

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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 COUNTY OF FORT BEND   §

**AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN/BUILD FOR MISSOURI CITY ANNEX CLINIC RENOVATIONS  
 (DESIGN PHASE)  
 RFQ 23-060**

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Fort Bend County, (hereinafter "County"), a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, and BLS Construction, Inc., (hereinafter "Contractor"), a company authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas (hereinafter each referred to as a "party" or collectively as the "parties").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County desires that Contractor provide Design/Build services for the Missouri City Annex Clinic Renovations pursuant to RFQ 23-060 and in accordance with Section 2269.301 of the Texas Government Code to design and document plans for construction for the interior renovations of two exam rooms, a negative pressure room, nurse's area, breakroom, and file room (hereinafter "Services"); and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such Services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth below, the parties agree as follows:

**AGREEMENT**

**Section 1. Scope of Services**

1.1 Contractor shall initially render the design portion of the Services to County as defined in relevant parts of the County's Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") 23-060, and Contractor's response to County's RFQ 23-060, collectively attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein for all purposes.

1.2 Pursuant to Chapter 2258 of the Texas Government Code, all persons employed by Contractor or a subcontractor under this Agreement shall be compensated at not less than the rates provided in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and fully incorporated herein. Contractor shall keep records showing: (1) the name and occupation of worker employed for the Project, and (2) actual per diem wages paid to each worker employed for the Project. Contractor shall require all subcontractors to keep the same records. Such records by Contractor and subcontractors shall be made available for inspection upon request by County subject to reasonable hours. Contractor shall further pay County sixty (\$60.00) for each person employed by Contractor for the Project for each calendar day, or any portion of the day, that such employee is paid less than the prevailing wages provided on Exhibit B.

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## **Section 2. Personnel**

2.1 Contractor represents that it presently has, or is able to obtain, adequate qualified personnel in its employment for the timely performance of the Scope of Services required under this Agreement and that Contractor shall furnish and maintain, at its own expense, adequate and sufficient personnel, in the opinion of County, to perform the Scope of Services when and as required and without delays.

2.2 All employees of Contractor shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee of Contractor who, in the opinion of County, is incompetent or by his conduct becomes detrimental to the project shall, upon request of County, immediately be removed from association with the project.

## **Section 3. Compensation and Payment**

3.1 Contractor's fees shall be calculated at the rates set forth in the attached exhibits. The Maximum Compensation for the performance of the design portion of the Services within the Scope of Services described in Exhibit A is Twelve Thousand dollars and no/100 (\$12,000.00). In no case shall the amount paid by County under this Agreement exceed the Maximum Compensation with written agreement executed by the parties.

3.2 All performance of the Scope of Services (design only) by Contractor including any changes in the Scope of Services and revision of work satisfactorily performed will be performed only when approved in advance and authorized by County.

3.3 Contractor shall submit all "Applications for Payment" (as herein defined) for installments of the Maximum Compensation for approval and processing to County staff designated by the Facilities Management & Planning Director, one (1) electronic (pdf) or one (1) original on a monthly basis showing the amounts due for services performed on or before the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of each calendar month during the progress of the Services. Each Application for Payment shall be in a form acceptable to the County and shall reflect any amount representing the proportionate part of the Services performed during the previous month. As support of each Application for Payment, Contractor shall submit the following in a form acceptable to the County Auditor to [apauditor@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:apauditor@fortbendcountytexas.gov):

3.3.1 A statement in the form of the current Application and Certificate for Payment, as published by the American Institute of Architects ("Application for Payment") executed by Contractor certifying that:

3.3.1.1 The proportionate part of the Services described in such Application for Payment has been performed;

3.3.1.2 Contractor's amount included in the Application for Payment attributable to the Services provided is due and owing;

3.3.1.3 There are no known mechanics' or materialmen's liens outstanding as of the date of the Application for Payment or if such liens are known, such have been adequately bonded;

3.3.1.4 All due and payable bills with respect to the Services have been paid to date or are included in the amount requested in the current Application for Payment, and

3.3.1.5 Except for such bills not paid but so included, there is no known basis for the filing of any mechanics' or materialmen's liens on the Services.

3.3.2 A partial lien waiver and release in a form acceptable to the County Auditor effective through the date of Contractor's preceding Application for Payment, executed by Contractor with a statement certifying those matters set forth in clauses 3.3.1.1 through 3.3.1.5 of subparagraph 3.3.1 above, certifying that waivers from all subcontractors and materialmen have been obtained in such form so as to constitute an effective waiver of liens under the laws of the State of Texas.

3.3.3 An affidavit executed by Contractor that payrolls, bills for materials and equipment, and other indebtedness connected with the Services for which County or Contractor might be responsible or encumbered (less amounts withheld by Contractor) have been paid or otherwise satisfied, including unconditional waivers and releases upon final payment from all trade contractors, suppliers, material men, or other third parties that provided labor, services, equipment or material to the Project, satisfying the requirements for such releases set forth in the Texas Property Code Section 53.085.

3.4 Within thirty (30) days after receipt of each uncontested Application for Payment together with the supporting materials required under this Agreement, County shall advance to Contractor the uncontested amount requested in such uncontested Application for Payment, except five percent (5%) of the amount requested (hereinafter "Retainage") in each Application for Payment by County. The Retainage withheld shall be released upon final completion of the entire Project and verification of satisfactory work performed, unless grounds exist for withholding payment on account of other defaults by Contractor, including Services provided by its sub-contractors.

3.5 Payment, constituting the entire unpaid balance of the Maximum Compensation, less fifty percent (50%) of the Retainage then held by County and such amount as the Facilities Management & Planning Director determines is reasonably necessary for all incomplete Services (including, without limitation, punchlist items) and for all unsettled claims, as provided in this Agreement, shall be advanced by County to Contractor upon the date determined substantially completed. County shall pay all outstanding and withheld portions of the Maximum Compensation to Contractor upon the later to occur of (i) thirty (30) days after the Project is accepted by the County or, (ii) the date the Contractor causes all mechanics' and materialmen's liens filed against the Project to be removed. County shall have received from Contractor a lien waiver or an affidavit to the effect that it and all its subcontractors and suppliers of labor and materials have been paid in full (which lien waiver or affidavit must be in form and substance sufficient as a matter of law to dissolve all liens or claims of liens for labor or service performed or rendered and material supplied or furnished, in connection with the construction and installation of the Project), and with respect to this Agreement, Contractor shall have provided County the Final Certificate of Occupancy for the building.

3.6 Upon payment of the entire balance of the Maximum Compensation and all other amounts withheld by County pursuant to Section 3.5, Contractor shall execute and deliver to County a release discharging County from all liabilities, obligations and claims to pay the Maximum Compensation to this Agreement.

**Section 4. Limit of Appropriation**

4.1 Contractor clearly understands and agrees, such understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that County shall have available the total maximum sum of Twelve Thousand dollars and no/100 (\$12,000.00), specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur.

4.2 Contractor does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the total maximum compensation that Contractor may become entitled to and the total maximum sum that County may become liable to pay to Contractor shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed Twelve Thousand dollars and no/100 (\$12,000.00).

**Section 5. Time of Performance**

5.1 The time for performance of the Scope of Services (design only) by Contractor shall begin with receipt of the Notice to Proceed from County and end no later than one (1) month thereafter. Contractor shall complete the tasks described in the Scope of Services within this time or within such additional time as may be extended by the County.

5.2 If the Services are not substantially completed within the time for performance or within such additional time as may be extended by County, County will deduct from the final payment as liquidated damages and not as a penalty the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) per calendar day that the Services are not substantially complete. Such sum is agreed upon as a reasonable and proper measure of the damages County will sustain.

**Section 6. Modifications and Waivers**

6.1 The parties may not amend or waive this Agreement, except by a written agreement executed by both parties.

6.2 No failure or delay in exercising any right or remedy or requiring the satisfaction of any condition under this Agreement, and no course of dealing between the parties, operates as a waiver or estoppel of any right, remedy, or condition.

6.3 The rights and remedies of the parties set forth in this Agreement are not exclusive of, but are cumulative to, any rights or remedies now or subsequently existing at law, in equity, or by statute.

## **Section 7. Termination**

7.1 Termination for Convenience – County may terminate this Agreement at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice.

### 7.2 Termination for Default

7.2.1 County may terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement for cause in the following circumstances:

7.2.1.1 If Contractor fails to perform services within the time specified in the Scope of Services or any extension thereof granted by the County in writing;

7.2.1.2 If Contractor materially breaches any of the covenants or terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement or fails to perform any of the other provisions of this Agreement or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, and in any of these circumstances does not cure such breach or failure to County's reasonable satisfaction within a period of ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notice from County specifying such breach or failure.

7.2.2 If, after termination, it is determined for any reason whatsoever that Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the County in accordance with Section 7.1 above.

7.3 Upon termination of this Agreement, County shall compensate Contractor in accordance with Section 3, above, for those services which were provided under this Agreement prior to its termination and which have not been previously presented for payment by Contractor to County. Contractor's final Pay Application for said services will be presented to and paid by County in the same manner set forth in Section 3 above.

7.4 If County terminates this Agreement as provided in this Section, no fees of any type, other than fees due and payable at the Termination Date, shall thereafter be paid to Contractor.

## **Section 8. Ownership and Reuse of Documents**

All documents, data, reports, research, graphic presentation materials, etc., developed by Contractor as a part of its work under this Agreement, shall become the property of County upon completion of this Agreement, or in the event of termination or cancellation thereof, at the time of payment under Section 3 for work performed. Contractor shall promptly furnish all such data and material to County on request.

## **Section 9. Inspection of Books and Records**

Contractor will permit County, or any duly authorized agent of County, to inspect and examine the books and records of Contractor for the purpose of verifying the amount of work

performed under the Scope of Services. County's right to inspect survives the termination of this Agreement for a period of four years.

## **Section 10. Insurance**

10.1 Prior to commencement of the Services, Contractor shall furnish County with properly executed certificates of insurance which shall evidence all insurance required and provide that such insurance shall not be canceled, except on 30 days' prior written notice to County. Contractor shall provide certified copies of insurance endorsements and/or policies if requested by County. Contractor shall maintain such insurance coverage from the time Services commence until Services are completed and provide replacement certificates, policies and/or endorsements for any such insurance expiring prior to completion of Services. Contractor shall obtain such insurance written on an Occurrence form (or a Claims Made form for Professional Liability Insurance) from such companies having Best's rating of A/VII or better, licensed or approved to transact business in the State of Texas, and shall obtain such insurance of the following types and minimum limits:

10.1.1 Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Substitutes to genuine Workers' Compensation Insurance will not be allowed.

10.1.2 Employers' Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per injury by accident, \$1,000,000 per injury by disease, and \$1,000,000 per bodily injury by disease.

10.1.3 Commercial general liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate. Policy shall cover liability for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage and products/completed operations arising out of the business operations of the policyholder.

10.1.4 Business Automobile Liability insurance with a combined Bodily Injury/Property Damage limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. The policy shall cover liability arising from the operation of licensed vehicles by policyholder.

10.1.5 Professional Liability insurance may be made on a Claims Made form with limits not less than \$1,000,000.

10.2 County and the members of Commissioners Court shall be named as additional insured to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability (if required). All Liability policies including Workers' Compensation written on behalf of Contractor, shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of County and members of Commissioners Court. For Commercial General Liability, the County shall be named as an Additional Insured on a Primary & Non-Contributory basis.

10.3 If required coverage is written on a claims-made basis, Contractor warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of the contract; and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of 2 years beginning from the time that work under the Agreement is completed.

10.4 Builders Risk Insurance: Contractor shall obtain and keep in full force and effect until the Transfer Date, Builders Risk Insurance, subject to policy terms and conditions, of direct physical loss or damage to property, materials, equipment and supplies which are to become an integral part of the Project, whether owned by Contractor, or subcontractors of every tier, and in which one or more of same has an insurable interest, while in transit, while at the Construction Site awaiting construction, during construction, and until the Transfer Date. Such insurance shall be maintained to cover, as nearly as practicable, the insurable value of such property, materials, equipment and supplies at risk, and shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of Contractor, Architect, subcontractors of any tier and County for loss or damage occurring during the Work and shall name Contractor as the named insured and County as additional insureds. All Builder's Risk Insurance proceeds shall be paid directly to the Contractor.

#### **Section 11. Performance and Payment Bond**

Contractor shall post with County, not later than ten (10) days of the execution of this Agreement, a performance and payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total lump sum price in such form as is satisfactory to County. The bond shall be executed by a corporate surety company duly authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and licensed to issue such a bond in the State of Texas.

#### **Section 12. Indemnity**

**12.1 THE PARTIES AGREE THAT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY CANNOT ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY COUNTY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY OR HOLD HARMLESS ANOTHER PARTY; THEREFORE, ALL REFERENCES OF ANY KIND TO COUNTY DEFENDING, INDEMNIFYING, HOLDING OR SAVING HARMLESS CONTRACTOR OR ANY OTHER PARTY FOR ANY REASON ARE HEREBY DELETED. CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND COUNTY AGAINST ALL LOSSES, LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, AND OTHER EXPENSES, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES, ARISING FROM ACTIVITIES OF CONTRACTOR, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES, PERFORMED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT THAT RESULT FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION OF CONTRACTOR OR ANY OF CONTRACTOR'S AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES.**

12.2 Contractor shall timely report all such matters to County and shall, upon the receipt of any such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment, not later than the fifteenth day of each month; provide County with a written report on each such matter, setting forth the status of each matter, the schedule or planned proceedings with respect to each matter and the cooperation or assistance, if any, of County required by Contractor in the defense of each matter.

12.3 Contractor's duty to defend indemnify and hold County harmless shall be absolute. It shall not abate or end by reason of the expiration or termination of the Agreement unless otherwise agreed by County in writing. The provisions of this section shall survive the termination of the Agreement and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all such matters no matter when they arise.

12.4 In the event of any dispute between the parties as to whether a claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment appears to have been caused by or appears to have

arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of Contractor, Contractor shall never-the-less fully defend such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of Contractor are not at issue in the matter.

12.5 Contractor's indemnification shall cover, and Contractor agrees to indemnify County, in the event County is found to have been negligent for having selected Contractor to perform the work described in this request.

12.6 The provision by Contractor of insurance shall not limit the liability of Contractor under this Agreement.

12.7 Contractor shall cause all trade contractors and any other contractor who may have a contract to perform construction or installation work in the area where work will be performed under this request, to agree to indemnify County and to hold it harmless from all claims for bodily injury and property damage that arise may from said Contractor's operations. Such provisions shall be in form satisfactory to County.

12.8 Loss Deduction Clause - County shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money which may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of deductibles shall be the sole responsibility of Contractor and/or trade contractor providing such insurance.

### **Section 13. Confidential and Proprietary Information**

13.1 Contractor acknowledges that it and its employees or agents may, in the course of performing their responsibilities under this Agreement, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to County. Any and all information of any form obtained by Contractor or its employees or agents from County in the performance of this Agreement shall be deemed to be confidential information of County ("Confidential Information"). Any reports or other documents or items (including software) that result from the use of the Confidential Information by Contractor shall be treated with respect to confidentiality in the same manner as the Confidential Information. Confidential Information shall be deemed not to include information that (a) is or becomes (other than by disclosure by Contractor) publicly known or is contained in a publicly available document; (b) is rightfully in Contractor's possession without the obligation of nondisclosure prior to the time of its disclosure under this Agreement; or (c) is independently developed by employees or agents of Contractor who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.

13.2 Contractor agrees to hold Confidential Information in strict confidence, using at least the same degree of care that Contractor uses in maintaining the confidentiality of its own confidential information, and not to copy, reproduce, sell, assign, license, market, transfer or otherwise dispose of, give, or disclose Confidential Information to third parties or use Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than the provision of Services to County hereunder, and to advise each of its employees and agents of their obligations to keep Confidential Information confidential. Contractor shall use its best efforts to assist County in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any

Confidential Information. Without limitation of the foregoing, Contractor shall advise County immediately in the event Contractor learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Agreement and Contractor will at its expense cooperate with County in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of County or Contractor against any such person. Contractor agrees that, except as directed by County, Contractor will not at any time during or after the term of this Agreement disclose, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any person, and that upon termination of this Agreement or at County's request, Contractor will promptly turn over to County all documents, papers, and other matter in Contractor's possession which embody Confidential Information.

13.3 Contractor acknowledges that a breach of this Section, including disclosure of any Confidential Information, or disclosure of other information that, at law or in equity, ought to remain confidential, will give rise to irreparable injury to County that is inadequately compensable in damages. Accordingly, County may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of the legitimate business interest of County and are reasonable in scope and content.

13.4 Contractor in providing all services hereunder agrees to abide by the provisions of any applicable Federal or State Data Privacy Act.

13.5 Contractor expressly acknowledges that County is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 552.001 *et seq.*, as amended, and notwithstanding any provision in the Agreement to the contrary, County will make any information related to the Agreement, or otherwise, available to third parties in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act. Any proprietary or confidential information marked as such provided to County by Contractor shall not be disclosed to any third party, except as directed by the Texas Attorney General in response to a request for such under the Texas Public Information Act, which provides for notice to the owner of such marked information and the opportunity for the owner of such information to notify the Attorney General of the reasons why such information should not be disclosed. The terms and conditions of this Agreement are not proprietary or confidential information.

13.6 Contractor expressly acknowledges that County is subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 551.001 *et seq.*, as amended, and notwithstanding any provision in the Agreement to the contrary, County will comply with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act in relation to the Agreement.

#### **Section 14. Independent Contractor**

14.1 In the performance of work or services hereunder, Contractor shall be deemed an independent contractor, and any of its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers performing

work required hereunder shall be deemed solely as employees of contractor or, where permitted, of its subcontractors.

14.2 Contractor and its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers shall not, by performing work pursuant to this Agreement, be deemed to be employees, agents, or servants of County and shall not be entitled to any of the privileges or benefits of County employment.

**Section 15. Notices**

15.1 Each party giving any notice or making any request, demand, or other communication (each, a "Notice") pursuant to this Agreement shall do so in writing and shall use one of the following methods of delivery, each of which, for purposes of this Agreement, is a writing: personal delivery, registered or certified mail (in each case, return receipt requested and postage prepaid), or nationally recognized overnight courier (with all fees prepaid).

15.2 Each party giving a Notice shall address the Notice to the receiving party at the address listed below or to another address designated by a party in a Notice pursuant to this Section:

County:	Fort Bend County Facilities Management and Planning Attn: Director 301 Jackson Street, Suite 301 Richmond, Texas 77469
With a copy to:	Fort Bend County Attn: County Judge 401 Jackson Street Richmond, Texas 77469
Contractor:	BLS Construction, Inc. Attn: _____ 207 Fahrenthold Street El Campo, Texas 77437

15.3 A Notice is effective only if the party giving or making the Notice has complied with subsections 15.1 and 15.2 and if the addressee has received the Notice. A Notice is deemed received as follows:

15.3.1 If the Notice is delivered in person, or sent by registered or certified mail or a nationally recognized overnight courier, upon receipt as indicated by the date on the signed receipt.

15.3.2 If the addressee rejects or otherwise refuses to accept the Notice, or if the Notice cannot be delivered because of a change in address for which no Notice was given, then upon the rejection, refusal, or inability to deliver.

**Section 16. Compliance with Laws**

Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, Worker's Compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations. When required by County, Contractor shall furnish County with certification of compliance with said laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees above specified. Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to waive the requirements of any record retention laws applicable to County.

**Section 17. Performance Warranty**

17.1 Contractor warrants to County that Contractor has the skill and knowledge ordinarily possessed by well-informed members of its trade or profession practicing in the greater Houston metropolitan area and Contractor will apply that skill and knowledge with care and diligence to ensure that the Services provided hereunder will be performed and delivered in accordance with the highest professional standards.

17.2 Contractor warrants to County that the Services will be free from material errors and will materially conform to all requirements and specifications contained in the attached Exhibit A.

**Section 18. Assignment and Delegation**

18.1 Neither party may assign any of its rights under this Agreement, except with the prior written consent of the other party. That party shall not unreasonably withhold its consent. All assignments of rights are prohibited under this subsection, whether they are voluntarily or involuntarily, by merger, consolidation, dissolution, operation of law, or any other manner.

18.2 Neither party may delegate any performance under this Agreement.

18.3 Any purported assignment of rights or delegation of performance in violation of this Section is void.

**Section 19. Applicable Law**

The laws of the State of Texas govern all disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The parties hereto acknowledge that venue is proper in Fort Bend County, Texas, for all legal actions or proceedings arising out of or relating to this Agreement and waive the right to sue or be sued elsewhere. Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed to waive the County's sovereign immunity.

**Section 20. Successors and Assigns**

County and Contractor bind themselves and their successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of the other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement.

**Section 21. Third Party Beneficiaries**

This Agreement does not confer any enforceable rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties.

**Section 22. Severability**

If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in full force, if the essential terms and conditions of this Agreement for each party remain valid, binding, and enforceable.

**Section 23. Publicity**

Contact with citizens of Fort Bend County, media outlets, or governmental agencies shall be the sole responsibility of County. Under no circumstances whatsoever, shall Contractor release any material or information developed or received in the performance of the Services hereunder without the express written permission of County, except where required to do so by law.

**Section 24. Captions**

The section captions used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

**Section 25. Conflict**

In the event there is a conflict between this Agreement and the attached exhibits this Agreement controls.

**Section 26. Certain State Law Requirements for Contracts**

For purposes of sections 2252.152, 2271.002, and 2274.002, Texas Government Code, as amended, Contractor hereby verifies that Contractor and any parent company, wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, and affiliate:

26.1 Unless affirmatively declared by the United States government to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization, is not identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code.

26.2 If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Contractor does not boycott Israel and is authorized to agree in such

contracts not to boycott Israel during the term of such contracts. "Boycott Israel" has the meaning provided in section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code.

26.3 If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Contractor does not boycott energy companies and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to boycott energy companies during the term of such contracts. "Boycott energy company" has the meaning provided in section 809.001 of the Texas Government Code.

26.4 If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Contractor does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of such contracts. "Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" has the meaning provided in section 2274.001(3) of the Texas Government Code. "Firearm entity" and "firearm trade association" have the meanings provided in section 2274.001(6) and (7) of the Texas Government Code.

**Section 27. Human Trafficking**

BY ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE COUNTY IS OPPOSED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THAT NO COUNTY FUNDS WILL BE USED IN SUPPORT OF SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES THAT VIOLATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS.

**Section 28. Dispute Resolution**

28.1. The parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve promptly any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement by negotiation between the parties. In the event the dispute cannot be settled through negotiation, the parties agree to submit the dispute to non-binding mediation.

28.2. The party requesting mediation shall notify the other party in writing of the dispute desired to be mediated. If the parties are unable to resolve their differences within ten (10) days of the receipt of such notice, such dispute shall be submitted for mediation.

28.3. Each party shall be responsible for its own costs associated with the mediation.

28.4. The requirement to seek mediation shall be a condition required before filing an action at law or in equity, unless to do so would prevent either party from seeking relief in a court of law or equity under any applicable statute of limitations.

(Execution Page Follows)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed or have caused their respective names to be signed to multiple counterparts to be effective on the day signed by the last party.

FORT BEND COUNTY

*Grady Prestage*

Grady Prestage, Commissioner Precinct 2  
Presiding Officer of Commissioners Court  
on November 21, 2023

Date



ATTEST:

*Laura Richard*

Laura Richard, County Clerk

BLS CONSTRUCTION, INC.

*[Signature]*

Authorized Agent – Signature

*William Key*

Authorized Agent- Printed Name

*President*

Title

*11-9-2023*

Date

APPROVED:

*[Signature]*

James Knight, Facilities Management/  
Planning Director

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$ **12,000.00** to accomplish and pay the obligation of Fort Bend County under this contract.

*[Signature]*

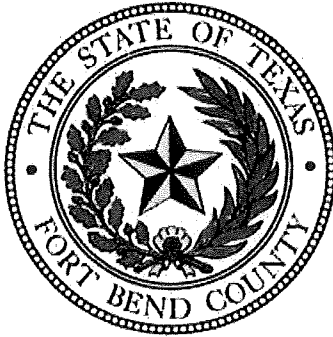
Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

Exhibit A: County's Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") 23-060, and Contractor's response to County's RFQ 23-060; and  
Exhibit B: Prevailing Wages

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# EXHIBIT A

*Fort Bend County, Texas  
Request for Qualifications*



*Design/Build for Missouri City Annex Clinic Renovations  
for Fort Bend County  
RFQ 23-060*

**SUBMIT RFQS TO:**

Fort Bend County  
Purchasing Department  
Travis Annex  
301 Jackson, Suite 201  
Richmond, TX 77469

**Note:** All correspondence must include the term  
"Purchasing Department" in address to assist in  
proper delivery

**SUBMIT NO LATER THAN:**

Tuesday, July 11, 2023  
2:00 PM (Central)

**MARK ENVELOPE:**

RFQ 23-060  
MoCity Annex Renovations

*ALL SUBMITTALS MUST BE RECEIVED AND TIME/DATE STAMPED BY THE PURCHASING OFFICE  
OF FORT BEND COUNTY ON OR BEFORE THE SPECIFIED TIME/DATE STATED ABOVE.*

*SUBMITTALS RECEIVED AS REQUIRED WILL THEN BE OPENED AND THE NAMES PUBLICLY READ.*

*SUBMITTALS RECEIVED AFTER THE SPECIFIED TIME WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.*

Results will not be given by phone.  
Results will be provided to bidder in writing  
after Commissioners Court award.

Requests for information must be in  
writing and directed to:  
Jaime Kovar  
County Purchasing Agent  
[Jaime.kovar@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:Jaime.kovar@fortbendcountytexas.gov)

**Vendor Responsibilities:**

- Download and complete any addendums. (Addendums will be posted on the Fort Bend County website no  
Later than 48 hours prior to bid opening)
- Submit response in accordance with requirements stated on the cover of this document.
- DO NOT submit responses via email or fax.

Prepared: 6/14/2023  
Issued: 6/18/2023

**1.0 OBJECTIVE:**

Fort Bend County, herein requests Request for Qualifications from qualified firms for design/build services for renovations of at Missouri City Annex, Clinical Health Services Department, 307 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, TX 77489. The Design/Build firm, herein referred to as "Respondent", shall serve in the capacity of an Architect/Engineer and General Contractor.

**2.0 GENERAL:**

- 2.1 The selected party will be requested to submit a proposal for a Design/Build contract under the provisions of the §2269.301 of the Texas Government Code.
- 2.2 Respondents should carefully read the information contained herein and submit a complete response to all requirements and questions as directed.
- 2.3 Submittals and any other Respondent information in response to this RFQ shall become the property of Fort Bend County.
- 2.4 Fort Bend County will not provide compensation to Respondents for any expenses incurred by the Respondent(s) for submittal preparation or for any demonstrations that may be made, unless otherwise expressly stated or required by law. Respondents submit qualifications at their own risk.
- 2.5 Each submittal should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of your firm's ability to meet the requirements, and an understanding of the County's needs.
- 2.6 Fort Bend County makes no guarantee that an award will be made as a result of this RFQ. Fort Bend County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submittals, with or without cause, waive any formalities or minor technical inconsistencies, or delete any item/requirement from this RFQ or contract when deemed to be in the County's best interest. Representations made within the qualifications submittal and any subsequent proposal will be binding on responding firms. Fort Bend County will not be bound to act by any previous communication or submittal by the firms other than those responding to this RFQ.

**3.0 TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION FORM 1295:**

- 3.1 Effective January 1, 2016 all contracts executed by Commissioners Court, regardless of the dollar amount, will require completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties", per the new Government Code Statute §2252.908. All vendors submitting a response to a formal Bid, RFP, RFQ or any contracts, contract amendments, renewals or change orders are required to complete the Form 1295 online through the State of Texas Ethics Commission website. Please visit: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm).

3.2 On-line instructions:

3.2.1 Name of governmental entity is to read Fort Bend County.

3.2.2 Identification number used by the governmental entity is: Q23-060.

3.3 Description is the title of the solicitation: Design/Build for Missouri City Annex Clinic Renovations.

3.4 Highest evaluated Respondent (s) will be required to provide the Form 1295 within three (3) calendar days from notification; however, if your company is publicly traded you are not required to complete this form.

**4.0 INSURANCE:**

4.1 Respondent(s) shall submit, with response, a current certificate of insurance indicating coverage in the amounts stated below. In lieu of submitting a certificate of insurance, respondents may submit, with RFQ, a notarized statement from an Insurance company, authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas, and acceptable to Fort Bend County, guaranteeing the issuance of an insurance policy, with the coverage stated below, to the firm named therein, if successful, upon award of this Contract.

4.2 At contract execution, contractor shall furnish County with property executed certificates of insurance which shall evidence all insurance required and provide that such insurance shall not be canceled, except on 30 days prior written notice to County. Contractor shall provide certified copies of insurance endorsements and/or policies if requested by County. Contractor shall maintain such insurance coverage from the time Services commence until Services are completed and provide replacement certificates, policies and/or endorsements for any such insurance expiring prior to completion of Services. Contractor shall obtain such insurance written on an Occurrence form (or a Claims Made form for Professional Liability insurance) from such companies having Best's rating of A/VII or better, licensed or approved to transact business in the State of Texas, and shall obtain such insurance of the following types and minimum limits:

4.2.1 Workers' Compensation insurance. Substitutes to genuine Workers' Compensation Insurance will not be allowed.

4.2.2 Employers' Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per injury by accident, \$1,000,000 per injury by disease, and \$1,000,000 per bodily injury by disease.

4.2.3 Commercial general liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate.

Policy shall cover liability for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage and products/completed operations arising out of the business operations of the policyholder.

- 4.2.4 Business Automobile Liability coverage with a combined Bodily Injury/Property Damage limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. The policy shall cover liability arising from the operation of licensed vehicles by policyholder.
- 4.2.5 Professional Liability insurance may be made on a Claims Made form with limits not less than \$1,000,000.
- 4.3 County and the members of Commissioners Court shall be named as additional insured to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability (if required). All Liability policies including Workers' Compensation written on behalf of contractor, excluding Professional Liability, shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of County and members of Commissioners Court.
- 4.4 If required coverage is written on a claims-made basis, contractor warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of the contract; and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of two (2) years beginning from the time that work under the agreement is completed.
- 4.5 Builder's Risk Insurance: Contractor is required to provide proof before a Purchase Order is issued for this project and keep in full force and effect until the Transfer Date, Builders Risk Insurance, subject to policy terms and conditions, of direct physical loss or damage to property, materials, equipment and supplies which are to become an integral part of the Project, whether owned by Contractor, or subcontractors of every tier, and in which one or more of same has an insurable interest, while in transit, while at the Construction Site awaiting construction, during construction, and until the Transfer Date. Such insurance shall be maintained to cover, as nearly as practicable, the insurable value of such property, materials, equipment and supplies at risk, and shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of Contractor, Architect, subcontractors of any tier and Owner for loss or damage occurring during the Work and shall name Contractor as the named insured and Owner as additional insureds. All Builder's Risk Insurance proceeds shall be paid directly to the Contractor.

## **5.0 INDEMNIFICATION:**

Respondent shall save harmless County from and against all claims, liability, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising from activities of respondent, its agents, servants or employees, performed under this agreement that result from the negligent act, error, or omission of respondent or any of respondent's agents, servants or employees.

- 5.1 Respondent shall timely report all such matters to Fort Bend County and shall, upon the receipt of any such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment, not later than the fifteenth day of each month; provide Fort Bend County with a written report on each such matter, setting forth the status of each matter, the schedule or planned proceedings with respect to each matter and the cooperation or assistance, if any, of Fort Bend County required by Respondent in the defense of each matter.
- 5.2 Respondent's duty to defend, indemnify and hold Fort Bend County harmless shall be absolute. It shall not abate or end by reason of the expiration or termination of any contract unless otherwise agreed by Fort Bend County in writing. The provisions of this section shall survive the termination of the contract and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all such matters no matter when they arise.
- 5.3 In the event of any dispute between the parties as to whether a claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of Respondent, Respondent shall never-the-less fully defend such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of Respondent are not at issue in the matter.
- 5.4 Respondent's indemnification shall cover, and Respondent agrees to indemnify Fort Bend County, in the event Fort Bend County is found to have been negligent for having selected Respondent to perform the work described in this request.
- 5.5 The provision by Respondent of insurance shall not limit the liability of Respondent under an agreement.
- 5.6 Respondent shall cause all trade contractors and any other contractor who may have a contract to perform construction or installation work in the area where work will be performed under this request, to agree to indemnify Fort Bend County and to hold it harmless from all claims for bodily injury and property damage that arise may from said Respondent's operations. Such provisions shall be in form satisfactory to Fort Bend County.
- 5.7 Loss Deduction Clause - Fort Bend County shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money which may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of deductibles shall be the sole responsibility of Respondent and/or trade contractor providing such insurance.

## **6.0 PREVAILING WAGES:**

This project is subject to the prevailing wage rate requirements of Chapter 2258 of the Government Code. The Contractor shall pay Fort Bend County sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each

worker employed by the Contractor for the provision of services described herein for each calendar day or part of the day that the worker is paid less than the below stated rates. Contractors may also visit [www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx](http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx).

General Decision Number: TX20230247 05/05/2023

Superseded General Decision Number: TX20220247

State: Texas

Construction Type: Building

County: Fort Bend County in Texas.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (does not include single family homes or apartments up to and including 4 stories).

Note: Contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act are generally required to pay at least the applicable minimum wage rate required under Executive Order 14026 or Executive Order 13658. Please note that these Executive Orders apply to covered contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but do not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 5.1(a)(2)-(60).

If the contract is entered into on or after January 30, 2022, or the contract is renewed or extended (e.g., an option is exercised) on or after January 30, 2022, Executive Order 14026 generally applies to the contract. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$16.20 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on that contract in 2022.

If the contract was awarded on or between January 1, 2015 and January 29, 2022, and the contract is not renewed or extended on or after January 30, 2022, Executive Order 13658 generally applies to the contract. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$12.15 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on that contract in 2023.

The applicable Executive Order minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. If this contract is covered by one of the Executive Orders and a classification considered necessary for performance of work on the contract does not appear on this wage determination, the contractor must still submit a conformance request.

Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the Executive Orders is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

Modification Number	Publication Date
0	01/06/2023
1	01/13/2023
2	05/05/2023

	Rates	Fringes
ASBE0022-009 06/01/2022		
ASBESTOS WORKER/HEAT & FROST INSULATOR (Duct, Pipe and Mechanical System Insulation)	\$ 26.88	15.41
BOIL0074-003 01/01/2021 BOILERMAKER	\$ 29.47	24.10
CARP0551-008 04/01/2021 CARPENTER (Excludes Acoustical Ceiling Installation, Drywall Hanging, Form Work and Metal Stud Installation)	\$ 25.86	9.08
ELEC0716-005 08/30/2021 ELECTRICIAN (Excludes Low Voltage Wiring and Installation of Alarms)	\$ 33.20	10.37
ELEV0031-003 01/01/2023 ELEVATOR MECHANIC	\$ 47.0	37.335+a+b
FOOTNOTES:		
A. 6% under 5 years based on regular hourly rate for all hours worked. 8% over 5 years based on regular hourly rate for all hours worked.		
B. Holidays: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; Friday after Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day; and Veterans Day.		
ENGI0450-002 04/01/2014		
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR Cranes	\$ 34.85	9.85
IRON0084-002 06/01/2022 IRONWORKER (ORNAMENTAL AND STRUCTURAL)	\$ 26.76	7.88
PLAS0783-001 04/01/2021 PLASTERER	\$ 26.04	9.02
PLUM0068-002 10/01/2022 PLUMBER	\$ 37.83	11.71
PLUM0211-010 10/01/2022		
PIPEFITTER (Including HVAC Pipe Installation)	\$ 38.03	12.66
SHEE0054-003 04/01/2020		

SHEET METAL WORKER (Excludes HVAC Duct and Unit Installation)	\$ 29.70	13.85
SUTX2014-023 07/21/2014		
ACOUSTICAL CEILING MECHANIC	\$ 16.41	3.98
BRICKLAYER	\$ 19.86	0.00
CAULKER	\$ 15.36	0.00
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 13.82**	0.00
DRYWALL FINISHER/TAPER	\$ 16.30	3.71
DRYWALL HANGER AND METAL STUD INSTALLER	\$ 17.45	3.96
ELECTRICIAN (Alarm Installation Only)	\$ 17.97	3.37
ELECTRICIAN (Low Voltage Wiring Only)	\$ 18.00	1.68
FLOOR LAYER: Carpet	\$ 20.00	0.00
FORM WORKER	\$ 11.87**	0.00
GLAZIER	\$ 19.12	4.41
INSULATOR – BATT	\$ 14.87**	0.73
IRONWORKER, REINFORCING	\$ 12.10**	0.00
LABORER: Common or General	\$ 10.79**	0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender – Brick	\$ 13.37**	0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender - Cement/Concrete	\$ 10.50**	0.00
LABORER: Pipelayer	\$ 12.94**	0.00
LABORER: Roof Tearoff	\$ 11.28**	0.00
LABORER: Landscape and Irrigation	\$ 9.49**	0.00
LATHER	\$ 19.73	0.00
OPERATOR: Backhoe/Excavator/Trackhoe	\$ 14.10**	0.00

OPERATOR: Bobcat/Skid Steer/Skid Loader	\$ 13.93**	0.00
OPERATOR: Bulldozer	\$ 20.77	0.00
OPERATOR: Drill	\$ 16.22	0.34
OPERATOR: Forklift	\$ 15.64	0.00
OPERATOR: Grader/Blade	\$ 13.37**	0.00
OPERATOR: Loader	\$ 13.55**	0.94
OPERATOR: Mechanic	\$ 17.52	3.33
OPERATOR: Paver (Asphalt, Aggregate, and Concrete)	\$ 16.03	0.00
OPERATOR: Roller	\$ 16.00	0.00
PAINTER (Brush, Roller and Spray), Excludes Drywall Finishing/Taping	\$ 16.77	4.51
ROOFER	\$ 15.40	0.00
SHEET METAL WORKER (HVAC Duct Installation Only)	\$ 17.81	2.64
SHEET METAL WORKER (HVAC Unit Installation Only)	\$ 16.00	1.61
SPRINKLER FITTER (Fire Sprinklers)	\$ 22.17	9.70
TILE FINISHER	\$ 12.00**	0.00
TILE SETTER	\$ 16.17	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: 1/Single Axle Truck	\$ 14.95**	5.23
TRUCK DRIVER: Dump Truck	\$ 12.39**	1.18
TRUCK DRIVER: Flatbed Truck	\$ 19.65	8.57
TRUCK DRIVER: Semi-Trailer Truck	\$ 12.50**	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Water Truck	\$ 12.00**	4.11
WATERPROOFER	\$ 14.39**	0.00

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

\*\* Workers in this classification may be entitled to a higher minimum wage under Executive Order 14026 (\$16.20) or 13658 (\$12.15). Please see the Note at the top of the wage determination for more information.

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](http://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.

#### **7.0 PRE-RFQ CONFERENCE:**

A Pre-RFQ conference will be conducted on **Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM** (central). The pre-RFQ conference will be held at the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department located in the Travis Annex at 301 Jackson, Suite 201, Richmond, Texas 77469. All vendors are encouraged to attend. A site visit will be conducted after the conference, if necessary.

#### **8.0 SCOPE OF WORK:**

Design-build contractor to design, permit, and construct renovations of two (2) exam rooms, negative pressure room, nurse's area, break room and file room at Missouri City Annex. The selected contractor must follow the Facility Guidelines Institute – Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities. The selected contractor must also be familiar with the Infection Prevention Manual and complete the ASHE\_ICRA risk assessment.

##### **8.1 DEMOLITION:**

- 8.1.1 Locate existing plumbing lines in areas to be renovated, hot and cold water, sanitary sewer).
- 8.1.2 Relocate negative pressure equipment from room 157 to new location, room 168.

- 8.1.3 Demo walls, millwork, sink and plumbing, as shown in corridor 150 on the demolition plan for the addition of sinks 1 and 2 in exam rooms 155 and 156.
- 8.1.4 Modify millwork at nurse station 150A.
- 8.1.5 Demo walls and shelving in file room 151 and move existing door per plan.
- 8.1.6 Demo walls, door and millwork in break room 166 and EDF in corridor 170 for the addition of sink 3.

**8.2 RENOVATION:**

- 8.2.1 Add new walls per plan in negative pressure room 168, exam room #1, 156, exam room #2, 155 and file room 151. All walls to underside of existing ceiling grid. Add new walls at lab 166 to 8'-0" above finish floor. Finish out to match existing. All walls to be painted corner to corner (color to match existing).
- 8.2.2 Add new stainless steel sink and millwork with laminate top in negative pressure room 168.
- 8.2.3 Add new corner cabinet with laminate top, (color to be selected by owner) and stainless steel sink in exam rooms 1 and 2. Refer to remodeled floor plan.
- 8.2.4 Connect all new plumbing to existing, as required by code.
- 8.2.5 Modify electrical and data outlets, as necessary. Verify locations with owner.
- 8.2.6 New floor at repaired areas to match existing VCT.
- 8.2.7 Field verify any modifications needed to sprinkler system, HVAC and lighting.
- 8.2.8 Contractor required to verify field conditions prior to construction.

**9.0 ESTIMATED BUDGET:**

Estimated budget to complete this project is \$100,000.

**10.0 ESTIMATED SCHEDULE:**

Advertisement begins:	June 18, 2023
Pre-RFQ conference (with site visit if necessary):	June 27, 2023 9:00am
Deadline for questions:	June 30, 2023
Responses due:	July 11, 2023
Evaluation of Submissions:	Week of July 16th
Commissioners Court for permission to Negotiate:	August 8, 2023
Final Contract Approval Commissioners Court:	September 12, 2023

**11.0 FORMAT OF RESPONSE, QUALIFICATIONS, AND EVALUATIONFACTORS:**

- 11.1 To facilitate evaluation of submittals, one (1) original, five (5) paper copies and one (1) electronic response on a flash drive is required. Flash drive must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match written response identically. Failure to provide proper flash drive will result in disqualification.
- 11.2 Request for Qualifications must take the form of a bound 8-1/2-inch by 11-inch report with a Table of Contents and all pages numbered in sequence (**maximum 25 pages**). Binding must allow reports to lay flat when open and may be either wire or GBC. Format of the report may be either “portrait” or “landscape” format with binding on either long or short side.
- 11.3 Respondents are required to follow the outline below when preparing their submission:

Tab	Title
	Title Page
	Letter of Transmittal
	Table of Contents
	Executive Summary
1	Understand Scope of Work
2	Firm’s Experience
3	Staff Experience
4	Financial Stability
5	Firm’s Management Plan
6	Required forms (insurance, vendor forms, W9, debt form, and Stormwater Management Program form)

- 11.4 Executive Summary - This part of the response to the RFQ should be limited to a brief narrative highlighting the Respondent’s submission. Note that the executive summary should identify the primary contacts for the Respondent.
- 11.5 Respondents will be evaluated utilizing the factors, as weighted below:

Understanding Scope of Work (weight factor = 20%)

Tab 1

- Understanding of Scope of Work: Parties demonstrate their ability to meet the required qualifications listed. In addition, describe how the services requested in this instrument will be provided and how they will be supported. Describe the approach your firm will take to the required collaboration, scheduling and coordination required for this project.

Firm’s Experience (weight factor = 35%)

Tab 2

- Firm Experience with Projects of Similar Size and Complexity: Such experience must be in the form of providing general contracting services similar in size of the referenced project for municipal/county government facilities and outpatient facilities. List a minimum of three (3) similar projects completed within the last ten (10) years; provide the name, location, and description of each project, completion date, final cost, the client, and a contact person and phone number. Provide organization chart.

Staff Experience (weight factor = 25%)

Tab 3

- Staff Experience with Projects of Similar Size and Complexity: Such experience must be in the form of providing project management and construction services for similar projects as referenced project. List a minimum of three (3) similar projects completed within the last ten (10) years; provide the name and location of each project, the client, and a contact person and phone number and completion date. In addition, provide resumes for project superintendent and project manager who will be assigned to this project.

Financial Stability (weight factor = 5%)

Tab 4

- Complete and accurate responses to the following questions:
  - a. Has your Company ever failed to complete any work awarded to it in the last ten (10) years?
  - b. Are there any judgments, claims, arbitration proceedings or suits pending or outstanding against your Company or its officers in the last ten (10) years?
  - c. Has your Company filed any lawsuits or requested arbitration with regard to construction contracts within the last five (5) years? If yes, please provide details.
  - d. Does your company have the ability to obtain payment and performance bonds required for this project?

Firm's Management Plan (weight factor = 10%)

Tab 5

- Firm's Management System, Software and Cost Control. Describe how the construction management services will be provided and how they will be supported.

Overall Completeness of Proposal (weight factor = 5%)

Tab 6

- Proof of Insurance
- Completed Respondent forms
- Completed W9 form
- Completed debt form
- Completed Contractor Acknowledgement of Stormwater Management Program form

## **12.0 SELECTION PROCESS:**

Request for Qualifications will be evaluated by a committee comprised of County staff. The committee will review Request for Qualifications submitted and may develop a short list of not more than three (3) firms. These firms will be requested to submit additional information and may be invited to interview with the Committee. Based on further review after the interviews, (if needed), the committee will forward their recommendations to the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court.

## **13.0 PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS:**

The successful firm, upon execution of agreement, will be required to provide to the Office of the County Purchasing Agent, a performance bond and a payment bond, each in the amount of 100% of the total contract sum within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notification of bid award. Such bonds shall be executed by a corporate surety duly authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and licensed in the State of Texas to issue surety bonds with a Best Rating of "A" or better. Fort Bend County reserves the right to accept or reject any surety company proposed by the Contractor. In the event Fort Bend County rejects the proposed surety company, the Contractor will be afforded five (5) additional days to submit the required bonds issued by a surety company acceptable to Fort Bend County.

## **14.0 RETAINAGE:**

Within thirty (30) days after receipt of each uncontested Application for Payment together with the supporting materials required, County shall advance to Contractor the uncontested amount requested in such uncontested Application for Payment, except *five* percent (5%) of the amount requested (~~hereinafter~~ "Retainage") in each Application for Payment by County. The Retainage withheld shall be released upon final completion of the entire Project and

verification of satisfactory work performed, unless grounds exist for withholding payment on account of other defaults by Contractor, including services provided by its sub-contractors.

**15.0 QUESTIONS:**

Questions about this Statement of Qualification Package should be directed in writing to Jaime Kovar, County Purchasing Agent at [Jaime.Kovar@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:Jaime.Kovar@fortbendcountytexas.gov). **Questions will be accepted until 10:00 AM CST, Friday, June 30, 2023.**

**16.0 STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS:**

The contents of this section are required by Texas Law and are included by County regardless of content.

- 16.1 Agreement to Not Boycott Israel Chapter 2271 Texas Government Code: Contractor verifies that if Contractor employs ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000 or more, Contractor does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract.
- 16.2 Texas Government Code Section 2251.152 Acknowledgment: By signature on vendor form, Contractor represents pursuant to Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, that Contractor is not listed on the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas concerning the listing of companies that are identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051 or Section 2253.153.

**17.0 ADDITIONAL REQUIRED FORMS:**

All respondents submitting shall complete the attached and return with submission:

- 17.1 Current Proof of Insurance
- 17.2 Vendor Information Form
- 17.3 W9 Form
- 17.4 Tax Form/Debt/Residence Certification
- 17.5 Contractor Acknowledgement of Stormwater Management Program

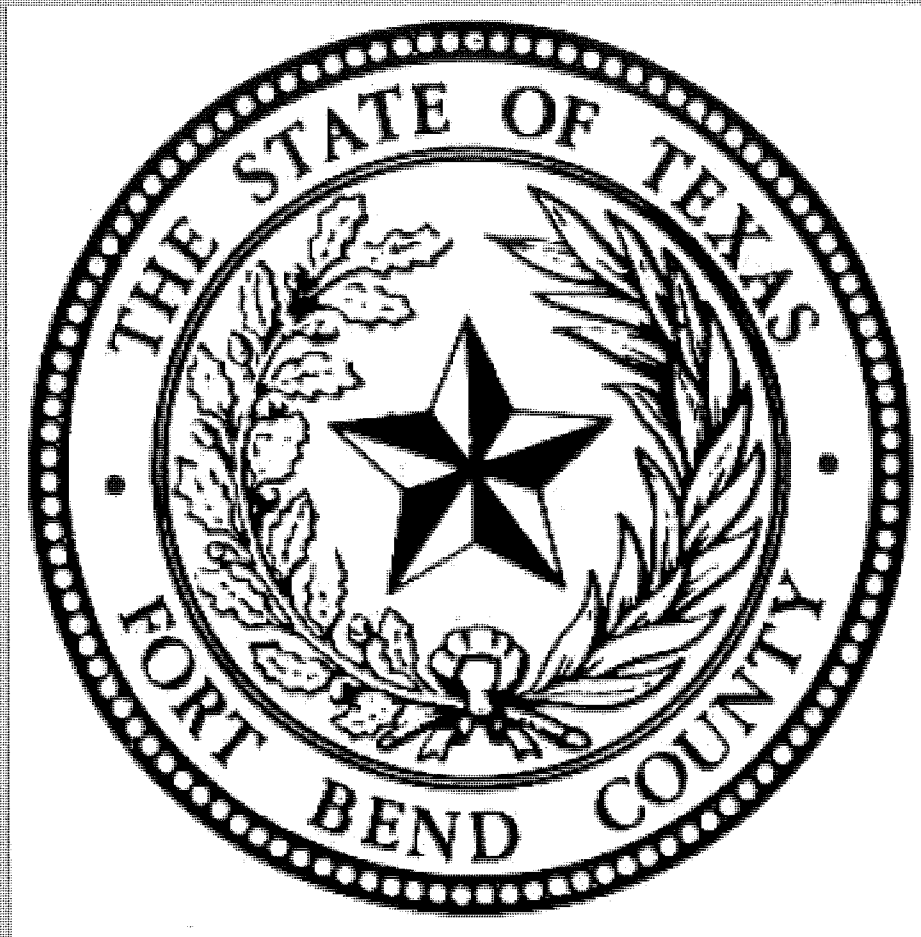
**18.0 ATTACHMENTS:**

- 18.1 Exhibit I – Infection Prevention Manual for Construction & Renovation
- 18.2 Exhibit II – ASHE ICRA

18.3 Exhibit III – HHS Plan Renovations

18.4 Exhibit IV – HHS Renovations Demo

# MISSOURI CITY ANNEX CLINIC RENOVATIONS



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DESIGN/BUILD  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

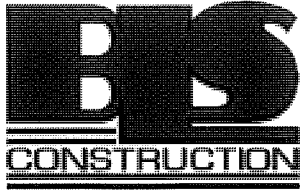
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BLS CONSTRUCTION, INC.

William Key  
William.key@blsconstruction.com

207 Fahrenthold Street  
El Campo, TX, 77437

**RFQ 23-060**  
**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**  
**FORT BEND COUNTY**  
**MISSOURI CITY ANNEX CLINIC RENOVATIONS**  
**BLS CONSTRUCTION, INC.**



207 FAHRENTHOLD STREET  
EL CAMPO, TX 77437

Office: 979-543-2696  
Fax: 979-543-5006

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## Letter of Transmittal

July 11, 2023

Fort Bend County  
Purchasing Department  
Travis Annex  
301 Jackson, Suite 201  
Richmond, TX, 77469

RE: RFQ 23-060 Design/Build for Missouri City Annex Clinic Renovations

Dear Purchasing Department,

We appreciate the opportunity to submit our qualifications for the request for qualifications to design/build the Missouri City Annex Clinic Renovations for Fort Bend County to the Purchasing Department.

The response and all attachments are being submitted as a statement of qualifications and request for consideration of the firm to provide Design/Build services for this project. It would be a privilege to be considered for this project.

I, William Key, President of BLS Construction, Inc. will be representing our firm. You can reach me any time by phone or email.

We look forward to the opportunity to serve your community.

Sincerely,

William Key  
President of BLS Construction, Inc.  
207 Fahrenthold Street  
El Campo, TX, 77437  
979-543-2696 Office  
979-637-0427 Cell Phone  
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## Executive Summary

BLS Construction is proposing to design, build and construct renovations of two exam rooms, negative pressure room, nurse's area, break room and file room at the Missouri City Annex. Our work will follow the Facility Guidelines Institute-Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities, along with all building codes, energy codes, and current TDLR while adhering to the prevailing wage requirements of the project and to the design and specifications within the budget for all scope of work.

William Key will be the managing the project and may be reached at (979)-543-2696 or (979)-637-0427, or by email, [william.key@blsconstruction.com](mailto:william.key@blsconstruction.com).

Our on-site superintendent will be Leroy Condel and he may be reached at (979)-332-0846, or by email, [leroy.condel@blsconstruction.com](mailto:leroy.condel@blsconstruction.com). You will have a full time superintendent on this job.

## Fort Bend County: Missouri City Annex Clinic Renovations-Understanding Scope of Work (Site Specific)

I personally walked this job after the pre-construction meeting. There are some main things that are extremely important for this project at Missouri Annex clinic.

1. Infection control is our highest priority. Most importantly is because this job is going to have to be within the confinement of existing patients, nurses, and physicians. It is not only mandatory but required by our entire team to abide by all rules and regulations. This includes, walk off mats, negative air pressure machines, cleanliness, proper sectioned off partitions, etc. This is considered our highest priority rather than just getting a job done. Along with infection control follows HIPPA rules and regulations and those items help aid in making sure that patients and employees are protected.
2. The second important factor is to help facilitate Fort Bend, so they can facilitate their patients. We wish to not intrude on any day-to-day operations that would not allow for proper treatment of patients. We all know that we need to be cognizant of each other, since we would be performing construction, but we want to abide by all rules and regulations of the county, particularly in the annex.
3. The next item is parking. Parking at this facility is extremely busy and we would need to come up with a game plan with Fort Bend to facilitate where dumpsters can go, parking for construction workers can be, etc.
4. The fourth job specific item is the operation of construction as it relates to being on the second floor and the flow of material deliveries, etc. We will need to work with Fort Bend as to delivery times and/or elevator time slots.
5. The fifth job specific item to address is staging the nurse station. This particular nurse station serves the entire floor on both sides of the space. Obviously, this needs to be worked out on timing, not only of the nurse station reconfiguration but also during the other phases so the nurses have enough space to work.
6. The sixth job specific item (and the most important) that I am in disagreement with is the building of the enclosure for the Negative pressure room c 168. The plans relate to only filling in the spots where doors were located and that will not be proper for a negative pressure room. I feel like the walls need to be installed to deck. Then I feel like a sheetrock ceiling is necessary. In all the rooms that we have built over the years, creating a negative pressure room is highly successful when there are hard surfaces. We will still be able to utilize the magnetic stat, but the configuration of the room is best as described above.
7. The seventh thing to consider that is job specific is that the centrifuge is protected both during construction and afterwards. We will make sure that structures are built accordingly.
8. We are aware of all types of finishes, which include plastic laminated doors, hollow metal frames, VCT waxed floors, plastic laminate millwork and countertops, preferred light fixtures, proper exit signs, etc.
9. We are also aware of some of the sheetrock cracking that is occurring and that it will be addressed during construction as well.
10. With all these things in mind, listening to the staff during the walkthrough, knowing that our team has experience in dealing with medical clinics and hospitals, we feel like we are best for this job.

# UNDERSTAND SCOPE OF WORK

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## **BLS Construction's Preconstruction Program**

Our preconstruction program commitment is to build value, quality and accuracy into every dollar our clients entrust with us. We have continued to provide a full spectrum of preconstruction services that our clients can depend on. As your trusted partner and steward of your resources, we strive to understand the Mission and Vision of each project we build. As a team, our goal is to provide an exceptional experience and value for your project. BLS has a team you can trust to be on board during the early stages, which will ensure your project is set up for success.

## **Establish Project Goals**

Preconstruction is vital to ensuring our clients know what to expect during every step of the building process. By establishing early project goals, it helps us to achieve our common goal, a successful project delivery. We begin our process by learning about your company and the vision for your project, then we make sure the project scope is understood by all project participants. We analyze the site of the project and confirm the requirements can be met without future surprises or excessive cost. Finally we establish procedures for decision making and outline the responsibilities of Fort Bend County Purchasing Department and BLS Construction, Inc. and any other parties involved.

## **Cost Estimating**

The preconstruction process gives clients a chance to explore options, evaluate risk, estimate expenditures and determine cost before building begins. As the steward of your resource, it is our responsibility to make sure we have evaluated every option available to maximize the return of the owner's investment into the project. Preconstruction is the most strategic point in the building process to provide the "what if" scenarios to help clients make impactful educated decisions. By providing our clients with comprehensive information, options, and advice from years of experience, we can deliver accurate and transparent pricing to minimize surprises as the building projects progresses.

## **Constructability Assessment**

BLS knows cost is at the forefront of every project and it's our goal to give you the best services at the best value. Our team will review project documents with an eye for constructability, and by collaborating with the design team, they can create documents and plans that allow a seamless transition to the job site. The outcome leads to a reduction in the number of change orders, reduced requests for information and overall a reduction in errors and delays in the project schedule. BLS develops a construction schedule that balances the client's goals, lead times and necessary phasing to promote job site efficiency and project success.

# UNDERSTAND SCOPE OF WORK

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## Competitive Bidding

The key to creating a successful competitive bidding environment is reducing the risk for our trade partners and finding qualified subcontractors for your unique project. During the bidding process we provide our bidders with a bid package that includes the project schedule, plans and other information developed during the preconstruction process. This helps the subcontractor have a clear understanding of the work and expectations of the project in order to provide the most competitive and accurate pricing possible. Another key to a successful bidding environment is creating interest and excitement about your project. Over the last 41 years in the construction industry, BLS has built strong relationships with our subcontractors throughout Central and South Texas. We will influence these relationships to ensure you receive multiple qualified bids while creating a strong subcontractor team experience that meets both the complex work and your budget. We will also engage any subcontractors you wish to invite and will check references to confirm they are financially stable before contracting with them.

## Comprehensive Strategy

Every project presents unique challenges. During the preconstruction process, our team will work with you to gain a clear understanding of these challenges and work with the rest of the team to creatively solve them and ensure your project remains on schedule and within budget.

## Risk Management

Risk management is one of the most critical elements of project success. The construction industry operates in an uncertain environment where conditions can quickly change depending on the complexity of the project. We prefer to identify risks in the early stages of the project so that we can help our clients make the best financial decisions for their project in the beginning. In later stages, we will assist our team in controlling critical elements which can negatively impact the project success. By monitoring the project we can uncover early warnings that may impact the time, cost or quality of the project.

## Delivery Process

BLS Construction Inc. will ensure the quality of work meets the requirements that have been designed through our construction management role. Our Quality Control Program serves as documentation of the organizational structure, functional responsibility, levels of authority, and lines of communications for the activities that affect quality. Quality control is thoroughly documented through submittal logs. The daily construction logs are reviewed and discussed at weekly meetings with the team so BLS can ensure the proper materials and methods are being used by subcontractors and suppliers. We follow this up with on-site inspection of all phases of construction.

# FIRM'S EXPERIENCE

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## JACKSON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT EMS & HOME HEALTH BUILDING

### GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Edna, TX

Owner: JCHD: Russell Hudgeons- 361-782-7867

Architect: Leonard Lane- Chelsea Place Design, Inc.

Contract Amount: \$788,647.90

Completion Date: 03/2022

Square footage: 5,379

Description: Alterations and new construction to the 5,379 sq. ft. former dialysis clinic building and site improvements for home health services and EMS services



## MATAGORDA EPISCOPAL HEALTH OUTREACH PROGRAM- DISASTER BUILDING

### DESIGN/BUILD

Bay City, TX

Owner: Celeste Harrison-CEO: 979-245-2082

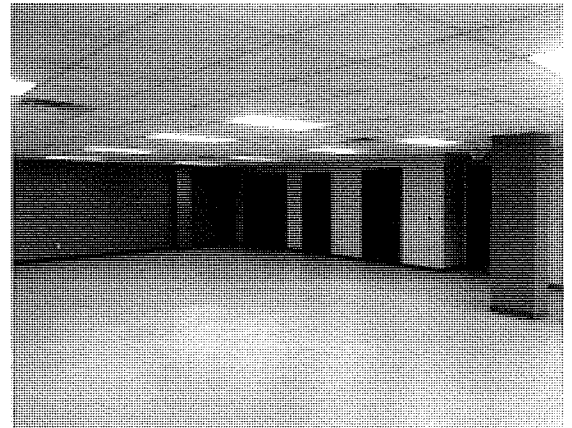
Architect: Ken Shanks- Ken Shanks & Associates

Contract Amount: \$264,052.00

Completion Date: 04/2020

Square footage: 2,500

Description: Design and construction of administration services to renovate 2,500 sq. ft. building for emergency purposes



## EL CAMPO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL-EMERGENCY ROOM

### CMAR

El Campo, TX

Owner Rep: Nathan Tudor: CEO-979-543-6251

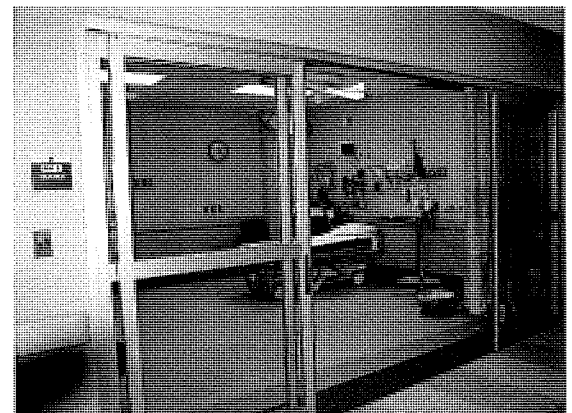
Architect: Al McCall-Architect McCall & Associates

Contract Amount: \$71,100.00

Completion Date: 07/2017

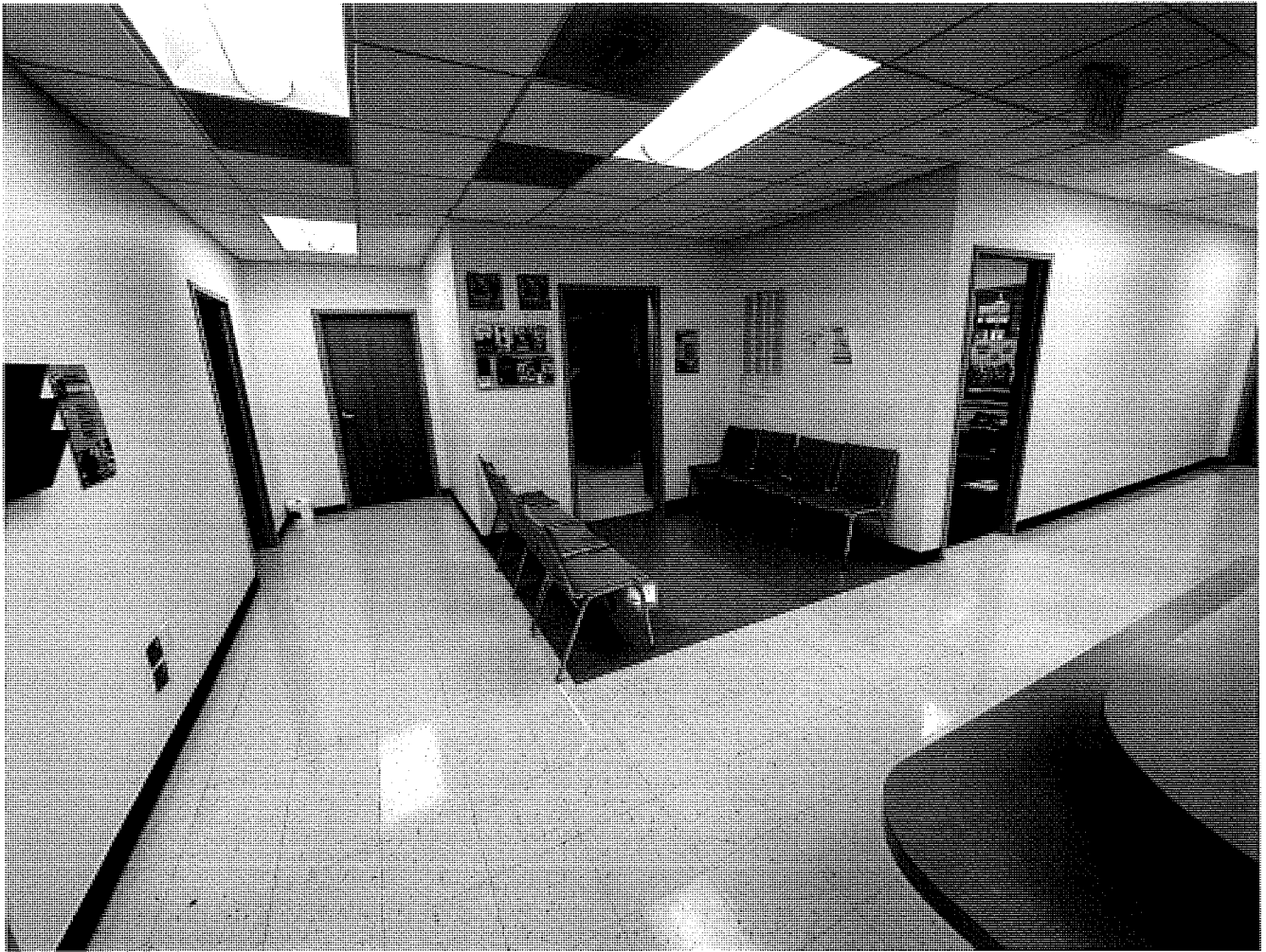
Square footage: 2,000

Description: Remodel 2,000 sq. ft. of the existing emergency room



# STAFF'S EXPERIENCE

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# BLS TEAM

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**William Key**  
*President*



**Leroy Condel**  
*Lead Superintendent*



**Joy Janak**  
*Project Manager*



**Heather Reese**  
*Accounting*



**Darian Dutcher**  
*Assistant Project Manager*

# WILLIAM KEY

PRESIDENT



## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts Business Major  
Southwestern University

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Celeste Harrison:  
MEHOP CEO  
Phone #: 979-245-2008

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Career History-18 Years

BLS Construction, Inc. 2005-Present

## EXPERIENCE

### JACKSON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT EMS AND HOME HEALTH PROJECT

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### MEMORIAL HERMANN MEDICAL GROUP

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Needville, TX

Owner Rep: Tammy Russell-Construction PM: 713-242-2748

Contract Amount: \$176,273.19

Completion Date: 05/2016

Square Footage: 5,000

Description: Remodel to existing 5,000 sq. ft. medical clinic

## SKILLS

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- Client & Project Team Communication
- Client Focused Problem Solving
- Accurate Project Estimations
- Exceptional Project Management
- Leadership
- Team Management
- Budget Management



# JOY JANAK

SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER



## EDUCATION

Master in Administration  
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Phone #: 979-966-8888

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Career History-5 Years

BLS Construction, Inc.2018-Present

## EXPERIENCE

- 36 Years of Hospital Management
- 20 Years of Hospital Construction

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# LEROY CONDEL

LEAD SUPERINTENDENT



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Larry Rapsilver: Owner  
Sealy Commercial Contractor Services  
Phone #: 713-829-3490

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Career History-30 Years

BLS Construction, Inc. 2016-Present  
BLS Construction, Inc. 2001-2011

## EXPERIENCE

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- Client Focused Problem Solving
- Accurate Project Estimations
- Exceptional Project Management
- Leadership
- Team Management
- Budget Management
- Ensures Construction is done according to plans



# FINANCIAL STABILITY

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Questions	Response
a. Has your Company failed to complete any work awarded to it?	No
b. Are there any judgements, claims, arbitration proceedings or suits pending or outstanding against your Company or its officers?	No
c. Has your firm been terminated or refused to perform any work under contract?	No
d. Identify any lawsuits filed or arbitration requested by your firm with respect to construction contracts of your firm.	No

# FIRM'S MANAGEMENT PLAN

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## FIRM'S MANAGEMENT PLAN

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BLS Construction is committed to work with the project team on every aspect of the project cycle. We are dedicated to producing a project you will be proud of.

Our Overview of the Step-by-Step Delivery Process is as follows:

- Review proposed project program
- Review current construction documents
- Evaluate existing conditions
- Generate project construction estimate with comparative updates at each construction phase
- Provide collaborative effort with design professional for alternate concepts
- Identify long-lead items and specialty assemblies/systems
- Create initial project schedule including preconstruction, construction and post-construction phases
- Periodically up-date the estimate of cost and the project schedule as the design process progresses
- Apply for all required permits
- Orchestrate subcontractor/supplier procurement
- Establish project-specific quality assessment and safety programs
- Commence construction
- Pro-actively maintain communication with the Owner concerning construction progression and related documentation
- Budget Compliance
- Requests for Information
- Submittals
- Project Schedule
- Schedule and coordinate building inspections
- Continually monitor quality assurance and safety programs
- Coordinate final inspections for ultimate project completion
- Publish close-out documentation including releases of lien, as-built drawings and O&M documentation
- Follow-up with Owner during warranty period to resolve any issues that may appear



# AIA® Document A141® – 2014

## Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Design-Builder

AGREEMENT made as of the 5th day of September in the year 2023  
*(In words, indicate day, month and year.)*

BETWEEN the Owner:  
*(Name, legal status, address and other information)*

Fort Bend County  
301 Jackson, Suite 201  
Richmond, TX, 77469

and the Design-Builder:  
*(Name, legal status, address and other information)*

BLS Construction, Inc.  
207 Fahrenthold Street  
El Campo, TX, 77437

for the following Project:  
*(Name, location and detailed description)*

Missouri City Annex Clinic Renovations for Fort Bend County  
307 Texas Pkwy #100  
Missouri City, TX, 77489  
Renovations of two exam rooms, negative pressure room, nurse's area, break room and file room  
The Owner and Design-Builder agree as follows.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:**  
The author of this document has added information needed for its completion. The author may also have revised the text of the original AIA standard form. An *Additions and Deletions Report* that notes added information as well as revisions to the standard form text is available from the author and should be reviewed. A vertical line in the left margin of this document indicates where the author has added necessary information and where the author has added to or deleted from the original AIA text.

This document has important legal consequences. Consultation with an attorney is encouraged with respect to its completion or modification.

Consultation with an attorney is also encouraged with respect to professional licensing requirements in the jurisdiction where the Project is located.

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ARTICLE 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1.1 Owner's Criteria

This Agreement is based on the Owner's Criteria set forth in this Section 1.1.

*(Note the disposition for the following items by inserting the requested information or a statement such as "not applicable" or "unknown at time of execution." If the Owner intends to provide a set of design documents, and the requested information is contained in the design documents, identify the design documents and insert "see Owner's design documents" where appropriate.)*

§ 1.1.1 The Owner's program for the Project:

*(Set forth the program, identify documentation in which the program is set forth, or state the manner in which the program will be developed.)*

Renovation of two exam rooms, negative pressure room, nurse's area, break room and file room

§ 1.1.2 The Owner's design requirements for the Project and related documentation:

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User Notes:

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*(Identify below, or in an attached exhibit, the documentation that contains the Owner's design requirements, including any performance specifications for the Project.)*

**§ 1.1.3** The Project's physical characteristics:

*(Identify or describe, if appropriate, size, location, dimensions, or other pertinent information, such as geotechnical reports; site, boundary and topographic surveys; traffic and utility studies; availability of public and private utilities and services; legal description of the site; etc.)*

**§ 1.1.4** The Owner's anticipated Sustainable Objective for the Project, if any:

*(Identify the Owner's Sustainable Objective for the Project such as Sustainability Certification, benefit to the environment, enhancement to the health and well-being of building occupants, or improvement of energy efficiency. If the Owner identifies a Sustainable Objective, incorporate AIA Document A141™-2014, Exhibit C, Sustainable Projects, into this Agreement to define the terms, conditions and Work related to the Owner's Sustainable Objective.)*

**§ 1.1.5** Incentive programs the Owner intends to pursue for the Project, including those related to the Sustainable Objective, and any deadlines for receiving the incentives that are dependent on, or related to, the Design-Builder's services, are as follows:

*(Identify incentive programs the Owner intends to pursue for the Project and deadlines for submitting or applying for the incentive programs.)*

**§ 1.1.6** The Owner's budget for the Work to be provided by the Design-Builder is set forth below:

*(Provide total for Owner's budget, and if known, a line item breakdown of costs.)*

\$100,000.00

**§ 1.1.7** The Owner's design and construction milestone dates:

.1 Design phase milestone dates:

To be determined with Fort Bend County after initial design meeting

.2 Submission of Design-Builder Proposal:

To be determined with Fort Bend County after initial design meeting

.3 Phased completion dates:

To be determined with Fort Bend County after initial design meeting

.4 Substantial Completion date:

To be determined with Fort Bend County after initial design meeting

.5 Other milestone dates:

To be determined with Fort Bend County after initial design meeting

**§ 1.1.8** The Owner requires the Design-Builder to retain the following Architect, Consultants and Contractors at the Design-Builder's cost:

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(List name, legal status, address and other information.)

.1 Architect

Ziegler Cooper Architects  
700 Louisiana Street  
Houston, TX, 77002

.2 Consultants

.3 Contractors

§ 1.1.9 Additional Owner's Criteria upon which the Agreement is based:

(Identify special characteristics or needs of the Project not identified elsewhere, such as historic preservation requirements.)

N/A

§ 1.1.10 The Design-Builder shall confirm that the information included in the Owner's Criteria complies with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities.

§ 1.1.10.1 If the Owner's Criteria conflicts with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities, the Design-Builder shall notify the Owner of the conflict.

§ 1.1.11 If there is a change in the Owner's Criteria, the Owner and the Design-Builder shall execute a Modification in accordance with Article 6.

§ 1.1.12 If the Owner and Design-Builder intend to transmit Instruments of Service or any other information or documentation in digital form, they shall endeavor to establish necessary protocols governing such transmissions. Unless otherwise agreed, the parties will use AIA Document E203™-2013 to establish the protocols for the development, use, transmission, and exchange of digital data and building information modeling.

§ 1.2 Project Team

§ 1.2.1 The Owner identifies the following representative in accordance with Section 7.1.1:

(List name, address and other information.)

Leah Gibson  
Fort bend County Facilities Administrative Manager  
301 Jackson Street, Suite 301  
Richmond, TX, 77469  
281-238-3097

[Leah.Gibson@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:Leah.Gibson@fortbendcountytexas.gov)

§ 1.2.2 The persons or entities, in addition to the Owner's representative, who are required to review the Design-Builder's Submittals are as follows:

(List name, address and other information.)

To be determined

§ 1.2.3 The Owner will retain the following consultants and separate contractors:

(List discipline, scope of work, and, if known, identify by name and address.)

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§ 1.2.4 The Design-Builder identifies the following representative in accordance with Section 3.1.2:  
(List name, address and other information.)

William Key-President  
BLS Construction, Inc.  
207 Fahrenthold Street  
El Campo, TX, 77437  
979-543-2696  
William.key@blsconstruction.com

§ 1.2.5 Neither the Owner's nor the Design-Builder's representative shall be changed without ten days' written notice to the other party.

### § 1.3 Binding Dispute Resolution

For any Claim subject to, but not resolved by, mediation pursuant to Section 14.3, the method of binding dispute resolution shall be the following:

(Check the appropriate box. If the Owner and Design-Builder do not select a method of binding dispute resolution below, or do not subsequently agree in writing to a binding dispute resolution other than litigation, Claims will be resolved by litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction.)

- [ X ] Arbitration pursuant to Section 14.4
- [ ] Litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction
- [ ] Other: (Specify)

### § 1.4 Definitions

§ 1.4.1 **Design-Build Documents.** The Design-Build Documents consist of this Agreement between Owner and Design-Builder and its attached Exhibits (hereinafter, the "Agreement"); other documents listed in this Agreement; and Modifications issued after execution of this Agreement. A Modification is (1) a written amendment to the Contract signed by both parties, including the Design-Build Amendment, (2) a Change Order, or (3) a Change Directive.

§ 1.4.2 **The Contract.** The Design-Build Documents form the Contract. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties and supersedes prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. The Contract may be amended or modified only by a Modification. The Design-Build Documents shall not be construed to create a contractual relationship of any kind between any persons or entities other than the Owner and the Design-Builder.

§ 1.4.3 **The Work.** The term "Work" means the design, construction and related services required to fulfill the Design-Builder's obligations under the Design-Build Documents, whether completed or partially completed, and includes all labor, materials, equipment and services provided or to be provided by the Design-Builder. The Work may constitute the whole or a part of the Project.

§ 1.4.4 **The Project.** The Project is the total design and construction of which the Work performed under the Design-Build Documents may be the whole or a part, and may include design and construction by the Owner and by separate contractors.

§ 1.4.5 **Instruments of Service.** Instruments of Service are representations, in any medium of expression now known or later developed, of the tangible and intangible creative work performed by the Design-Builder, Contractor(s), Architect, and Consultant(s) under their respective agreements. Instruments of Service may include, without limitation, studies, surveys, models, sketches, drawings, specifications, digital models and other similar materials.

§ 1.4.6 **Submittal.** A Submittal is any submission to the Owner for review and approval demonstrating how the Design-Builder proposes to conform to the Design-Build Documents for those portions of the Work for which the Design-Build Documents require Submittals. Submittals include, but are not limited to, shop drawings, product data, and samples. Submittals are not Design-Build Documents unless incorporated into a Modification.

§ 1.4.7 **Owner.** The Owner is the person or entity identified as such in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Design-Build Documents as if singular in number. The term "Owner" means the Owner or the Owner's authorized representative.

§ 1.4.8 **Design-Builder.** The Design-Builder is the person or entity identified as such in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Design-Build Documents as if singular in number. The term "Design-Builder" means the Design-Builder or the Design-Builder's authorized representative.

§ 1.4.9 **Consultant.** A Consultant is a person or entity providing professional services for the Design-Builder for all or a portion of the Work, and is referred to throughout the Design-Build Documents as if singular in number. To the extent required by the relevant jurisdiction, the Consultant shall be lawfully licensed to provide the required professional services.

§ 1.4.10 **Architect.** The Architect is a person or entity providing design services for the Design-Builder for all or a portion of the Work, and is lawfully licensed to practice architecture in the applicable jurisdiction. The Architect is referred to throughout the Design-Build Documents as if singular in number.

§ 1.4.11 **Contractor.** A Contractor is a person or entity performing all or a portion of the construction, required in connection with the Work, for the Design-Builder. The Contractor shall be lawfully licensed, if required in the jurisdiction where the Project is located. The Contractor is referred to throughout the Design-Build Documents as if singular in number and means a Contractor or an authorized representative of the Contractor.

§ 1.4.12 **Confidential Information.** Confidential Information is information containing confidential or business proprietary information that is clearly marked as "confidential."

§ 1.4.13 **Contract Time.** Unless otherwise provided, Contract Time is the period of time, including authorized adjustments, as set forth in the Design-Build Amendment for Substantial Completion of the Work.

§ 1.4.14 **Day.** The term "day" as used in the Design-Build Documents shall mean calendar day unless otherwise specifically defined.

§ 1.4.15 **Contract Sum.** The Contract Sum is the amount to be paid to the Design-Builder for performance of the Work after execution of the Design-Build Amendment, as identified in Article A.1 of the Design-Build Amendment.

## ARTICLE 2 COMPENSATION AND PROGRESS PAYMENTS

### § 2.1 Compensation for Work Performed Prior To Execution of Design-Build Amendment

§ 2.1.1 Unless otherwise agreed, payments for Work performed prior to Execution of the Design-Build Amendment shall be made monthly. For the Design-Builder's performance of Work prior to the execution of the Design-Build Amendment, the Owner shall compensate the Design-Builder as follows:

*(Insert amount of, or basis for, compensation, including compensation for any Sustainability Services, or indicate the exhibit in which the information is provided. If there will be a limit on the total amount of compensation for Work performed prior to the execution of the Design-Build Amendment, state the amount of the limit.)*

\$12,000.00 Lump Sum Fee. To design and document plans for construction for interior renovations of 2 exam rooms, a negative pressure room, nurse's area, breakroom, and file room at Missouri City Annex Clinic. This fee does not include any mechanical, electrical, or plumbing engineering. If required by authority having jurisdiction, this service can be added. It is our intent to utilize mechanical, electrical, and plumbing subcontractors to aid in the MEP design on architectural plans.

§ 2.1.2 The hourly billing rates for services of the Design-Builder and the Design-Builder's Architect, Consultants and Contractors, if any, are set forth below.

*(If applicable, attach an exhibit of hourly billing rates or insert them below.)*

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Individual or Position	Rate
Architect	\$200.00/hour
Contractor	\$100.00/hour

**§ 2.1.3 Compensation for Reimbursable Expenses Prior To Execution of Design-Build Amendment**

§ 2.1.3.1 Reimbursable Expenses are in addition to compensation set forth in Section 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 and include expenses, directly related to the Project, incurred by the Design-Builder and the Design-Builder's Architect, Consultants, and Contractors, as follows:

- .1 Transportation and authorized out-of-town travel and subsistence;
- .2 Dedicated data and communication services, teleconferences, Project web sites, and extranets;
- .3 Fees paid for securing approval of authorities having jurisdiction over the Project;
- .4 Printing, reproductions, plots, standard form documents;
- .5 Postage, handling and delivery;
- .6 Expense of overtime work requiring higher than regular rates, if authorized in advance by the Owner;
- .7 Renderings, physical models, mock-ups, professional photography, and presentation materials requested by the Owner;
- .8 All taxes levied on professional services and on reimbursable expenses; and
- .9 Other Project-related expenditures, if authorized in advance by the Owner.

§ 2.1.3.2 For Reimbursable Expenses, the compensation shall be the expenses the Design-Builder and the Design-Builder's Architect, Consultants and Contractors incurred, plus an administrative fee of Zero percent ( 0 %) of the expenses incurred.

**§ 2.1.4 Payments to the Design-Builder Prior To Execution of Design-Build Amendment**

§ 2.1.4.1 Payments are due and payable upon presentation of the Design-Builder's invoice. Amounts unpaid Fifteen ( 15 ) days after the invoice date shall bear interest at the rate entered below, or in the absence thereof at the legal rate prevailing from time to time at the principal place of business of the Design-Builder.

*(Insert rate of monthly or annual interest agreed upon.)*

5 % Five

§ 2.1.4.2 Records of Reimbursable Expenses and services performed on the basis of hourly rates shall be available to the Owner at mutually convenient times for a period of two years following execution of the Design-Build Amendment or termination of this Agreement, whichever occurs first.

**§ 2.2 Contract Sum and Payment for Work Performed After Execution of Design-Build Amendment**

For the Design-Builder's performance of the Work after execution of the Design-Build Amendment, the Owner shall pay to the Design-Builder the Contract Sum in current funds as agreed in the Design-Build Amendment.

**ARTICLE 3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE WORK OF THE DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT**

**§ 3.1 General**

§ 3.1.1 The Design-Builder shall comply with any applicable licensing requirements in the jurisdiction where the Project is located.

§ 3.1.2 The Design-Builder shall designate in writing a representative who is authorized to act on the Design-Builder's behalf with respect to the Project.

§ 3.1.3 The Design-Builder shall perform the Work in accordance with the Design-Build Documents. The Design-Builder shall not be relieved of the obligation to perform the Work in accordance with the Design-Build Documents by the activities, tests, inspections or approvals of the Owner.

§ 3.1.3.1 The Design-Builder shall perform the Work in compliance with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities. If the Design-Builder performs Work contrary to

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§ 3.1.3.2 Neither the Design-Builder nor any Contractor, Consultant, or Architect shall be obligated to perform any act which they believe will violate any applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities. If the Design-Builder determines that implementation of any instruction received from the Owner, including those in the Owner's Criteria, would cause a violation of any applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities, the Design-Builder shall notify the Owner in writing. Upon verification by the Owner that a change to the Owner's Criteria is required to remedy the violation, the Owner and the Design-Builder shall execute a Modification in accordance with Article 6.

§ 3.1.4 The Design-Builder shall be responsible to the Owner for acts and omissions of the Design-Builder's employees, Architect, Consultants, Contractors, and their agents and employees, and other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

§ 3.1.5 **General Consultation.** The Design-Builder shall schedule and conduct periodic meetings with the Owner to review matters such as procedures, progress, coordination, and scheduling of the Work.

§ 3.1.6 When applicable law requires that services be performed by licensed professionals, the Design-Builder shall provide those services through qualified, licensed professionals. The Owner understands and agrees that the services of the Design-Builder's Architect and the Design-Builder's other Consultants are performed in the sole interest of, and for the exclusive benefit of, the Design-Builder.

§ 3.1.7 The Design-Builder, with the assistance of the Owner, shall prepare and file documents required to obtain necessary approvals of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project.

#### § 3.1.8 **Progress Reports**

§ 3.1.8.1 The Design-Builder shall keep the Owner informed of the progress and quality of the Work. On a monthly basis, or otherwise as agreed to by the Owner and Design-Builder, the Design-Builder shall submit written progress reports to the Owner, showing estimated percentages of completion and other information identified below:

- .1 Work completed for the period;
- .2 Project schedule status;
- .3 Submittal schedule and status report, including a summary of outstanding Submittals;
- .4 Responses to requests for information to be provided by the Owner;
- .5 Approved Change Orders and Change Directives;
- .6 Pending Change Order and Change Directive status reports;
- .7 Tests and inspection reports;
- .8 Status report of Work rejected by the Owner;
- .9 Status of Claims previously submitted in accordance with Article 14;
- .10 Cumulative total of the Cost of the Work to date including the Design-Builder's compensation and Reimbursable Expenses, if any;
- .11 Current Project cash-flow and forecast reports; and
- .12 Additional information as agreed to by the Owner and Design-Builder.

§ 3.1.8.2 In addition, where the Contract Sum is the Cost of the Work with or without a Guaranteed Maximum Price, the Design-Builder shall include the following additional information in its progress reports:

- .1 Design-Builder's work force report;
- .2 Equipment utilization report; and
- .3 Cost summary, comparing actual costs to updated cost estimates.

#### § 3.1.9 **Design-Builder's Schedules**

§ 3.1.9.1 The Design-Builder, promptly after execution of this Agreement, shall prepare and submit for the Owner's information a schedule for the Work. The schedule, including the time required for design and construction, shall not exceed time limits current under the Design-Build Documents, shall be revised at appropriate intervals as required by the conditions of the Work and Project, shall be related to the entire Project to the extent required by the Design-Build Documents, shall provide for expeditious and practicable execution of the Work, and shall include allowances for periods of time required for the Owner's review and for approval of submissions by authorities having jurisdiction over the Project.

§ 3.1.9.2 The Design-Builder shall perform the Work in general accordance with the most recent schedules submitted to the Owner.

§ 3.1.10 **Certifications.** Upon the Owner's written request, the Design-Builder shall obtain from the Architect, Consultants, and Contractors, and furnish to the Owner, certifications with respect to the documents and services provided by the Architect, Consultants, and Contractors (a) that, to the best of their knowledge, information and belief, the documents or services to which the certifications relate (i) are consistent with the Design-Build Documents, except to the extent specifically identified in the certificate, and (ii) comply with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities governing the design of the Project; and (b) that the Owner and its consultants shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy of the representations and statements contained in the certifications. The Design-Builder's Architect, Consultants, and Contractors shall not be required to execute certificates or consents that would require knowledge, services or responsibilities beyond the scope of their services.

§ 3.1.11 **Design-Builder's Submittals**

§ 3.1.11.1 Prior to submission of any Submittals, the Design-Builder shall prepare a Submittal schedule, and shall submit the schedule for the Owner's approval. The Owner's approval shall not unreasonably be delayed or withheld. The Submittal schedule shall (1) be coordinated with the Design-Builder's schedule provided in Section 3.1.9.1, (2) allow the Owner reasonable time to review Submittals, and (3) be periodically updated to reflect the progress of the Work. If the Design-Builder fails to submit a Submittal schedule, the Design-Builder shall not be entitled to any increase in Contract Sum or extension of Contract Time based on the time required for review of Submittals.

§ 3.1.11.2 By providing Submittals the Design-Builder represents to the Owner that it has (1) reviewed and approved them, (2) determined and verified materials, field measurements and field construction criteria related thereto, or will do so and (3) checked and coordinated the information contained within such Submittals with the requirements of the Work and of the Design-Build Documents.

§ 3.1.11.3 The Design-Builder shall perform no portion of the Work for which the Design-Build Documents require Submittals until the Owner has approved the respective Submittal.

§ 3.1.11.4 The Work shall be in accordance with approved Submittals except that the Design-Builder shall not be relieved of its responsibility to perform the Work consistent with the requirements of the Design-Build Documents. The Work may deviate from the Design-Build Documents only if the Design-Builder has notified the Owner in writing of a deviation from the Design-Build Documents at the time of the Submittal and a Modification is executed authorizing the identified deviation. The Design-Builder shall not be relieved of responsibility for errors or omissions in Submittals by the Owner's approval of the Submittals.

§ 3.1.11.5 All professional design services or certifications to be provided by the Design-Builder, including all drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications, shop drawings and other Submittals, shall contain the signature and seal of the licensed design professional preparing them. Submittals related to the Work designed or certified by the licensed design professionals, if prepared by others, shall bear the licensed design professional's written approval. The Owner and its consultants shall be entitled to rely upon the adequacy, accuracy and completeness of the services, certifications or approvals performed by such design professionals.

§ 3.1.12 **Warranty.** The Design-Builder warrants to the Owner that materials and equipment furnished under the Contract will be of good quality and new unless the Design-Build Documents require or permit otherwise. The Design-Builder further warrants that the Work will conform to the requirements of the Design-Build Documents and will be free from defects, except for those inherent in the quality of the Work or otherwise expressly permitted by the Design-Build Documents. Work, materials, or equipment not conforming to these requirements may be considered defective. The Design-Builder's warranty excludes remedy for damage or defect caused by abuse, alterations to the Work not executed by the Design-Builder, improper or insufficient maintenance, improper operation, or normal wear and tear and normal usage. If required by the Owner, the Design-Builder shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment.

§ 3.1.13 **Royalties, Patents and Copyrights**

§ 3.1.13.1 The Design-Builder shall pay all royalties and license fees.

§ 3.1.13.2 The Design-Builder shall defend suits or claims for infringement of copyrights and patent rights and shall hold the Owner and its separate contractors and consultants harmless from loss on account thereof, but shall not be responsible for such defense or loss when a particular design, process or product of a particular manufacturer or manufacturers is required by the Owner, or where the copyright violations are required in the Owner's Criteria. However, if the Design-Builder has reason to believe that the design, process or product required in the Owner's Criteria is an infringement of a copyright or a patent, the Design-Builder shall be responsible for such loss unless such information is promptly furnished to the Owner. If the Owner receives notice from a patent or copyright owner of an alleged violation of a patent or copyright, attributable to the Design-Builder, the Owner shall give prompt written notice to the Design-Builder.

§ 3.1.14 Indemnification

§ 3.1.14.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Design-Builder shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, including the Owner's agents and employees, from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work, but only to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Design-Builder, Architect, a Consultant, a Contractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnity that would otherwise exist as to a party or person described in this Section 3.1.14.

§ 3.1.14.2 The indemnification obligation under this Section 3.1.14 shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for Design-Builder, Architect, a Consultant, a Contractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

§ 3.1.15 Contingent Assignment of Agreements

§ 3.1.15.1 Each agreement for a portion of the Work is assigned by the Design-Builder to the Owner, provided that

- .1 assignment is effective only after termination of the Contract by the Owner for cause, pursuant to Sections 13.1.4 or 13.2.2, and only for those agreements that the Owner accepts by written notification to the Design-Builder and the Architect, Consultants, and Contractors whose agreements are accepted for assignment; and
- .2 assignment is subject to the prior rights of the surety, if any, obligated under bond relating to the Contract.

When the Owner accepts the assignment of an agreement, the Owner assumes the Design-Builder's rights and obligations under the agreement.

§ 3.1.15.2 Upon such assignment, if the Work has been suspended for more than 30 days, the compensation under the assigned agreement shall be equitably adjusted for increases in cost resulting from the suspension.

§ 3.1.15.3 Upon such assignment to the Owner under this Section 3.1.15, the Owner may further assign the agreement to a successor design-builder or other entity. If the Owner assigns the agreement to a successor design-builder or other entity, the Owner shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all of the successor design-builder's or other entity's obligations under the agreement.

§ 3.1.16 Design-Builder's Insurance and Bonds. The Design-Builder shall purchase and maintain insurance and provide bonds as set forth in Exhibit B.

ARTICLE 4 WORK PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THE DESIGN-BUILD AMENDMENT

§ 4.1 General

§ 4.1.1 Any information submitted by the Design-Builder, and any interim decisions made by the Owner, shall be for the purpose of facilitating the design process and shall not modify the Owner's Criteria unless the Owner and Design-Builder execute a Modification.

§ 4.1.2 The Design-Builder shall advise the Owner on proposed site use and improvements, selection of materials, and building systems and equipment. The Design-Builder shall also provide the Owner with recommendations, consistent with the Owner's Criteria, on constructability; availability of materials and labor; time requirements for procurement,

installation and construction; and factors related to construction cost including, but not limited to, costs of alternative designs or materials, preliminary budgets, life-cycle data, and possible cost reductions.

#### § 4.2 Evaluation of the Owner's Criteria

§ 4.2.1 The Design-Builder shall schedule and conduct meetings with the Owner and any other necessary individuals or entities to discuss and review the Owner's Criteria as set forth in Section 1.1. The Design-Builder shall thereafter again meet with the Owner to discuss a preliminary evaluation of the Owner's Criteria. The preliminary evaluation shall address possible alternative approaches to design and construction of the Project and include the Design-Builder's recommendations, if any, with regard to accelerated or fast-track scheduling, procurement, or phased construction. The preliminary evaluation shall consider cost information, constructability, and procurement and construction scheduling issues.

§ 4.2.2 After the Design-Builder meets with the Owner and presents the preliminary evaluation, the Design-Builder shall provide a written report to the Owner, summarizing the Design-Builder's evaluation of the Owner's Criteria. The report shall also include

- .1 allocations of program functions, detailing each function and their square foot areas;
- .2 a preliminary estimate of the Cost of the Work, and, if necessary, recommendations to adjust the Owner's Criteria to conform to the Owner's budget;
- .3 a preliminary schedule, which shall include proposed design milestones; dates for receiving additional information from, or for work to be completed by, the Owner; anticipated date for the Design-Builder's Proposal; and dates of periodic design review sessions with the Owner; and
- .4 the following:  
*(List additional information, if any, to be included in the Design-Builder's written report.)*

§ 4.2.3 The Owner shall review the Design-Builder's written report and, if acceptable, provide the Design-Builder with written consent to proceed to the development of the Preliminary Design as described in Section 4.3. The consent to proceed shall not be understood to modify the Owner's Criteria unless the Owner and Design-Builder execute a Modification.

#### § 4.3 Preliminary Design

§ 4.3.1 Upon the Owner's issuance of a written consent to proceed under Section 4.2.3, the Design-Builder shall prepare and submit a Preliminary Design to the Owner. The Preliminary Design shall include a report identifying any deviations from the Owner's Criteria, and shall include the following:

- .1 Confirmation of the allocations of program functions;
- .2 Site plan;
- .3 Building plans, sections and elevations;
- .4 Structural system;
- .5 Selections of major building systems, including but not limited to mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems; and
- .6 Outline specifications or sufficient drawing notes describing construction materials.

The Preliminary Design may include some combination of physical study models, perspective sketches, or digital modeling.

§ 4.3.2 The Owner shall review the Preliminary Design and, if acceptable, provide the Design-Builder with written consent to proceed to development of the Design-Builder's Proposal. The Preliminary Design shall not modify the Owner's Criteria unless the Owner and Design-Builder execute a Modification.

#### § 4.4 Design-Builder's Proposal

§ 4.4.1 Upon the Owner's issuance of a written consent to proceed under Section 4.3.2, the Design-Builder shall prepare and submit the Design-Builder's Proposal to the Owner. The Design-Builder's Proposal shall include the following:

- .1 A list of the Preliminary Design documents and other information, including the Design-Builder's clarifications, assumptions and deviations from the Owner's Criteria, upon which the Design-Builder's Proposal is based;

- .2 The proposed Contract Sum, including the compensation method and, if based upon the Cost of the Work plus a fee, a written statement of estimated cost organized by trade categories, allowances, contingencies, Design-Builder's Fee, and other items that comprise the Contract Sum;
- .3 The proposed date the Design-Builder shall achieve Substantial Completion;
- .4 An enumeration of any qualifications and exclusions, if applicable;
- .5 A list of the Design-Builder's key personnel, Contractors and suppliers; and
- .6 The date on which the Design-Builder's Proposal expires.

§ 4.4.2 Submission of the Design-Builder's Proposal shall constitute a representation by the Design-Builder that it has visited the site and become familiar with local conditions under which the Work is to be completed.

§ 4.4.3 If the Owner and Design-Builder agree on a proposal, the Owner and Design-Builder shall execute the Design-Build Amendment setting forth the terms of their agreement.

#### ARTICLE 5 WORK FOLLOWING EXECUTION OF THE DESIGN-BUILD AMENDMENT

##### § 5.1 Construction Documents

§ 5.1.1 Upon the execution of the Design-Build Amendment, the Design-Builder shall prepare Construction Documents. The Construction Documents shall establish the quality levels of materials and systems required. The Construction Documents shall be consistent with the Design-Build Documents.

§ 5.1.2 The Design-Builder shall provide the Construction Documents to the Owner for the Owner's information. If the Owner discovers any deviations between the Construction Documents and the Design-Build Documents, the Owner shall promptly notify the Design-Builder of such deviations in writing. The Construction Documents shall not modify the Design-Build Documents unless the Owner and Design-Builder execute a Modification. The failure of the Owner to discover any such deviations shall not relieve the Design-Builder of the obligation to perform the Work in accordance with the Design-Build Documents.

##### § 5.2 Construction

§ 5.2.1 **Commencement.** Except as permitted in Section 5.2.2, construction shall not commence prior to execution of the Design-Build Amendment.

§ 5.2.2 If the Owner and Design-Builder agree in writing, construction may proceed prior to the execution of the Design-Build Amendment. However, such authorization shall not waive the Owner's right to reject the Design-Builder's Proposal.

§ 5.2.3 The Design-Builder shall supervise and direct the Work, using the Design-Builder's best skill and attention. The Design-Builder shall be solely responsible for, and have control over, construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures, and for coordinating all portions of the Work under the Contract, unless the Design-Build Documents give other specific instructions concerning these matters.

§ 5.2.4 The Design-Builder shall be responsible for inspection of portions of Work already performed to determine that such portions are in proper condition to receive subsequent Work.

##### § 5.3 Labor and Materials

§ 5.3.1 Unless otherwise provided in the Design-Build Documents, the Design-Builder shall provide and pay for labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, water, heat, utilities, transportation, and other facilities and services, necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work, whether temporary or permanent, and whether or not incorporated or to be incorporated in the Work.

§ 5.3.2 When a material or system is specified in the Design-Build Documents, the Design-Builder may make substitutions only in accordance with Article 6.

§ 5.3.3 The Design-Builder shall enforce strict discipline and good order among the Design-Builder's employees and other persons carrying out the Work. The Design-Builder shall not permit employment of unfit persons or persons not properly skilled in tasks assigned to them.

**§ 5.4 Taxes**

The Design-Builder shall pay sales, consumer, use and similar taxes, for the Work provided by the Design-Builder, that are legally enacted when the Design-Build Amendment is executed, whether or not yet effective or merely scheduled to go into effect.

**§ 5.5 Permits, Fees, Notices and Compliance with Laws**

**§ 5.5.1** Unless otherwise provided in the Design-Build Documents, the Design-Builder shall secure and pay for the building permit as well as any other permits, fees, licenses, and inspections by government agencies, necessary for proper execution of the Work and Substantial Completion of the Project.

**§ 5.5.2** The Design-Builder shall comply with and give notices required by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities, applicable to performance of the Work.

**§ 5.5.3 Concealed or Unknown Conditions.** If the Design-Builder encounters conditions at the site that are (1) subsurface or otherwise concealed physical conditions that differ materially from those indicated in the Design-Build Documents or (2) unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature that differ materially from those ordinarily found to exist and generally recognized as inherent in construction activities of the character provided for in the Design-Build Documents, the Design-Builder shall promptly provide notice to the Owner before conditions are disturbed and in no event later than 21 days after first observance of the conditions. The Owner shall promptly investigate such conditions and, if the Owner determines that they differ materially and cause an increase or decrease in the Design-Builder's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the Work, shall recommend an equitable adjustment in the Contract Sum or Contract Time, or both. If the Owner determines that the conditions at the site are not materially different from those indicated in the Design-Build Documents and that no change in the terms of the Contract is justified, the Owner shall promptly notify the Design-Builder in writing, stating the reasons. If the Design-Builder disputes the Owner's determination or recommendation, the Design-Builder may proceed as provided in Article 14.

**§ 5.5.4** If, in the course of the Work, the Design-Builder encounters human remains, or recognizes the existence of burial markers, archaeological sites, or wetlands, not indicated in the Design-Build Documents, the Design-Builder shall immediately suspend any operations that would affect them and shall notify the Owner. Upon receipt of such notice, the Owner shall promptly take any action necessary to obtain governmental authorization required to resume the operations. The Design-Builder shall continue to suspend such operations until otherwise instructed by the Owner but shall continue with all other operations that do not affect those remains or features. Requests for adjustments in the Contract Sum and Contract Time arising from the existence of such remains or features may be made as provided in Article 14.

**§ 5.6 Allowances**

**§ 5.6.1** The Design-Builder shall include in the Contract Sum all allowances stated in the Design-Build Documents. Items covered by allowances shall be supplied for such amounts, and by such persons or entities as the Owner may direct, but the Design-Builder shall not be required to employ persons or entities to whom the Design-Builder has reasonable objection.

**§ 5.6.2** Unless otherwise provided in the Design-Build Documents,

- .1 allowances shall cover the cost to the Design-Builder of materials and equipment delivered at the site and all required taxes, less applicable trade discounts;
- .2 the Design-Builder's costs for unloading and handling at the site, labor, installation costs, overhead, profit, and other expenses contemplated for stated allowance amounts, shall be included in the Contract Sum but not in the allowances; and
- .3 whenever costs are more than or less than allowances, the Contract Sum shall be adjusted accordingly by Change Order. The amount of the Change Order shall reflect (1) the difference between actual costs and the allowances under Section 5.6.2.1 and (2) changes in Design-Builder's costs under Section 5.6.2.2.

**§ 5.6.3** The Owner shall make selections of materials and equipment with reasonable promptness for allowances requiring Owner selection.

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**§ 5.7 Key Personnel, Contractors and Suppliers**

**§ 5.7.1** The Design-Builder shall not employ personnel, or contract with Contractors or suppliers to whom the Owner has made reasonable and timely objection. The Design-Builder shall not be required to contract with anyone to whom the Design-Builder has made reasonable and timely objection.

**§ 5.7.2** If the Design-Builder changes any of the personnel, Contractors or suppliers identified in the Design-Build Amendment, the Design-Builder shall notify the Owner and provide the name and qualifications of the new personnel, Contractor or supplier. The Owner may reply within 14 days to the Design-Builder in writing, stating (1) whether the Owner has reasonable objection to the proposed personnel, Contractor or supplier or (2) that the Owner requires additional time to review. Failure of the Owner to reply within the 14-day period shall constitute notice of no reasonable objection.

**§ 5.7.3** Except for those persons or entities already identified or required in the Design-Build Amendment, the Design-Builder, as soon as practicable after execution of the Design-Build Amendment, shall furnish in writing to the Owner the names of persons or entities (including those who are to furnish materials or equipment fabricated to a special design) proposed for each principal portion of the Work. The Owner may reply within 14 days to the Design-Builder in writing stating (1) whether the Owner has reasonable objection to any such proposed person or entity or (2) that the Owner requires additional time for review. Failure of the Owner to reply within the 14-day period shall constitute notice of no reasonable objection.

**§ 5.7.3.1** If the Owner has reasonable objection to a person or entity proposed by the Design-Builder, the Design-Builder shall propose another to whom the Owner has no reasonable objection. If the rejected person or entity was reasonably capable of performing the Work, the Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be increased or decreased by the difference, if any, occasioned by such change, and an appropriate Change Order shall be issued before commencement of the substitute person or entity's Work. However, no increase in the Contract Sum or Contract Time shall be allowed for such change unless the Design-Builder has acted promptly and responsively in submitting names as required.

**§ 5.8 Documents and Submittals at the Site**

The Design-Builder shall maintain at the site for the Owner one copy of the Design-Build Documents and a current set of the Construction Documents, in good order and marked currently to indicate field changes and selections made during construction, and one copy of approved Submittals. The Design-Builder shall deliver these items to the Owner in accordance with Section 9.10.2 as a record of the Work as constructed.

**§ 5.9 Use of Site**

The Design-Builder shall confine operations at the site to areas permitted by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, lawful orders of public authorities, and the Design-Build Documents, and shall not unreasonably encumber the site with materials or equipment.

**§ 5.10 Cutting and Patching**

The Design-Builder shall not cut, patch or otherwise alter fully or partially completed construction by the Owner or a separate contractor except with written consent of the Owner and of such separate contractor; such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Design-Builder shall not unreasonably withhold from the Owner or a separate contractor the Design-Builder's consent to cutting or otherwise altering the Work.

**§ 5.11 Cleaning Up**

**§ 5.11.1** The Design-Builder shall keep the premises and surrounding area free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by operations under the Contract. At completion of the Work, the Design-Builder shall remove waste materials, rubbish, the Design-Builder's tools, construction equipment, machinery and surplus materials from and about the Project.

**§ 5.11.2** If the Design-Builder fails to clean up as provided in the Design-Build Documents, the Owner may do so and Owner shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Design-Builder.

**§ 5.12 Access to Work**

The Design-Builder shall provide the Owner and its separate contractors and consultants access to the Work in preparation and progress wherever located. The Design-Builder shall notify the Owner regarding Project safety criteria and programs, which the Owner, and its contractors and consultants, shall comply with while at the site.

**§ 5.13 Construction by Owner or by Separate Contractors**

**§ 5.13.1 Owner's Right to Perform Construction and to Award Separate Contracts**

**§ 5.13.1.1** The Owner reserves the right to perform construction or operations related to the Project with the Owner's own forces; and to award separate contracts in connection with other portions of the Project, or other construction or operations on the site, under terms and conditions identical or substantially similar to this Contract, including those terms and conditions related to insurance and waiver of subrogation. The Owner shall notify the Design-Builder promptly after execution of any separate contract. If the Design-Builder claims that delay or additional cost is involved because of such action by the Owner, the Design-Builder shall make a Claim as provided in Article 14.

**§ 5.13.1.2** When separate contracts are awarded for different portions of the Project or other construction or operations on the site, the term "Design-Builder" in the Design-Build Documents in each case shall mean the individual or entity that executes each separate agreement with the Owner.

**§ 5.13.1.3** The Owner shall provide for coordination of the activities of the Owner's own forces, and of each separate contractor, with the Work of the Design-Builder, who shall cooperate with them. The Design-Builder shall participate with other separate contractors and the Owner in reviewing their construction schedules. The Design-Builder shall make any revisions to the construction schedule deemed necessary after a joint review and mutual agreement. The construction schedules shall then constitute the schedules to be used by the Design-Builder, separate contractors and the Owner until subsequently revised.

**§ 5.13.1.4** Unless otherwise provided in the Design-Build Documents, when the Owner performs construction or operations related to the Project with the Owner's own forces or separate contractors, the Owner shall be deemed to be subject to the same obligations, and to have the same rights, that apply to the Design-Builder under the Contract.

**§ 5.14 Mutual Responsibility**

**§ 5.14.1** The Design-Builder shall afford the Owner and separate contractors reasonable opportunity for introduction and storage of their materials and equipment and performance of their activities, and shall connect and coordinate the Design-Builder's construction and operations with theirs as required by the Design-Build Documents.

**§ 5.14.2** If part of the Design-Builder's Work depends upon construction or operations by the Owner or a separate contractor, the Design-Builder shall, prior to proceeding with that portion of the Work, prepare a written report to the Owner, identifying apparent discrepancies or defects in the construction or operations by the Owner or separate contractor that would render it unsuitable for proper execution and results of the Design-Builder's Work. Failure of the Design-Builder to report shall constitute an acknowledgment that the Owner's or separate contractor's completed or partially completed construction is fit and proper to receive the Design-Builder's Work, except as to defects not then reasonably discoverable.

**§ 5.14.3** The Design-Builder shall reimburse the Owner for costs the Owner incurs that are payable to a separate contractor because of the Design-Builder's delays, improperly timed activities or defective construction. The Owner shall be responsible to the Design-Builder for costs the Design-Builder incurs because of a separate contractor's delays, improperly timed activities, damage to the Work or defective construction.

**§ 5.14.4** The Design-Builder shall promptly remedy damage the Design-Builder wrongfully causes to completed or partially completed construction or to property of the Owner or separate contractors as provided in Section 10.2.5.

**§ 5.14.5** The Owner and each separate contractor shall have the same responsibilities for cutting and patching the Work as the Design-Builder has with respect to the construction of the Owner or separate contractors in Section 5.10.

**§ 5.15 Owner's Right to Clean Up**

If a dispute arises among the Design-Builder, separate contractors and the Owner as to the responsibility under their respective contracts for maintaining the premises and surrounding area free from waste materials and rubbish, the Owner may clean up and will allocate the cost among those responsible.

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## ARTICLE 6 CHANGES IN THE WORK

### § 6.1 General

§ 6.1.1 Changes in the Work may be accomplished after execution of the Contract, and without invalidating the Contract, by Change Order or Change Directive, subject to the limitations stated in this Article 6 and elsewhere in the Design-Build Documents.

§ 6.1.2 A Change Order shall be based upon agreement between the Owner and Design-Builder. The Owner may issue a Change Directive without agreement by the Design-Builder.

§ 6.1.3 Changes in the Work shall be performed under applicable provisions of the Design-Build Documents, and the Design-Builder shall proceed promptly, unless otherwise provided in the Change Order or Change Directive.

### § 6.2 Change Orders

A Change Order is a written instrument signed by the Owner and Design-Builder stating their agreement upon all of the following:

- .1 The change in the Work;
- .2 The amount of the adjustment, if any, in the Contract Sum or, if prior to execution of the Design-Build Amendment, the adjustment in the Design-Builder's compensation; and
- .3 The extent of the adjustment, if any, in the Contract Time.

### § 6.3 Change Directives

§ 6.3.1 A Change Directive is a written order signed by the Owner directing a change in the Work prior to agreement on adjustment, if any, in the Contract Sum or, if prior to execution of the Design-Build Amendment, the adjustment in the Design-Builder's compensation, or Contract Time. The Owner may by Change Directive, without invalidating the Contract, order changes in the Work within the general scope of the Contract consisting of additions, deletions or other revisions, the Contract Sum or, if prior to execution of the Design-Build Amendment, the adjustment in the Design-Builder's compensation, and Contract Time being adjusted accordingly.

§ 6.3.2 A Change Directive shall be used in the absence of total agreement on the terms of a Change Order.

§ 6.3.3 If the Change Directive provides for an adjustment to the Contract Sum or, if prior to execution of the Design-Build Amendment, an adjustment in the Design-Builder's compensation, the adjustment shall be based on one of the following methods:

- .1 Mutual acceptance of a lump sum properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data to permit evaluation;
- .2 Unit prices stated in the Design-Build Documents or subsequently agreed upon;
- .3 Cost to be determined in a manner agreed upon by the parties and a mutually acceptable fixed or percentage fee; or
- .4 As provided in Section 6.3.7.

§ 6.3.4 If unit prices are stated in the Design-Build Documents or subsequently agreed upon, and if quantities originally contemplated are materially changed in a proposed Change Order or Change Directive so that application of such unit prices to quantities of Work proposed will cause substantial inequity to the Owner or Design-Builder, the applicable unit prices shall be equitably adjusted.

§ 6.3.5 Upon receipt of a Change Directive, the Design-Builder shall promptly proceed with the change in the Work involved and advise the Owner of the Design-Builder's agreement or disagreement with the method, if any, provided in the Change Directive for determining the proposed adjustment in the Contract Sum or, if prior to execution of the Design-Build Amendment, the adjustment in the Design-Builder's compensation, or Contract Time.

§ 6.3.6 A Change Directive signed by the Design-Builder indicates the Design-Builder's agreement therewith, including adjustment in Contract Sum or, if prior to execution of the Design-Build Amendment, the adjustment in the Design-Builder's compensation, and Contract Time or the method for determining them. Such agreement shall be effective immediately and shall be recorded as a Change Order.

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§ 6.3.7 If the Design-Builder does not respond promptly or disagrees with the method for adjustment in the Contract Sum or, if prior to execution of the Design-Build Amendment, the method for adjustment in the Design-Builder's compensation, the Owner shall determine the method and the adjustment on the basis of reasonable expenditures and savings of those performing the Work attributable to the change, including, in case of an increase, an amount for overhead and profit as set forth in the Agreement, or if no such amount is set forth in the Agreement, a reasonable amount. In such case, and also under Section 6.3.3.3, the Design-Builder shall keep and present, in such form as the Owner may prescribe, an itemized accounting together with appropriate supporting data. Unless otherwise provided in the Design-Build Documents, costs for the purposes of this Section 6.3.7 shall be limited to the following:

- .1 Additional costs of professional services;
- .2 Costs of labor, including social security, unemployment insurance, fringe benefits required by agreement or custom, and workers' compensation insurance;
- .3 Costs of materials, supplies and equipment, including cost of transportation, whether incorporated or consumed;
- .4 Rental costs of machinery and equipment, exclusive of hand tools, whether rented from the Design-Builder or others;
- .5 Costs of premiums for all bonds and insurance, permit fees, and sales, use or similar taxes related to the Work; and
- .6 Additional costs of supervision and field office personnel directly attributable to the change.

§ 6.3.8 The amount of credit to be allowed by the Design-Builder to the Owner for a deletion or change that results in a net decrease in the Contract Sum or, if prior to execution of the Design-Build Amendment, in the Design-Builder's compensation, shall be actual net cost. When both additions and credits covering related Work or substitutions are involved in a change, the allowance for overhead and profit shall be figured on the basis of net increase, if any, with respect to that change.

§ 6.3.9 Pending final determination of the total cost of a Change Directive to the Owner, the Design-Builder may request payment for Work completed under the Change Directive in Applications for Payment. The Owner will make an interim determination for purposes of certification for payment for those costs deemed to be reasonably justified. The Owner's interim determination of cost shall adjust the Contract Sum or, if prior to execution of the Design-Build Amendment, the Design-Builder's compensation, on the same basis as a Change Order, subject to the right of Design-Builder to disagree and assert a Claim in accordance with Article 14.

§ 6.3.10 When the Owner and Design-Builder agree with a determination concerning the adjustments in the Contract Sum or, if prior to execution of the Design-Build Amendment, the adjustment in the Design-Builder's compensation and Contract Time, or otherwise reach agreement upon the adjustments, such agreement shall be effective immediately and the Owner and Design-Builder shall execute a Change Order. Change Orders may be issued for all or any part of a Change Directive.

## ARTICLE 7 OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

### § 7.1 General

§ 7.1.1 The Owner shall designate in writing a representative who shall have express authority to bind the Owner with respect to all Project matters requiring the Owner's approval or authorization.

§ 7.1.2 The Owner shall render decisions in a timely manner and in accordance with the Design-Builder's schedule agreed to by the Owner. The Owner shall furnish to the Design-Builder, within 15 days after receipt of a written request, information necessary and relevant for the Design-Builder to evaluate, give notice of or enforce mechanic's lien rights. Such information shall include a correct statement of the record legal title to the property on which the Project is located, usually referred to as the site, and the Owner's interest therein.

### § 7.2 Information and Services Required of the Owner

§ 7.2.1 The Owner shall furnish information or services required of the Owner by the Design-Build Documents with reasonable promptness.

§ 7.2.2 The Owner shall provide, to the extent under the Owner's control and if not required by the Design-Build Documents to be provided by the Design-Builder, the results and reports of prior tests, inspections or investigations conducted for the Project involving structural or mechanical systems; chemical, air and water pollution; hazardous materials; or environmental and subsurface conditions and information regarding the presence of pollutants at the

Project site. Upon receipt of a written request from the Design-Builder, the Owner shall also provide surveys describing physical characteristics, legal limitations and utility locations for the site of the Project, and a legal description of the site under the Owner's control.

§ 7.2.3 The Owner shall promptly obtain easements, zoning variances, and legal authorizations or entitlements regarding site utilization where essential to the execution of the Project.

§ 7.2.4 The Owner shall cooperate with the Design-Builder in securing building and other permits, licenses and inspections.

§ 7.2.5 The services, information, surveys and reports required to be provided by the Owner under this Agreement, shall be furnished at the Owner's expense, and except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement or elsewhere in the Design-Build Documents or to the extent the Owner advises the Design-Builder to the contrary in writing, the Design-Builder shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness thereof. In no event shall the Design-Builder be relieved of its responsibility to exercise proper precautions relating to the safe performance of the Work.

§ 7.2.6 If the Owner observes or otherwise becomes aware of a fault or defect in the Work or non-conformity with the Design-Build Documents, the Owner shall give prompt written notice thereof to the Design-Builder.

§ 7.2.7 Prior to the execution of the Design-Build Amendment, the Design-Builder may request in writing that the Owner provide reasonable evidence that the Owner has made financial arrangements to fulfill the Owner's obligations under the Design-Build Documents and the Design-Builder's Proposal. Thereafter, the Design-Builder may only request such evidence if (1) the Owner fails to make payments to the Design-Builder as the Design-Build Documents require; (2) a change in the Work materially changes the Contract Sum; or (3) the Design-Builder identifies in writing a reasonable concern regarding the Owner's ability to make payment when due. The Owner shall furnish such evidence as a condition precedent to commencement or continuation of the Work or the portion of the Work affected by a material change. After the Owner furnishes the evidence, the Owner shall not materially vary such financial arrangements without prior notice to the Design-Builder.

§ 7.2.8 Except as otherwise provided in the Design-Build Documents or when direct communications have been specially authorized, the Owner shall communicate through the Design-Builder with persons or entities employed or retained by the Design-Builder.

§ 7.2.9 Unless required by the Design-Build Documents to be provided by the Design-Builder, the Owner shall, upon request from the Design-Builder, furnish the services of geotechnical engineers or other consultants for investigation of subsurface, air and water conditions when such services are reasonably necessary to properly carry out the design services furnished by the Design-Builder. In such event, the Design-Builder shall specify the services required. Such services may include, but are not limited to, test borings, test pits, determinations of soil bearing values, percolation tests, evaluations of hazardous materials, ground corrosion and resistivity tests, and necessary operations for anticipating subsoil conditions. The services of geotechnical engineer(s) or other consultants shall include preparation and submission of all appropriate reports and professional recommendations.

§ 7.2.10 The Owner shall purchase and maintain insurance as set forth in Exhibit B.

### § 7.3 Submittals

§ 7.3.1 The Owner shall review and approve or take other appropriate action on Submittals. Review of Submittals is not conducted for the purpose of determining the accuracy and completeness of other details, such as dimensions and quantities; or for substantiating instructions for installation or performance of equipment or systems; or for determining that the Submittals are in conformance with the Design-Build Documents, all of which remain the responsibility of the Design-Builder as required by the Design-Build Documents. The Owner's action will be taken in accordance with the submittal schedule approved by the Owner or, in the absence of an approved submittal schedule, with reasonable promptness while allowing sufficient time in the Owner's judgment to permit adequate review. The Owner's review of Submittals shall not relieve the Design-Builder of the obligations under Sections 3.1.11, 3.1.12, and 5.2.3. The Owner's review shall not constitute approval of safety precautions or, unless otherwise specifically stated by the Owner, of any construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures. The Owner's approval of a specific item shall not indicate approval of an assembly of which the item is a component.

§ 7.3.2 Upon review of the Submittals required by the Design-Build Documents, the Owner shall notify the Design-Builder of any non-conformance with the Design-Build Documents the Owner discovers.

§ 7.4 Visits to the site by the Owner shall not be construed to create an obligation on the part of the Owner to make on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work. The Owner shall neither have control over or charge of, nor be responsible for, the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for the safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, because these are solely the Design-Builder's rights and responsibilities under the Design-Build Documents.

§ 7.5 The Owner shall not be responsible for the Design-Builder's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Design-Build Documents. The Owner shall not have control over or charge of, and will not be responsible for acts or omissions of the Design-Builder, Architect, Consultants, Contractors, or their agents or employees, or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work for the Design-Builder.

§ 7.6 The Owner has the authority to reject Work that does not conform to the Design-Build Documents. The Owner shall have authority to require inspection or testing of the Work in accordance with Section 15.5.2, whether or not such Work is fabricated, installed or completed. However, neither this authority of the Owner nor a decision made in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise such authority shall give rise to a duty or responsibility of the Owner to the Design-Builder, the Architect, Consultants, Contractors, material and equipment suppliers, their agents or employees, or other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

§ 7.7 The Owner shall determine the date or dates of Substantial Completion in accordance with Section 9.8 and the date of final completion in accordance with Section 9.10.

#### § 7.8 Owner's Right to Stop Work

If the Design-Builder fails to correct Work which is not in accordance with the requirements of the Design-Build Documents as required by Section 11.2 or persistently fails to carry out Work in accordance with the Design-Build Documents, the Owner may issue a written order to the Design-Builder to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, the right of the Owner to stop the Work shall not give rise to a duty on the part of the Owner to exercise this right for the benefit of the Design-Builder or any other person or entity, except to the extent required by Section 5.13.1.3.

#### § 7.9 Owner's Right to Carry Out the Work

If the Design-Builder defaults or neglects to carry out the Work in accordance with the Design-Build Documents and fails within a ten-day period after receipt of written notice from the Owner to commence and continue correction of such default or neglect with diligence and promptness, the Owner may, without prejudice to other remedies the Owner may have, correct such deficiencies. In such case, an appropriate Change Order shall be issued deducting from payments then or thereafter due the Design-Builder the reasonable cost of correcting such deficiencies. If payments then or thereafter due the Design-Builder are not sufficient to cover such amounts, the Design-Builder shall pay the difference to the Owner.

### ARTICLE 8 TIME

#### § 8.1 Progress and Completion

§ 8.1.1 Time limits stated in the Design-Build Documents are of the essence of the Contract. By executing the Design-Build Amendment the Design-Builder confirms that the Contract Time is a reasonable period for performing the Work.

§ 8.1.2 The Design-Builder shall not, except by agreement of the Owner in writing, commence the Work prior to the effective date of insurance, other than property insurance, required by this Contract. The Contract Time shall not be adjusted as a result of the Design-Builder's failure to obtain insurance required under this Contract.

§ 8.1.3 The Design-Builder shall proceed expeditiously with adequate forces and shall achieve Substantial Completion within the Contract Time.

## § 8.2 Delays and Extensions of Time

§ 8.2.1 If the Design-Builder is delayed at any time in the commencement or progress of the Work by an act or neglect of the Owner or of a consultant or separate contractor employed by the Owner; or by changes ordered in the Work by the Owner; or by labor disputes, fire, unusual delay in deliveries, unavoidable casualties or other causes beyond the Design-Builder's control; or by delay authorized by the Owner pending mediation and binding dispute resolution or by other causes that the Owner determines may justify delay, then the Contract Time shall be extended by Change Order for such reasonable time as the Owner may determine.

§ 8.2.2 Claims relating to time shall be made in accordance with applicable provisions of Article 14.

§ 8.2.3 This Section 8.2 does not preclude recovery of damages for delay by either party under other provisions of the Design-Build Documents.

## ARTICLE 9 PAYMENT APPLICATIONS AND PROJECT COMPLETION

### § 9.1 Contract Sum

The Contract Sum is stated in the Design-Build Amendment.

### § 9.2 Schedule of Values

Where the Contract Sum is based on a stipulated sum or Guaranteed Maximum Price, the Design-Builder, prior to the first Application for Payment after execution of the Design-Build Amendment shall submit to the Owner a schedule of values allocating the entire Contract Sum to the various portions of the Work and prepared in such form and supported by such data to substantiate its accuracy as the Owner may require. This schedule, unless objected to by the Owner, shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Design-Builder's Applications for Payment.

### § 9.3 Applications for Payment

§ 9.3.1 At least ten days before the date established for each progress payment, the Design-Builder shall submit to the Owner an itemized Application for Payment for completed portions of the Work. The application shall be notarized, if required, and supported by data substantiating the Design-Builder's right to payment as the Owner may require, such as copies of requisitions from the Architect, Consultants, Contractors, and material suppliers, and shall reflect retainage if provided for in the Design-Build Documents.

§ 9.3.1.1 As provided in Section 6.3.9, Applications for Payment may include requests for payment on account of changes in the Work that have been properly authorized by Change Directives, or by interim determinations of the Owner, but not yet included in Change Orders.

§ 9.3.1.2 Applications for Payment shall not include requests for payment for portions of the Work for which the Design-Builder does not intend to pay the Architect, Consultant, Contractor, material supplier, or other persons or entities providing services or work for the Design-Builder, unless such Work has been performed by others whom the Design-Builder intends to pay.

§ 9.3.2 Unless otherwise provided in the Design-Build Documents, payments shall be made for services provided as well as materials and equipment delivered and suitably stored at the site for subsequent incorporation in the Work. If approved in advance by the Owner, payment may similarly be made for materials and equipment suitably stored off the site at a location agreed upon in writing. Payment for materials and equipment stored on or off the site shall be conditioned upon compliance by the Design-Builder with procedures satisfactory to the Owner to establish the Owner's title to such materials and equipment or otherwise protect the Owner's interest, and shall include the costs of applicable insurance, storage and transportation to the site for such materials and equipment stored off the site.

§ 9.3.3 The Design-Builder warrants that title to all Work, other than Instruments of Service, covered by an Application for Payment will pass to the Owner no later than the time of payment. The Design-Builder further warrants that, upon submittal of an Application for Payment, all Work for which Certificates for Payment have been previously issued and payments received from the Owner shall, to the best of the Design-Builder's knowledge, information and belief, be free and clear of liens, claims, security interests or encumbrances in favor of the Design-Builder, Architect, Consultants, Contractors, material suppliers, or other persons or entities entitled to make a claim by reason of having provided labor, materials and equipment relating to the Work.

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#### § 9.4 Certificates for Payment

The Owner shall, within seven days after receipt of the Design-Builder's Application for Payment, issue to the Design-Builder a Certificate for Payment indicating the amount the Owner determines is properly due, and notify the Design-Builder in writing of the Owner's reasons for withholding certification in whole or in part as provided in Section 9.5.1.

#### § 9.5 Decisions to Withhold Certification

§ 9.5.1 The Owner may withhold a Certificate for Payment in whole or in part to the extent reasonably necessary to protect the Owner due to the Owner's determination that the Work has not progressed to the point indicated in the Design-Builder's Application for Payment, or the quality of the Work is not in accordance with the Design-Build Documents. If the Owner is unable to certify payment in the amount of the Application, the Owner will notify the Design-Builder as provided in Section 9.4. If the Design-Builder and Owner cannot agree on a revised amount, the Owner will promptly issue a Certificate for Payment for the amount that the Owner deems to be due and owing. The Owner may also withhold a Certificate for Payment or, because of subsequently discovered evidence, may nullify the whole or a part of a Certificate for Payment previously issued to such extent as may be necessary to protect the Owner from loss for which the Design-Builder is responsible because of

- .1 defective Work, including design and construction, not remedied;
- .2 third party claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of such claims unless security acceptable to the Owner is provided by the Design-Builder;
- .3 failure of the Design-Builder to make payments properly to the Architect, Consultants, Contractors or others, for services, labor, materials or equipment;
- .4 reasonable evidence that the Work cannot be completed for the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum;
- .5 damage to the Owner or a separate contractor;
- .6 reasonable evidence that the Work will not be completed within the Contract Time, and that the unpaid balance would not be adequate to cover actual or liquidated damages for the anticipated delay; or
- .7 repeated failure to carry out the Work in accordance with the Design-Build Documents.

§ 9.5.2 When the above reasons for withholding certification are removed, certification will be made for amounts previously withheld.

§ 9.5.3 If the Owner withholds certification for payment under Section 9.5.1.3, the Owner may, at its sole option, issue joint checks to the Design-Builder and to the Architect or any Consultants, Contractor, material or equipment suppliers, or other persons or entities providing services or work for the Design-Builder to whom the Design-Builder failed to make payment for Work properly performed or material or equipment suitably delivered.

#### § 9.6 Progress Payments

§ 9.6.1 After the Owner has issued a Certificate for Payment, the Owner shall make payment in the manner and within the time provided in the Design-Build Documents.

§ 9.6.2 The Design-Builder shall pay each Architect, Consultant, Contractor, and other person or entity providing services or work for the Design-Builder no later than the time period required by applicable law, but in no event more than seven days after receipt of payment from the Owner the amount to which the Architect, Consultant, Contractor, and other person or entity providing services or work for the Design-Builder is entitled, reflecting percentages actually retained from payments to the Design-Builder on account of the portion of the Work performed by the Architect, Consultant, Contractor, or other person or entity. The Design-Builder shall, by appropriate agreement with each Architect, Consultant, Contractor, and other person or entity providing services or work for the Design-Builder, require each Architect, Consultant, Contractor, and other person or entity providing services or work for the Design-Builder to make payments to subconsultants and subcontractors in a similar manner.

§ 9.6.3 The Owner will, on request and if practicable, furnish to the Architect, a Consultant, Contractor, or other person or entity providing services or work for the Design-Builder, information regarding percentages of completion or amounts applied for by the Design-Builder and action taken thereon by the Owner on account of portions of the Work done by such Architect, Consultant, Contractor or other person or entity providing services or work for the Design-Builder.

§ 9.6.4 The Owner has the right to request written evidence from the Design-Builder that the Design-Builder has properly paid the Architect, Consultants, Contractors, or other person or entity providing services or work for the

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Design-Builder, amounts paid by the Owner to the Design-Builder for the Work. If the Design-Builder fails to furnish such evidence within seven days, the Owner shall have the right to contact the Architect, Consultants, and Contractors to ascertain whether they have been properly paid. The Owner shall have no obligation to pay or to see to the payment of money to a Consultant or Contractor, except as may otherwise be required by law.

§ 9.6.5 Design-Builder payments to material and equipment suppliers shall be treated in a manner similar to that provided in Sections 9.6.2, 9.6.3 and 9.6.4.

§ 9.6.6 A Certificate for Payment, a progress payment, or partial or entire use or occupancy of the Project by the Owner shall not constitute acceptance of Work not in accordance with the Design-Build Documents.

§ 9.6.7 Unless the Design-Builder provides the Owner with a payment bond in the full penal sum of the Contract Sum, payments received by the Design-Builder for Work properly performed by the Architect, Consultants, Contractors and other person or entity providing services or work for the Design-Builder, shall be held by the Design-Builder for the Architect and those Consultants, Contractors, or other person or entity providing services or work for the Design-Builder, for which payment was made by the Owner. Nothing contained herein shall require money to be placed in a separate account and not commingled with money of the Design-Builder, shall create any fiduciary liability or tort liability on the part of the Design-Builder for breach of trust or shall entitle any person or entity to an award of punitive damages against the Design-Builder for breach of the requirements of this provision.

#### § 9.7 Failure of Payment

If the Owner does not issue a Certificate for Payment, through no fault of the Design-Builder, within the time required by the Design-Build Documents, then the Design-Builder may, upon seven additional days' written notice to the Owner, stop the Work until payment of the amount owing has been received. The Contract Time shall be extended appropriately and the Contract Sum shall be increased by the amount of the Design-Builder's reasonable costs of shut-down, delay and start-up, plus interest as provided for in the Design-Build Documents.

#### § 9.8 Substantial Completion

§ 9.8.1 Substantial Completion is the stage in the progress of the Work when the Work or designated portion thereof is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Design-Build Documents so that the Owner can occupy or utilize the Work for its intended use. The date of Substantial Completion is the date certified by the Owner in accordance with this Section 9.8.

§ 9.8.2 When the Design-Builder considers that the Work, or a portion thereof which the Owner agrees to accept separately, is substantially complete, the Design-Builder shall prepare and submit to the Owner a comprehensive list of items to be completed or corrected prior to final payment. Failure to include an item on such list does not alter the responsibility of the Design-Builder to complete all Work in accordance with the Design-Build Documents.

§ 9.8.3 Upon receipt of the Design-Builder's list, the Owner shall make an inspection to determine whether the Work or designated portion thereof is substantially complete. If the Owner's inspection discloses any item, whether or not included on the Design-Builder's list, which is not sufficiently complete in accordance with the Design-Build Documents so that the Owner can occupy or utilize the Work or designated portion thereof for its intended use, the Design-Builder shall, before issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion, complete or correct such item upon notification by the Owner. In such case, the Design-Builder shall then submit a request for another inspection by the Owner to determine Substantial Completion.

§ 9.8.4 Prior to issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion under Section 9.8.5, the Owner and Design-Builder shall discuss and then determine the parties' obligations to obtain and maintain property insurance following issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

§ 9.8.5 When the Work or designated portion thereof is substantially complete, the Design-Builder will prepare for the Owner's signature a Certificate of Substantial Completion that shall, upon the Owner's signature, establish the date of Substantial Completion; establish responsibilities of the Owner and Design-Builder for security, maintenance, heat, utilities, damage to the Work and insurance; and fix the time within which the Design-Builder shall finish all items on the list accompanying the Certificate. Warranties required by the Design-Build Documents shall commence on the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or designated portion thereof unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

§ 9.8.6 The Certificate of Substantial Completion shall be submitted by the Design-Builder to the Owner for written acceptance of responsibilities assigned to it in the Certificate. Upon the Owner's acceptance, and consent of surety, if any, the Owner shall make payment of retainage applying to the Work or designated portion thereof. Payment shall be adjusted for Work that is incomplete or not in accordance with the requirements of the Design-Build Documents.

#### § 9.9 Partial Occupancy or Use

§ 9.9.1 The Owner may occupy or use any completed or partially completed portion of the Work at any stage when such portion is designated by separate agreement with the Design-Builder, provided such occupancy or use is consented to, by endorsement or otherwise, by the insurer providing property insurance and authorized by public authorities having jurisdiction over the Project. Such partial occupancy or use may commence whether or not the portion is substantially complete, provided the Owner and Design-Builder have accepted in writing the responsibilities assigned to each of them for payments, retainage, if any, security, maintenance, heat, utilities, damage to the Work and insurance, and have agreed in writing concerning the period for correction of the Work and commencement of warranties required by the Design-Build Documents. When the Design-Builder considers a portion substantially complete, the Design-Builder shall prepare and submit a list to the Owner as provided under Section 9.8.2. Consent of the Design-Builder to partial occupancy or use shall not be unreasonably withheld. The stage of the progress of the Work shall be determined by written agreement between the Owner and Design-Builder.

§ 9.9.2 Immediately prior to such partial occupancy or use, the Owner and Design-Builder shall jointly inspect the area to be occupied or portion of the Work to be used in order to determine and record the condition of the Work.

§ 9.9.3 Unless otherwise agreed upon, partial occupancy or use of a portion or portions of the Work shall not constitute acceptance of Work not complying with the requirements of the Design-Build Documents.

#### § 9.10 Final Completion and Final Payment

§ 9.10.1 Upon receipt of the Design-Builder's written notice that the Work is ready for final inspection and acceptance and upon receipt of a final Application for Payment, the Owner will promptly make such inspection. When the Owner finds the Work acceptable under the Design-Build Documents and the Contract fully performed, the Owner will, subject to Section 9.10.2, promptly issue a final Certificate for Payment.

§ 9.10.2 Neither final payment nor any remaining retained percentage shall become due until the Design-Builder submits to the Owner (1) an affidavit that payrolls, bills for materials and equipment, and other indebtedness connected with the Work, for which the Owner or the Owner's property might be responsible or encumbered, (less amounts withheld by Owner) have been paid or otherwise satisfied, (2) a certificate evidencing that insurance required by the Design-Build Documents to remain in force after final payment is currently in effect, (3) a written statement that the Design-Builder knows of no substantial reason that the insurance will not be renewable to cover the period required by the Design-Build Documents, (4) consent of surety, if any, to final payment, (5) as-constructed record copy of the Construction Documents marked to indicate field changes and selections made during construction, (6) manufacturer's warranties, product data, and maintenance and operations manuals, and (7) if required by the Owner, other data establishing payment or satisfaction of obligations, such as receipts, or releases and waivers of liens, claims, security interests, or encumbrances, arising out of the Contract, to the extent and in such form as may be designated by the Owner. If an Architect, a Consultant, or a Contractor, or other person or entity providing services or work for the Design-Builder, refuses to furnish a release or waiver required by the Owner, the Design-Builder may furnish a bond satisfactory to the Owner to indemnify the Owner against such liens, claims, security interests, or encumbrances. If such liens, claims, security interests, or encumbrances remains unsatisfied after payments are made, the Design-Builder shall refund to the Owner all money that the Owner may be compelled to pay in discharging such liens, claims, security interests, or encumbrances, including all costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

§ 9.10.3 If, after Substantial Completion of the Work, final completion thereof is materially delayed through no fault of the Design-Builder or by issuance of Change Orders affecting final completion, the Owner shall, upon application by the Design-Builder, and without terminating the Contract, make payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted. If the remaining balance for Work not fully completed or corrected is less than retainage stipulated in the Design-Build Documents, and if bonds have been furnished, the written consent of surety to payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted shall be submitted by the Design-Builder to the Owner prior to issuance of payment. Such payment shall be made under terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a waiver of claims.

- § 9.10.4 The making of final payment shall constitute a waiver of Claims by the Owner except those arising from
- .1 liens, Claims, security interests or encumbrances arising out of the Contract and unsettled;
  - .2 failure of the Work to comply with the requirements of the Design-Build Documents; or
  - .3 terms of special warranties required by the Design-Build Documents.

§ 9.10.5 Acceptance of final payment by the Design-Builder shall constitute a waiver of claims by the Design-Builder except those previously made in writing and identified by the Design-Builder as unsettled at the time of final Application for Payment.

## ARTICLE 10 PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

### § 10.1 Safety Precautions and Programs

The Design-Builder shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the performance of the Contract.

### § 10.2 Safety of Persons and Property

§ 10.2.1 The Design-Builder shall be responsible for precautions for the safety of, and reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to

- .1 employees on the Work and other persons who may be affected thereby;
- .2 the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site, under care, custody or control of the Design-Builder or the Architect, Consultants, or Contractors, or other person or entity providing services or work for the Design-Builder; and
- .3 other property at the site or adjacent thereto, such as trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, or structures and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction.

§ 10.2.2 The Design-Builder shall comply with, and give notices required by, applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities, bearing on safety of persons or property, or their protection from damage, injury or loss.

§ 10.2.3 The Design-Builder shall implement, erect, and maintain, as required by existing conditions and performance of the Contract, reasonable safeguards for safety and protection, including posting danger signs and other warnings against hazards, promulgating safety regulations, and notify owners and users of adjacent sites and utilities of the safeguards and protections.

§ 10.2.4 When use or storage of explosives or other hazardous materials or equipment, or unusual methods, are necessary for execution of the Work, the Design-Builder shall exercise utmost care, and carry on such activities under supervision of properly qualified personnel.

§ 10.2.5 The Design-Builder shall promptly remedy damage and loss (other than damage or loss insured under property insurance required by the Design-Build Documents) to property referred to in Sections 10.2.1.2 and 10.2.1.3, caused in whole or in part by the Design-Builder, the Architect, a Consultant, a Contractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts they may be liable and for which the Design-Builder is responsible under Sections 10.2.1.2 and 10.2.1.3; except damage or loss attributable to acts or omissions of the Owner, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Owner, or by anyone for whose acts the Owner may be liable, and not attributable to the fault or negligence of the Design-Builder. The foregoing obligations of the Design-Builder are in addition to the Design-Builder's obligations under Section 3.1.14.

§ 10.2.6 The Design-Builder shall designate a responsible member of the Design-Builder's organization, at the site, whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. This person shall be the Design-Builder's superintendent unless otherwise designated by the Design-Builder in writing to the Owner.

§ 10.2.7 The Design-Builder shall not permit any part of the construction or site to be loaded so as to cause damage or create an unsafe condition.

§ 10.2.8 **Injury or Damage to Person or Property.** If the Owner or Design-Builder suffers injury or damage to person or property because of an act or omission of the other, or of others for whose acts such party is legally responsible,

written notice of the injury or damage, whether or not insured, shall be given to the other party within a reasonable time not exceeding 21 days after discovery. The notice shall provide sufficient detail to enable the other party to investigate the matter.

### § 10.3 Hazardous Materials

§ 10.3.1 The Design-Builder is responsible for compliance with any requirements included in the Design-Build Documents regarding hazardous materials. If the Design-Builder encounters a hazardous material or substance not addressed in the Design-Build Documents and if reasonable precautions will be inadequate to prevent foreseeable bodily injury or death to persons resulting from a material or substance, including but not limited to asbestos or polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), encountered on the site by the Design-Builder, the Design-Builder shall, upon recognizing the condition, immediately stop Work in the affected area and report the condition to the Owner in writing.

§ 10.3.2 Upon receipt of the Design-Builder's written notice, the Owner shall obtain the services of a licensed laboratory to verify the presence or absence of the material or substance reported by the Design-Builder and, in the event such material or substance is found to be present, to cause it to be rendered harmless. Unless otherwise required by the Design-Build Documents, the Owner shall furnish in writing to the Design-Builder the names and qualifications of persons or entities who are to perform tests verifying the presence or absence of such material or substance or who are to perform the task of removal or safe containment of such material or substance. The Design-Builder will promptly reply to the Owner in writing stating whether or not the Design-Builder has reasonable objection to the persons or entities proposed by the Owner. If the Design-Builder has an objection to a person or entity proposed by the Owner, the Owner shall propose another to whom the Design-Builder has no reasonable objection. When the material or substance has been rendered harmless, Work in the affected area shall resume upon written agreement of the Owner and Design-Builder. By Change Order, the Contract Time shall be extended appropriately and the Contract Sum shall be increased in the amount of the Design-Builder's reasonable additional costs of shut-down, delay and start-up.

§ 10.3.3 To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless the Design-Builder, the Architect, Consultants, and Contractors, and employees of any of them, from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work in the affected area, if in fact the material or substance presents the risk of bodily injury or death as described in Section 10.3.1 and has not been rendered harmless, provided that such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to, or destruction of, tangible property (other than the Work itself), except to the extent that such damage, loss or expense is due to the fault or negligence of the party seeking indemnity.

§ 10.3.4 The Owner shall not be responsible under this Section 10.3 for materials or substances the Design-Builder brings to the site unless such materials or substances are required by the Owner's Criteria. The Owner shall be responsible for materials or substances required by the Owner's Criteria, except to the extent of the Design-Builder's fault or negligence in the use and handling of such materials or substances.

§ 10.3.5 The Design-Builder shall indemnify the Owner for the cost and expense the Owner incurs (1) for remediation of a material or substance the Design-Builder brings to the site and negligently handles, or (2) where the Design-Builder fails to perform its obligations under Section 10.3.1, except to the extent that the cost and expense are due to the Owner's fault or negligence.

§ 10.3.6 If, without negligence on the part of the Design-Builder, the Design-Builder is held liable by a government agency for the cost of remediation of a hazardous material or substance solely by reason of performing Work as required by the Design-Build Documents, the Owner shall indemnify the Design-Builder for all cost and expense thereby incurred.

### § 10.4 Emergencies

In an emergency affecting safety of persons or property, the Design-Builder shall act, at the Design-Builder's discretion, to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss.

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## ARTICLE 11 UNCOVERING AND CORRECTION OF WORK

### § 11.1 Uncovering of Work

The Owner may request to examine a portion of the Work that the Design-Builder has covered to determine if the Work has been performed in accordance with the Design-Build Documents. If such Work is in accordance with the Design-Build Documents, the Owner and Design-Builder shall execute a Change Order to adjust the Contract Time and Contract Sum, as appropriate. If such Work is not in accordance with the Design-Build Documents, the costs of uncovering and correcting the Work shall be at the Design-Builder's expense and the Design-Builder shall not be entitled to a change in the Contract Time unless the condition was caused by the Owner or a separate contractor in which event the Owner shall be responsible for payment of such costs and the Contract Time will be adjusted as appropriate.

### § 11.2 Correction of Work

§ 11.2.1 **Before or After Substantial Completion.** The Design-Builder shall promptly correct Work rejected by the Owner or failing to conform to the requirements of the Design-Build Documents, whether discovered before or after Substantial Completion and whether or not fabricated, installed or completed. Costs of correcting such rejected Work, including additional testing and inspections, the cost of uncovering and replacement, and compensation for any design consultant employed by the Owner whose expenses and compensation were made necessary thereby, shall be at the Design-Builder's expense.

### § 11.2.2 After Substantial Completion

§ 11.2.2.1 In addition to the Design-Builder's obligations under Section 3.1.12, if, within one year after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or designated portion thereof or after the date for commencement of warranties established under Section 9.9.1, or by terms of an applicable special warranty required by the Design-Build Documents, any of the Work is found not to be in accordance with the requirements of the Design-Build Documents, the Design-Builder shall correct it promptly after receipt of written notice from the Owner to do so unless the Owner has previously given the Design-Builder a written acceptance of such condition. The Owner shall give such notice promptly after discovery of the condition. During the one-year period for correction of the Work, if the Owner fails to notify the Design-Builder and give the Design-Builder an opportunity to make the correction, the Owner waives the rights to require correction by the Design-Builder and to make a claim for breach of warranty. If the Design-Builder fails to correct nonconforming Work within a reasonable time during that period after receipt of notice from the Owner, the Owner may correct it in accordance with Section 7.9.

§ 11.2.2.2 The one-year period for correction of Work shall be extended with respect to portions of Work first performed after Substantial Completion by the period of time between Substantial Completion and the actual completion of that portion of the Work.

§ 11.2.2.3 The one-year period for correction of Work shall not be extended by corrective Work performed by the Design-Builder pursuant to this Section 11.2.

§ 11.2.3 The Design-Builder shall remove from the site portions of the Work that are not in accordance with the requirements of the Design-Build Documents and are neither corrected by the Design-Builder nor accepted by the Owner.

§ 11.2.4 The Design-Builder shall bear the cost of correcting destroyed or damaged construction of the Owner or separate contractors, whether completed or partially completed, caused by the Design-Builder's correction or removal of Work that is not in accordance with the requirements of the Design-Build Documents.

§ 11.2.5 Nothing contained in this Section 11.2 shall be construed to establish a period of limitation with respect to other obligations the Design-Builder has under the Design-Build Documents. Establishment of the one-year period for correction of Work as described in Section 11.2.2 relates only to the specific obligation of the Design-Builder to correct the Work, and has no relationship to the time within which the obligation to comply with the Design-Build Documents may be sought to be enforced, nor to the time within which proceedings may be commenced to establish the Design-Builder's liability with respect to the Design-Builder's obligations other than specifically to correct the Work.

### § 11.3 Acceptance of Nonconforming Work

If the Owner prefers to accept Work that is not in accordance with the requirements of the Design-Build Documents, the Owner may do so instead of requiring its removal and correction, in which case the Contract Sum will be reduced as appropriate and equitable. Such adjustment shall be effected whether or not final payment has been made.

## ARTICLE 12 COPYRIGHTS AND LICENSES

§ 12.1 Drawings, specifications, and other documents furnished by the Design-Builder, including those in electronic form, are Instruments of Service. The Design-Builder, and the Architect, Consultants, Contractors, and any other person or entity providing services or work for any of them, shall be deemed the authors and owners of their respective Instruments of Service, including the Drawings and Specifications, and shall retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including copyrights. Submission or distribution of Instruments of Service to meet official regulatory requirements, or for similar purposes in connection with the Project, is not to be construed as publication in derogation of the reserved rights of the Design-Builder and the Architect, Consultants, and Contractors, and any other person or entity providing services or work for any of them.

§ 12.2 The Design-Builder and the Owner warrant that in transmitting Instruments of Service, or any other information, the transmitting party is the copyright owner of such information or has permission from the copyright owner to transmit such information for its use on the Project.

§ 12.3 Upon execution of the Agreement, the Design-Builder grants to the Owner a limited, irrevocable and non-exclusive license to use the Instruments of Service solely and exclusively for purposes of constructing, using, maintaining, altering and adding to the Project, provided that the Owner substantially performs its obligations, including prompt payment of all sums when due, under the Design-Build Documents. The license granted under this section permits the Owner to authorize its consultants and separate contractors to reproduce applicable portions of the Instruments of Service solely and exclusively for use in performing services or construction for the Project. If the Design-Builder rightfully terminates this Agreement for cause as provided in Section 13.1.4 or 13.2.1 the license granted in this Section 12.3 shall terminate.

§ 12.3.1 The Design-Builder shall obtain non-exclusive licenses from the Architect, Consultants, and Contractors, that will allow the Design-Builder to satisfy its obligations to the Owner under this Article 12. The Design-Builder's licenses from the Architect and its Consultants and Contractors shall also allow the Owner, in the event this Agreement is terminated for any reason other than the default of the Owner or in the event the Design-Builder's Architect, Consultants, or Contractors terminate their agreements with the Design-Builder for cause, to obtain a limited, irrevocable and non-exclusive license solely and exclusively for purposes of constructing, using, maintaining, altering and adding to the Project, provided that the Owner (1) agrees to pay to the Architect, Consultant or Contractor all amounts due, and (2) provide the Architect, Consultant or Contractor with the Owner's written agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the Architect, Consultant or Contractor from all costs and expenses, including the cost of defense, related to claims and causes of action asserted by any third person or entity to the extent such costs and expenses arise from the Owner's alteration or use of the Instruments of Service.

§ 12.3.2 In the event the Owner alters the Instruments of Service without the author's written authorization or uses the Instruments of Service without retaining the authors of the Instruments of Service, the Owner releases the Design-Builder, Architect, Consultants, Contractors and any other person or entity providing services or work for any of them, from all claims and causes of action arising from or related to such uses. The Owner, to the extent permitted by law, further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Design-Builder, Architect, Consultants, Contractors and any other person or entity providing services or work for any of them, from all costs and expenses, including the cost of defense, related to claims and causes of action asserted by any third person or entity to the extent such costs and expenses arise from the Owner's alteration or use of the Instruments of Service under this Section 12.3.2. The terms of this Section 12.3.2 shall not apply if the Owner rightfully terminates this Agreement for cause under Sections 13.1.4 or 13.2.2.

## ARTICLE 13 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

### § 13.1 Termination or Suspension Prior to Execution of the Design-Build Amendment

§ 13.1.1 If the Owner fails to make payments to the Design-Builder for Work prior to execution of the Design-Build Amendment in accordance with this Agreement, such failure shall be considered substantial nonperformance and cause for termination or, at the Design-Builder's option, cause for suspension of performance of services under this Agreement. If the Design-Builder elects to suspend the Work, the Design-Builder shall give seven days' written notice

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to the Owner before suspending the Work. In the event of a suspension of the Work, the Design-Builder shall have no liability to the Owner for delay or damage caused by the suspension of the Work. Before resuming the Work, the Design-Builder shall be paid all sums due prior to suspension and any expenses incurred in the interruption and resumption of the Design-Builder's Work. The Design-Builder's compensation for, and time to complete, the remaining Work shall be equitably adjusted.

§ 13.1.2 If the Owner suspends the Project, the Design-Builder shall be compensated for the Work performed prior to notice of such suspension. When the Project is resumed, the Design-Builder shall be compensated for expenses incurred in the interruption and resumption of the Design-Builder's Work. The Design-Builder's compensation for, and time to complete, the remaining Work shall be equitably adjusted.

§ 13.1.3 If the Owner suspends the Project for more than 90 cumulative days for reasons other than the fault of the Design-Builder, the Design-Builder may terminate this Agreement by giving not less than seven days' written notice.

§ 13.1.4 Either party may terminate this Agreement upon not less than seven days' written notice should the other party fail substantially to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement through no fault of the party initiating the termination.

§ 13.1.5 The Owner may terminate this Agreement upon not less than seven days' written notice to the Design-Builder for the Owner's convenience and without cause.

§ 13.1.6 In the event of termination not the fault of the Design-Builder, the Design-Builder shall be compensated for Work performed prior to termination, together with Reimbursable Expenses then due and any other expenses directly attributable to termination for which the Design-Builder is not otherwise compensated. In no event shall the Design-Builder's compensation under this Section 13.1.6 be greater than the compensation set forth in Section 2.1.

## § 13.2 Termination or Suspension Following Execution of the Design-Build Amendment

### § 13.2.1 Termination by the Design-Builder

§ 13.2.1.1 The Design-Builder may terminate the Contract if the Work is stopped for a period of 30 consecutive days through no act or fault of the Design-Builder, the Architect, a Consultant, or a Contractor, or their agents or employees, or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work under direct or indirect contract with the Design-Builder, for any of the following reasons:

- .1 Issuance of an order of a court or other public authority having jurisdiction that requires all Work to be stopped;
- .2 An act of government, such as a declaration of national emergency that requires all Work to be stopped;
- .3 Because the Owner has not issued a Certificate for Payment and has not notified the Design-Builder of the reason for withholding certification as provided in Section 9.5.1, or because the Owner has not made payment on a Certificate for Payment within the time stated in the Design-Build Documents; or
- .4 The Owner has failed to furnish to the Design-Builder promptly, upon the Design-Builder's request, reasonable evidence as required by Section 7.2.7.

§ 13.2.1.2 The Design-Builder may terminate the Contract if, through no act or fault of the Design-Builder, the Architect, a Consultant, a Contractor, or their agents or employees or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work under direct or indirect contract with the Design-Builder, repeated suspensions, delays or interruptions of the entire Work by the Owner as described in Section 13.2.3 constitute in the aggregate more than 100 percent of the total number of days scheduled for completion, or 120 days in any 365-day period, whichever is less.

§ 13.2.1.3 If one of the reasons described in Section 13.2.1.1 or 13.2.1.2 exists, the Design-Builder may, upon seven days' written notice to the Owner, terminate the Contract and recover from the Owner payment for Work executed, including reasonable overhead and profit, costs incurred by reason of such termination, and damages.

§ 13.2.1.4 If the Work is stopped for a period of 60 consecutive days through no act or fault of the Design-Builder or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work under contract with the Design-Builder because the Owner has repeatedly failed to fulfill the Owner's obligations under the Design-Build Documents with respect to matters important to the progress of the Work, the Design-Builder may, upon seven additional days' written notice to the Owner, terminate the Contract and recover from the Owner as provided in Section 13.2.1.3.

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§ 13.2.2 Termination by the Owner For Cause

§ 13.2.2.1 The Owner may terminate the Contract if the Design-Builder

- .1 fails to submit the Proposal by the date required by this Agreement, or if no date is indicated, within a reasonable time consistent with the date of Substantial Completion;
- .2 repeatedly refuses or fails to supply an Architect, or enough properly skilled Consultants, Contractors, or workers or proper materials;
- .3 fails to make payment to the Architect, Consultants, or Contractors for services, materials or labor in accordance with their respective agreements with the Design-Builder;
- .4 repeatedly disregards applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of a public authority; or
- .5 is otherwise guilty of substantial breach of a provision of the Design-Build Documents.

§ 13.2.2.2 When any of the above reasons exist, the Owner may without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Owner and after giving the Design-Builder and the Design-Builder's surety, if any, seven days' written notice, terminate employment of the Design-Builder and may, subject to any prior rights of the surety:

- .1 Exclude the Design-Builder from the site and take possession of all materials, equipment, tools, and construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Design-Builder;
- .2 Accept assignment of the Architect, Consultant and Contractor agreements pursuant to Section 3.1.15; and
- .3 Finish the Work by whatever reasonable method the Owner may deem expedient. Upon written request of the Design-Builder, the Owner shall furnish to the Design-Builder a detailed accounting of the costs incurred by the Owner in finishing the Work.

§ 13.2.2.3 When the Owner terminates the Contract for one of the reasons stated in Section 13.2.2.1, the Design-Builder shall not be entitled to receive further payment until the Work is finished.

§ 13.2.2.4 If the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum exceeds costs of finishing the Work and other damages incurred by the Owner and not expressly waived, such excess shall be paid to the Design-Builder. If such costs and damages exceed the unpaid balance, the Design-Builder shall pay the difference to the Owner. The obligation for such payments shall survive termination of the Contract.

§ 13.2.3 Suspension by the Owner for Convenience

§ 13.2.3.1 The Owner may, without cause, order the Design-Builder in writing to suspend, delay or interrupt the Work in whole or in part for such period of time as the Owner may determine.

§ 13.2.3.2 The Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be adjusted for increases in the cost and time caused by suspension, delay or interruption as described in Section 13.2.3.1. Adjustment of the Contract Sum shall include profit. No adjustment shall be made to the extent

- .1 that performance is, was or would have been so suspended, delayed or interrupted by another cause for which the Design-Builder is responsible; or
- .2 that an equitable adjustment is made or denied under another provision of the Contract.

§ 13.2.4 Termination by the Owner for Convenience

§ 13.2.4.1 The Owner may, at any time, terminate the Contract for the Owner's convenience and without cause.

§ 13.2.4.2 Upon receipt of written notice from the Owner of such termination for the Owner's convenience, the Design-Builder shall

- .1 cease operations as directed by the Owner in the notice;
- .2 take actions necessary, or that the Owner may direct, for the protection and preservation of the Work; and,
- .3 except for Work directed to be performed prior to the effective date of termination stated in the notice, terminate all existing Project agreements, including agreements with the Architect, Consultants, Contractors, and purchase orders, and enter into no further Project agreements and purchase orders.

§ 13.2.4.3 In case of such termination for the Owner's convenience, the Design-Builder shall be entitled to receive payment for Work executed, and costs incurred by reason of such termination, along with reasonable overhead and profit on the Work not executed.

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## ARTICLE 14 CLAIMS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### § 14.1 Claims

§ 14.1.1 **Definition.** A Claim is a demand or assertion by one of the parties seeking, as a matter of right, payment of money, or other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract. The term "Claim" also includes other disputes and matters in question between the Owner and Design-Builder arising out of or relating to the Contract. The responsibility to substantiate Claims shall rest with the party making the Claim.

§ 14.1.2 **Time Limits on Claims.** The Owner and Design-Builder shall commence all claims and causes of action, whether in contract, tort, breach of warranty or otherwise, against the other, arising out of or related to the Contract in accordance with the requirements of the binding dispute resolution method selected in Section 1.3, within the time period specified by applicable law, but in any case not more than 10 years after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work. The Owner and Design-Builder waive all claims and causes of action not commenced in accordance with this Section 14.1.2.

### § 14.1.3 Notice of Claims

§ 14.1.3.1 **Prior To Final Payment.** Prior to Final Payment, Claims by either the Owner or Design-Builder must be initiated by written notice to the other party within 21 days after occurrence of the event giving rise to such Claim or within 21 days after the claimant first recognizes the condition giving rise to the Claim, whichever is later.

§ 14.1.3.2 **Claims Arising After Final Payment.** After Final Payment, Claims by either the Owner or Design-Builder that have not otherwise been waived pursuant to Sections 9.10.4 or 9.10.5, must be initiated by prompt written notice to the other party. The notice requirement in Section 14.1.3.1 and the Initial Decision requirement as a condition precedent to mediation in Section 14.2.1 shall not apply.

§ 14.1.4 **Continuing Contract Performance.** Pending final resolution of a Claim, except as otherwise agreed in writing or as provided in Section 9.7 and Article 13, the Design-Builder shall proceed diligently with performance of the Contract and the Owner shall continue to make payments in accordance with the Design-Build Documents.

§ 14.1.5 **Claims for Additional Cost.** If the Design-Builder intends to make a Claim for an increase in the Contract Sum, written notice as provided herein shall be given before proceeding to execute the portion of the Work that relates to the Claim. Prior notice is not required for Claims relating to an emergency endangering life or property arising under Section 10.4.

### § 14.1.6 Claims for Additional Time

§ 14.1.6.1 If the Design-Builder intends to make a Claim for an increase in the Contract Time, written notice as provided herein shall be given. The Design-Builder's Claim shall include an estimate of cost and of probable effect of delay on progress of the Work. In the case of a continuing delay, only one Claim is necessary.

§ 14.1.6.2 If adverse weather conditions are the basis for a Claim for additional time, such Claim shall be documented by data substantiating that weather conditions were abnormal for the period of time, could not have been reasonably anticipated, and had an adverse effect on the scheduled construction.

### § 14.1.7 Claims for Consequential Damages

The Design-Builder and Owner waive Claims against each other for consequential damages arising out of or relating to this Contract. This mutual waiver includes

- .1 damages incurred by the Owner for rental expenses, for losses of use, income, profit, financing, business and reputation, and for loss of management or employee productivity or of the services of such persons; and
- .2 damages incurred by the Design-Builder for principal office expenses including the compensation of personnel stationed there, for losses of financing, business and reputation, and for loss of profit except anticipated profit arising directly from the Work.

This mutual waiver is applicable, without limitation, to all consequential damages due to either party's termination in accordance with Article 13. Nothing contained in this Section 14.1.7 shall be deemed to preclude an award of liquidated damages, when applicable, in accordance with the requirements of the Design-Build Documents.

**§ 14.2 Initial Decision**

**§ 14.2.1** An initial decision shall be required as a condition precedent to mediation of all Claims between the Owner and Design-Builder initiated prior to the date final payment is due, excluding those arising under Sections 10.3 and 10.4 of the Agreement and Sections B.3.2.9 and B.3.2.10 of Exhibit B to this Agreement, unless 30 days have passed after the Claim has been initiated with no decision having been rendered. Unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing, the Owner shall render the initial decision on Claims.

**§ 14.2.2 Procedure**

**§ 14.2.2.1 Claims Initiated by the Owner.** If the Owner initiates a Claim, the Design-Builder shall provide a written response to Owner within ten days after receipt of the notice required under Section 14.1.3.1. Thereafter, the Owner shall render an initial decision within ten days of receiving the Design-Builder's response: (1) withdrawing the Claim in whole or in part, (2) approving the Claim in whole or in part, or (3) suggesting a compromise.

**§ 14.2.2.2 Claims Initiated by the Design-Builder.** If the Design-Builder initiates a Claim, the Owner will take one or more of the following actions within ten days after receipt of the notice required under Section 14.1.3.1: (1) request additional supporting data, (2) render an initial decision rejecting the Claim in whole or in part, (3) render an initial decision approving the Claim, (4) suggest a compromise or (5) indicate that it is unable to render an initial decision because the Owner lacks sufficient information to evaluate the merits of the Claim.

**§ 14.2.3** In evaluating Claims, the Owner may, but shall not be obligated to, consult with or seek information from persons with special knowledge or expertise who may assist the Owner in rendering a decision. The retention of such persons shall be at the Owner's expense.

**§ 14.2.4** If the Owner requests the Design-Builder to provide a response to a Claim or to furnish additional supporting data, the Design-Builder shall respond, within ten days after receipt of such request, and shall either (1) provide a response on the requested supporting data, (2) advise the Owner when the response or supporting data will be furnished or (3) advise the Owner that no supporting data will be furnished. Upon receipt of the response or supporting data, if any, the Owner will either reject or approve the Claim in whole or in part.

**§ 14.2.5** The Owner's initial decision shall (1) be in writing; (2) state the reasons therefor; and (3) identify any change in the Contract Sum or Contract Time or both. The initial decision shall be final and binding on the parties but subject to mediation and, if the parties fail to resolve their dispute through mediation, to binding dispute resolution.

**§ 14.2.6** Either party may file for mediation of an initial decision at any time, subject to the terms of Section 14.2.6.1.

**§ 14.2.6.1** Either party may, within 30 days from the date of an initial decision, demand in writing that the other party file for mediation within 60 days of the initial decision. If such a demand is made and the party receiving the demand fails to file for mediation within the time required, then both parties waive their rights to mediate or pursue binding dispute resolution proceedings with respect to the initial decision.

**§ 14.2.7** In the event of a Claim against the Design-Builder, the Owner may, but is not obligated to, notify the surety, if any, of the nature and amount of the Claim. If the Claim relates to a possibility of a Design-Builder's default, the Owner may, but is not obligated to, notify the surety and request the surety's assistance in resolving the controversy.

**§ 14.2.8** If a Claim relates to or is the subject of a mechanic's lien, the party asserting such Claim may proceed in accordance with applicable law to comply with the lien notice or filing deadlines.

**§ 14.3 Mediation**

**§ 14.3.1** Claims, disputes, or other matters in controversy arising out of or related to the Contract, except those waived as provided for in Sections 9.10.4, 9.10.5, and 14.1.7, shall be subject to mediation as a condition precedent to binding dispute resolution.

**§ 14.3.2** The parties shall endeavor to resolve their Claims by mediation which, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, shall be administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Construction Industry Mediation Procedures in effect on the date of the Agreement. A request for mediation shall be made in writing, delivered to the other party to the Contract, and filed with the person or entity administering the mediation. The request may be made concurrently with the filing of binding dispute resolution proceedings but, in such event,

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mediation shall proceed in advance of binding dispute resolution proceedings, which shall be stayed pending mediation for a period of 60 days from the date of filing, unless stayed for a longer period by agreement of the parties or court order. If an arbitration proceeding is stayed pursuant to this Section 14.3.2, the parties may nonetheless proceed to the selection of the arbitrator(s) and agree upon a schedule for later proceedings.

§ 14.3.3 The parties shall share the mediator's fee and any filing fees equally. The mediation shall be held in the place where the Project is located, unless another location is mutually agreed upon. Agreements reached in mediation shall be enforceable as settlement agreements in any court having jurisdiction.

#### § 14.4 Arbitration

§ 14.4.1 If the parties have selected arbitration as the method for binding dispute resolution in Section 1.3, any Claim subject to, but not resolved by, mediation shall be subject to arbitration which, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, shall be administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Construction Industry Arbitration Rules in effect on the date of the Agreement. A demand for arbitration shall be made in writing, delivered to the other party to the Contract, and filed with the person or entity administering the arbitration. The party filing a notice of demand for arbitration must assert in the demand all Claims then known to that party on which arbitration is permitted to be demanded.

§ 14.4.1.1 A demand for arbitration shall be made no earlier than concurrently with the filing of a request for mediation, but in no event shall it be made after the date when the institution of legal or equitable proceedings based on the Claim would be barred by the applicable statute of limitations or statute of repose. For statute of limitations or statute of repose purposes, receipt of a written demand for arbitration by the person or entity administering the arbitration shall constitute the institution of legal or equitable proceedings based on the Claim.

§ 14.4.2 The award rendered by the arbitrator or arbitrators shall be final, and judgment may be entered upon it in accordance with applicable law in any court having jurisdiction.

§ 14.4.3 The foregoing agreement to arbitrate, and other agreements to arbitrate with an additional person or entity duly consented to by parties to the Agreement, shall be specifically enforceable under applicable law in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

#### § 14.4.4 Consolidation or Joinder

§ 14.4.4.1 Either party, at its sole discretion, may consolidate an arbitration conducted under this Agreement with any other arbitration to which it is a party provided that (1) the arbitration agreement governing the other arbitration permits consolidation, (2) the arbitrations to be consolidated substantially involve common questions of law or fact, and (3) the arbitrations employ materially similar procedural rules and methods for selecting arbitrator(s).

§ 14.4.4.2 Either party, at its sole discretion, may include by joinder persons or entities substantially involved in a common question of law or fact whose presence is required if complete relief is to be accorded in arbitration, provided that the party sought to be joined consents in writing to such joinder. Consent to arbitration involving an additional person or entity shall not constitute consent to arbitration of any claim, dispute or other matter in question not described in the written consent.

§ 14.4.4.3 The Owner and Design-Builder grant to any person or entity made a party to an arbitration conducted under this Section 14.4, whether by joinder or consolidation, the same rights of joinder and consolidation as the Owner and Design-Builder under this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 15 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### § 15.1 Governing Law

The Contract shall be governed by the law of the place where the Project is located except that, if the parties have selected arbitration as the method of binding dispute resolution, the Federal Arbitration Act shall govern Section 14.4.

#### § 15.2 Successors and Assigns

§ 15.2.1 The Owner and Design-Builder, respectively, bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Design-Build Documents. Except as provided in Section 15.2.2, neither party to the Contract shall assign the Contract as a whole without written consent of

the other. If either party attempts to make such an assignment without such consent, that party shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all obligations under the Contract.

§ 15.2.2 The Owner may, without consent of the Design-Builder, assign the Contract to a lender providing construction financing for the Project, if the lender assumes the Owner's rights and obligations under the Design-Build Documents. The Design-Builder shall execute all consents reasonably required to facilitate such assignment.

§ 15.2.3 If the Owner requests the Design-Builder, Architect, Consultants, or Contractors to execute certificates, other than those required by Section 3.1.10, the Owner shall submit the proposed language of such certificates for review at least 14 days prior to the requested dates of execution. If the Owner requests the Design-Builder, Architect, Consultants, or Contractors to execute consents reasonably required to facilitate assignment to a lender, the Design-Builder, Architect, Consultants, or Contractors shall execute all such consents that are consistent with this Agreement, provided the proposed consent is submitted to them for review at least 14 days prior to execution. The Design-Builder, Architect, Consultants, and Contractors shall not be required to execute certificates or consents that would require knowledge, services or responsibilities beyond the scope of their services.

### § 15.3 Written Notice

Written notice shall be deemed to have been duly served if delivered in person to the individual, to a member of the firm or entity, or to an officer of the corporation for which it was intended; or if delivered at, or sent by registered or certified mail or by courier service providing proof of delivery to, the last business address known to the party giving notice.

### § 15.4 Rights and Remedies

§ 15.4.1 Duties and obligations imposed by the Design-Build Documents, and rights and remedies available thereunder, shall be in addition to and not a limitation of duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law.

§ 15.4.2 No action or failure to act by the Owner or Design-Builder shall constitute a waiver of a right or duty afforded them under the Contract, nor shall such action or failure to act constitute approval of or acquiescence in a breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

### § 15.5 Tests and Inspections

§ 15.5.1 Tests, inspections and approvals of portions of the Work shall be made as required by the Design-Build Documents and by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations or lawful orders of public authorities. Unless otherwise provided, the Design-Builder shall make arrangements for such tests, inspections and approvals with an independent testing laboratory or entity acceptable to the Owner, or with the appropriate public authority, and shall bear all related costs of tests, inspections and approvals. The Design-Builder shall give the Owner timely notice of when and where tests and inspections are to be made so that the Owner may be present for such procedures. The Owner shall bear costs of (1) tests, inspections or approvals that do not become requirements until after bids are received or negotiations concluded, and (2) tests, inspections or approvals where building codes or applicable laws or regulations prohibit the Owner from delegating their cost to the Design-Builder.

§ 15.5.2 If the Owner determines that portions of the Work require additional testing, inspection or approval not included under Section 15.5.1, the Owner will instruct the Design-Builder to make arrangements for such additional testing, inspection or approval by an entity acceptable to the Owner, and the Design-Builder shall give timely notice to the Owner of when and where tests and inspections are to be made so that the Owner may be present for such procedures. Such costs, except as provided in Section 15.5.3, shall be at the Owner's expense.

§ 15.5.3 If such procedures for testing, inspection or approval under Sections 15.5.1 and 15.5.2 reveal failure of the portions of the Work to comply with requirements established by the Design-Build Documents, all costs made necessary by such failure shall be at the Design-Builder's expense.

§ 15.5.4 Required certificates of testing, inspection or approval shall, unless otherwise required by the Design-Build Documents, be secured by the Design-Builder and promptly delivered to the Owner.

§ 15.5.5 If the Owner is to observe tests, inspections or approvals required by the Design-Build Documents, the Owner will do so promptly and, where practicable, at the normal place of testing.

§ 15.5.6 Tests or inspections conducted pursuant to the Design-Build Documents shall be made promptly to avoid unreasonable delay in the Work.

§ 15.6 Confidential Information

If the Owner or Design-Builder transmits Confidential Information, the transmission of such Confidential Information constitutes a warranty to the party receiving such Confidential Information that the transmitting party is authorized to transmit the Confidential Information. If a party receives Confidential Information, the receiving party shall keep the Confidential Information strictly confidential and shall not disclose it to any other person or entity except as set forth in Section 15.6.1.

§ 15.6.1 A party receiving Confidential Information may disclose the Confidential Information as required by law or court order, including a subpoena or other form of compulsory legal process issued by a court or governmental entity. A party receiving Confidential Information may also disclose the Confidential Information to its employees, consultants or contractors in order to perform services or work solely and exclusively for the Project, provided those employees, consultants and contractors are subject to the restrictions on the disclosure and use of Confidential Information as set forth in this Contract.

§ 15.7 Capitalization

Terms capitalized in the Contract include those that are (1) specifically defined, (2) the titles of numbered articles or (3) the titles of other documents published by the American Institute of Architects.

§ 15.8 Interpretation

§ 15.8.1 In the interest of brevity the Design-Build Documents frequently omit modifying words such as "all" and "any" and articles such as "the" and "an," but the fact that a modifier or an article is absent from one statement and appears in another is not intended to affect the interpretation of either statement.

§ 15.8.2 Unless otherwise stated in the Design-Build Documents, words which have well-known technical or construction industry meanings are used in the Design-Build Documents in accordance with such recognized meanings.

ARTICLE 16 SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

§ 16.1 This Agreement is comprised of the following documents listed below:

- .1 AIA Document A141™-2014, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Design-Builder
- .2 AIA Document A141™-2014, Exhibit A, Design-Build Amendment, if executed

.3 Other:

Exhibit A-Ziegler Cooper & BLS Construction-Construction Scope of Work & Plans

Exhibit B- BLS Certificate of Insurance

This Agreement entered into as of the day and year first written above.

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OWNER (Signature)

Jaime Kovar- County Purchasing Agent  
(Printed name and title)

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DESIGN-BUILDER (Signature)

William Key-President  
(Printed name and title)

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AGREEMENT made as of the 5th day of September in the year 2023

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301 Jackson, Suite 201  
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BLS Construction, Inc.  
207 Fahrenthold Street  
El Campo, TX, 77437

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Missouri City Annex Clinic Renovations for Fort Bend County  
307 Texas Pkwy #100  
Missouri City, TX, 77489  
Renovations of two exam rooms, negative pressure room, nurse's area, break room and file room  
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[  ] Arbitration pursuant to Section 14.4

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\$12,000.00 Lump Sum Fee. To design and document plans for construction for interior renovations of 2 exam rooms, a negative pressure room, nurse's area, breakroom, and file room at Missouri City Annex Clinic. This fee does not include any mechanical, electrical, or plumbing engineering. If required by authority having jurisdiction, this service can be added. It is our intent to utilize mechanical, electrical, and plumbing subcontractors to aid in the MEP design on architectural plans.

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<u>Architect</u>	<u>\$200.00/hour</u>
<u>Contractor</u>	<u>\$100.00/hour</u>

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§ 2.1.3.2 For Reimbursable Expenses, the compensation shall be the expenses the Design-Builder and the Design-Builder's Architect, Consultants and Contractors incurred, plus an administrative fee of Zero percent ( 0 %) of the expenses incurred.

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§ 2.1.4.1 Payments are due and payable upon presentation of the Design-Builder's invoice. Amounts unpaid Fifteen (15) days after the invoice date shall bear interest at the rate entered below, or in the absence thereof at the legal rate prevailing from time to time at the principal place of business of the Design-Builder.

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- ~~.3~~ AIA Document A141™ 2014, Exhibit B, Insurance and Bonds
- ~~.4~~ AIA Document A141™ 2014, Exhibit C, Sustainable Projects, if completed
- ~~.5~~ AIA Document E203™ 2013, Building Information Modeling and Digital Data Exhibit, if completed, or the following:

.3 Other:

~~.6~~ Other: Exhibit A-Construction Scope of Work & Plans

Exhibit B- BLS Certificate of Insurance

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Jaime Kovar- County Purchasing Agent

William Key-President

## Certification of Document's Authenticity

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I, William Key, hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that I created the attached final document simultaneously with its associated Additions and Deletions Report and this certification at 09:02:18 ET on 09/05/2023 under Order No. 2114450280 from AIA Contract Documents software and that in preparing the attached final document I made no changes to the original text of AIA® Document A141™ – 2014, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Design-Builder, other than those additions and deletions shown in the associated Additions and Deletions Report.

(Signed)

(Title)

(Dated)



## Exhibit A

### Fort Bend County RFQ 23-060 Section 8

#### 8.0 SCOPE OF WORK:

Design-build contractor to design, permit, and construct renovations of two (2) exam rooms, negative pressure room, nurse's area, break room and file room at Missouri City Annex. The selected contractor must follow the Facility Guidelines Institute – Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities. The selected contractor must also be familiar with the Infection Prevention Manual and complete the ASHE\_ICRA risk assessment.

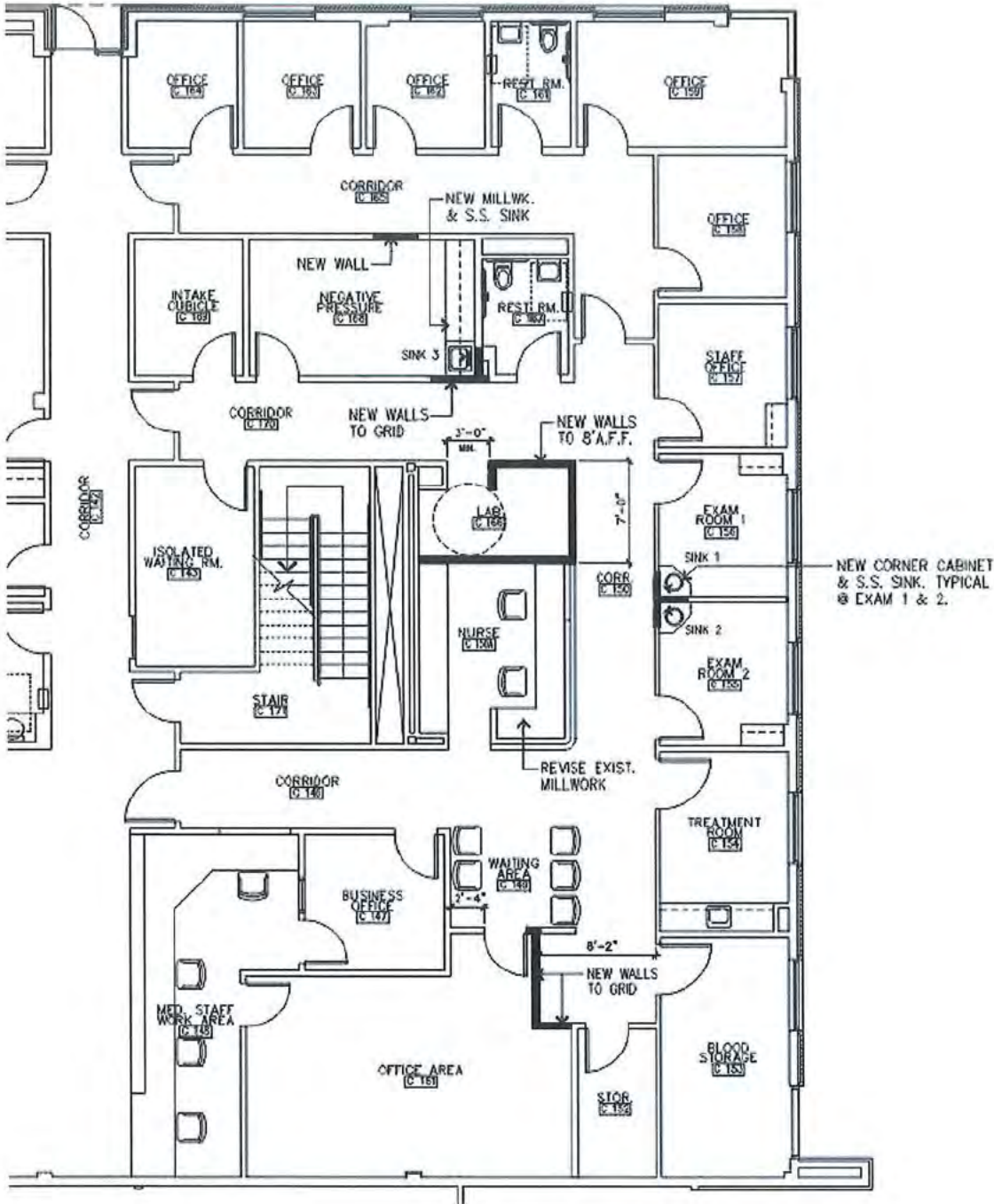
#### 8.1 DEMOLITION:

- 8.1.1 Locate existing plumbing lines in areas to be renovated, hot and cold water, sanitary sewer).
- 8.1.2 Relocate negative pressure equipment from room 157 to new location, room 168.
- 8.1.3 Demo walls, millwork, sink and plumbing, as shown in corridor 150 on the demolition plan for the addition of sinks 1 and 2 in exam rooms 155 and 156.
- 8.1.4 Modify millwork at nurse station 150A.
- 8.1.5 Demo walls and shelving in file room 151 and move existing door per plan.
- 8.1.6 Demo walls, door and millwork in break room 166 and EDF in corridor 170 for the addition of sink 3.

#### 8.2 RENOVATION:

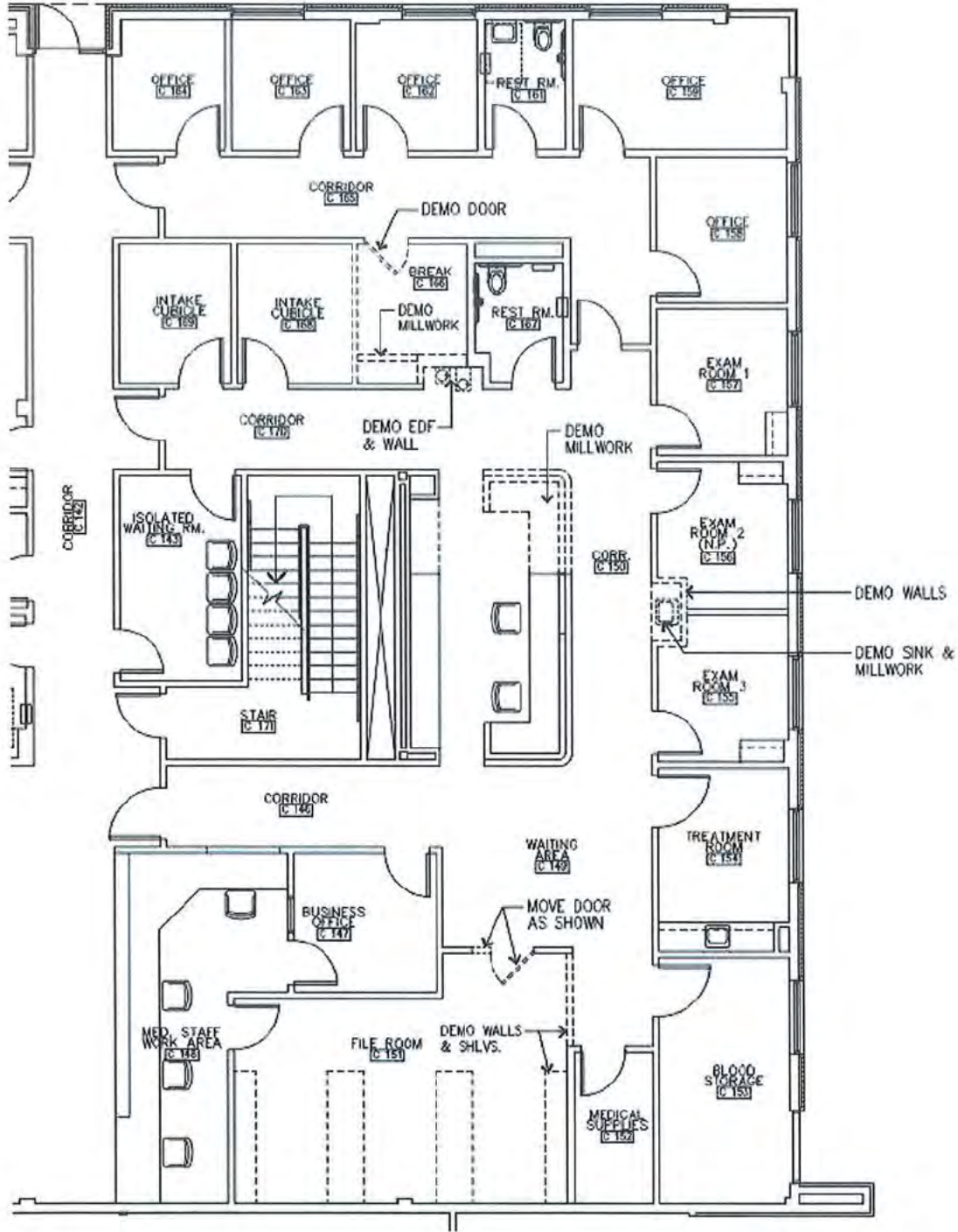
- 8.2.1 Add new walls per plan in negative pressure room 168, exam room #1, 156, exam room #2, 155 and file room 151. All walls to underside of existing ceiling grid. Add new walls at lab 166 to 8'-0" above finish floor. Finish out to match existing. All walls to be painted corner to corner (color to match existing).
- 8.2.2 Add new stainless steel sink and millwork with laminate top in negative pressure room 168.
- 8.2.3 Add new corner cabinet with laminate top, (color to be selected by owner) and stainless steel sink in exam rooms 1 and 2. Refer to remodeled floor plan.
- 8.2.4 Connect all new plumbing to existing, as required by code.
- 8.2.5 Modify electrical and data outlets, as necessary. Verify locations with owner.
- 8.2.6 New floor at repaired areas to match existing VCT.
- 8.2.7 Field verify any modifications needed to sprinkler system, HVAC and lighting.
- 8.2.8 Contractor required to verify field conditions prior to construction.

Exhibit III - HHS Plan Renovations



MISSOURI CITY ANNEX  
REMODELED FLOOR PLAN

Exhibit IV - HHS Renovations Demo



MISSOURI CITY ANNEX  
DEMOLITION FLOOR PLAN

# EXHIBIT B

# Exhibit B

## Prevailing Wages

This project is subject to the prevailing wage rate requirements of Chapter 2258 of the Government Code. The Contractor shall pay Fort Bend County sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each worker employed by the Contractor for the provision of services described herein for each calendar day or part of the day that the worker is paid less than the below stated rates. Contractors may also visit [www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx](http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx).

General Decision Number: TX20230247 05/05/2023

Superseded General Decision Number: TX20220247

State: Texas

Construction Type: Building

County: Fort Bend County in Texas.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (does not include single family homes or apartments up to and including 4 stories).

Note: Contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act are generally required to pay at least the applicable minimum wage rate required under Executive Order 14026 or Executive Order 13658.

Please note that these Executive Orders apply to covered contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but do not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 5.1(a)(2)-(60).

If the contract is entered into on or after January 30, 2022, or the contract is renewed or extended (e.g., an option is exercised) on or after January 30, 2022, Executive Order 14026 generally applies to the contract. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$16.20 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on that contract in 2022.

If the contract was awarded on or between January 1, 2015 and January 29, 2022, and the contract is not renewed or extended on or after January 30, 2022, Executive Order 13658 generally applies to the contract. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$12.15 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on that contract in 2023.

The applicable Executive Order minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. If this contract is covered by one of the Executive Orders and a classification considered necessary for performance of work on the contract does not appear on this wage determination, the contractor must still submit a conformance request.

Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the Executive Orders is available at [www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts](http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts).

Modification Number	Publication Date
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1	01/13/2023
2	05/05/2023

ASBE0022-009 06/01/2022	Rates	Fringes
ASBESTOS WORKER/HEAT & FROST INSULATOR (Duct, Pipe and Mechanical System Insulation)	\$ 26.88	15.41
BOIL0074-003 01/01/2021 BOILERMAKER	\$ 29.47	24.10
CARP0551-008 04/01/2021 CARPENTER (Excludes Acoustical Ceiling Installation, Drywall Hanging, Form Work and Metal Stud Installation)	\$ 25.86	9.08
ELEC0716-005 08/30/2021 ELECTRICIAN (Excludes Low Voltage Wiring and Installation of Alarms)	\$ 33.20	10.37
ELEV0031-003 01/01/2023 ELEVATOR MECHANIC	\$ 47.0	37.335+a+b
FOOTNOTES:		
A. 6% under 5 years based on regular hourly rate for all hours worked. 8% over 5 years based on regular hourly rate for all hours worked.		
B. Holidays: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; Friday after Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day; and Veterans Day.		
ENGI0450-002 04/01/2014		
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR Cranes	\$ 34.85	9.85
IRON0084-002 06/01/2022 IRONWORKER (ORNAMENTAL AND STRUCTURAL)	\$ 26.76	7.88
PLAS0783-001 04/01/2021 PLASTERER	\$ 26.04	9.02
PLUM0068-002 10/01/2022		

PLUMBER	\$ 37.83	11.71
PLUM0211-010 10/01/2022		
PIPEFITTER (Including HVAC Pipe Installation)	\$ 38.03	12.66
SHEE0054-003 04/01/2020		
SHEET METAL WORKER (Excludes HVAC Duct and Unit Installation)	\$ 29.70	13.85
SUTX2014-023 07/21/2014		
ACOUSTICAL CEILING MECHANIC	\$ 16.41	3.98
BRICKLAYER	\$ 19.86	0.00
CAULKER	\$ 15.36	0.00
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER	\$ 13.82**	0.00
DRYWALL FINISHER/TAPER	\$ 16.30	3.71
DRYWALL HANGER AND METAL STUD INSTALLER	\$ 17.45	3.96
ELECTRICIAN (Alarm Installation Only)	\$ 17.97	3.37
ELECTRICIAN (Low Voltage Wiring Only)	\$ 18.00	1.68
FLOOR LAYER: Carpet	\$ 20.00	0.00
FORM WORKER	\$ 11.87**	0.00
GLAZIER	\$ 19.12	4.41
INSULATOR – BATT	\$ 14.87**	0.73
IRONWORKER, REINFORCING	\$ 12.10**	0.00
LABORER: Common or General	\$ 10.79**	0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender – Brick	\$ 13.37**	0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender - Cement/Concrete	\$ 10.50**	0.00
LABORER: Pipelayer	\$ 12.94**	0.00

LABORER: Roof Tearoff	\$ 11.28**	0.00
LABORER: Landscape and Irrigation	\$ 9.49**	0.00
LATHER	\$ 19.73	0.00
OPERATOR: Backhoe/Excavator/Trackhoe	\$ 14.10**	0.00
OPERATOR: Bobcat/Skid Steer/Skid Loader	\$ 13.93**	0.00
OPERATOR: Bulldozer	\$ 20.77	0.00
OPERATOR: Drill	\$ 16.22	0.34
OPERATOR: Forklift	\$ 15.64	0.00
OPERATOR: Grader/Blade	\$ 13.37**	0.00
OPERATOR: Loader	\$ 13.55**	0.94
OPERATOR: Mechanic	\$ 17.52	3.33
OPERATOR: Paver (Asphalt, Aggregate, and Concrete)	\$ 16.03	0.00
OPERATOR: Roller	\$ 16.00	0.00
PAINTER (Brush, Roller and Spray), Excludes Drywall Finishing/Taping	\$ 16.77	4.51
ROOFER	\$ 15.40	0.00
SHEET METAL WORKER (HVAC Duct Installation Only)	\$ 17.81	2.64
SHEET METAL WORKER (HVAC Unit Installation Only)	\$ 16.00	1.61
SPRINKLER FITTER (Fire Sprinklers)	\$ 22.17	9.70
TILE FINISHER	\$ 12.00**	0.00
TILE SETTER	\$ 16.17	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: 1/Single Axle Truck	\$ 14.95**	5.23
TRUCK DRIVER: Dump Truck	\$ 12.39**	1.18

TRUCK DRIVER: Flatbed Truck	\$ 19.65	8.57
TRUCK DRIVER: Semi-Trailer Truck	\$ 12.50**	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Water Truck	\$ 12.00**	4.11
WATERPROOFER	\$ 14.39**	0.00

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

\*\* Workers in this classification may be entitled to a higher minimum wage under Executive Order 14026 (\$16.20) or 13658 (\$12.15). Please see the Note at the top of the wage determination for more information.

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](http://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.

