or should have known of such claim. The Contractor must provide a written estimate of the amount of the claim or assessment of damages within 30 days of timely notice of the claim. If such notice is not given, then the Contractor waives his right to file a claim for such work. Notice of such claim by the Contractor and the documentation of the cost of the claim work by Contractor shall not be construed as proof or substantiation of the validity of such claim. All such claims must be approved in writing by the Board of Directors of the Authority.

No claims for delay damages may be made nor will the Authority ever be obligated to pay delay damages. Contractor’s sole remedy for damages caused by delay is an extension of the contract time. This limitation applies to delay caused by the Authority and delay caused by third parties only. Contractor will not be entitled to extension of time for delays resulting in whole or part from the Contractor’s actions or omissions.

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SPECIAL PROVISION TO ITEM 7
LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Item 7, “Legal Relations and Responsibilities,” of the Texas Department of Transportation Standard Specifications is hereby modified with respect to the clauses cited below. No other clauses or requirements are waived or changed.

Section 3, “Laws to be Observed,” is supplemented by the addition of the following:

It is the intent of the Authority that all construction work shall be accomplished with minimum disturbance and inconvenience to the public.

The operation of heavy construction equipment over adjacent streets shall be avoided to the greatest extent practicable. If such operation is unavoidable, care shall be taken to prevent the creation of any nuisance, including, but not limited to, the tracking of dirt or the blowing of dust from uncovered loads.

If sites, buildings, and locations of historical, archaeological, educational, or scientific interests are discovered after construction operations are begun, operation in that particular area shall cease immediately and the sites, buildings, or location shall be investigated or evaluated by the FORT BEND GRAND PARKWAY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY (FBGPTRA). An extension of time will be granted, if necessary, for delays caused by these investigations and evaluations. It is specifically understood, however, that if the Contractor is delayed by virtue of an investigation and evaluation that this delay will not be considered as basis for claim for damages or additional compensation of any kind by the Contractor and that an extension of time will be sole remedy of Contractor for such delay.

Section 6, “Personal Liability of Public Officials,” is revised to read in its entirety as follows:

In carrying out provisions of the Contract Documents or in exercising any power or authority granted there under, there shall be no liability for the Project Engineer, the Section Engineer(s), Construction Phase Engineer, their respective officers, employees, subcontractors, or authorized assistants, either personally or otherwise, as they are agents and representatives of the Authority, and there shall be no liability, either personal or otherwise for any member of the Commissioners’ Court, the FBGPTRA, or any of the FBGPTRA’s officers, employees, or consultants. Neither the Contract Document nor FBGPTRA’s or Contractor’s course of conduct shall be deemed to create the relationship of principal and agent by and between the FBGPTRA and the Contractor.

Article 7.7.2, “Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permits and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWP3),” is voided and replaced by the following:

The Contractor will file the Notice of Intent (NOI) and the Notice of Termination (NOT) for work shown on the plans in the right of way. Adhere to all requirements of the SWP3.

Section 15, “Responsibility of Damage Claims,” is voided and replaced by the following:

TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, CONTRACTOR SHALL PROTECT, DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS FORT BEND GRAND PARKWAY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY, THE PROJECT ENGINEER, THE SECTION ENGINEER(S), THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEER, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES (COLLECTIVELY, THE “INDEMNIFIED PARTIES”) FROM AND AGAINST EVERY LOSS, ITEM OF DAMAGE, INJURY, EXPENSE, DEMAND, CLAIM, CAUSE OF ACTION, JUDGMENT OR LIABILITY, OF WHATSOEVER KIND OR CHARACTER, WHETHER ARISING IN CONTRACT OR TORT OR UNDER ANY STATUTE, FOR EVERY ELEMENT OF RECOVERY, WHETHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT, INCLUDING SPECIAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, AND INCLUDING ALL RELATED FINES, FEES AND COSTS, TO INCLUDE ALL FEES AND CHARGES OF ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, ATTORNEYS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS AND ALL COURT OR ARBITRATION OR OTHER DISPUTE RESOLUTION COSTS, FOR:

(I) BODILY INJURY OR DEATH OF AN EMPLOYEE OF ANY CONTRACTOR PARTIES, EVEN IF SUCH BODILY INJURY OR DEATH IS CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OR VIOLATION OF A STATUTE, ORDINANCE, GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION, STANDARD, OR RULE, OR OTHER FAULT OF AN INDEMNIFIED PARTY;AND

(II) BODILY INJURY TO OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON NOT ENCOMPASSED IN (I), ABOVE, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR ECONOMIC LOSS (INCLUDING LOSS OF USE) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF ANY BREACH OF THIS CONTRACT, OR THE BREACH OF ANY COMMON LAW DUTY, OR THE VIOLATION OF ANY STATUTE OR REGULATION BY THE CONTRACTOR PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE (OR NON-PERFORMANCE) OF THE WORK, IN EACH INSTANCE, EVEN IF DUE IN PART TO THE NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OR VIOLATION OF A STATUTE, ORDINANCE, GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION, STANDARD, OR RULE, OR OTHER FAULT OF AN INDEMNIFIED PARTY, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION OF INDEMNIFICATION SHALL NOT EXTEND TO THE PERCENTAGE OF DAMAGES, INJURIES, EXPENSES, DEMANDS, CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, JUDGMENTS, LIABILITIES, COSTS AND FEES CAUSED BY THE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES.

THIS INDEMNITY AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO MEET THE TEXAS "EXPRESS NEGLIGENCE RULE" BECAUSE CONTRACTOR AGREES THAT IT APPLIES AND IS ENFORCEABLE EVEN AS TO LOSSES, DAMAGES, INJURIES, EXPENSES, CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, JUDGMENTS OR LIABILITIES JOINTLY OR CONCURRENTLY CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER FAULT OF THE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES. THE TERM "FAULT" IN THE PREVIOUS SENTENCE INCLUDES THE VIOLATION OR BREACH BY THE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES OF ANY COMMON LAW DUTY, ANY TERM OF THIS CONTRACT, OR ANY STATUTE OR REGULATION.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, THE CONTRACTOR ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TIMELY DELIVERY AND ADEQUACY, ACCURACY AND/OR SUFFICIENCY OF THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, OR DRAWINGS PRODUCED BY FBGPTRA'S ENGINEERS, AND IT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO THE FBGPTRA FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ERRORS, INCONSISTENCIES OR OMISSIONS IN SUCH PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, OR DRAWINGS.

THIS INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION SHALL NOT BE LIMITED IN ANY WAY BY ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CONTRACT OR BY ANY LIMITATIONS ON THE AMOUNT OR TYPE OF DAMAGES, COMPENSATION OR BENEFITS PAYABLE BY OR FOR THE CONTRACTOR PARTIES UNDER WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACTS, DISABILITY BENEFIT ACTS OR OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ACTS.

THIS INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION IS IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER LEGAL, EQUITABLE, OR INDEMNIFICATION REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO THE

INDEMNIFIED PARTIES. THIS INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION SURVIVES THE TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION OF THIS CONTRACT.

CONTRACTOR DOES HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE AND FOREVER RELINQUISH AND DISCHARGE AUTHORITY FROM ALL OF CONTRACTOR'S CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING FROM BODILY INJURY OR DEATH OR DAMAGE TO ANY PROPERTY ARISING OUT OF THE WORK, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE INJURY OR DAMAGE IS CAUSED IN FULL OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER FAULT OF THE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES.

In the event that any statute, rule of law or equitable principle should be held applicable to any indemnity clause contained in this Contract in favor of one or more of the Indemnified Parties which would render void, voidable, or unenforceable any such indemnity clause as to any party by reason of any provisions contained therein, then and in only such event, such indemnity clause shall be deemed modified and read, construed and enforced as to such party with respect to the provisions held to violate the statute, rule of law or equitable principle to require indemnity by Contractor of the Indemnified Parties to the fullest extent required by such indemnity provision modified and limited only to the degree or extent necessary to bring such indemnity into compliance with such statute, rule of law or equitable principle, but otherwise, the indemnity shall remain in full force and effect and binding upon the parties hereto.

Each party hereto agrees and covenants that it will not contest the validity or enforceability of any indemnity or exculpatory provision of this Contract on the basis that the party has no notice or knowledge of such provision or that the provision is not "conspicuous."

If other provisions contain any indemnities or limitations, such indemnities shall be deemed to be cumulative of and to operate independently of the indemnities provided herein to the end that all indemnities provided in the Contract shall be construed to grant indemnity to the Indemnified Parties to the fullest extent of each such indemnity.

Contractor shall include in each of its subcontracts with its subcontractors of every tier provisions the same as in all material respects those contained herein. Such provisions shall be for the benefit of and in favor of the Indemnified Parties and such other parties on whom Contractor and such subcontractors may agree.

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SPECIAL PROVISION TO ITEM 8

PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS

Item 8, "Prosecution and Progress," of the Texas Department of Transportation Standard Specifications is hereby amended with respect to the clauses cited below. No other clauses or requirements are waived or changed.

Section 1, "Prosecution of Work," is revised by removing the first sentence and replacing as follows:

Prior to beginning construction operations, a preconstruction conference between the Contractor and the Engineer will be conducted. Prior to the preconstruction conference, The Contractor shall submit to the Engineer a preliminary CPM progress schedule which details the first 100 days of the contract in accordance with the requirements of Article 5.2., Progress Schedule. Within 30 calendar days following the preconstruction conference, the contractor shall submit the final version of the Contract Schedule. If the contractor fails to submit the initial schedule within the 30 days, the Engineer may withhold \$1,000 per day until an initial (baseline) schedule that complies with the specifications is submitted. The engineer will review the schedule within 7 days, and determine if the schedule is acceptable. If the schedule is not acceptable, the contractor will have 7 days to make the necessary changes. If the contractor fails to submit the revised and corrected initial schedule within the 30 days, the Engineer may withhold \$1,000 per day until an initial schedule that complies with the specifications is submitted.

Section 3, "Computation of Contract Time for Completion," is revised to read in its entirety as follows:

Time is of the essence of this Contract. All references to days are references to calendar days unless expressly stated otherwise. Calculation of Contract Time will commence on the Notice to Proceed date and run continuously for the duration of the contract.

The Contractor must achieve Substantial Completion within the contract duration specified.

The Contractor must achieve Final Completion no more than the number of days specified by the Engineer from the date of Substantial Completion.

Work shall begin on the date fixed in the Contract requisition. It shall be prosecuted regularly and without interruption until completion. The entire work shall be finished and fully completed to the satisfaction of the Engineer by **FINAL COMPLETION**.

Article 5.2., "Progress Schedule," is voided and replaced in its entirety as follows:

The Contractor must furnish a Critical Path Method schedule. Each schedule submittal must be accompanied by an electronic backup copy of the schedule. Schedules must be submitted at least

monthly and must accompany each pay application. The schedule shall include all planned work activities and sequences. The initial schedule must utilize all of the contract time allowed in the contract. The schedule should incorporate major material procurements including preparation of shop drawings, submittals, fabrication and delivery of long lead items, known utility relocations, and other activities that may affect the completion of the Contract in the progress schedule. Each activity will be assigned a dollar value, the sum of which shall be equal to the adjusted contract value. The schedule activities must generally have durations shorter than one month and the work divided into discrete increments to allow easy identification of the specific task and simplify the updating process.

The Contractor may use Phoenix CPM Scheduling Software or Primavera P6. Schedules prepared and submitted in any other format will not be accepted.

The Engineer may require the Contractor to develop more detailed schedules for certain phases of the project such as major traffic changes, work requiring lane closures, or recovery schedules if the project falls behind schedule etc.

The contractor must provide a person proficient in CPM analysis to create and maintain the project schedule and be available when requested to meet with the Owner's Representative.

The CPM schedule must generally comply with construction industry standards as presented in "CPM in Construction" by James J. O'Brien or the AGC Guide to "Construction Planning and Scheduling". The schedule must have a clearly identifiable Critical Path. The Critical Path is defined as the longest path. It is the Fort Bend Grand Parkway Toll Road Authority's (the Authority) intention to conduct regular schedule update and review meetings with the Contractor to identify potential conflicts and opportunities on the project. The schedules submitted throughout the project will be essential elements in any delay claim.

Article 5.3., "Schedule Format," is replaced to read in its entirety as follows:

The project schedule shall include but is not limited to the following:

- Begin the project schedule on the start date of contract time or start of compensable work on the project, whichever occurs first;
- Show the sequence and interdependence of activities required for complete performance of the work;
- Ensure all work sequences are logical and show a coordinated plan of the work;
- Show a predecessor and successor for each activity
- Clearly and accurately identify the critical path as the longest continuous path
- Provide a legend for all abbreviations and include the schedule filename, run date, data date, project start date, and project completion date in the title block of each schedule submittal;

- Through the use of calendars, incorporate seasonal weather conditions into the schedule for work (e.g., earthwork, concrete paving, structures, asphalt, drainage, etc.) that may be influenced by temperature or precipitation. Also, incorporate non work periods such as holidays, weekends, or other non-work days as identified in the Contract;
- No constraints or negative lags will be allowed.
- Show submittal and procurement periods.

Article 5.4., “Activity Format,” is replaced to read in its entirety as follows:

For each activity on the project schedule provide:

- A logical activity number utilizing an alphanumeric designation system tied to the sequence of work and traffic control plans;
- A concise description of the work represented by the activity;
- An activity duration in days;
- The estimated quantity of work;
- Plan and incorporate resources, such as crews and heavy equipment, for each activity. Accurately represent the planned labor and equipment hours necessary to achieve the estimated productivity rates;
- Code the activities so that organized plots of the schedule may be produced;

Article 5.5.1., “Bar Chart,” is voided in its entirety.

Article 5.5.1.1., “Progress Schedule Reviews,” is voided in its entirety.

Article 5.5.2.1., “Preliminary Schedule,” is voided in its entirety.

Article 5.5.2.2., “Baseline Schedule,” is voided in its entirety.

Article 5.5.2.2.1., “Review,” is voided in its entirety.

Article 5.5.2.3., “Progress Schedule,” is revised by removing the last two paragraphs and replacing as follows:

The cut-off day for recording monthly progress will be established by the Project Engineer. Submit the updated schedule no later than the 1st work day of the following month.

A monthly update narrative will be included in the monthly schedule update. This narrative should include but is not limited to the following:

- The status of the project completion date, listing reasons why any change may have occurred;
- List all activities that have been added, deleted, or otherwise changed in the schedule with explanations for the modifications and description of the impacts each has on the project schedule;
- Any revisions that may have been performed to the schedule, providing the purpose of the revision and description of the impact to the project critical path and completion dates; and
- The status of the critical path, explaining reasons for any changes in critical path, impacts to the critical path that occurred during the period represented, or identifying any potential impacts that may occur in the next 3 months, including but not limited to material deliveries, utility and right way clearances, or other potential impacts.

No direct compensation will be made for fulfilling these requirements, as this work is considered subsidiary to the Item 500-2001, Mobilization. If the contractor does not submit the monthly schedule update by the 1st workday of the following month, the Engineer may withhold \$1,000 per day until an updated schedule that complies with the specifications is submitted.

Any amounts withheld by the Engineer for failure to comply with any part of Section 5, Project Schedules, may be deducted from the Contract Amount by the Engineer at his discretion.

Article 5.5.3., “Notice of Potential Time Impact,” is revised to read in its entirety as follows:

Control of the contract duration, completion date, and contract amount are essential elements of this contract and shall only be adjusted in writing by Change Order. A Change Order amending the contract duration and the contract completion date or the contract amount shall only be considered after the Contractor has made such a request in a timely manner accompanied by proper documentation supporting such a request. The contract duration, completion date, and amount may not be adjusted by any other means.

Reasons for adjustment. The Engineer will consider adjustment of the contract duration, completion date, and contract amount for any changed condition or event which in the sole opinion of the Engineer is beyond the control of the Contractor; could not have been reasonably foreseen; and impacts the longest path on the properly prepared and submitted CPM schedule for the project.

Longest Path. Extensions of time will be granted only to the extent the changed conditions impact the longest path of the properly prepared CPM schedule. No extension of time will be granted for any change that does not impact the longest path, nor will any extension of time be granted for that portion of any delay event that is absorbed by float within the schedule.

Delays affecting activities not on the longest path by definition can not affect the completion date of the project and will not be considered as a reason to adjust the contract duration or the contract completion date but may be considered for cost impacts. In cases of non-critical delays the Contractor must provide timely documentation of the condition giving rise to the non-critical delay and documentation on the how the delay is causing the cost impact. All notice requirements contained in this provision pertain equally to critical as well as non-critical impacts without exception.

Timely notice of any impact is an essential element of this contract. The Contractor must provide the Engineer with notice of any delay which may impact the project completion date or impact cost within 7 calendar days from the commencement of the delay, or 7 calendar days from the date the Contractor should have reasonably been aware of the delay. Initial notice of the delay must be in writing and must generally describe the event or condition causing the delay and must specifically identify the schedule activities by activity ID and description which are being impacted, and generally the types and amounts of cost per day being incurred. The Contractor's initial notice shall also provide a brief explanation of why an alternative construction sequence eliminating or minimizing the delay is not possible or practical. This initial notice may be a letter containing all of the elements described above. The Engineer may request an immediate schedule review meeting with the Contractor upon notice of any delay to review the current CPM schedule and consider all possible alternatives.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE WITHIN 7 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY DELAY MAY RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF ANY REQUEST FOR AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE CONTRACT DURATION, COMPLETION DATE, OR CONTRACT AMOUNT RESULTING FROM THAT DELAY.

Article 5.5.4., "Time Impact Analysis," is revised to read in its entirety as follows:

The Impact of the Delay will be evaluated using the Time Impact Analysis method. A Time Impact Analysis consists of the following steps:

Step 1. Establish the status of the project immediately prior to the delay event or impact, or as near as practical prior to the commencement of the delay.

Step 2. Using the schedule produced in Step 1, add an activity to the schedule for the delay event with an estimated duration, or the actual duration of the delay event in the case of delay which has ended. Logically connect the added activity representing the delay event to the appropriate predecessor and successor activities to determine the impact to the completion date.

Step 3. Track the effects of the impact on the schedule during the occurrence by progressing the schedule monthly including the delay activity included in Step 2.

Step 4. Immediately after the conclusion of the delay event, or as near as practical after the delay event has ended, establish the status of the project and provide details identifying any mitigating actions or circumstances used to keep the project ongoing during the impact period.

Submit Step 1 and 2 with the Notice of Potential Time Impact. Incorporate Step 3 into schedule updates until impact is complete. Submit Step 4 with the Final Documentation, no later than 10 days after the completion of the impact.

Determine the time impact by comparing the status of the work prior to the impact (Step 1) to the prediction of the effect of the impact (Step 2), and to the actual effects of the impact once it is complete (step 4). All four steps of the Time Impact Analysis shall be completed before consideration of a Contract time extension or adjustment of milestone date will be provided.

Final Documentation. After the delay event or condition has ended the Contractor has 10 days to prepare and submit the final documentation of the impact of the delay including all cost impacts. An additional 30 days to prepare the final statement of impacts may be granted by the Engineer if requested by the Contractor in writing prior to the conclusion of the initial 10 day period. This documentation shall include a concise Time Impact Analysis Statement prepared using the submitted CPM schedules and a statement of all additional costs incurred as a result of the delay event or condition with backup documentation to support the claimed cost.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF THE TIME AND COST IMPACT OF ANY DELAY WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE CONCLUSION OF ANY DELAY MAY RESULT IN THE SUBSEQUENT DENIAL OF ANY REQUEST FOR AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE OR COST IMPACTS.

Section 6, “Failure to Complete Work on Time,” is revised to read in its entirety as follows:

Failing to achieve Final Completion within the days specified by the Engineer the Contractor will be assessed liquidated damages of \$250.00 per day which will be withheld from any amount owed the Contractor. If the amount owed the Contractor is insufficient to withhold the amount, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Authority.

The Engineer may waive the collection of liquidated damages if the Work in its entirety, or any portion of the Work for which a date of completion is stipulated, has been substantially completed within the prescribed time of completion therefore.

If the Contractor fails to complete the Work within the time fixed by the Contract, or extensions thereof, and if the Engineer shall, nevertheless, permit the Contractor to continue and complete same, such permission shall neither modify nor waive any liability of the Contractor for damages arising from non-completion of the Work within the said time, but all such liabilities shall continue in full force against the Contractor

END OF SPECIAL PROVISION

FORT BEND GRAND PARKWAY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY
SPECIAL PROVISION TO ITEM 9
MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

Item 9, "Measurement and Payment," of the Texas Department of Transportation Standard Specifications is hereby amended with respect to the clauses cited below. No other clauses or requirements are waived or changed.

Section 8, "Retainage," is voided and replaced in its entirety as follows:

The Authority will withhold 5.0 percent retainage from the total amount approved for payment until the completion and final acceptance. The Contractor may withhold retainage on subcontractors in accordance with state and federal regulations.

The retainage will be released after all submittals are received and final quantities have been determined.

Article 9.7.1.1., "Labor," is voided and replaced in its entirety as follows:

The Contractor will receive an additional 15% as compensation based on the total wages paid said laborers and foremen. For cost of premiums on public-liability and workers compensation insurance, social security and unemployment insurance taxes, an amount equal to 55 percent of the sum of the labor cost, excluding the 15 percent compensation provided above, will be paid to the Contractor.

Article 9.7.1.3., "Materials," is voided and replaced in its entirety as follows:

The Contractor will receive the actual cost, including freight charges, of the materials used on such work to which cost will be added a sum equal to 15 percent thereof as compensation.

Section 10, "Final Payment," is supplemented by the following:

The Contractor shall after completion of his contract submit his final estimate for quantities installed during the construction period and the value thereof at the Contract unit prices.

The Engineer shall approve and submit the final estimate to the Commissioners' Court and the County shall at such time or within thirty (30) days from and after the date of said estimate as the County may elect, pay the entire sum so found to be due after audit and approval by the County Auditor, after deducting therefrom all previous payments and all amounts to be kept and all amounts to be retained under the provisions of the Contract. All prior partial estimates and payments shall be subject to correction in the final estimate and payment. It is mutually agreed between the parties to the Contract that no estimate or payment made under the Contract, except the final payment, shall exclude any claim of the County or shall constitute conclusive evidence of acceptable performance of the Contract either wholly or in part by the County; and no payments shall be construed to be an acceptance of any defective work or improper materials, or

a release from any claims for damages. The Contractor hereby further agrees that the payment of the final amount due under the Contract and adjustment and payment of the bill rendered for any work done in accordance with any alterations to the Contract on a Change In Contract form shall release the County and the Engineer from any and all claims or liability on account of work performed under the Contract or alterations thereof. The Contractor agrees to examine the final estimate and, if he finds it correct, to execute thereon his release in full of all claims due by Fort Bend County, and to certify under oath to the payment by him of all claims against him for labor, materials, and supplies furnished by the Contractor by all persons and firms in the performance of the Contract.

Section 11, “Electronic Wire Transfers,” is added as follows:

If the Contractor requests in writing to the Engineer, the Authority will make payments via electronic wire transfer.