

2025

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

AND

SPECIFICATIONS FOR

BROWNSVILLE PUB ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT

B 005-26

Bid Due: November 12, 2025, 5:00 PM
Bid Opening: November 13, 2025, 10:00 AM

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**LEGAL NOTICE
AND
INVITATION TO BID
B #005-26**

Electronic (BidNet) and Sealed bids will be received by the PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD of the City of Brownsville, Texas ("BPUB"), at the PUB Purchasing Department office; 1155 FM 511, Olmito, TX 78575 **until 5:00 PM Wednesday, November 12, 2025** for the project described in the Contract Documents and Specifications entitled:

BROWNSVILLE PUB ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT

Bids received after this time will not be considered.

A Non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting and walk-through of the job site will begin at the BPUB Administration Building, 1425 Robinhood Drive, Brownsville, TX 78521 **at 10:00 AM on November 4, 2025.**

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 10:00 AM. Bidders can request a copy of the bid tabulation by emailing hlopez@brownsville-pub.com or npgalindo@brownsville-pub.com. Vendors can call in at 10:00 AM, November 13, 2025 to (956) 214-6020 to listen to the bid opening.

Brownsville Public Utilities Board utilizes the Texas Purchasing Group to post Request for Proposal (RFP) and bid opportunities. Registration is available at [registering on Bidnet Direct's Texas Purchasing Group](#), if you haven't already registered.

Detailed specifications may be obtained at Brownsville Public Utilities Board website at https://www.brownsville-pub.com/rfp_status/open/.

Each bid, in duplicate, shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and shall be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: **"B005-26, BROWNSVILLE PUB ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT, NOVEMBER 12, 2025, 5:00 PM"**. This envelope shall be addressed to Diane Solitaire; Brownsville Public Utilities Board; Purchasing Department; 1155 FM 511, Olmito, TX 78575.

Each bid shall constitute an offer to the Board, as outlined therein, and shall be irrevocable for at least ninety (90) days after the time announced for the opening thereof.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified or Cashier's check payable to the order of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, City of Brownsville, Texas for a sum not less than five (5%) percent of the total amount bid. In lieu of a check, a Bid Bond may be submitted in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the total amount bid with a Corporate Surety licensed to do business in the State of Texas, conditioned that the BIDDER will pay the BPUB, as mutually agreed to

liquidated damages, and not as a penalty, the amount specified in the Bond unless he enters into a contract in accordance with his bid. If the BIDDER fails to execute the contract and to furnish satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds and Insurance Certificates within ten (10) days from the date on which he is notified that his bid has been accepted, the amount of his check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the BPUB as mutually agreed to liquidated damages, and not as a penalty. **No bid will be accepted without Bid Bond.**

The BPUB will not be responsible in the event that the U.S. Postal Service or any other courier system fails to deliver the sealed bids to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, Purchasing Office by the given deadline above. **Bid will be accepted via electronic transmission through Bidnet, only.**

The BPUB specifically reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities or informalities in any or all bids and to accept any bid which is deemed to be in the best interest of the Board.

Diane Solitaire
Purchasing
(956) 983-6366 - Phone

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS
Please submit this page upon receipt.

Acknowledgment Form

B#005-26 Brownsville PUB Administration Building Roof Replacement

For any clarifications, please contact Nicholas Galindo at the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, Purchasing Department at (956) 983-6368, email: npgalindo@brownsville-pub.com; or Hugo Lopez, (956) 983-6375, e-mail: hlopez@brownsville-pub.com.

Please e-mail this page upon receipt of the bid package or legal notice. If you only received the legal notice and you want the bid package mailed, please provide a method of shipment with account number in the space designated below.

Check one:

Yes, I will be able to send a bid; obtained bid package from website.

Yes, I will be able to send a bid; please email the bid package.

Email: _____

No, I will not be able to send a bid for the following reason:

If you are unable to send your bid, kindly indicate your reason for "No bid" above and return this form via e-mail to: npgalindo@brownsville-pub.com or hlopez@brownsville-pub.com. This will ensure you remain active on our vendor list.

Date _____

Company: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

IF SPECIFICATIONS ARE DOWNLOADED FROM WEBSITE PLEASE EMAIL THIS PAGE TO EMAIL LISTED ABOVE

Special Instructions

Contract Information

- **Interpretation**

Questions concerning terms, conditions, and technical specifications should be directed to:

Nicholas Galindo,
Buyer Apprentice
(956) 983-6368

or

Hugo E. Lopez,
Purchasing Administrator
(956) 983-6375

- **Tentative Time Line**

1. October 25, 2025 through November 12, 2025 - Vendors work on bid.
2. November 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM **Non-Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting** at BPUB Administration Building, 1425 Robinhood Drive, Brownsville, Texas 78521.
3. November 12, 2025 at 5:00 PM - **Vendor must upload the bid document through BidNet or may submit one (1) set of the bid document sealed in an envelope to:**

Diane Solitaire, Purchasing
1155 FM 511
Olmito, Texas 78575

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Due: November 12, 2025 at 5:00 PM

The above noted information must be included on bid envelope and on any carrier's envelope/package. The Brownsville Public Utilities Board will not be held responsible for missing, lost or late mail. Brownsville Public Utilities Board will accept electronic transmission of sealed bids via BidNet, only.

4. November 7, 2025 – Last Day to submit Questions
5. November 13, 2025 - Open bids at 10:00 AM
6. November 13, 2025 - November 19, 2025 - Evaluate bids
7. November 20, 2025 – Provide Final Recommendations
8. December 8, 2025 - Send to Utilities Board for approval
9. Term of contract will commence – January 2026

- **Or Equal (NOT APPLICABLE IN THIS CONTRACT)**

Brand name or manufacturer's reference used in this request is descriptive – not restrictive – it is intended to indicate type and quality desired. Brands of like nature and quality will be considered. If

bidding on other than referenced specifications please provide complete descriptive information of said article.

- **Pricing**

Bid unit price on quantity specified, extend and show total. In case of errors in extension, unit prices indicated shall govern. **Price shall remain in effect throughout the duration of the project.**

All fields (UNIT PRICE, TOTAL PRICE, ETC) in the Bid Schedule must be filled.

Failure to submit any of the above information with the sealed bid will disqualify bid.

- **Vendor Representative**

The successful vendor agrees to send a personal representative with binding authority for the company to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board upon request to make adjustments and/or assist with coordination of all transactions as needed.

- **References**

Provide three references, including contact name, email address and current telephone number where projects SIMILAR to that described herein have been completed.

- **Quality of Products**

All items must be new, in first class condition, including containers suitable for shipment and storage. No substitutions in standard grades or lesser quality will be accepted.

- **Determining Factors for Award**

1. Compliance with requirements of the technical specifications
2. Price
3. Quality of performance on previous work on similar contracts
4. Recent successful completion of similar projects
5. Time and conditions of completion
6. BPUB evaluation of any identified and significant joint ventures, subcontractors, and suppliers
7. Safety record will be considered when determining the responsibility of the bidder

- **Contract with Vendor/Entity Indebted to BPUB**

It is a policy of the BPUB to refuse to enter into a contract or other transaction with an individual, sole proprietorship, joint venture, Limited Liability Company or other entity indebted to BPUB.

- **Vendor ACH (Direct Deposit) Services**

The Brownsville PUB has implemented a payment service for vendors by depositing the payment directly to the vendor's bank account. Successful vendor(s) will be required to receive payments directly through Automated Clearing House (ACH) in lieu of a paper check. **The awarded vendor must agree to receive payments via ACH (Direct Deposit).**

- **Tax Identification Number (TIN)**

In accordance with IRS Publication 1220, a W9 form, or a W8 form in cases of a foreign vendor, will be required of all vendors doing business with the Brownsville PUB. If a W9 or W8 form is not made available to Brownsville PUB, the first payment will be subject to income tax withholding at a rate of 28% or 30% depending on the U.S. status and the source of income as per IRS Publication 1220. **The W9 or W8 form must be included with bid response.** Attached are sample forms.

- **Taxes**

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and local Taxes. Do not include tax in the bid. If it is determined that tax was included in the bid it will not be included in the tabulation or any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

- **Signing of Bid**

Failure to sign bid will disqualify it. Person signing bid should show title or authority to bind their firm to a contract.

- **EEOC Guidelines**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, national origin, age, religion, gender, sexual preference, marital, veteran status, or physically challenged condition.

- **Living Wage Statement**

On April 16, 2007, the BPUB Board of Directors approved a local "living wage" policy that requires all Contractors and Subcontractors performing 100% Non-Federally funded Work for the BPUB to pay a minimum wage rate of \$8.00/hour. The BPUB—requires that all Contractors and Subcontractors comply with this policy. Otherwise, the BPUB adopts the Federal Department of Labor Wage scales for Cameron County on 100% Non-Federally funded projects as specified later herein in the Supplementary General Conditions.

- **Contract and Purchase Order**

The services shall be completed in a timely manner as specified in specifications. A contract for the services will be placed into effect by means of a purchase order issued by the Brownsville Public Utilities Board after tabulation and final approval by the Board.

- **Brownsville Public Utilities Board Rights**

1. If only one or no bid is received by "submission date", the BPUB has the right to reject, re-bid, accept and/or extend the bid by up to an additional two (2) weeks from original submission date.
2. The right to reject any/or all bids and to make award as they may appear to be advantageous to the BPUB.
3. The right to hold bid for 90 days from submission date without action, and to waive all formalities in bid.
4. The right to extend the total bid beyond the original 90-day period prior to an award, if agreed upon in writing by all parties (BPUB and vendor/contractor) and if bidder/vendor holds original bid prices firm.
5. The right to terminate for cause or convenience all or any part of the unfinished portion of the Project resulting from this solicitation within Thirty (30) calendar days written notice; for cause: upon default by the vendor/contractor, for delay or non-performance by the vendor/contractor; or if it is deemed in the best interest of the BPUB for BPUB's convenience.
6. The right to increase or decrease services. In bid, stipulate whether an increase or decrease in services will affect bid price.
7. Brownsville PUB has the right to refuse to enter into a contract or other transaction with any individual or entity indebted to the municipality as per Local Government Code 252.0436.

- **Corrections**

Any interpretation, correction, or change to the invitation to bid will be made by ADDENDUM. Changes or corrections will be issued by the BPUB Purchasing Department. **Addenda will be emailed to all who have returned the Bid Acknowledgment Form.** Addenda will be issued as expeditiously as possible. It is the responsibility of the vendors to determine whether all addenda have been received. It will be the responsibility of all respondents to contact the BPUB prior to submitting a response to the invitation to bid to ascertain if any addenda have been issued, and to obtain any all addenda, execute them, and return addenda with the response to the invitation to bid. Addenda will be posted on the BPUB website.

1. RECEIPT AND OPENING OF BIDS:

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board, City of Brownsville, Texas (hereinafter called OWNER), invites bids on the form attached hereto, all blanks of which must be appropriately filled in, in ink, for project entitled **“BROWNSVILLE PUB ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF**

REPLACEMENT".

The OWNER may consider informal and non-responsive, any bid not prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions hereof and may waive any informalities or reject any and all bids. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No BIDDER may withdraw a bid within at least ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

2. INSPECTION OF SITE:

Each BIDDER shall visit the site of the proposed work and fully acquaint himself with the existing conditions there relating to construction and labor, and shall fully inform himself as to the facilities involved, the difficulties and restrictions attending the performance of the Contract. The BIDDER should thoroughly examine and familiarize himself with the Drawings, Technical Specifications, and all other Contract Documents. The Contractor, by the execution of the Contract, shall in no way be relieved of any obligation under it due to his failure to receive or examine any form or legal instrument, or to visit the site and acquaint himself with the conditions there existing and the OWNER will be justified in rejecting any claim for extra time, or compensation, or both, based on facts regarding which Contractor should have been on notice as a result thereof. Visits to the site shall be arranged by calling **Travis Menchaca with the BPUB Facilities Maintenance Department at telephone no. (956) 983-6170.**

3. PREPARATION OF BID AND USE OF SEPARATE BID FORMS:

These contract documents include a complete set of bidding documents. The BIDDER shall copy all documents listed in the table of contents under the heading BIDDING DOCUMENTS and shall submit two sets (original signed and one signed copy) of his bid on these forms. A bid shall be comprised of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS completed by the BIDDER plus supplemental information required by the specifications and documents or deemed necessary by the BIDDER to fully describe his offering.

If any of the information submitted as part of the bid is considered to be proprietary by the BIDDER, he shall identify such in his bid.

- a) Preparation. Each bid shall be carefully prepared using the bid and bid data forms included as a part of the bidding documents. Entries on the bid and bid data forms shall be typed, using dark black ribbon, or legibly written in black ink. All prices shall be stated in words and figures except where the forms provide for figures only. In case of discrepancy, the amount shown in words/unit prices will govern.

The BIDDER shall acknowledge, in the space provided in the bid form, receipt of each addendum issued for the specifications and documents during the bidding period.

The BIDDER shall assemble all drawings, catalog data, and other supplementary information necessary to thoroughly describe materials and equipment covered by the bid, and shall attach such supplemental information to the copies of the specifications and documents submitted.

- b) Signatures. Each BIDDER shall sign the bid with his usual signature and shall give his full business address. The BIDDER's name stated on the bid shall be the exact legal name of the firm. The names of all persons signing should also be typed or printed below the signature.

Bids by partnerships shall be signed with the partnership name followed by the signature and designation of one of the partners or other authorized representatives. A complete list of the partners shall be included with the bid.

Bids by a corporation shall be signed in the official corporate name of the corporation, followed by the signature and designation of the president, secretary, or other person authorized to bind the corporation.

A bid by a person who affixes to his signature the word "president," "secretary," "agent," or other designation, without disclosing his principal, will be rejected. Satisfactory evidence of the authority of the officer signing in behalf of the corporation shall be furnished. Bidding corporations shall designate the state in which they are incorporated and the address of their principal office.

- c) Submittal. The original bid (and its accompanying copy) shall be transmitted to arrive at the designated address not later than the date and time stipulated in the Legal Notice and Invitation to Bid.

Submit the original signed bid (and its accompanying copy) to:

Brownsville Public Utilities Board of the
City of Brownsville, Texas
1155 FM 511
Olmito, Texas 78575

Attention: Ms. Diane Solitaire
Purchasing Department

Each bid must be submitted in duplicate, in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the BIDDER, his address, and the name of the project for which the bid is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the bid form.

4. METHOD OF BIDDING: UNIT PRICE AND LUMP SUM.

Prices shall be firm, not subject to qualification, condition or adjustment. Prices shall be in United States dollars. Prices shall be lump sum except where unit prices are requested by the bid forms. If unit price items are required by the bid, the unit prices for each of the several items in the bid of each BIDDER shall include its pro-rata share of overhead so that the sum of the products obtained by multiplying the quantity shown for each item by the unit price bid represents the total bid. Any bid not conforming to the requirement may be rejected as informal and non-responsive. The special attention of all BIDDERS is called to this provision, for should conditions make it necessary to revise the quantities, no limit will be fixed for such increased or decreased quantities nor extra compensation allowed, provided the net monetary value of all such additive and subtractive changes in quantities of such items of work pursuant to public competitive bidding statutes (i.e., difference in cost) shall not increase or decrease the original contract price by more than twenty-five (25%) percent. A proposed decrease only that exceeds twenty-five (25%) percent of the original contract price must be agreed to in advance by the Contractor.

5. DISCLOSURE BY BIDDER:

Each BIDDER shall submit with the bid documents, on the form furnished for that purpose, his Pre-Bid Disclosure Statement showing his experience record in performing the type of work embraced in the contract, his organization and equipment available for the work contemplated, and, when specifically requested by the OWNER, a detailed financial statement. The OWNER shall have the right to take such steps as it deems necessary to determine the ability and responsibility of the BIDDER to perform his obligations under the Contract and the BIDDER shall be responsive in furnishing the OWNER all such information and data for this purpose as it may request. OWNER reserves the right to reject any bid where an investigation of the available evidence or information does not satisfy the OWNER that the BIDDER is responsible to carry out properly the terms of the Contract. This shall also apply to any proposed subcontractor(s).

6. SUBCONTRACTS:

The BIDDER is specifically advised that any person, firm, or other party to whom it is proposed to award a subcontract under this contract must be acceptable to the OWNER, and that a Pre-Bid Disclosure Statement for each proposed subcontractor must also be submitted with the bid documents.

7. BID SECURITY:

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check, or a bid bond prepared on the form of the bid bond attached hereto, duly executed by the BIDDER as principal and having as surety therein a surety company approved by the OWNER, and authorized to do business in the State of Texas, in the amount of not less than five (5%) percent of the total amount but not less than \$2,500.00. Such checks, or bid bonds will be returned to all except the three lowest BIDDERS within fifteen (15) days after the opening of bids, and the remaining checks, or bid bonds will be

returned promptly after the OWNER and the accepted BIDDER have executed the contract or if no award has been made, within Ninety (90) days after the date of the opening of bids. The bid security will be returned upon demand of the BIDDER at any time thereafter, so long as he has not been notified of the acceptance of his bid.

8. ADDENDA AND INTERPRETATIONS:

No oral interpretations by OWNER and its representatives shall be binding upon OWNER as to the meaning of the plans, specifications, contract documents, or other pre-bid documents.

Any interpretation, correction, or change of the invitation to bid will be made by ADDENDUM. Changes or corrections will be issued by the Brownsville PUB Purchasing Department **Addenda will be e-mailed to all who have returned the Bid Acknowledgment Form.** Addenda will be issued as expeditiously as possible. It is the responsibility of the vendors to determine whether all addenda have been received. It will be the responsibility of all respondents to contact the Brownsville PUB prior to submitting a response to the invitation to bid to ascertain if any addenda have been issued, and to obtain any all addenda, execute them, and return addenda with the response to the invitation to bid. All addenda so issued shall become part of the contract documents. Addenda may also be posted on BPUB's webpage.

9. FACSIMILE MODIFICATION:

Any BIDDER may modify (not originally submit) his bid by facsimile communication at any time prior to the scheduled bid closing time for receipt of bids, provided such communication is received by the OWNER, in the BPUB Purchasing Department, prior to the bid closing time, and provided further, the OWNER is satisfied that a written confirmation of the facsimile modification, over the original signature of the BIDDER, was also mailed prior to the bid closing time. The facsimile communication should not reveal the total bid price, but only should provide the clarification, addition or subtraction, or other modification, so that the final bid prices or terms intended will not be known by the OWNER, until the original sealed bid is opened and the modification computed by OWNER.

Revised bids submitted before the opening of bids, whether forwarded by mail, electronically or by facsimile if representing an increase in excess of two percent (2%) of the original bid, must have the bid security adjusted accordingly; otherwise, the bid will not be considered responsive.

If written confirmation of any modification is not received by OWNER within two (2) days from the closing time, no consideration will be given to the modification.

10. TIME FOR RECEIVING BIDS:

Bids received prior to the advertised hour of opening will be securely kept sealed. The officer whose duty it is to open them will decide when the specified time has arrived, and no bid received thereafter will be considered.

BIDDERS are cautioned that, while electronic or facsimile modifications of bids may be received as provided above, such modifications, if not explicit and if in any sense subject to misinterpretation, shall make the bid so modified or amended, subject to rejection for non-responsiveness.

11. OPENING OF BIDS:

At the time and place fixed for the opening of bids, the OWNER will cause to be opened and publicly read aloud every bid received within the time set for receiving bids, irrespective of any irregularities therein. BIDDERS and other persons properly interested may be present, in person or by representative.

12. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:

Bids may be withdrawn via written, electronic, or facsimile request dispatched by the BIDDER in time for delivery in the normal course of business prior to the time fixed for bid opening; provided, that written confirmation of any facsimile or electronic withdrawal over the signature of the BIDDER is placed in the mail and postmarked prior to the time set for bid opening. The bid security of any BIDDER withdrawing their bid in accordance with the foregoing conditions will be returned promptly.

13. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REJECTION OF BIDS:

The contract will be awarded to the responsive and responsible BIDDER submitting the lowest bid complying with the conditions of the Legal Notice and Invitation for Bids. The BIDDER to whom the award is made will be notified at the earliest possible date. The OWNER, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in its interest.

The OWNER reserves the right to consider as not responsible any BIDDER who does not habitually perform with his own forces the major portions of the work involved in construction of the improvements embraced in this contract.

14. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT: PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND:

Subsequent to the notice of award and within ten (10) days after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, the successful BIDDER shall execute and deliver to the OWNER an agreement in the form included in the contract documents in such number of copies as the OWNER may require.

Having satisfied all conditions of award as set forth elsewhere in these documents, the successful BIDDER shall, within the period specified in the preceding paragraph, furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, in accordance with the following parameters:

- a.) For a Contract in excess of \$100,000.00, a Performance Bond shall be executed in

the full amount of the Contract conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Work in accordance with the plans, specifications, and Contract Documents. Said Bond shall be solely for the protection of the OWNER.

- b.) For a Contract in excess of \$50,000.00, a Payment Bond shall be executed in the full amount of the Contract, solely for the protection of all proper claimants supplying labor and material in the prosecution of the Work provided for in the Contract, for the use of each such claimant perfecting a proper claim.

When bonds are required, they shall serve as security for the faithful performance of the contract, and for the payment of all persons, firms or corporations to whom the Contractor may become legally indebted for labor, materials, tools, equipment, or services of any nature including utility and transportation services, employed or used by him in performing the work. Such bonds shall be in the same form as that included in the contract documents and shall bear the same date as, or a date subsequent to that of the agreement. The current power of attorney for the person who signs for any surety company shall be attached to such bonds. These bonds shall be signed by a guaranty or surety company legally authorized to do business in the State of Texas.

The failure of the successful BIDDER to execute such agreement and to supply the required bonds and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, or within such extended period as the OWNER may grant in writing, based upon reasons determined sufficient by the OWNER, shall constitute a default, and the OWNER may either award the contract to the next lowest responsive and responsible BIDDER or re-advertise for bids, and may charge against the defaulting BIDDER the difference between the amount of the defaulted bid and the amount for which a contract for the work is subsequently executed, irrespective of whether the amount thus due exceeds the amount of the bid bond. If a more favorable bid is received by re-advertising, the defaulting BIDDER shall have no claim against the OWNER for a refund.

15. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR FAILURE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT:

The successful BIDDER, upon his failure or refusal to execute and deliver the contract, bonds and insurance certificates required within ten (10) days after he has received notice of the acceptance of his bid, shall forfeit to the OWNER, as liquidated damages (and not as a penalty) for such failure or refusal, the security deposited with his bid.

16. TIME OF COMPLETION AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

BIDDER must agree to commence on or before a date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed" issued by the OWNER and to fully complete the project within ten (10) to thirty (30) working calendar days as provided in said Article 2, Paragraph 2.1.

BIDDER must agree also to pay as mutually agreed to liquidated damages, and not as a penalty, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per day for each consecutive calendar day thereafter, as provided in said Article 2, Paragraph 2.2.

17. NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

Attention is particularly called to those parts of the contract documents and specifications which deal with the following:

- A. Inspection and testing of materials.
- B. Insurance requirements.
- C. Wage and Hour Provisions.
- D. State Sales and Use Tax Exemption Provisions

18. LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

The BIDDER's attention is directed to the fact that all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, codes and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the contract throughout, and they will be deemed to be included in the contract the same as though herein written out in full.

19. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Attention of BIDDERS is particularly called to the requirement for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, religion, age, gender, sexual preference, physically challenged condition or national origin.

20. PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

A pre-bid meeting between the OWNER, prospective bidders, suppliers, etc., will be held to answer any questions concerning the work. No addenda will be issued at this meeting. Subsequent thereto, if necessary to clear up any written questions, a written addendum will be issued by the OWNER to all pre-bid conference attendees. The pre-bid meeting will be held at the place, time and date indicated in the Legal Notice. Interested parties are invited to attend. **Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is not mandatory** but is recommended for all contractors and suppliers interested in bidding the Work.

21. SUBMITTAL OF TRENCH SAFETY DESIGN: (NOT APPLICABLE)

The apparent low BIDDER shall provide the OWNER with a Trench Safety System Plan and a certificate signed and sealed by a Registered Professional Engineer licensed by the State of Texas, within 21 calendar days after the date of the opening of Bids prior to award of the Contract. Failure to timely comply may disqualify BIDDER.

22. INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH BID:

Each BIDDER shall submit with his bid pertinent information concerning proposed equipment and

materials and proposed construction organization.

- a) Equipment and Materials. In addition to the information submitted on the bid and bid data forms, each BIDDER shall submit all specifications, preliminary drawings, and similar descriptive information necessary to describe completely the equipment and materials he proposes to furnish.

The bid shall be based on new equipment and materials which comply with specifications and documents in every respect. If alternate or "equal" equipment and materials are indicated in the bid, it shall be understood that the OWNER will have the option of selecting any one of the alternates so indicated and such selection shall not be a cause for extra compensation or extension of time.

- b) Contractor's Field Organization. Each BIDDER shall submit with his bid an organization chart showing the names of field management, supervisory, and technical personnel, and the details of the management, supervisory, and technical organization which he proposes to use for this project. The successful BIDDER's organizational concept will be subject to the review and acceptance of the OWNER. The experience record of the Contractor's field superintendent shall be submitted with the bid.

23. PREFERENCE LAW:

Bid evaluations will take into consideration any Preference Laws of the State of Texas, and any reciprocity laws of other states as they may be addressed by Texas law.

24. SUBSURFACE GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS: (NOT APPLICABLE)

Each BIDDER shall be responsible for determining prior to bidding, the types of subsurface materials which will be found. If test borings have been made on the site, the locations and logs of the test borings are bound as an appendix to these specifications and documents.

It is to be expressly understood and acknowledged by the BIDDER, that any information on subsurface geology made available by OWNER for BIDDER'S convenience shall not be a part of the contract documents and there is no expressed or implied guarantee of the data given, nor of the interpretation thereof.

All excavation for this project will be unclassified and the BIDDER shall be responsible for investigating and satisfying himself of subsurface geologic conditions (including the presence or likelihood of encountering rock or rock-like materials) prior to submitting his bid, which shall include any and all costs BIDDER associates with avoiding, managing or removing said subsurface geologic conditions without claim for extra compensation against OWNER.

25. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS MATERIALS:

After completion of this project there may be in some instances an excess of material or waste material left over. In such cases where there is an excess of material, BIDDER shall load and haul it away from the job site and dispose of it in a legal manner so as not to trespass, adversely impact any protected wetlands, adversely impact the 100-year flood plain, adversely impact any endangered species, or otherwise create drainage diversions or impoundments. No extra remuneration for this work will be allowed.

26. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES: (NOT APPLICABLE)

The BIDDER is expected to conduct his work in such a manner as to minimize any soil erosion or sediment runoff from the construction site. Earth cuts and fills shall have smooth, flat sideslopes, as generally indicated on the PLANS, to preclude erosion of the soil. Such operations should be timed consistent with the actual need for doing the work and only to leave raw, unprotected surfaces for a minimum of time.

Existing lawns are to remain intact as far as practical. Such areas as are disturbed shall be duly restored by the BIDDER to as good or better than original condition using the same type of grass, shrubs, or cover as the original. The BIDDER shall be responsible for correcting any erosion that occurs at his sole cost without claim for extra compensation.

As construction progresses, and in accordance with recent federal legislation regulating stormwater runoff and management from construction sites greater than five acres in size, if applicable, (See: Section 405 of the Water Quality Act of 1987, Section 402(P) as amended), and at locations where erosion with sediment runoff occurs or is likely to occur, the BIDDER shall construct temporary ditches, perimeter siltation screens, retainage levees, drains, inlets, or other works to correct the condition. Upon completion of the work, such facilities shall be removed.

During construction, the BIDDER shall take the necessary precautions to see that erosion is controlled and sediment runoff is prevented so as to protect the quality of any neighboring water bodies.

27. SAFETY PROVISIONS:

BIDDER shall provide barricades, flares, warning signs, and/or flagmen so that danger and inconvenience to the public, railroad and job site working personnel will be eliminated. In addition to any other requirements of the Contract Documents, the BIDDER shall be responsible for familiarity and compliance with all Federal (OSHA), State, Railroad and local safety rules, laws and requirements. A Job Safety Analysis (JSA) form is to be completed, executed, and submitted by the vendor prior to entering into a contractual agreement with the OWNER. The JSA form will be valid for a period of 6 months after which an updated JSA form is to be completed, executed and submitted by the vendor. The completed JSA form must be included along with other Contract Documents included herein. Assistance in completing this form is available from Adolfo Vasquez, BPUB Safety Department, at (956) 983-6263. Sample form is attached at end of document.

28. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY AND EXISTING UTILITIES:

Within developed areas, all public and private property along and adjacent to the BIDDER'S operations, including lawns, yards, shrubs, drainage gradients, and trees, shall be adequately protected, and when damages occur, they shall be repaired, replaced, or renewed or otherwise put in a condition equal to or better than that which existed before the BIDDER caused the damage or removal.

An attempt has been made to show all known existing utilities on the PLANS, but the possibility remains strong that some underground utilities may exist that have not been shown. The BIDDER, through mandatory contact with local utility owners, shall keep himself informed and take such precautions as necessary to avoid damage.

29. WAGES AND HOURS:

The most recent wage rate determination from the U.S. Department of Labor for Cameron County, Texas as amended within the previous three (3) years and as locally adopted by the BPUB, is a part of these Specifications and controls minimum wage, hour and any fringe benefits, with the exception that no wage shall be paid below \$8.00 as established locally by the BPUB.

A copy of the appropriate (building and/or heavy/highway) wage rate schedule(s) must be posted at the job site in both English and Spanish and kept posted in a conspicuous place on the site of the Project at all times during construction. The BIDDER shall familiarize himself with the included General Conditions Section entitled "Wage and Labor Standard Provisions - 100% Non-Federally Funded Construction." Copies of the wage rate schedule(s) are included herein, but the responsibility for initial posting and keeping same posted, rests upon the BIDDER.

30. STATE SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION:

Pursuant to recent State legislation enacting 34 Texas Administrative Code 3.291, in order for the Brownsville PUB to continue to benefit from its status as a State Sales and Use Tax Exempt Organization, after August 14, 1991 construction contracts must be awarded on a "separated contract" basis. A "separated contract" is one that distinguishes the value of the tangible personal property (materials such as pipe, bricks, lumber, concrete, paint, etc.) to be physically incorporated into the project realty from the total contract price. Under the "separated contract" format, the contractor in effect becomes a "seller" to the Brownsville PUB of materials that are to be physically incorporated into the project realty. As a "seller", the contractor will issue a "Texas Certificate of Resale" to the supplier in lieu of paying the sales tax on materials at the time of purchase. The contractor will also issue a "Certificate of Exemption" to the supplier demonstrating that the personal property is being purchased for resale and that the resale is to the Brownsville PUB, which is a sales tax-exempt entity under UTCA Tax Code Section 151.309(5). Contractors should be careful to consult the most recent guidelines of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts regarding the sales tax status of supplies and equipment that are used and/or consumed during project work (gas, oil, rental equipment), but that are not physically incorporated into the project realty. Such items are

generally not tax exempt. Contractors that have questions about the implementation of this new policy are asked to inquire directly with the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, Tax Administration Division, State of Texas, Austin, Texas 78774 (tel. 512-463-4934). Bidders will not include any federal taxes in bid prices since the Brownsville PUB is exempt from payment of such federal taxes. "Texas Certificates of Exemption", "Texas Certificates of Resale" and "Texas Sales Tax Permits" are forms available to the contractor through the regional offices of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts.

BID
B005-26

Place: BPUB Purchasing Department
1495 Robinhood Dr.
Due Date: November 12, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Bid of _____ hereinafter called BIDDER, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____, or, a partnership, or an individual doing business as _____.

To the Public Utilities Board of the City of Brownsville, Texas, hereinafter called OWNER.

Gentlemen:

The BIDDER, in compliance with your invitation for bids for the **BROWNSVILLE PUB ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT**, having examined the specifications with related documents and being familiar with all of the conditions, including the availability of materials and labor, hereby proposes to furnish all labor, supervision, equipment, tools, and materials and supplies, within the time set forth herein, and at the Prices shown in the attached Bid Schedule. These price(s) are to cover all expenses incurred in performing the work required under the contract documents, of which this bid is a part. These price(s) are firm and shall not be subject to adjustment provided this Bid is accepted within ninety (90) days after the time set for receipt of bids.

BIDDER hereby agrees to commence work under this contract on or before a date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed" to be issued by the OWNER and to fully complete the project within sixty (60) consecutive calendar days thereafter as stipulated in the specifications. Bidder further agrees to pay as liquidated, and not as a penalty, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each consecutive calendar day thereafter as hereinafter provided in Article 2 of this agreement.

BIDDER agrees to perform all work for which he contracts as described in the specifications for the unit prices and/or lump sums shown on the attached Bid Schedule.

BID SCHEDULE
BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

The Bidder, in compliance with the invitation for bids for the BROWNSVILLE PUB ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT having examined the scope of work and written specifications, hereby proposes to furnish services for the following unit price.

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TOTAL AMOUNT
LUMP SUM	<p>The project involves a full roof replacement at the BPUB Administration Building. The scope includes removal of failed shingles and failed gravel built-up flat roof, replacement of approximately (40) pieces of wood roof decking under shingles where decking has failed where necessary, installation of new shingles and TPO roof for the flat roof. The goal is to improve the existing roofing conditions, drainage, safety, and appearance.</p> <p>*10-year warranty on all systems installed *Lifetime shingle wind warranty at 130 mph *Manufacturer color coated for a 35-year guarantee for the D-style/gutter</p>	\$ _____

Note: See Complete Technical Specifications at the end of the bid document TS-1 thru TS-5

TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID: _____
(written in words)

BIDDER Acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

SUBCONTRACTORS. The undersigned BIDDER proposes that he will be responsible to perform the work at the project site with his own forces and that specific portions of the work not performed by the undersigned will be subcontracted and performed by the following subcontractors.

Work Subcontracted

Name of Subcontractor

Amounts are to be shown in both words and figures. In case of discrepancy, the amount shown in words/unit price will govern.

The above unit prices shall include all labor, supervision, materials, supplies, tools & equipment, overhead, profit, insurance, etc., to cover the complete replacement of the roofs.

BIDDER understands that the OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding.

BIDDER agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids.

The undersigned hereby declares that only the persons or firms interested in the bid as principal or principals are named herein, and that no other persons or firms than are herein mentioned have any interest in this Bid or in the contract to be entered into; that this Bid is made without connection with any other person, company, or parties likewise submitting a bid or bid; and that it is in all respects for and in good faith, without collusion or fraud.

Upon receipt of written notice of the acceptance of this bid, BIDDER will execute the formal contract attached within ten (10) days and deliver the Bonds and Insurance Certificates as required under the GENERAL CONDITIONS. The bid security attached in the sum of _____ (\$_____) is to become the property of the OWNER in the event the contract, bonds, and insurance certificates are not executed or delivered

within the time above set forth, as mutually agreed to liquidated damages and not as a penalty for the delay and additional administrative expense to the OWNER caused thereby; otherwise the bid security will be returned upon the signing of the contract and delivering the approved bonds and insurance certificates.

Seal affixed here
if BID is by a
Corporation:
Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Signature

Title

Address

Attest: _____

BID BOND

STATE OF TEXAS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT:

COUNTY OF CAMERON

THAT WE, the undersigned, _____ as Principal, and _____ as Surety, are hereby held and firmly bound unto the PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS as OWNER in liquidated damages (not as a penalty) of _____ for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, successors and assigns.

Signed, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the Principal has submitted to the OWNER a certain BID attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof to enter into a contract in writing, for **B005-26 BROWNSVILLE PUB ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT.**

NOW, THEREFORE,

- (a) If said BID shall be rejected, or
- (b) If said BID shall be accepted and the Principal shall execute and deliver a contract in the form of Agreement attached hereto (properly completed in accordance with said BID) and shall furnish payment and performance bonds for his faithful performance of said contract, and for the payment of all persons performing labor or furnishing materials in connection therewith, and shall furnish insurance certificates, and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the acceptance of said BID, then this obligation shall be void. Otherwise the same shall remain in force and effect, it being expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall, in no event, exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its BOND shall be in no way impaired or affected by an extension of the time within which the OWNER may accept such BID; and said Surety does hereby waive notice of any such extension.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and the Surety have hereunto set their hands and seals, and such of them as are corporations have caused their corporate seals to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed by their proper officers, the day and year first set forth above.

Signed, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Principal

Surety

By: _____

IMPORTANT - Surety companies executing BONDS must be legally authorized by the State Board of Insurance to transact business in the State of Texas.

CONTRACTOR'S
PRE-BID DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

All questions must be answered or your bid will be deemed non-responsive and subject to rejection. The data given must be clear and comprehensive. **This statement must be notarized.** If necessary, questions may be answered on separate attached sheets. The Bidder may submit any additional information he desires.

1. This Pre-Bid Disclosure Statement is submitted to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board by:

a Corporation, a Partnership, a Texas Joint Venture, or an Individual.
Address: _____ Contractor's #: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

2. Years in business under present business name: _____

3. Years of experience in construction work of the type called for in this contract as: A General Contractor _____, A Subcontractor _____.

4. What projects has your organization completed? List most recent FIRST.

Contract	Type of Work	Date Completed	Owners Name and Address	Amount

5. What projects does your organization have under way as of this date?

Contract	Type of Work	Date Completed	Owners Name and Address	Amount

6. Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you?

Yes No. If "Yes", state where and why. _____

7. Are you at present in any lawsuits involving construction work of any type?

Yes No. If "Yes", explain: _____

8. Explain in detail the manner in which you have inspected the work and jobsite proposed in this contract: _____

9. Explain in detail your plan or layout for performing the work proposed in this contract: _____

10. If this contract is awarded to you, your company's office administrative manager for the work will be Mr. (Ms.) _____, and your resident construction superintendent will be Mr. (Ms.) _____.

11. What experience in this type of work does the individual designated as resident superintendent above have? _____

12. What portions of the work do you intend to subcontract? _____

13. What equipment do you own that is available for the proposed work?

Quantity	Description, Size Capacity, Etc.	Condition	Years in Service	Present Location

14. Have you received firm offers from suppliers or manufacturers for all major items of material and/or equipment within the prices totals used in preparing your bid? Yes No

15. Attach resumes for the principal members of your organization, including the officers as well as the proposed superintendent for the project.

Credit available: \$ _____ Bank Reference: _____

Bonding Capacity available: \$ _____

The undersigned hereby authorizes and request any person, firm or corporation to furnish any information requested by the Owner in verification of the recitals comprising this Pre-Bid Disclosure Statement.

The signatory of this questionnaire guarantees the truth and accuracy of all statements herein made and all answers herein expressed.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

By: _____

Title: _____

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

**SUBCONTRACTOR'S
PRE-BID DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

All questions must be answered or your bid will be deemed non-responsive and subject to rejection. The data given must be clear and comprehensive. **This statement must be notarized.** If necessary, questions may be answered on separate attached sheets. The Bidder may submit any additional information he desires.

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Address: _____ Contractor's #: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

2. Years in business under present business name: _____

3. Years of experience in construction work of the type called for in this contract as: A General Contractor _____, A Subcontractor _____.

4. Have you ever previously worked as subcontractor for this general contractor?

Yes No; If yes, list three most recent projects in which your company has served as a subcontractor to this general contractor.

5. What projects has your organization completed? List most recent FIRST.

Contract	Type of Work	Date Completed	Owners Name and Address	Amount

6. What projects does your organization have under way as of this date?

Contract	Type of Work	Date Completed	Owners Name and Address	Amount

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Yes No. If "Yes", state where and why.

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Yes No

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Bonding Capacity available: \$ _____

The undersigned hereby authorizes and request any person, firm or corporation to furnish any information requested by the Engineer and Owner in verification of the recitals comprising this Pre-Bid Disclosure Statement.

The signatory of this questionnaire guarantees the truth and accuracy of all statements herein made and all answers herein expressed.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20____.

By: _____

Title: _____

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

NOTICE OF AWARD

TO:

**Project Description: B005-26 BROWNSVILLE PUB ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Owner has considered the BID submitted by you for the above-described work, in response to its Legal Notice and Invitation for Bids and Instruction to Bidders, dated _____, 20____.

You are hereby notified that your BID has been accepted in the amount of \$ _____.

You are required by the Instructions to Bidders to execute the attached Agreement and furnish any required Contractor's Performance Bond, Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance within ten (10) calendar days from the date of this Notice to you.

If you fail to execute the attached Agreement and furnish any required bonds and insurance certificates within ten (10) days from the date of this Notice, Owner will be entitled to consider all your rights arising out of the Owner's acceptance of your bid as abandoned and as a forfeiture of your BID SECURITY.

The Owner will be entitled to such other rights as may be granted by law.

You are required to return an acknowledged copy of this NOTICE OF AWARD to the Owner.

Dated this _____ day of _____.

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

Receipt of the above NOTICE OF AWARD is hereby acknowledged by:

of _____, 20_____. this ____ day

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

NOTICE TO PROCEED

TO:

ADDRESS:

Contract For: **B005-26, BROWNSVILLE PUB ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
ROOF REPLACEMENT**

You are notified that the Contract Time under the above contract will commence to run on _____, 20_____. By that date, you are to start performing your obligations under the Contract Documents. In accordance with the Agreement, the date of Substantial Completion is _____, 20____ and the date of readiness for final payment is _____, 20_____.

Before you may start any work at the site, you must submit a Proposed Construction Bar Chart of Schedule indicating the various start and finish dates of the different phases of the project. This chart should also include the estimated dollar amount of each phase. The estimated dollar amount of bonds and insurance shall be pro-rated into respective phases.

Brownsdale Public Utilities Board:
(Owner)

BY: _____
(Authorized Signature)

DATE: _____

NAME: Marilyn D. Gilbert, MVA

TITLE: General Manager/CEO

FOR: Brownsdale Public Utilities Board

SAMPLE SERVICES CONTRACT

This Services Contract (“Contract”), dated as of _____, 20____ (the “Effective Date”), is entered into by and between the PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS (“Brownsville PUB”) and [ENTER VENDOR’S NAME], a [ENTER VENDOR’S STATE & TYPE OF COMPANY, i.e., Texas, Limited Liability Company, Corporation, etc.], with offices located at [ENTER VENDOR’S STREET ADDRESS INCLUDING CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE] (“Service Provider” and together with Brownsville PUB, the “Parties,” and each a “Party”).

WHEREAS, Service Provider has the capability and capacity to provide [ENTER PROJECT NAME/SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED] as described herein.

WHEREAS, Brownsville PUB desires to engage Service Provider to provide the said services under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, and Service Provider is willing to perform such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Scope of Services.

Service Provider agrees to perform the services (the “Services”) described below and in Exhibit “A” Scope of Services attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes. The Parties by mutual agreement may provide for additional services to be performed under the terms and conditions of this Contract and described under any additional written Work Orders, pursuant to Paragraph 13 “Changes.” Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to prevent Brownsville PUB from performing for itself or from acquiring from other providers services that are similar to or identical to the Services.

2. Compensation.

Brownsville PUB will pay Service Provider for the Services as outlined in Exhibit “B” Compensation, not to exceed compensation of [ENTER WRITTEN AMOUNT FOLLOWED BY FIGURES, i.e., One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00)].

3. Method of Payment.

A. Monthly statements, in Service Provider’s standard format, will be submitted by Service Provider to Brownsville PUB, as well as any supporting documentation requested by Brownsville PUB. Statements will be based on Service Provider’s Services completed at the end of the preceding month. Brownsville PUB shall have sole discretion in the approval or

disapproval of any compensation to Service Provider. If Brownsville PUB disapproves of any charge, in whole or in part, it shall provide written notice to Service Provider of the reasons therefor. Brownsville PUB shall make whole or partial payment to Service Provider within thirty (30) days of receipt of a statement.

B. Brownsville PUB will reimburse Service Provider for all reasonable expenses incurred in accordance with Exhibit A, if such expenses have been pre-approved, in writing by Brownsville PUB, within 30 days of receipt by Brownsville PUB of an invoice from Service Provider accompanied by receipts and supporting documentation reasonably acceptable to Brownsville PUB. All Service Provider expenses not pre-approved by Brownsville PUB or not otherwise meeting the requirements of this Contract or Exhibit A shall be the sole responsibility of Service Provider.

C. The fees set forth in this Contract shall cover and include all sales and use taxes, duties, and charges of any kind imposed by any federal, state, or local governmental authority on amounts payable by Brownsville PUB under this Contract, and in no event shall Brownsville PUB be required to pay any additional amount to Service Provider in connection with such taxes, duties, and charges, or any taxes imposed on, or regarding, Service Provider's income, revenues, gross receipts, personnel, or real or personal property or other assets.

D. Service Provider shall keep accurate records, including time sheets and travel vouchers of all time and expenses allocated to performance of the Services. All such records shall be kept in the offices of Service Provider for a period of not less than five (5) years and shall be made available to Brownsville PUB for inspection or copying upon reasonable request during regular business hours at Service Provider's offices.

4. Service Provider's Standard of Care

Service Provider shall perform the Services (A) in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Contract; (B) using personnel of required skill, experience, and qualifications; (C) in a timely, workmanlike, and professional manner; (D) with the same degree of care, skill, and diligence as is ordinarily provided by a professional services Service Provider providing similar services and similar circumstances for a project of which this Contract applies; (E) and shall give professional consultations and advice to Brownsville PUB during the performance of the Services; (F) in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations; and (G) to the reasonable satisfaction of Brownsville PUB.

5. Ownership of Documents

A. Service Provider assigns to Brownsville PUB, Service Provider's entire right, title, and interest in any document, data, studies, surveys, drawings, specifications, field notes, maps, model, photographs, reports, invention, technique, process, device, discovery,

improvement, or know-how, whether patentable or not, hereafter made or conceived solely or jointly by Service Provider while working for or on behalf of Brownsville PUB, which relate to, is suggested by, or results from Service Provider's provisions of the Services or this Contract and depends on either:

i. Service Provider's knowledge of Confidential Information (as defined in Section 6) it obtains from Brownsville PUB; or

ii. The use of Brownsville PUB's equipment supplies, facilities, information, or materials.

B. Service Provider shall disclose any such item described in subsection A of this Section 5 to Brownsville PUB. Service Provider shall, upon request of Brownsville PUB, promptly execute a specific assignment of title to Brownsville PUB and do anything else reasonably necessary to enable Brownsville PUB to secure for itself, patent, trade secret, or any other proprietary rights in the United States or other countries. It shall be conclusively presumed that any patent applications related to this Contract, related to trade secrets of Brownsville PUB, or which relate to tasks assigned to Service Provider by Brownsville PUB, which Service Provider may file within one year after termination of this Contract, shall belong to Brownsville PUB, and Service Provider hereby assigns same to Brownsville PUB, as having been conceived or reduced to practice during the term of this Contract.

C. All writings or works of authorship, including, without limitation, program codes or documentation, produced or authored by Service Provider in the course of performing services for Brownsville PUB, together with any associated copyrights, are works made for hire and the exclusive property of Brownsville PUB. To the extent that any writings or works of authorship may not, by operation of law, be works made for hire, this Contract shall constitute an irrevocable assignment by Service Provider to Brownsville PUB of the ownership of any and all rights of copyright in, such items, and Brownsville PUB shall have the right to obtain and hold in its own name, rights of copyright, copyright registrations, and similar protections which may be available in the works. Service Provider shall give Brownsville PUB or its designees all assistance reasonably required to perfect such rights.

D. If for any reason, including incapacity, Brownsville PUB is unable to secure Service Provider's signature on any document needed to apply for, perfect, or otherwise acquire title to the intellectual property rights granted to it under this Section 5, or to enforce such rights, Service Provider hereby designates Brownsville PUB as Service Provider's attorney-in-fact and agent, solely and exclusively to act for and on Service Provider's behalf to execute and file such documents with the same legal force and effect as if executed by Service Provider and for no other purpose.

E. Service Provider owns the discoveries, improvements, inventions, or intellectual property made or conceived by Service Provider before the Effective Date and independently

of any Confidential Information of Brownsville PUB and this Contract and are expressly reserved and excepted from the provisions of this Contract.

6. Confidentiality and Data Security.

A. All non-public, confidential, or proprietary information of Brownsville PUB ("**Confidential Information**"), including, but not limited to, business plans, specifications, designs, documents, data, business operations, customer lists, customer information, including personally identifiable information, pricing, and any other business-related information disclosed or made available by Brownsville PUB to Service Provider, whether disclosed orally or disclosed or accessed in written, electronic, or other form or media, and whether or not marked, designated, or otherwise identified as "confidential," in connection with this Contract is confidential, solely for Service Provider's use in performing this Contract and may not be disclosed or copied unless authorized by Brownsville PUB in writing. Confidential Information does not include any information that: (i) is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of Service Provider's breach of this Contract; (ii) is obtained by Service Provider on a non-confidential basis from a third-party that was not legally or contractually restricted from disclosing such information; (iii) Service Provider establishes by documentary evidence, was in Service Provider's possession prior to Brownsville PUB's disclosure hereunder; or (iv) was or is independently developed by Service Provider without using any Confidential Information. Upon Brownsville PUB's request, Service Provider shall promptly return all documents and other materials received from Brownsville PUB. Brownsville PUB shall be entitled to injunctive relief for any violation of this Section.

7. Insurance.

A. Service Provider agrees to maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance and Employers' Liability Insurance to cover all of its own personnel engaged in performing services for Brownsville PUB under this Contract in the following amounts:

Workmen's Compensation – Texas Statutory
Employers' Liability -- \$100,000.00

B. Service Provider also agrees to maintain Commercial General Liability, Business Automobile Liability, Umbrella Liability, and Cyber Liability Insurance covering claims against Service Provider for damages resulting from bodily injury, death or property damages from accidents arising in the course of work performed under this Contract in the following amounts:

	Commercial General Liability
Bodily Injury	\$1,000,000.00 each occurrence

Property Damage \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence

Business Automobile Liability for all vehicles:

Bodily Injury \$50,000.00 each person, \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence

Property Damage \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence

Excess Umbrella Liability:

\$1,000,000.00

Service Provider shall also provide Professional Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 per claim and annual aggregate.

C. Service Provider shall add Brownsville PUB, its Board Members, Officers and employees, and the City of Brownsville, its Commissioners, Officers and employees as additional insureds on all required insurance policies, except workers' compensation/employer's liability. The insurance certificate(s) shall provide for thirty (30) calendar days advance notice to Brownsville PUB and City of any policy cancellation or material change. The Commercial General Liability and Excess Umbrella Liability Policy shall be of an "occurrence" type policy. The Commercial General Liability shall also include protection against claims insured by usual personal injury liability coverage and coverage for contractual liability assumed by Service Provider.

D. Service Provider shall furnish Brownsville PUB with Insurance Certificate(s) upon Brownsville PUB's reasonable request and at least ten (10) calendar days prior to field work commencement, which confirm that all required insurance policies are in full force and effect.

8. INDEMNIFICATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

A. SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE AND BROWNSVILLE PUB AND THEIR COMMISSIONERS, BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM ALL SUITS, ACTIONS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, LIABILITIES, OR EXPENSES OF ANY CHARACTER, TYPE, OR DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, ALL EXPENSES OF LITIGATION, COURT COSTS, AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR INJURY OR DEATH TO ANY PERSON, OR INJURY TO ANY PROPERTY, RECEIVED OR SUSTAINED BY ANY PERSON OR PERSONS OR PROPERTY, TO THE EXTENT ARISING OUT OF, OR RESULTING FROM ANY CLAIM OF A THIRD PARTY OR BROWNSVILLE PUB ARISING OUT OF OR OCCURRING IN CONNECTION WITH, THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF, WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF, OR BREACH OF THIS CONTRACT BY SERVICE PROVIDER OR ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES.

B. EXCEPT FOR SERVICE PROVIDER'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION 8, TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY TEXAS LAW GOVERNING PUBLIC ENTITIES, SERVICE PROVIDER'S TOTAL LIABILITY TO BROWNSVILLE PUB FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGES FROM CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THIS CONTRACT FROM ANY CAUSE INCLUDING SERVICE PROVIDER'S STRICT LIABILITY, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE MILLION DOLLARS. TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY TEXAS LAW, BROWNSVILLE PUB HEREBY RELEASES SERVICE PROVIDER FROM ANY LIABILITY EXCEEDING SUCH AMOUNT.

9. Addresses for Notices and Communications.

BROWNSVILLE PUB

NAME

TITLE

1425 Robinhood Drive

Brownsville, Texas 78521

Phone: (956) 983-XXXX

Email: xxxx@brownsville-pub.com

VENDOR

NAME

TITLE

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

Phone:

Email:

All notices and communications under this Contract must be in writing and shall be mailed or delivered to Brownsville PUB and Service Provider at the above addresses (or to such other address that the receiving Party may designate from time to time in accordance with this Section).

10. Successors and Assignments.

Neither Party shall assign, transfer, delegate, or subcontract any of its rights or obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of the other Party. Any purported assignment or delegation in violation of this Section shall be null and void. No assignment or delegation shall relieve the transferring Party of any of its obligations hereunder. In the event of any assignment, transfer, delegation, or subcontracting, Brownsville PUB and Service Provider each binds itself and its successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the

other parties of this Contract and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other parties, in respect to all covenants of this Contract. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer, Board Member, Commissioner, or employee of any public body which is a party and/or indemnitee hereto.

11. Termination of Contract for Cause.

If, through any cause, Service Provider shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if Service Provider shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, warranties or stipulations in this Contract, Brownsville PUB shall have the right, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies it may have under this Contract, to terminate this Contract by giving written notice to Service Provider of such termination and specifying the date thereof, at least fifteen (15) calendar days before the effective date of such termination. Without prejudice to any other rights or remedies it may have under this Contract, Brownsville PUB shall have the right to terminate this Contract if in its sole opinion the work of the Service Provider is not effective for the purpose it is being performed. Service Provider shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any work satisfactorily completed hereunder provided such compensation is approved by Brownsville PUB in its sole discretion. The method of compensation herein shall be as provided in Section 3 of this Contract.

Notwithstanding the above, Service Provider shall not be relieved of liability to Brownsville PUB for damages sustained by Brownsville PUB by virtue of any intentional and/or negligent act or omission or any breach of this Contract by Service Provider, and Brownsville PUB may withhold any payments to Service Provider for the purpose of setoff, until such time as the exact amount of damages due Brownsville PUB from Service Provider is determined.

Subject to Section 8, Service Provider agrees that Brownsville PUB shall have all rights and remedies afforded to it at law to recover any damages sustained by Brownsville PUB in connection with the work performed by Service Provider under this Contract, including regulatory fines and penalties, attorneys' fees and expert witness costs associated with the defense against any cause of action related to this Contract. In addition, Brownsville PUB shall, in addition to any damages to which it is entitled, be entitled to seek immediate injunctive relief against Service Provider prohibiting further actions inconsistent with Service Provider's obligations under this Contract. Brownsville PUB shall also have all rights and remedies afforded to it in equity to enforce the terms of this Contract. The exercise of any one right or remedy shall be without prejudice to the enforcement of any other right or remedy allowed at law or in equity.

12. Termination for Convenience.

Brownsville PUB may terminate this Contract at any time by giving at least thirty (30)

calendar days notice in writing to Service Provider. If the Contract is terminated by Brownsville PUB as provided herein, Service Provider will be paid for the Services provided and approved expenses incurred up to the termination date if such compensation is approved by Brownsville PUB, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Service Provider shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any work satisfactorily completed hereunder, provided such compensation is approved by Brownsville PUB, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The method of compensation herein shall be as provided in Section 3 of this Contract.

Notwithstanding the above, Service Provider shall not be relieved of liability to Brownsville PUB for damages sustained by Brownsville PUB by virtue of any intentional and/or negligent act or omission or any breach of this Contract by Service Provider, and Brownsville PUB may reasonably withhold a sufficient portion of any payments to Service Provider for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due Brownsville PUB from Service Provider is determined.

Service Provider agrees that Brownsville PUB shall have all rights and remedies afforded to it at law to recover any damages sustained by Brownsville PUB in connection with the work performed by Service Provider under this Contract. Brownsville PUB shall also have all rights and remedies afforded to it in equity to enforce the terms of this Contract. The exercise of any one right or remedy shall be without prejudice to the enforcement of any other right or remedy allowed at law or in equity.

13. Changes.

Brownsville PUB may, from time to time, request changes in the scope of the Services to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of Service Provider's compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between Brownsville PUB and Service Provider shall be incorporated in written amendments to this Contract called "Work Orders".

14. Reports and Information.

Service Provider, at such times (but not more than once per month unless an emergency situation arises), and in such forms as Brownsville PUB may require, shall furnish Brownsville PUB such periodic reports as they may request pertaining to the work or services undertaken pursuant to this Contract, the cost and obligations incurred or to be incurred in connection therewith, and any other matter covered by this Contract.

15. Civil Rights.

Service Provider shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding nondiscrimination and equal employment opportunity, as set forth in Service Provider's

policy statement which shall be provided to Brownsville PUB upon request.

16. Entire Agreement.

This Contract, including and together with any Work Orders, exhibits, schedules, and attachments, each of which will be attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, both written and oral, between the Parties concerning the subject matter of this Contract.

17. Waiver.

The failure or delay on the part of any Party herein at any time to require the performance by any other Party of any portion of this Contract shall not be deemed a waiver, or in any way affect that Party's rights to enforce such provision or any other provision. Any waiver by any Party herein of any provision hereof shall not be taken or held to be a waiver unless explicitly set forth in writing and signed by the Party so waiving and shall not be a waiver of any other provision hereof or any other breach hereof. No single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power, or privilege hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

18. Severability.

The invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision of this Contract shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Contract or invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. Upon a determination that any provision is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Contract to affect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in order that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

19. Survival.

Any and all representations, conditions, and warranties made by Service Provider under this Contract are of the essence of this Contract and shall survive the execution, delivery and termination of it, and all statements contained in any document required by Brownsville PUB, whether delivered at the time of the execution or at a later date, shall constitute Service Providers representations and warranties hereunder.

20. Force Majeure.

No Party shall be liable or responsible to the other Party, or be deemed to have defaulted under or breached this Contract, for any failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any term

of this Contract, when and to the extent such Party's (the "**Impacted Party**") failure or delay is caused by or results from the following force majeure events (each a "**Force Majeure Event**"):

- (A) acts of God;
- (B) flood, fire, earthquake, pandemic, or explosion;
- (C) war, invasion, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), terrorist threats or acts, riot or other civil unrest;
- (D) government order, law, or action;
- (E) national or regional emergency; or
- (F) other similar events beyond the reasonable control of the Impacted Party.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Service Provider's financial inability to perform, changes in cost or availability of materials, components or services, market conditions, or supplier actions or contract disputes will not excuse performance by Contractor under this Section 20.

The Impacted Party shall give notice within three (3) days of the Force Majeure Event to the other Party, stating the period of time the occurrence is expected to continue. The Impacted Party shall use diligent efforts to end the failure or delay and ensure the effects of such Force Majeure Event are minimized. The Impacted Party shall resume the performance of its obligations as soon as reasonably practicable after the removal of the cause. In the event that the Impacted Party's failure or delay remains uncured for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days following written notice given by it under this Section 20, the other Party may thereafter immediately terminate this Contract upon written notice.

21. Governing Law.

This Contract is governed by the laws of the State of Texas without giving effect to the conflict of laws provisions thereof to the extent such principles or rules would require or permit the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than those of the State of Texas and all obligations of the Parties under this Contract are performable in Cameron County, Texas.

22. Choice of Forum.

Each Party irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that it will not commence any action, litigation, or proceeding of any kind whatsoever against the other Party in any way arising from or relating to this Contract, including all exhibits, schedules, attachments, and appendices attached to this Contract, and all contemplated transactions, including contract, equity, tort, fraud, and statutory claims, in any forum other than the state or federal court located in Cameron County, Texas. Each Party irrevocably and unconditionally submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts and agrees to bring any such action, litigation, or proceeding only in the state or federal court located in Cameron County, Texas. Each Party agrees that a final judgment in any such action, litigation, or proceeding is conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law.

23. Time for Performance.

The Services shall be completed in accordance with the performance schedule as outlined in Exhibit "C", except to the extent timely performance is prevented by a Force Majeure Event, subject to the terms of Section 20.

24. Attorney's Fees.

If it is necessary for either Party herein to file a cause of action at law or in equity against the other Party due to: (A) a breach of this Contract or (B) any intentional and/or negligent act or omission by the other Party, the non-breaching or non-negligent Party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, and any necessary disbursements, in addition to any other relief to which it is legally entitled.

25. Cumulative Remedies.

All Parties shall have all rights and remedies afforded to it at law or in equity to recover damages and interpret or enforce the terms of this Contract. The exercise of any one right or remedy shall be without prejudice to the enforcement of any other right or remedy allowed at law or in equity.

26. State or Federal Laws.

This Contract is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws, statutes, codes, and any applicable permits, ordinances, rules, orders and regulations of any local, state or federal government authority having jurisdiction, but nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver of any right to question or contest any such law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation in any forum having jurisdiction.

27. No Third-Party Beneficiary.

The Parties are entering into this Contract solely for the benefit of themselves and agree that nothing herein shall be construed to confer any right, privilege or benefit on any person or entity other than the Parties hereto.

28. Dispute Resolution.

In the event a dispute arises between the Parties, then as a condition precedent to any legal action by either Party, the Parties shall first refer the dispute to upper management for good faith negotiations for ten (10) calendar days, and if not resolved, then the Parties agree to participate in at least one session of mediation, as needed, in an effort to resolve the dispute. The Parties agree to split the mediator's fees equally, but each Party shall bear its own legal fees for the mediation. The mediation shall be administered by a mutually agreeable mediation service and shall be held in Cameron County, Texas, unless Brownsville PUB agrees to another location.

29. Amendments.

No amendment to, or modification or termination of this Contract is effective unless it is in writing, identified as an amendment to or modification or termination of this Contract, and signed by an authorized representative of each Party.

30. Independent Contractor.

A. It is understood and acknowledged that the Services which Service Provider will provide to Brownsville PUB hereunder shall be in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of Brownsville PUB. Service Provider shall control the conditions, time, details, and means by which Service Provider performs the Services. Brownsville PUB shall have the right to inspect the work of Service Provider solely for the purpose of determining whether the work is completed according to this Contract and any applicable Work Order.

B. Service Provider has no authority to commit, act for or on behalf of Brownsville PUB, or to bind Brownsville PUB to any obligation or liability.

C. Service Provider shall not be eligible for and shall not receive any employee benefits from Brownsville PUB and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all taxes, FICA, federal and state unemployment insurance contributions, state disability premiums, and all similar taxes and fees relating to the fees earned by Service Provider hereunder.

31. Counterparts.

This Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which together are deemed to be one and the same agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 9, a signed copy of this Contract delivered by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission is deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Contract to be executed as of the Effective Date by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized.

[ENTER VENDOR'S NAME]

By: _____
[NAME OF AUTHORIZED SIGNER]
[TITLE OF SIGNER]

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OF THE
CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

By: _____
Marilyn D. Gilbert, MBA
General Manager and CEO

EXHIBIT “A”

**SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR
PROJECT/TYPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED**

Refer to **PROJECT/TYPE OF SERVICES** proposal submitted by **[ENTER VENDOR’S NAME]** dated Month/Day/Year, the terms of which are incorporated herein by this reference.

ADD SCOPE OF SERVICES

EXHIBIT “B”

COMPENSATION FOR **PROJECT/TYPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED**

Service Provider proposes to perform the work and services described above through the **PROJECT/TYPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED** project. Service Provider will establish Project requirements, determine Project policy matters, ensure satisfactory completion of the work and services, and be directly responsible for the Project. Service Provider shall not be reassigned away from this engagement without the prior written consent of Brownsville PUB.

Service Provider proposes to perform all work and services described in Exhibit “A” Scope of Services, for the estimated cost of \$XX,XXX.XX. Invoices will be submitted monthly. Should the work and Services be completed for less than that amount, Brownsville PUB will only be billed for actual work and services completed. All actual out of pocket expenses incurred in the course of this engagement will be billed at actual cost for reimbursement by Brownsville PUB. Service Provider is willing to adjust the proposed scope and the related fee to meet the specific needs of Brownsville PUB. Total billings for this work scope shall not exceed the above estimate **without Brownsville PUB’s written approval**.

ADD FEES/OTHER RELATED FEES APPLICABLE TO CONTRACT, i.e., Hourly Rate
Schedule

EXHIBIT “C”

**SCHEDULE FOR
PROJECT/TYPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED**

Service Provider understands that the scope of services outlined herein should be completed within. Service Provider proposes to initiate the Project after both parties have signed the contract, subject to Brownsville PUB's written authorization to proceed. It is understood that Service Provider's ability to complete the tasks within the established time frame is dependent, in large part, on the receipt of any existing, available, and necessary data from Brownsville PUB at the beginning of the Project, and Brownsville PUB's timely response with review comments and input.

The term of this contract shall be from Month/Day/Year through Month/Day/Year.

PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT _____
(Name of Contractor)

(Address of Contractor)

a _____
(corporation, partnership, or individual)

hereinafter called Principal, and

(Name of Surety)

(Address of Surety)

hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD of the City of Brownsville, Texas, hereinafter called OWNER, in liquidated damages (not as a penalty) of _____ Dollars (\$ _____) in lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that whereas, the Principal entered into a certain contract with the OWNER, dated the _____ day of _____, 20____, a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part hereof, for the construction of the: **B005-26, BROWNSVILLE PUB ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT.**

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal shall well, truly and faithfully perform its duties, all the undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions, and agreements of said Contract during the original term thereof, and any extensions thereof which may be granted by the OWNER, with or without notice to the Surety and during the one (1) year post-construction workmanship guaranty and materials/equipment warranty period, and if he shall satisfy all claims and demands incurred under such Contract, and **SHALL FULLY INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS THE OWNER FROM ALL COSTS AND DAMAGES WHICH IT MAY SUFFER BY REASON OF FAILURE TO DO SO**, and shall reimburse and repay the OWNER all outlay and expense which the OWNER may incur in making good any default, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the said surety, for value received hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to WORK to be performed thereunder or the SPECIFICATIONS accompanying the same shall in any wise affect its obligation on this BOND, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to the WORK or to the SPECIFICATIONS.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that no final settlement between the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR shall abridge the right of any beneficiary hereunder, whose claim may be unsatisfied.

This bond is subject to and governed by Section 2253.02 of the Texas Government Code (Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated) and Article 7.19-1 of Vernon's Texas Insurance Code and all amendments thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed in triplicate, each counterpart of which shall be deemed an original, this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

ATTEST:

(Principal)

(Principal) Secretary

By: _____

(Signature)

(SEAL)

(Address)

ATTEST:

(Surety)

(Surety) Secretary

By: _____

(Attorney-in-Fact)

(SEAL)

(Address)

NOTE: Date of BOND must not be prior to date of Contract. If Contractor is a Partnership, all partners should execute BOND.

IMPORTANT: Surety companies executing BONDS must be legally authorized by the State Board of Insurance to transact business in the State of Texas.

ATTACH POWER OF ATTORNEY

PAYMENT BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT _____
(Name of Contractor)

(Address of Contractor)
a _____
(corporation, partnership, or individual)

hereinafter called Principal, and

(Name of Surety)

(Address of Surety)

hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD of the City of Brownsville, Texas, hereinafter called OWNER, in liquidated damages (not as a penalty) of _____ Dollars (\$ _____) in lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

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NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal shall promptly make payment to all persons, firms, SUBCONTRACTORS, and corporations furnishing materials for or performing labor in the prosecution of the WORK provided for in such contract, and any authorized extension or modification thereof, including all amounts due for materials, lubricants, oil, gasoline, repairs on machinery, equipment and tools, consumed or used in connection with the construction of such WORK, and all insurance premiums on said WORK, and for all labor, performed in such WORK whether by SUBCONTRACTOR or otherwise, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the said surety, for value received hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to WORK to be performed there under or the SPECIFICATIONS accompanying the same shall in any wise affect its obligation on this BOND, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to the WORK or to the SPECIFICATIONS.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that no final settlement between the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR

shall abridge any remaining legal right of any beneficiary hereunder, whose timely filed and legally perfected claim may be unsatisfied.

This bond is subject to and governed by Section 2253.02 of the Texas Government Code (Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated) and Article 7.19-1 of Vernon's Texas Insurance Code and all amendments thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed in triplicate, each counterpart of which shall be deemed an original this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

ATTEST: _____
(Principal)

(Principal) Secretary By: _____ (s)
(Signature)

(SEAL)

(Witness as to Principal) _____ (Address)

(Address)

ATTEST: _____
(Surety)

(Surety) Secretary By: _____
(Attorney-in-Fact)

(SEAL)

(Witness as to Surety) _____ (Address)

(Address)

NOTE: Date of BOND must not be prior to date of Contract. If Contractor Partnership, all partners should execute BOND.

IMPORTANT: Surety companies executing BONDS must be legally authorized by the State Board of Insurance to transact business in the State of Texas.

ATTACH POWER OF ATTORNEY

ATTACH CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

**GENERAL CONDITIONS
OF THE
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GENERAL CONDITIONS

SCOPE. The Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract prepared by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE-1910-8, 1983 Edition) as amended and adapted by the OWNER to meet local requirements, shall form a part of this Contract, together with the following Supplementary General Conditions. A copy of the locally amended Standard General Conditions (based upon NSPE-1910-8) is bound herewith. The following supplements modify, change, delete, or add to the General Conditions. Where any part of the General Conditions is modified or voided by these Articles, the unaltered provisions of that part shall remain in effect.

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

Wherever used in these General Conditions or in the other Contract Documents, the following terms have the meanings indicated which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof:

Addenda - Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the opening of Bids which clarify, correct or change the bidding documents or the Contract Documents. These Addenda are a part of the Contract Documents and modify the Drawings, Specifications or other bid documents as indicated. No verbal changes in the Work not depicted or described in writing shall be binding.

Supplements to, changes in, or corrections to the Drawings and/or Specifications issued in writing by OWNER during the period of bidding. These Addenda are a part of the Contract and modify the drawings and/or specifications as indicated. No verbal changes in the work as shown or described shall become binding.

Agreement - The written and signed short-form Agreement (Contract) between OWNER and CONTRACTOR covering the Work to be performed; other Contract Documents including these General Conditions are attached to the Agreement and made a part thereof as provided therein.

Alternates. Additions; deletions from; or changes to requirements for the Project, each of which shall be bid separately and shall be included in or deleted/deducted from the Contract at the discretion of OWNER.

Application for Payment - The form developed by OWNER which is to be used by CONTRACTOR in requesting interim progress or final Contract payments and which is to include such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents.

Bid - The written offer or bid of the bidder submitted on the OWNER prescribed form setting forth in figures and in script, the prices for the Work to be performed.

Bonds - Bid, Performance and Payment Bonds and any other instruments of security.

Calendar Day - A calendar day of twenty-four hours is measured from midnight, to the next

midnight, and shall constitute a single calendar day. Calendar days include Saturdays and Sundays. This is a Calendar Day Contract.

Change Order - A document developed by OWNER, which is signed by CONTRACTOR and OWNER and authorizes an addition, deletion or revision in the Work, or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time, issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement. Approved Change Orders are part of the Contract Documents.

Contract Documents - The Agreement, Addenda (which pertain to the Contract Documents), CONTRACTOR's Bid (including documentation accompanying the Bid and any post-Bid documentation submitted prior to the Notice of Award) when attached as an exhibit to the Agreement, the Bonds, these General Conditions, the Supplementary Conditions, the Specifications and the Drawings as the same are more specifically identified in the Agreement, together with all amendments, modifications, later approved Change Orders and supplements issued pursuant to paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement.

Contract Price - The moneys payable by OWNER to CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents as stated in the Agreement (subject to the provisions of paragraph 11.9.1 in the case of Unit Price Work).

Contract Time - The number of days ("calendar" or "working" days computed as provided in paragraph 17.2) or the date specifically stated in the Agreement for the Substantial Completion of the Work.

CONTRACTOR - The person, firm or corporation with whom OWNER has entered into the Agreement to construct the Work.

Defective - An adjective which when modifying the word "Work" refers to "Work" that is unsatisfactory, faulty or deficient, or does not conform to, or comply with the Contract Documents, or does not meet the requirements of any inspection, referenced standard, test or approval referred to in the Contract Documents, or has been damaged prior to the time OWNER makes the final payment (unless responsibility for the protection thereof has been assumed by OWNER at Substantial Completion in accordance with paragraph 14.8 or 14.10).

Drawings - The drawings (plans) which depict the character, design, and scope of the Work to be performed and which have been prepared and/or approved by OWNER and are referred to in the Contract Documents.

Effective Date of the Agreement - The date indicated in the Agreement document upon which it becomes effective, but if no such date is indicated, it means the date on which the Agreement is signed by OWNER.

Engineer - The OWNER - designated Brownsville P.U.B. in-house staff registered professional person, named as the OWNER's engineering representative for the Project. There is no

outside independent engineering consultant anticipated to be retained by OWNER for this Project.

Field Order - A written order issued by OWNER which orders minor changes or interpretations in the Work in accordance with paragraph 9.5, but which does not involve a change in the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

Furnish. To supply at the jobsite the material, equipment, etc., referred to. Installation is not required of the supplier by the specifications, but shall be arranged for by the General CONTRACTOR.

General Requirements – Technical Summary of work of the Specifications.

Laws and Regulations; Laws or Regulations - Federal and/or State Laws, rules, administrative agency regulations, local ordinances, local codes and/or court orders.

Notice of Award - The written notice by OWNER to the apparent successful bidder stating that upon compliance by the apparent successful bidder with the conditions precedent enumerated therein, within the time specified, OWNER will sign and deliver the Agreement.

Notice to Proceed - A written notice given by OWNER to CONTRACTOR fixing the date on which the Contract Time will commence to run and on which CONTRACTOR shall start to perform CONTRACTOR's obligations under the Contract Documents.

OWNER - The City of Brownsville, acting through its Public Utilities Board of the City of Brownsville, Texas and its authorized representatives.

Partial Utilization - Placing a portion of the Work in service for the benefit of the OWNER and for the purpose for which it is intended (or a related purpose) before reaching Substantial Completion for all the Work.

Project - The total construction of which the Work to be provided under the Contract Documents may be the whole, or a part as indicated elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

Provide. To furnish and install the material, equipment, etc. referred to, at the location shown or otherwise approved at the Project job-site.

Resident Project Representative - The authorized representative of OWNER who is assigned to periodically observe the site of the Project, or any part thereof, on behalf of OWNER.

Shop Drawings - All drawings, diagrams, illustrations, schedules and other data which are specifically prepared by, or for CONTRACTOR, to illustrate some portion of the Work, and all illustrations, brochures, standard schedules, performance charts, instructions, diagrams and other information prepared by a Supplier and submitted by CONTRACTOR, to illustrate material or equipment for some portion of the Work.

Specifications - Those portions of the Contract Documents consisting of written technical descriptions for the design configuration and/or performance standard of materials, equipment, any specified construction systems, standards and workmanship, as applied to the Work and certain administrative details applicable thereto.

Standard Abbreviations. Wherever reference is made to standard specifications, standards of quality or performance, as established by a recognized national authority, the reference may be by initials and acronyms as generally recognized throughout the industry.

Subcontractor - An individual, firm or corporation having a direct contract with CONTRACTOR, or with any other Subcontractor (subtier), for the performance of a part of the Work at the Project site.

Substantial Completion - (See generally paragraph 14.8) The Work (or a specified part thereof) has progressed to the point where, in the opinion of OWNER as evidenced by its definitive written and signed certificate of Substantial Completion, it is apparently sufficiently complete, in accordance with the Contract Documents, so that the Work (or specified part) can be utilized for the OWNER's purposes for which it is intended; or if there is no such certificate issued, when final payment is due in accordance with paragraph 14.13. The terms "Substantially Complete" and "Substantially Completed" as applied to any Work refer to the Substantial Completion thereof.

Supplementary Conditions - The part of the Contract Documents which amends or supplements these General Conditions.

Supplier - A manufacturer, fabricator, supplier, distributor, materialman or third-party vendor.

Underground Facilities - All pipelines, conduits, ducts, cables, wires, manholes, vaults, tanks, tunnels or other such facilities or attachments, and any outer encasements containing such facilities (vaults) which have been installed underground to furnish/transport any of the following services or materials: electricity, gases, steam, liquid petroleum products, telephone or other related data communications, cable television, sewage, storm drainage, traffic or other electronic control systems or potable water.

Unit Price Work - Work to be paid for on the basis of unit prices for OWNER estimated quantities.

Work - The entire completed construction or the various separately identifiable parts thereof, required to be furnished by the CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents. Work is the result of performing services, furnishing labor and furnishing and incorporating materials and equipment into the construction, all as required by the Contract Documents.

Work Directive Change - A written directive to CONTRACTOR, issued on or after the

Effective Date of the Agreement and signed by OWNER, ordering an addition, deletion or revision in the Work, or responding to differing or unforeseen physical conditions under which the Work is to be performed as provided in paragraph 4.2 or 4.3 or to emergencies under paragraph 6.22. A Work Directive Change may not change the Contract Price or the Contract Time, but is evidence that the parties expect that the change directed or documented by a Work Directive Change will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order following negotiations by the parties as to its effect, if any, on the Contract Price or Contract Time as provided in paragraph 10.2.

Working Day. A week day (Monday through Friday only, inclusive) in which weather conditions are such that Work can be performed in a normal manner. Weekends (Saturday, Sunday) and holidays shall not be considered working days.

Written Amendment - A written amendment of the Contract Documents, signed by OWNER and CONTRACTOR on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement and normally dealing with the non-engineering or non-technical (commercial terms, legal provisions, etc.), rather than strictly Work-related, aspects of the Contract Documents. Written Amendments are normally embodied in a Change Order once construction commences.

ARTICLE 2. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Delivery of Bonds:

2.1 When CONTRACTOR delivers the executed Agreements to OWNER, CONTRACTOR shall also deliver to OWNER such Bonds as CONTRACTOR may be required to furnish in accordance with paragraph 5.1.

Copies of Documents:

2.2 OWNER shall furnish to CONTRACTOR up to ten (10) copies (unless otherwise specified in the Supplementary Conditions) of the Contract Documents as are reasonably necessary for the execution of the Work. Additional copies will be furnished to CONTRACTOR, upon request, at the cost of reproduction reimbursable to OWNER.

Commencement of Contract Time; Notice to Proceed:

2.3 The Contract Time will commence to run on the date indicated in the Notice to Proceed. A Notice to Proceed may be given by Owner at any time after the Effective Date of the Agreement. The CONTRACTOR might not yet be actually performing Work after Contract Time commences.

Starting the Project:

2.4 CONTRACTOR is obligated to perform the Work on the date when the Contract Time commences to run, but no Work shall be done at the Project site prior to the date on which the

Contract Time commences to run per the Notice to Proceed.

Before Starting Construction:

2.5 Before undertaking each part of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents and check and verify pertinent figures shown thereon and all applicable field measurements. CONTRACTOR shall promptly report in writing to OWNER any conflict, error or discrepancy which CONTRACTOR may discover and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from OWNER's Engineer before proceeding with any Work affected thereby, however CONTRACTOR shall not be liable to OWNER for failure to report any conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, unless CONTRACTOR had actual knowledge thereof or should reasonably have known thereof pursuant to customary construction industry standards.

2.6 Within ten (10) calendar days after the Effective Date of the Agreement (unless otherwise specified in the General Requirements), CONTRACTOR shall submit to OWNER for review:

2.6.1 an estimated Work Progress Schedule indicating the starting and completion dates of the various critical stages of the Work; and

a preliminary schedule of Shop Drawing submissions; and

2.6.2 a preliminary Schedule of Values for all of the Work, which will include quantities and prices of items aggregating the total Contract Price and will subdivide the Work into logical component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during construction. Such prices will include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work which will be automatically confirmed in writing by CONTRACTOR at the time of submission to OWNER.

2.7 By the tenth (10th) calendar day after award of the Contract by OWNER, CONTRACTOR shall deliver to OWNER original certificates (and any other evidence of insurance requested by OWNER) which CONTRACTOR is required to purchase and maintain in accordance with Article 5.

Preconstruction Conference:

2.8 After the Effective Date of the Agreement, but before CONTRACTOR starts the Work at the Project site, a mandatory conference attended by CONTRACTOR, OWNER and others as appropriate, will be held to discuss the Schedules referred to in paragraph 2.6, to discuss procedures for handling Shop Drawings and other submittals and for processing Applications for Payment; and to establish a working and pragmatic understanding among the parties as to the general progress and administration of the Work.

Finalizing Schedules:

2.9 At least ten (10) calendar days before submission of the first Application for Payment, a mandatory conference attended by CONTRACTOR, OWNER and others as appropriate, will be held to finalize the Schedules submitted in accordance with paragraph 2.6. The finalized Progress Schedule will be made acceptable to OWNER as providing an orderly progression of the Work to completion within the Contract Time, but such OWNER acceptance will neither impose on OWNER responsibility for the progress or scheduling of the Work, nor relieve CONTRACTOR from full responsibility therefore. The finalized Schedule of Shop Drawing submissions will be acceptable to OWNER's Engineer as providing a workable arrangement for processing the submissions for review. The finalized Schedule of Values will be made acceptable to OWNER's Engineer as to form and substance.

ARTICLE 3. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: INTENT, AMENDING, REUSE

Intent:

3.1 The Contract Documents comprise the entire agreement between OWNER and CONTRACTOR concerning the Work. The Contract Documents are complementary; what is called for by one is as binding as if called for by all. The Contract Documents will be construed in accordance with the law of Cameron County, Texas.

3.2 It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete Project (or part thereof) to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Any Work, materials or equipment that may reasonably be inferred from the Contract Documents as being required of CONTRACTOR to produce the OWNER'S intended result will be supplied by CONTRACTOR, whether or not specifically called for. When words which have a well-known technical or trade meaning are used to describe Work, materials or equipment, such words shall be interpreted in accordance with that meaning. Reference to standard specifications, manuals or codes of any technical society, organization or association, whether such reference be specific or by implication, shall mean the latest amended standard specification, manual, code or Laws or Regulations in effect at the time of opening of Bids (or, on the Effective Date of the Agreement, if there were no Bids), except as may be otherwise specifically stated. However, no provision of any referenced standard specification, manual or code (whether or not specifically incorporated by reference in the Contract Documents) shall be effective to change the duties and responsibilities of OWNER, CONTRACTOR, or any of their consultants, agents or employees from those set forth in the Contract Documents. Clarifications and interpretations of the Contract Documents shall be issued by OWNER's Engineer in writing as provided in paragraph 9.4.

3.3 If, during the performance of the Work, CONTRACTOR finds a conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, CONTRACTOR shall so report to OWNER's Engineer in writing immediately, and before proceeding with the Work affected thereby, and CONTRACTOR shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from OWNER's Engineer, however, CONTRACTOR shall not be liable to OWNER for failure to report any conflict, error or

discrepancy in the Contract Documents unless CONTRACTOR had actual knowledge thereof, or should reasonably have known thereof pursuant to customary construction industry standards.

Amending and Supplementing Contract Documents:

3.4 The Contract Documents may be amended to provide for additions, deletions and revisions in the Work or to modify the terms and conditions thereof in one or more of the following written ways:

- 3.4.1 a formal Written Amendment,
- 3.4.2 a Change Order (pursuant to paragraph 10.4), or
- 3.4.3 a Work Directive Change (pursuant to paragraph 10.1).

As indicated in paragraphs 11.2 and 12.1, Contract Price and Contract Time may only be changed by a Change Order or a Written Amendment.

3.5 In addition, the requirements of the Contract Documents may be supplemented, and minor variations and deviations in the Work may be authorized, in one or more of the following ways:

- 3.5.1 a Field Order (pursuant to paragraph 9.5),
- 3.5.2 OWNER Engineer's approval of a Shop Drawing or sample (pursuant to paragraphs 6.26 and 6.27), or
- 3.5.3 OWNER Engineer's written interpretation or clarification (pursuant to paragraph 9.4).

Reuse of Documents:

3.6 Neither CONTRACTOR nor any Subcontractor or Supplier, or other person or organization performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct contract or Project involvement with OWNER, shall have or acquire any title to, or ownership rights in, any of the Drawings, Specifications or other Contract Documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the seal of OWNER's Engineer, and they shall not reuse any of them on extensions of the Project or any other project without written consent of OWNER and specific written verification or adaptation by OWNER's Engineer. All Drawings, Specifications or other Documents (or copies of any thereof) are upon completion of the Project to become the property of OWNER. Further use thereof without written consent of OWNER and OWNER'S Engineer is prohibited and solely at the risk of the user.

ARTICLE 4. AVAILABILITY OF LANDS: PHYSICAL CONDITIONS: REFERENCE POINTS

Availability of Lands:

4.1 OWNER shall furnish, as indicated in the Contract Documents, the lands upon which the Work is to be performed, rights-of-way, licenses and easements for access thereto and such other lands which are specifically designated by OWNER for the use of CONTRACTOR. Easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing facilities will be obtained and paid for by OWNER, unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. If CONTRACTOR believes that any delay in OWNER's furnishing of these lands, rights-of-way, licenses or easements entitles CONTRACTOR to an extension of the Contract Time, CONTRACTOR may make a claim therefore as provided in Article 12. CONTRACTOR shall provide at his sole cost and option for any and all additional lands and access thereto not specifically provided by OWNER that CONTRACTOR may perceive are required for staging, temporary construction facilities, or storage of materials and equipment.

4.2 Physical Condition:

4.2.1 **Explorations and Reports:** Reference is made to the Supplementary Conditions for any identification of any reports of geotechnical explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at the Project site that may have been utilized by OWNER's Engineer in preparation of the Contract Documents. Any of these geotechnical Explorations and Reports are expressly not part of these Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR may not rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in any such reports, nor upon non-technical data, interpretations or opinions contained therein or for the completeness thereof for CONTRACTOR's purposes. Except as indicated in the immediately preceding sentence and in paragraph 4.2.6, CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility with respect to exploring, testing and encountering any subsurface conditions at the Project site.

4.2.2 **Existing Structures:** Reference is made to the Supplementary Conditions for any identification of those Drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface or subsurface structures (except Underground Facilities referred to in paragraph 4.3) which are at or contiguous to the Project site that have been utilized by OWNER's Engineer in preparation of the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data actually contained in such drawings, but not for the current conditions or completeness thereof for CONTRACTOR's purposes. Except as indicated in the immediately preceding sentence and in paragraph 4.2.6, CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility with respect to current locating, verification, investigation of, and encountering physical conditions in or relating to such structures.

4.2.3. **Report of Differing Conditions:** If CONTRACTOR believes that:

4.2.3.1 any technical data on which CONTRACTOR is entitled to rely as

provided in paragraphs 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 is inaccurate, or

4.2.3.2 any physical condition uncovered or revealed at the Project site differs materially from that indicated, reflected or referred to in the Contract Documents,

CONTRACTOR shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as permitted by paragraph 6.22), notify OWNER's field representative and OWNER's Engineer in writing about the inaccuracy or difference.

4.2.4 **OWNER's Review:** OWNER's Engineer will promptly review the pertinent conditions, determine the necessity of either CONTRACTOR or OWNER obtaining additional physical or geotechnical explorations or tests with respect thereto, and advise CONTRACTOR in writing of the findings and conclusions.

4.2.5 **Possible Document Change:** If OWNER's Engineer concludes that there is a material error in the Contract Documents, or that because of newly discovered, latent physical conditions, a change in the Contract Documents is required, a Work Directive Change or a Change Order may be issued as provided in Article 10 to reflect and document the consequences of the inaccuracy or difference.

4.2.6 **Possible Price and Time Adjustments:** In each such case, an increase or decrease in the Contract Price or an extension or shortening of the Contract Time, or any combination thereof, may be allowable to the extent that they are attributable to any such inaccuracy or difference. If OWNER and CONTRACTOR are unable to agree as to the amount or length thereof, a CONTRACTOR claim may be made therefore as provided in Articles 11 and 12. All increases or decreases in the Contract Price shall be governed by all State and local statutes, codes, laws, ordinances, rules and regulations governing public competitive bidding and Change Orders.

Physical Conditions

4.3 Underground Facilities:

4.3.1 **Shown or Indicated:** The information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the Project site is only based on existing available information and data furnished to OWNER by the owners of such Underground Facilities, (utilities, pipeline companies, railroads, etc.) or by others. Unless it is otherwise expressly provided in the Supplementary Conditions:

4.3.1.1 OWNER shall not be responsible for the actual current conditions, accuracy or completeness of any such third-party information or data; and,

4.3.1.2 CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility for reviewing and checking all such current information and data; for locating all current Underground Facilities shown or indicated in the Contract Documents, for coordination of the Work with the owners of such

Underground Facilities during construction; for the safety and protection thereof as provided in paragraph 6.20 and; paying for the repair of any damage thereto resulting from the Work; the cost of all of which will be mutually considered between OWNER and CONTRACTOR as having been included in the CONTRACTOR'S original Contract Price.

4.3.2 Not Shown or Indicated: If an Underground Facility is uncovered or revealed at or contiguous to the Project site which was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents, and which CONTRACTOR could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of under customary construction industry standards, CONTRACTOR shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before performing any Work affected thereby (except in an emergency as permitted by paragraph 6.22), identify the owner of such Underground Facility and give written notice thereof to that owner and to OWNER's Engineer. OWNER's Engineer will promptly review the Underground Facility to determine the extent to which the Contract Documents should be modified to reflect and document the consequences of the existence of the Underground Facility, and the Contract Documents may be amended or supplemented to the extent necessary. During such time, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the safety and protection of such Underground Facility as provided in paragraph 6.20. CONTRACTOR may be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, to the extent that they are attributable to the existence of any Underground Facility that was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents, and which CONTRACTOR could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of pursuant to customary construction industry standards. If the parties are unable to agree as to the amount or length thereof, CONTRACTOR may make a claim therefore as provided in Articles 11 and 12. All increases or decreases in the Contract Price shall be governed by all State and local statutes, codes, laws, ordinances, rules and regulations governing public competitive bidding and Change Orders.

Reference Points:

4.4. OWNER shall provide CONTRACTOR with any reasonably current and existing engineering surveys to assist CONTRACTOR to establish reference points for construction, which in OWNER Engineer's judgment are adequate to enable a skilled CONTRACTOR to proceed with the Work pursuant to customary construction industry standards. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for laying out the Work (unless otherwise specifically specified by OWNER in the General Requirements), and shall protect and preserve the established reference points and shall make no changes or relocations without the prior written approval of OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall report to OWNER's Engineer whenever any reference point is lost or destroyed or requires relocation because of necessary changes in grades or locations, and CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the accurate replacement or relocation of such reference points by professionally qualified personnel.

ARTICLE 5. BONDS AND INSURANCE

Performance and Payment Bonds:

For a Contract in excess of \$100,000.00, a Performance Bond shall be executed in the full amount of the Contract conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Work in accordance with

the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents. Said Bond shall be solely for the protection of the OWNER.

For a Contract in excess of \$50,000.00, a Payment Bond shall be executed in the full amount of the Contract, solely for the primary protection of all proper claimants against the surety for payment in supplying labor and material in the prosecution of the Work provided for in the Contract, for the use of each such claimant timely perfecting a proper claim against surety.

5.1 CONTRACTOR shall furnish Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount at least equal to the Contract Price as security for the faithful performance of the Work and payment of all CONTRACTOR's labor, materials and supply obligations under the Contract Documents. **These bonds shall remain in effect at least until one year after the date when final payment becomes due**, except as otherwise provided by Law or Regulation or by the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR shall also furnish any such other Bonds as may be required by the Supplementary Conditions. All Bonds shall be in the forms prescribed by Law or Regulation or by the Contract Documents and be executed by such sureties as are authorized to do business in the State of Texas. All Bonds signed by an agent must be accompanied by a certified copy of the authority to act on behalf of the surety.

5.2 If the surety on any Bond furnished by CONTRACTOR is declared a bankrupt or becomes insolvent, or its right to do business is terminated in Texas or it ceases to meet the requirements of paragraph 5.1, CONTRACTOR shall within five (5) calendar days thereafter substitute another Bond or surety, both of which must be acceptable to OWNER.

Contractor's Liability Insurance:

5.3 CONTRACTOR shall purchase and maintain such commercial general liability and other insurance coverages as are appropriate for the Work being performed and furnished, and as will provide protection from claims set forth below which may arise out of, or result from, CONTRACTOR's performance and furnishing of the Work and CONTRACTOR's other obligations under the Contract Documents; whether it is to be performed or furnished by CONTRACTOR, by any Subcontractor, by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the Work; or by anyone for whose acts and/or omissions any of them may be liable:

5.3.1 Claims under workers' compensation, disability benefits and other similar employee benefit acts. This is a Texas public works Contract and rejection of the worker's compensation act, and thereby substituting a CONTRACTOR'S self-insurance reserve, is specifically disallowed.

5.3.2 Claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of CONTRACTOR's employees traditionally covered by employer's liability insurance;

5.3.3 Claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death of

any person other than CONTRACTOR's employees;

5.3.4 Claims for damages insured by personal injury liability coverage which are sustained (a) by any person as a result of an offense directly or indirectly related to the employment of such person by CONTRACTOR; or (b) by any other person for any other reason;

5.3.5 Claims for damages, other than to the Work itself, because of injury to or destruction of tangible property wherever located, including loss of use resulting there from;

5.3.6 Claims arising out of operation of Laws or Regulations for damages because of bodily injury or death of any person or for damage to property; and

5.3.7 Claims for damages because of bodily injury or death of any person or property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of any owned or hired motor vehicle.

The various insurance coverages required by these paragraphs 5.3 and 5.6 shall include the specific type coverage and be written for not less than the limits of liability and coverage amounts provided herein below or in the Supplementary Conditions, or required by law, whichever is greater. The commercial general liability insurance shall include completed operations insurance. All of the policies of insurance so required to be purchased and maintained (or the certificates or other evidence thereof) shall be of an "occurrence"-type, when applicable, and shall contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled, materially changed or renewal refused until at least (30) thirty days prior written notice has been given to OWNER by certified mail. All such insurance shall remain in effect until final payment and at all times thereafter when CONTRACTOR may be correcting, removing or replacing defective Work in accordance with paragraph 13.12. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall maintain such completed operations insurance for at least two (2) years after final payment and furnish OWNER with evidence of continuation of such insurance at final payment and one year thereafter. All insurance coverage furnished under the Contract Documents shall include the City of Brownsville and BPUB as OWNER, and their respective public officials, officers, board members, and employees, as named additional insureds and hereinafter known as "additional insureds."

Contractual Liability Insurance:

5.4 The Commercial general liability insurance required by paragraph 5.3 will include contractual liability insurance applicable to CONTRACTOR's INDEMNITY obligations under paragraphs 6.32 and 6.33.

5.5 Specific Coverages of Insurance Required by Owner:

5.5.1 Workmen's Compensation and Employer's Liability. This insurance shall protect the laborer, and insure the CONTRACTOR, and insulate the additional insureds, against all claims under applicable Texas workmen's compensation laws, pursuant to Section 5.3.1. The

additional insureds shall also be protected under an Employer's Liability policy against claims for injury, disease, or death of employees which, for any reason, may not fall within the provisions of a workmen's compensation law. This Employer's Liability policy shall include an "all states" endorsement.

5.5.2. Mandatory TWCC Rule 28 TAC Sect. 110.110 Language

(A) Definitions:

Certificate of coverage ("certificate") - A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the Commission, or a coverage agreement (TWCC-81, TWCC- 82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's (CONTRACTOR's) employees providing services on a Project, for the duration of the Project.

"Duration of the Project" - includes the time from the beginning of the Work on the Project until the CONTRACTOR's/person's Work on the Project has been completed and accepted by the OWNER.

"Persons providing services on the Project" ("subcontractor" in § 406.096) - includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the CONTRACTOR has undertaken to perform on the Project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the CONTRACTOR and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the Project.

"Services" - include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a Project.

- (B)** The CONTRACTOR shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, § 401.011(44) for all employees of the CONTRACTOR providing services on the Project, for the duration of the Project.
- (C)** The CONTRACTOR must provide a certificate of coverage to the OWNER prior to being awarded the Contract.
- (D)** If the coverage period shown on the CONTRACTOR'S current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the Project, the CONTRACTOR must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the OWNER

showing that coverage has been extended.

- (E) The CONTRACTOR shall obtain from each person providing services on a Project, and provide to the OWNER:
 - (1) a certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning Work on the Project, so the OWNER will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the Project; and
 - (2) no later than seven (7) calendar days after receipt by the CONTRACTOR, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the Project.
- (F) The CONTRACTOR shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the Project and for three (3) years thereafter.
- (G) The CONTRACTOR shall notify the OWNER in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) calendar days after the CONTRACTOR knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the Project.
- (H) The CONTRACTOR shall post on each Project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the Project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.
- (I) The CONTRACTOR shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a Project, to:
 - (1) provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, § 401.011(44) for all of its employees providing services on the Project, for the duration of the Project;
 - (2) provide to the CONTRACTOR, prior to that person beginning Work on the Project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the Project, for the duration of the Project;
 - (3) provide the CONTRACTOR, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the Project;

- (4) obtain from each other person with whom it contracts, and provide to the CONTRACTOR:
 - (a) a certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning Work on the Project; and
 - (b) a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the Project;
- (5) retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the Project and for three (3) years thereafter;
- (6) notify the OWNER in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) calendar days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the Project; and
- (7) contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required by clauses (I)-(1-7) of this subparagraph, with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

(J) By signing this Contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the CONTRACTOR is representing to the OWNER that all employees of the CONTRACTOR who will provide services on the Project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the Project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier, or, in the case of a self-insured, with the Commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the CONTRACTOR to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.

(K) The CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of Contract by the CONTRACTOR which entitles the OWNER to declare the Contract void if the CONTRACTOR does not remedy the breach within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notice of breach from the OWNER.

The liability limits shall not be less than:

Workmen's compensation	Texas Statutory Limits
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Employer's liability	\$100,000.00 each occurrence
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5.5.3 Comprehensive Business Automobile Liability. This insurance shall be written in comprehensive business form and shall protect the CONTRACTOR and the additional insureds against all claims described under Section 5.3.6. of the General Conditions of the Contract Documents and arising from the use of motor vehicles, and shall cover, on or off the Project site, all motor vehicles licensed for highway use, whether they are owned, non-owned, or hired.

The liability limits shall not be less than:

Bodily Injury and property damage	\$500,000.00 combined single limit each occurrence
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5.5.4 Commercial General Liability. This insurance shall be an "occurrence" type policy written in commercial form and shall protect the CONTRACTOR and the additional insureds against all claims described in Sections 5.3.2., 5.3.3., 5.3.4., and 5.3.5. of the General Conditions of the Contract Documents arising out of any intentional or negligent act and/or omission of the CONTRACTOR or his agents, employees, or subcontractors. This policy shall also include protection against claims insured by usual personal injury liability coverage.

The liability limits shall not be less than:

Personal Injury and property damage	\$1,000,000.00 combined single limit each occurrence and and \$1,000,000.00 aggregate
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If the CONTRACTOR'S Work, or Work under his direction, requires blasting, explosive conditions, or underground operations, the commercial general liability coverage shall contain no exclusion relative to blasting, exploding, collapse of structures, or damage to underground property.

5.5.5 Excess Umbrella Liability Policy. This insurance shall protect the CONTRACTOR and the additional insureds against all claims in excess of the limits provided under the employer's liability, comprehensive business automobile liability, and commercial general liability policies. The liability limits of the umbrella policy shall not be less than \$2,000,000.00. The policy shall be an "occurrence" type policy.

5.5.6 Transportation Insurance. This insurance shall be of the "all risks" type and shall protect the CONTRACTOR and the OWNER from all insurable risks of physical loss or damage to equipment and materials in transit to the Project jobsite and until the OWNER receives the equipment and materials at the Project jobsite. The coverage amount shall be not less than one-half of the full amount of the total Contract.

Transportation insurance shall provide for losses to be payable to the CONTRACTOR and the OWNER as their interests may appear.

5.5.7 All policies required under Section 5.5 herein shall contain a "cross liability" or "severability of interest" clause or endorsement. Notwithstanding any other provision of these policies, the insurance afforded shall apply separately to each insured, named insured, or additional insured with respect to any claim, suit, or judgment made or brought by or for any other insured, named insured, or additional insured, as though a separate policy had been issued to each, except the insurer's liability shall not be increased beyond the amount or amounts for which the insurer would have been liable had only one insured been named.

5.5.8 CONTRACTOR shall require each of his Subcontractors to procure and maintain during the life of his subcontract, Subcontractor's Commercial General Liability and Property Damage Insurance of the type specified in subparagraph 5.5.1, 5.5.2, 5.5.3, 5.5.4 and paragraph 5.6 hereof, in amounts approved by OWNER.

5.5.9 The insurance required under subparagraphs 5.5.2, 5.5.3, 5.5.4 and paragraph 5.6 hereof shall provide adequate protection for CONTRACTOR and his Subcontractors respectively against damage claims which may arise from operations under this Contract, whether such operation is by the insured or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by him, and also, against any special hazards which may be encountered in the performance of this Contract.

5.5.10 CONTRACTOR shall not commence any Work under this Contract until he has obtained all the insurance coverage required under this Article and such insurance has been approved by OWNER; nor shall CONTRACTOR allow any Subcontractor to commence Work on this Contract until the insurance required by the Subcontractor has been so obtained and approved.

Property Insurance:

5.6 Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, CONTRACTOR shall purchase and maintain property insurance upon the Work at the Project site to the full insurable value thereof (subject to such deductible amounts as may be provided in the Supplementary Conditions, established by current customary construction industry standards given the type of Work and value thereof, or as may be required by Laws and Regulations). This insurance shall include the interests of OWNER, CONTRACTOR, and Subcontractors, in the Work, all of whom shall be listed as insured or additional insured parties, which shall insure against the perils of fire and extended coverage and shall include "all risk" insurance for physical loss and damage including theft, vandalism and malicious mischief, collapse and water damage, and such other perils as may be provided in the Supplementary Conditions; and shall include damages, losses and expenses arising out of or resulting from any insured loss or cost incurred in the repair or replacement of any insured property (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals). If not covered under the "all risk" insurance or otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, CONTRACTOR shall purchase and maintain similar property insurance on portions of the Work stored on and off the site or in transit when such portions of the Work are to be included in an Application for Payment. The policies of insurance required to be purchased and maintained by CONTRACTOR in accordance with this paragraph shall be of an "occurrence"-type, when applicable, and contain a provision that the coverage afforded will not be canceled or

materially changed until at least (30) thirty days prior written notice has been given to OWNER by certified mail.

5.6.1 Property Insurance Coverage. This insurance shall protect CONTRACTOR and the additional insureds against all claims described in Section 5.6 and shall provide the following minimum amounts:

Property Insurance Coverage: Provide Full Contract Amount or
\$100,000.00 Minimum, whichever is greater.

Waiver of Rights:

5.11 Waiver

5.11.1 CONTRACTOR waives all rights against OWNER, unless OWNER was solely negligent, for all losses and damages caused by any of the perils covered by the policies of insurance provided in response to paragraph 5.6 and any other property insurance applicable to the Work, and also waives all such rights against all other parties named as additional insureds in such policies for losses and damages so caused. As required by paragraph 6.11, each subcontract between CONTRACTOR and a Subcontractor will contain similar waiver provisions by the Subcontractor in favor of OWNER, and all other parties named as additional insureds.

5.11.2 CONTRACTOR intends that any policies provided in response to paragraph 5.6 shall protect all of the parties insured and provide primary coverage for all losses and damages caused by the perils covered thereby. Accordingly, all such policies shall contain provisions to the effect that in the event of payment of any loss or damage, the insurer will have no rights of recovery against any of the parties named as insured or additional insured, and if the insurers require separate waiver forms to be signed by any Subcontractor, CONTRACTOR will obtain the same.

Acceptance of Insurance:

5.14 If OWNER has any objection to the coverage afforded by or other provisions of the insurance required to be purchased and maintained by CONTRACTOR in accordance with paragraphs 5.3 and 5.4 on the basis of the coverages not complying with the Contract Documents, OWNER will attempt to notify CONTRACTOR in writing thereof within ten (10) calendar days of the date of delivery of such certificates to OWNER in accordance with paragraph 2.7. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the OWNER such additional information regarding the insurance provided by CONTRACTOR as the OWNER may reasonably request. Failure on the part of the OWNER or its agents to detect an insurance deficiency as compared to the insurance requirements of the Contract shall not constitute a waiver by the OWNER of the insurance requirements which CONTRACTOR
and/or Subcontractor must contractually meet to be in compliance herewith.

Partial Utilization - Property Insurance:

5.15 If OWNER finds it necessary to occupy or use a portion or portions of the Work prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work, such use or occupancy may be accomplished in accordance with paragraph 14.10. CONTRACTOR shall have the obligation to inform the insurers of OWNER's intent to so occupy or use a portion or portions of the Work. The insurers of CONTRACTOR providing the property insurance shall consent to such use or occupancy by endorsement on the policy or policies, but the property insurance shall not be canceled or lapse on account of any such partial use or occupancy by OWNER.

ARTICLE 6. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervision and Superintendence:

6.1 CONTRACTOR shall supervise and direct the Work competently and efficiently, devoting such attention thereto and applying such skills and expertise as may be necessary to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents and customary construction industry standards. CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, safety and quality control of construction, but CONTRACTOR shall not be responsible for any negligence of others in any design or selection of a specific means, method, technique, sequence or procedure of construction which is indicated in and required by the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible to guarantee that the finished Work complies accurately with the Contract Documents and CONTRACTOR shall not rely upon the OWNER's construction observation to accomplish same.

6.2 CONTRACTOR shall keep on the Work at all times during its progress a competent resident superintendent, who shall not be replaced without written notice to OWNER and ENGINEER, except under extraordinary circumstances. The superintendent will be CONTRACTOR's representative at the site and shall have authority to act on behalf of CONTRACTOR. All communications given to the superintendent shall be as binding as if given to CONTRACTOR.

Labor, Materials and Equipment:

6.3 CONTRACTOR shall provide competent, suitably qualified personnel to survey and lay out the Work, oversee quality control, and perform construction of the Work as required by the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR shall at all times maintain good discipline and order at the Project site. Except in connection with the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Project site or adjacent thereto, and except as otherwise indicated in the Contract Documents, all Work at the Project site shall be performed during regular daily working hours (generally eight (8) hours between 7:00 A. M. and 6:00 P.M.) as may be specifically set forth by the OWNER, and CONTRACTOR will not permit overtime work or the performance of Work on Saturday, Sunday or any legal holiday without OWNER's advanced written consent. Preference employment shall be given to resident citizens of the Cameron County, Texas area where such persons are available and fully qualified to perform the Work to which the employment relates.

6.3.1 CONTRACTOR shall acquaint himself with all matters and conditions concerning the Project site and any existing construction. Any practical criticism or exception regarding any feature of the Work must be presented in writing to OWNER at least ten (10) calendar days prior to bidding. After a Contract agreement to perform the Work has been signed by CONTRACTOR, it shall then be his responsibility to provide satisfactory Work that will meet the full intent of the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR shall then pursue this Work with the other trades so that all phases of the Work may be properly coordinated without delays or damage to any parts of the Work.

6.4 Unless otherwise specified in the General Requirements, CONTRACTOR shall furnish and assume full responsibility for all materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, light, heat, telephone, water, sanitary facilities, temporary facilities and all other facilities and incidentals necessary for the furnishing, performance, testing, start-up and completion of the Work.

6.4.1 CONTRACTOR shall provide and maintain suitable weather-tight, washable, sanitary toilet facilities for all workmen for the entire construction period. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of applicable health authorities. When toilet facilities are no longer required, promptly remove from the Project site, disinfect and clean the area as required. CONTRACTOR shall keep toilet facility swept and supplied with toilet tissue at all times.

6.5 All materials and equipment shall be of good quality and new, except as otherwise specifically provided in the Contract Documents. Sometimes a project specification may require salvage and reinstallation of OWNER's recently acquired machinery and equipment pre-existing at a project site. If required by OWNER's Engineer, CONTRACTOR shall furnish satisfactory evidence (including reports of required tests) as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment procured for the Project. All materials and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned in accordance with the instructions of the applicable Supplier, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents; but no provision of any such Supplier instructions will be effective to assign to OWNER any duty or authority to supervise or direct the furnishing or performance of the Work, or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility contrary to the provisions of paragraph 9.15 or 9.16.

6.6 CONTRACTOR shall notify OWNER in writing of any conflict between the manufacturer's directions and the Contract Documents and shall not perform any Work on any item until such conflict has been resolved. Upon award of the Contract, CONTRACTOR will secure a certificate of exemption from the Texas State Comptroller to preserve the CITY's exemption from Limited Sales, Excise and Use Tax in an amount representing that part of the total Contract price representative of the value of tangible personal property to be physically incorporated into the Project realty. The certificate of exemption must contain a statement to the effect that such materials or property have been, or will be, utilized in the performance of the Contract to the full extent of the amount for which a certificate of exemption is requested.

6.6.1 Except where otherwise specified, CONTRACTOR shall, at all times, provide

protection against weather, so as to maintain all Work, materials and fixtures free from injury or damages. All new Work likely to be damaged shall be covered or otherwise protected as required.

6.6.2 While it is appreciated that CONTRACTOR has to maintain continuous construction operations and sequences, it should be understood that the OWNER's electric distribution system must function during the Contract period with a minimum of inconvenience to the electric users and the OWNER's water distribution system must function during the Contract period with a minimum of inconvenience to the water users, and that the OWNER'S sanitary sewer collection and treatment system must function during the Contract period on a 24 hour daily basis throughout the year to meet the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). It is therefore incumbent on CONTRACTOR to plan ahead on the basis of integrating his construction sequencing program as far as possible into the normal operating sequence of the utility systems. No departure from the normal operating sequence of the systems will be allowed, except with the specific advanced written agreement of OWNER.

6.6.3 CONTRACTOR shall notify OWNER a minimum of 48 hours in advance of any Work which will be tied into the existing utility systems. Method of tie-in shall be submitted to OWNER for OWNER's approval prior to any Work being performed. At no time shall contaminated water that has not been disinfected be allowed to seep into the existing waterlines, and at no time shall sewage be allowed to flow into surrounding areas. Connections will be made during times of daily minimum sewage flows, if required by Project.

6.6.4 CONTRACTOR shall coordinate his Work with that of other contractors whose work may occur at a conflicting time and location. The coordination shall be such that CONTRACTOR's Work will be maintained at a normal rate.

6.6.5 All Work that is performed on, across or along International Boundary and Water Control Commission levees must conform to all I.B. & W.C.C. requirements. All Work performed on, across or along Brownsville Irrigation and Drainage District or the Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District No.16 canals or ditches must conform to all District requirements.

6.6.6 Satisfactory access or detour roads shall be provided where necessary due to construction.

6.6.7 If required by the Bid or Project Specifications, or by law for the type of excavation construction being performed, CONTRACTOR and his Registered Professional Engineer shall develop the Trench Safety System Plan and shall provide any necessary shoring, bracing and/or sheeting pursuant to Section 756.022 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and OSHA 29 C.F.R. 1926, Subpart P, Vol. 54 No. 209 of the Federal Register, October 31, 1989, pp. 45959-45991, and, as provided in Section 11 - "Trench Excavation and Shoring Safety Plan" of the Standard Specifications.

6.6.8 CONTRACTOR shall provide adequate barricades and warning devices in conformance with the guidelines for Traffic Control as established by the Texas Department of Transportation (TDOT) in the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD). This provision shall be subsidiary to the rest of the Work in this Contract, and shall not constitute a separate pay item.

6.6.9 CONTRACTOR shall provide the services of a technical representative for CONTRACTOR furnished equipment, for a sufficient period of time to assist in start-up and initial adjustment of all equipment, and to train, advise and consult with OWNER's operating personnel, if appropriate for the Project.

6.6.10 All items of equipment required for this Contract shall be bid to provide as part of the initial price, any literature explaining "Operation and Maintenance" of that item of equipment, if required by Project. If a manufacturer does not print such a standard O&M manual, CONTRACTOR shall provide OWNER with a customized manual approved, in writing by the manufacturer.

Adjusting Progress Schedule:

6.7 CONTRACTOR shall submit to OWNER's Engineer for acceptance (to the extent indicated in paragraph 2.9) adjustments in the Progress Schedule to reflect the impact thereon of new developments; these will conform generally to the Progress Schedule then in effect and additionally will comply with any provisions of the General Requirements applicable thereto.

Substitutes or "Or-Equal" Items:

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6.8.1 Whenever materials or equipment are specified or described in the Contract Documents by using the name of a proprietary item, or the name of a particular Supplier, the naming of the item is intended to establish the type, function, performance standard and quality required. In some instances, the OWNER is legally allowed to "sole source" a specific material or component of equipment when its design and/or performance is required to integrate with a larger system that will remain in place. Unless the material or equipment name is followed by words indicating that no substitution is permitted, materials or equipment of other Suppliers generally may be accepted by OWNER's Engineer, if sufficient information is submitted by CONTRACTOR to allow OWNER's Engineer to determine that the material or equipment proposed is equivalent, or equal to, that named by OWNER. The procedure for review by OWNER's Engineer will include the following as supplemented in the General Requirements. Requests for review of substitute items of material and equipment will not be accepted by OWNER's Engineer from anyone other than CONTRACTOR. If CONTRACTOR wishes to furnish or use a substitute item of material or equipment, CONTRACTOR shall make written application to OWNER's Engineer for acceptance thereof, certifying that the proposed substitute will perform adequately the functions and achieve the results called for by the general design, be similar and of equal substance to that specified and be suited to

the same use as that specified. The application will state that the evaluation and acceptance of the proposed substitute will not prejudice CONTRACTOR's achievement of Substantial Completion on time, whether or not acceptance of the substitute for use in the Work will require a change in any of the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with OWNER for any other work on the Project by other contractors) to adapt the design to the proposed substitute and whether or not incorporation or use of the substitute in connection with the Work is subject to payment of any license fee or royalty. All variations of the proposed substitute from that specified will be identified in the application and available maintenance, repair and replacement parts and service will be indicated. The application will also contain an itemized estimate of all costs or savings that will result directly or indirectly from acceptance of such substitute, including costs of redesign and potential claims of other contractors affected by the resulting change, all of which shall be considered by OWNER's Engineer in evaluating the proposed substitute. OWNER's Engineer may require CONTRACTOR to furnish at CONTRACTOR's expense additional data about the proposed substitute.

6.8.2 If a specific means, method, technique, sequence or procedure of construction is indicated in or required by the Contract Documents, CONTRACTOR may generally furnish or utilize a substitute means, method, sequence, technique or procedure of construction acceptable to OWNER's Engineer, if CONTRACTOR submits sufficient information to allow OWNER's Engineer to determine that the substitute proposed can be legally utilized by CONTRACTOR (e.g. patented or licensed processes) and is equivalent to that indicated or required by the Contract Documents. OWNER may have similar legal rights to "sole source" as indicated above in paragraph 6.8.1. The procedure for review by OWNER's Engineer will be similar to that provided in paragraph 6.8.1 above, as applied by OWNER's Engineer and as may be supplemented in the General Requirements.

6.8.3 OWNER's Engineer will be allowed a reasonable time within which to evaluate each proposed substitute. OWNER's Engineer will be the sole judge of acceptability, and no substitute will be ordered, installed or utilized without OWNER's Engineer prior written acceptance which will be evidenced by either a Change Order or an approved Shop Drawing. OWNER may require CONTRACTOR to furnish at CONTRACTOR's expense a special performance guaranty or other form of surety with respect to any substitute. OWNER's Engineer will record time required by OWNER's Engineer and any OWNER'S Engineer outside technical consultants in evaluating substitutions proposed by CONTRACTOR and in making changes in the Contract Documents occasioned thereby. Whether or not OWNER's Engineer accepts a proposed substitute, CONTRACTOR shall reimburse OWNER for the charges of OWNER's Engineer and any consultants for evaluating each proposed substitute.

Concerning Subcontractors, Suppliers and Others:

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6.9.1 CONTRACTOR shall not employ any Subcontractor, Supplier or other person or organization (including those acceptable to OWNER as indicated in paragraph 6.8.2), whether initially or as a substitute, against whom OWNER may have reasonable objection. CONTRACTOR shall not be required to employ any Subcontractor, Supplier or other person or organization to

furnish or perform any of the Work against whom CONTRACTOR has reasonable objection.

6.9.2 If the Supplementary Conditions require the identity of certain Subcontractors, Suppliers or other persons or organizations (including those who are to furnish the principal items of material and equipment), to be submitted to OWNER in advance of a specified date prior to the Effective Date of the Agreement for acceptance by OWNER, and if CONTRACTOR has submitted a list thereof in accordance with the Supplementary Conditions, OWNER's acceptance (either in writing or by failing to make written objection thereto by the date indicated for acceptance or objection in the bidding documents or the Contractor Documents) of any such Subcontractor, Supplier or other person or organization so identified may be revoked by OWNER on the basis of reasonable objection after due investigation, in which case CONTRACTOR shall submit an acceptable substitute. The Contract Price may be increased by the difference in the cost occasioned by such substitution and an appropriate Change Order may be issued or Written Amendment signed. All increases or decreases in the Contract Price shall be governed by all State and local statutes, codes, laws, ordinances, rules and regulations governing public competitive bidding and Change Orders. No acceptance by OWNER of any such Subcontractor, Supplier or other person or organization shall constitute a waiver of any right of OWNER to reject any defective or noncompliant Work.

6.10 CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible to OWNER for all acts and/or omissions of the Subcontractors, Suppliers and other persons and organizations performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct contract or indirect relationship with CONTRACTOR, just as CONTRACTOR is responsible to the OWNER for CONTRACTOR's own acts and/or omissions. Nothing in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual relationship between OWNER and any such Subcontractor, subtier subcontractor, Supplier or other person or organization, nor shall it create any obligation on the part of OWNER to pay or to supervise the payment of any moneys due any such Subcontractor, subtier subcontractor, Supplier or other person or organization, except as may otherwise be required by Laws and Regulations.

6.11 The divisions and sections of the Specifications and the identifications of any Drawings shall not control CONTRACTOR in dividing the Work among Subcontractors or Suppliers or delineating the Work to be performed by any specific trade.

6.12 All Work performed for CONTRACTOR by a Subcontractor will be pursuant to an appropriate written agreement between CONTRACTOR and the Subcontractor, which specifically binds the Subcontractor through appropriate "flow down" provisions, to the applicable terms and conditions of the Contract Documents for the benefit of OWNER, and contains waiver provisions as required by paragraph 5.11.

Patent Fees and Royalties:

6.13 CONTRACTOR shall pay all license fees and royalties and assume all costs incident to the use in the performance of the Work or the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product or device, which is the subject of patent rights or copyrights held by others.

If a particular invention, design, process, product or device is specified in the Contract Documents for use in the performance of the Work, and if to the actual knowledge of OWNER its use is subject to patent rights or copyrights calling for the payment of any license fee or royalty to others, the existence of such rights shall be disclosed by OWNER in the Contract Documents. **CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS OWNER AND ANYONE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY OWNER AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) ARISING OUT OF ANY INFRINGEMENT OF PATENT RIGHTS OR COPYRIGHTS INCIDENT TO THE USE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK OR RESULTING FROM THE INCORPORATION IN THE WORK OF ANY INVENTION, DESIGN, PROCESS, PRODUCT OR DEVICE NOT SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AND SHALL DEFEND ALL SUCH CLAIMS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF SUCH RIGHTS.** IT IS THE EXPRESSED INTENTION OF THE PARTIES HERETO THAT THE INDEMNITY PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS INDEMNITY BY CONTRACTOR TO INDEMNIFY AND PROTECT OWNER FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF OWNER'S OWN NEGLIGENCE WHERE THAT NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE OWNER IS A CONCURRING CAUSE OF THE CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, AND EXPENSES REFERENCED ABOVE. FURTHERMORE, THE INDEMNITY PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL HAVE NO APPLICATION TO ANY CLAIM, DAMAGE, LOSS AND EXPENSE REFERENCED ABOVE WHERE SUCH RESULTS FROM THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF THE OWNER INDEPENDENT OF THE FAULT OF ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY.

Permits:

6.14 Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, CONTRACTOR shall obtain and pay for all construction permits and licenses. OWNER shall assist CONTRACTOR, when necessary, in obtaining such permits and licenses. CONTRACTOR shall pay all governmental charges and inspection fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work, which are applicable at the time of opening of Bids. CONTRACTOR shall pay all charges of utility owners for connections to the Work, and OWNER shall pay all charges of such utility owners for capital costs related thereto such as impact fees or plant investment fees, if any.

6.14.1 Fires shall not be built on the Project premises except by the express consent of OWNER and Brownsville City Fire Marshall.

Laws and Regulations:

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6.15.1 CONTRACTOR shall give all notices and comply with all Laws and Regulations applicable to furnishing and performance of the Work. Except where otherwise expressly required by applicable Laws and Regulations, OWNER shall not be responsible for monitoring CONTRACTOR's compliance with any Laws or Regulations.

6.15.2 If CONTRACTOR has actual knowledge that the Specifications or Drawings are at variance with any Laws or Regulations, CONTRACTOR shall give OWNER's Engineer prompt written notice thereof, and any necessary changes will be authorized by OWNER by one of the methods indicated in paragraph 3.4. If CONTRACTOR performs any Work knowing, or having reason to know, that it is contrary to such Laws or Regulations, and without such notice to OWNER's Engineer, CONTRACTOR shall bear all costs arising there from; however, it shall not be CONTRACTOR's primary responsibility to make certain that the Specifications and Drawings are in accordance with such Laws and Regulations.

Taxes:

6.16 "Pursuant to 34 Texas Administrative Code 3.291, in order for the OWNER to continue to benefit from its status as a State Sales and Use Tax Exempt Organization, after August 14, 1991 construction contracts must be awarded on a "separated contract" basis. A "separated contract" is one that distinguishes the value of the tangible personal property (materials such as pipe, bricks, lumber, concrete, paint, etc.) to be physically incorporated into the Project from the total Contract price. Under the "separated contract" format, the CONTRACTOR in effect becomes a "seller" to the OWNER of materials that are to be physically incorporated into the Project realty. As a "seller", the CONTRACTOR will issue a "Texas Certificate of Resale" to the supplier in lieu of paying the sales tax on materials at the time of purchase. The CONTRACTOR will also issue a "Certificate of Exemption" to the supplier, demonstrating that the personal property is being purchased for resale and that the resale is to a public owner, the City of Brownsville, Texas, and its BPUB, which are sales tax exempt entities under UTCA Tax Code Section 151.309(5). CONTRACTOR should be careful to consult the most recent guidelines of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts regarding the sales tax status of supplies and equipment that are used and consumed during Project Work, but that are not physically incorporated into the Project realty. If the CONTRACTOR has questions about the implementation of this policy he is asked to inquire with the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, Tax Administration Division, State of Texas, Austin, Texas 78774. The CONTRACTOR will not include any federal taxes in bid prices since the OWNER is exempt from payment of such taxes. "Texas Certificates of Exemption", "Texas Certificates of Resale" and "Texas Sales Tax Permits" are forms available to the CONTRACTOR through the regional offices of the Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts."

Use of Premises:

6.17 CONTRACTOR shall confine construction equipment, the storage of materials and equipment and the operations of workers to the Project site and land and areas identified in and permitted by the Contract Documents, or otherwise privately acquired by the CONTRACTOR, and other land and areas permitted by Laws and Regulations, rights-of-way, permits and easements. CONTRACTOR shall assume full responsibility for any damage to any Project land or area, or to the owner or occupant thereof, or of any land or areas contiguous thereto, resulting from the performance of the Work. Should any claim be made against OWNER by any such adjacent owner or occupant because of the performance of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall promptly attempt to

settle with such other party by agreement, or otherwise resolve the claim by mediation, arbitration or at law. **CONTRACTOR SHALL, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAWS AND REGULATIONS, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS OWNER FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FEES OF ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, ATTORNEYS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS AND COURT COSTS) ARISING DIRECTLY, INDIRECTLY OR CONSEQUENTIALLY OUT OF ANY ACTION, LEGAL OR EQUITABLE, BROUGHT BY ANY SUCH OTHER PARTY AGAINST OWNER, TO THE EXTENT BASED ON A CLAIM ARISING OUT OF CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK. IT IS THE EXPRESSED INTENT OF THE PARTIES HERETO THAT THE INDEMNITY PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS INDEMNITY BY CONTRACTOR TO INDEMNIFY AND PROTECT OWNER FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF OWNER'S OWN NEGLIGENCE, WHEN THAT NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE OWNER IS A CONCURRING CAUSE OF THE INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE.**

FURTHERMORE, THE INDEMNITY PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL HAVE NO APPLICATION TO ANY CLAIM, LOSS, DAMAGE, CAUSE OF ACTION, SUIT, AND LIABILITY WHERE THE INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE RESULTS FROM THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF THE OWNER, INDEPENDENT OF THE FAULT OF ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY.

6.18 During the progress of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall keep the premises free from accumulations of waste materials, rubbish and other debris resulting from the Work. At the completion of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall remove and legally dispose of all waste materials, rubbish and debris from and about the premises, as well as all tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery, and surplus materials, and shall leave the Project site clean and ready for occupancy by OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall restore to original condition all property not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents.

6.19 CONTRACTOR shall be confined to all working easements provided by OWNER, unless CONTRACTOR separately and privately secures at his own cost, additional private temporary construction easements. Generally, storage of excavation material and all CONTRACTOR equipment and material shall remain within the limits of Project working easements.

6.20 CONTRACTOR shall not weight load or permit any part of any structure or utility to be loaded in any manner that will endanger the structure or utility, nor shall CONTRACTOR subject any part of the Work or adjacent property to surcharge stresses or pressures, or loss of subjacent or lateral support, that will endanger it.

Record Documents:

6.21 CONTRACTOR shall as a precondition to interim progress payments, regularly maintain and update and store in a safe place at the Project site, one record copy of all Drawings,

Specifications, Addenda, Written Amendments, Change Orders, Work Directive Changes, Field Orders and any written interpretations and clarifications (issued pursuant to paragraph 9.4) in good order and periodically annotated to show all changes made by CONTRACTOR during construction.

These periodically updated record documents, together with all approved samples and a counterpart of all approved Shop Drawings, will be at all times available to OWNER's Engineer for reference. Upon completion of the Work, these record documents, samples and Shop Drawings, will be delivered to OWNER's Engineer for OWNER record retention.

Safety and Protection:

6.22 CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of employees and the general public, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:

6.22.1 all employees on the Work and other persons and organizations who may be required to properly visit the Project site and be affected thereby;

6.22.2 all the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Project site; and

6.22.3 other property at the Project site or adjacent thereto, including drainage gradients, trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, utilities and underground facilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction.

6.22.4 Driveways, culverts, storm sewer inlets and laterals, and other public or private property that is destroyed or removed during the construction shall be replaced to its original or better condition by CONTRACTOR. Temporary drainage and any subgrade dewatering is to be provided by CONTRACTOR as necessary to protect and complete the Work.

6.22.5 CONTRACTOR is responsible for locating any underground obstacles. It is not represented that the Plans show all previous or current sewers, waterlines, electric lines, gas lines, telephone lines and other underground obstacles and utilities. CONTRACTOR shall exercise caution to prevent damage to existing utility facilities during the progress of the construction Work, taking care to locate same in advance of the actual Work. OWNER will render all assistance possible to CONTRACTOR in the matter of determining the location of existing utilities by making available such existing maps, records, and other available existing information as may be accessible to OWNER, when requested to do so, but the accuracy of such information will not be guaranteed by OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall make repairs and/or replacements to all damage to existing utilities resulting from his operations. Where a pipe, duct or other structure of a utility is exposed, which, in the opinion of OWNER requires strengthening, altering or moving, CONTRACTOR shall perform such Work on same, as OWNER may order, which Work may be paid for as extra Work. Should CONTRACTOR, in the layout of his Work, encounter any pipe, underground utility or structure, the location of which has been furnished to him by OWNER, he shall bring such conditions to the

attention of OWNER for OWNER and CONTRACTOR discussion to determine the CONTRACTOR'S method to be used to pin in place, remove or bypass such obstructions.

6.22.6 It is essential that in the event of any damage being caused to existing utilities that immediate attention be given to their repair. Any repair work carried out shall be at the cost of CONTRACTOR and shall be performed to the complete satisfaction of OWNER, who will acknowledge same in writing. It is therefore, the duty of CONTRACTOR, prior to the commencement of construction, to inspect and accurately record in writing to OWNER, the condition of any utility which he reasonably suspects or knows to be damaged, faulty, or defective. In addition, any such utilities so recorded, which in the opinion of CONTRACTOR may deteriorate further as a result of the proposed mode of construction operations, should be protected, and/or other remedial measures employed as agreed to with OWNER.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable Laws and Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property, or to protect them from damage, injury or loss; and shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for such safety and protection. CONTRACTOR shall notify owners of adjacent property and of Underground Facilities and utility owners, when prosecution of the Work may affect them, and shall cooperate with them in the protection, removal, relocation, restoration and replacement of their property. All damage, injury or loss to any property referred to in paragraph 6.20.2 or 6.20.3 caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part by CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor, Supplier or any other person or organization directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform or furnish any of the Work; or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable; shall be remedied by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR's duties and responsibilities for the safety and protection of the Work shall continue until such time as all the Work is completed and OWNER'S Engineer has issued a notice to OWNER and CONTRACTOR in accordance with paragraph 14.13 that the Work is acceptable to OWNER (except as otherwise expressly provided in connection with Substantial Completion).

6.23 CONTRACTOR shall designate in writing to OWNER a responsible representative at the Project site whose duty shall be the management of risk and safety, and that person shall make a concerted effort to assist workers and visitors at the Project site to prevent accidents. This person shall be CONTRACTOR's superintendent, unless otherwise designated in writing by CONTRACTOR to OWNER.

Emergencies:

6.24 In emergencies affecting the safety or protection of persons, or the Work, or property at the Project site or adjacent thereto, CONTRACTOR, without special written or oral instruction or authorization from OWNER, is obligated to act to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. CONTRACTOR shall give OWNER's Engineer prompt written notice if CONTRACTOR believes that any significant changes in the Work or variations from the Contract Documents have been caused thereby. If OWNER's Engineer determines that a change in the Contract Documents is required because of the CONTRACTOR's prompt action taken in response to an emergency, a Work Directive Change or Change Order will be issued to document the consequences of any changes or

variations.

Shop Drawings and Samples:

6.25 After checking and verifying all field measurements and after complying with applicable procedures specified in the General Requirements, CONTRACTOR shall submit to OWNER's Engineer for review and approval, in accordance with the accepted Schedule of Shop Drawing submissions (see paragraph 2.9), or for other appropriate action if so indicated in the Supplementary Conditions, five (5) copies (unless otherwise specified in the General Requirements) of all Shop Drawings, which will bear a stamp or specific written indication that CONTRACTOR has satisfied CONTRACTOR's responsibilities under the Contract Documents with respect to the internal review of the submission. All submissions will be identified as the OWNER's Engineer may require. The data shown on the Shop Drawings will be complete with respect to quantities, dimensions, specified performance and design criteria, materials and similar data to enable OWNER'S Engineer to efficiently and comprehensively review the CONTRACTOR's information as required.

6.25.1 Before ordering any material or doing any Work, CONTRACTOR will verify all measurements of any existing and new Work and shall be responsible for their correctness. Any differences which may be found shall be submitted to OWNER for consideration before proceeding with the Work. No extra compensation will be allowed to CONTRACTOR because of differences between actual dimensions and measurements indicated on the final working drawings.

6.26 CONTRACTOR shall also submit to OWNER's Engineer for review and approval with such promptness as to cause no delay in Work, all samples required by the Contract Documents. All samples will have been checked by and accompanied by a specific written indication that CONTRACTOR has internally satisfied CONTRACTOR's responsibilities under the Contract Documents with respect to the review of the submission, and will be identified clearly as to material, Supplier, pertinent data such as catalog numbers and the use for which intended.

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6.27.1 Before submission of each Shop Drawing or sample, CONTRACTOR shall have internally determined and verified all quantities, dimensions, specified performance criteria, installation requirements, materials, catalog numbers and similar data with respect thereto and reviewed or coordinated each Shop Drawing or sample with other Shop Drawings and samples, and with the requirements of the Work and the Contract Documents.

6.27.2 At the time of each submission, CONTRACTOR shall give OWNER's Engineer specific written notice of each variation that the Shop Drawings or samples may have from the requirements of the Contract Documents, and, in addition, shall cause a specific notation to be made on each Shop Drawing submitted to OWNER's Engineer for review and approval, of each such CONTRACTOR variation.

6.28 OWNER's Engineer will review and approve with reasonable promptness, Shop Drawings and samples, but OWNER Engineer's review and approval will be only for general conformance with the design concept of the Project and for compliance with the information given in the Contract Documents, and shall not extend to CONTRACTOR's means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction (except where a specific means, method, technique, sequence or procedure of construction is indicated in or required by the Contract Documents), or to CONTRACTOR's safety precautions or programs incident thereto. The review and approval of a separate or component item will not indicate approval of the assembly into which the item functions integrally. CONTRACTOR shall make corrections required by OWNER's Engineer, and shall return the required number of corrected copies of Shop Drawings and submit as required, new samples for review and approval. CONTRACTOR shall direct Owner Engineer's specific attention in writing to the most current revisions, other than the corrections called for by OWNER's Engineer on previous CONTRACTOR submittals.

6.29 OWNER Engineer's review and approval of Shop Drawings or samples shall not relieve CONTRACTOR from responsibility for any variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents, unless CONTRACTOR has in writing called OWNER Engineer's attention to each such variation at the time of submission as required by paragraph 6.25.2, and OWNER's Engineer has given written approval of each such variation by a specific written notation thereof incorporated in or accompanying the Shop Drawing or sample approval; nor will any approval by OWNER's Engineer relieve CONTRACTOR from responsibility for CONTRACTOR's errors or omissions in the Shop Drawings, or from responsibility for having complied with the provisions of paragraph 6.25.1.

6.30 Where a Shop Drawing or sample is required by the Specifications, any related Work performed prior to OWNER Engineer's review and approval of the pertinent submission will be at the sole risk, expense and responsibility of CONTRACTOR.

Continuing the Work:

6.31 CONTRACTOR shall carry on the Work and adhere to the Progress Schedule during any and all disputes or disagreements with OWNER. No Work shall be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, except as OWNER may otherwise agree in writing.

INDEMNIFICATION:

6.32 CONTRACTOR AGREES TO AND SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS OWNER, ITS PUBLIC OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS, AND EMPLOYEES, FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, AND LIABILITY OF EVERY KIND, INCLUDING ALL EXPENSES OF LITIGATION, COURT COSTS, AND ATTORNEY'S FEES, FOR INJURY TO OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON, OR FOR DAMAGE TO ANY PROPERTY, ARISING OUT OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK, PROVIDED THAT SUCH CLAIM, DAMAGE, LOSS, LIABILITY OR EXPENSE (A) IS

ATTRIBUTABLE TO BODILY INJURY, SICKNESS, DISEASE OR DEATH OR TO INJURY OR DESTRUCTION OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY, INCLUDING THE LOSS OF USE RESULTING THERE FROM AND (B) IS CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY CONDITION OF THE WORK OR MATERIALS, OR BY ANY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION OF CONTRACTOR, ANY SUBTIER SUBCONTRACTOR, ANYONE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY CONTRACTOR OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR OR ANYONE FOR WHOSE ACTS CONTRACTOR OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR MAY BE LIABLE UNDER THIS CONTRACT.

SUCH INDEMNITY SHALL APPLY WHERE THE CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, OR LIABILITY ARISE IN PART FROM THE CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF OWNER.

IT IS THE EXPRESSED INTENTION OF THE PARTIES HERETO, BOTH CONTRACTOR AND OWNER, THAT THE INDEMNITY PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS INDEMNITY BY THE CONTRACTOR, TO INDEMNIFY AND PROTECT OWNER FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF OWNER'S OWN NEGLIGENCE, WHERE THAT NEGLIGENCE IS A CONCURRING CAUSE OF THE INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE. FURTHERMORE, HOWEVER, THE INDEMNITY PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL HAVE NO APPLICATION TO ANY CLAIM, LOSS, DAMAGE, CAUSE OF ACTION, SUIT, AND LIABILITY WHERE THE INJURY OR DEATH OR DAMAGE RESULTS FROM THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF THE OWNER, INDEPENDENT OF THE FAULT OF ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY.

6.33 IN ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST OWNER OR ANY OF ITS CONSULTANTS, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES BY ANY EMPLOYEE OF CONTRACTOR, ANY SUBCONTRACTOR, ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY ANY OF THEM TO PERFORM OR FURNISH ANY OF THE WORK, OR ANYONE FOR WHOSE ACTS ANY OF THEM MAY BE LIABLE, THE INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION UNDER PARAGRAPH 6.32 SHALL NOT BE LIMITED IN ANY WAY BY ANY LIMITATION ON THE AMOUNT OR TYPE OF DAMAGES, COMPENSATION OR BENEFITS PAYABLE BY OR FOR CONTRACTOR, OR ANY SUCH SUBCONTRACTOR, OR OTHER PERSON OR ORGANIZATION UNDER WORKERS' OR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACTS, DISABILITY BENEFIT ACTS OR OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACTS.

6.34 THE OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR UNDER PARAGRAPH 6.32 SHALL NOT EXTEND TO ANY LIABILITY OF OWNER, OWNER'S ENGINEER, CONSULTANTS, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES ARISING OUT OF THE PREPARATION OR APPROVAL OF PROJECT MAPS, DRAWINGS, PLANS, OPINIONS, REPORTS, SURVEYS, CHANGE ORDERS, DESIGNS, OR SPECIFICATIONS.

6.35 CONTRACTOR shall perform all phases of Work, other than general clean-up, thru the duration of the Contract, as defined in these General and any Supplementary General Conditions.

If CONTRACTOR desires to perform Work, other than general clean-up during holidays, prior proper arrangements must be made in writing with OWNER, or any other regulatory agency regarding such Work.

6.35.1 General. This Contract shall be based upon payment by CONTRACTOR and his Subcontractors of wage rates not less than the General Prevailing Wage Rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in Cameron County, Texas, for each type of laborer, workman or mechanic needed to implement the Contract at the Project Site, and not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for legal holiday and overtime Work. The Schedule of General Prevailing Wage Rates specifically adopted by the OWNER for this Project, and other important Wage and Labor Standard Provisions are included in these Contract Documents in the Supplementary General Conditions. Pursuant to local BPUB labor policy, no Project worker shall be paid less than \$8.00 per hour, regardless of the adopted wage listings in the attached U. S. Department of Labor General Wage Decision.

CONTRACTOR shall at minimum comply with all requirements of the prevailing wage law of the State of Texas, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, Texas Government Code Section 2259.001 et seq., including the latest amendments thereto, and those special local wage provisions adopted by OWNER. When in conflict, the more stringent requirements apply to CONTRACTOR.

6.35.2 Records. CONTRACTOR and each Subcontractor shall keep an accurate record showing the names and occupations of all classifications of laborers, workmen, and mechanics employed, together with the actual wages paid to each worker. At all reasonable working hours, such records shall be open to inspection by the representatives of the OWNER. With each application for payment, CONTRACTOR shall provide a certified copy of such payroll records as necessary to substantiate compliance with this provision during the period of time for which the application for payment pertains. OWNER shall take cognizance of any and all employee complaints regarding any violations of the requirements of TGC Section 2259.001 et seq.

6.35.3 Penalty. In case CONTRACTOR and any Subcontractor fail to comply with the prevailing wage law, by statutory authority, CONTRACTOR shall forfeit to the OWNER \$60.00 per calendar day, or portion thereof, for each laborer, workman, or mechanic who is paid less than the specified local rate for any Work done under the Contract.

6.35.4 Hours of Labor. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of the hours of work on public works in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, Articles 5165.1 to 5165.3, including the latest amendments thereto.

No CONTRACTOR or Subcontractor contracting for any part of the Contract Work which may require or involve the employment of laborers, workmen or mechanics at the Project Site, shall require or permit any laborer, workman or mechanic in any work week in which he is employed on such Work, to work in excess of forty (40) hours in such work week, unless such laborer, workman or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times

his basic rate of pay, for all hours in excess of forty (40) hours in such work week.

6.35.5 Equal Employment Opportunities. The CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, gender, sexual preference, national origin, age, physically challenged condition, or a political belief or affiliation, and will comply with all State and federal statutes applicable to CONTRACTOR which relate to employment discrimination.

ARTICLE 7. OTHER WORK

Related Work at Site:

7.1 OWNER may perform other separate work related to the Project at the site by OWNER's own forces, have other work performed by utility owners, or award other direct construction contracts therefor, which shall contain General Conditions similar to these. If the fact that such other work is to be performed was not originally noted in these Contract Documents, advance written notice thereof will be given to CONTRACTOR prior to OWNER authorizing any such other work; and, if CONTRACTOR believes that such other work performance will involve additional expense to CONTRACTOR, or requires additional time, and the parties are unable to agree as to the extent thereof, CONTRACTOR may make a claim therefore as provided in Articles 11 and 12. All increases or decreases in the Contract price shall be governed by all State and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations governing public competitive bidding and Change Orders.

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

7.3 If any part of CONTRACTOR's Work depends for proper execution or results upon the work of any such other contractor or utility owner (or OWNER), CONTRACTOR shall inspect and promptly report to OWNER's Engineer in writing any delays, defects or deficiencies in such other work that renders it unavailable or unsuitable for such integration, proper execution and results. CONTRACTOR's failure so to report will constitute an acceptance of the other work as fit and proper for integration with CONTRACTOR's Work, except for latent or non-apparent defects

and deficiencies in the other work.

Coordination:

7.4 If OWNER contracts with others for the performance of other work on the Project at the Project site, the person or organization who will have authority and responsibility for coordination of the activities among the various prime contractors will be identified by OWNER in the Supplementary Conditions, and the specific matters to be covered by such authority and responsibility will be itemized, and the extent of such authority and responsibilities will be provided, in the Supplementary Conditions.

ARTICLE 8. OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

8.1 OWNER shall issue all written and oral communications to CONTRACTOR through OWNER's Field Representative and/or OWNER's Engineer.

8.2 In case of termination of the employment of OWNER's Engineer, OWNER shall appoint a replacement Engineer whose status under the Contract Documents shall be that of the former Engineer.

8.3 OWNER shall furnish the data required of OWNER under the Contract Documents promptly, and shall make eligible payments to CONTRACTOR within the time periods allowed by the Contract Documents and State prompt pay statutes, after payments are due as provided in paragraphs 14.4 and 14.13.

8.4 OWNER's duties in respect to providing lands and easements and providing any recent existing available engineering surveys to establish CONTRACTOR construction reference points, are set forth in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.4. Paragraph 4.2 refers to OWNER's identifying and making available to CONTRACTOR copies of any existing and available reports of explorations and tests of subsurface pre-existing conditions at the Project site which are not part of the Contract Documents, but which have been utilized by OWNER's Engineer in generally preparing the Drawings and Specifications.

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8.6 OWNER is obligated to execute Change Orders as indicated in paragraph 10.4.

8.7 OWNER's responsibility in respect to certain inspections, tests and approvals is set forth in paragraph 13.4.

8.8 In connection with OWNER's right to stop Work or suspend Work, see paragraphs 13.10 and 15.1. Paragraph 15.2 outlines OWNER's right to terminate services of CONTRACTOR under certain circumstances.

ARTICLE 9. OWNER ENGINEER'S STATUS DURING CONSTRUCTION

Owner's Representative:

9.1 OWNER's Engineer will be OWNER's primary representative during the construction period.

Visits to Site:

9.2 OWNER's Engineer will make periodic visits to the site at intervals appropriate to the various stages of construction to observe the progress and general quality of the executed Work and to determine, in general, for the benefit of OWNER only, if the Work is proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents. OWNER's Engineer will not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work, because CONTRACTOR is solely responsible for same. OWNER Engineer's efforts will be directed toward providing for OWNER only, a greater degree of confidence that the CONTRACTOR's completed Work will conform to the Contract Documents. On the basis of such limited visits and on-site observations as an experienced and qualified design professional working for OWNER, OWNER's Engineer will keep OWNER informed of the progress of the Work and will endeavor to advise OWNER of any obvious defects and deficiencies in the Work.

On-Site Project Representation:

9.3 OWNER may furnish a Project Field Representative to assist OWNER's Engineer in observing the daily performance of the Work. This is an option available to OWNER that need not be exercised, nor may it be relied upon by the CONTRACTOR in any way to satisfy CONTRACTOR's quality control responsibility. The duties, responsibilities and limitations of authority of any such Project Field Representative and assistants will be determined by the OWNER.

Clarifications and Interpretations:

9.4 OWNER's Engineer will issue with reasonable promptness such written clarifications or interpretations of the requirements of the Contract Documents (in the form of Drawings or otherwise) as OWNER's Engineer may determine necessary, which shall be consistent with or reasonably inferable from the overall intent of the Contract Documents. If CONTRACTOR believes that a written clarification or interpretation by OWNER's Engineer justifies an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, and the OWNER and CONTRACTOR are unable to agree to the basis, amount or extent thereof, CONTRACTOR may make a claim therefore as provided in Article 11 or Article 12. Any increases or decreases in the Contract Price shall be governed by all State and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations governing public competitive bidding and Change Orders.

Authorized Variations in Work:

9.5 OWNER's Engineer may authorize minor variations in the Work from the requirements of the Contract Documents which do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time, and are consistent with the overall intent of the Contract Documents. These may be accomplished by a Field Order and will be binding on OWNER, and also on CONTRACTOR who shall perform the Work involved promptly. If CONTRACTOR believes that a Field Order justifies an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, CONTRACTOR may make a claim therefore as provided in Article 11 or 12. Any increases or decreases in the Contract Price shall be governed by all State and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations governing public competitive bidding and Change Orders.

Rejecting Defective Work:

9.6 OWNER's Engineer will have the authority to disapprove or reject Work which OWNER's Engineer believes to be defective, and will also have authority to require special inspection or testing of the Work as provided in paragraph 13.9, whether or not the Work is fabricated, installed or completed.

Shop Drawings, Change Orders and Payments:

9.7 In connection with OWNER Engineer's responsibility for Shop Drawings and samples, see paragraphs 6.23 through 6.28 inclusive.

9.8 In connection with OWNER Engineer's responsibilities as to Change Orders, see Articles 10, 11 and 12.

9.9 In connection with OWNER Engineer's responsibilities in respect to Applications for Payment, etc., see Article 14.

Determinations for Unit Prices:

9.10 OWNER's Engineer will determine the final actual quantities and classifications of any Unit Price Work performed by CONTRACTOR. OWNER's Engineer will review with CONTRACTOR, OWNER Engineer's preliminary determinations on such matters before rendering a written decision thereon (by recommendation of an Application for Payment or otherwise). OWNER Engineer's written decisions thereon will be final and binding upon OWNER and CONTRACTOR.

Decisions on Disputes:

9.11 OWNER's Engineer will be the interpreter of the requirements of the Contract Documents and judge of the acceptability of the Work thereunder. Claims, disputes and other matters relating to the acceptability of the Work or the interpretation of the requirements of the Contract Documents pertaining to the performance and furnishing of the Work, and claims under

Articles 11 and 12 in respect of changes in the Contract Price or Contract Time, will be referred initially to OWNER's Engineer in writing, with a request for a formal decision in accordance with this paragraph, which OWNER's Engineer will render in writing within a reasonable time. Written notice of each such claim, dispute and other matter will be delivered by the CONTRACTOR (but in no event later than thirty (30) calendar days) after the occurrence of the event giving rise thereto, and written supporting data will be submitted to OWNER's Engineer within sixty (60) calendar days after such occurrence, unless OWNER's Engineer allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim.

9.12 When functioning as interpreter and judge under paragraphs 9.10 and 9.11, it is hereby mutually agreed between OWNER and CONTRACTOR that OWNER's Engineer will not be personally liable in connection with any non-negligent interpretation or decision rendered in good faith in such official and professional capacity. The rendering of a decision by OWNER's Engineer pursuant to paragraphs 9.10 and 9.11 with respect to any such claim, dispute or other matter (except any which have been waived by the making or acceptance of final payment as provided in paragraph 14.16) will be a condition precedent to any exercise by CONTRACTOR and/or OWNER of such rights or remedies they may otherwise have under the Contract Documents or by Laws or Regulations in respect of any such claim, dispute or other matter.

Limitations on OWNER Engineer's Responsibilities:

9.13 Neither OWNER Engineer's authority to act under this Article 9, or elsewhere in the Contract Documents, nor any decision made by OWNER Engineer in good faith either to exercise or not exercise such authority, shall give rise to any personal duty or personal responsibility of OWNER Engineer to CONTRACTOR, and Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any other person or organization performing any of the Work, or to any surety for any of them.

9.14 Whenever in the Contract Documents the terms: "as ordered"; "as directed"; "as required"; "as allowed"; "as approved"; or terms of like effect or import are used, or the adjectives: "reasonable"; "suitable"; "acceptable"; "proper"; or "satisfactory"; or adjectives of like effect or import are used to describe a requirement, direction, review or judgment of OWNER's Engineer as to the Work, it is intended that such requirement, direction, review or judgment will be solely to evaluate the Work for compliance with the Contract Documents (unless there is a specific statement indicating otherwise). The use of any such term or adjective shall not be effective to assign to OWNER's Engineer any duty to supervise or direct the furnishing, performance, or quality control of the CONTRACTOR's Work or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility of the CONTRACTOR contrary to the provisions of paragraph 9.15 or 9.16.

9.15 OWNER's Engineer will not be responsible for CONTRACTOR's means, methods, techniques, quality control, sequences or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, for which CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible. OWNER's Engineer will not be responsible for CONTRACTOR's failure to perform or furnish the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

9.16 OWNER's Engineer will not be responsible for the acts and/or omissions of CONTRACTOR or of any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or of any other person or organization performing or furnishing any of the Work.

ARTICLE 10. CHANGES IN THE WORK

10.1 Without invalidating the Agreement and without notice to any surety, OWNER may, at any time, or from time to time, order additions, deletions or revisions in the Work that are in compliance with State public competitive bidding statutes and laws governing Change Orders; these will be authorized by a Written Amendment, a Change Order, or a Work Directive Change. Upon receipt of any such document, CONTRACTOR shall promptly proceed with the Work involved, which will be performed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents (except as otherwise specifically provided).

10.2 If OWNER and CONTRACTOR are unable to agree as to the extent, if any, of an increase or decrease in the Contract Price, or an extension or shortening of the Contract Time that should be allowed as a result of a Work Directive Change, a claim may be made therefore as provided in Article 11 or Article 12. All increases or decreases in the Contract Price shall be governed by all State and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations governing public competitive bidding and Change Orders.

10.3 CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time with respect to any Work performed that is not required by the Contract Documents as amended, modified and supplemented as provided in paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5, except in the case of an emergency as provided in paragraph 6.22, and except in the case of uncovering Work as provided in paragraph 13.9.

10.4 OWNER and CONTRACTOR may execute appropriate Change Orders (or Written Amendments) covering:

10.4.1 changes in the Work which are ordered by OWNER pursuant to paragraph 10.1; are required because of willing acceptance of defective Work by OWNER under paragraph 13.13; or correcting defective Work under paragraph 13.14; or are otherwise agreed to by the parties;

10.4.2 changes in the Contract Price or Contract Time which are agreed to by the parties; and

10.4.3 changes in the Contract Price or Contract Time which embody the substance of any written decision rendered by OWNER's Engineer pursuant to paragraph 9.11; provided that, in lieu of executing any such Change Order, an appeal may be taken from any such decision in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents and applicable Laws and Regulations, but during any such appeal, CONTRACTOR shall carry on the Work and adhere to the Progress Schedule as provided in paragraph 6.29.

10.5 If notice of any change affecting the general scope of the Work or the provisions of the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, Contract Price or Contract Time) is required by the provisions of any Bond to be given to a surety by CONTRACTOR, the giving of any such notice will be CONTRACTOR'S sole responsibility, and the amount of each applicable Bond may be adjusted accordingly.

ARTICLE 11. CHANGE OF CONTRACT PRICE

11.1 The Contract price constitutes the total compensation (subject to authorized adjustments) payable to CONTRACTOR for performing the Work. All original duties, responsibilities and obligations assigned to or undertaken by CONTRACTOR shall be at his expense without change in the original Contract price.

11.2 The Contract price may only be changed by a Change Order or by a Written Amendment. Any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract price shall be based on initial written notice delivered promptly by the CONTRACTOR or OWNER to the other party, and to OWNER'S Engineer promptly (but in no event later than thirty (30) calendar days) after the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and stating the general nature of the claim. Notice of the amount of the claim with supporting data shall follow and be delivered within sixty (60) calendar days after such occurrence (unless OWNER's Engineer allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim), and shall be accompanied by claimant's written statement that the amount claimed covers all known amounts (direct, indirect and consequential) to which the claimant believes he is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. All claims for adjustment in the Contract price shall be determined by OWNER's Engineer in accordance with paragraph 9.11. No claim for an adjustment in the Contract price will be valid if not submitted in accordance with this paragraph 11.2.

11.3 The value of any Work covered by a Change Order or of any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract price shall be determined in one of the following ways:

11.3.1 Where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, by application of unit prices to the quantities of the items involved (subject to the provisions of paragraphs 11.9.1. through 11.9.3. inclusive).

11.3.2 By mutual acceptance of a lump sum (which may include an allowance for overhead and profit not necessarily in accordance with paragraph 11.6.2.1).

11.3.3 On the basis of the Cost of the Work (determined as provided in paragraphs 11.4 and 11.5), plus a CONTRACTOR's Fee for overhead and profit (determined as provided in paragraphs 11.6 and 11.7).

Cost of the Work:

11.4 The term "Cost of the Work" means the sum of all costs necessarily incurred and paid by CONTRACTOR in the proper performance of the Work. Except as otherwise may be agreed to in writing by OWNER, such costs shall be in amounts no higher than those prevailing in the Cameron County, Texas area and shall include only the following items, and shall not include any of the costs itemized in paragraph 11.5:

11.4.1 Payroll costs for employees in the direct employ of CONTRACTOR in the performance of the Work under Schedules of Job Classifications as set forth by OWNER in the Supplementary General Conditions of the Contract Documents. Payroll costs for employees not employed full time on the Work shall be apportioned on the basis of their time spent on the Work. Payroll costs shall include, but not be limited to, salaries and wages plus the cost of any fringe benefits, if any, which shall include social security contributions, unemployment, excise and payroll taxes, workers' or workmen's compensation, health and retirement benefits, bonuses, sick leave, vacation and holiday, as may be applicable thereto. Such employees shall include superintendents and foremen at the Project site. The expenses of performing Work after regular daily working hours on Saturday, Sunday or on legal holidays, shall be included in the above, to the extent authorized by OWNER and at the expense of the contractor (not BPUB).

11.4.2 Cost of all materials and equipment furnished and incorporated in the Work, including costs of transportation and storage thereof, and Suppliers' field services required in connection therewith. All cash discounts shall accrue to CONTRACTOR, unless OWNER deposits funds with CONTRACTOR with which to make advanced payments, in which case the cash discounts shall accrue to OWNER. All trade discounts, rebates and refunds and all returns from sale of surplus materials and equipment, shall accrue to OWNER, and CONTRACTOR shall make provisions so that they may be obtained.

11.4.3 Payments made by CONTRACTOR to the Subcontractors for Work performed by Subcontractors. If required by OWNER, CONTRACTOR shall obtain competitive bids from Subcontractors acceptable to CONTRACTOR, and shall deliver such bids to OWNER who will then determine which bid will be accepted. If a subcontract provides that the Subcontractor is to be paid on the basis of Cost of the Work Plus a Fee, the Subcontractor's Cost of the Work shall be determined in the same manner as CONTRACTOR's Cost of the Work. All subcontracts shall be subject to the other provisions of the Contract Documents insofar as applicable.

11.4.4 Costs of special consultants (including but not limited to engineers, architects, testing laboratories, surveyors, attorneys and accountants) employed for services specifically related to the Work.

11.4.5 Supplemental costs including the following:

11.4.5.1 The proportion of necessary transportation, travel and subsistence expenses of CONTRACTOR's employees incurred in discharge of duties connected with the Work.

11.4.5.2 Cost, including transportation and maintenance, of all materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, appliances, office and temporary facilities at the Project site and hand tools not owned by the workers, which are consumed in the performance of the Work, and cost less market value of such items used, but not consumed, which remain the property of CONTRACTOR.

11.4.5.3 Rentals of all construction equipment and machinery and the parts thereof, whether rented from CONTRACTOR or others, in accordance with rental agreements approved by OWNER, and the costs of transportation, loading, unloading, installation, dismantling and removal thereof (all in accordance with terms of said rental agreements). The rental of any such equipment, machinery or parts shall cease when the use thereof is no longer necessary for the Work.

11.4.5.4 Any sales, consumer, use or similar taxes related to the Work that OWNER is not exempt from paying, and for which CONTRACTOR is liable, imposed by Laws and Regulations.

11.4.5.5 Deposits lost for causes other than negligence of CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or for whose acts any of them may be liable, and royalty payments and fees for permits and licenses.

11.4.5.6 Losses and damages (and related expenses), not compensated by insurance or otherwise, to the Work, or otherwise sustained by CONTRACTOR in connection with the performance and furnishing of the Work, provided they have resulted from causes other than the intentional and/or negligent acts and/or omissions of CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or for whose acts and/or omissions any of them may be liable. Such losses shall include settlements made with the written consent and approval of OWNER. No such losses, damages and expenses shall be included in the Cost of the Work for the purpose of determining CONTRACTOR's Fee. If, however, any such loss or damage requires reconstruction and CONTRACTOR is placed in charge thereof, CONTRACTOR shall be paid for reconstruction services, a fee proportionate to that stated in paragraph 11.6.2.

11.4.5.7 The cost of utilities, fuel and sanitary facilities at the Project site.

11.4.5.8 Minor expenses such as telefaxes, long distance telephone calls, telephone service at the Project site, express mailings and similar petty cash items in connection with the Work.

11.4.5.9 Cost of premiums for additional Bonds and insurance required because of changes in the Work.

11.5 The term "Cost of the Work" shall not include any of the following:

11.5.1 Payroll costs and other compensation of CONTRACTOR's officers, executives, principals (of partnership and sole proprietorships), general managers, engineers, architects, estimators, attorneys, auditors, accountants, purchasing and contracting agents, expeditors, timekeepers, clerks and other personnel employed by CONTRACTOR whether at the Project site or in CONTRACTOR's principal or a branch office for general administration of the Work and not specifically included in the agreed upon Schedule of Job Classifications referred to in paragraph 11.4.1, or specifically covered by paragraph 11.4.4, all of which are to be considered administrative costs covered by the CONTRACTOR's Fee.

11.5.2 Expenses of CONTRACTOR's principal and branch offices, other than any CONTRACTOR's office at the Project site.

11.5.3 Any part of CONTRACTOR's capital expenses, including interest on CONTRACTOR's capital employed for the Work and charges against CONTRACTOR for delinquent CONTRACTOR payments.

11.5.4 Cost of premiums for all Bonds and for all insurance, whether or not CONTRACTOR is required by the Contract Documents to purchase and maintain the same (except for the cost of premiums covered by subparagraph 11.4.5.9 above).

11.5.5 Costs due to the intentional and/or negligent acts and/or omissions of CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or for whose acts and/or omissions any of them may be liable, including but not limited to, the correction of defective Work, disposal of materials or equipment wrongly supplied, and making good any damage to property.

11.5.6 Other overhead or general expense costs of any kind and the costs of any item not specifically and expressly included in paragraph 11.4.

CONTRACTOR's Fee:

11.6 The CONTRACTOR's Fee allowed to CONTRACTOR for overhead and profit shall be determined as follows:

11.6.1 a mutually acceptable fixed fee; or if none can be agreed upon,

11.6.2 a fee based on the following percentages of the various portions of the Cost of the Work:

11.6.2.1 for costs incurred under paragraphs 11.4.1 and 11.4.2, the CONTRACTOR's Fee shall be fifteen (15%) percent;

11.6.2.2 for costs incurred under paragraph 11.4.3, the CONTRACTOR's Fee shall be five (5%) percent; and if a subcontract is on the basis of Cost of the

Work Plus a Fee, the maximum allowable to CONTRACTOR on account of overhead and profit of all Subcontractors shall be fifteen (15%) percent;

11.6.2.3 no fee shall be payable on the basis of costs itemized under paragraphs 11.4.4, 11.4.5 and 11.5;

11.6.2.4 the amount of credit to be allowed by CONTRACTOR to OWNER for any such change which results in a net decrease in cost will be the amount of the actual net decrease, plus a deduction in CONTRACTOR's Fee by an amount equal to ten (10%) percent of the net decrease; and

11.6.2.5 when both additions and credits are involved in any one change, the adjustment in CONTRACTOR'S Fee shall be computed on the basis of the net change in accordance with paragraphs 11.6.2.1 through 11.6.2.4, inclusive.

11.7 Whenever the cost of any Work is to be determined pursuant to paragraph 11.4 or 11.5, CONTRACTOR will submit in a form acceptable to OWNER's ENGINEER, an itemized cost breakdown together with supporting data.

Cash Allowances:

11.8 It is understood that CONTRACTOR has included in the Contract price all allowances so named in the Contract Documents and shall cause the Work so covered to be done by such Subcontractors or Suppliers, and for such sums within the limit of the allowances as may be acceptable to OWNER. CONTRACTOR agrees that:

11.8.1 The allowances include the cost to CONTRACTOR (less any applicable trade discounts) of materials and equipment required by the allowances to be delivered at the Project site, and all applicable non-exempt taxes; and

11.8.2 CONTRACTOR's costs for unloading and handling on the Project site, labor, installation costs, overhead, profit and other expenses contemplated for the allowances have been included in the Contract Price and not in the allowances. No demand for additional payment on account of any thereof will be valid.

Prior to final payment, an appropriate Change Order will be issued as recommended by OWNER's Engineer to reflect actual amounts due CONTRACTOR on account of Work covered by allowances, and the Contract Price shall be correspondingly adjusted.

Unit Price Work:

11.9

11.9.1 Where the Contract Documents provide that all or part of the Work is to be

Unit Price Work, initially the Contract Price will be deemed to include for all Unit Price Work an amount equal to the sum of the established unit prices for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work, times the estimated quantity of each item as indicated in the Agreement. The OWNER's estimated quantities of items of Unit Price Work are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids and determining an initial Contract Price. Determinations of the actual final quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work performed by CONTRACTOR will be made by OWNER's Engineer in accordance with Paragraph 9.10.

11.9.2 Each unit price will be deemed to include an amount considered by CONTRACTOR to be adequate to cover CONTRACTOR's overhead and profit for each separately identified item.

11.9.3 Where the quantity of any item of Unit Price Work performed by CONTRACTOR differs materially and significantly from the OWNER's estimated quantity of such item indicated in the Agreement (generally plus or minus 25%), and there is no corresponding and offsetting adjustment(s) with respect to any other item(s) of Work, and if CONTRACTOR believes that CONTRACTOR has incurred additional expense as a result thereof, CONTRACTOR may make a claim for an increase in the Contract Price in accordance with Article 11 and any applicable State law, if the parties are unable to otherwise agree as to the amount of any such increase.

ARTICLE 12 -- CHANGE OF CONTRACT TIME

12.1 The Contract Time may only be changed by a Change Order or a Written Amendment. Any claim for an extension or shortening of the Contract Time shall be based on initial written notice delivered by the CONTRACTOR or OWNER to the other party (but in no event later than thirty (30) calendar days) after the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim, and stating the general nature of the claim. Notice of the extent of the claim with supporting data shall follow and be delivered within sixty (60) calendar days after such occurrence (unless OWNER's Engineer allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim) and shall be accompanied by the claimant's written statement that the adjustment claimed is the entire adjustment to which the claimant has reason to believe it is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. All claims for adjustment in the Contract Time shall be determined by OWNER's Engineer in accordance with paragraph 9.11. No claim for an adjustment in the Contract Time will be valid if not submitted in accordance with the requirements of this paragraph 12.1.

12.2 The Contract Time will be extended in an amount equal to time lost due to delays beyond the reasonable control of CONTRACTOR, so long as CONTRACTOR has made good faith efforts to mitigate delaying impacts and if a claim is made therefore as provided in paragraph 12.1. Such delays shall include, but not be limited to, acts or neglect by OWNER or others performing additional separate work as contemplated by Article 7, or to fires, floods exceeding the 100 year frequency, labor disputes, epidemics, extremely abnormal weather for Cameron County, Texas, as may be described further in these Contract Documents, or Acts of God.

12.3 ALL TIME LIMITS STATED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS ARE MUTUALLY AGREED TO BE OF THE ESSENCE OF THE AGREEMENT. The provisions of this Article 12 shall not exclude recovery for damages (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court costs) for delay by either party.

ARTICLE 13 -- WARRANTY AND GUARANTEE; TESTS AND INSPECTIONS; CORRECTION, REMOVAL OR ACCEPTANCE OF DEFECTIVE WORK

Warranty and Guarantee:

13.1 CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees to OWNER that all Work will be in accordance with the Contract Documents and will not be defective. Prompt notice of any obvious patent defects discovered by OWNER shall be given to CONTRACTOR. All defective Work, whether or not in place, may be rejected, corrected or accepted as provided in this Article 13. In case of dispute as to the cause of improper functioning of all or any part of the Work, the burden of proof that CONTRACTOR has complied with the Contract Documents rests with CONTRACTOR for this Work. He shall submit in writing to OWNER's Engineer his opinion and basis of proof for the adequacy of his Work. OWNER may have those tests made, which OWNER deems advisable, by an independent testing laboratory of OWNER's choice. If any test so made indicates a defect in material or workmanship, or that one or more manufactured components of the Work are performing below the standard set by the manufacturer's public data and specifications, the entire cost of all such tests shall be paid for by CONTRACTOR, and he shall also pay for retesting of the corrected Work, until it functions satisfactorily. The Work shall be guaranteed to be free from defects due to faulty workmanship or material for a period of one (1) year from the date of OWNER issue of the Certificate of Acceptance. Work found to be improper or imperfect shall be replaced or redone without cost to OWNER within the one year guarantee period. Neither the Certificate of Acceptance, final payment, of any other provision of the Contract Documents shall free CONTRACTOR from his workmanship guarantee. Failure to repair or replace faulty Work entitles OWNER to repair or replace the same and recover the costs from CONTRACTOR and/or his Surety. CONTRACTOR shall be the sole guarantor of the Work installed under this Contract and no third party guarantees/warranties by Subcontractors or suppliers of various components or materials will be acceptable; nor shall agreements with Subcontractors or material or component suppliers by CONTRACTOR reduce CONTRACTOR's responsibility to OWNER under this Agreement. All equipment shall be warranted and/or guaranteed be either CONTRACTOR or its supplier/manufacturer to OWNER for at least one (1) year from the date of OWNER acceptance of the entire Project. It is anticipated by OWNER and acknowledged by CONTRACTOR that many equipment and material warranties from manufacturers shall extend well beyond the initial one (1) year post acceptance period. The CONTRACTOR shall transfer to the OWNER any and all third party supplier and manufacturer warranties and/or guaranties that remain in effect beyond the one (1) year workmanship guarantee/warranty period.

Access to Work:

13.2. OWNER, OWNER's Engineer, OWNER's Field Representative, other representatives of OWNER, testing agencies and governmental agencies with jurisdictional interests, will have access to the Work at reasonable times for their observation, inspecting and testing. CONTRACTOR shall provide proper and safe conditions for such reasonable access.

It is agreed by CONTRACTOR that OWNER shall be and is hereby authorized to appoint from time to time, OWNER Engineer's subordinate supervisors, observers, and/or inspectors, as the said OWNER may deem proper to inspect the material furnished and observe the Work performed under this construction Agreement, and to see that the said material is furnished and said Work is generally done in accordance with the Specifications. This OWNER function, for OWNER's sole benefit, does not excuse the CONTRACTOR from quality control assurance, which is solely his responsibility. CONTRACTOR shall furnish all reasonable aid and assistance required by the OWNER's Engineer, subordinate supervisors, observers and/or inspectors for the proper observation, inspection and examination of the Work and all parts of the Work. CONTRACTOR shall regard and obey the directions and instructions of the OWNER's Engineer and any subordinate supervisors, or inspector so appointed, when such directions are consistent with the obligations of this Agreement and the accompanying Specifications, provided, however, that should CONTRACTOR object to any order by any subordinate supervisor or inspector, CONTRACTOR may within six (6) calendar days make written notice to OWNER for his decision. Except as herein before provided, the authority of subordinate supervisors or inspectors shall be limited to the rejection of unsatisfactory Work and materials and to the suspension of the Work, until the questions of Work acceptability can be referred to OWNER's Engineer.

13.2.1. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with any OWNER testing laboratory to the end that the function and services of the laboratory may be properly performed. CONTRACTOR shall give OWNER's representative and testing laboratory a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours notice of readiness for all testing as required by the Specifications or customary construction industry standards. OWNER shall bear the cost of density and concrete testing, for first test only. Testing of equipment, lines and valves shall be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR and he shall notify OWNER's Engineer and/or inspectors of his scheduled time for such tests, so that the test can be witnessed by an OWNER's representative. If initial tests show failure, the CONTRACTOR shall cover the costs of retesting the areas that failed after corrective action has been taken, as well as the personnel and equipment costs incurred by OWNER in said retesting, on a per diem basis. The per diem costs shall be determined based on the hourly wage plus reasonable overhead of OWNER's personnel needed and present at the Project site during retesting, and by the locally prevailing rental rate for the vehicles and equipment utilized in retesting. These retesting time costs shall be paid by CONTRACTOR prior to OWNER's acceptance of the Work improvements.

Tests and Inspections:

13.3. CONTRACTOR shall give OWNER's Engineer and /or OWNER's Field Representative timely notice of readiness of the Work for all required inspections, tests or approvals.

13.4. If Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction require any Work (or part thereof) to specifically be inspected, tested or approved, CONTRACTOR shall assume full responsibility therefore, pay all costs in connection therewith, and furnish OWNER's Engineer the required final certificates of inspection, testing or approval. CONTRACTOR shall also be responsible for and shall pay all costs in connection with any special inspection or testing required in connection with OWNER Engineer's approval and acceptance of an alternative Supplier of "or equal" proposed substitutions of materials or equipment proposed by CONTRACTOR to be incorporated in the Work, or of materials or equipment submitted for approval prior to CONTRACTOR's purchase thereof, for incorporation in the Work. The cost of all routine inspections, tests and approvals, other than any of those special inspections which may be required by the Contract Documents to be paid by CONTRACTOR, shall be paid by OWNER (unless otherwise specified).

13.5 All inspections, tests or approvals other than those required by Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction shall be performed by organizations acceptable to OWNER (or by OWNER's Engineer, if so specified).

13.6 If any Work (including the work of others) that is to be inspected, tested or approved is covered or otherwise concealed by CONTRACTOR without written concurrence of OWNER's Engineer, it must, if requested by OWNER'S Engineer, be uncovered and revealed for OWNER observation. Such uncovering shall be at CONTRACTOR's expense, unless CONTRACTOR has given OWNER's Engineer timely notice of CONTRACTOR's intention to cover the same and OWNER's Engineer has not acted with reasonable promptness in response to such CONTRACTOR notice.

13.7 Neither observations by OWNER's Engineer nor inspections, tests or approvals by others shall relieve CONTRACTOR from CONTRACTOR's obligations to perform the Work and constantly employ quality control in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Uncovering Work:

13.8 If any Work is covered contrary to the written request of OWNER's Engineer, it must, if requested by OWNER's Engineer, be uncovered for OWNER Engineer's observation and replaced at CONTRACTOR's expense.

13.9 If OWNER's Engineer considers it necessary or advisable that covered Work be observed by OWNER's Engineer or inspected or tested by others, CONTRACTOR, at OWNER Engineer's request, shall uncover, expose or otherwise make available for observation, inspection or testing as OWNER'S Engineer may require, that portion of the Work in question, furnishing all necessary labor, material and equipment to uncover same. If it is found that such Work is defective, CONTRACTOR shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs of such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection and testing, and of satisfactory repair, replacement and reconstruction, (including but not limited to fees and charges or engineers, architects, attorneys and other

professionals), and OWNER shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the Contract Price, and if the parties are unable to agree as to the amount thereof, OWNER may make a claim therefore as provided in Article 11. If, however, such Work is not found to be defective, CONTRACTOR may be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, testing, repair, replacement and reconstruction; and, if the parties are unable to agree as to the amount or extent thereof, CONTRACTOR may make a claim therefore as provided in Articles 11 and 12. All increases or decreases in the Contract price shall be governed by all State and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations governing public competitive bidding and Change Orders.

Owner May Stop the Work:

13.10 If the Work is defective, or CONTRACTOR fails to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, or fails to furnish or perform the Work in such a way that the completed Work will not conform to the Contract Documents, OWNER may order CONTRACTOR to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such stop Work order has been eliminated; however, this right of OWNER to stop the Work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of OWNER to exercise this right for the benefit of CONTRACTOR, or any other party.

Correction or Removal of Defective Work:

13.11 If required by OWNER's Engineer, CONTRACTOR shall promptly, as directed, either correct all defective Work, whether or not fabricated, installed or completed, if the Work has been rejected by OWNER's Engineer, and remove it from the Project site and replace it with non-defective Work. CONTRACTOR shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs of such correction or removal (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals) made necessary thereby.

One Year Workmanship Correction Period:

13.12 If within one (1) year after the date of OWNER issuance of the Certificate of Acceptance, or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by Laws or Regulations, or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents, or by any specific provision of the Contract Documents, any Work is found to be defective, CONTRACTOR shall promptly, without cost to OWNER and in accordance with OWNER's written instructions, either correct such defective Work, or, if it has been rejected by OWNER, remove it from the Project site and replace it with non-defective Work. If CONTRACTOR does not promptly comply with the terms of such instructions, or in an emergency where delay would cause serious risk of loss or damage, OWNER may have the defective Work corrected, or the rejected Work removed and replaced, and all direct, indirect and consequential costs of such removal and replacement (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals) will be paid by CONTRACTOR. In special circumstances, where a particular item of equipment is placed in continuous service before acceptance of all the Work, the minimum one (1) year workmanship guarantee and equipment warranty correction period for that item may start to run from an earlier

date, if so provided in the Specifications or by Written Amendment.

Acceptance of Defective Work:

13.13 If instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, OWNER (and, prior to OWNER Engineer's recommendation of final payment), prefers to accept it as is, OWNER may do so. CONTRACTOR shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs attributable to OWNER's evaluation of, and determination to accept such defective Work (such costs to be approved by OWNER's Engineer as to reasonableness and to include but not be limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals). If any such OWNER acceptance occurs prior to OWNER Engineer's recommendation of final payment, a Change Order will be issued incorporating the necessary revisions to the Contract Documents with respect to the Work; and OWNER shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the Contract Price, and, if the parties are unable to agree as to the amount thereof, OWNER may make a claim therefore as provided in Article 11. If the acceptance occurs after such final payment, an appropriate amount as determined by OWNER will be paid by CONTRACTOR to OWNER.

OWNER May Correct Defective Work:

13.14 If CONTRACTOR fails within a reasonable time after written notice by OWNER's Engineer to proceed to correct, and to actually correct defective Work; or to remove and replace rejected Work as required by OWNER's Engineer in accordance with paragraph 13.11; or if CONTRACTOR fails to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents; or if CONTRACTOR fails to comply with any other provision of the Contract Documents; OWNER may, after seven (7) calendar days written notice to CONTRACTOR, correct and remedy any such deficiency. In exercising the rights and remedies under this paragraph, OWNER shall proceed with reasonable expediency. To the extent necessary to complete corrective and remedial action, OWNER may exclude CONTRACTOR from all or part of the Project site; take possession of all or part of the Work; and suspend CONTRACTOR's services related thereto; take possession of CONTRACTOR's tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery at the Project site; and incorporate in the Work all materials, and CONTRACTOR shall allow OWNER, OWNER's representatives, and employees such access to the Project site as may be necessary to enable OWNER to exercise the rights and remedies under this paragraph. All direct, indirect and consequential costs of OWNER in exercising such rights and remedies will be charged against CONTRACTOR, in an amount approved as to reasonableness by ENGINEER, and a Change Order will be issued incorporating the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents with respect to the Work; and OWNER shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the Contract Price, and, if the parties are unable to agree as to the amount thereof, OWNER may make a claim therefore as provided in Article 11. Such direct, indirect and consequential costs will include, but not be limited to: fees and charges of engineers; architects; attorneys; and other professionals; all court costs; and all costs of repair and replacement of work of others destroyed or damaged by correction, removal or replacement of CONTRACTOR's defective Work. CONTRACTOR shall not be allowed an extension of the Contract Time because of any delay in performance of the Work attributable to the exercise by OWNER of OWNER's rights and remedies hereunder.

ARTICLE 14 -- PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR AND COMPLETION

Schedule of Values:

14.1 The Schedule of Values established as provided in paragraph 2.9 will serve as the basis for progress payments and will be incorporated into a form of Application for Payment acceptable to OWNER's Engineer. Progress payments on account of Unit Price Work will be based on the number of units actually completed.

Application for Progress Payment:

14.2 At least twenty (20) calendar days before each progress payment is scheduled (but not more often than once a month), CONTRACTOR shall submit to OWNER for review, an Application for Payment filled out and signed by CONTRACTOR, covering the Work completed as of the date of the Application, and accompanied by such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents. The amount of retainage with respect to progress payments (customarily 5%) will be as stipulated in the Agreement.

CONTRACTOR's Warranty of Title:

14.3 CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees that title to any Work and materials covered by any Application for Payment, whether incorporated in the Project or not, will pass to OWNER no later than the time of payment, free and clear of any and all prior claims for payment.

Review of Applications for Progress Payment:

14.4 OWNER's Engineer will, within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of each Application for Payment, either indicate in writing a recommendation of payment and process the Application, or return the Application to CONTRACTOR indicating in writing OWNER's reasons for refusing to recommend payment. In the latter case, CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application. Twenty (20) calendar days after presentation of the Application for Payment with OWNER Engineer's recommendation, the amount recommended will (subject to the provisions of the last sentence of paragraph 14.7) become due, and when due will be paid by OWNER to CONTRACTOR.

14.5 OWNER Engineer's recommendation of any payment requested in an Application for Payment will constitute a representation by OWNER's Engineer, based upon ENGINEER's limited on-site observations of the Work in progress as an experienced and qualified design professional; and on OWNER Engineer's review of the Application for Payment and the accompanying data and Schedules; that the Work has progressed to the point indicated, that, to the best of OWNER Engineer's knowledge, information and belief, the status of the Work is in apparent general accordance with the Contract Documents (subject to: a later evaluation of the Work as a functioning whole; prior to or upon Substantial Completion; and subject to the results of any subsequent tests

called for in the Contract Documents; and subject to a final determination of quantities and classifications for Unit Price Work under paragraph 9.10; and subject to any other qualifications stated in the OWNER Engineer's recommendation); and that CONTRACTOR is entitled to payment of the amount recommended. However, by recommending any such payment, OWNER's Engineer will not thereby be deemed to have represented that exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections have been made to check the quality or the quantity of the Work beyond the responsibilities specifically assigned to OWNER's Engineer in the Contract Documents, or that there may not be other matters or issues between the parties that might entitle CONTRACTOR to be paid additionally by OWNER, or OWNER to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR.

14.6 OWNER Engineer's recommendation of final payment will constitute an additional representation by OWNER that to the best of OWNER Engineer's knowledge, the conditions precedent to CONTRACTOR's being entitled to final payment, as set forth in paragraph 14.13, have been fulfilled.

14.7 OWNER's Engineer may refuse to recommend the whole or any part of any payment if, in OWNER Engineer's professional opinion, it would be incorrect to make such representations to OWNER. OWNER Engineer may also refuse to recommend any such payment, or, because of subsequently discovered evidence, or the results of subsequent inspections or tests, nullify any such payment previously recommended, to such extent as may be necessary in OWNER Engineer's opinion, to protect OWNER from loss because:

14.7.1 the Work is defective, or completed Work has been damaged requiring correction or replacement.

14.7.2 the Contract Price has been reduced by Written Amendment or Change Order.

14.7.3 OWNER has been required to correct defective Work or complete Work in accordance with paragraph 13.14, or

14.7.4 because of OWNER Engineer's actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the events enumerated in paragraphs 15.2.1 through 15.2.9 inclusive.

OWNER may for its own benefit and protection and not for the direct benefit of any third parties, refuse to make payment in whole or in part of the amount recommended by OWNER's Engineer, because claims have been made against OWNER on account of CONTRACTOR's improper performance of the Work, or payment bond claims have been filed in connection with the Work and OWNER wishes to consult with CONTRACTOR and/or CONTRACTOR's surety, or there are other items entitling OWNER to a set-off against the amount recommended, but OWNER must give CONTRACTOR written notice stating the reasons for such action.

Substantial Completion:

14.8 When CONTRACTOR considers the entire Work ready for OWNER's intended use,

CONTRACTOR shall notify OWNER's Engineer in writing that the entire Work is Substantially Complete (except for items specifically listed by CONTRACTOR as incomplete) and request that OWNER issue a certificate of Substantial Completion. Within a reasonable time thereafter, OWNER and CONTRACTOR shall make an inspection of the Work to determine the status of completion. If OWNER's Engineer does not consider the Work Substantially Complete, OWNER's Engineer will notify CONTRACTOR in writing giving the reasons therefore. If OWNER's Engineer considers the Work Substantially Complete, OWNER's Engineer will prepare and process a tentative certificate of Substantial Completion which shall fix the date of Substantial Completion. There shall be attached to the certificate a tentative list of pending items to be completed or corrected before final payment ("punch-list"). At the time of delivery of the tentative certificate of Substantial Completion, OWNER's Engineer will deliver to CONTRACTOR a written recommendation as to the division of responsibilities pending final payment between OWNER and CONTRACTOR with respect to security, operation, safety, maintenance, heat, utilities, insurance and warranties. OWNER Engineer's aforesaid recommendation will be binding on OWNER and CONTRACTOR, until final payment.

14.9 OWNER shall have the right to exclude CONTRACTOR from the Work after the date of Substantial Completion, but OWNER shall allow CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete or correct items on the punch list.

Partial Utilization:

14.10 Use by OWNER of any finished part of the Work, which has specifically been identified in the Contract Documents, or which OWNER and CONTRACTOR agree constitutes a separately functioning and useable part of the Work that can be used by OWNER without significant interference with CONTRACTOR's performance of the remainder of the Work, may be accomplished prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work, subject to the following:

14.10.1 OWNER at any time may request CONTRACTOR in writing to permit OWNER to use any such part of the Work which OWNER believes to be ready for OWNER's intended use and Substantially Complete. If CONTRACTOR agrees, CONTRACTOR will certify to OWNER that said part of the Work is Substantially Complete and request OWNER to issue a certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Work. Within a reasonable time after such request, OWNER, and CONTRACTOR shall make an inspection of that part of the Work to determine its status of completion. If OWNER considers that part of the Work to be Substantially Complete, the provisions of paragraphs 14.8 and 14.9 will apply with respect to certification of Substantial Completion of that part of the Work, and the division of responsibility in respect thereof and access thereto.

14.10.2 OWNER may at any time request CONTRACTOR in writing to permit OWNER to take over operation of any such part of the Work, although it is not Substantially Complete. A copy of such request will be sent to OWNER's Engineer and within a reasonable time thereafter OWNER, and CONTRACTOR, shall make an inspection of that part of the Work to determine its status of completion and will prepare a list of the items remaining to be completed or

corrected thereon before final payment. If CONTRACTOR does not object in writing to OWNER that such part of the Work is not ready for separate operation by OWNER, OWNER's Engineer will finalize the list of items to be completed or corrected and will deliver such list to CONTRACTOR, together with a written statement as to the division of responsibilities pending final payment between OWNER and CONTRACTOR, with respect to security, operation, safety, maintenance, HVAC, utilities, insurance, warranties and guarantees for that part of the Work, which will become binding upon OWNER and CONTRACTOR at the time when OWNER takes over such operation. During such operation and prior to Substantial Completion of such part of the Work, OWNER shall allow CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete or correct items on any punch list, and to complete other related Work.

14.10.3 No occupancy or separate operation of part of the Work will be accomplished prior to compliance with the requirements of paragraph 5.15 in respect of CONTRACTOR's property insurance.

Final Inspection:

14.11 Upon written notice from CONTRACTOR that the entire Work, or an agreed portion thereof is complete, OWNER's Engineer will make a final inspection with OWNER and CONTRACTOR and will notify CONTRACTOR in writing of all particulars in which this inspection reveals that the Work is incomplete or defective. CONTRACTOR shall immediately take such measures as are necessary to remedy such remaining deficiencies.

A qualified person representing CONTRACTOR shall be present at this final inspection. Prior to this inspection, all Work shall have been completed, tested, adjusted and in final operating condition, if required by the Project Specifications.

Final Application for Payment:

14.12 After CONTRACTOR has completed all such corrections to the satisfaction of OWNER's Engineer and delivered certificates of inspection, marked-up record documents, if any, depicting as-built conditions (as provided in paragraph 6.19) and other documents--all as required by the Contract Documents; and after OWNER's Engineer has indicated that the Work is acceptable (subject to the provisions of paragraph 14.16), CONTRACTOR may make application for final payment following the procedure for progress payments. The final Application for Payment shall be accompanied by all documentation called for in the Contract Documents, together with complete and legally effective releases or waivers (satisfactory to OWNER) of all claims arising out of, or filed in connection with the Work. In lieu thereof and as approved by OWNER, CONTRACTOR may furnish receipts or releases in full; an affidavit of CONTRACTOR that the releases and receipts include all labor, services, material and equipment for which a Payment Bond claim could be filed, and that all payrolls, material and equipment bills, and other indebtedness connected with the Work, for which OWNER or OWNER's property might in any way be encumbered, have been paid or otherwise satisfied; and consent of the surety to final payment, if any is required by surety. If any Subcontractor or Supplier fails to furnish a release or receipt in full, CONTRACTOR may furnish a

special indemnity Bond, or other collateral satisfactory to OWNER, to indemnify OWNER against any potential third party claim.

Final Payment and Acceptance:

14.13 If, on the basis of OWNER Engineer's observation of the Work during construction and final inspection, and OWNER Engineer's review of the final Application for Payment, and accompanying documentation (all as required by the Contract Documents), OWNER's Engineer is satisfied that the Work has been completed and CONTRACTOR's other obligations under the Contract Documents have been fulfilled, OWNER's Engineer will, within twenty (20) calendar days after receipt of the final Application for Payment, indicate in writing, OWNER Engineer's recommendation of payment and process the Application for Payment. Thereupon OWNER's Engineer will give written notice to CONTRACTOR that the Work is acceptable, subject to the provisions of paragraph 14.16. Otherwise, OWNER's Engineer will return the Application to CONTRACTOR, indicating in writing the reasons for refusing to recommend final payment, in which case CONTRACTOR shall make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application. Thirty (30) calendar days after presentation to OWNER of the Application for Payment and accompanying documentation, in appropriate final form and substance, and with OWNER Engineer's recommendation and notice of acceptability, the amount recommended by OWNER's Engineer will become due and will be paid by OWNER to CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall submit satisfactory evidence to the OWNER that all payrolls, and other indebtedness connected with the Work have been paid, before a Final Certificate of Acceptance is issued.

14.14 If, through no fault of CONTRACTOR, final completion of the Work is significantly delayed, OWNER shall, upon receipt of CONTRACTOR's final Application for Payment and recommendation of OWNER's Engineer, and without terminating the Agreement, make payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted. If the remaining balance to be held by OWNER for Work not fully completed or corrected is less than the retainage stipulated in the Agreement, and if Bonds have been furnished as required in paragraph 5.1, the written consent of the surety to the payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted shall be submitted by CONTRACTOR to OWNER's Engineer with the Application for such Payment. Such payment shall be made under the terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a final waiver of claims by OWNER.

Contractor's Continuing Obligation:

14.15 CONTRACTOR'S obligation to perform and complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents shall be absolute. Neither recommendation of any progress or final payment by OWNER's Engineer; nor the issuance of a Certificate of Substantial Completion or Final Acceptance; nor any payment by OWNER to CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents; nor any use or occupancy of the Work or any part thereof by OWNER; nor any act of acceptance by OWNER; nor any failure to do so; nor the issuance of a notice of acceptability by OWNER's

Engineer pursuant to paragraph 14.13; nor any correction of defective Work by OWNER, will constitute an acceptance of Work not in accordance with the Contract Documents, or a release of CONTRACTOR's obligation to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents (except as provided in paragraph 14.16).

Waiver of Claims:

14.16 The making and acceptance of final payment will constitute:

14.16.1 a waiver of all claims by OWNER against CONTRACTOR, except third party claims arising from unsettled payment bond claims; from latently defective Work appearing after final inspection pursuant to paragraph 14.11; or from failure to comply with the Contract Documents or the terms of any special guarantees specified therein; however, it will not constitute a waiver by OWNER of any rights regarding CONTRACTOR's continuing obligations under the Contract Documents; and

14.16.2 a waiver of all claims by CONTRACTOR against OWNER, other than those previously and properly made in writing and still unsettled.

ARTICLE 15 -- SUSPENSION OF WORK AND TERMINATION

Owner May Suspend Work:

15.1 OWNER may, at any time and without cause, suspend the Work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than thirty (30) calendar days by notice in writing to CONTRACTOR, which will fix the date on which Work will be resumed. CONTRACTOR shall resume the Work on the date so fixed. CONTRACTOR may be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to any suspension, if CONTRACTOR demonstrates an approved claim therefore as provided in Articles 11 and 12. Any increase or decrease in the Contract Price shall be governed by all State and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations governing public competitive bidding and Change Orders.

Owner May Terminate:

15.2 Upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:

15.2.1 if CONTRACTOR commences a voluntary case under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code (Title 11, United States Code), as now or hereafter in effect, or if CONTRACTOR takes any equivalent or similar action by filing a petition or otherwise, under any other federal or State law in effect at such time, relating to the bankruptcy or insolvency;

15.2.2 if a petition is filed against CONTRACTOR under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code as now or hereafter in effect at the time of filing, or if a petition is filed seeking any such equivalent or similar relief against CONTRACTOR under any other federal or State law in

effect at the time relating to bankruptcy or insolvency;

15.2.3 if CONTRACTOR makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors;

15.2.4 if a trustee, receiver, custodian or agent of CONTRACTOR is appointed under applicable law or under contract, whose appointment or authority to take charge of the property of CONTRACTOR is for the purpose of enforcing a lien against such CONTRACTOR property, or for the purpose of general administration of such CONTRACTOR property, for the benefit of CONTRACTOR's creditors;

15.2.5 if CONTRACTOR admits in writing an inability to pay its debts generally as they become due;

15.2.6 if CONTRACTOR persistently fails to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents (including but not limited to, failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or equipment, or failure to adhere to the Progress Schedule established under paragraph 2.9, as revised from time to time);

15.2.7 if CONTRACTOR disregards Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction;

15.2.8 if CONTRACTOR disregards the rights of OWNER; or

15.2.9 if CONTRACTOR otherwise violates in any substantial and material way, any provisions of the Contract Documents;

OWNER may, after giving CONTRACTOR and the surety seven (7) calendar days written notice, and to the extent permitted by Laws and Regulations: terminate the services of CONTRACTOR; exclude CONTRACTOR from the site and take possession of the Work and of all CONTRACTOR's tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery at the Project site; and use the same to the full extent they could be used by CONTRACTOR (without OWNER liability to CONTRACTOR for trespass or conversion), and finish the Work as OWNER may deem expedient. In such case, CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Work is finished. If the unpaid balance of the Contract price exceeds the OWNER's direct, indirect and consequential costs of completing the Work (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court costs), such excess will be paid to CONTRACTOR or surety. If such OWNER costs exceed such unpaid balance, CONTRACTOR or surety shall pay the difference to OWNER. Such costs incurred by OWNER will be incorporated in a Change Order, but when exercising any rights or remedies under this paragraph, OWNER shall not be required to obtain the lowest price for the Work performed.

15.3 Where CONTRACTOR's services have been so terminated by OWNER, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of OWNER against CONTRACTOR then existing, or which may thereafter accrue. Any retention or payment of moneys due CONTRACTOR by

OWNER will not release CONTRACTOR from ongoing liability.

15.4 Upon seven (7) calendar days written notice to CONTRACTOR, OWNER may, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, elect to abandon the Work and terminate the Agreement. In such case, CONTRACTOR shall mitigate demobilization costs as best as possible and be paid for all Work executed and expenses sustained, plus reasonable termination expenses, which will include, but not be limited to, direct, indirect and consequential costs (including, but not limited to, fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court costs).

15.5 (RESERVED)

ARTICLE 16 -- TIME FOR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.

16.1. IT IS HEREBY UNDERSTOOD AND MUTUALLY AGREED, BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO, THAT THE DATE OF BEGINNING, RATE OF PROGRESS AND THE TIME FOR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE WORK TO BE DONE HEREUNDER ARE ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT; and it is further mutually understood and agreed, by and between the parties hereto, that the time to perform the Work embraced in this Contract shall be commenced on a date to be specified in the Notice to Proceed.

16.2 CONTRACTOR agrees that said Work shall be prosecuted regularly, diligently, and uninterrupted at such rate of progress as will insure Substantial Completion thereof within the time specified. It is expressly understood and mutually agreed, by and between the parties hereto, that the time for the Substantial Completion of the Work described herein is a reasonable time for Substantial Completion of same, taking into consideration the average climatic range and weather conditions that the CONTRACTOR must reasonably anticipate, and usual industrial conditions prevailing in the Cameron County area.

16.3 If CONTRACTOR shall neglect, fail or refuse to Substantially Complete the Work within the time herein specified, then CONTRACTOR does hereby agree, as a part consideration for awarding of this Contract, to pay the OWNER the mutually agreed to amount specified in the Contract, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages for such breach of Contract as hereinafter set forth, for each and every calendar day that CONTRACTOR shall be in default, after the time stipulated in the Contract for Substantially Completing the Work.

16.4 The damage to OWNER by reason of this Contract not being Substantially Completed as of that date are incapable of definite ascertainment by either party, and therefore the parties hereto have mutually fixed and limited such damages to the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per calendar day for each calendar day the job runs beyond such Substantial Completion date, and the joint fixing of such damages constitutes a part of the consideration for the Contract. It is further agreed that **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE** of each and every portion of this Contract and

of the Specifications, wherein a definite and certain length of time is fixed for the performance of any act whatsoever; and where under the Contract, additional time is allowed for the Substantial Completion of any Work, the new time fixed by such extension shall be **OF THE ESSENCE** of this Contract. Provided that CONTRACTOR shall not be charged with liquidated damages or any excess cost when the delay in the Substantial Completion of Work is due:

16.4.1 To any preference, priority or allocation order duly issued by the Federal Government.

16.4.2 To unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of CONTRACTOR, including, but not restricted to: Acts of God; or of the public enemy; acts of the OWNER; acts of another contractor in the performance of a separate contract with the OWNER; fires; floods exceeding the 100 year frequency; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes; freight embargoes and unusually severe weather not customary for the Cameron County, Texas area.

16.4.3 To any delays of Subcontractors occasioned by any of the causes specified in 16.4.1 or 16.4.2.

16.4.4 Provided further, that CONTRACTOR shall immediately attempt to mitigate the impacts of the delay, and then within seven (7) calendar days from the beginning of such delay, notify OWNER, in writing, of the causes of the delay. OWNER shall then ascertain the facts and extent of the delay and notify CONTRACTOR within a reasonable time of OWNER's decision in the matter regarding any adjustment to the Contract time and a recovery plan.

ARTICLE 17 -- MISCELLANEOUS

Giving Notice:

17.1 Whenever any provision of the Contract Documents requires the giving of written notice, it will be deemed to have been validly given if delivered in person to the CONTRACTOR's Project Superintendent or mailed to an officer of the corporation in the case of the CONTRACTOR; or to the General Manager and CEO of the BPUB in the case of the OWNER; or if delivered at or sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the last business address known to the giver of the notice.

Computation of Calendar Day Time:

17.2 When any period of time is referred to in the Contract Documents by "days", and the OWNER'S format for scheduling the Project is by utilizing calendar days in lieu of working days, it will be computed as calendar days, to exclude the first and include the last calendar day of such period. If the last calendar day of any such period falls on a calendar day listed as a BPUB holiday by the Contract Documents, such calendar day will be omitted from the computation.

17.2.1 A calendar day of twenty-four hours is measured from midnight, to the next

midnight, and shall constitute a single calendar day.

General:

17.3 Should OWNER suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any error, omission or negligent act of the CONTRACTOR, or of any of the CONTRACTOR's employees or agents, or others for whose acts and/or omissions CONTRACTOR is legally liable, OWNER's claim will be made in writing to the CONTRACTOR within a reasonable time of the first observance of such injury or damage. The provisions of this paragraph 17.3 shall not be construed as a substitute for, or a waiver of, the legal provisions of any applicable statute of limitations or repose.

17.4 The duties and obligations imposed by these General Conditions and the rights and remedies available hereunder to the parties hereto, and, in particular but without limitation, the conditions, warranties, guarantees and obligations imposed upon CONTRACTOR by paragraphs 6.30, 13.1, 13.12, 13.14, 14.3 and 15.2, and all of the rights and remedies available to OWNER and OWNER'S Engineer thereunder; are in addition to, and are not to be construed in any way as a limitation of, any rights and remedies available to OWNER which are otherwise imposed or available by Laws or Regulations, by special warranty or guarantee, or by other provisions of the Contract Documents. The provisions of this paragraph will be as effective as if repeated specifically in all the Contract Documents in connection with each particular duty, obligation, right and remedy to which they apply. All representations, conditions, warranties and guarantees made in the Contract Documents will survive the execution, final payment and termination or completion of the Agreement. All CONTRACTOR recitations contained in any document required by OWNER, whether delivered at the time of the execution of the Contract Documents, or at a later date, shall constitute representations, warranties and guarantees by CONTRACTOR herein.

17.5 CONTRACTOR shall comply with the "anti-kickback" provisions of the Copeland Act now codified at 18 U. S. C. A. §874, and all amendments or modifications of the original act of June 13, 1934.

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1. GENERAL STATEMENT

This is a 100% Non-Federally funded and competitively bid Public Works Contract and Texas Government Code Section 2258.001 et seq., as amended, requires that not less than the general prevailing wage rates (minimum hourly base pay and minimum hourly fringe benefit contribution) for Work of similar character be paid to CONTRACTOR and subcontractor employees. These local prevailing and adopted wage rates are derived from the most current applicable pre-Bid federal prevailing wage rates for Cameron County, Texas, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Dallas, Texas pursuant to the original intent and authority of the Resolution passed by the Public Utilities Board of Brownsville on February 24, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as "BPUB"). Copies of the wage rates are contained immediately behind these Supplementary General Conditions, and are included instruments of this Contract and full compliance with same shall be required.

Additionally, on April 16, 2007, the BPUB Board of Directors approved a local "living wage" policy that requires all Contractors and Subcontractors performing 100% Non-Federally funded Work for the BPUB to pay a minimum wage rate of \$8.00/hour, regardless of any lower federal wage rate for Cameron County. The BPUB requires that all Contractors and Subcontractors also comply with this policy. Otherwise, the BPUB adopts the Federal Department of Labor Wage scales for Cameron County on 100% Non-Federally funded projects as specified later herein behind these Supplementary General Conditions.

Any deviation from Wage and Labor Standard Provisions compliance may be cause for OWNER's withholding either interim or final payment to the CONTRACTOR until such deviations are properly corrected.

2. WAGE & HOUR OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS, RESPONSIBILITIES

The OWNER's Engineer or the BPUB Wage & Hour Monitor is primarily responsible for all Wage and Labor Standard Provisions investigation and enforcement and will monitor Contractor/subcontractor practices to assure the BPUB General Manager and CEO that:

- a. Appropriate weekly compliance statements and payroll records are submitted to the BPUB by the Contractor/subcontractors and that such are reviewed for compliance with Wage and Labor Standard Provisions.
- b. Any Apprentices/trainees designated by CONTRACTOR as working on the Project are properly identified by Contractor/subcontractor on payroll records and documented as being included in programs currently sanctioned by appropriate federal or state regulatory agencies.
- c. Applicable Wage Determination Decisions, including any applicable modifications and related statements are posted at the Work-site by the Contractor and that proper job classifications and commensurate minimum hourly base and any fringe wage

rates are paid.

- d. Employees are periodically interviewed (at random) on the Project as required.
- e. That no person employed by Contractor/subcontractor is induced against his will, by any means, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled.
- f. That any and all periodic administrative directives to the OWNER'S Engineer and/or Wage & Hour Monitor from the Board and General Manager and CEO are being implemented.

3. CLAIMS & DISPUTES PERTAINING TO WAGE RATES

Claims and disputes not promptly and routinely settled by the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor and employees pertaining to wage rates, or to job classifications of labor employed upon the Work covered by this Contract, shall be reported by the employee in writing, within sixty (60) calendar days of employee's receipt of any allegedly incorrect classification, wage or benefit report, to the OWNER's Engineer and/or Wage & Hour Monitor, BPUB for further investigation. Claims and disputes not reported by the employee to the OWNER in writing within the sixty (60) calendar day period shall be deemed waived by the employee for the purposes of the OWNER administering and enforcing the OWNER's Contract rights against the CONTRACTOR on behalf of the employee. Waiver by the employee of this OWNER intervention shall not constitute waiver by the OWNER or employee to independently pursue contractual rights it may have against the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor for breach of contract and other sanctions available to enforce the Wage and Labor Standard Provisions.

4. BREACH OF WAGE AND LABOR STANDARD PROVISIONS

The OWNER reserves the right to terminate this Contract for cause if the Contractor/subcontractors shall knowingly and continuously breach, without timely restitution or cure, any of these governing Wage and Labor Standard Provisions. A knowing and unremedied proven violation of these Wage and Labor Standard Provisions may also be grounds for debarment of the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor from future OWNER contracts for lack of responsibility, as later determined by the OWNER. Recurrent violations, whether remedied or not, will be considered by the General Manager and CEO when assessing the responsibility history of a potential contractor/subcontractor prior to competitive award of future Public Works projects. The general remedies stated in this paragraph 4. above, are not exhaustive and not cumulative, for the OWNER reserves legal and contractual rights to other specific remedies outlined herein below and in other parts of this Contract and as are allowed by applicable OWNER resolutions, State and federal statutes.

5. EMPLOYMENT OF LABORERS/MECHANICS NOT LISTED IN WAGE DETERMINATION DECISION

In the event that a CONTRACTOR/subcontractor discovers that construction of a particular Work element requires a certain employee classification and skill that is not listed in the Wage Determination Decision contained in the original Contract Documents, CONTRACTOR/subcontractors will make prompt inquiry (before bidding, if possible) to the OWNER identifying that class of laborers/mechanics not listed in the Wage Determination Decision who are intended to be employed, or who are being employed, under the Contract. Using his best judgment and information resources available to him at the time, and any similar prior local or federal decisions, the General Manager and CEO of the OWNER, shall classify said laborers/mechanics by issuing a special local wage determination decision to the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor, which shall be enforced by the OWNER.

6. MINIMUM WAGE

All laborers/mechanics employed to construct the Work governed by this Contract shall be paid not less than weekly the full amount of wages due (minimum hourly base pay and any applicable minimum hourly fringe benefit contribution for all hours worked, including overtime) for the immediately preceding pay period, computed at wage and any fringe rates not less than those contained in the Wage Determination Decision included in this Contract. Only payroll deductions as are mandated by State or federal law, and those legal deductions previously approved in writing by the employee, or as are otherwise permitted by State or federal law, may be withheld by the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor.

Should the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor subscribe to fringe benefit programs for employees, such programs shall be fully approved by the OWNER in adopting a previous U.S. Department of Labor decision on such fringe benefit programs or by applying DOL criteria, in rendering a local decision on the adequacy of the CONTRACTOR's fringe benefit programs. The approved programs shall be in place at the time of OWNER Contract execution and provisions thereof disclosed to the OWNER's Engineer or Wage and Hour Monitor, for legal review prior to Project commencement.

Regular CONTRACTOR/subcontractor contributions made to, or costs incurred for, approved fringe benefit plans, funds or other benefit programs that cover periods of time greater than the one week payroll period (e.g. monthly or quarterly, etc.) shall be prorated by the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor on weekly payroll records to reflect the equivalent value of the hourly and weekly summary of fringe benefits per employee.

7. OVERTIME COMPENSATION ON NON-FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

No CONTRACTOR/subcontractor contracting for any part of the non-federally funded Contract Work (except for worksite related security guard services), which may require or involve the employment of laborers/mechanics, shall require or permit any laborer/mechanic in any seven (7) calendar day Work period in which he, she is employed on such Work, to Work in excess of 40 hours in such Work period, unless said laborer/mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic hourly rate of pay for

all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in a seven (7) calendar day Work period. Any applicable fringe benefits must be paid for straight time and overtime; however, fringe benefits are not included when computing the overtime rate.

8. PAYMENT OF CASH EQUIVALENT FRINGE BENEFITS

The CONTRACTOR/subcontractor is allowed to pay a minimum hourly cash equivalent of any applicable minimum hourly fringe benefits listed in the Wage Determination Decision, in lieu of the contribution of benefits to a permissible fringe benefit plan, for all hours worked, including overtime. An employee is not allowed to receive less than the local \$8.00 pr. hour minimum living wage or the minimum hourly basic rate of pay specified in the Wage Determination Decision, whichever is greater.

9. WORK CONDUCTED ON HOLIDAYS-NON-FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

If a laborer/mechanic is employed in the normal course and scope of his or her Work on the jobsite on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or the calendar days observed as such in any given year, along with additional OWNER-designated local holidays to be annually determined by OWNER and provided in writing to CONTRACTOR, Work shall be paid for at no less than one and one half (1 1/2) times the regular minimum hourly base pay regardless of the total number of hours the laborer/mechanic has accumulated during the pay period.

10. UNDERPAYMENT OF WAGES OR SALARIES

- a. When a "full investigation" (as called for in and as construed under Texas Government Code Section 2258.001 et seq. and as further generally described in an administrative directive to the OWNER's Engineer and BPUB's Wage & Hour Monitor from the General Manager and CEO entitled "Conducting Wage and Labor Standards Investigations on 100% Non-Federally Funded BPUB Construction Projects", as may be amended) evidences underpayment of wages by CONTRACTOR/subcontractor to laborers/mechanics employed upon the Work covered by this Contract, the OWNER, in addition to such other rights as may be afforded it under State and/or federal law and/or this Contract, shall withhold from the CONTRACTOR, out of any payments (interim progress and /or final) due the CONTRACTOR, so much thereof as the OWNER may consider necessary to secure ultimate payment by the appropriate party to such laborers/mechanics, of full wages required by this Contract, plus possible penalty (See b. below). The amount so withheld, excluding any possible penalty to be retained by the OWNER, may be disbursed at an appropriate time after "full investigation" by the OWNER, for and on behalf of the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor (as may be appropriate), to the respective laborers/mechanics to whom the same is due, or on their behalf to fringe benefit plans, funds, or programs for any type of minimum fringe benefits prescribed in the applicable wage determination decision.

- b. Texas Government Code Section 2258.001 et seq., as amended, states that the CONTRACTOR shall forfeit as a penalty to the OWNER the sum of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each laborer, workman, or mechanic, who is paid less than the said stipulated rate for any Work done under this Contract, whether by the CONTRACTOR himself, or by any subcontractor working under him. Pursuant to and supplemental to this statutory authority, the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor contractually acknowledge and agree that said sixty dollar (\$60.00) statutory penalty shall be construed by and between the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor as liquidated damages, and not as a penalty, and will apply to any violations of paragraphs 6, 7, or 9 herein, resulting from CONTRACTOR/subcontractor underpayment violations.
- c. If unpaid or underpaid workers cannot be located by the CONTRACTOR or the OWNER after diligent efforts to accomplish same, unpaid or underpaid wages shall be reserved by the OWNER in a special "unfound worker's account" established by the OWNER, for such employees. If after one (1) year from the final acceptance of the Project by the OWNER, workers still cannot be located, in order that the OWNER can make effective interim re-use of the money, such wages and any associated liquidated damages may be used to defray actual costs incurred by the OWNER in attempting to locate said workers, and any remaining monies may then revert back to the OWNER's original funding source for the Project. However, unpaid or underpaid workers for which money was originally reserved are eligible to claim recovery from the OWNER for a period of not-to-exceed three (3) years from the final acceptance of the Project by the OWNER. Recovery after expiration of the three year period is prohibited.

11. DISPLAYING WAGE DETERMINATION DECISIONS/AND NOTICE TO LABORERS/MECHANICS STATEMENT

The applicable Wage Determination Decision as described in the "General Statement" (and as specifically included in the Project Contract), outlining the various worker classifications and mandatory minimum wages and minimum hourly fringe benefit deductions, if any, of laborers/mechanics employed and to be employed upon the Work covered by this Contract, shall be displayed by the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor at the site of Work in a conspicuous and prominent public place, readily and routinely accessible to workmen for the duration of the Project. In addition, the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor agrees with the contents of the following statement, and shall display same, in English and Spanish, near the display of the wage determination decision at the site of Work:

NOTICE TO LABORERS/MECHANICS

Both the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor agree that you must be compensated with not less than the minimum hourly base pay of \$8.00 pr. hour or other

greater minimum hourly base pay based upon job classification, and minimum hourly fringe benefit contribution in accordance with the wage rates publicly posted at this jobsite, and as are applicable to the classification of Work you perform.

Additionally, you must be paid not less than one and one-half times your basic hourly rate of pay for any hours worked over 40 in any seven (7) calendar day Work period, and for any Work conducted on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day or the calendar days observed as such in any given year, along with additional OWNER-designated local holidays to be annually determined by OWNER and provided to CONTRACTOR.

Apprentice and trainee hourly wage rates and ratios apply only to apprentices and trainees recognized under approved Federal, or State, apprenticeship training programs registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U.S. Dept. of Labor.

If you believe that your employer is not paying the appropriate minimum wage for the type of Work you do, you must make direct inquiry to the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor and inquire in writing, within sixty (60) calendar days of your receipt of any allegedly incorrect wage or benefit check or report, to the BPUB(OWNER's) Engineer and/or BPUB Wage & Hour Monitor, 1425 Robinhood Drive, Brownsville, Texas 78520. It is mandatory that you promptly file written inquiry of any allegedly incorrect wage or benefit checks or reports with the BPUB within the sixty (60) calendar day period, so that you do not waive your potential right of recovery under the provisions of the BPUB (OWNER) construction Contract that governs this Project.

Both the OWNER and the Contractor/subcontractor agree that no laborer/mechanic who files a complaint or inquiry concerning alleged underpayment of wages or benefits, shall be discharged by the employer, or in any other manner be discriminated against by the employer, for filing such complaint or inquiry.

12. PAYROLLS & BASIC PAYROLL RECORDS

- a. The CONTRACTOR and each subcontractor shall prepare payroll reports in accordance with the "General Guideline" instructions furnished by the OWNER's Engineer or Wage & Hour Monitor of the BPUB. Such payroll submittals shall contain the name and address of each such employee, his correct labor classification, rate of pay, daily and weekly number of hours worked, any deductions made, and actual basic hourly and fringe benefits paid. The CONTRACTOR shall submit payroll records each week, and no later than seven (7) working days following completion of the workweek being processed, to the OWNER's Engineer or Wage & Hour Monitor, BPUB. These payroll records shall include certified copies of all payrolls of the CONTRACTOR and of his subcontractors, it being understood that the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the submission and general mathematical accuracy of payrolls from all of his subcontractors. Each such payroll

submittal shall be on forms deemed satisfactory to the OWNER's Engineer or Wage & Hour Monitor, and shall contain a "Weekly Statement of Compliance", as called for by the Contract Documents. Such payrolls will be forwarded to OWNER's Engineer or Wage & Hour Monitor, 1425 Robinhood Drive, Brownsville, Texas 78520.

- b. Copies of payroll submittals and basic supporting payroll records of the CONTRACTOR/subcontractors accounting for all laborers/mechanics employed under the Work covered by this Contract, shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR/subcontractor during the course of the Work, and preserved for a period of three (3) years after completion of the Project. The CONTRACTOR/subcontractors shall maintain records which demonstrate: any CONTRACTOR/subcontractors commitment to provide fringe benefits to employees as may be mandated by the applicable Wage Determination Decision; that the plan or program is adjudged financially responsible by the appropriate approving authority, (i.e. U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Treasury, etc.); and that the provisions, policies, certificates, and description of benefits of the plan or program as may be periodically amended, have been clearly communicated in a timely manner and in writing, to the laborers/mechanics affected prior to their performing Work on the Project.
- c. The CONTRACTOR/subcontractor shall make the above records available for inspection, copying, or transcribing by authorized OWNER's Engineer or Wage & Hour Monitor of the BPUB at reasonable times and locations for purposes of monitoring compliance with this Contract.

13. LABOR DISPUTES

The CONTRACTOR/subcontractor shall immediately notify the BPUB General Manager and CEO or his designated representative of any actual or impending CONTRACTOR/subcontractor labor dispute which may affect, or is affecting, the Schedule of the CONTRACTOR's or any other contractor's/subcontractor's Work. In addition, the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor shall consider all appropriate measures to eliminate or minimize the effect of such labor disputes on the Schedule, including but not limited to such measures as: promptly seeking injunctive relief if appropriate; seeking appropriate legal or equitable actions or remedies; taking such measures as establishing a reserved gate, as appropriate; if reasonably feasible, seeking other sources of supply or service; and any other measures that may be appropriately utilized to mitigate or eliminate the jobsite and Scheduling effects of the labor dispute.

14. COMPLAINTS, PROCEEDINGS, OR TESTIMONY BY CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES

No laborers/mechanics to whom the wage, salary, or other labor standard provisions of this

Contract are applicable shall be discharged, or in any other manner discriminated against by the CONTRACTOR/subcontractors, because such employee has filed any formal inquiry or complaint, or instituted or caused to be instituted, any legal or equitable proceeding, or has testified, or is about to testify, in any such proceeding under or relating to the wage and labor standards applicable under this Contract.

15. EMPLOYEE INTERVIEWS TO ASSURE WAGE AND LABOR STANDARD COMPLIANCE

CONTRACTOR/subcontractors shall allow expeditious jobsite entry of the OWNER's Engineer and/or Wage & Hour Monitor displaying and presenting proper BPUB identification credentials to the jobsite superintendent or his representative. While on the jobsite, the OWNER's Engineer and/or Wage & Hour Monitor shall observe all jobsite rules and regulations concerning safety, internal security and fire prevention. CONTRACTOR/subcontractors shall allow Project employees to be separately and confidentially interviewed at random for a reasonable duration by the OWNER's Engineer and/or Wage & Hour Monitor to facilitate compliance determinations regarding adherence by the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor to these Wage and Labor Standard Provisions.

16. "ANTI-KICKBACK" PROVISION

No person employed in the construction or repair of any BPUB public works Project shall be induced, by any means, to give up to the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor or City of Brownsville or BPUB public official or employee, any part of the hourly and/or fringe benefit compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.

17. "FALSE OR DECEPTIVE INFORMATION" PROVISION

Any person employed by the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor in the construction or repair of any BPUB public works project, who is proven to have knowingly and willfully falsified, concealed or covered up by any deceptive trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or made any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation, or made or used any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be permanently removed from the jobsite by the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor. The OWNER reserves the right to terminate this Contract for cause as a result of serious and uncured violations of this provision.

18. EMPLOYMENT OF APPRENTICES/TRAINEES

- a. Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the Work they perform when they are employed and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship & Training, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, or if a person is

employed in his first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Bureau of Apprenticeship & Training or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio under the registered program. Any employee listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not a trainee as defined in (b) below, or is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid the wage rate for the classification of work he actually performs.

The CONTRACTOR/subcontractor is required to furnish to the OWNER'S Engineer or Wage & Hour Monitor of the BPUB, a copy of the certification, along with the payroll record that the employee is first listed on. The wage rate paid apprentices shall be not less than the specified rate in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress expressed as the appropriate percentage of the journeyman's rate contained in the applicable Wage Determination Decision.

- b. Trainees will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the Work performed when they are employed pursuant to an individually registered program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen shall not be greater than that permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for his/her level of progress. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee wage rate, who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration, shall be paid not less than the wage rate determined by the classification of Work he actually performs. The CONTRACTOR/subcontractor is required to furnish a copy of the trainee program certification, registration of employee-trainees, ratios and wage rates prescribed in the program, along with the payroll record that the employee is first listed on, to the OWNER's Engineer or Wage & Hour Monitor of the BPUB. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the CONTRACTOR/subcontractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the Work performed until an acceptable program is approved by the Employment and Training Administration.
- c. Paragraphs 18.a. and b. above shall not operate to exclude training programs approved by the OFCCP, United States Department of Labor and as adopted by the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Texas, Highway, Heavy, Utilities and Industrial Branch. Guidelines for these training programs shall be the same as those established for federally funded projects. This sub-paragraph 18.c. shall not apply to those portions of a project deemed to be building construction.

d. RATIOS, APPRENTICE TO JOURNEYMAN:

The Ratio of Apprentice to Journeyman for this Project shall be the same as the Ratio permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U.S. Department of Labor, by craft. A copy of the allowable Ratios is included with the applicable Wage Determination Decision in the Specifications for this Project.

When a "full investigation" (as called for in, and as construed under Texas Government Code Section 2258.001 et. seq., and as further generally described in an administrative directive to the OWNER's Engineer and BPUB's Wage & Hour Monitor from the General Manager entitled "Conducting Wage and Labor Standards Investigations on 100% Non-Federally Funded BPUB Construction Projects", as may be amended) evidences a violation of the Apprentice or Trainee to Journeyman ratios effective for CONTRACTOR/subcontractor employees working on this Contract, the OWNER, in addition to such other rights as may be afforded it under State and/or federal law and/or other sections of this Contract (especially paragraph 10, of these Supplementary General Conditions "Underpayment of Wages"), shall withhold from the CONTRACTOR, out of any payments (interim progress and/or final) due the CONTRACTOR, the liquidated damages (not a penalty) sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each certified Apprentice or Trainee employee assigned to a Journeyman that exceeds the maximum allowable Apprentice/Trainee to Journeyman ratio stipulated for any Work done under this Contract, whether by the CONTRACTOR himself, or by any subcontractor working under him.

19. JOBSITE CONDITIONS

CONTRACTOR/subcontractor will not allow any person employed for the Project to work in surroundings or under construction conditions which are unsanitary, unhealthy, hazardous, or dangerous as governed by industry standards and appropriate City of Brownsville, State and federal statutes, ordinances, and regulatory guidelines.

20. EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN PERSONS PROHIBITED

- a. The CONTRACTOR/subcontractor shall knowingly only employ persons of appropriate ages commensurate with the degree of required skill, strength, maturity and judgment associated with the activity to be engaged in, but not less than the age of fourteen (14) years, as governed by Chapter 51 "Employment of Children", Texas Labor Code, (Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated) (as may be amended), and Texas Department of Labor and Standards rulings and interpretations associated with that statute. It is hereby noted that in some circumstances generally governed by this section, a federal statute (see: Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 USCS Section 212; Volume 6A of the Bureau of National Affairs Wage Hour Manual at Paragraph 96:1;

"Child Labor Requirements in Nonagricultural Occupations" WH Publication 1330, July 1978 as may be amended), could pre-empt the Texas Statute and therefore be the controlling law on this subject. The CONTRACTOR/subcontractor should seek clarification from State and federal agencies and CONTRACTOR's legal counsel when hiring adolescent employees for particular job classifications.

- b. Prohibited persons not to be employed are also those persons who, at the time of employment for this Contract, are serving sentence in a penal or correctional institution, except that prior approval by the BPUB General Manager is required to employ any person participating in a supervised work release or furlough program that is sanctioned by appropriate State or federal correctional agencies.
- c. The CONTRACTOR/subcontractors shall be responsible for compliance with the provisions of the "Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986" Public Law 99-603, and any related State enabling or implementing statutes, especially as they in combination apply to the unlawful employment of aliens and unfair immigration-related employment practices affecting this Contract.

21. PROVISIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN SUBCONTRACTS

The CONTRACTOR shall cause these Wage and Labor Standard Provisions, or reasonably similar contextual adaptations hereof, and any other appropriate State and federal labor provisions, to be inserted in all subcontracts relative to the Work to bind subcontractors to the same Wage and Labor Standards as contained in these terms of the General Conditions and other Contract Documents, insofar as applicable to the Work of subcontractors or sub-tier subcontractors, and to give the CONTRACTOR similar, if not greater, general contractual authority over the subcontractor, or sub-tier subcontractors, as the OWNER may exercise over the CONTRACTOR.

General Decision Number: TX20250236 01/03/2025
Superseded General Decision Number: TX20240236
State: Texas

Construction Type: Building
County: Cameron 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)(1).

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 20, 2022: Executive Order 14026 generally applies to the contract. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$17.75 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in 2025.

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 \$13.30 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 2025.

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 <http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts>.

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BOIL0074-003 07/01/2023

Rates Fringes

BOILERMAKER.....\$ 37.00 24.64

SGC-14

ENGI0178-005 06/01/2020

Rates Fringes

POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

(1) Tower Crane.....	\$ 32.85	13.10
(2) Cranes with Pile		
Driving or Caisson		
Attachment and Hydraulic		
Crane 60 tons and above.....	\$ 28.75	10.60
(3) Hydraulic cranes 59		
Tons and under.....	\$ 32.35	13.10

IRON0084-011 06/01/2024

IRONWORKER, ORNAMENTAL...\$ 28.26 8.13

PLUM0211-001 10/01/2018

PIPEFITTER (HVAC Pipe

Installation Only).....	\$ 27.87	10.04
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SUTX2014-011 07/21/2014

BRICKLAYER.....\$ 16.17 ** 0.00

CARPENTER, Excludes Drywall

Hanging, and Metal Stud
Installation.....\$ 16.00 ** 0.00

CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE

FINISHER.....\$ 12.46 ** 0.00

DRYWALL FINISHER/TAPER.....\$ 10.75 ** 2.68

DRYWALL HANGER AND METAL STUD

INSTALLER.....\$ 19.42 0.37

ELECTRICIAN (Low Voltage

Wiring Only).....\$ 13.50 ** 0.68

ELECTRICIAN, Excludes Low

Voltage Wiring.....\$ 14.00 ** 0.54

INSULATOR - MECHANICAL
(Duct, Pipe & Mechanical
System Insulation).....\$ 14.04 ** 4.79

IRONWORKER, REINFORCING.....\$ 12.01 ** 0.00

IRONWORKER, STRUCTURAL.....\$ 15.04 ** 4.34

LABORER: Common or General.....\$ 8.87 ** 0.00

LABORER: Mason Tender – Brick.....\$ 10.00 ** 0.00

LABORER: Mason Tender -
Cement/Concrete.....\$ 10.89 ** 0.96

LABORER: Pipelayer.....\$ 11.00 ** 3.47

LABORER: Roof Tearoff.....\$ 10.06 ** 0.00

OPERATOR:
Backhoe/Excavator/Trackhoe.....\$ 13.15 ** 0.00

OPERATOR: Bobcat/Skid
Steer/Skid Loader.....\$ 13.93 ** 0.00

OPERATOR: Bulldozer.....\$ 18.29 1.31

OPERATOR: Drill.....\$ 16.22 ** 0.34

OPERATOR: Forklift.....\$ 14.83 ** 0.00

OPERATOR: Grader/Blade.....\$ 13.07 ** 0.00

OPERATOR: Loader.....\$ 12.87 ** 0.70

OPERATOR: Mechanic.....\$ 17.00 ** 0.00

OPERATOR: Paver (Asphalt,
Aggregate, and Concrete).....\$ 16.03 ** 0.00

OPERATOR: Roller.....\$ 12.70 ** 0.00

PAINTER (Brush, Roller and

Spray), Excludes Drywall		
Finishing/Taping.....	\$ 11.27 **	0.00
PIPEFITTER, Excludes HVAC		
Pipe Installation.....	\$ 14.67 **	2.50
PLUMBER, Excludes HVAC Pipe		
Installation.....	\$ 13.59 **	0.00
ROOFER.....		
	\$ 11.42 **	0.00
SHEET METAL WORKER (HVAC Duct		
Installation Only).....	\$ 18.40	2.12
SHEET METAL WORKER, Excludes		
HVAC Duct Installation.....	\$ 21.13	6.53
TILE FINISHER.....		
	\$ 11.22 **	0.00
TILE SETTER.....		
	\$ 12.15 **	0.00
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

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 (\$17.75) or 13658 (\$13.30). Please see the Note at the top of the wage determination for more information. Please also note that the minimum wage requirements of Executive Order 14026 are not currently being enforced as to any contract or subcontract to which the states of Texas, Louisiana, or Mississippi, including their agencies, are a party.

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 <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts>.

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)(iii)). The body of each wage determination lists the classifications and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the type(s) of construction and geographic area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order under rate identifiers indicating whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate), a survey rate, a weighted union average rate, a state adopted rate, or a supplemental classification rate.

Union Rate Identifiers

A four-letter identifier beginning with characters other than ""SU"", ""UAVG"", ?SA?, or ?SC? denotes that a union rate was prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2024. PLUM is an identifier of the union whose collectively bargained rate 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. The date, 07/01/2024 in the example, is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all changes over time that are reported to WHD in the rates in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing the classification.

Union Average Rate Identifiers

The UAVG identifier indicates that no single rate prevailed for those classifications, but that 100% of the data reported for the classifications reflected union rates. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010 01/01/2024. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the State of Ohio. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. The date, 01/01/2024 in the example, indicates the date the wage determination was updated to reflect the most current union average rate.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January, to reflect a weighted average of the current rates in the collective bargaining agreements on which the rate is based.

Survey Rate Identifiers

The ""SU"" identifier indicates that either a single non-union rate prevailed (as defined in 29 CFR

1.2) for this classification in the survey or that the rate was derived by computing a weighted average rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As a weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SUFL2022-007 6/27/2024. SU indicates the rate is a single non-union prevailing rate or a weighted average of survey data for that classification. FL indicates the State of Florida. 2022 is the year of the 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. The date, 6/27/2024 in the example, indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier. ?SU? wage rates typically remain in effect until a new survey is conducted. However, the Wage and Hour Division (WHD) has the discretion to update such rates under 29 CFR 1.6(c)(1).

State Adopted Rate Identifiers

The ""SA"" identifier indicates that the classifications and prevailing wage rates set by a state (or local) government were adopted under 29 C.F.R 1.3(g)-(h). Example: SAME2023-007 01/03/2024. SA reflects that the rates are state adopted. ME refers to the State of Maine. 2023 is the year during which the state completed the survey on which the listed classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. The date, 01/03/2024 in the example, reflects the date on which the classifications and rates under the ?SA? identifier took effect under state law in the state from which the rates were adopted.

WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

- 1) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:
 - a) a survey underlying a wage determination
 - b) an existing published wage determination
 - c) an initial WHD letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
 - d) an initial conformance (additional classification and rate) determination

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be directed to the WHD Branch of Wage Surveys. Requests can be submitted via email to davisbaconinfo@dol.gov or by mail to:

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

Regarding any other wage determination matter such as conformance decisions, requests for initial decisions should be directed to the WHD Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Requests can be submitted via email to BCWD-Office@dol.gov or by mail to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations
SGC-19

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

2) If an initial decision has been issued, then any interested party (those affected by the action) that disagrees with the decision can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Requests for review and reconsideration can be submitted via email to dba.reconsideration@dol.gov or by mail 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 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.

END OF GENERAL DECISION

BPUB TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

2026 BPUB Administration Roof Replacement

Client: Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB)

Location: BPUB Administration Building, 1425 Robinhood Dr.

Date: 10/01/2025

1. Project Overview

The project involves a full roof replacement at the BPUB Administration Building. The scope includes removal of failed shingles and failed gravel built-up flat roof, replacement of approximately (40) pieces of wood roof decking under shingles where decking has failed where necessary, installation of new shingles and TPO roof for the flat roof. The goal is to improve the existing roofing conditions, drainage, safety, and appearance.

2. Objectives

- Address failed roofing systems and failed decking deficiencies
- Install new roof shingles where shingles are existing and TPO roofing on the flat roofs
- Re-establish a water proof roofing system for the BPUB Administration building
- Improve overall safety and functionality of the facility's roofing structure

3. Scope of Services

A. Pre-Construction Activities

- Site inspection and documentation of existing conditions
- Identify areas needing replacement
- Coordinate project phasing and parking access, debris containment, and project storage with BPUB personnel
- Block work zones with safety cones and caution tape
- Clean area sweeping or air blowing to remove debris from the area

- Flat roof area and its components are to be listed as an optional separate line item

B. Roof Replacement

- Remove failed roofing system and replace with new shingles and TPO roofing
- Replace approximately (40) pieces of wood roof decking under shingles. If the (40) sheets are not used, a deduction in price will take place
- Replace ice and water shield in all valleys and roof penetrations
- Install new metal ridge caps
- Replace failed gutter systems where needed and match with similar systems
- Provide a 10-year warranty on all systems installed, with a lifetime shingle at 130 mph wind warranty. Provide additional options for roof warranties as options.
- Replace drip edge D-style/gutter style with wide style for better rain protection, with manufacturer color coated for a 35-year guarantee
- Replace pip jack flashings, replace lead pipe jack flashings
- Replace all drain bowls if existing
- Any permits will be included by the contractor
- Ensure roof complies with International Building Code (IBC)
- Roof to be inspected and certified by a Texas licensed professional engineer or a TDI inspector to obtain a Certificate of Compliance
- Improve overall safety and functionality of the facility's roofing structure

C. Site Cleanup & Closeout

- Remove all construction debris, barriers, and equipment
- Sweep entire site and clean up surrounding work areas
- Conduct final walkthrough with BPUB personnel for approval
- Provide warranty on workmanship and materials

4. Deliverables

- Replaced roofing systems and components
- Final inspection approval and warranty documentation

5. Schedule

- **Start Date:** [1/01/2026]
- **Duration:** [e.g., 10–30 working days, weather permitting]
- **Work Hours:** [e.g., 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday], construction can take place during holidays and weekends
- Project may be phased to allow partial parking lot access during construction

6. Roles and Responsibilities

Contractor Shall:

- Provide all labor, equipment, and materials
- Comply with all OSHA safety guidelines
- Coordinate all work activities with BPUB facilities team
- Maintain a clean and safe jobsite at all times
- Complete JSA and meet all safety requirements
- Flat roof area and its components are to be listed as an optional separate line item

BPUB Shall:

- Provide site access and designate staging areas
- Notify staff and tenants of parking adjust parking areas
- Review and approve completed work

7. Assumptions and Constraints

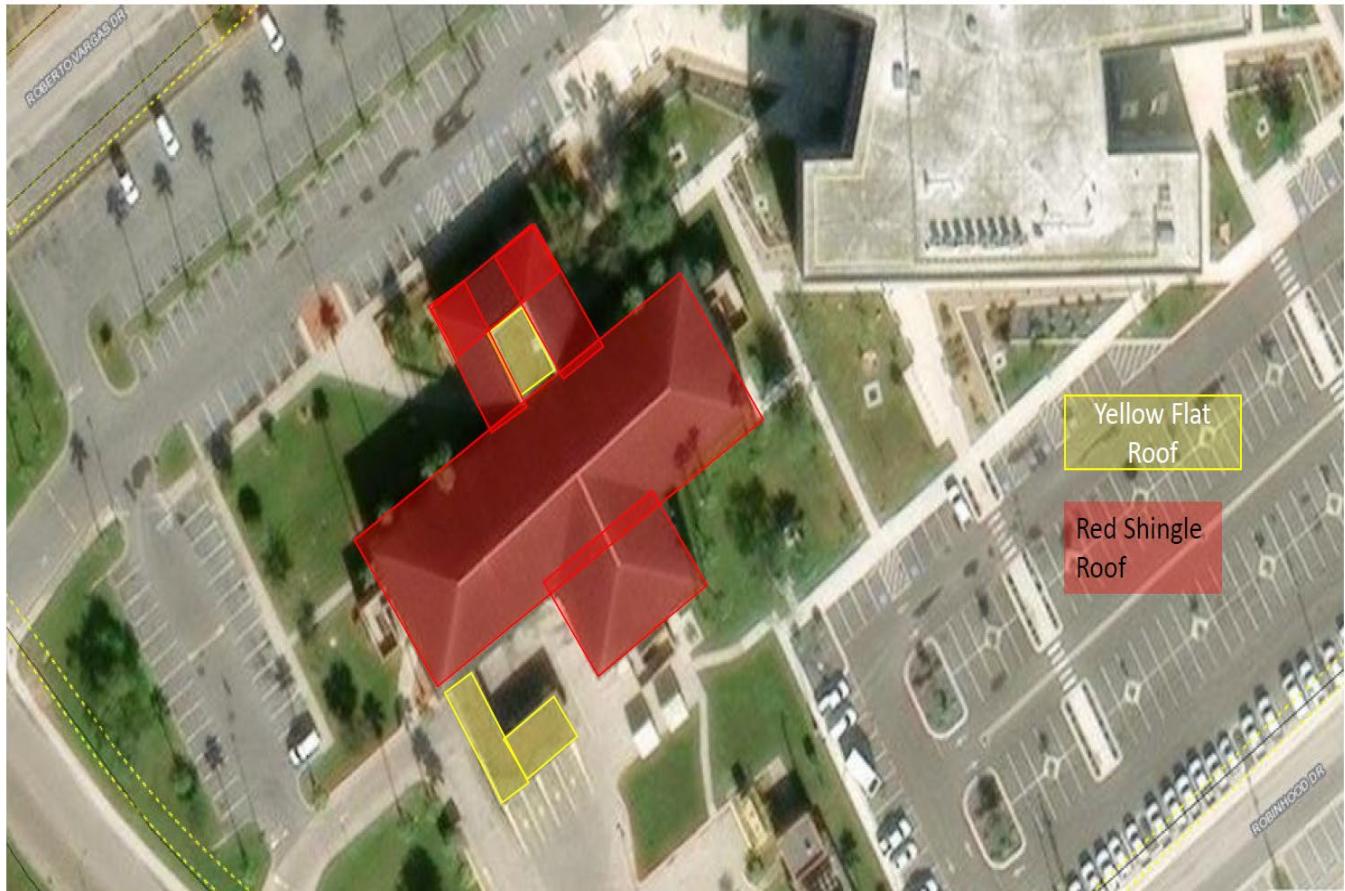
- Work must be scheduled to minimize disruption to BPUB operations
- Inclement weather may impact project duration

- Any unforeseen issues requiring major remediation may require a change order and BPUB team notified immediately

8. Acceptance Criteria

- All roofs free of water penetration
- Water Drainage flows properly with no areas of standing water
- Punch list is completed and approved by BPUB representative
- Provide Certificate of Compliance
- Provide warranty documentation

9. Aerial View



**REQUIRED FORMS
CHECKLIST**

The following forms are be submitted as a part of the Bid/RFP/RFQ document

NAME	FORM DESCRIPTION	SUBMITTED WITH BID	
		YES	NO
Legal Notice	Acknowledgement Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Debarment Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ethics Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Conflict of Interest Questionnaire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Certification of Interested Party Form 1295	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Residence Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	State Law Verification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	House Bill 89 Verification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	W9 or W8 Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Instructions	Bid Schedule/Cost sheet completed and signed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cashier Check or Bid Bond of 5% of Total Amount of Bid (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	OSHA 300 Log (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Contractor Pre-Bid Disclosure completed, signed and notarized (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sub-Contractor Pre-Bid Disclosure completed, signed, and notarized (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
References	Complete the Previous Customer Reference Worksheet for each reference provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Addenda			

Prospective Bidders are respectfully reminded to completely read and thoroughly respond to the BPUB Instructions for Bidders and Pre-Bid Disclosure Statement. When BPUB evaluates the Bids, it reviews indices regarding the prospective contractors' responsibility to perform the project based upon prior job performances for BPUB and other public owners. Additionally, BPUB carefully reviews the prospective contractors' responsiveness to the BPUB Bid Advertisement. Bidders should thoroughly check their submittal for completeness prior to responding to BPUB.

Do not imbalance your Bid line items to overload portions of the work. Remember to answer all written questions in the Pre-Bid Disclosure Statement and then notarize it when signing. Bidders are often required to submit OSHA 300 Logs from prior job performance records as well.

BPUB can, has, and will reject Bids that fail the responsibility and/or responsiveness standards so as to protect the integrity of the bidding process for all participants. The Bidding community's compliance with these guideline standards will be appreciated by the BPUB.

ETHICS STATEMENT (THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBMITTED WITH BID RESPONSE)

The undersigned bidder, by signing and executing this bid, certifies and represents to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board that bidder has not offered, conferred or agreed to confer any pecuniary benefit, as defined by (1.07 (a) (6) of the Texas Penal Code, or any other thing of value as consideration for the receipt of information or any special treatment of advantage relating to this bid; the bidder also certifies and represents that the bidder has not offered, conferred or agreed to confer any pecuniary benefit or other thing of value as consideration for the recipient's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote or other exercise of discretion concerning this bid, the bidder certifies and represents that bidder has neither coerced nor attempted to influence the exercise of discretion by any officer, trustee, agent or employee of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board concerning this bid on the basis of any consideration not authorized by law; the bidder also certifies and represents that bidder has not received any information not available to other bidders so as to give the undersigned a preferential advantage with respect to this bid; the bidder further certifies and represents that bidder has not violated any state, federal, or local law, regulation or ordinance relating to bribery, improper influence, collusion or the like and that bidder will not in the future offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary benefit or other thing of value of any officer, trustee, agent or employee of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board in return for the person having exercised their person's official discretion, power or duty with respect to this bid; the bidder certifies and represents that it has not now and will not in the future offer, confer, or agree to confer a pecuniary benefit or other thing of value to any officer, trustee, agent, or employee of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board in connection with information regarding this bid, the submission of this bid, the award of this bid or the performance, delivery or sale pursuant to this bid.

THE VENDOR SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD, ALL OF ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, SUITS, DEMANDS, PROCEEDING, COSTS, DAMAGES, AND LIABILITIES, ARISING OUT OF, CONNECTED WITH, OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF CONTRACTOR OR ANY AGENT, EMPLOYEE, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR SUPPLIER OF CONTRACTOR IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THIS BID.

I have read all of the specifications and general bid requirements and do hereby certify that all items submitted meet specifications.

COMPANY: _____

AGENT NAME: _____

AGENT SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ TELEFAX: _____

FEDERAL ID#: _____ AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____

DEVIATIONS FROM SPECIFICATIONS IF ANY:

NOTE: QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FROM PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE RAISED WITH OWNER AND ITS CONSULTANT (IF APPLICABLE) AND RESOLVED IF POSSIBLE, PRIOR TO THE BID SUBMITTAL DATE. ANY LISTED DEVIATIONS IN A FINALLY SUBMITTED BID MAY ALLOW THE OWNER TO REJECT A BID AS NON-RESPONSIVE.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

(PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH PROPOSAL)

Name of Entity: _____

The prospective participant certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief that they and their principals:

- a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b) Have not within a three year period preceding this bid been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification; and
- d) Have not within a three year period preceding this application/bid had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, Local) terminated for cause or default.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection of this bid or termination of the award. In addition, under 18 USC Section 1001, a false statement may result in a fine up to a \$10,000.00 or imprisonment for up to five (5) years, or both.

Name and Title of Authorized Representative (Typed)

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

I am unable to certify to the above statements. My explanation is attached.

FORM CIQ

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL RESPONSE

CONFFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity		FORM CIQ
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.</p> <p>A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.</p>		
<p>1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 100%;"> <p>OFFICE USE ONLY</p> <p>Date Received</p> </div>
<p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)</p>		
<p>3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Name of Officer</p>		
<p>4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.</p> <p>A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>		
<p>5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.</p>		
<p>6 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).</p>		
<p>7 _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">_____ Date</p>

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

- (a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES-FORM 1295

Special message: Please read the Special Notification regarding HB 1295 effective January 1, 2016, implemented by the Texas Ethics Commission, which requires business entities to provide a completed Form 1295 to Brownsville PUB with signed contracts in order to execute them.

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

To implement the law, the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) adopted new rules necessary to prescribe the disclosure of interested parties form, and post a copy of the form on the commission's website. The commission adopted the Certificate of Interested Parties form, Form 1295, on October 5, 2015. The commission also adopted new rules as part of Chapter 46 of the Texas Administrative Code on November 30, 2015.

On January 1, 2016, TEC made a new filing application available on their website for business entities to use to both create and file Form 1295. Business entities will enter the required information on Form 1295 within the application and print a copy of the completed form, which will include a certification of filing with a unique certification number. An authorized agent of the business entity will need to sign the printed copy of the form and have the form notarized. The completed Form 1295 with the certification of filing must be included with the signed contract to the governmental body or state agency in order for the governmental body to execute the contract.

Brownsville PUB will then notify the commission, using TEC's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 with the certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the contract binds all parties to the contract.

TEC will then post the business entity's completed Form 1295 to its website within seven (7) business days after receiving notice from Brownsville PUB acknowledging that it was received.

To obtain additional information on HB 1295, to learn more about TEC's process to create a new account or to complete an electronic version of Form 1295 for submission with a signed contract, please go to the following link: https://ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

NOTE: IF AWARDED THIS CONTRACT, FORM 1295 WILL BE SUBMITTED AT THE TIME
THE SIGNED CONTRACT IS SUBMITTED TO BPUB. YES NO

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.

Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

OFFICE USE ONLY

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the goods or services to be provided under the contract.

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____:

My address is _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20 _____.
(month) (year)

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD
RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION

In accordance with Art. 601g, as passed by the 1985 Texas Legislature, the following will apply. The pertinent portion of the Act has been extracted and is as follows:

Section 1. (a)

- (1) "Nonresident bidder" means a bidder whose principal place of business is not in this state, but excludes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.
- (2) "Texas resident bidder" means a bidder whose principal place of business is in this state, and includes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

Section 1. (b)

The state or governmental agency of the state may not award a contract for general construction, improvements, services, or public works projects or purchases of supplies, materials or equipment to a nonresident bidder unless the nonresident's bid is lower than the lowest bid submitted by a responsible Texas resident bidder by the same amount that a Texas resident bidder would be required to underbid a nonresident bidder to obtain a comparable contract in the state in which the nonresident's principal place of business is located.

I certify that

(Company Name) is a **Texas resident bidder** as defined in Art. 601g.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

I certify that _____
(Company Name) is a **nonresident bidder** as defined in Art. 601g. and our principal place of business is: _____

(City and State)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Organization Name
State Law Verifications

I, _____ (Person's name), the undersigned
representative of (Company or Business name) _____ (hereafter referred to as the
"Company") being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by
the undersigned notary, do hereby depose and verify under oath as follows:

- **IRAN, SUDAN AND FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS:** By submission of a response to City of Brownsville Public Utilities Board ("BPUB") Request for Bids B005-26 (the "RFB"), the responding Company represents that, to the extent this proposal submission or any contracts executed in response to this proposal constitutes a governmental contract within the meaning of Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, solely for purposes of compliance with Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, and except to the extent otherwise required by applicable federal law, neither the responding Company, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Sections 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code.
- **ANTI-BOYCOTT ISRAEL VERIFICATION:** By submission of a response to the BPUB RFQ, the responding Company represents that, to the extent this proposal submission, or any contracts executed in response to this proposal, constitutes a contract for goods or services within the meaning of Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, solely for purposes of compliance with Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code, and subject to applicable federal law, including without limitation, 50 U.S.C. Section 4607, the responding Company, as well as any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company, (1) does not boycott Israel and (2) will not boycott Israel through the term of any such contract. The term "boycott Israel" as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.
- **VERIFICATION REGARDING NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIREARMS:** By submission of a response to the BPUB RFQ, the responding Company represents that, to the extent this proposal submission, or any contracts executed in response to this proposal, constitutes a contract for goods or services for which a written verification is required under Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 19, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, the responding Company hereby verifies that it, as well as any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Firm, (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (2) will not discriminate during the term of any such contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 19, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, to the extent such section does not contravene

applicable Texas or federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, “discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2274.001, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 19, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session).

- **VERIFICATION REGARDING NO ENERGY COMPANY BOYCOTTS:** By submission of a response to the BPUB RFQ, the responding Company represents that, to the extent this proposal submission, or any contracts executed in response to this proposal, constitutes a contract for goods or services for which a written verification is required under Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 13, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, the responding Company hereby verifies that the responding Company, as well as any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Firm, (1) does not boycott energy companies and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of any such contract. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 13, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, to the extent such section does not contravene applicable Texas or federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, “boycott energy companies” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 809.001(1), Texas Government Code.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

On this the _____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared _____, the above-named person, who after by me being duly sworn, did swear and confirm that the above is true and correct.

NOTARY SEAL _____

NOTARY SIGNATURE _____
Date

Organization Name
House Bill 89 Verification

I, _____ (Person name), the undersigned representative of
(Company or Business name) _____ (hereafter referred to as company)
being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by the undersigned
notary, do hereby depose and verify under oath that the company named- above, under
the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract providing that:
 - (1) "company" does not include a sole proprietorship; and
 - (2) the law applies only to a contract that:
 - (a) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and
 - (b) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds or the governmental entity

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and
2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

On this the _____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared
_____, the above-named person, who after by me
being duly sworn, did swear and confirm that the above is true and correct.

NOTARY SEAL _____

NOTARY SIGNATURE _____
Date _____

Previous Customer Reference Worksheet

Name of Customer:		Customer Contact:
Customer Address:		Customer Phone Number:
		Customer Email:

Name of Company Performing Referenced Work:

What was the Period of Performance?		What was the Final Acceptance Date?
From:		
To:		
Dollar Value of Contract?		What Type of Contract? <input type="checkbox"/> Firm Fixed Price <input type="checkbox"/> Time and Material <input type="checkbox"/> Not to Exceed <input type="checkbox"/> Cost Plus Fixed Fee <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify: _____
\$ _____		

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W-9

Form W-9
(Rev. March 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type.
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions)	3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions <input type="checkbox"/>	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)			
6 City, state, and ZIP code				
7 List account number(s) here (optional)				

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number
or
Employer identification number

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person	Date
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

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W-8BEN-E

Form (Rev. October 2021)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Certificate of Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting (Entities)

► For use by entities. Individuals must use Form W-8BEN. ► Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.
► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW8BENE for instructions and the latest information.
► Give this form to the withholding agent or payer. Do not send to the IRS.

OMB No. 1545-1621

Do NOT use this form for:

- U.S. entity or U.S. citizen or resident
- A foreign individual
- A foreign individual or entity claiming that income is effectively connected with the conduct of trade or business within the United States (unless claiming treaty benefits)
- A foreign partnership, a foreign simple trust, or a foreign grantor trust (unless claiming treaty benefits) (see instructions for exceptions)
- A foreign government, international organization, foreign central bank of issue, foreign tax-exempt organization, foreign private foundation, or government of a U.S. possession claiming that income is effectively connected U.S. income or that is claiming the applicability of section(s) 115(2), 501(c), 892, 895, or 1443(b) (unless claiming treaty benefits) (see instructions for other exceptions)
- Any person acting as an intermediary (including a qualified intermediary acting as a qualified derivatives dealer)

Instead use Form:

- W-9
- W-8BEN (Individual) or Form 8233
- W-8ECI
- W-8IMY
- W-8EXP
- W-8ECI or W-8EXP
- W-8IMY

Part I Identification of Beneficial Owner

1 Name of organization that is the beneficial owner	2 Country of incorporation or organization																																						
3 Name of disregarded entity receiving the payment (if applicable, see instructions)																																							
4 Chapter 3 Status (entity type) (Must check one box only): <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Simple trust</td> <td style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Tax-exempt organization</td> <td style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Corporation</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Central Bank of Issue</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Private foundation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Complex trust</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Grantor trust</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Disregarded entity</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Estate</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><input type="checkbox"/> International organization</td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Simple trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax-exempt organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Central Bank of Issue	<input type="checkbox"/> Private foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Complex trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Grantor trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Disregarded entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Estate	<input type="checkbox"/> International organization																												
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Complete Part XV.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Registered deemed-compliant FFI (other than a reporting Model 1 FFI, sponsored FFI, or nonreporting IGA FFI covered in Part XII). See instructions.</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Entity wholly owned by exempt beneficial owners. Complete Part XVI.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Sponsored FFI. Complete Part IV.</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Territory financial institution. Complete Part XVII.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Certified deemed-compliant nonregistering local bank. Complete Part V.</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Excepted nonfinancial group entity. Complete Part XVIII.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Certified deemed-compliant FFI with only low-value accounts. Complete Part VI.</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Excepted nonfinancial start-up company. 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