

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

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**LEGAL NOTICE
AND
INVITATION TO BID
B028-26**

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, Texas 78575 **until 2:00 PM, May 20, 2026** for the Project described in the Contract Documents and Specifications entitled:

BPUB NORTH REGIONAL FORCE MAIN PHASE I

Bids received after this time will not be considered.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on May 20, 2026 at 2:15PM. Bidders can request a copy of the bid tabulation by emailing dsolitaire@brownsville-pub.com.

Copies of the Contract Documents and Specifications may be obtained at following website: https://www.brownsville-pub.com/rfp_status/open/. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting via conference call (956) 214-6020 will be held on May 12, 2026 at 10:30am.

Each bid, in duplicate, shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and shall be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "**B028-26 BPUB NORTH REGIONAL FORCE MAIN PHASE I, May 20, 2026, 2:00 PM**". This envelope shall be addressed to Diane Solitaire; Brownsville Public Utilities Board; Purchasing Department; 1155 FM 511, Olmito, Texas 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. BIDDER is required to execute a contract and furnish a Performance Bond, Payment Bond and a Certificate of Insurance. 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 considered if the Bid Security is not submitted.**

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. **No bids will be accepted via facsimile or electronic transmission.**

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 Department
(956) 983-6366

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS
Please submit this page upon receipt

Acknowledgment Form
BPUB NORTH REGIONAL FORCE MAIN PHASE I
B028-26

For any clarifications, please contact Diane Solitaire at the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, Purchasing Department at (956) 983-6366 or e-mail: dsolitaire@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 emailed, please provide an email address 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 email to:** dsolitaire@brownsville-pub.com. This will ensure you remain active on our vendor list.

Date _____

Company: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Special Instructions

Contract Information

- **Interpretation**

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

Diane Solitaire, Purchasing & Materials Manager
Email: dsolitaire@brownsville-pub.com

- **Tentative Time Line**

1. April 27, 2026 through May 20, 2026 – Vendor bid preparation.
2. May 20, 2026 at 2:00 PM - **Vendor must submit bid, in duplicate, sealed in an envelope to:**

Diane Solitaire, Purchasing & Materials Manager
1155 FM 511
Olmito, TX 78575

Bid #028-26 – BPUB NORTH REGIONAL FORCE MAIN PHASE I
Due May 20, 2026 at 2:00 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 not accept electronic transmissions or facsimiles of sealed bids.

1. May 12, 2026 – Pre-Bid Conference at 10:30 AM
2. May 20, 2026 - Open bids at 2:15 PM
3. June 8, 2026 - BPUB Board Meeting and possible contract award

- **“Or Equal”**

Brand name and/or manufacturer's references used in this Request are descriptive – not restrictive – they are intended to generally indicate type and quality desired. Brands of like nature and quality will generally be considered. If bidding on other than referenced Specifications, please provide complete descriptive information of said material/equipment article. BPUB also reserves the legal right to specify a “sole source” component if such component is critical for integration to a larger assembly and alternative manufactured items will not meet the design and/or performance needs of the BPUB, in BPUB's sole discretion.

- **Pricing**

Bid unit prices on BPUB estimated quantities specified, extend and show total. In case of errors in extension, unit prices expressed in written words and not numerals, shall govern. Prices shall remain firm throughout the Contract.

All fields (UNIT PRICE & TOTAL PRICE) in the Bid Schedule must be filled in. The data must be complete to identify any bidding brand called for specifically.

Failure to submit any of the above information with the sealed bid may disqualify bid as non-responsive.

- **Contractor Representative**

The successful contractor agrees to send a personal representative with binding authority for the company to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, upon request, to make any minor clarifications or adjustments and/or assist with coordination of all transactions as needed to allow Contract entry.

- **Quality of Products**

All material and equipment items specified 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. Price
2. Responsibility of contractor to perform the intended work and responsiveness to the bid request.
3. Compliance with requirements of the technical specifications
4. Quality of performance on previous work on similar contracts
5. Recent successful completion of similar projects
6. BPUB financial and legal responsibility evaluations of any identified teaming arrangements involving 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 BPUB has implemented a payment service for vendors/contractors by depositing the contract payment directly to the contractor's/vendor's bank account. Successful vendor(s)/contractors 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, aW9 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 City of Brownsville and its Brownsville Public Utilities Board are exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and local sales Taxes. Do not include any taxes in the bid proposal. If it is later 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 by BPUB 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 or veteran status, or physically challenging condition.

- **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 Contract 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 it may appear to be advantageous to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board.
3. The right to hold bid for 90 days from submission date without action, and to waive all informalities in any 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.

- **Corrections**

Any interpretation, correction, or change of the Invitation to Bid will be made by written ADDENDUM. Changes or corrections will be issued by the Brownsville PUB 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/contractors 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/all Addenda have been issued, and to obtain any all Addenda, execute them, and return Addenda with the response to the Invitation to Bid. Addenda may also be posted on BPUB's 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 **"BPUB NORTH REGIONAL FORCE MAIN PHASE I"**.

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 by vendor/contractor prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or OWNER 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 Project 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 facility involved, the difficulties and restrictions attending the performance of the Contract. The BIDDER shall 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 Project 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 of such a diligent Project site visitation. Visits to the Project site shall be arranged by calling Rolando Carlos, E.I.T. at telephone no. (956) 983-6348.

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 photocopy) 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 Contract Documents.

If any of the information submitted as part of the bid is considered to be proprietary by the BIDDER, he shall conspicuously identify such intended confidential information in his bid. BPUB is subject to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act and cannot legally guarantee confidentiality of submittals and may need to consult with its legal counsel and the Texas Attorney General in rendering decisions on any requested disclosures.

- 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 written words and numeric figures, except where the forms provide for figures only. In case of discrepancy, especially in any sum total extensions, the amount shown in written words will generally prevail over numeric unit prices.

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 work, 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 representative. 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 appropriate 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 on 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 signed bid (and its accompanying photocopy) shall be transmitted to arrive at the designated BPUB 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 photocopy) to:

Brownsville Public Utilities Board
1155 FM 511
Olmito, Texas 78575
Attention: Ms. Diane Solitaire
Purchasing Department

Each bid must be submitted in duplicate as stated above (original signature and photocopy), 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 itself must be enclosed in another mailing envelope addressed as specified in the bid form.

4. METHOD OF BIDDING:

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. When 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 that 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 cumulatively 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, including telephonic contact to other owner references, 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 properly carry out 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 bid 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 successful BIDDER have executed the Contract or if no award has been made, within Ninety (90) calendar 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 bid documents will be made by ADDENDUM only. Changes or corrections will only be issued by the Brownsville PUB Purchasing Department. Addenda will be faxed to all who have returned the bid acknowledgment form. Addenda will be issued as expeditiously as possible. It is the responsibility of the vendors/contractors to determine whether all Addenda have been received. It will be the responsibility of all respondents to contact the Brownsville PUB Purchasing Department prior to submitting a response to the 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 bid. All Addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents.

9. EMAIL MODIFICATION:

Any BIDDER may modify (not originally submit) his bid by email 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 email 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 or email, if representing an increase in excess of two percent (2%) of the original bid submittal, must have the bid security (bid bond or check) adjusted accordingly; otherwise the bid will not be considered responsive.

If the written and originally signed confirmation of a bid revision is not received within three (3) calendar days after the bid closing time, no consideration will be given to any proposed adjustment contained in the email modification.

10. TIME FOR RECEIVING BIDS:

Bids received prior to the advertised hour of opening will be securely kept sealed by BPUB. 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; except that when a bid arrives by mail after the time fixed for opening, but before the public reading of all other bids is completed, and it is shown to the satisfaction of the OWNER that the non-arrival on time was due solely to delay in the mails for which the BIDDER was not responsible, such bid will be received and considered.

BIDDERS are cautioned that, while email 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 public 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 on written, or electronic transmission 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 email 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 the 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 BPUB's 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 proposed Contract. This provision is meant to prevent wholesale assignment and "brokering" of awarded contracts.

14. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT: PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND:

Subsequent to the Notice of Award and within ten (10) calendar 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 and timely 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. Payment Bonds are required under Texas law, since no mechanics' liens are allowed against BPUB's public property assets.

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 to 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) calendar 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 final 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 bid bond 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) calendar days after he has received notice of the acceptance of his bid, shall forfeit to the OWNER, as mutually agreed to liquidated damages (and not as a penalty) for such failure or refusal, the security provided in the bid bond or otherwise deposited with his bid.

16. TIME OF COMPLETION AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

BIDDER agrees by submission of his bid to commence Work on the date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed" issued by the OWNER and to Substantially Complete the Project as provided in Article 2 of the Construction Agreement.

BIDDER agrees by submission of his bid to pay as mutually agreed to liquidated damages, and not as a penalty, the sum as provided in said Construction Agreement, Article 2.

17. NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

Attention is particularly called to those parts of the Contract Documents and Specifications which address 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 mutually 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, gender, sexual preference, physically challenging 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 for the Project.

21. SUBMITTAL OF TRENCH SAFETY DESIGN: (RESERVED)

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 using new equipment and materials which comply with the Specifications and Documents in every respect, unless existing equipment is specifically noted by OWNER for reuse. 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 contractor compensation or extension of time. OWNER specifically reserves the legal right to specify "sole source" equipment or materials in the Specifications when unique circumstances warrant.

b) **Contractor's Field Organization and Safety Record.**

- (i) An organization chart showing the names of field management, supervisory, technical personnel, and number of employees/workforce available 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.
- (ii) The experience record of the Contractor's field superintendent(s) shall be submitted with the bid.
- (iii) The Contractor's job-safety record summary for the previous five (5) years
- (iv) The two most recent year's Financial Statements
- (v) List of three (3) projects completed by CONTRACTOR of both similar size and

scope over the past five (5) years

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 current Texas law.

24. SUBSURFACE GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS: (RESERVED)

Each BIDDER shall be responsible for determining prior to bidding, the types of subsurface materials which will be found in the event that any new footings and upright structural supports for the Project are required. If test borings have been made on the Project site by the BPUB or its consultants, 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 soils requiring dewatering, 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 spoil 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:

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 side slopes, 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 as 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 State and federal laws regulating storm water 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 manage, prevent, or correct the possible conditions. 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 OWNER, public, and any job site working personnel, will be mitigated. 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.

28. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY AND EXISTING UTILITIES:

Within developed areas, all public and private property along and adjacent to the BIDDER'S operations, including roads, driveways, 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 by BPUB 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 utility damage and unsafe working conditions for employees.

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. GUARANTEE:

The BIDDER shall warranty and guarantee the Work, equipment and materials for a period of at least one (1) year after date of final acceptance in writing by the OWNER. During this period, the BIDDER shall make any repairs and/or replacements of defective equipment and materials and corrections of Work due to poor workmanship, all as may be required for full compliance with the General Conditions, Plans and Specifications. This combined workmanship quality guarantee, and minimal equipment and materials warranty, shall apply to all matters reported by the OWNER in writing within said one (1) year period and this post-construction guarantee/warranty period shall be included in the coverage period set forth in the Performance Bond.

31. STATE SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION:

Pursuant to 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 statute are asked to inquire directly with the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, Tax Administration Division, State of Texas, Austin, Texas 78774. Bidders will not include any federal taxes in bid prices since the City of Brownsville and Brownsville PUB are 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
B028-26
Place: BPUB Purchasing Department
1155 FM 511, Olmito, TX 78575
Due Date: - May 20, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Bid of _____ hereinafter called "BIDDER," a _____ (insert type of legal entity e.g. corporation, partnership, individual with d/b/a, etc.) organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____.

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

Gentlemen:

The undersigned BIDDER, in compliance with your Invitation to Bid for the **BPUB NORTH REGIONAL FORCE MAIN PHASE I**, having read and examined the Plans and Specifications with related Documents and visited the site of the proposed Work, and being familiar with all of the federal, state and local conditions surrounding the construction of the proposed project, including the availability of materials and labor, hereby proposes to furnish all labor, materials, equipment and supplies, and to construct the project in accordance with the contract documents, within the time set forth herein, and at the Total Base Bid Amount prior to OWNER options on additive/deductive alternates of: (in words and numeric figures)

_____. 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 by OWNER within ninety (90) calendar 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.

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

BID SCHEDULE
BASE BID – B028-26
BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

The Bidder, in compliance with the Invitation for Bids for the B PUB NORTH REGIONAL FORCE MAIN PHASE I, having examined the scope of work and written Specifications, hereby proposes to furnish construction services for the following Unit prices and lump sums.

Item No.	Item Description	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total
1	Exst. Headworks Connection (incl. all DI spools, DI fittings, restraints, concrete pipe supports, Eccentric Plug Valve, concrete pad, pipe and floor drain lines and valves, and connection to exst. headworks Complete-In-Place)	1	LS	\$	\$
2	Tie-In to LS 111 (incl. removing exst. Air Release Valve, manhole, capping and plugging exst. 18-Inch FM)	1	LS	\$	\$
3	Tie Into Exist. 24-Inch Force Main (Incl. 24" blind flange and plugging exst. 24- Inch FM)	1	EA	\$	\$
4	30-Inch Plug Valve & Box (Incl. restraints and thrust blocking)	2	EA	\$	\$
5	30-Inch Ductile Iron Force Main (Complete In-Place, Contractor to determine final length)	150	LF	\$	\$
6	30-Inch PVC C 905 DR-25 Force Main, Complete In-Place (Incl. trench excavation; pipe bedding; pipe installation; backfilling to the bottom of the flexible base section within pavement areas; and earth backfill to natural grade in all non-pavement areas.)	13774	LF	\$	\$
7	24-Inch PVC C 905 DR-25 Force Main, Complete In-Place (Incl. trench excavation; pipe bedding; pipe installation; backfilling to the bottom of the flexible base section within pavement areas; and earth backfill to natural grade in all non-pavement areas.)	15	LF	\$	\$

8	18-Inch PVC C 905 DR-25 Force Main, Complete In-Place (Incl. trench excavation; pipe bedding; pipe installation; backfilling to the bottom of the flexible base section within pavement areas; and earth backfill to natural grade in all non-pavement areas.)	33	LF	\$	\$
9	30-Inch Bored PVC C 905 DR-25 Force Main, Complete In-Place (Incl. Materials and Labor)	840	LF	\$	\$
10	54-Inch Class III RCP	50	LF	\$	\$
11	54-Inch Canasta Headwall	2	EA	\$	\$
12	42-Inch Bored Steel Casing (Incl. labor and materials)	200	LF	\$	\$
13	42-Inch Open Cut Steel Casing (Incl. labor and materials)	200	LF	\$	\$
14	30-Inch Tee (incl. restraints and thrust blocking)	1	EA	\$	\$
15	18"x 30" Reducer (incl. restraints and thrust blocking)	1	EA	\$	\$
16	24"x 30" Reducer (incl. restraints and thrust blocking)	1	EA	\$	\$
17	18-Inch 90 Bend (incl. restraints and thrust blocking)	1	EA	\$	\$
18	24-Inch 45 Bend (incl. restraints and thrust blocking)	1	EA	\$	\$
19	30-Inch 90 Bend (incl. restraints and thrust blocking)	6	EA	\$	\$
20	30-Inch 45 Bend (incl. restraints and thrust blocking)	29	EA	\$	\$
21	30-Inch 22.5 Bend (incl. restraints and thrust blocking)	8	EA	\$	\$
22	30-Inch 11.25 Bend (incl. restraints and thrust blocking)	10	EA	\$	\$
23	30-Inch Wye (incl. restraints and thrust blocking)	1	EA	\$	\$
24	30-Inch Blind Flange (incl. restraints and thrust blocking)	1	EA	\$	\$

25	4-Inch ARI D-26 Combination Air Valve for Drainage Ditch Aerial Crossing at STA 12+50.81. Vented to pole mounted Air Release (Incl. 30" x 6" FL Tee, 6" x 4" FL Reducer, 4" PVC SDR-35 vent pipe, and 4-Inch Shutoff Ball Valve)	1	LS	\$	\$
26	Drainage Ditch Aerial Crossing at STA 11+64.74 (Incl. All Ductile Iron Fittings, Concrete Pilings, Pier Caps, 42-Inch Steel Casing and all necessary appurtenances Installed)	1	LS	\$	\$
27	2-Inch Air Release Valve Assembly (include manhole housing, discharge piping, connection to adjacent exist. Manhole, as shown in design plans)	19	EA	\$	\$
28	Clear and Grubbing (include disposal, applicable for brush areas)	24	STA	\$	\$
29	Relocation of Construction Debris (STA 128+00 to 140+00)	1	LS	\$	\$
30	Trench Safety	13822	LF	\$	\$
31	Trench Dewatering	13822	LF	\$	\$
32	Curb & Gutter (including removal and replacement)	225	LF	\$	\$
33	Remove and Dispose of Existing 6' Chain Link Fence	2655	LF	\$	\$
34	Remove and dispose of Existing 6' Wooden Fence	650	LF	\$	\$
35	Install New 6' Chain Link Fence at Right-of-Way line (Including coordination with land owners)	2655	LF	\$	\$
36	Install New 6' Wooden Fence at Right-of-Way line (Including coordination with land owners)	650	LF	\$	\$
37	10' Wide Concrete Pavement Repair (Includes concrete pavement, sand cushion and flexible base, to the top of sand backfill, as per concrete pavement detail)	75	LF	\$	\$
38	Concrete Sidewalk (Width varies, match existing)	9200	SF	\$	\$
39	HMAC Pavement Repair (Includes HMAC and Flexible Base to the top of sand backfill, as per the typical pipe bedding and trench backfill detail)	48	LF	\$	\$
40	Concrete Equipment Pad (Type G) located at the Robindale Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks	1	LS	\$	\$

41	Traffic Control Plan (designed by a Texas Licensed PE)	1	LS	\$	\$
42	Traffic Control during Construction	12	MON	\$	\$
43	SWPPP (Signed by a Texas Registered Professional Engineer)	1	LS	\$	\$
44	Erosion Control (Inc'l. all TPDES required Permitting, Reporting and Monitoring)	12	MON	\$	\$

TOTAL AMOUNT OF BID (ITEMS 1-44): \$ _____

(written in words)

NOTE: Quantities are estimated. The Brownsville PUB reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as allowed by Texas law (plus or minus 25%) and as deemed necessary by OWNER, without impacting the quoted unit prices. Prospective bidders are encouraged to visit and assess the existing Project site and structures prior to submitting a bid.

BIDDER Acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda:

SUBCONTRACTORS. The undersigned BIDDER proposes that he will be responsible to perform major portions of 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
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Bid amounts are to be legibly shown in both words and figures. In case of discrepancy, the unit price shown in words will govern.

The above unit prices shall include all labor, materials, excavation, bailing, shoring, removal, backfill, overhead, profit, insurance, etc., to cover the finished Work of the several kinds called for.

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) calendar days after the scheduled bid opening.

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 (failure to sign disqualifies bid)

Title

Address

Attest: _____

BID BOND

STATE OF TEXAS §

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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 BPUB NORTH REGIONAL FORCE MAIN PHASE I.

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, and be listed as approved federal sureties in the most recently issued (as of the date of legal notice) edition of the U. S. Treasury Circular 570.

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, so long as that information does not constitute a condition, qualification or exception to the Bid Submittal.

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 within the last five (5) years? 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 binding arbitrations and/or 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 price 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 requests 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 _____, 2026.

By: _____

Title: _____

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

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

All questions must be answered or the general contractor's 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 subcontractor 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. Have you ever previously worked as a subcontractor for this general contractor?
___Yes___No; If yes, list the three most recent projects in which your company has served as a subcontractor to this general contractor.

5. What projects has your organization completed within the last five (5) years? List most recent FIRST.

Contract	Type of Work	Date Completed	Owners Name and Address	Amount

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

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

8. Are you at present in any finding arbitrations and/or lawsuits involving construction work of any type?

___ Yes ___ No. If "Yes", explain: _____

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

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

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

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

13. What portions of the work do you intend to subtier subcontract?

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

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

15. 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 subcontractor bid?
 ___ Yes ___ No

16. 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 requests 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: _____

REQUIRED FORMS CHECKLIST

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

NAME	FORM DESCRIPTION	SUBMITTED WITH BID	
		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Required Forms (if applicable)	Acknowledgement Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Debarment Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ethic Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Conflict of Interest Questionnaire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	W9 or W8 Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Direct Deposit Form (will be provided to the awarded vendor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Residence Certification Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Instructions (if applicable)	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	OSHA 300 Log	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Contractor Pre-Bid Disclosure completed, signed and notarized	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sub-Contractor Pre-Bid Disclosure completed, signed, and notarized	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
References	Complete the Previous Customer Reference Worksheet for each reference provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Addenda		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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
(Complete and return with bid)

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 CITY OF BROWNSVILLE AND THE BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD, ALL OF THEIR 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
(Complete and Return with Bid)

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 (b) of this certification; and
- d) Have not within a three year period preceding this 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.

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY & SUBMITTED WITH BID RESPONSE

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE		FORM CIQ
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity		
<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>	OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received	
<p>1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p>		
<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;">_____</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 style="margin-left: 40px;">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="margin-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">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="margin-left: 80px;"><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;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of signatory</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date</p>

Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission

www.ethics.state.tx.us

Revised 8/14/2024

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.

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 **resident Texas 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: _____

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.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____.

My address is _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
 (street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

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

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 Bid B028-26 (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

Previous Customer Reference Worksheet

Name of Customer:		Customer Contact:
Customer Address:		Customer Phone Number:
		Customer Email:

~~Provide a brief description of the work performed for this customer (add additional page if required)~~

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:

Form **W-8BEN-E**

(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 W-9
- A foreign individual W-8BEN (Individual) or Form 8233
- 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) W-8ECI
- A foreign partnership, a foreign simple trust, or a foreign grantor trust (unless claiming treaty benefits) (see instructions for exceptions) W-8IMY
- 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) W-8ECI or W-8EXP
- Any person acting as an intermediary (including a qualified intermediary acting as a qualified derivatives dealer) W-8IMY

Instead use Form:

Part I Identification of Beneficial Owner

1 Name of organization that is the beneficial owner	2 Country of incorporation or organization
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3 Name of disregarded entity receiving the payment (if applicable, see instructions)

4 Chapter 3 Status (entity type) (Must check one box only):

<input type="checkbox"/> Simple trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax-exempt organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Bank of Issue	<input type="checkbox"/> Private foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Complex trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Government - Controlled Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> Grantor trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Disregarded entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Government - Integral Part
		<input type="checkbox"/> International organization	

If you entered disregarded entity, partnership, simple trust, or grantor trust above, is the entity a hybrid making a treaty claim? If "Yes," complete Part III. Yes No

5 Chapter 4 Status (FATCA status) (See instructions for details and complete the certification below for the entity's applicable status.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Nonparticipating FFI (including an FFI related to a Reporting IGA FFI other than a deemed-compliant FFI, participating FFI, or exempt beneficial owner). <input type="checkbox"/> Participating FFI. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting Model 1 FFI. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting Model 2 FFI. <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. <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsored FFI. Complete Part IV. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified deemed-compliant nonregistering local bank. Complete Part V. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified deemed-compliant FFI with only low-value accounts. Complete Part VI. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified deemed-compliant sponsored, closely held investment vehicle. Complete Part VII. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified deemed-compliant limited life debt investment entity. Complete Part VIII. <input type="checkbox"/> Certain investment entities that do not maintain financial accounts. Complete Part IX. <input type="checkbox"/> Owner-documented FFI. Complete Part X. <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted distributor. Complete Part XI.	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonreporting IGA FFI. Complete Part XII. <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign government, government of a U.S. possession, or foreign central bank of issue. Complete Part XIII. <input type="checkbox"/> International organization. Complete Part XIV. <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt retirement plans. Complete Part XV. <input type="checkbox"/> Entity wholly owned by exempt beneficial owners. Complete Part XVI. <input type="checkbox"/> Territory financial institution. Complete Part XVII. <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted nonfinancial group entity. Complete Part XVIII. <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted nonfinancial start-up company. Complete Part XIX. <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted nonfinancial entity in liquidation or bankruptcy. Complete Part XX. <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) organization. Complete Part XXI. <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organization. Complete Part XXII. <input type="checkbox"/> Publicly traded NFFE or NFFE affiliate of a publicly traded corporation. Complete Part XXIII. <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted territory NFFE. Complete Part XXIV. <input type="checkbox"/> Active NFFE. Complete Part XXV. <input type="checkbox"/> Passive NFFE. Complete Part XXVI. <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted inter-affiliate FFI. Complete Part XXVII. <input type="checkbox"/> Direct reporting NFFE. <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsored direct reporting NFFE. Complete Part XXVIII. <input type="checkbox"/> Account that is not a financial account.
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6 Permanent residence address (street, apt. or suite no., or rural route). **Do not use a P.O. box or in-care-of address** (other than a registered address).

City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.	Country
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7 Mailing address (if different from above)

City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.	Country
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NOTICE OF AWARD

TO: _____

Project Description: BPUB NORTH REGIONAL FORCE MAIN PHASE I (B028-26)

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 to Bid dated May 20, 2026 and Instruction to Bidders.

You are hereby notified that after any Owner adjustments to the Base Bid Amount to account for Owner options regarding additive and deductive alternates, your BID has been accepted in the final Contract Price amount of \$_____.

You are required by the Instructions to Bidders to execute the Construction 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.

In addition with the Bonds and Insurance Certificates, you must complete, execute, and submit a Contractor Job Safety Analysis (JSA) form. The JSA form is required prior to entering into a contractual agreement with the OWNER, and will be valid for a period of 30 days after which you must complete, execute and submit an updated JSA form. The completed JSA form is included as a part of the Contract Documents.

If you fail to execute this Agreement and furnish any required Bonds, Insurance Certificates, or other certifications 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 BOND.

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

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

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__.

BROWNSVILLE 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:

_____ this ____ day
of _____, 20__.

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

NOTICE TO PROCEED

TO:

ADDRESS:

Contract For: **BPUB NORTH REGIONAL FORCE MAIN PHASE I (B028-26)**

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 prior to final payment is _____, 20____.

Before you may start any Work at the site, material submittals must be submitted and approved by the BPUB before a Purchase Order is issued and prior to the purchase and shipment of materials.

Brownsville Public Utilities Board:
(Owner)

BY: _____
(Authorized Signature)

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

FOR: Brownsville Public Utilities Board

CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is dated as of the ____ day of _____, 20 __, by and between the PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD of the City of Brownsville, Texas (hereinafter called OWNER) and _____ of _____ an independent contractor, hereinafter called CONTRACTOR).

OWNER and CONTRACTOR, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, agree as follows:

Article 1. WORK.

CONTRACTOR shall furnish all of the material, supplies, tools, equipment, labor and other services necessary for the construction and Final Completion of the Work described herein and complete all the Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents for **BPUB NORTH REGIONAL FORCE MAIN PHASE I**.

Article 2. CONTRACT TIME

2.1 The Work shall be Substantially Completed and made ready for later final payment Three Hundred and Sixty-Five (365) consecutive calendar days after the date when the Contract time commences to run as provided in paragraph 2.3 of the General Conditions and in the Notice to Proceed, and in accordance with paragraph 14.13 of the General Conditions.

2.2 **Liquidated Damages.** OWNER AND CONTRACTOR recognize that the **TIME OF PERFORMANCE IS OF THE ESSENCE** in this Agreement and that OWNER will suffer financial loss if the Work is not Substantially Complete within the time specified in paragraph 2.1 above, plus any extensions thereof allowed in accordance with Article 12 of the General Conditions. Both parties hereto also recognize the delays, expense and difficulties involved in proving in a legal proceeding the actual loss suffered by OWNER if the Work is not Substantially Complete on time. Accordingly, instead of requiring such proof, OWNER and CONTRACTOR agree that as liquidated damages, and not as a penalty, for the delay, CONTRACTOR shall pay OWNER Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each consecutive calendar day that expires after the time specified in paragraph 2.1 for Substantial Completion.

Article 3. CONTRACT PRICE.

3.1 CONTRACTOR shall perform the Work described in the Contract Documents for the amounts shown in the Bid Schedule, and OWNER shall pay CONTRACTOR in current funds based on the Bid Schedule.

Article 4. PAYMENT PROCEDURES.

Contractor shall submit Applications for Payment in accordance with Article 14 of the

General Conditions. Applications for Payment will be processed by OWNER as provided for in the General Conditions.

4.1 Progress Payments. OWNER shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Price on the basis of CONTRACTOR's Applications for Payment on or about the Twentieth (20th) day after submittal of the Application for Payment each month as provided below. All progress payments shall be on the basis of the progress of the Work measured by the Schedule of Values provided for in paragraph 14.1 of the General Conditions.

4.1.1 Prior to Substantial Completion, progress payments shall be in an amount equal to 95% of the amount requested in the Application for Payment, with 5% remaining as retainage for the Project, to be released in accordance with paragraph 4.2.

4.1.2 Upon Substantial Completion, OWNER shall pay an amount sufficient to increase total payments to CONTRACTOR to 95% of the Contract price, less such amounts OWNER shall determine in accordance with paragraph 14.7 of the General Conditions.

4.2 **Final Payment.** Upon Final Completion and acceptance of the Work in accordance with paragraph 14.13 of the General Conditions, OWNER shall pay the remainder of the Contract price as provided in said paragraph 14.13.

Article 5. CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS.

In order to induce OWNER to enter into this Agreement, CONTRACTOR makes the following representations:

5.1 CONTRACTOR has familiarized himself with the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, Work, locality, and with all local conditions and federal, State and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress or performance of the Work.

5.2 CONTRACTOR has made or caused to be made examinations and investigations of information and the Project site as he deems necessary for the performance of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents; and no additional examinations, investigations or similar data are or will be required by CONTRACTOR for such purposes.

5.3 CONTRACTOR has given OWNER written notice of all conflicts, errors or discrepancies that he has discovered in the Contract Documents and the written resolution thereof by OWNER is acceptable to CONTRACTOR.

5.4 CONTRACTOR is skilled and experienced in the type of work described in the Contract Documents.

Article 6. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

The Contract Documents which comprise the entire Agreement between OWNER and CONTRACTOR are attached to this Agreement, made a part hereof and consist of the following:

- 6.1 Legal Notice and Invitation to Bid
- 6.2 Instructions to Bidders
- 6.3 Bid and Bid Schedule
- 6.4 Bid Bond
- 6.5 Contractor's and Subcontractor's Pre-Bid Disclosure Statements
- 6.6 Notice of Award and Acceptance of Notice
- 6.7 Notice to Proceed
- 6.8 Agreement
- 6.9 Performance Bond
- 6.10 Payment Bond
- 6.11 General Conditions
- 6.12 Supplementary General Conditions
- 6.13 Technical Specifications
- 6.14 Addendum number(s) __ (page __).
- 6.15 CONTRACTOR's Certificate(s) of Insurance
- 6.16 Construction Drawings bearing the following general title: **BPUB NORTH REGIONAL FORCE MAIN PHASE I** (Sheets 1 through 21)
- 6.17 Any written modification, including Change Orders, duly delivered after execution of this Agreement.

There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above in this Article 6. The Contract Documents may only be altered, amended or repealed by a written Modification (as defined in Article 1 of the General Conditions).

Article 7. MISCELLANEOUS.

7.1 Terms used in this Agreement, which are defined in Article 1 of the General Conditions shall have the meanings indicated in the General Conditions.

7.2 No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Contract Documents will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and specifically, but without limitation, moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract Documents.

7.3 OWNER and CONTRACTOR each binds himself, his partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto, his partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in

the Contract Documents.

7.4 The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of the Contract Documents shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of the Contract Documents.

7.5 This Agreement and the Contract Documents are subject to all applicable laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations.

7.6 In the event of default by CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents, OWNER shall have all rights and remedies afforded to it at law or in equity to enforce the terms of the Contract Documents. 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.

7.7 If any action at law or in equity is necessary by OWNER to enforce or interpret the terms of the Contract Documents, OWNER shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs and any necessary disbursements, in addition to any other relief to which the OWNER is entitled.

7.8 The Contract Documents constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto and supersede all prior agreements, understandings, or oral communications between the parties. The Contract can only be modified or amended by written agreement of the parties.

7.9 These Contract Documents are governed by the laws of the State of Texas and the parties agree that venue for any lawsuits arising from these Contract Documents shall be set in Cameron County, Texas.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this Agreement in triplicate originals. One counterpart each has been delivered to OWNER and CONTRACTOR. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed or identified by OWNER and CONTRACTOR. This Agreement will be effective on the date signed by the OWNER below.

BROWNSVILLE
PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

CONTRACTOR

By: _____

By: _____

Name: Marylin D. Gilbert

Name: _____

Title: General Manager/CEO

Title: _____

Attest: _____

Attest: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Address for giving notices:

Address for giving notices:

Attn: _____

Attn: _____

1425 Robinhood Drive

P. O. Box 3270

Brownsville, TX 78521

(956) 983-6____

Contractor hereby acknowledges and understands that this is a "separated contract" pursuant to 34 T.A.C. 3.291. The following amount of money represents that part of the total Contract price representative of the value of tangible personal property to be physically incorporated into the Project realty: \$ _____.

[NOTE: SEE GENERAL CONDITIONS ARTICLE 6.15, "STATE SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION."]

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: **BPUB NORTH REGIONAL FORCE MAIN PHASE I.**

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 written 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 ways affect its obligation on this BOND, and it does hereby waive notice of any such written 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: _____ (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 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 written 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 ways affect its obligation on this BOND, and it does hereby waive notice of any such written 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.

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(Principal)

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(Signature)

(SEAL)

(Witness as to Principal) _____
(Address) _____

(Address)

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(Surety)

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

(SEAL)

(Witness as to Surety) _____
(Address) _____

(Address)

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ATTACH POWER OF ATTORNEY

INSERT CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

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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 - Sections of Division 01 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. This Contract is not a Working Day Contract.

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 five (5) 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.

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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
Employer's liability	\$100,000.00 each occurrence

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 \$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:

5.7 Waiver

5.7.1 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 6.12, 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.

5.7.2 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:

5.8 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:

5.9 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 5.7.

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.

8.5 (RESERVED)

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.

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:

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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, or 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 warrantied 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 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 stipulated in the Agreement 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:

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 POWNER, 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.

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HEAVY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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	Rates	Fringes
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE		
FINISHER (Paving & Structures).....	\$ 12.46	
FORM BUILDER/FORM SETTER		
(Structures).....	\$ 12.30	
FORM SETTER (Paving & Curb).....	\$ 12.16	
LABORER		
Asphalt Raker.....	\$ 10.61	
Flagger.....	\$ 9.10	
Laborer, Common.....	\$ 9.86	
Laborer, Utility.....	\$ 11.53	
Pipelayer.....	\$ 11.87	
Work Zone Barricade		
Servicer.....	\$ 12.88	
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:		
Asphalt Distributor.....	\$ 13.48	
Asphalt Paving Machine.....	\$ 12.25	
Broom or Sweeper.....	\$ 10.33	
Crane, Lattice Boom 80		
Tons or Less.....	\$ 14.39	
Crawler Tractor.....	\$ 16.63	
Excavator, 50,000 lbs or		
less.....	\$ 12.56	
Excavator, over 50,000 lbs.....	\$ 15.23	
Foundation Drill, Truck		
Mounted.....	\$ 16.86	
Front End Loader Operator,		
Over 3 CY.....	\$ 13.69	
Front End Loader, 3 CY or		

less.....\$ 13.49
 Loader/Backhoe.....\$ 12.77
 Mechanic.....\$ 15.47
 Milling Machine.....\$ 14.64
 Motor Grader Operator,
 Rough.....\$ 14.62
 Motor Grader, Fine Grade.....\$ 16.52
 Scraper.....\$ 11.07

Servicer.....\$ 12.34

Steel Worker (Reinforcing).....\$ 14.07

TRUCK DRIVER

Lowboy-Float.....\$ 13.63
 Single Axle.....\$ 10.82
 Single or Tandem Axle Dump..\$ 14.53
 Tandem Axle Tractor with
 Semi Trailer.....\$ 12.12

WELDER.....\$ 14.02

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

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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>.

Note: Executive Order 13658 generally applies to contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act that were awarded on or between January 1, 2015 and January 29, 2022, and that have not been renewed or extended on or after January 30, 2022. Executive Order 13658 does not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts regardless of when they were awarded. If a contract is subject to Executive Order 13658, 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 the contract in 2025. The applicable Executive Order minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under Executive Order 13658 is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts.

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

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Front End Loader Operator, Over 3 CY.....	\$ 16.41	0.00
Laborer, Common.....	\$ 14.88	0.00
Laborer, Utility.....	\$ 16.79	0.00
Loader/Backhoe Operator.....	\$ 16.37	0.00
Mechanic.....	\$ 23.80	0.00
Milling Machine Operator.....	\$ 18.47	0.00
Motor Grader Operator, Fine Grade.....	\$ 21.55	0.00
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Pipelayer.....	\$ 15.48	0.00
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Roller Operator, Other.....	\$ 14.88	0.00
Scraper Operator.....	\$ 14.88	0.00
Servicer.....	\$ 20.03	0.00
Truck Driver Lowboy Float.....	\$ 27.10	0.00
Truck Driver, Single Axle.....	\$ 17.93	0.00
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Truck Driver, Transit-Mix.....	\$ 18.00	0.00
Welder.....	\$ 21.35	0.00
Work Zone Barricade Servicer.....	\$ 15.81	0.00

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

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Section 01 10 00 – SUMMARY OF WORK

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 PROJECT INTENT

- A. This is a general description of the work as outlined by the Engineer. It is by no means a complete summary of all conditions to be encountered nor is it a complete listing of the work required to complete the project. The project includes the construction of 14,700 LF of 30” Force Main ranging from near the intersection between the Hike and Bike Trail and Morrison Road the Headworks at the Robindale WWTP. Additionally, this intersection will show a proposed 18” Force Main as well as need a tie-in into an existing 24” Force Main. This project also includes steel casings, plug valves, concrete repairs, grubbing, and other appurtenances.
- B. The existing and proposed facilities, dimensions and elevations shown on the plans are the Engineer’s best information on the location of the existing and proposed utilities. Contractor shall verify the existing, and proposed facilities, locations, dimensions, angles, and alignments prior to ordering materials and/or initiation of work. Any variation in the planned quantities shall be transmitted to the Engineer for approval prior to commencing work.

1.2 WORK SEQUENCE

- A. General
 - 1. See Article 2 of the General Conditions regarding preliminary matters.
 - 2. Contractor is responsible for construction sequencing and shall prepare a project schedule in accordance with Section 01 33 00 – Submittal Procedures for approval by the Owner and Engineer prior to initiation of work.
- B. Survey
 - 1. The reference points and benchmark are shown on the construction plans. The Contractor must notify the engineer at least 48 hours prior to starting work on any sector or part of the work where controls have not been established or are not identifiable or visible to the Contractor. The Engineer will upon such advance notice, replace any control points that have been destroyed by others prior to beginning of the Contractor's operations. After control points are established and / or identified as outlined above, maintenance of such control points shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. Any re-staking required for any reason thereafter shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor will provide all other construction staking (cut stakes, blue topping, intermediate string line control, etc.) Required to verify grades, depths, thickness, and alignment of the various items of construction. The Contractor shall provide BPUB with "cut-sheets" prior to approval for beginning construction projects. The "cut-sheets" will be used to verify pipe elevations.

2. Concurrent with performance of contract work, each Contractor shall prepare and maintain one neat and legible set of full-size contract drawings indicating “as-built” conditions, including but not limited to changes in type, location, length, or size, for any item of work. “As-built” drawing mark-ups shall be prepared at the time the applicable item of work is constructed or installed. The preparation of “as-built” drawings shall be as required by the Engineer and drawings shall be reviewed with the Engineer each month during construction. Prior to the final acceptance of contract work the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer one complete set of drawings showing all “as-built” work modifications.

C. TESTS AND INSPECTIONS

1. All materials, equipment, installation and workmanship included in this contract, if so, required by the Engineer, shall be tested and inspected to prove compliance with the contract requirements.
2. No tests specified herein shall be applied until the item to be tested has been inspected and approval given for the application of such test by an authorized representative of the manufacturer of the equipment.
3. Acceptance Tests and Inspection
 - a. The acceptance tests shall be at the Contractor’s expense for any materials or equipment specified herein. This is to include test of items during the process of manufacture and on completion of manufacture, comprising material test, hydraulic pressure tests, electric tests, performance and operating tests and inspections in accordance with the relevant standards of the industry, and more particularly as detailed in individual clauses of these specifications, or as may be required by the Engineer to satisfy himself that the items tested and inspected comply with the requirements of this contract.
 - b. All items delivered at the site shall be inspected in order that the Engineer may be satisfied that such items are of the specified quality and workmanship and are in good order and condition at the time of delivery.
4. Installed Tests and Inspection
 - a. All mechanical, electrical, and instrumentation equipment shall be tested by the Contractor installing the equipment to the satisfaction of the Engineer before any facility is put into operation. Tests shall be as specified herein and shall be made to determine whether the equipment has been properly assembled, aligned, adjusted, end connected. Any changes, adjustments or replacements required to make the equipment operate as specified shall be carried out by the Contractor as part of the work.

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- b. At least 30 days before the time allowed in his construction schedule for commencing testing and start-up procedures, the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer, details of the procedures he proposes to adopt for testing and start-up of all mechanical, electrical and instrumentation equipment to be operated singly and together, except when such procedures have been covered in the specification
 - c. During the testing of mechanical, electrical, and instrumentation equipment the contractor shall make available experienced factory trained representatives of the manufacturers of all the various pieces of equipment, or other qualified persons who shall instruct the Owner's personnel in the operation and care thereof. Instruction shall include step-by-step troubleshooting procedures with all necessary test equipment and a presentation to plant operating personnel.
 - d. If under test, any portion of the work shall fail to fulfill the contract requirements and is altered, renewed, or replaced, tests on that portion when so altered, renewed or replaced, tests on that portion when so altered, removed or replaced, together with all other portions of the work as are affected thereby shall if so required by the Engineer, be repeated within reasonable time and in accordance with the specified conditions, and the Contractor shall refund to the Owner all reasonable expenses incurred by the Owner as a result of the carrying out of such tests.
 - e. Where, in the case of an otherwise satisfactory installed test, any doubt, dispute or difference should arise between the Engineer and the Contractor regarding the test results or the methods of equipment used in the carrying out by the Contractor as such test, then the Engineer may order the test to be repeated. If the repeat test using such modified methods or equipment as the Engineer may require substantially conforms the previous test then all costs in connection with the repeat test will be paid by the Owner, otherwise the costs shall be borne by the Contractor. Where the results of any installed test fail to comply with the contract requirements for such test, the repeat tests as may be necessary to achieve the contract requirements shall be made by the Contractor at his own expense.

1.3 CONTRACTOR USE OF PREMISES

- A. The Contractor shall limit the use of the premises to construction activities in areas indicated in the design plans. The Contractor's responsibilities include:
 - 1. The Contractor shall confine operations to areas designated by the Owner and Engineer.
 - 2. Keep areas serving owner clear and available at all times. Do not use these areas for parking or storage of materials, except as approved. Schedule deliveries to minimize space and time requirements for storage of materials and equipment on site.
 - 3. The Contractor shall provide street sweeping equipment and perform, on a regular basis, street sweeping for construction debris on drives and parking lots along the haul route, construction site, and staging area. The Contractor shall also follow all TPDES Erosion Control Measures.
 - 4. The Contractor is responsible for coordinating use of public/private areas with local authorities and private landowners.

5. The Contractor shall repair or replace, without delay, any and all damage to existing structures, surfaces, equipment, controls or systems resulting from his operations which are required to put the facility back in operation upon completion of the project.
6. The Contractor's attention is particularly directed to the dust, abrasive, particles, debris and dirt generated by the placement, chipping, cutting, finishing and grinding of new or existing concrete terrazzo and metal; and the fumes particulate matter, and splatter from welding, brazing and painting of new or existing piping and equipment; and provide filters, protective shielding, and other dust suppression methods at all times to adequately protect existing motors, pumps and electrical equipment.
7. Storage of Equipment: During the interval between the delivery of equipment to the site, and installation, all equipment shall be safely stored in a manner acceptable to the Owner. Equipment shall be stored in an enclosed space affording protection from weather; dust and mechanical damage, or loss, and providing favorable temperature, humidity, and ventilation conditions to ensure against equipment deterioration.
8. Protection of Equipment after Installation: After installation all equipment shall be protected against weather, dust, moisture and mechanical damage. During concrete operations, including finishing, all equipment that may be affected by cement must be completely covered. During painting operations, all grease fittings, nameplates and similar features, shall be covered to prevent the entry of paint.

1.4 COORDINATION WITH OCCUPANTS

- A. The Owner will occupy site and adjacent structures during the entire construction period. Cooperate with Owner during construction operations to minimize conflicts and facilitate Owner usage. Perform the Work so as not to interfere with Owner's day-to-day operations. Maintain existing exists unless otherwise indicated.
 1. Maintain access to existing walkways, corridors, and other adjacent occupied or used facilities. Do not close or obstruct walkways, corridors, or other occupied or used facilities without permission from the Owner and approval of authorities having jurisdiction.
 2. Notify Owner not less than 72-hours in advance of activities that will affect Owner's operations.

1.5 DEMOLITION

- A. Contractor will be required to completely remove all improvements (including manholes, piping, services, pavement, and other debris).
- B. The Contractor shall visit the site and fully acquaint himself with the existing conditions of the site.

1.6 CLEAN UP

- A. The Contractor shall not allow the site of the work to become littered with trash and waste material but shall maintain the site of the work in a neat and orderly condition throughout the construction period. The Contractor shall repair all pavement structures, utilities, and any other improvements damaged during construction on a like-for-like basis.

PART 2 PRODUCTS (Not Applicable)

PART 3 EXECUTION (Not Applicable)

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SECTION 01 32 00 - CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS DOCUMENTATION

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and other Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. This Section includes administrative and procedural requirements for documenting the progress of construction during performance of the Work, including the following:
 - 1. Preliminary Construction Schedule.
 - 2. Contractor's Construction Schedule.
 - 3. Submittals Schedule.
 - 4. Daily construction reports.
 - 5. Material location reports.
 - 6. Field condition reports.
 - 7. Special reports.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. Definitions in this Article have been adapted from the glossary of terms in AGC's "Construction Planning & Scheduling." For many projects, most are unnecessary and may be deleted.
- B. Activity: A discrete part of a project that can be identified for planning, scheduling, monitoring, and controlling the construction project. Activities included in a construction schedule consume time and resources.
 - 1. Critical activities are activities on the critical path. They must start and finish on the planned early start and finish times.
 - 2. Predecessor Activity: An activity that precedes another activity in the network.
 - 3. Successor Activity: An activity that follows another activity in the network.
- C. Cost Loading: The allocation of the Schedule of Values for the completion of an activity as scheduled. The sum of costs for all activities must equal the total Contract Sum, unless otherwise approved by Architect.

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- D. Critical Path: The longest connected chain of interdependent activities through the network schedule that establishes the minimum overall Project duration and contains no float.
 - E. Event: The starting or ending point of an activity.
 - F. Float: The measure of leeway in starting and completing an activity.
 - 1. Float time is not for the exclusive use or benefit of either Owner or Contractor, but is a jointly owned, expiring Project resource available to both parties as needed to meet schedule milestones and Contract completion date.
 - 2. Free float is the amount of time an activity can be delayed without adversely affecting the early start of the successor activity.
 - 3. Total float is the measure of leeway in starting or completing an activity without adversely affecting the planned Project completion date.
 - G. Fagnet: A partial or fragmentary network that breaks down activities into smaller activities for greater detail.
 - H. Major Area: A story of construction, a separate building, or a similar significant construction element.
 - I. Milestone: A key or critical point in time for reference or measurement.
 - J. Resource Loading: The allocation of manpower and equipment necessary for the completion of an activity as scheduled.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Qualification Data: For scheduling consultant.
- B. Submittals Schedule: Submit three copies of schedule. Arrange the following information in a tabular format:
 - 1. Scheduled date for first submittal.
 - 2. Specification Section number and title.
 - 3. Submittal category (action or informational).
 - 4. Name of subcontractor.
 - 5. Description of the Work covered.
 - 6. Scheduled date for Architect's final release or approval.
- C. Preliminary Construction Schedule: Submit two opaque copies.

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1. Approval of cost-loaded preliminary construction schedule will not constitute approval of Schedule of Values for cost-loaded activities.
 - D. Preliminary Network Diagram: two opaque copies, large enough to show entire network for entire construction period. Show logic ties for activities.
 - E. Contractor's Construction Schedule: Submit two opaque copies of initial schedule, large enough to show entire schedule for entire construction period.
 1. Submit an electronic copy of schedule, using software indicated, on CD-R, and labeled to comply with requirements for submittals. Include type of schedule (Initial or Updated) and date on label.
 - F. Daily Construction Reports: Submit two copies at monthly intervals.
 - G. Material Location Reports: Submit two copies at monthly intervals.
 - H. Field Condition Reports: Submit two copies at time of discovery of differing conditions.
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1.5 COORDINATION

- A. Coordinate preparation and processing of schedules and reports with performance of construction activities and with scheduling and reporting of separate contractors.
- B. Coordinate Contractor's Construction Schedule with the Schedule of Values, list of subcontracts, Submittals Schedule, progress reports, payment requests, and other required schedules and reports.
 1. Secure time commitments for performing critical elements of the Work from parties involved.
 2. Coordinate each construction activity in the network with other activities and schedule them in proper sequence.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 SUBMITTALS SCHEDULE

Preparation: Submit a schedule of submittals, arranged in chronological order by dates required by construction schedule. Include time required for review, resubmittal, ordering, manufacturing, fabrication, and delivery when establishing dates.

1. Coordinate Submittals Schedule with list of subcontracts, the Schedule of Values, and Contractor's Construction Schedule.

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2. Initial Submittal: Submit concurrently with preliminary bar-chart schedule. Include submittals required during the first 60 days of construction. List those required to maintain orderly progress of the Work and those required early because of long lead time for manufacture or fabrication.
 - a. At Contractor's option, show submittals on the Preliminary Construction Schedule, instead of tabulating them separately.
 3. Final Submittal: Submit concurrently with the first complete submittal of Contractor's Construction Schedule.

2.2 CONTRACTOR'S CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE, GENERAL

- A. Procedures: Comply with procedures contained in AGC's "Construction Planning & Scheduling."
- B. Time Frame: Extend schedule from date established for commencement of the Work to date of Substantial Completion.
 1. Contract completion date shall not be changed by submission of a schedule that shows an early completion date, unless specifically authorized by Change Order.
- C. Activities: Treat each story or separate area as a separate numbered activity for each principal element of the Work. Comply with the following:
 1. Activity Duration: Define activities so no activity is longer than 21 days, unless specifically allowed by Architect.
 2. Procurement Activities: Include procurement process activities for the following long lead items and major items, requiring a cycle of more than 60 days, as separate activities in schedule. Procurement cycle activities include, but are not limited to, submittals, approvals, purchasing, fabrication, and delivery.
 3. Submittal Review Time: Include review and resubmittal times indicated in Division 01 Section "Submittal Procedures" in schedule. Coordinate submittal review times in Contractor's Construction Schedule with Submittals Schedule.
 4. Startup and Testing Time: Include not less than 14 days for startup and testing.
 5. Substantial Completion: Indicate completion in advance of date established for Substantial Completion and allow time for Architect's administrative procedures necessary for certification of Substantial Completion.
- D. Constraints: Include constraints and work restrictions indicated in the Contract Documents and as follows in schedule and show how the sequence of the Work is affected.
 1. Phasing: Arrange list of activities on schedule by phase.
 2. Work under More Than One Contract: Include a separate activity for each contract.

3. Work by Owner: Include a separate activity for each portion of the Work performed by Owner.
4. Products Ordered in Advance: Include a separate activity for each product. Include delivery date indicated in Division 01 Section "Summary." Delivery dates indicated stipulate the earliest possible delivery date.
5. Work Restrictions: Show the effect of the following items on the schedule:
 - a. Coordination with existing construction.
 - b. Limitations of continued occupancies.
 - c. Uninterruptible services.
 - d. Partial occupancy before Substantial Completion.
 - e. Use of premises restrictions.
 - f. Provisions for future construction.
 - g. Seasonal variations.
 - h. Environmental control.
6. Work Stages: Indicate important stages of construction for each major portion of the Work, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Subcontract awards.
 - b. Submittals.
 - c. Purchases.
 - d. Mockups.
 - e. Fabrication.
 - f. Sample testing.
 - g. Deliveries.
 - h. Installation.
 - i. Tests and inspections.
 - j. Adjusting.
 - k. Curing.
 - l. Startup and placement into final use and operation.
7. Area Separations: Identify each major area of construction for each major portion of the Work. Indicate where each construction activity within a major area must be sequenced or integrated with other construction activities to provide for the following:
 - a. Structural completion.
 - b. Permanent space enclosure.
 - c. Completion of mechanical installation.
 - d. Completion of electrical installation.
 - e. Substantial Completion.
- E. Milestones: Include milestones indicated in the Contract Documents in schedule, including, but not limited to, the Notice to Proceed, Substantial Completion, and Final Completion.
 1. Cost Correlation: At the head of schedule, provide a cost correlation line, indicating planned

- F. Contract Modifications: For each proposed contract modification and concurrent with its submission, prepare a time-impact analysis using fragnets to demonstrate the effect of the proposed change on the overall project schedule.

2.3 PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- A. Bar-Chart Schedule: Submit preliminary horizontal bar-chart-type construction schedule within seven days of date established for commencement of the Work.
- B. Preparation: Indicate each significant construction activity separately. Identify first workday of each week with a continuous vertical line. Outline significant construction activities for first 60 days of construction. Include skeleton diagram for the remainder of the Work and a cash requirement prediction based on indicated activities.

2.4 CONTRACTOR'S CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE (GANTT CHART)

- A. Gantt-Chart Schedule: Submit a comprehensive, fully developed, horizontal Gantt-chart-type, Contractor's Construction Schedule within 30 days of date established for commencement of the Work. Base schedule on the Preliminary Construction Schedule and whatever updating, and feedback was received since the start of Project.
- B. Preparation: Indicate each significant construction activity separately. Identify first workday of each week with a continuous vertical line.
 - 1. For construction activities that require 3 months or longer to complete, indicate an estimated completion percentage in 10 percent increments within time bar.

2.5 REPORTS

- A. Daily Construction Reports: Prepare a daily construction report recording the following information concerning events at Project site:
 - 1. List of subcontractors at Project site.
 - 2. List of separate contractors at Project site.
 - 3. Approximate count of personnel at Project site.
 - 4. Equipment at Project site.
 - 5. Material deliveries.
 - 6. High and low temperatures and general weather conditions.
 - 7. Accidents.
 - 8. Meetings and significant decisions.
 - 9. Unusual events (refer to special reports).

10. Stoppages, delays, shortages, and losses.
 11. Meter readings and similar recordings.
 12. Emergency procedures.
 13. Orders and requests of authorities having jurisdiction.
 14. Change Orders received and implemented.
 15. Construction Change Directives received and implemented.
 16. Services connected and disconnected.
 17. Equipment or system tests and startups.
 18. Partial Completions and occupancies.
 19. Substantial Completions authorized.
- B. Material Location Reports: At weekly intervals, prepare and submit a comprehensive list of materials delivered to and stored at Project site. List shall be cumulative, showing materials previously reported plus items recently delivered. Include with list a statement of progress on and delivery dates for materials or items of equipment fabricated or stored away from Project site.
- C. Field Condition Reports: Immediately on discovery of a difference between field conditions and the Contract Documents, prepare and submit a detailed report. Submit with a request for interpretation. Include a detailed description of the differing conditions, together with recommendations for changing the Contract Documents.

2.6 SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. General: Submit special reports directly to Owner within one day of an occurrence. Distribute copies of report to parties affected by the occurrence.
- B. Reporting Unusual Events: When an event of an unusual and significant nature occurs at Project site, whether or not related directly to the Work, prepare and submit a special report. List chain of events, persons participating, response by Contractor's personnel, evaluation of results or effects, and similar pertinent information. Advise Owner in advance when these events are known or predictable.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 CONTRACTOR'S CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- A. Contractor's Construction Schedule Updating: At monthly intervals, update schedule to reflect actual construction progress and activities. Issue schedule one week before each regularly scheduled progress meeting.

1. Revise schedule immediately after each meeting or other activity where revisions have been recognized or made. Issue updated schedule concurrently with the report of each such meeting.
 2. Include a report with updated schedule that indicates every change, including, but not limited to, changes in logic, durations, actual starts and finishes, and activity durations.
 3. As the Work progresses, indicate Actual Completion percentage for each activity.
- B. Distribution: Distribute copies of approved schedule to Engineer, Owner, separate contractors, testing and inspecting agencies, and other parties identified by Contractor with a need-to-know schedule responsibility.
1. Post copies in Project meeting rooms and temporary field offices.
 2. When revisions are made, distribute updated schedules to the same parties and post in the same locations. Delete parties from distribution when they have completed their assigned portion of the Work and are no longer involved in performance of construction activities.

END OF SECTION 01 32 00

SECTION 01 32 33 - CONSTRUCTION PHOTOGRAPHS

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Photographic requirements for construction photographs and submittals.

1.02 SUBMITTALS

- A. Prints: Furnish 2 sets of 4-inch by 6-inch prints of each view and submit 1 print directly to the Engineer within 7 days of taking photographs. One print shall be retained by the Contractor in the field office at the Project site and available at all times for reference.
- B. Extra Prints: When requested by the Engineer, the Contractor shall submit extra prints of photographs, with distribution directly to designated parties who will pay the costs for the extra prints directly to the photographer.
- C. When required by individual sections, submit photographs taken prior to start of construction to show original site conditions.
- D. When required by Contract Documents, submit photographs with monthly Pay Estimate.
- E. Negatives: With each submittal, include photographic negatives, in protective envelopes, identified by Project name, Contractor, and date photographs were taken.
- F. In lieu of negatives, Contractor may submit electronic files of digital photographs if using a digital camera, but must comply with Parts 1 and 2 of this section.

1.03 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Contractor shall be responsible for the timely execution of the photographs, their vantage point, and quality.
- B. Photographs: Two prints; color, matte finish; 4 x 6 -inch size, mounted on 8-1/2 x 11- inch soft card stock, with left edge binding margin for three hole punch. Digital photos shall not be distorted to fit card stock.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 PRECONSTRUCTION PHOTOGRAPHS

- A. Prior to the commencement of any construction, take 35 mm or digital color photographs of the site of the project and present two sets of prints to the Engineer for their use in contract administration and inspection. Subject matter of the photographs to be determined by the Engineer.
- B. The photographs shall show on a non-reflective chalkboard readable in the photograph:
 - 1. Job number.

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2. Date and time photographs were taken.
 3. Location and compass direction of the photograph, along with the project number.
 4. Date shall be on negative (35mm) or on digital image.
 5. Provide notation of vantage point marked for location and direction of shot, on a key plan of the site.
- C. Sufficient number of photographs shall be taken to show the existence or non-existence of cracked paved surfaces and the condition of trees, shrubs, and grass.
- D. Identify each photograph with an applied label or rubber stamp on the back with the following information:
1. Name of the Project.
 2. Name and address of the photographer (if a professional photographer is used).
 3. Name of the Contractor.
 4. Date the photograph was taken.
 5. Photographs shall be in plastic pockets and bound in three-ring notebook for easy access and viewing.

2.02 PROGRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

- A. Take photographs of subject matter selected by Resident Project Representative at intervals, coinciding with the cutoff date associated with each application for payment. Select the vantage points for each shot each month to best show the status of construction and progress since the last photographs were taken.
1. Vantage Points: Follow direction by the Resident Project Representative to select vantage points. During each of the following construction phases take not less than 2 of the required shots from the same vantage point each time to create a time-lapse sequence.
 2. Photos shall be submitted according to Paragraphs 1.03 B. and 2.01 B and D.

PART 3 EXECUTION - Not Used

END OF SECTION 01 32 33

Section 01 33 00 - SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

A. Submittal procedures for:

1. Schedule of Values.
2. Construction Schedules.
3. Shop Drawings, Product Data, and Sampler.
4. Operations and Maintenance Data.
5. Manufacturer's Certificates.
6. Construction Photographs and Videos.
7. Project Record Documents.
8. Design Mixes.

1.2 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

A. Scheduling and Handling:

1. Schedule submittals well in advance of the need for the material or equipment for construction. Allow time to make delivery of material or equipment after submittal is approved.
2. Develop a submittal schedule that allows sufficient time for initial review, correction, resubmission and final review of all submittals. The Owner will review and return submittals to the Contractor as expeditiously as possible, but the amount of time required for review will vary depending on the complexity and quantity of data submitted. In no case will a submittal schedule be acceptable which allows less than 10 working days from the delivery of the submittal to the Engineer. Resubmittals shall be subject to the same review schedule. This time for submittal review, or resubmittals, shall in no way be justification for delays or additional compensation to the Contractor.
3. Submittal Format: Include the following information in each submittal:
 - a. Project name.
 - b. Date.
 - c. Name of Engineer.
 - d. Name of Construction Manager (if applicable).
 - e. Name of Contractor.
 - f. Name of firm or entity that prepared submittal.
 - g. Names of subcontractor, manufacturer, and supplier.
 - h. Sequentially number each submittal beginning with the number 1. Resubmittals shall use the original number with an alphabetic suffix (i.e., 2A for first resubmittal of Submittal 2 or 15C for third resubmittal of Submittal 15). Each submittal shall only contain one type of work, material, or equipment. Mixed submittals will not be accepted.

- i. Category and type of submittal.
- j. Submittal purpose and description.
- k. Number and title of Specification Section, with paragraph number and generic name for each of multiple items.
- l. Drawing number and detail references, as appropriate.
- m. Indication of full or partial submittal.
- n. Deviations and Additional Information: On each submittal, clearly indicate deviations from requirements in the Contract Documents, including minor variations and limitations; include relevant additional information and revisions, other than those requested by Engineer on previous submittals. Indicate by highlighting on each submittal or noting on attached separate sheet.
- o. Location(s) where product is to be installed, as appropriate.
- p. Other necessary identification.
- q. Remarks.
- r. Signature of transmitter.

4. Contractor's Stamp

- a. Apply Contractor's stamp, certifying that the items have been reviewed in detail and are correct and in accordance with Contract Documents, except as noted by any requested variance.
- b. As a minimum, Contractor's Stamp shall include:
 - 1) Contractor's name.
 - 2) Job number.
 - 3) Submittal number.
 - 4) Certification statement that the Contractor has reviewed the submittal and it is in compliance with the Contract Documents.
 - 5) Signature line for Contractor.

5. Paper Submittals:

- a. Place a permanent label or title block on each submittal coversheet item for identification; include name of firm or entity that prepared submittal.
- b. Provide a 3" x 4" clear space on the coversheet to record the action taken by the Engineer.
- c. Submit, to the Engineer, 4 copies of submittals unless otherwise specified in the following paragraphs or in the Specifications. Upon submittal review completion, the Engineer will provide the Owner and the Contractor with one paper submittal, with approval or review comments. The Engineer will retain one extra copy of the submittal, for the project folder.
- d. Number and assemble each submittal individually as described in Section 1.02.3.h.

6. Electronic Submittals:

- a. Prepare submittals as PDF package, incorporating complete information into each PDF file. Name PDF file with project name, date and submittal number.

- b. E-Mail: Prepare submittals as PDF and transmit to Engineer by sending via e-mail with delivery confirmation return receipt. Include submittal identification information in email subject line. The Owner shall be carboned-copied on any emailed submittal, or resubmittal, made by the Contractor.
 - c. Web-Based Project Management Software: Prepare submittals in PDF form, and upload to web-based Project Management software website as directed by the Project Manager. Enter required data in web-based software site to fully identify submittal.
7. The Engineer's review of submittals covers only general conformity to the Drawings, Specifications and dimensions which affect the layout. The Contractor is responsible for quantity determination. No quantities will be verified by the Owner or the Engineer. The Contractor is responsible for any errors, omissions or deviations from the Contract requirements; review of submittals in no way relieves the Contractor from his obligation to furnish required items according to the Drawings and Specifications.
 8. The Contractor shall assume the risk for material or equipment which is fabricated or delivered prior to approval. No material or equipment shall be incorporated into the Work or included in periodic progress payments until approval has been obtained in the specified manner.

1.3 SCHEDULE OF VALUES

- A. Coordination: Coordinate preparation of the schedule of values with preparation of Contractor's construction schedule.
 1. Coordinate line items in the schedule of values with items required to be indicated as separate activities in Contractor's construction schedule.
 2. Submit schedule of values for bid schedule items identified as Lump Sum or items which may require work during multiple payment periods, or items as directed by the Engineer.
 3. Submit schedule of values to the Engineer at earliest possible date, but no later than 15 working days before the date scheduled for submittal of initial Application for Payment.
 4. All schedule of value items must be approved by the Owner and Engineer prior to the Contractor's Application for Payment for such item.
- B. Format and Content: Use Project Manual bid schedule as a guide to establish line items for the schedule of values. Provide at least two items for each bid item providing a schedule of value.
 1. Provide a breakdown of the bid item in enough detail to facilitate continued evaluation of Applications for Payment and progress reports. Provide multiple line items for principal subcontract amounts in excess of five percent of the bid item.
 2. Provide a separate line item in the schedule of values for each part of the Work where Applications for Payment may include materials, equipment or fabrications and stored, but not yet installed.
 - a. Differentiate between items stored on-site and items stored off-site.

- b. Follow the contract documents for payment of material and equipment as it becomes incorporated into the Work.
3. Allowances: Provide a separate line item in the schedule of values for each allowance. Show line item value of unit costs allowances, as a product of the unit cost, multiplied by measured quantity. Use information indicated in the Contract Documents to determine quantities.
4. Overhead Costs: Include total cost and proportionate share of general overhead and profit for each line item.
5. Other Overhead Costs: Show cost of temporary facilities and other major cost items that are not direct cost of actual work-in-place as separate line items.
6. Mobilization: Provide a separate line item for mobilization, demobilization, bonding insurance and other project costs projected during the life of the project when such costs arise.
7. Schedule of Values Revisions: Revise the schedule of values when Change Orders or Construction Change Directives result in a change in the Contract Sum. Include at least one separate line item for each Change Order and Work Change Directive.
8. The Owner has the right to request documentation justifying the value provided by the Contractor in the schedule of values. The Owner retains the right to request additional unit price itemization in the schedule of values during the project.

1.4 CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES

- A. Contractor's Construction Schedule: Prepare schedules using current version of a program that has been developed specifically to manage construction schedules. Use Microsoft Project, Primavera or a program as directed by the Engineer for current Windows operating system.
 1. Include an updated construction schedule with each Application for Payment, or as directed by the Engineer. Issue updated schedule before each regularly scheduled progress meeting.
 2. Revise schedule immediately after each meeting or other activity where revisions have been recognized or made. Issue updated schedule concurrently with the report of each such meeting.
 3. Include a report with updated schedule that indicates every change, including, but not limited to, changes in logic, duration, actual starts and finished, and activity durations.
 4. As the Work Progresses, indicate Final Completion percentage for each activity.
 5. Critical Path: Identify critical path activities, including those for interim completion dates. Scheduled start and completion dates shall be consistent with Contract milestones dates.

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6. **Contract Modifications:** Incorporate time-impact associated with each contract modification and prepare a time-impact analysis to demonstrate the effect of the proposed change on the Project Schedule.
- B. **Time Frame:** Extend schedule from date established for the Notice to Proceed to the date of Substantial and Final Completion.
1. Contract completion date shall not be changed by submission of a schedule that shows an early completion date, unless specifically authorized by Change Order.
 2. Prepare initial Construction Schedule with a float time approved by the Engineer. Distribute float time along the critical path based on the contractor's experience with each activity. Float time belongs to the Owner and can only be adjusted or distributed by the Owner.
- C. **Activities:** Treat each level or separate area as a separate numbered activity for each main element of the Work. Comply with the following:
1. **Activity Duration:** Define activities so no activity is longer than 20 working days, unless specifically allowed by Engineer.
 2. **Temporary Facilities:** Indicate start and completion dates for the following as applicable:
 - a. Securing of approvals and permits required for performance of the Work.
 - b. Temporary facilities.
 - c. Time for Owner provided items.
 - d. Coordination with Separate Contracts.
 - e. Regulatory Agency approvals.
 - f. Punch List and Correction Items.
 3. **Procurement Activities:** Include procurement process activities for the following long lead-time items and major items, requiring a cycle of more than 60 calendar days, as separate activities in schedule. Procurement cycle activities include, but are not limited to, submittal review, approvals, purchasing fabrication and delivery of materials and equipment needed for the Work.
 4. **Work Stages:** Indicate important stages of construction for each major portion of the Work, including, but not limited to, Subcontract awards, submittals, purchases, fabrication, sample testing, deliveries, installation, tests and inspections, adjusting, curing, and other project relates factors.
 5. **Startup and Testing Time:** Include no fewer than 15 calendar days for startup and testing, if applicable.
 6. **Commissioning Time:** Include no fewer than 15 calendar days for commissioning, if applicable.

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7. Substantial Completion: Indicate completion in advance of date established for Substantial Completion and allow time for Engineer's administrative procedures necessary for certification of Substantial Completion.
 8. Punch List and Final Completion: Include not more than 30 or less than 20 calendar days for completion of punch list items and Final Completion.
- D. Constraints: Include constraints and work restrictions indicated in the Contract Documents such as coordination with other construction by Owner or Others, limitations of continued occupancies, uninterruptible services, partial occupancy before substantial completion, use of premises restrictions, seasonal variations, environmental controls, or other constricts. Show how the sequence of Work is affected.
- E. Milestones: Include milestones indicated in the Contract Documents in schedule, including, but not limited to, the Notice to Proceed, Substantial Completion, and Final Completion.
- F. Recovery Schedule: When periodic update indicates the Work is 14 or more calendar days behind the current approved schedule, submit a separate recovery schedule indicating means by which Contractor intends to regain compliance with the schedule. Indicate changes to working hours, working days, crew sizes, equipment required to achieve compliance, and date by which recovery will be accomplished.

1.5 SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES

- A. Shop Drawings: Prepare Project-specific information, drawn accurately to scale. Do not base Shop Drawings on reproductions of the Contract Documents or standard printed data.
1. Preparation: Fully illustrate requirements in the Contract Documents. Include the following information, as applicable:
 - a. Identification of products.
 - b. Schedules.
 - c. Compliance with specified standards.
 - d. Notation of coordination requirements.
 - e. Notation of dimensions established by field measurement.
 - f. Relationship and attachment to adjoining construction clearly indicated.
 - g. Seal and signature of professional engineer if specified.
 2. Paper Sheet Size: Except for templates, patterns, and similar full-size Drawings, submit Shop Drawings on standard sheets dimensions of 8-1/2 by 11 inches, 11 by 17 inches, or 24 by 36 inches.
- B. Product Data: Collect information into a single submittal for each element of construction and type of product or equipment. In addition to the information below, include the required product data information as specified in the design plans or other specification sections.
1. If information must be specially prepared for submittal because standard published data are unsuitable for use, submit as Shop Drawings, not as Product Data.
 2. Mark each copy of each submittal to show which products and options are applicable.

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3. Include the following information, as applicable:
 - a. Manufacturer's catalog cuts.
 - b. Manufacturer's product specifications.
 - c. Standard color charts.
 - d. Statement of compliance with specified referenced standards.
 - e. Testing by recognized testing agency.
 - f. Application of testing agency labels and seals.
 - g. Notation of coordination requirements.
 - h. Availability and delivery time information.
 4. For equipment, include the following in addition to the above, as applicable:
 - a. Wiring diagrams that show factory-installed wiring.
 - b. Printed performance curves.
 - c. Operational range diagrams.
 - d. Clearances required to other construction, if not indicated on accompanying Shop Drawings.
 5. Submit Product Data before Shop Drawings, and before or concurrent with Samples.
- C. Samples: Submit Samples for review of kind, color, pattern, and texture for a check of these characteristics with other materials.
1. Transmit Samples that contain multiple, related components such as accessories together in one submittal package.
 2. Identification: Permanently attach label on unexposed side of Samples that includes the following:
 - a. Project name and submittal number.
 - b. Generic description of Sample.
 - c. Product name and name of manufacturer.
 - d. Sample source.
 - e. Number and title of applicable Specification Section.
 - f. Specification paragraph number and generic name of each item.
 3. Email Transmittal: Provide PDF transmittal including digital image file illustrating Sample characteristics, and identification information for record.
 4. Web-Based Project Management Software: Prepare submittals in PDF form, and upload to web-based software website. Enter required data in web-based software site to fully identify submittal.
 5. Paper Transmittal: Include paper transmittal including complete submittal information indicated.
 6. Disposition: Maintain sets of approved Samples at Project site, available for quality-control comparisons throughout the course of construction activity. Sample sets may be used to determine final acceptance of construction associated with each set.
 - a. Samples that may be incorporated into the Work are indicated in individual Specification Sections. Such Samples must be in an undamaged condition at time of use.
 - b. Samples not incorporated into the Work, or otherwise designated as Owner's property, are the property of Contractor.

7. Samples for Initial Selection: Submit manufacturer's color charts consisting of units or sections of units showing the full range of colors, textures, and patterns available.
 - a. Number of Samples: Submit one full set of available choices where color, pattern, texture, or similar characteristics are required to be selected from manufacturer's product line. Engineer will return submittal with options selected.
8. Samples for Verification: Submit full-size units or Samples of size indicated, prepared from same material to be used for the Work, cured and finished in manner specified, and physically identical with material or product proposed for use, and that show full range of color and texture variations expected. Samples include, but are not limited to, the following: partial sections of manufactured or fabricated components; small cuts or containers of materials; complete units of repetitively used materials; swatches showing color, texture, and pattern; color range sets; and components used for independent testing and inspection.
 - a. Number of Samples: Submit three sets of Samples. Engineer will retain two sample sets; remainder will be returned.
 - b. Submit a single sample where assembly details, workmanship, fabrication techniques, connections, operation, and other similar characteristics are to be demonstrated.
 - c. If variation in color, pattern, texture, or other characteristic is inherent in material or product represented by a sample, submit at least three sets of paired units that show approximate limits of variations.

1.6 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE DATA

- A. Manuals, Electronic Files: Submit manuals in the form of a multiple file composite electronic PDF file for each manual type required.
 1. Electronic Files: Use electronic files prepared by manufacturer where available. Where scanning of paper documents is required, configure scanned file for minimum readable file size.
 2. File Names and Bookmarks: Bookmark individual documents based on file names. Name document files to correspond to system, subsystem, and equipment names used in manual directory and table of contents. Group documents for each system and subsystem into individual composite bookmarked files, then create composite manual, so that resulting bookmarks reflect the system, subsystem, and equipment names in a readily navigated file tree. Configure electronic manual to display bookmark panel on opening file.
- B. Manuals, Paper Copy: Submit manuals in the form of hard copy, bound and labeled volumes.
 1. Binders: Heavy-duty, three-ring, vinyl-covered, post-type binders, in thickness necessary to accommodate contents, sized to hold 8-1/2-by-11-inch paper; with clear plastic sleeve on spine to hold label describing contents and with pockets inside covers to hold folded oversize sheets.

- a. If two or more binders are necessary to accommodate data of a system, organize data in each binder into groupings by subsystem and related components. Cross-reference other binders if necessary, to provide essential information for proper operation or maintenance of equipment or system.
 - b. Identify each binder on front and spine, with printed title "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL," Project title or name, and subject matter of contents. Indicate volume number for multiple-volume sets.
2. Dividers: Heavy-paper dividers with plastic-covered tabs for each section of the manual. Mark each tab to indicate contents. Include typed list of products and major components of equipment included in the section on each divider, cross-referenced to Specification Section number and title of Project Manual.
 3. Protective Plastic Sleeves: Transparent plastic sleeves designed to enclose diagnostic software storage media for computerized electronic equipment. Enclose title pages and directories in clear plastic sleeves.
 4. Supplementary Text: Prepared on 8-1/2-by-11-inch white bond paper.
 5. Drawings: Attach reinforced, punched binder tabs on drawings and bind with text.
 - a. If oversize drawings are necessary, fold drawings to same size as text pages and use as foldouts.
 - b. If drawings are too large to be used as foldouts, fold and place drawings in labeled envelopes and bind envelopes in rear of manual. At appropriate locations in manual, insert typewritten pages indicating drawing titles, descriptions of contents, and drawing locations.

C. SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT OPERATION MANUALS

1. Systems and Equipment Operation Manual: Assemble a complete set of data indicating operation of each system, subsystem, and piece of equipment not part of a system. Include information required for daily operation and management, operating standards, and routine and special operating procedures.
 - a. Engage a factory-authorized service representative to assemble and prepare information for each system, subsystem, and piece of equipment not part of a system.
 - b. Prepare a separate manual for each system and subsystem, in the form of an instructional manual for use by Owner's operating personnel.
2. Content: In addition to requirements in this Section, include operation data required in individual Specification Sections and the following information:
 - a. System, subsystem, and equipment descriptions. Use designations for systems and equipment indicated on Contract Documents.
 - b. Performance and design criteria if Contractor has delegated design responsibility.
 - c. Operating standards.
 - d. Operating procedures.
 - e. Operating logs.
 - f. Wiring diagrams.
 - g. Control diagrams.
 - h. Piped system diagrams.

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- i. Precautions against improper use.
 - j. License requirements including inspection and renewal dates.
 3. Descriptions: Include the following:
 - a. Product name and model number. Use designations for products indicated on Contract Documents.
 - b. Manufacturer's name.
 - c. Equipment identification with serial number of each component.
 - d. Equipment function.
 - e. Operating characteristics.
 - f. Limiting conditions.
 - g. Performance curves.
 - h. Engineering data and tests.
 - i. Complete nomenclature and number of replacement parts.
 4. Operating Procedures: Include the following, as applicable:
 - a. Startup procedures.
 - b. Equipment or system break-in procedures.
 - c. Routine and normal operating instructions.
 - d. Regulation and control procedures.
 - e. Instructions on stopping.
 - f. Normal shutdown instructions.
 - g. Seasonal and weekend operating instructions.
 - h. Required sequences for electric or electronic systems.
 - i. Special operating instructions and procedures.
 5. Systems and Equipment Controls: Describe the sequence of operation, and diagram controls as installed.
 6. Piped Systems: Diagram piping as installed and identify color coding where required for identification.

D. SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE MANUALS

1. Systems and Equipment Maintenance Manuals: Assemble a complete set of data indicating maintenance of each system, subsystem, and piece of equipment not part of a system. Include manufacturers' maintenance documentation, preventive maintenance procedures and frequency, repair procedures, wiring and systems diagrams, lists of spare parts, and warranty information.
 - a. Engage a factory-authorized service representative to assemble and prepare information for each system, subsystem, and piece of equipment not part of a system.
 - b. Prepare a separate manual for each system and subsystem, in the form of an instructional manual for use by Owner's operating personnel.
2. Content: For each system, subsystem, and piece of equipment not part of a system, include source information, manufacturers' maintenance documentation, maintenance procedures, maintenance and service schedules, spare parts list and source information, maintenance service contracts, and warranties and bonds as described below.

3. **Source Information:** List each system, subsystem, and piece of equipment included in manual, identified by product name and arranged to match manual's table of contents. For each product, list name, address, and telephone number of Installer or supplier and maintenance service agent, and cross-reference Specification Section number and title in Project Manual and drawing or schedule designation or identifier where applicable.
4. **Manufacturers' Maintenance Documentation:** Include the following information for each component part or piece of equipment:
 - a. Standard maintenance instructions and bulletins; include only sheets pertinent to product or component installed. Mark each sheet to identify each product or component incorporated into the Work. If data include more than one item in a tabular format, identify each item using appropriate references from the Contract Documents. Identify data applicable to the Work and delete references to information not applicable.
 1. Prepare supplementary text if manufacturers' standard printed data are not available and where the information is necessary for proper operation and maintenance of equipment or systems.
 - b. Drawings, diagrams, and instructions required for maintenance, including disassembly and component removal, replacement, and assembly.
 - c. Identification and nomenclature of parts and components.
 - d. List of items recommended to be stocked as spare parts.
5. **Maintenance Procedures:** Include the following information and items that detail essential maintenance procedures:
 - a. Test and inspection instructions.
 - b. Troubleshooting guide.
 - c. Precautions against improper maintenance.
 - d. Disassembly; component removal, repair, and replacement; and reassembly instructions.
 - e. Aligning, adjusting, and checking instructions.
 - f. Demonstration and training video recording, if available.
6. **Maintenance and Service Schedules:** Include service and lubrication requirements, list of required lubricants for equipment, and separate schedules for preventive and routine maintenance and service with standard time allotment.
 - a. **Scheduled Maintenance and Service:** Tabulate actions for daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual, and annual frequencies.
 - b. **Maintenance and Service Record:** Include manufacturers' forms for recording maintenance.
7. **Spare Parts List and Source Information:** Include lists of replacement and repair parts, with parts identified and cross-referenced to manufacturers' maintenance documentation and local sources of maintenance materials and related services.
8. **Maintenance Service Contracts:** Include copies of maintenance agreements with name and telephone number of service agent.

9. Warranties and Bonds: Include copies of warranties and bonds and lists of circumstances and conditions that would affect validity of warranties or bonds.
 - a. Include procedures to follow and required notifications for warranty claims.
10. Drawings: Prepare drawings supplementing manufacturers' printed data to illustrate the relationship of component parts of equipment and systems and to illustrate control sequence and flow diagrams. Coordinate these drawings with information contained in record Drawings to ensure correct illustration of completed installation.
 - a. Do not use original project record documents as part of maintenance manuals.

1.7 MANUFACTURER'S CERTIFICATE

- A. When specified in Specification sections, submit manufacturers' certificate of compliance for review by the Owner.
- B. Contractor's Stamp, as described in paragraph 1.2.A.4, shall be placed on front page of the certification.
- C. Submit supporting reference data, affidavits, and certifications as appropriate.
- D. Certificates may be recent or previous test results on material or product but must be acceptable to the Owner.

1.8 CONSTRUCTION PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

- A. The Contractor shall be responsible for the production of pre-construction, during-construction (construction progress), post-construction and other documentation, as directed by the Engineer, videos and photographs.
 1. Digital Photographs: Submit image files within 7 days of taking photographs.
 - a. Submit photos on an electronic flash drive. Photographs shall be labeled as follows Project Abbreviation- Brief Location Description- Picture Number - date (MM-DD-YY). Use location description for similar type photos.
 - b. Include a tabled index of photographs, in digital PDF format, including the following:
 1. Name of Project
 2. Name and contact information of photographer
 3. Name of Engineer
 4. Name of Contractor
 5. Date photographs was taken
 6. Description of location, vantage point and direction
 7. Unique sequential identifier coordinating to the design plans.

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- c. Digital Photographs: Provide color images in JPG format, produced by a digital camera with a minimum sensor size of 12 megapixels, and at an image resolution of not less than 3200 by 2400 pixels, including vibration-reduction technology. Use flash in low light levels or backlit conditions.
 - d. Preconstruction Photographs: Before commencement of the Work, take photographs of Project site and surrounding properties, including existing items to remain during construction, from different vantage points.
 1. Field identify construction limits and stationing before taking construction photographs.
 2. Take adequate number of photographs to show existing conditions adjacent to property before starting the Work.
 3. Take adequate number of photographs of existing buildings either on or adjoining property, to accurately record physical conditions at start of construction.
 4. Take additional photographs as required to record existing damaged to adjacent structures, pavements, and improvements.
 5. Concealed Work Photographs: Before proceeding with installing work that will conceal other work, take photographs sufficient in number, with annotated descriptions, to record nature and location of concealed Work, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Underground utilities.
 - b. Underslab services.
 - c. Piping.
 - d. Electrical conduit.
 - e. Waterproofing and weather-resistant barriers.
 - e. Periodic Construction Photographs: Take 20 photographs, or as directed by the Engineer, within one week of submittal of each Application for Payment. Select vantage points to show status of construction and progress since last photographs were taken.
 - f. Final Completion Construction Photographs: Take adequate number of photographs after date of Substantial Completion and one-month following Final Acceptance of the Project for submission as part of the Project Record Documents.
 - g. Additional Photographs: The Engineer may request photographs in addition to periodic photographs specified. Additional requested photographs will not be considered for additional payment.
2. Video Recordings: Submit video recordings within 7 days of recording.
 - a. Submit video recordings on an electronic flash drive. Videos shall be labeled as follows Project Abbreviation- Brief Video Description- Picture Number - date (MM-DD-YY).

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- b. Identification: Include a tabled index of videos, in digital PDF format, including the following:
 - 1. Name of Project
 - 2. Name and contact information of photographer
 - 3. Name of Engineer
 - 4. Name of Contractor
 - 5. Date video was recorded
 - 6. Description of vantage point, indicating location, direction (by compass point), and elevation.
 - 7. Unique sequential identifier coordinating to the design plans.
 - c. Digital Video Recordings: Provide high-resolution, digital video in MPEG format, produced by a digital camera with a minimum sensor size of 12 megapixels, and capable of recording in full high-definition model with vibration-reduction technology. Provide supplemental lighting in low light levels or backlit conditions.
 - d. Narration: Describe scenes on video recording by audio narration by microphone while video recording is recorded. Include description of items being viewed, recent events, and planned activities. At each change in location, describe vantage point, location, direction (by compass point), and elevation of construction.
 - 1. Confirm date and time at beginning and end of recording.
 - 2. Begin each video recording with name of Project, date and time, Contractor's name, videographer's name, and Project location.
 - e. Preconstruction Video Recording: Before starting construction, record video recording of Project site and surrounding properties from different vantage points. Minimum recording time shall be 30 minutes(s).
 - 1. Field identify construction limits and stationing before recording construction video recordings.
 - 2. Show existing conditions adjacent to Project site before starting the Work.
 - 3. Show existing buildings either on or adjoining Project site to accurately record physical conditions at the start of construction.
 - f. Periodic Construction Video Recordings: Record video recording within one week of submittal of each Application for Payment. Select vantage points to show status of construction and progress since last video recordings were recorded.

1.9 PROJECT RECORD DOCUMENTS

- A. Record Prints: Maintain one set of marked-up paper copies of the Contract Drawings and Shop Drawings, incorporating new and revised drawings as modifications are issued.

1. Preparation: Mark record prints to show the actual installation, where installation varies from that shown originally. Require individual or entity who obtained record data, whether individual or entity is Installer, subcontractor, or similar entity, to provide information for preparation of corresponding marked-up record prints.
 - a. Particular attention should be given to information on concealed elements that would be difficult to identify or measure and record later.
 - b. Accurately record information in an acceptable drawing technique.
 - c. Record data as soon as possible after obtaining it.
 - d. Record and check the markup before enclosing concealed installations.
 - e. Cross-reference record prints to corresponding photographic documentation.
2. Content: Types of items requiring marking include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Dimensional changes to Drawings.
 - b. Revisions to details shown on Drawings.
 - c. Locations and depths of installed underground utilities.
 - d. Locations, depths and sizes of encountered underground utilities not shown.
 - e. Revisions to routing of piping and conduits.
 - f. Revisions to electrical circuitry.
 - g. Actual equipment locations.
 - h. Duct size and routing.
 - i. Changes made by Change Order or Work Change Directive.
 - j. Changes made following Engineer's written orders.
 - k. Details not on the original Contract Drawings.
 - l. Field records for variable and concealed conditions.
 - m. Record information on the Work that is shown only schematically.
3. Mark record prints with erasable, red-colored pencil. Use other colors to distinguish between changes for different categories of the Work at same location.
4. Mark important additional information that was either shown schematically or omitted from original Drawings.
5. Note Construction Change Directive numbers, alternate numbers, Change Order numbers, and similar identification, where applicable.
6. Record Prints: Organize record prints into manageable sets. Bind each set with durable paper cover sheets. Include identification on cover sheets as follows:
 - a. Project name.
 - b. Date.
 - c. Designation "PROJECT RECORD DRAWINGS."
 - d. Name of Engineer.
 - e. Name of Contractor.
7. Format: Provide Engineer with digital copy in PDF electronic format, with full comment enabled function, on a flash drive.
8. Record Digital Data Files: Organize digital data information into separate electronic files that correspond to each sheet of the Contract Drawings. Name each file with the sheet identification. Include identification in each digital data file.

9. Record Prints and Digital Data Files shall be clean, legible and clearly show the Engineer the accurate depictions of the constructed improvements. For a minimum period of 6 months after substantial completion, the Contractor shall be available to answer any questions and clarify any items the Engineer may have regarding the provided Record Data.

1.10 DESIGN MIXES

- A. When specified in Specifications, submit design mixes for review.
- B. Contractor's Stamp, as described in paragraph 1.2.A.4, shall be placed on front page of each design mix.
- C. Mark each design mix to identify proportions, gradations, and additives for each class and type of design mix submitted. Include applicable test results on samples for each mix.
- D. Maintain a copy of approved design mixes at mixing plant.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS - [Not Used]

PART 3 - EXECUTION – [Not Used]

END OF SECTION

Section 01 45 29 - TESTING LABORATORY SERVICES

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Testing laboratory services and Contractor responsibilities related to those services.

1.2 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM C 1077 - Standard Practice for Laboratories Testing Concrete and Concrete Aggregates for Use in Construction and Criteria for Laboratory Evaluation.
- B. ASTM D 3666 - Standard Specification for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Testing and Inspecting Bituminous Paving Materials.
- C. ASTM D 3740 - Standard Practice for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in the Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction.
- D. ASTM E 329 - Specification for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged the Testing and/or Inspection of Materials Used in Construction.
- E. ISO/TEC Guide 25 - General Requirements for the Competence of Calibration and Testing Laboratories.

1.3 SELECTION AND PAYMENT

- A. The Owner will select, employ, and pay for services of an independent testing laboratory to perform inspection and testing as required.
- B. When required, the Contractor shall employ and pay for services of an independent testing laboratory or laboratories to perform inspection and testing identified in "Products" sections of the individual Specification.
- C. Employment of a testing laboratory by the Owner shall not relieve Contractor of obligation to perform work in accordance with requirements of Contract Documents.
- D. The Contractor will have the cost of retesting deducted from the estimate for payment whenever failed work must be removed and replaced and retested.

1.4 QUALIFICATION OF LABORATORY

- A. Meet laboratory requirements of ASTM E 329 and applicable requirements of ASTM C 1077, ASTM D 3666, and ASTM D 3740.
- B. Meet the ISO/TEC Guide 25 conditions for accreditation by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) in specific fields of testing required in individual Specification sections.

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- C. Where a laboratory subcontracts any part of the testing services, such work shall be placed with a laboratory complying with the requirements of this Section.

1.5 LABORATORY REPORTS

- A. The testing laboratory shall provide and distribute copies of laboratory reports to the following: Owner(s), Engineer, and Contractor. Other copies of the reports may be required to be submitted to other parties. The testing laboratory will be informed of any other persons that required laboratory reports.
- B. One copy of each laboratory report distributed or emailed to the Contractor shall be kept at the site field office for the duration of the project.
- C. Before close of business on the working day following test completion and review, reports which indicate failing test results shall be transmitted immediately via email from the testing laboratory to the Owner, Contractor, and Engineer.

1.6 LIMITS ON TESTING LABORATORY AUTHORITY

- A. Laboratory may not release, revoke, alter, or enlarge on requirements of Contract Documents.
- B. Laboratory may not approve or accept any portion of the Work.
- C. Laboratory may not assume any duties of the Contractor.
- D. Laboratory has no authority to stop the Work unless a safety risk is imminent. The laboratory's representative shall immediately inform the Engineer and the Owner of any conflicts with the Contractor or Contractor's construction methods.

1.7 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Provide safe access to the Work and to applicable facilities (e.g. manufacturers, suppliers) for the Owner, Engineer, and testing laboratory personnel.
- B. Provide to the testing laboratory a copy of the construction schedule and a copy of each update to the construction schedule.
- C. Notify the Engineer and the testing laboratory during normal working hours of the day previous, but not less than 18 hours prior notice, to the expected time for operations requiring inspection and testing services. If the Contractor fails to make timely prior notification, then the Contractor shall not proceed with the operations requiring inspection and testing services.
- D. Notify the Engineer 24 hours in advance if the Specification requires the presence of the Engineer for sampling or testing.
- E. Request and monitor testing as required to provide timely results and to avoid delay to the Work. Provide samples to the laboratory in sufficient time to allow the required test to be performed in accordance with specified test methods before the intended use of the material.

- F. Cooperate with laboratory personnel in collecting samples on site. Provide incidental labor and facilities for safe access to the Work to be tested; to obtain and handle samples at the site or at source of products to be tested; and to facilitate tests and inspections including storage and curing of test samples.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS – [Not Used]

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 CONDUCTING TESTING

- A. Laboratory sampling and testing specified in individual Specification sections shall conform to the latest issues of ASTM standards, TxDOT methods, or other recognized test standards as approved by the Engineer.
- B. The requirements of this section shall also apply to those tests for approval of materials, for mix designs, and for quality control of materials as performed by the testing laboratories employed by the Contractor.

END OF SECTION

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Section 01 55 26 - TRAFFIC CONTROL AND REGULATION

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Requirements for signs, signals, control devices, flares, lights and traffic signals, as well as construction parking control, designated haul routes and bridging of trenches and excavations.
- B. Requirement for and qualifications of flagmen.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

A. Unit Prices

- 1. No separate payment will be made for work performed under this Section. Include cost of such work in Contract unit prices for items listed in bid form requiring traffic control and regulation.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- B. The contractor shall submit for approval by the Owner and prior to the beginning of work a Traffic Control Plan responsive to the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD) and sealed by a Registered Professional Engineer.
- C. For both the traffic control plan and flagmen use, submit schedules of values in accordance with Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures.
- D. Make submittals in accordance with Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND DEVICES

- A. Comply with Texas State Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- B. Traffic Cones and Drums, Flares and Lights: As approved by local jurisdictions.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 PUBLIC ROADS

- A. Abide by laws and regulations of governing authorities when using public roads. If the Contractor's work requires that public roads be temporarily impeded or closed, approvals shall be obtained from governing authorities and permits paid for before starting any work. Coordinate activities with the Owner.

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- B. Contractor shall always maintain a 10-foot-wide all-weather lane adjacent to work areas which shall be kept free of construction equipment and debris and shall be for the use of emergency vehicles, or as otherwise provided in the traffic control plan.
 - C. Contractor shall not obstruct the normal flow of traffic from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on designated major arterials or as directed by the Owner.
 - D. Contractor shall maintain local driveway access to residential and commercial properties adjacent to work areas at all times.
 - E. Cleanliness of Surrounding Streets: Keep streets used for entering or leaving the job area free of excavated material, debris, and any foreign material resulting from construction operations.

3.2 CONSTRUCTION PARKING CONTROL

- A. Control vehicular parking to prevent interference with public traffic and parking, access by emergency vehicles, and Owner's operations.
- B. Monitor parking of construction personnel's vehicles in existing facilities. Maintain vehicular access to and through parking areas.
- C. Prevent parking on or adjacent to access roads or in non-designated areas.

3.3 FLARES AND LIGHTS

- A. Provide flares and lights during hours of low visibility to delineate traffic lanes and to guide traffic.

3.4 HAUL ROUTES

- A. Utilize haul routes designated by authorities or shown on the Drawings for construction traffic.
- B. Confine construction traffic to designated haul routes.
- C. Provide traffic control at critical areas of haul routes to regulate traffic and minimize interference with public traffic.

3.5 TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS

- A. Install traffic control devices at approaches to the site and on site, at crossroads, detours, parking areas, and elsewhere as needed to direct construction and affected public traffic.
- B. Install and operate traffic control signals to direct and maintain orderly flow of traffic in areas under Contractor's control and areas affected by Contractor's operations.

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- C. Relocate traffic signs and signals as Work progresses to maintain effective traffic control.

3.6 BRIDGING TRENCHES AND EXCAVATIONS

- A. Whenever necessary, bridge trenches and excavation to permit an unobstructed flow of traffic.
- B. Vehicle crossings must be designed by and installed under the supervision of a registered professional engineer.
- C. Secure bridging against displacement by using adjustable cleats, angles, bolts or other devices whenever bridge is installed:
 - 1. On an existing bus route;
 - 2. When more than five percent of daily traffic is comprised of commercial or truck traffic;
 - 3. When more than two separate plates are used for the bridge; or
 - 4. When bridge is to be used for more than five consecutive days.
- D. Install bridging to operate with minimum noise.
- E. Adequately shore the trench or excavation to support bridge and traffic.
- F. Extend steel plates used for bridging a minimum of two foot beyond edges of stable trench walls or excavation. Use temporary paving materials (premix) to feather edges of plates to minimize wheel impact on secured bridging.
- G. Steel plates shall support H-20 loaded truck or loadings that produces maximum stress.

3.7 REMOVAL

- A. Remove equipment and devices when no longer required.
- B. Repair damage caused by installation.
- C. Remove post settings to a depth of 2 feet.

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SPECIFICATION 01 57 13 - TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Description of erosion and sediment control and other control-related practices, which shall be utilized during construction activities.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

- A. Payment for this item shall be made on a lump sum basis for the maintenance of the temporary erosion and sediment control and other TPDES requirements. The costs associated with TPDES inspection and reporting shall also be included in this item.

1.3 RESPONSIBILITY

- A. It is the contractor's responsibility to acquire a Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit as indicated in Section 01 57 23 TPDES Requirements (SWPPP provided by Contractor).
- B. All work performed under this section must be as per construction plans and TPDES approved Permit.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS - [Not Used]

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION AND INSTALLATION

- A. No clearing and grubbing or rough cutting shall be permitted until erosion and sediment control systems are in place, other than site work specifically directed by the Owner's Representative to allow soil testing and surveying.
- B. Equipment and vehicles shall be prohibited by the Contractor from maneuvering on areas outside of dedicated rights-of-way and easements for construction. Damage caused by construction traffic to erosion and sediment control systems shall be repaired immediately by the Contractor.
- C. The Contractor shall be responsible for collecting, storing, hauling, and disposing of spoil, silt, and waste materials as specified in this or other Specifications and in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local rules and regulations.
- D. Contractor shall conduct all construction operations under this Contract in conformance with the erosion control practices described in the SWPPP, Drawings, and this Specification.

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- E. The Contractor shall install, maintain, and inspect erosion/sediment control measures and practices as specified in the SWPPP, TPDES Permit, Drawings, and in this or other Specifications.

3.2 TOPSOIL PLACEMENT FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL SYSTEMS

- A. When topsoil is specified as a component of another Specification, the Contractor shall conduct erosion control practices described in this Specification during topsoil placement operations.
 - 1. When placing topsoil, maintain erosion and sediment control systems, such as swales, grade stabilization structures, berm, dikes, waterways, and sediment basins.
 - 2. Maintain grades which have been previously established on areas to receive topsoil.
 - 3. After the areas to receive topsoil have been brought to grade, immediately prior to dumping and spreading the topsoil, loosen the sub grade by disking or by scarifying to a depth of at least 2 inches to permit bonding of the topsoil to the subsoil.
 - 4. No sod or seed shall be placed on soil which has been treated with soil sterility until sufficient time has elapsed to permit dissipation of toxic materials.

3.3 SEDIMENT CONTROL MAINTENANCE

- A. All erosion, sediment, and water pollution controls will be maintained in good working order. A rain gauge provided by the Contractor shall be located on the project site. Within 24 hours of a rainfall event of 0.5 inches or more as measured by the project rain gauge, the Contractor and the Owner's Representative shall inspect the entire project to determine the condition of the control measures. Sediment shall be removed and devices repaired as soon as practicable but no later than 7 days after the surrounding ground has dried sufficiently to prevent further damage from equipment operations needed for repairs.
- B. In the event of continuous rainfall over a 24 hour period, or other circumstances that preclude equipment operation in the area, the Contractor shall install additional backup storm water pollution control devices, as determined by the Owner's Representative, by other appropriate methods. The Contractor shall remove sediment accumulations and deposit the spoils in an area approved by the Owner's Representative as soon as practical and in accordance with the SWPPP. Any corrective action needed for the control measures is to be accomplished in the sequence directed by the Owner's Representative; however, areas adjacent to receiving waters shall generally have priority, followed by devices protecting storm sewer inlets.

3.4 DUST CONTROL

- A. Implement dust control methods to control dust creation and movement on construction sites and roads and to prevent airborne sediment from reaching receiving streams or storm water conveyance systems, to reduce on-site and off-site damage, to prevent health hazards, and to improve traffic safety.

- B. Control blowing dust by using one or more of the following methods:
1. Mulches bound with chemical binders.
 2. Temporary vegetative cover.
 3. Spray-on adhesives on mineral soils when not used by traffic.
 4. Tillage to roughen surface and bring clods to the surface.
 5. Irrigation by water sprinkling.
 6. Barriers using solid board fences, snow fences, burlap fences, crate walls, bales of straw, or similar materials.
- C. Implement dust control methods immediately whenever dust can be observed blowing on the project site.

3.5 OFFSITE ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

- A. Keep streets clean of construction debris and mud carried by construction vehicles and equipment. If necessary to keep the streets clean, install stabilized construction exits at construction, staging, storage, and disposal areas. A vehicle/equipment wash area (stabilized with coarse aggregate) may be installed adjacent to the stabilized construction exit, as needed. Release wash water into a drainage swale or inlet protected by erosion and sediment control measures. Construction exit and wash areas are shown in the construction plan Details, as Stabilized Construction Exit Detail.
- B. In addition to stabilized construction exits, shovel or sweep the pavement to the extent necessary to keep the street clean. Water hosing or sweeping of debris and mud off of the street into adjacent areas is not allowed.

3.6 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- A. Confine maintenance and repair of construction machinery and equipment to areas specifically designated for that purpose. Locate such areas so that oils, gasoline, grease, solvents, and other potential pollutants cannot be washed directly into receiving streams or storm water conveyance systems. Provide these areas with adequate waste disposal receptacles for liquid as well as solid waste. Clean and inspect maintenance areas daily.
- B. On a construction site where designated equipment maintenance areas are not feasible, take precautions during each individual repair or maintenance operation to prevent potential pollutants from washing into streams or conveyance systems. Provide temporary waste disposal receptacles.

3.7 WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

- A. Contractor shall formulate and implement a plan for the collection and disposal of waste materials on the construction site. In plan, designate locations for trash and waste receptacles and establish a collection schedule. Methods for ultimate disposal of waste shall be specified and carried out in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal health and safety regulations. Make special provisions for the collection and disposal of liquid wastes and toxic or hazardous materials.
- B. Keep receptacles and waste collection areas neat and orderly to the extent possible. Waste shall not be allowed to overflow its container or accumulate from day-to-day. Locate trash collection points where they will least likely be affected by concentrated storm water runoff.

3.8 WASHING AREAS

- A. Vehicles such as concrete delivery trucks or dump trucks and other construction equipment shall not be washed at locations where the runoff will flow directly into a watercourse or storm water conveyance system. Designate special areas for washing vehicles. Locate these areas where the wash water will spread out and evaporate or infiltrate directly into the ground, or where the runoff can be collected in a temporary holding or seepage basin. Beneath wash areas construct a gravel or rock base to minimize mud production.

3.9 STORAGE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND CHEMICALS

- A. Isolate sites where chemicals, cements, solvents, paints, or other potential water pollutants are stored in areas where they will not cause runoff pollution.
- B. Store toxic chemicals and materials, such as pesticides, paints, and acids in accordance with manufacturers' guidelines. Protect groundwater resources from leaching by placing a plastic mat, packed clay, tar paper, or other impervious materials on any areas where toxic liquids are to be opened and stored.

3.10 DEMOLITION AREAS

- A. Demolition activities which create large amounts of dust with significant concentrations of heavy metals or other toxic pollutants shall use dust control techniques to limit transport of airborne pollutants. However, water or slurry used to control dust contaminated with heavy metals or toxic pollutants shall be retained on the site and shall not be allowed to run directly into watercourses or storm water conveyance systems. Methods of ultimate disposal of these materials shall be carried out in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal health and safety regulations.

3.11 SANITARY FACILITIES

- A. Provide and maintain sanitary facilities for persons on the job site; comply with the regulations of State and local departments of health.
- B. Enforce the use of sanitary facilities by construction personnel at the job site. Such facilities shall be enclosed. Pit-type toilets will not be permitted. No discharge will be allowed from these facilities. Collect and store sewage and waste so as not to cause a nuisance or health problem; have sewer and waste hauled off-site and properly disposed in accordance with local regulations.
- C. Located toilets near the Work site and secluded from view insofar as possible. Keep toilets clean and supplied throughout the course of the Work.

3.12 PESTICIDES

- A. Use and store pesticides during construction in accordance with manufacturers' guidelines and with local, state, and federal regulations. Avoid overuse of pesticides which could produce contaminated runoff. Take great care to prevent accidental spillage. Never wash pesticide containers in or near flowing streams or storm water conveyance systems.

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Section 01 57 23 - TPDES REQUIREMENTS

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. This Section describes the required documentation to be prepared and signed by the Contractor before conducting construction operations, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the TCEQ GENERAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE WASTE, under provisions of Section 402 of the Clean Water Act and Chapter of the Texas Water Code.
- B. The Contractor shall be responsible for the submittal of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that supplements the information provided in the design plans. The SWPPP information provided in the design plans DOES NOT meet the requirements set forth in the TCEQ General Permit. This information and details are only for informational purposes only. The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining a TCEQ approved SWPPP plan and Notice of Intent. All costs, control measures, BMP's and permitting fees associated with the SWPPP shall be covered by the bid item titled "Storm Water Pollution Prevention & Erosion Control Plan".
- C. The Contractor's will be responsible for all damages caused by the failure to implement the SWPPP. The Contractor will be responsible for all costs associated with remediation of damages caused by failure to implement the SWPPP. The Contractor shall be responsible for implementation, maintenance, and inspection of storm water pollution prevention control measures including, but not limited to, erosion and sediment controls, storm water management plans, waste collection and disposal, off-site vehicle tracking, and other practices included in the SWPPP or specified elsewhere in this or other Specifications.
- D. Contractor shall review implementation of the SWPPP in a meeting with the Owner prior to start of construction.

1.02 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM D3786 - Standard Test Method for Hydraulic Bursting Strength for Knitted Goods and Nonwoven Fabrics
- B. ASTM D4632 - Standard Test Method for Grab Breaking Load and Elongation of Geotextiles.

PART 2 PRODUCTS - Not Used

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.01 NOTICE OF INTENT

- A. The Contractor shall fill out, sign, and date the Contractor's Notice of Intent (NOI) attached at the end of this Section. The signed copy of the Contractor's NOI shall be returned to the Owner. The Owner will complete the Owner's Notice of Intent attached and will submit both notices to the TCEQ.

3.02 CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. On the Operator's Information form attached, the Contractor shall fill out name, address, and telephone number for the Contractor; the names of persons or firms responsible for maintenance and inspection of erosion and sediment control measures and all Subcontractors.
- B. The Contractor will forward the completed form for the Owner to complete and sign the Owner's Certification and return a copy to the Contractor for inclusion with other project certification forms.
- C. The Contractor and Subcontractors named in the Operator's Information form shall read, sign, and date the Contractor's/Subcontractor's Certification form.
- D. The persons or firms responsible for maintenance and inspection of erosion and sediment control measures shall read, sign, and date the Contractor's Inspection and Maintenance Certification form.
- E. The Operator's Information form and all certification forms shall be submitted to the Owner before beginning construction.

3.03 RETENTION OF RECORDS

- A. The Contractor shall keep a copy of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan at the construction site or at the Contractor's office from the date that it became effective to the date of project completion.
- B. At project closeout, the Contractor shall submit to the Owner all TPDES forms and certifications, as well as a copy of the SWPPP. Storm water pollution prevention records and data will be retained by Owner for a period of 3 years from the date of project completion.

3.04 REQUIRED NOTICES

- A. The following notices shall be posted from the date that this SWPPP goes into effect until the date of final site stabilization:
 - 1. Copies of the Notices of Intent submitted by the Contractor shall be posted at the construction site or at Contractor's office in a prominent place for public viewing.

2. Notice to drivers of equipment and vehicles, instructing them to stop, check, and clean tires of debris and mud before driving onto traffic lanes. Post such notices at every stabilized construction exit area.
3. In an easily visible location on site, post a notice of waste disposal procedures.
4. Notice of hazardous material handling and emergency procedures shall be posted with the NOI on site. Keep copies of Material Safety Data Sheets at a location on site that is known to all personnel.
5. Keep a copy of each signed certification at the construction site or at Contractor's office.

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SECTION 01 60 00 - PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. This Section includes administrative and procedural requirements for selection of products for use in Project; product delivery, storage, and handling; manufacturers' standard warranties on products; special warranties; product substitutions; and comparable products.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. Products: Items purchased for incorporating into the Work, whether purchased for Project or taken from previously purchased stock. The term "product" includes the terms "material," "equipment," "system," and terms of similar intent.
 - 1. Named Products: Items identified by manufacturer's product name, including make or model number or other designation shown or listed in manufacturer's published product literature that is current as of date of the Contract Documents.
 - 2. New Products: Items that have not previously been incorporated into another project or facility, except that products consisting of recycled-content materials are allowed, unless explicitly stated otherwise. Products salvaged or recycled from other projects are not considered new products.
 - 3. Comparable Product: Product that is demonstrated and approved through submittal process, or where indicated as a product substitution, to have the indicated qualities related to type, function, dimension, in-service performance, physical properties, appearance, and other characteristics that equal or exceed those of specified product.
- B. Substitutions: Changes in products, materials, equipment, and methods of construction from those required by the Contract Documents and proposed by Contractor.
- C. Basis-of-Design Product Specification: Where a specific manufacturer's product is named and accompanied by the words "basis of design," including make or model number or other designation, to establish the significant qualities related to type, function, dimension, in-service performance, physical properties, appearance, and other characteristics for purposes of evaluating comparable products of other named manufacturers.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product List: Submit a list, in tabular form, showing specified products. Include generic names of products required. Include manufacturer's name and proprietary product names for each product.

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1. Coordinate product list with Contractor's Construction Schedule and the Submittals Schedule.
 2. Form: Tabulate information for each product under the following column headings:
 - a. Specification Section number and title.
 - b. Generic name used in the Contract Documents.
 - c. Proprietary name, model number, and similar designations.
 - d. Manufacturer's name and address.
 - e. Supplier's name and address.
 - f. Installer's name and address.
 - g. Projected delivery date or time span of delivery period.
 - h. Identification of items that require early submittal approval for scheduled delivery date.
 3. Initial Submittal: Within 30 days after date of commencement of the Work, submit 3 copies of initial product list. Include a written explanation for omissions of data and for variations from Contract requirements.
 - a. At Contractor's option, initial submittal may be limited to product selections and designations that must be established early in Contract period.
 4. Completed List: Within 60 days after date of commencement of the Work, submit 3 copies of completed product list. Include a written explanation for omissions of data and for variations from Contract requirements.
 5. Engineer's Action: Engineer will respond in writing to Contractor within 15 days of receipt of completed product list. Engineer's response will include a list of unacceptable product selections and a brief explanation of reasons for this action. Engineer's response, or lack of response, does not constitute a waiver of requirement to comply with the Contract Documents.
- B. Substitution Requests: Submit three copies of each request for consideration. Identify product or fabrication or installation method to be replaced. Include Specification Section number and title and Drawing numbers and titles.
1. Substitution Request Form: Use Contractor's standard form.
 2. Documentation: Show compliance with requirements for substitutions and the following, as applicable:
 - a. Statement indicating why specified material or product cannot be provided.
 - b. Coordination information, including a list of changes or modifications needed to other parts of the Work and to construction performed by Owner and separate contractors that will be necessary to accommodate proposed substitution.
 - c. Detailed comparison of significant qualities of proposed substitution with those of the Work specified. Significant qualities may include attributes such as performance, weight, size, durability, visual effect, and specific features and requirements indicated.
 - d. Product Data, including drawings and descriptions of products and fabrication and installation procedures.
 - e. Samples, where applicable or requested.
 - f. List of similar installations for completed projects with project names and addresses and names and addresses of Owners.

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- g. Material test reports from a qualified testing agency indicating and interpreting test results for compliance with requirements indicated.
 - h. Research/evaluation reports evidencing compliance with building code in effect for Project, from a model code organization acceptable to authorities having jurisdiction.
 - i. Detailed comparison of Contractor's Construction Schedule using proposed substitution with products specified for the Work, including effect on the overall Contract Time. If specified product or method of construction cannot be provided within the Contract Time, include letter from manufacturer, on manufacturer's letterhead, stating lack of availability or delays in delivery.
 - j. Cost information, including a proposal of change, if any, in the Contract Sum.
 - k. Contractor's certification that proposed substitution complies with requirements in the Contract Documents and is appropriate for applications indicated.
 - l. Contractor's waiver of rights to additional payment or time that may subsequently become necessary because of failure of proposed substitution to produce indicated results.
3. Engineer's Action: If necessary, Engineer will request additional information or documentation for evaluation within 7 days of receipt of a request for substitution. Engineer will notify Contractor of acceptance or rejection of proposed substitution within 15 days of receipt of request, or 7 days of receipt of additional information or documentation, whichever is later.
- a. Form of Acceptance: Change Order.
 - b. Use product specified if Engineer cannot make a decision on use of a proposed substitution within time allocated.
- C. Comparable Product Requests: Submit three copies of each request for consideration. Identify product or fabrication or installation method to be replaced. Include Specification Section number and title and Drawing numbers and titles.
1. Engineer's Action: If necessary, Engineer will request additional information or documentation for evaluation within one week of receipt of a comparable product request. Engineer will notify Contractor of approval or rejection of proposed comparable product request within 15 days of receipt of request, or 7 days of receipt of additional information or documentation, whichever is later.
- D. Basis-of-Design Product Specification Submittal: Comply with requirements in Division 01 Section "Submittal Procedures." Show compliance with requirements.

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Compatibility of Options: If Contractor is given option of selecting between two or more products for use on Project, product selected shall be compatible with products previously selected, even if previously selected products were also options.
1. Each contractor is responsible for providing products and construction methods compatible with products and construction methods of other contractors.
 2. If a dispute arises between contractors over concurrently selectable but incompatible products, Engineer will determine which products shall be used.

1.6 PRODUCT DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver, store, and handle products using means and methods that will prevent damage, deterioration, and loss, including theft. Comply with manufacturer's written instructions.
- B. Delivery and Handling:
 - 1. Schedule delivery to minimize long-term storage at Project site and to prevent overcrowding of construction spaces.
 - 2. Coordinate delivery with installation time to ensure minimum holding time for items that are flammable, hazardous, easily damaged, or sensitive to deterioration, theft, and other losses.
 - 3. Deliver products to Project site in an undamaged condition in manufacturer's original sealed container or other packaging system, complete with labels and instructions for handling, storing, unpacking, protecting, and installing.
 - 4. Inspect products on delivery to ensure compliance with the Contract Documents and to ensure that products are undamaged and properly protected.
- C. Storage:
 - 1. Store products to allow for inspection and measurement of quantity or counting of units.
 - 2. Store materials in a manner that will not endanger Project structure.
 - 3. Store products that are subject to damage by the elements, under cover in a weathertight enclosure above ground, with ventilation adequate to prevent condensation.
 - 4. Store cementitious products and materials on elevated platforms.
 - 5. Store foam plastic from exposure to sunlight, except to extent necessary for period of installation and concealment.
 - 6. Comply with product manufacturer's written instructions for temperature, humidity, ventilation, and weather-protection requirements for storage.
 - 7. Protect stored products from damage and liquids from freezing.
 - 8. Provide a secure location and enclosure at Project site for storage of materials and equipment by Owner's construction forces. Coordinate location with Owner.

1.7 PRODUCT WARRANTIES

- A. Warranties specified in other Sections shall be in addition to, and run concurrent with, other warranties required by the Contract Documents. Manufacturer's disclaimers and limitations on product warranties do not relieve Contractor of obligations under requirements of the Contract Documents.
 - 1. **Manufacturer's Warranty:** Preprinted written warranty published by individual manufacturer for a particular product and specifically endorsed by manufacturer to Owner.
 - 2. **Special Warranty:** Written warranty required by or incorporated into the Contract Documents, either to extend time limit provided by manufacturer's warranty or to provide more rights for Owner.

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- B. Special Warranties: Prepare a written document that contains appropriate terms and identification, ready for execution. Submit a draft for approval before final execution.
1. Manufacturer's Standard Form: Modified to include Project-specific information and properly executed.
 2. Specified Form: When specified forms are included with the Specifications, prepare a written document using appropriate form properly executed.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 PRODUCT SELECTION PROCEDURES

- A. General Product Requirements: Provide products that comply with the Contract Documents, that are undamaged and, unless otherwise indicated, that are new at time of installation.
1. Provide products complete with accessories, trim, finish, fasteners, and other items needed for a complete installation and indicated use and effect.
 2. Standard Products: If available, and unless custom products or nonstandard options are specified, provide standard products of types that have been produced and used successfully in similar situations on other projects.
 3. Owner reserves the right to limit selection to products with warranties not in conflict with requirements of the Contract Documents.
 4. Where products are accompanied by the term "as selected," Engineer will make selection.
 5. Where products are accompanied by the term "match sample," sample to be matched is Engineer's.
 6. Descriptive, performance, and reference standard requirements in the Specifications establish "salient characteristics" of products.
 7. Or Equal: Where products are specified by name and accompanied by the term "or equal" or "or approved equal" or "or approved," comply with provisions in Part 2 "Comparable Products" Article to obtain approval for use of an unnamed product.
- B. Product Selection Procedures:
1. Product: Where Specifications name a single product and manufacturer, provide the named product that complies with requirements.
 2. Manufacturer/Source: Where Specifications name a single manufacturer or source, provide a product by the named manufacturer or source that complies with requirements.
 3. Products: Where Specifications include a list of names of both products and manufacturers, provide one of the products listed that complies with requirements.
 4. Manufacturers: Where Specifications include a list of manufacturers' names, provide a product by one of the manufacturers listed that complies with requirements.

5. Available Products: Where Specifications include a list of names of both products and manufacturers, provide one of the products listed, or an unnamed product, that complies with requirements. Comply with provisions in Part 2 "Comparable Products" Article for consideration of an unnamed product.
6. Available Manufacturers: Where Specifications include a list of manufacturers, provide a product by one of the manufacturers listed, or an unnamed manufacturer, that complies with requirements. Comply with provisions in Part 2 "Comparable Products" Article for consideration of an unnamed product.
7. Product Options: Where Specifications indicate that sizes, profiles, and dimensional requirements on Drawings are based on a specific product or system, provide the specified product or system. Comply with provisions in Part 2 "Product Substitutions" Article for consideration of an unnamed product or system.
8. Basis-of-Design Product: Where Specifications name a product and include a list of manufacturers, provide the specified product or a comparable product by one of the other named manufacturers. Drawings and Specifications indicate sizes, profiles, dimensions, and other characteristics that are based on the product named. Comply with provisions in Part 2 "Comparable Products" Article for consideration of an unnamed product by the other named manufacturers.
9. Visual Matching Specification: Where Specifications require matching an established Sample, select a product that complies with requirements and matches Engineer's sample. Engineer's decision will be final on whether a proposed product match.
 - a. If no product available within specified category matches and complies with other specified requirements, comply with provisions in Part 2 "Product Substitutions" Article for proposal of product.
10. Visual Selection Specification: Where Specifications include the phrase "as selected from manufacturer's colors, patterns, and textures" or a similar phrase, select a product that complies with other specified requirements.
 - a. Standard Range: Where Specifications include the phrase "standard range of colors, patterns, textures" or similar phrase, Engineer will select color, pattern, density, or texture from manufacturer's product line that does not include premium items.
 - b. Full Range: Where Specifications include the phrase "full range of colors, patterns, textures" or similar phrase, Engineer will select color, pattern, density, or texture from manufacturer's product line that includes both standard and premium items.

2.2 PRODUCT SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. Timing: Engineer will consider requests for substitution if received within 60 days after commencement of the Work. Requests received after that time may be considered or rejected at discretion of Engineer
- B. Conditions: Engineer will consider Contractor's request for substitution when the following conditions are satisfied. If the following conditions are not satisfied, Engineer will return requests without action, except to record noncompliance with these requirements:

1. Requested substitution offers Owner a substantial advantage in cost, time, energy conservation, or other considerations, after deducting additional responsibilities Owner must assume. Owner's additional responsibilities may include compensation to Engineer for redesign and evaluation services, increased cost of other construction by Owner, and similar considerations.
2. Requested substitution does not require extensive revisions to the Contract Documents.
3. Requested substitution is consistent with the Contract Documents and will produce indicated results.
4. Substitution request is fully documented and properly submitted.
5. Requested substitution will not adversely affect Contractor's Construction Schedule.
6. Requested substitution has received necessary approvals of authorities having jurisdiction.
7. Requested substitution is compatible with other portions of the Work.
8. Requested substitution has been coordinated with other portions of the Work.
9. Requested substitution provides specified warranty.
10. If requested substitution involves more than one contractor, requested substitution has been coordinated with other portions of the Work, is uniform and consistent, is compatible with other products, and is acceptable to all contractors involved.

2.3 COMPARABLE PRODUCTS

- A. Conditions: Engineer will consider Contractor's request for comparable product when the following conditions are satisfied. If the following conditions are not satisfied, Engineer will return requests without action, except to record noncompliance with these requirements:
 1. Evidence that the proposed product does not require extensive revisions to the Contract Documents that it is consistent with the Contract Documents and will produce the indicated results, and that it is compatible with other portions of the Work.
 2. Detailed comparison of significant qualities of proposed product with those named in the Specifications. Significant qualities include attributes such as performance, weight, size, durability, visual effect, and specific features and requirements indicated.
 3. Evidence that proposed product provides specified warranty.
 4. List of similar installations for completed projects with project names and addresses and names and addresses of Engineers and owners, if requested.
 5. Samples, if requested.

PART 3 - EXECUTION (Not Used)

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SECTION 02 21 13 - FIELD SURVEYING

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Conform to State of Texas laws for surveys requiring licensed surveyors.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

- A. No separate payment will be made for work performed under this Section. Include cost of such work in Contract unit prices for items listed in bid form requiring surveying.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit documentation verifying accuracy of survey work upon request.
- B. Submit certificate signed by surveyor, that the elevations and locations of the Work are in conformance with Contract Documents.
- C. Submit information under provisions of Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures.

1.4 PROJECT RECORD DOCUMENTS

- A. Maintain a complete and accurate log of control and survey work as it progresses.
- B. Prepare a certified survey setting forth dimensions, locations, angles, and elevations of construction and site work upon completion of foundation walls and major site improvements.
- C. Submit Project Record Documents under provisions of Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures.

1.5 EXAMINATION

- A. Verify locations of survey control points prior to starting Work.
- B. Notify Engineer immediately of any discrepancies discovered.

1.6 SURVEY REFERENCE POINTS

- A. Control datum for survey is that established by Owner-provided survey as indicated on Drawings.

- B. Locate and protect survey control points prior to starting site work; preserve permanent reference points during construction.
- C. Notify Engineer 48 hours in advance of need for relocation of reference points due to changes in grades or other reasons.
- D. Report promptly to Engineer the loss or destruction of any reference point.
- E. Contractor shall reimburse Owner for cost of reestablishment of permanent reference points disturbed by Contractor's operations.

1.7 SURVEY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Utilize recognized engineering survey practices.
- B. Establish elevations, lines and levels to provide appropriate controls for the Work. Locate and lay out by instrumentation and similar appropriate means:
 - 1. Site improvements including pavements; stakes for grading; fill and topsoil placement; utility locations, slopes, and invert elevations.
 - 2. Grid or axis for structures.
 - 3. Building foundation, column locations, ground floor elevations.
- C. Verify periodically layouts by same means.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS – [Not Used]

PART 3 - EXECUTION – [Not Used]

END OF SECTION

SECTION 02 80 10 - ABANDONMENT OF SEWERS

1.1 GENERAL

A. Section Includes:

1. Abandonment in place of existing sewers, junction structures, manholes, and force mains.
2. Work consists of furnishing, transporting and placing excavatable "Controlled Low-Strength Material (CLSM)" as flowable backfill to fill trenches for pipe, structures, culverts, utility cuts and other cavity filling uses under pavement or at other locations as designated in the design documents.

2.2 UNIT PRICES

A. Unit Prices

1. Payment for filling and abandonment of existing sewers is on linear foot basis regardless of the sewer pipe diameter being abandoned. Measurement will be along centerline of sewer from centerline to centerline of manholes.
2. Payment for filling and abandonment of sewer manholes or junction structure is by each structure abandoned in conformance with this Section.
3. No separate payment will be made for filling air vents, temporary plugs, excavations, and other incidental fill areas.
4. No separate payment will be made for plugging and abandoning sewer force mains. Include cost of such abandonment in related work.

1.03 DEFINITIONS

- A. Abandonment. Sewer abandonment consists of demolition and removal of portion of existing manholes, to a depth specified in the design plans, and the filling of existing sewer lines and manholes with flowable fill as specified in this Section.
- B. Flowable Fill. Flowable fill shall be a Controlled Low-Strength Material (CLSM) consisting of fluid mixture of cement, fly ash, aggregate, water and with admixtures as necessary to provide workable properties. Placement of flowable fill may be by grouting techniques in sewer pipes or other restricted areas, or as mass placement by chutes or tremie methods in unrestricted locations with open access.
- C. Backgrouting. Secondary stage pressure grouting to ensure that voids have been filled within abandoned sewer. Backgrouting will only be required at critical locations indicated on Drawings or if there is evidence of incomplete flowable fill placements.

1.04 REFERENCE STANDARDS

- A. ASTM C 150 - Standard Specification for Portland Cement.
- B. ASTM C 494 - Standard Specification for Chemical Admixture for Concrete.
- C. ASTM C 618 - Standard Specification for Fly Ash and Raw or Calcinated Natural Pozzolan for use as Mineral Admixture in Portland Cement Concrete.
- D. ASTM C 937 - Standard Specification for Grout Fluidifier for Pre—placed Aggregate Concrete.
- E. ASTM C 940 - Standard Test Method for Expansion and Bleeding of Freshly Mixed Grout for Replaced Aggregate Concrete in the Laboratory.
- F. ASTM C 1017 - Standard Specification for Chemical Admixture for Use in Producing Flowing Concrete.
- G. ASTM C 1107 - Specification for Packaged Dry, Hydraulic-Cement Grout (Non—shrink)

1.05 SUBMITTALS

- A. Conform to requirements of Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures.
- B. Flowable Fill (CLSM) mix design report – The Contractor shall submit to the Engineer a certified mix design with the proportions, names, and sources of material, admixtures, dry cubic yard batch weights and physical property test results. The CLSM mix design submitted for review shall include the following information:
 - 1. Application: Flowable fill type and production method;
 - 2. Sources of Materials;
 - 3. Aggregate Gradation;
 - 4. Absolute volumes, specific gravities, unit weights, and any other values used in the CLSM mix design process;
 - 5. Type and proposed doses of air entraining or accelerating admixtures;
 - 6. Target flow and entrained air content;
 - 7. Set time;
 - 8. Laboratory test data indicating unconfined compressive strengths at specified set time, 7 and 28 days;
 - 9. Wet density;
 - 10. Ambient air temperature and CLSM temperature at time of testing.
- C. Technical information for equipment and operational procedures including projected CLSM injection rate, injection pressure, method of controlling injection pressure, bulkhead and vent design, and number of stages of CLSM application.

- D. At least 60 days prior to commencing abandonment activities, submit plan for abandonment, describing proposed application sequence, bypass pumping requirements and plugging, if any, and other information pertinent to completion of work.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 FLOWABLE FILL

- A. Design Mix Criteria. Provide mix design meeting the design criteria and conditions for placement. Present information required by Paragraph 1.05B in mix design report including following:
1. Cement: ASTM C 150 Type I or II. Volume and weight per cubic yard of fill. Provide minimum cement content of 75 pounds per cubic yard.
 2. Fly ash: ASTM C 618 Class C or F. Volume and weight per cubic yard of fill. Provide minimum Fly ash content of 250 pounds per cubic yard.
 3. Potable water: Volume and weight per cubic yard of fill. Amount of water determined by mix design testing.
 4. Aggregate gradation: ASTM C 33. 100 percent passing 3/4-inch sieve and not more than 10 percent passing No. 200 sieve. Fine aggregates shall comprise between 50-percent and 60-percent by volume of the total aggregates. Mix design report shall define gradation based on following sieve sizes 3/4-inch, 3/8-inch, Nos. 4, 8, 16, 100, and 200.
 5. Aggregate source material: Screened or crushed aggregate, pit or bank run fine gravels or sand, or crushed concrete. If crushed concrete is used, add at least 30 percent of natural aggregate to provide workability.
 6. Admixtures: Use admixtures meeting ASTM C 494 and ASTM C 1017 as needed to improve pumpability, to control time of set, and reduce bleeding.
 7. Fluidifier: Use fluidifier meeting ASTM C 937 as necessary to hold solid constituents in suspension. Add shrinkage compensator if necessary.
 8. Performance additive: Use flowable fill performance additive, such as Darafill or approved equal, to control fill properties.
- B. Design Requirements
1. Wet Unit Weight, in accordance with ASTM D 6023, shall have a minimum 90 pounds per cubic foot (pcf) and a maximum of 120 pcf.
 2. Air Content, in accordance with ASTM D 6023, shall have a minimum 15 percent and 25 percent as measured to the nearest 0.1-percent.
 3. Hardening (Set) Time, in accordance with ASTM C 403, shall have a minimum penetration number of 650 and a maximum number of 1500 as measured at 3 to 5 hours. If accelerants are used, measurements shall be taken within one-hour.

4. Subsidence & Settlement shall have a maximum of 1/4- inch per foot of depth of CLSM placed.
5. Unconfined compressive strength, in accordance with ASTM D 4832, shall meet the following 28-Day compressive strengths:

Application	Excavatable CLSM (psi)	
	Minimum	Maximum
Pipe Backfill and Encasement	30	100
Utility Bedding	50	100
Utility Abandonment (Voids)	15	150

Unconfined compressive strengths are determined based on an average of three tests for same batch placement.

Flowable fill not meeting the specified unconfined compressive strength may be accepted with unit price adjustment of 2.0 percent price deduction for each psi average compressive strength below 75 psi and 1.0 percent price deduction for each psi average compressive strength above 150 psi, as applicable to batch volume represented by the cylinder test series. Flowable fill shrinkage volumes, greater than 5-percent shall be remedied by Contractor according to Paragraph 3.05H without additional compensation. Shrinkage percentage shall be determined by the Engineer.

6. Consistency, measured in accordance to ASTM D 6103, of the fresh mixture shall be that the mixture be placed without segregation. The consistency of the mixture shall produce a circular type spread without segregation between 7-inches and 10-inches. Adjustments of air and water proportions shall be made to achieve proper solid suspension and flowable characteristics.
7. Shrinkage characteristics: non-shrink.
8. Water bleeding for fill to be placed by grouting method in sewers: not to exceed 2 percent according to ASTM C 940.

2.02 PLUGS FOR FORCE MAINS

- A. Grout Plugs: Cement-based dry-pack grout conforming to ASTM C 1107, Grade B or C.
- B. Manufactured Plug: Commercially available plug or cap specifically designed and manufactured to be used with pipe being abandoned.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.01 PREPARATION

- A. Have fill mix design reports and other submittals required by Paragraph 1.05 accepted by Engineer prior to start of placement. Notify Owner and Engineer at least 48 hours in advance of grouting with flowable fill.

- B. Select fill placement equipment and follow procedures with sufficient safety and care to avoid damage to existing underground utilities and structures. Operate equipment at pressure that will not damage or distort adjacent improvements, new or existing.
- C. Contractor shall clean sewer lines and video with closed circuit television to identify connections, locate obstructions, and assess condition of pipe. Locate previously unidentified connections, which have not been redirected and reconnected as part of this project, and report them to Engineer. During placement of fill, compensate for irregularities in sewer pipe, such as obstructions, open joints, or broken pipe to ensure no voids remain unfilled.
- D. Perform demolition work prior to starting fill placement. Remove excessive amounts of sludge and other substances that may degrade performance of fill. Do not leave sludge or other debris in place if filling more than 2 percent of placement volume. Dispose of waste sludge and waste material in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Chapter 312 -Sludge Use, Disposal and Transportation.
- E. Remove free water prior to starting fill placement.

3.02 EQUIPMENT

- A. Mix flowable fill in automated batch plant and deliver it to site in ready-mix trucks. Performance additives may be added at placement site if required by mix design.
- B. Use concrete or grout pumps capable of continuous delivery at planned placement rate.

3.03 PLACEMENT

- A. Consistency of the flowable fill will be tested by filling an open-ended 3-inch diameter, 6-inch high cylinder to the top with the mixture and immediately pulling the cylinder, straight up. The correct consistency of the mixture shall produce the specified diameter circular-type spread with no segregation. The material supplier shall make adjustment recommendations to the portions of fine aggregate, admixtures or water may be made to achieve proper solid suspension and optimum flowability with the approval of the Engineer.
- B. The open ends of the area to be backfilled shall be temporarily plugged or bulk headed to control required placement quantities and resist hydraulic pressure expected from the flowable fill and the void area filled.

3.04 DEMOLITION OF SEWER MANHOLES, PIEPLINE STRUCTURES AND FORCE MAINS PRIOR TO ABANDONMENT

- A. Remove manhole frames and covers and castings from existing manhole structures.
- B. Demolish and remove concrete pad, adjustment rings, cone section, or other manhole structure, to minimum depth of 4 feet below finished grade. Structure may be removed to greater depth, but not to a depth greater than 18-inches above crown of abandoned sewer line.
- C. When adjacent sewer lines are not to be filled, place temporary plugs in each line connecting to manhole, in preparation for filling manhole.
- D. After filling of all sewer lines, manholes and associated excavations shall be backfilled as indicated in the design plans.

- E. Excavations for force mains to be abandoned as shown in the design plans or, as directed by the Owner, shall conform to Section 31 23 23.13 - Excavation and Backfill for Utilities. Cut existing force main, when necessary, to provide an end surface perpendicular to axis of pipe and suitable for plug to be installed. Remove force main piping material remaining outside of segment to be abandoned.

3.05 INSTALLATION

- A. Abandon sewer lines by completely filling sewer line with flowable fill. Abandon manholes and other structures by filling with flowable fill, to a depth of 18-inches above the crown of the abandoned sewer pipe.
- B. Place flowable fill to fill volume between manholes. Continuously place flowable fill from manhole to manhole with no intermediate pour points, but not exceeding 500 feet in length.
- C. Have filling operation performed by experienced crews with equipment to monitor density of flowable fill and to control pressure.
- D. Temporarily plug sewer lines which are to remain in operation during pouring/pumping to keep lines free of flowable fill.
- E. Pump flowable fill through bulkheads constructed for placement of two 2-inch PVC pipes or use other suitable construction methods to contain flowable fill in lines to be abandoned. These pipes will act as injection points or vents for placement of flowable fill.
- F. Place flowable fill under pressure flow conditions into properly vented open system until flowable fill emerges from vent pipes. Pump flowable fill with sufficient pressure to overcome friction and to fill sewer from downstream end, to discharge at upstream end.
- G. Inject flowable fill through temporary bulkhead and vents using grouting equipment, allowing fill to rise through bulkhead and vent effectively filling all voids. Alternatively, remove bulkheads during installation and fill with flowable fill.
- H. Remediate placement of flowable fill which does not fill voids in sewer, in manhole or other structures, or where voids develop due to excessive shrinkage or bleeding of fill, by using pressure grouting either from inside sewer or from the surface.
- I. Force main abandonment
 1. Clean inside surface of force main at least 12 inches from ends to achieve firm bond and seal using grout plug or manufactured plug to pipe surface. Similarly, clean and prepare exterior pipe surface if manufactured cap is to be used.
 2. When using grout plug, place temporary plug or bulkhead approximately 12 inches inside pipe. Fill pipe end completely with dry-pack grout mixture.
 3. When using manufactured plug or cap, install fitting as recommended by manufacturer's instructions, to form watertight seal.

J. Backfill to surface, above pipe or structures left in place, with flowable fill in restricted areas, compacted bank run sand, in accordance with Section 31 06 20.16 – Utility Backfill Materials, in unrestricted areas to be paved or select fill in unrestricted areas outside of pavement. Place and compact backfill, other than flowable fill, in accordance with Section 31 23 23.13 - Excavation and Backfill for Utilities.

K. Collect and dispose of excess flowable fill material and other debris.

3.05 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

A. Provide batch plant tickets for each truck delivery of flowable fill. Note on tickets addition of aggregate, water or admixtures at site.

B. Check flow characteristics and workability of fill as placement proceeds.

C. Obtain at least three test cylinders for each placement area for determination of 56- day compressive strength and bleeding. Acceptance of placement will be based on average strength of three tests.

D. Record volume of flowable fill placement for same space to demonstrate that voids have been filled.

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SECTION 02 82 13.33 – ASBESTOS ABATEMENT FOR UTILITIES

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. This item shall govern the removal, handling, disturbance, cutting, and disposal of asbestos cement (AC) pipe and other asbestos containing materials (ACM) related to the AC pipe work. The material is classified as non-friable unless broken, at which time its classification changes to friable ACM. The removal and/or disturbance of this material is governed by the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

- B. This item shall consist of the removal, handling, cutting, disturbance, and disposal of AC water pipe, joints, wrappings, and other ACM. To comply with NESHAP and OSHA regulations, this project requires workers with specialized training using wet work procedures to cut and remove AC pipe, AC pipe joints, valves (any type) containing ACM, and surrounding soils containing ACM. A Texas Department of Health (TDH) licensed Asbestos Consultant shall develop the asbestos work practices and the monitoring in the Contractor's Health and Safety Plan to be reviewed by the Owner's Representative. It is the Contractor's responsibility to obtain the services of a licensed Asbestos Consultant authorized in the State of Texas; this work shall be considered subsidiary to this item.

To meet and/or exceed NESHAP and OSHA guidelines, the Contractor shall subcontract the AC water pipe handling to an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) accredited and TDH licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor, and TDH Licensed Asbestos Consultant.

NESHAP guidelines apply to projects when at least 260 linear feet or 35 cubic feet or 160 square feet of AC pipe becomes or will become "regulated asbestos containing material" or RACM. If the threshold limits are exceeded, the Contractor shall be responsible for the TDH administrative fee. The Asbestos Consultant shall also be responsible for submitting the TDH notification and copying the Owner's Representative.

All AC pipe projects require that NESHAP and OSHA guidelines be met and/or exceeded in areas where AC pipe is to be disturbed. Thus, all AC pipe disturbances require a third party TDH licensed Asbestos Consultant and an Asbestos Contractor on-site during AC pipe disturbance. An asbestos abatement work plan shall be provided to the Owner's Representative by both the licensed Asbestos Consultant and the Asbestos Contractor. Upon completion of the AC pipe project, an air monitoring abatement report shall be prepared by the Contractor's Asbestos Consultant. Copies of the final abatement report shall be provided to the Owner's Representative by the Contractor's consultant. OSHA requires that during any ACM disturbance, regardless of amount, the asbestos worker(s) shall be properly protected during potential asbestos exposure, 29 CFR, Subpart Z, 1910.1101.

1.02 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Reference Standards - All work under these specifications shall be done in strict accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations, standards, and codes governing asbestos abatement, and any other trade work done in conjunction with the asbestos abatement. The most recent edition of any relevant regulation, standard, or code shall be in effect. Where a conflict exists between the regulations, standards, codes, or these specifications, the most stringent requirements shall be utilized.

The Contractor shall comply with, at minimum, the following specific regulations:

OSHA including but not limited to:

1. Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1910.1001 - General Industry Standard for Asbestos
2. Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1910.134 - General Industry Standard for Respiratory Protection
3. Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1926 - Construction Industry
4. Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1910.2 - Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records
5. Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1910.1200 - Hazard Communication

EPA including but not limited to:

1. Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 61 Subpart M - National Emission Standard for Asbestos

TDH including but not limited to:

1. Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Chapter 295, Subchapter C - Texas Asbestos Health Protection
2. Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Chapter 325 Texas Solid Waste Regulations
3. Texas Civil Statutes, Article 4477- A, Section 12, General Provisions 295.31 to 295.73

American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

Department of Transportation - HM 181

1.04 UNIT PRICES

- A. Unit Prices

1. Payment for abatement of waterlines is on a linear foot basis regardless of pipe diameter removed.

1.03 SUBMITTALS

- A. At the Pre-construction Meeting, all training records, certifications, medical records, and laboratory qualifications shall be submitted for review to Owner's Representative as well as the following:
1. The Contractor shall be responsible for developing and implementing an asbestos removal work plan in accordance with NESHAP, OSHA, these specifications, and State requirements. The Contractor must have a TDH licensed Asbestos Consultant to provide detailed asbestos specific safety and work plans for ensuring worker and community protection. Plans submitted by the Asbestos Consultant shall include the person's or firm's name, address, phone number and TDH certification. Health and safety plans for working with ACM shall address the requirements in these specifications. However, these specifications are not intended to be and do not constitute asbestos abatement project design as described under TAC 25, Chapter 295.47, TDH asbestos regulations.
 2. The Contractor shall submit documentation satisfactory to Owner's Representative that an Initial and/or Negative Exposure Assessment in accordance with OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1911 has or will be performed (as applicable).
 3. The Contractor shall submit documentation satisfactory to Owner's representative that the Contractor's employees, including foremen, supervisors, and any other company personnel or agents, who may be exposed to airborne asbestos fibers or who may be responsible for any aspect of asbestos disturbance activities, have received adequate training in compliance with applicable rules and regulations.
 4. The Contractor shall submit documentation to Owner's Representative of a respiratory protection program for affected employees as per OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.134.
 5. The Contractor shall submit documentation to Owner's Representative from a physician that all personnel, who may be required to wear a respirator, are medically monitored to determine whether they are physically capable of working while wearing the required respiratory protection without suffering adverse health effects. In addition, the Contractor shall submit document that personnel have received medical monitoring as is required in compliance with applicable rules and regulations.
 6. The Contractor shall submit to Owner's Representative documentation of respirator fit testing for all Contractor's employees and agents, who must enter the work area. This fit testing shall be in accordance with qualitative procedures as detailed in the OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.134.
 7. The Contractor shall submit the name of the OSHA monitoring consultant/lab. The Contractor shall be responsible for air monitoring as required to meet OSHA requirements.
 8. The Contractor shall submit proof satisfactory to Owner's Representative that required permits, site location, and arrangements for transport and disposal of Asbestos Containing Waste Material (ACWM) have been made.
- B. During Asbestos Disturbance Activities:

1. Submit copies to Owner's Representative of all transport manifests, trip tickets, and disposal receipts for all ACWM removed from the work area during the project. The Contractor shall sign manifests as the generator of the ACWM and provide copies to Owner's Representative.
2. Upon completion of the AC pipe project, an abatement report shall be prepared by the Contractors' Asbestos Consultant. Copies of the final abatement report shall be provided to the Owner.

PART 2 PRODUCTS - Not Used

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.01 Delivery, Storage and Handling

A. Construction Requirements:

1. The Work includes all work specified herein, to include mobilization and demobilization, labor, materials, overhead, profit, taxes, transportation, disposal fees, administrative fees, incidental cost, etc. Estimating areas, quantities, weight, etc., are the sole responsibility of the Contractor.
2. The Contractor shall remove, seal, transport and dispose of all impacted ACM in compliance with all current Federal, State, and local regulations, laws, ordinances, rules, standards and regulatory agency requirements. Asbestos disturbance and/or removal activities shall be conducted by properly trained, accredited, and licensed personnel using proper personal protective equipment.
3. The Contractor shall notify Owner's Representative at least 72 hours in advance prior to beginning removal and/or disturbance of AC pipe.
4. Time is of the essence in removing ACM from the project area. All work must be completed within the time period specified.
5. All required notifications to State regulatory agencies shall be made by the Contractor with copies provided to Owner's Representative, including but not limited to the TDH Demolition/Renovation Notification Form. If 260 linear feet or greater of AC pipe is crushed, crumbled or pulverized, then the project is subject to NESHP regulations and a Demolition/Renovation Notification Form shall be sent to TDH by the Contractor. This form shall be post-marked no later than 11 working days prior to the start of any asbestos disturbance.
6. The Contractor shall have an on-site supervisor, who is an OSHA Competent Person, present on the job site at all times the work is in progress. This supervisor shall be thoroughly familiar and experienced with asbestos disturbance and other related work and shall be familiar with and shall enforce the use of all safety procedures and equipment. The supervisor shall be knowledgeable of all applicable EPA, OSHA, NIOSH and TDH requirements and guidelines.
7. Prior to commencing any preparation of the work areas for asbestos disturbance, the Contractor shall post all required documents, warning signs, and as necessary, erect physical barriers to secure the work area.

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8. The Contractor has sole and primary responsibility for the “means and/or methods” of the work, for the inspection of the work at all stages, and for the supervision of the performance of the work.
 9. The Contractor shall be responsible for site safety and for taking all necessary precautions to protect the Contractor’s workers, Owner’s representative, and the public from asbestos exposure and/or injury. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining the integrity of the work area.
 10. The Contractor shall confine operations at the site to the area requiring disturbance of AC pipe and the general site area associated with the proximity of the project. Portions of the site beyond areas, in which the indicated work is required, are not to be disturbed. The Contractor shall not unreasonably encumber the site with materials or equipment. If ACWM is required to be stored overnight, it shall be properly labeled, secured, and containerized to preclude unauthorized disturbance of the waste materials.
 11. The Contractor shall be responsible for the transport and disposal of ACWM to a duly licensed landfill facility permitted to accept asbestos waste. The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and coordinating waste disposal authorization from a TCEQ licensed landfill. Waste manifests shall be used to transport the AC pipe from the project site to the final landfill disposal site. The Contractor shall sign manifests as the generator of the AC pipe and shall provide copies to the Owner’s Representative for final payment.
- B. Site Security:
1. The Contractor shall demarcate the area of AC pipe disturbance (“regulated area”) with barrier tape and warning signs, as per OSHA regulation 29 CFR 1926.1101. Access to the regulated area shall be limited only to authorized personnel. Authorized personnel shall have asbestos awareness training, respiratory training, etc., including Owner’s representative.
 2. Entry into the work area by unauthorized individuals shall be reported immediately to the Owner’s Representatives by the Contractor.
 3. A logbook shall be maintained immediately outside the regulated area. Anyone who enters the regulated area must record name, affiliation, time in, and time out for each entry.
- C. Personal Protective Equipment:
1. General: All work which will or may disturb ACM shall be accomplished utilizing, as a minimum, disposal suits with protective head cover, gloves, boots, eye protection, proper respiratory protection, decontamination by HEPA vacuuming and/or wet methods, and wet wiping all equipment. The Contractor shall provide hard hats and/or other protection as required for job conditions or by applicable safety regulations. Disposal suits consisting of material impenetrable by asbestos fibers shall be provided to all workers and authorized visitors in sizes adequate to accommodate movement without tearing. Workers shall be provided protective clothing from the time of first disturbance of ACM until final cleanup is completed.

D. Respiratory Protection:

1. The Contractor shall use removal techniques, methods and equipment that will not permit the fiber count to exceed the OSHA Permissible Exposure Level (PEL) of 0.1 fibers per cubic centimeter (f/cc) of air as detected by personal air sampling methods. Any remedial measures taken by the Contractor to meet this requirement shall be at the Contractor's expense.
2. The Contractor's Competent Person shall ensure use of the appropriate respiratory protection for the work being performed. For minimum legal respiratory requirements, see OSHA Standards 29 CFR 1910.134, 29 CFR 1910.1001, and 29 CFR 1926.1101. All respiratory equipment, such as respirators, filters, etc., shall be certified by NIOSH for use in asbestos contaminated atmospheres.
3. The Contractor's Competent Person shall perform an Initial and/or Negative Exposure Assessment, which shall be performed on employees who have been trained in compliance with the OSHA regulations. Employee's exposures shall be collected using objective data that is to demonstrate whether the materials specified for removal can release airborne fibers in concentration levels exceeding 0.1 f/cc during an 8-hour time weighted average (TWA) and the excursion limit of 1.0 f/cc. For the purpose of the assessment, the work conditions shall be those having the greatest potential for releasing asbestos fibers. Removal methods using conventional hand tools shall be performed in an area that requires a minimum of a 7-hour work shift with employees performing functions normally required for a total project. Removal, for the purposes of the assessment, shall be performed with methods most likely to release fibers and that do not render the ACM friable. Properly trained employees shall wear proper protective clothing and respirators during the assessment. Initial and/or Negative Exposure Assessments shall be performed in accordance with OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1926.1101.
4. The development of the Health and Safety Plan by the Contractor's TDH licensed Asbestos Consultant shall include determining the adequacy of the Contractor's air monitoring data (which must be performed within the previous 12 months of the project start date) for the Initial and/or Negative Exposure Assessment, based in part on site-specific factors such as changes in personnel or work methods used during AC pipe removal. If the type of air monitoring data needs to be reviewed during the course of a project, the Contractor's Asbestos Consultant shall review the data in order to determine adequacy. Any downgrade in personal protective equipment related to asbestos exposure shall be requested in writing to the Owner's Representative and approved by a TDH licensed Asbestos Consultant. This request may be granted only when all regulations and pertinent sections of this specification for respiratory protection are met.

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5. The Contractor shall begin AC pipe removal operations (i.e., breaking, sawing, cutting, or repairing the pipe) in powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs) equipped with dual HEPA filters. PAPRs shall be utilized until such time that air monitoring results indicate half-face respirators may be used. Any changes (downgrade or upgrade) in respiratory protection shall be based upon an 8-hour TWA of fiber concentrations in the regulated area. For personal samples, the 8-hour TWA's shall be calculated daily by the Contractor's OSHA monitoring firm. The highest calculated 8-hour TWA shall be used to determine the type of respirator to be worn. The type of respirators worn shall be selected in accordance with 29 CFR 1926.1101 (h)(3).
 - a. The Contractor may request a respiratory protection downgrade, approved by a TDH licensed Asbestos Consultant, in writing to the Owner's Representative when all regulations and pertinent sections of this specification for respiratory protection are met.
 6. Workers shall be provided with personally issued, individually identified respirators.
 7. No one wearing a beard shall be permitted to wear a respirator.
- E. Air Monitoring:
1. Personal Air Monitoring: The Contractor shall provide personal air sampling as required by OSHA regulations. The OSHA TWA PEL for asbestos (0.1 f/cc) shall not be exceeded. Personal air samples shall be obtained by a TDH licensed Asbestos Air Monitoring Technician and analyzed by an accredited, independent TDH licensed Phase Contrast Microscopy (PCM) laboratory. OSHA monitoring results shall be posted at the project site and made available to all affected Contractor personnel daily.
 2. The Contractor shall provide, as a minimum, personal air monitoring on each worker who is cutting, (wet) sawing, breaking, or repairing AC pipe.
 3. Area Air Monitoring: At any time that visible airborne fibers are generated or that wet work procedures are not used, all work shall immediately cease until air monitoring by a TDH licensed Asbestos Consultant Agency has started. The Contractor's on-site Competent Person shall be responsible for making this determination; however, periodic, random site visits by the Owner's representative will field-verify the objectivity of the Competent Person in these matters. Once initiated, the sampling and frequency of the area air monitoring shall be dependent upon on the specific work practices being used by the workers at that time. However, the area air monitoring shall include, as a minimum, samples collected inside the regulated area, and upwind and downwind of the regulated area. The TDH licensed Asbestos Consultant Agency hired by the Contractor shall determine the need for additional samples and shall amend the Health and Safety Plan to include sampling protocols. A copy shall be provided to the Owner's Representative.
 4. Area air monitoring shall be conducted in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and local requirements. The cost of area air monitoring due to failure to use adequate wet work procedures shall be borne by the Contractor. Copies of all results shall be provided to the Owner's Representative.

5. Area air sampling shall be mandatory in high density areas such as schools, residential areas, and certain other locations as determined by the Owner's Representative and dictated by the bid documents/plans.

F. Employee Training:

1. Training shall be provided by the Contractor to all employees or agents who may be required to disturb ACM for AC pipe handling and auxiliary purposes, and to all supervisory personnel who may be involved in the planning, execution or inspection of such projects. The training shall be in accordance with OSHA Standard 29 CFR 192.1101 for "Class II asbestos work".
2. At a minimum, Contractor's employees who will be potentially exposed to asbestos shall have completed within the last 12 months, an 8-hour Asbestos Awareness training course taught by a TDH licensed Asbestos Training Provider. The training course shall cover topics including, but not be limited to, the health effects of asbestos and work practices related to the handling of AC pipe.
3. The Contractor's Competent Person shall have completed within the last 12 months, a 40-hour Asbestos Contractor Supervisor training course taught by a TDH licensed Asbestos Training Provider. The training course shall cover topics including, but not be limited to: the health effects of asbestos, employee personal protective equipment, medical monitoring requirements for workers, air monitoring procedures and requirements for workers, work practices for asbestos abatement, personal hygiene procedures, special safety hazards that may be encountered, and other topics as required.

3.02 AC Pipe Handling

A. General:

The Contractor shall properly remove, handle, transport and dispose all AC pipe specified in the bid documents/plans for this project. All work involving AC pipe and other ACM products shall be addressed in the Health and Safety Plan documents submitted to the Owner's Representative. The Contractor shall hire a TDH licensed Asbestos Consultant to provide detailed asbestos specific safety and work plans for ensuring worker and community protection. Health and Safety Plan documents are to include provisions for the discipline of any worker failing to use wet work procedures or failing to use designated personnel protective equipment.

The Contractor shall remove ACM with wet methods or by other controlled techniques approved by the TDH, EPA and OSHA, and in accordance with these specifications and the Contractor-provided Health and Safety Plan. Alternative removal methods will be considered at the time of the Contractor's submittals. The Contractor shall take special care to prevent damage to structures and materials not requiring demolition to access the ACM.

The Contractor shall limit work to the area indicated. Access to the work area shall be controlled by the Contractor. All electrical equipment, etc., shall have ground limit circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection. The Contractor shall properly demarcate, barricade, and contain the work and/or regulated areas.

The AC pipe work consists of providing GFCI protection, using approved equipment with engineering controls, sufficiently wetting the ACM using a surfactant or lock-down encapsulant, removing the ACM, HEPA vacuuming the work area, wet wiping the work area, double-bagging/double-wrapping the waste, and removing carefully as indicated herein and in accordance with the Contractor-provided Health and Safety Plan.

B. Equipment:

Equipment used to cut, break, or otherwise disturb AC pipe and associated ACM may include, but are not limited to: wet-cutting saws, saws equipped with point of cut ventilator (saw equipped with a water mister) or enclosures with HEPA filtered exhaust air, snap cutters, manual field lathes, and pressure and non-pressure tapping devices.

Equipment used to control visible emissions of fibers, contain the work area, or facilitate the clean-up of debris may include, but are not limited to: airless spray equipment, pump-up sprayers, surfactant, lock-down encapsulant, HEPA vacuums, brushes, brooms, shovels, disposable rags, polyethylene sheeting of 6-mil thickness, moisture resistant duct tape, asbestos warning signs, notices, and barrier tape. Alternative dismantling equipment may be substituted for the materials indicated herein, but must be approved by the Owner's Representative.

C. Prohibited Work Practices and Engineering Controls:

The following work practices and engineering controls shall not be used for work related to asbestos or for work that disturbs ACM, regardless of asbestos exposure or the results of Initial Exposure Assessments:

1. High-speed abrasive disc saws that are not equipped with point of cut ventilator or enclosures with HEPA filtered exhaust air
2. Other high-speed abrasive tools, such as disk sanders
3. Carbide-tipped cutting blades
4. Electrical drills, chisels, and rasps used to make field connections in AC pipe
5. Shell cutters used to cut entry holes in AC pipe
6. A hammer and chisel used to remove couplings or collars on AC pipe
7. Compressed air used to remove asbestos or ACM, unless the compressed air is used in conjunction with an enclosed ventilation system designed to capture the dust cloud generated by the compressed air
8. Dry sweeping, dry shoveling, or other dry clean-up of dust and debris containing ACM.
9. Employee rotation as a means of reducing employee exposure to asbestos

D. General Removal Work Practices:

AC pipe has been identified as a non-friable ACM with the potential to become friable ACM. The material is classified as non-friable unless broken, at which time its classification changes to friable. NESHAP guidelines apply to projects when at least 260 linear feet or 35 cubic feet or 160 square feet of AC pipe becomes or will become “regulated asbestos containing material” or RACM. Therefore, if at least 260 linear feet of AC pipe is crushed, crumbled, or pulverized, then the project is subject to NESHAP. During the disjoining operation of AC pipe removal, only the portion that has become RACM shall be counted toward the threshold amount, if the debris caused by the disjoining operation is cleaned up so that it does not contaminate a greater length of pipe. If the generated AC pipe debris is not properly cleaned up, however, then the AC pipe shall be considered contaminated and the whole length is treated as ACM. If the scope of this project involves the threshold amount (260 linear feet or greater), then a Demolition/Renovation Notification Form shall be sent to TDH by the Contractor. This form shall be post-marked no later than 11 working days prior to the start of any asbestos disturbance.

All AC pipe projects require that NESHAP and OSHA guidelines be met and/or exceeded in areas where AC pipe is to be disturbed. Therefore, all AC pipe disturbances require a third party TDH licensed Asbestos Consultant and Asbestos Contractor on-site during AC pipe disturbance. An asbestos abatement work plan shall be provided to the Owner’s Representative by both the licensed Asbestos Consultant and the Asbestos Contractor. Upon completion of the AC pipe project, an air monitoring abatement report shall be prepared by the Contractor’s Asbestos Consultant. Copies of the final abatement report shall be submitted to the Owner’s Representative by the Contractor’s consultant. During any ACM disturbance, OSHA requires that, regardless of amount, the asbestos worker(s) be properly protected during potential asbestos exposure, 29 CFR, Subpart Z, 1910.1101.

The Contractor shall be responsible for developing and implementing an asbestos removal work plan in accordance with NESHAP, OSHA, and State requirements. As such, Contractors submitting bids for the project shall have a TDH licensed Asbestos Consultant provide detailed asbestos specific safety and work plans for ensuring worker and community protection. Health and Safety Plans for working with ACM shall address the requirements of these specifications.

- E. Sufficient supply of disposable rags for work area decontamination shall be available.
- F. Disposal bags for RACM shall be of true 6-mil polyethylene, pre-printed with labels as required by EPA regulation 40 CFR 61.152 (b)(i)(iv) or OSHA requirement 29 CFR 1926.1101 (k)(8).
- G. Stick-on labels identifying the Generator’s name and address, and the project site location shall be applied to any asbestos waste bags that contain RACM, as per EPA or OSHA and Department of Transportation HM 181 requirements.

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- H. Work Area Preparation: The Contractor shall post warning signs and barrier tape meeting the specification of OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1001 and 40 CFR 61 at any location and approaches to a location where airborne concentrations of asbestos may exceed the PEL. Signs shall be posted at a distance sufficiently far from the work area to permit an employee to read the sign and to take the necessary protective measures to avoid exposure. The Contractor shall maintain constant security against unauthorized entry past warning signs and barrier tape. Signs shall be post in both English and Spanish at the site.
- I. Personnel Exit Procedures
1. Before leaving the work area, all personnel shall remove gross contamination from the outside of respirators and protective clothing by brushing and/or wet wiping procedures. Small HEPA vacuums with brush attachments may be utilized for this purpose. Adequate washing facilities shall be provided and utilized on-site.
 2. Upon completion of the work, contaminated gloves shall be disposed as ACWM. Disposable cloth gloves may be substituted for leather gloves, at the Contractor's discretion. Rubber boots shall be decontaminated at the completion of the project.
- K. Specific Removal Work Practice Requirements
1. The Contractor has sole and primary responsibility for the "means and/or methods" of the work, for inspection of the work at all stages, and for supervision of the performance of the work.
 2. The Contractor shall isolate the regulated area with barrier tape and asbestos warning signs.
 3. The Contractor shall lay and secure 6-mil polyethylene sheeting on the ground on both sides of the AC pipe for the length of the work area.
 4. Working within the regulated area and using wet removal methods, the Contractor shall thoroughly soak each section of AC pipe to be disturbed, prior to any removal activity, with a surfactant or lock-down encapsulant. The Contractor shall use equipment capable of producing a "mist" application to reduce the potential for release of fibers. The Contractor shall take care to use as much encapsulant or surfactant as needed to lockdown possible fallout debris from edges and joints during removal. Continuous wetting of the materials throughout the entire removal process shall be provided. The Contractor shall take care to limit the breakage of ACM and to remove these materials as intact as possible.
 5. Any AC pipe debris on adjacent surfaces shall be removed. The Contractor shall promptly clean up asbestos wastes and debris following AC pipe disturbance. All visible accumulations of ACM and asbestos contaminated debris shall be removed and containerized by hand. Asbestos debris mixed with soil shall be picked up with shovels. The contaminated soil shall be containerized as a regulated ACWM. Clean-up activities may also involve vacuum cleaners equipped with HEPA filtration or wet-wiping surfaces with disposable rags. Contaminated rags shall be containerized as regulated ACWM.
 6. After disturbance and clean-up activities but prior to removal of the AC pipe from the regulated area, the Contractor shall encapsulate damaged and exposed areas and ends of the AC pipe with a lock-down encapsulant.

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7. The Contractor shall then remove the Category II non-friable ACM “that is not in poor condition and is not friable,” as defined in NESHAP regulations. The Contractor shall remove all AC pipe “intact” and in whole complete sections by carefully lifting the AC pipe to the disposal container using approved equipment. The Category II non-friable AC pipe shall not be made “friable” (crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to a powder). The Contractor shall not drop, break and/or otherwise make the AC pipe susceptible to releasing asbestos fibers. If these procedures are followed and debris is cleaned up properly, then the Category II non-friable AC pipe shall be disposed as non-regulated ACM.
 8. Pieces of AC pipe debris shall be handled as RACM waste. The debris shall be placed in two 6-mil asbestos bags or double wrapped, with proper labeling.
 - L. Abandonment of AC water mains/pipes: The Contractor shall be responsible for isolating the existing mains to remain in service by capping, plugging, and blocking as necessary. The opening of an abandoned AC water main and all other openings or holes shall be blocked off by manually forcing cement grout or concrete, into and around the openings, in sufficient quantity to provide a permanent watertight seal. Abandonment of old, existing AC water mains shall be considered subsidiary to the required work and no direct payment shall be made.
 - M. Abandonment of valves that contain ACM: Valves to be abandoned in the execution of the work shall have the valve box and extension packed with sand to within 8-inches of the street surface. The remaining 8-inches shall be filled with 2,500 psi concrete or an equivalent sand-cement mix, and finished flush with the adjacent pavement or ground surface. Valve covers shall be salvaged and return to DWU. The abandonment of valves containing ACM shall be considered subsidiary to the required work and no direct payment shall be made.
 - N. Verification of Removal & Clean-up Procedures: The Contractor’s on-site Competent Person shall inspect the work area and ensure that all surfaces are free of AC pipe dust and debris.
 - O. Disposal Procedures
 1. If a dumpster/trailer is used for temporary storage, it shall be secured and closed at all times except when loading. It shall be properly marked, and critical barrier tape shall be in place.
 2. AC pipe debris and asbestos-contaminated items shall be properly double bagged; labeled; loaded in a fully enclosed, lined, locked, placard-identified transport container; transported; and disposed in compliance with all regulatory requirements as RACM.
 3. After being removed from the regulated area, Category II non-friable AC pipe shall be transferred to a polyethylene-lined container. The Contractor shall remove all containers as soon as practical, but no later than the end of the work shift.
 4. When a dumpsters/trailer is full, it shall be hauled away to the closest EPA approved landfill for proper disposal. The Contractor may dispose of Category II non-friable AC pipe waste material as non-regulated waste in a municipal solid waste landfill, as defined in the NESHAP and TCEQ Rule (Type I Landfill). Prior to disposal, written approval to transport and to accept the Category II non-friable material shall be obtained from a pre-approved transporter and landfill and shall be submitted to the Owner’s Representative.

5. The Contractor shall submit copies of all transport manifests, trip tickets, and disposal receipts for all ACWM removed from the work area during the project to the Owner's Representative. The Contractor shall sign manifests as the generator of the AC pipe and provide copies to Owner's Representative for final payment.

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SECTION 31 06 20.16 - UTILITY BACKFILL MATERIALS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Material Classifications.
- B. Utility Backfill Materials:
 - 1. Concrete sand
 - 2. Gem sand
 - 3. Pea gravel
 - 4. Crushed Aggregate: Crushed stone
 - 5. Crushed Aggregate: Crushed concrete
 - 6. Bank run sand
 - 7. Select backfill
 - 8. Random backfill
- C. Material Handling and Quality Control Requirements.

1.2 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Unit Prices.
 - 1. No payment will be made for backfill material under this Section. Include payment in unit price for applicable utility installation.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. Unsuitable Material: Unsuitable soil materials are the following:
 - 1. Materials that are classified as ML, CL-ML, MH, PT, OH, and OL according to ASTM D 2487.
 - 2. Materials that cannot be compacted to the required density because of either gradation, plasticity, or moisture content.
 - 3. Materials that contain large clods, aggregate, and stones greater than 4 inches in any dimension; debris, vegetation, and waste; or any other deleterious materials.
 - 4. Materials that are contaminated with hydrocarbons or other chemical contaminants.
- B. Suitable Material: Suitable soil materials are the following:
 - 1. Those meeting this specification requirements.

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2. Unsuitable soils meeting specification requirements for suitable soils after treatment with lime or cement.
 - C. Foundation Backfill Materials: Natural soil or manufactured aggregate meeting Class I requirements and geotextile filter fabrics as required, to control drainage and material separation. Foundation backfill material is placed and compacted as backfill where needed to provide stable support for the structure foundation base. Foundation backfill materials may include concrete fill and seal slabs.
 - D. Foundation Base: Crushed stone aggregate with filter fabric as required, cement stabilized sand, or concrete seal slab. The foundation base provides a smooth, level working surface for the construction of the concrete foundation.
 - E. Backfill Material: Classified soil material meeting specified quality requirements for the designated application as embedment or trench zone backfill.
 - F. Embedment Material: Soil material placed under controlled conditions within the embedment zone extending vertically upward from top of foundation to an elevation 12 inches above top of pipe, and including pipe bedding, haunching, and initial backfill.
 - G. Trench Zone Backfill: Classified soil material meeting specified quality requirements and placed under controlled conditions in the trench zone from top of embedment zone to base coarse in paved areas or to the surface grading material in unpaved areas.
 - H. Foundation: Either suitable soil of the trench bottom, or material placed as backfill of over-excavation for removal and replacement of unsuitable or otherwise unstable soils.
 - I. Source: A source selected by the Contractor for supply of embedment or trench zone backfill material. A selected source may be the project excavation, off-site borrow pits, commercial borrow pits, or sand and aggregate production or manufacturing plants.
 - J. Refer to Section 31 23 16.16 - Excavation and Backfill for Utilities for other definitions regarding utility installation by trench construction.

1.4 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM C 33 - Specification for Concrete Aggregate.
- B. ASTM C 40 - Test Method for Organic Impurities in Fine Aggregates for Concrete.
- C. ASTM C 123 - Test Method for Lightweight Pieces in Aggregate.
- D. ASTM C 131 - Test Method for Resistance to Degradation of Small-Size Coarse Aggregate by Abrasion and Impact in the Los Angeles Machine.
- E. ASTM C 136 - Test Method for Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates.

- F. ASTM C 142 - Test Method for Clay Lumps and Friable Particles in Aggregates.
- G. ASTM D 1140 - Test Method for Amount of Materials in Soils Finer Than No. 200 Sieve.
- H. ASTM D 2487 - Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System).
- I. ASTM D 2488 - Standard Practice for Description and Identification of Soils (Visual-Manual Procedure).
- J. ASTM D 4318 - Test Method for Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit, and Plasticity Index of Soils.
- K. ASTM D 4643 - Method for Determination of Water (Moisture) Content of Soil by the Microwave Oven Method.
- L. TxDOT Tex-101-E - Preparation of Soil and Flexible Base Materials for Testing.
- M. TxDOT Tex-104-E - Test Method for Determination of Liquid Limit of Soils (Part 1)
- N. TxDOT Tex-106-E - Test Method - Methods of Calculating Plasticity Index of Soils.
- O. TxDOT Tex-110-E - Determination of Particle Size Analysis of Soils.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Conform to requirements of Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures.
- B. Submit a description of source, material classification and product description, production method, and application of backfill materials.
- C. Submit test results for samples of off-site backfill materials to comply with Paragraph 2.3, Materials Testing.
- D. Before stockpiling materials, submit a copy of temporary easement or approval from landowner for stockpiling backfill material on private property.
- E. For each delivery of material, provide a delivery ticket which includes source location.

1.6 TESTS

- A. Perform tests of sources for backfill material in accordance with Paragraph 2.3.
- B. Verification tests of backfill materials may be performed by the Owner in accordance with Section 01 45 29 - Testing Laboratory Services and in accordance with Paragraph 3.3.
- C. Random fill obtained from the project excavation as source is exempt from pre-qualification requirements by Contractor but must be inspected by the testing lab for unacceptable materials based on ASTM D 2488.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIAL CLASSIFICATIONS

- A. Materials for backfill shall be classified for the purpose of quality control in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification Symbols as defined in ASTM D 2487. Material use and application is defined in utility installation specifications and Drawings either by class, as described in Paragraph 2.1B, or by product descriptions, as given in Paragraph 2.2.
- B. Class Designations Based on Laboratory Testing:
1. Class I: Well-graded gravels and sands, gravel-sand mixtures, crushed well-graded rock, little or no fines (GW, SW):
 - a. Plasticity index: nonplastic.
 - b. Gradation: D60/D10 - greater than 4 percent; amount passing No. 200 sieve - less than or equal to 5 percent.
 2. Class II: Poorly graded gravels and sands, silty gravels and sands, little to moderate fines:
 - a. Plasticity index: nonplastic to 4.
 - b. Gradations:
 - (1) Gradation (GP, SP): amount passing No. 200 sieve - less than 5 percent.
 - (2) Gradation (GM, SM): amount passing No. 200 sieve - between 12 percent and 50 percent.
 - (3) Borderline gradations with dual classifications (e.g., SP-SM): amount passing No. 200 sieve - between 5 percent and 12 percent.
 3. Class III: Clayey gravels and sands, poorly graded mixtures of gravel, sand, silt, and clay (GC, SC, and dual classifications, e.g., SP-SC):
 - a. Plasticity index: greater than 7.
 - b. Gradation: amount passing No. 200 sieve - between 12 percent and 50 percent.
 4. Class IVA: Lean clays (CL).
 - a. Plasticity Indexes:
 - (1) Plasticity index: greater than 7, and above A line.

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- (2) Borderline plasticity with dual classifications (CL-ML): PI between 4 and 7.
 - b. Liquid limit: less than 50.
 - c. Gradation: amount passing No. 200 sieve - greater than 50 percent.
 - d. Inorganic.
 5. Class IVB: Fat clays (CH)
 - a. Plasticity index: above A line.
 - b. Liquid limit: 50 or greater.
 - c. Gradation: amount passing No. 200 sieve - greater than 50 percent.
 - d. Inorganic.
 6. Use soils with dual class designation according to ASTM D 2487, and which are not defined above, according to the more restrictive class.

2.2 PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS

- A. Soils classified as silt (ML), elastic silt (MH), organic clay and organic silt (OL, OH), and organic matter (PT) are not acceptable as backfill materials. These soils may be used for site grading and restoration in unimproved areas as approved by the Owner. Soils in Class IVB, fat clay (CH) may be used as backfill materials where allowed by the applicable backfill installation specification. Refer to Section 31 23 16.16 - Excavation and Backfill for Utilities.
- B. Provide backfill material that is free of stones greater than 4 inches, free of roots, waste, debris, trash, organic material, unstable material, non-soil matter, hydrocarbon or other contamination, conforming to the following limits for deleterious materials:
 1. Clay lumps: Less than 0.5 percent for Class I, and less than 2.0 percent for Class II, when tested in accordance with ASTM C 142.
 2. Lightweight pieces: Less than 5 percent when tested in accordance with ASTM C 123.
 3. Organic impurities: No color darker than standard color when tested in accordance with ASTM C 40.
- C. Manufactured materials, such as crushed concrete, may be substituted for natural soil or rock products where indicated in the product specification, and approved by the Engineer, provided that the physical property criteria are determined to be satisfactory by testing.

D. Bank Run Sand: Durable bank run sand classified as SP, SW, or SM by the Unified Soil Classification System (ASTM D 2487) meeting the following requirements:

1. Less than 15 percent passing the number 200 sieve when tested in accordance with ASTM D 1140. The amount of clay lumps or balls not exceeding 2 percent.
2. Material passing the number 40 sieve shall meet the following requirements when tested in accordance with ASTM D 4318:
 - a. Liquid limit: not exceeding 25 percent.
 - b. Plasticity index: not exceeding 7.

E. Concrete Sand: Natural sand, manufactured sand, or a combination of natural and manufactured sand conforming to the requirements of ASTM C 33 and graded within the following limits when tested in accordance with ASTM C 136:

Sieve	Percent Passing
3/8"	100
No. 4	95 to 100
No. 8	80 to 100
No. 16	50 to 85
No. 30	25 to 60
No. 50	10 to 30
No. 100	2 to 10

F. Gem Sand: Sand conforming to the requirements of ASTM C 33 for coarse aggregates specified for number 8 size and graded within the following limits when tested in accordance with ASTM C 136:

Sieve	Percent Passing
3/8"	95 to 100
No. 4	60 to 80
No. 8	15 to 40

G. Pea Gravel: Durable particles composed of small, smooth, rounded stones or pebbles and graded within the following limits when tested in accordance with ASTM C 136:

Sieve	Percent Passing
1/2"	100
3/8"	85 to 100
No. 4	10 to 30
No. 8	0 to 10
No. 16	0 to 5

- H. Crushed Aggregates: Crushed aggregates consist of durable particles obtained from an approved source and meeting the following requirements:
1. Materials of one product delivered for the same construction activity from a single source.
 2. Non-plastic fines.
 3. Los Angeles abrasion test not exceeding 45 percent when tested in accordance with ASTM C 131.
 4. Crushed aggregate shall have a minimum of 90 percent of the particles retained on the No. 4 sieve with 2 or more crushed faces as determined by Test Method Tex-460-A, Part I.
 5. Crushed stone: Produced from oversize plant processed stone or gravel, sized by crushing to predominantly angular particles from a naturally occurring single source. Uncrushed gravel is not acceptable material for embedment where crushed stone is shown on the applicable utility embedment drawing details.
 6. Crushed Concrete: Crushed concrete is an acceptable substitute for crushed stone as utility backfill. Gradation and quality control test requirements are the same as crushed stone. Provide crushed concrete produced from normal weight concrete of uniform quality; containing particles of aggregate and cement material, free from other substances such as asphalt, reinforcing steel fragments, soil, waste gypsum (calcium sulfate), or debris.
 7. Gradations, as determined in accordance with Tex-110-E.

Sieve	Percent Passing by Weight for Pipe Embedment by Ranges of Nominal Pipes Sizes		
	>15"	15" - 8"	<8"
1"	95 - 100	100	-
3/4"	60 - 90	90 - 100	100
1/2"	25 - 60	-	90 - 100
3/8"	-	20 - 55	40 - 70
No. 4	0 - 5	0 - 10	0 - 15
No. 8	-	0 - 5	0 - 5

- I. Select Backfill: Class III clayey gravel or sand or Class IV lean clay with a plasticity index between 7 and 20 or clayey soils treated with lime in accordance with Section 32 01 00 - Pavement Repair and Resurfacing, to meet plasticity criteria. Structural Select Backfill shall need the requirements described in the design plans or as directed by the Engineer.

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- J. Random Backfill: Any suitable soil or mixture of soils within Classes I, II, III and IV; or fat clay (CH) where allowed by the applicable backfill installation specification. Refer to Section 31 23 16.16 - Excavation and Backfill for Minor Structures and Section 31 23 23.13 - Excavation and Backfill for Utilities.
 - K. Cement Stabilized Sand: Conform to requirements of Section 31 32 13.16 - Cement Stabilized Sand.
 - L. Concrete Backfill: Conform to Class B concrete as specified in Section 33 05 16 - Concrete for Utility Construction.

2.3 MATERIAL TESTING

- A. Ensure that material selected, produced and delivered to the project meets applicable specifications and is of sufficient uniform properties to allow practical construction and quality control.
- B. Source or Supplier Qualification. Perform testing, or obtain representative tests by suppliers, for selection of material sources and products. Provide test results for a minimum of three samples for each source and material type. Test samples of processed materials from current production representing material to be delivered. Tests shall verify that the materials meet specification requirements. Repeat qualification test procedures each time the source characteristic changes or there is a planned change in source location or supplier. Qualification tests shall include, as applicable:
 - 1. Gradation. Complete sieve analyses shall be reported regardless of the specified control sieves. The range of sieves shall be from the largest particle through the No. 200 sieve.
 - 2. Plasticity of material passing the No. 40 sieve.
 - 3. Los Angeles abrasion test of material retained on the No. 4 sieve.
 - 4. Clay lumps.
 - 5. Lightweight pieces
 - 6. Organic impurities
- C. Production Testing. Provide reports to the Owner and the Engineer from an independent testing laboratory that backfill materials to be placed in the Work meet applicable specification requirements.
- D. Assist the Owner and Testing Lab in obtaining material samples for verification testing at the source or at the production plant.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 SOURCES

- A. Use of material encountered in the trench excavations is acceptable, provided applicable specification requirements are satisfied. If excavation material is not acceptable, provide from other approved source.
- B. Identify off-site sources for backfill materials at least 14 days ahead of intended use so that the Owner or Lab may obtain samples for verification testing.
- C. Obtain approval for each material source by the Owner before delivery is started. If sources previously approved do not produce uniform and satisfactory products, furnish materials from other approved sources. Materials may be subjected to inspection or additional verification testing after delivery. Materials which do not meet the specifications will be rejected. Do not use material which, after approval, has become unsuitable for use due to segregation, mixing with other materials, or by contamination. Once a material is approved by the Owner, expense for sampling and testing required to change to a different material will be credited to the Owner through a change order.
- D. Bank run sand, select backfill, and random backfill, if available in the project excavation, may be obtained by selective excavation and acceptance testing. Obtain additional quantities of these materials and other materials required to complete the work from off-site sources.
- E. The Owner or any provided geotechnical reference information does not represent or guarantee that any soil found in the excavation work will be suitable and acceptable as backfill material.

3.2 MATERIAL HANDLING

- A. When backfill material is obtained from either a commercial or non-commercial borrow pit, open the pit to expose the vertical faces of the various strata for identification and selection of approved material to be used. Excavate the selected material by vertical cuts extending through the exposed strata to achieve uniformity in the product.
- B. Establish temporary stockpile locations for practical material handling and control, and verification testing by the Owner in advance of final placement. Obtain approval from landowner for storage of backfill material on adjacent private property.
- C. When stockpiling backfill material near the project site, use appropriate covers to eliminate blowing of materials into adjacent areas and prevent runoff containing sediments from entering the drainage system.
- D. Place stockpiles in layers to avoid segregation of processed materials. Load material by making successive vertical cuts through entire depth of stockpile.

3.3 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

A. Quality Control

1. The Owner or Engineer may sample, and test backfill at:
 - a. Sources including borrow pits, production plants and Contractor's designated off-site stockpiles.
 - b. On-site stockpiles.
 - c. Materials placed in the Work.
2. The Owner or Engineer may resample material at any stage of work or location if changes in characteristics are apparent.

B. Production Verification Testing: The Owner's testing laboratory will provide verification testing on backfill materials, as directed by the Engineer. Samples may be taken at the source or at the production plant, as applicable.

END OF SECTION

SECTION 31 10 00 - SITE CLEARING - PREPARATION OF SITE

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. This Item shall govern for the preparation of the site for construction operations by the removal and disposal of all obstructions, including obstructions not otherwise shown on the plans and specifications.
- B. Such obstructions shall be considered to include remains of houses, foundations, floor slabs, concrete, brick, lumber, plaster, septic tank drain fields, basements, abandoned utility pipes or conduits, equipment, fences, retaining walls, outhouses and shacks.
- C. This Item shall also include the removal of trees and shrubs and other landscape features not designated for preservation, stumps, brush, roots, vegetation, logs, curb and gutter, driveways, paved parking areas, miscellaneous stone, sidewalks, drainage structures, manholes, inlets, abandoned railroad tracks, scrap iron and debris, whether above or below ground except live utility facilities.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

- A. No separate payment will be made for work performed under this Section. Include cost of such work in Contract unit prices for items listed in bid form requiring site clearing – preparation of site.

PART 2 - EXECUTION

2.1 PREPARATION

- A. All areas, as shown on the plans, shall be cleared of all structures and obstructions as defined above. Those trees, shrubs and other landscape features specifically designated by the Engineer for preservation shall be carefully protected from abuse, marring, or damage during construction operations. Continual parking and/or servicing of equipment under the branches of trees marked for preservation will not be permitted. When trees and shrubs are designated for preservation and require pruning, they shall be trimmed as directed by the Engineer and all exposed cuts over 2 inches in diameter shall be treated with a material approved by the Engineer.
- B. Culverts, storm sewers, manholes and inlets shall be removed in proper sequence for maintenance of traffic and drainage.
- C. Underground obstructions, except those items designated for preservation, shall be removed to the following depths:

1. In areas to receive embankment: 2 feet below natural ground, except when permitted by the plans, trees and stumps may be cut off as close to natural ground as practicable on areas which are to be covered by at least three feet of embankment.
2. In areas to be excavated: 2 feet below the lower elevation of the excavation.
3. All other areas: 1 foot below natural ground.

2.2 DISPOSAL

- A. Unless otherwise instructed by Owner or Engineer, all brush from existing trees and vegetation cleared on project site shall be collected and neatly stored on-site, in an area designated by Owner (for mulching and reuse).
- B. Contractor shall remove all debris, rock, trash and other material deemed objectionable by Owner or Engineer. Disposal shall be off-site shall be at contractor's sole expense.
- C. Unless otherwise shown herein, all materials and debris removed shall become the property of the Contractor and shall be removed from the project site in a manner satisfactory to Owner and Engineer.
- D. No timber shall be cut or defaced outside of the areas identified for clearing and demolition.

2.3 BACKFILL

- A. Holes remaining after removal of all obstructions, objectionable material, trees, stumps, etc., shall be backfilled with approved material, compacted and restored to approximately its original contours by blading, bulldozing, or by other methods, as approved by the Engineer. In areas to be immediately excavated, the backfilling of holes may not be required when approved by the Engineer.
- B. Before backfilling, the remaining ends of all abandoned storm sewers, culverts, sanitary sewers, conduits, and water or gas pipes over 3 inches in diameter, shall be plugged with an adequate quantity of concrete to form a tight closure.

END OF SECTION

SECTION 31 23 00 - EARTHWORK, EXCAVATION, FILL AND GRADING

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 This section shall cover earthwork, including general clearing, removal, disposal or reutilization of all excavated earthen materials necessary and placement of imported fill material for performing the Work as shown on the drawings, including sheeting and bracing, drainage, and other Work incidental to the preparation of the site for subsequent construction Work.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

A. Unit Prices.

1. No separate payment will be made for work performed under this Section unless listed in the bid items. Include cost of such work in Contract unit prices for items listed in bid form requiring earthwork, excavation, fill and grading.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 Excavated Material: Contractor will utilize all of the excess excavated soil material that is not deemed objectionable unless otherwise instructed. All material will be placed, spread, compacted to lines and grades shown on plans or as directed by Engineer

2.2 Imported Fill: Select Backfill is acceptable as follows - Class III clayey gravel or sand or Class IV lean clay with a plasticity index between 7 and 20. For pavement subgrade, select fill will serve as an equal to soil treated with lime in accordance with Section 32 11 13.13 – Lime Treatment for Subgrade, to meet plasticity criteria.

2.3 Imported Fill: Random Backfill is acceptable as follows - Any suitable soil or mixture of soils within Classes I, II, III and IV; or fat clay (CH) where allowed by the applicable fill or backfill installation specification. Refer to Section 31 23 16.16 - Excavation and Backfill for Minor Structures.

- A. Excavation and Backfill for Utilities. If Random backfill is to be used for pavement subgrade, it shall be treated with lime in accordance with Section 32 11 13.13 – Lime Treatment for Subgrade, to meet plasticity criteria.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 GENERAL:

- A. Prior to commencing construction operations, the contractor shall make all the provisions necessary to assure the protection of all existing improvements, both onsite and offsite. Where identified, he shall protect trees, shrubs, planting and grass areas and shall make provisions for maintaining public travel in an acceptable manner.

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- B. PROTECTION OF EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS. Before any excavation is started, adequate protection shall be provided for all lawns, trees, shrubs, landscape work, fences, sidewalks, hydrants, utility poles, street, alley and driveway paving, curbs, storm sewers, ditches, headwalls, catch basins, surface inlets and all other improvements that are to remain in place. Such protection shall be provided as long as necessary to prevent damage from the Contractor's operations. Shrubs, bushes, small trees and flowers, which have to be removed to permit excavation for the waterline, shall be protected and replanted or replaced when the backfill is completed. The Contractor shall exercise every precaution to prevent damage to property within and outside easements.
 - C. Any damage to driveways, buildings, fences, retaining walls, culverts, drains, paving, sidewalks, etc. which are removed or damaged during construction shall be repaired by contractor. Repair, restoration or replacements of any improvements damaged or removed shall be the obligation of the contractor at no additional cost to Owner.
 - D. Contractor will obtain all necessary permits in public and private rights-of-way from the Owner or any other local regulatory authority, as required
 - E. Drainage: Contractor shall make provisions for temporarily handling runoff on site, flows in existing water bodies, ditches, sewers, and trenches by employing pipes, flumes, or other approved methods at all times when his operations would, in any way, interfere with the natural functioning of said water bodies, ditches, sewers and drains. The contractor shall at all times during construction provide and maintain sufficient equipment for the lawful disposal of all ponding water, or water which enters excavations, to render such area firm and dry through the construction phase.

3.2 DISPOSAL OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL

- A. Contractor will utilize all of the excess excavated material, unless otherwise instructed. In such event, Contractor shall dispose of material off site at no cost to Owner. All material will be graded and compacted as shown on plans or as directed by Engineer.

3.3 DESCRIPTION

- A. Work shall consist of the required excavation and placement of excavated materials, and the placement and compaction of imported fill material, within the limits of the site as shown on the plans. The proper utilization of all excavated and imported fill material and the construction shaping and finishing of all earth work on the entire length of pavement, and all other areas within the site will be done in conformity with the required lines, grades, and typical cross sections in accordance with specification requirements herein outlined.

3.4 CONSTRUCTION METHODS

- A. All excavation and corresponding embankment construction shall be performed as specified herein and in the design plans and the completed site shall conform to the established alignment, grades and cross sections.

- B. When using either excavated material or imported soil material to perform fill or grading operations, each lift shall be mechanically compacted in 6" (six inch) layers to a minimum density of 90% Standard Proctor, for general areas. Engineer may select random areas for density testing to confirm minimum compaction. In areas of street construction (subgrade) minimum density shall be 95%. For backfill of utilities (trenches) or structures, minimum density shall be as prescribed in the applicable specifications, or on the plans.

END OF SECTION

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SECTION 31 23 16.16 - EXCAVATION AND BACKFILL FOR MINOR STRUCTURES

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Excavation, backfilling, and compaction of backfill for minor structures.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

- A. Unit Prices.

- 1. No payment will be made for structural excavation and backfill under this Section. Include payment in unit price or lump sum for construction of structures.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. Unsuitable Material: Unsuitable soil materials are the following:

- 1. Materials that are classified as ML, CL-ML, MH, PT, OH, and OL according to ASTM D 2487.
- 2. Materials that cannot be compacted to the required density due to gradation, plasticity, or moisture content.
- 3. Materials that contain large clods, aggregates, stones greater than 4 inches in any dimension, debris, vegetation, waste or any other deleterious materials.
- 4. Materials that are contaminated with hydrocarbons or other chemical contaminants.

- B. Suitable Material: Suitable soil materials are those meeting specification requirements. Unsuitable soils meeting specification requirements for suitable soils after treatment with lime or cement shall be considered suitable, unless otherwise indicated.

- C. Select Material: Material as defined in Section 31 06 20.16 - Utility Backfill Materials.

- D. Backfill: Select material meeting specified quality requirements, placed and compacted under controlled conditions around structures.

- E. Foundation Backfill Materials: Natural soil or manufactured aggregate meeting Class I requirements and geotextile filter fabrics as required, to control drainage and material separation. Foundation backfill material is placed and compacted as backfill where needed to provide stable support for the structure foundation base. Foundation backfill materials may include concrete fill and seal slabs.

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- F. Foundation Base: For foundation base material, use crushed stone aggregate with filter fabric as required, cement stabilized sand, or concrete seal slab. The foundation base provides a smooth, level working surface for the construction of the concrete foundation.
 - G. Foundation Subgrade: Foundation subgrade is the surface of the natural soil which has been excavated and prepared to support the foundation base or foundation backfill, where needed.
 - H. Ground Water Control Systems: Installations external to the excavation such as well points, eudctors, or deep wells. Ground water control includes dewatering to lower the ground water, intercepting seepage which would otherwise emerge from the side or bottom of the excavation, and depressurization to prevent failure or heaving of the excavation bottom. Refer to Section 31 23 19 - Control of Ground Water and Surface Water.
 - I. Surface Water Control: Diversion and drainage of surface water runoff and rainwater away from the excavation. Remove rainwater and surface water which accidentally enters the excavation as a part of excavation drainage.
 - J. Excavation Drainage: Removal of surface and seepage water in the excavation by sump pumping and using French drains surrounding the foundation to intercept the water.
 - K. Over-Excavation and Backfill: Excavation of subgrade soils with unsatisfactory bearing capacity or composed of otherwise unsuitable materials below the foundation as shown on Drawings and backfilled with foundation backfill material.
 - L. Shoring System: A structure that supports the sides of an excavation to maintain stable soil conditions and prevent cave-ins.

1.4 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM D 558 - Test Methods for Moisture-Density Relations of Soil Cement Mixtures.
- B. ASTM D 698 - Test Methods for Moisture-Density Relations of Soils and Soil-Aggregate Mixtures, Using 5.5-lb (2.49-kg) Rammer and 12-in. (304.88-mm) Drop.
- C. ASTM D 1556 - Density of Soil in Place by the Sand-Cone Method.
- D. ASTM D 2487 - Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes.
- E. ASTM D 2922 - Test Methods for Density of Soil and Soil-Aggregate in Place by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth).
- F. ASTM D 3017 - Test Method for Moisture Content of Soil and Soil-Aggregate in Place by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depths).
- G. ASTM D 4318 - Test Method for Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit, and Plasticity Index of Soils.
- H. TxDOT Tex-101-E - Preparation of Soil and Flexible Base Materials for Testing.

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- I. TxDOT Tex-110-E - Determination of Particle Size Analysis of Soils.
 - J. Federal Regulations, 29 CFR, Part 1926, Standards - Excavation, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Conform to requirements of Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures.
- B. Submit a work plan for excavation and backfill for each structure with complete written description which identifies details of the proposed method of construction and the sequence of operations for construction relative to excavation and backfill activities. The descriptions, with supporting illustrations, shall be sufficiently detailed to demonstrate to the Owner that the procedures meet the requirements of the Specifications and Drawings.
- C. Submit excavation safety system plan.
 - 1. The excavation safety system plan shall be in accordance with applicable OSHA requirements for all excavations.
 - 2. The excavation safety system plan shall be in accordance with the requirements of Section 31 41 33 - Trench Safety System, for all excavations that fall under State and Federal trench safety laws.
- D. Submit a ground and surface water control plan in accordance with requirements in this Section and Section 31 23 19 - Control of Ground Water and Surface Water.
- E. Submit backfill material sources and product quality information in accordance with requirements of Section 31 06 20.16 - Utility Backfill Materials.

1.6 TESTS

- A. Testing and analysis of backfill materials for soil classification and compaction during construction will be performed by an independent laboratory provided by the Owner in accordance with requirements of Section 01 45 29 - Testing Laboratory Services and as specified in this Section.
- B. Contractor shall perform embedment and backfill material source qualification testing in accordance with requirements of Section 31 06 20.16 - Utility Backfill Materials and the design plans.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 EQUIPMENT

- A. Perform excavation with equipment suitable for achieving the requirements of this Specification.

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- B. Use equipment which will produce the degree of compaction specified. Backfill within 3 feet of walls shall be compacted with hand operated equipment. Do not use equipment weighing more than 10,000 pounds closer to walls than a horizontal distance equal to the depth of the fill at that time. Use hand operated power compaction equipment where use of heavier equipment is impractical or restricted due to weight limitations.

2.2 MATERIAL CLASSIFICATIONS

- A. Backfill materials shall conform to the classifications and product descriptions of Section 31 06 20.16 - Utility Backfill Materials. The classification or product description for backfill applications shall be as shown on the Drawings and as specified.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Conduct an inspection to determine condition of existing structures and other permanent installations.
- B. Set up necessary street detours and barricades in preparation for excavation if construction will affect traffic. Conform to State and local government requirements. Maintain barricades and warning devices at all times for streets and intersections where work is in progress, or where affected by the Work, and is considered hazardous to traffic movements.
- C. Perform work in accordance with OSHA standards. Employ an excavation safety system as specified in Section 31 41 33 - Trench Safety Systems.
- D. Remove existing pavements and structures, including sidewalks and driveways, in accordance with requirements of Section 02 41 13.13 - Removing Existing Pavements and Structures.
- E. Install and operate necessary dewatering and surface water control measures in accordance with requirements of Section 31 23 19 – Dewatering - Control of Ground Water and Surface Water.

3.2 PROTECTION

- A. Protect trees, shrubs, lawns, existing structures, and other permanent objects outside of grading limits and within the grading limits as designated on the Drawings.
- B. Protect and support above-grade and below-grade utilities which are to remain.
- C. Restore damaged permanent facilities to pre-construction conditions unless replacement or abandonment of facilities are indicated on the Drawings.
- D. Prevent erosion of excavations and backfill. Do not allow water to pond in excavations.

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- E. Maintain excavation and backfill areas until start of subsequent work. Repair and recompact slides, washouts, settlements, or areas with loss of density at no additional cost to the City.

3.3 EXCAVATION

- A. Perform excavation work so that the underground structure can be installed to depths and alignments shown on Drawings. Use caution during excavation work to avoid disturbing surrounding ground and existing facilities and improvements. Keep excavation to the absolute minimum necessary. No additional payment will be made for excess excavation not authorized by Owner.
- B. Upon discovery of unknown utilities, badly deteriorated utilities not designated for removal, or concealed conditions, discontinue work at that location. Notify Owner and obtain instructions before proceeding in such areas.
- C. Immediately notify the agency or company owning any line which is damaged, broken or disturbed. Obtain approval from Owner and agency for any repairs or relocations, either temporary or permanent.
- D. Avoid settlement of surrounding soil due to equipment operations, excavation procedures, vibration, dewatering, or other construction methods.
- E. Provide surface drainage during construction to protect work and to avoid nuisance to adjoining property. Where required, provide proper dewatering and piezometric pressure control during construction.
- F. Conduct hauling operations so that trucks and other vehicles do not create a dirt nuisance in streets. Verify that truck beds are sufficiently tight and loaded in such a manner that objectionable materials will not spill onto streets. Promptly clear away any dirt, mud, or other materials that spill onto streets or are deposited onto streets by vehicle tires.
- G. Maintain permanent benchmarks, monumentation, and other reference points. Unless otherwise directed, replace those which are damaged or destroyed by the Work.
- H. Provide sheeting, shoring, and bracing where required to safely complete the Work, to prevent excavation from extending beyond limits indicated on Drawings, and to protect the Work and adjacent structures or improvements. Sheeting, shoring, and bracing used to protect workmen and the public shall conform to requirements of Section 31 41 33 - Trench Safety Systems.
- I. Prevent voids from forming outside of sheeting. Immediately fill voids with grout, concrete fill, cement stabilized sand, or other material approved by Owner.

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- J. After completion of the structure, remove sheeting, shoring, and bracing unless shown on Drawings to remain in place or directed by Owner in writing that such temporary structures may remain. Remove sheeting, shoring and bracing in such a manner as to maintain safety during backfilling operations and to prevent damage to the Work and adjacent structures or improvements.
 - K. Immediately fill and compact voids left or caused by removal of sheeting with cement stabilized sand or material approved by Owner.

3.4 HANDLING EXCAVATED MATERIALS

- A. Classify excavated materials. Place material which is suitable for use as backfill in orderly piles at a sufficient distance from excavation to prevent slides or cave-ins.
- B. Provide additional backfill material if adequate quantities of suitable material are not available from excavation and trenching operations at the site.

3.5 DEWATERING

- A. Provide ground water control per Section 31 23 19 - Control of Ground Water and Surface Water.
- B. Keep ground water surface elevation a minimum of 2 feet below the bottom of the foundation base.
- C. Maintain ground water control as directed by Section 31 23 19 - Control of Ground Water and Surface Water and until the structure is sufficiently complete to provide the required weight to resist hydrostatic uplift with a minimum safety factor of 1.2.

3.6 FOUNDATION EXCAVATION

- A. Notify Owner at least 48 hours prior to planned completion of foundation excavations. Do not place the foundation base until the excavation is accepted by the Owner.
- B. Excavate to elevations shown on Drawings, as needed to provide space for the foundation base, forming a level undisturbed surface, free of mud or soft material. Remove pockets of soft or otherwise unstable soils and replace with foundation backfill material or a material as directed by the Owner. Prior to placing material over it, recompact the subgrade where indicated on the Drawings, scarifying as needed, to 95 percent of the maximum Standard Dry Density according to ASTM D 698. If the specified level of compaction cannot be achieved, moisture condition the subgrade and recompact until 95 percent is achieved, over-excavate to provide a minimum layer of 24 inches of foundation backfill material, or other means acceptable to the Owner.
- C. Fill unauthorized excessive excavation with foundation backfill material or other material as directed by the Owner.

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- D. Protect open excavations from rainfall, runoff, freezing groundwater, or excessive drying to maintain foundation subgrade in a satisfactory, undisturbed condition. Keep excavations free of standing water and completely free of water during concrete placement.
 - E. Soils which become unsuitable due to inadequate dewatering or other causes, after initial excavation to the required subgrade, shall be removed and replaced with foundation backfill material, as directed by Owner, at no additional cost to the City.
 - F. Place foundation base, or foundation backfill material where needed, over the subgrade on same day that excavation is completed to final grade. Where base of excavation is left open for longer periods, protect them with a seal slab or cement-stabilized sand.
 - G. Crushed aggregate, and other free draining Class I materials, shall have a filter fabric separating it from native soils or select material backfill. The fabric shall overlap a minimum of 12 inches beyond where another material stops contact with the soil.
 - H. Crushed aggregate, and other Class I materials, shall be placed in uniform layers of 8-inch maximum thickness. Compaction shall be by means of at least two passes of a vibratory compactor.

3.7 FOUNDATION BASE

- A. After the subgrade is properly prepared, including the placement of foundation backfill where needed, the foundation base shall be placed. The foundation base shall consist of a 12-inch layer of crushed stone aggregate or cement stabilized sand. Alternately, a 2000psi concrete seal slab with a minimum thickness of 4 inches may be placed. The foundation base shall extend a minimum of 12 inches beyond the edge of the structure foundation, unless shown otherwise on the Drawings.
- B. Where the foundation base and foundation backfill are of the same material, both can be placed in one operation.

3.8 BACKFILL

- A. Complete backfill to surface of natural ground or to lines and grades shown on Drawings. Use existing material that qualifies as select material, unless indicated otherwise. Deposit backfill in uniform layers and compact each layer as specified.
- B. Do not place backfill against concrete walls or similar structures until laboratory test breaks indicate that the concrete has reached a minimum of 85 percent of the specified compressive strength. Where walls are supported by slabs or intermediate walls, do not begin backfill operations until the slab or intermediate walls have been placed and concrete has attained sufficient strength.
- C. Remove concrete forms before starting backfill and remove shoring and bracing as work progresses.

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- D. Maintain fill material at no less than 2 percent below nor more than 2 percent above optimum moisture content. Place fill material in uniform 8-inch maximum loose layers. Compaction of fill shall be to at least 95 percent of the maximum standard dry density according to ASTM D 698 under paved areas. Compact to at least 90 percent around structures below unpaved areas.
 - E. Where backfill is placed against a sloped excavation surface, run compaction equipment across the boundary of the cut slope and backfill to form a compacted slope surface for placement of the next layer of backfill.
 - F. Place backfill using cement stabilized sand in accordance with Section 31 32 13.16 - Cement Stabilized Sand.

3.9 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Testing will be performed under provisions of Section 01 45 29 - Testing Laboratory Services.
- B. Tests will be performed initially on minimum of one different sample of each material type for plasticity characteristics, in accordance with ASTM D 4318, and for gradation characteristics, in accordance with Tex-101-E and Tex-110-E. Additional classification tests will be performed whenever there is a noticeable change in material gradation or plasticity.
- C. In-place density tests of compacted subgrade and backfill will be performed according to ASTM D 1556, or ASTM D 2922 and ASTM D 3017, and at the following frequencies and conditions:
 - 1. A minimum of one test for every 100 cubic yards of compacted backfill material.
 - 2. A minimum of three density tests for each full work shift.
 - 3. Density tests will be performed in all placement areas.
 - 4. The number of tests will be increased if inspection determines that soil types or moisture contents are not uniform or if compacting effort is variable and not considered sufficient to attain uniform density.
- D. At least one test for moisture-density relationships will be initially performed for each type of backfill material in accordance with ASTM D 698. Additional moisture-density relationship tests will be performed whenever there is a noticeable change in material gradation or plasticity.
- E. If tests indicate work does not meet specified compaction requirements, recondition, recompact, and retest at Contractor's expense.

3.10 DISPOSAL OF EXCESS MATERIAL

- A. Removal of site debris resulting from work under this section are the responsibility of the Contractor. Dispose of in accordance with local and state regulations.

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SECTION 31 23 19 – DEWATERING CONTROL OF GROUND WATER AND SURFACE WATER

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Dewatering, depressurizing, draining, and maintaining trenches, shaft excavations, structural excavations, and foundation beds in a stable condition, and controlling ground water conditions for trench and tunnel excavations.
- B. Protecting work against surface runoff and rising flood waters.
- C. Disposing of removed water.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

- A. Unit Prices.
 - 1. Payment for control of groundwater, regardless of depth, size or number of well points or time required to lower groundwater, is on a linear foot basis measured along the centerline of the structure being installed.
 - 2. No payment will be made for excavation drainage under this Section. Include payment in unit price for applicable utility installation.
 - 3. No payment will be made for control of surface water or surface drainage under this Section. Include payment in unit price for applicable utility installation.

1.3 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM D 698 - Test Methods for Moisture-Density Relations of Soils and Soil-Aggregate Mixtures, Using 5.5-lb (2.49 kg) Rammer and 12-inch (304.8 mm) Drop.
- B. Federal Regulations, 29 CFR Part 1926, Standards-Excavation, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
- C. Federal Register 40 CFR (Vol. 55, No. 222) Part 122, EPA Administered Permit Programs (NPDES), Para.122.26(b)(14) Storm Water Discharge.

1.4 DEFINITIONS

- A. Ground water control includes both dewatering and depressurization of water-bearing soil layers.

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1. Dewatering includes lowering the water table and intercepting seepage which would otherwise emerge from slopes or bottoms of excavations, or into tunnels and shafts, and disposing of removed water. The intent of dewatering is to increase stability of tunnel excavations and excavated slopes; prevent dislocation of material from slopes or bottoms of excavations; reduce lateral loads on sheeting and bracing; improve excavating and hauling characteristics of excavated material; prevent failure or heaving of the bottom of excavations; and to provide suitable conditions for placement of backfill materials and construction of structures and other installations.
 2. Depressurization includes reduction in piezometric pressure within strata not controlled by dewatering alone, as required to prevent failure or heaving of excavation bottom or instability of tunnel excavations.
- B. Excavation drainage includes placement of drainage materials, such as crushed stone and filter fabric, together with sump pumping in order to keep excavations free of surface and seepage water.
- C. Surface drainage includes use of temporary drainage ditches and dikes and installation of temporary culverts and sump pumps with discharge lines as required to protect the Work from any source of surface water.
- D. Equipment and instrumentation for monitoring and control of the ground water control system includes piezometers and monitoring wells, and devices, such as flow meters, for observing and recording flow rates.

1.5 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Conduct subsurface investigations to identify groundwater conditions and to provide parameters for design, installation, and operation of groundwater control systems.
- B. Design a ground water control system, compatible with requirements of Federal Regulations 29 CFR Part 1926 and Section 31.41.33 - Trench Safety Systems, to produce the following results:
1. Effectively reduce the hydrostatic pressure affecting:
 - a. Excavations.
 - b. Tunnel excavation, face stability or seepage into tunnels.
 2. Develop a substantially dry and stable subgrade for subsequent construction operations.
 3. Preclude damage to adjacent properties, buildings, structures, utilities, installed facilities, and other work.
 4. Prevent the loss of fines, seepage, boils, quick condition, or softening of the foundation strata.

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5. Maintain stability of sides and bottom of excavations.
- C. Provide ground water control systems may include single-stage or multiple-stage well point systems, deep wells, or combinations of these equipment types.
 - D. Provide drainage of seepage water and surface water, as well as water from any other source entering the excavation. Excavation drainage may include placement of drainage materials, such as crushed stone and filter fabric, together with sump pumping.
 - E. Provide ditches, berms, pumps and other methods necessary to divert and drain surface water from excavation and other work areas.
 - F. Locate ground water control and drainage systems so as not to interfere with utilities, construction operations, adjacent properties, or adjacent water wells.
 - G. Assume sole responsibility for ground water control systems and for any loss or damage resulting from partial or complete failure of protective measures and any settlement or resultant damage caused by the ground water control operations. Modify ground water control systems or operations if they cause or threaten to cause damage to new construction, existing site improvements, adjacent property, or adjacent water wells, or affect potentially contaminated areas. Repair damage caused by ground water control systems or resulting from failure of the system to protect property as required.
 - H. Provide an adequate number of piezometers installed at the proper locations and depths as required to provide meaningful observations of the conditions affecting the excavation, adjacent structures, and water wells.
 - I. Provide environmental monitoring wells installed at the proper locations and depths as required to provide adequate observations of hydrostatic conditions and possible contaminant transport from contamination sources into the work area or into the ground water control system.
 - J. Decommission piezometers and monitoring wells installed during design phase studies and left for Contractors monitoring and use.

1.6 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submittals shall conform to requirements of Section 01 33 00 - Submittals.
- B. Submit a Ground Water and Surface Water Control Plan for review by the Owner and Engineer prior to start of any field work. The Plan shall be signed by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Texas. Submit a plan to include the following:
 1. Results of subsurface investigation and description of the extent and characteristics of water bearing layers subject to ground water control.
 2. Names of equipment suppliers and installation subcontractors.

3. A description of proposed ground water control systems indicating arrangement, location, depth and capacities of system components, installation details and criteria, and operation and maintenance procedures.
 4. A description of proposed monitoring and control system indicating depths and locations of piezometers and monitoring wells, monitoring installation details and criteria, type of equipment and instrumentation with pertinent data and characteristics.
 5. A description of proposed filters including types, sizes, capacities and manufacturer's application recommendations.
 6. Design calculations demonstrating adequacy of proposed systems for intended applications. Define potential area of influence of ground water control operation near contaminated areas.
 7. Operating requirements, including piezometric control elevations for dewatering and depressurization.
 8. Excavation drainage methods including typical drainage layers, sump pump application and other necessary means.
 9. Surface water control and drainage installations.
 10. Proposed methods and locations for disposing of removed water.
- C. Submit the following records upon completed initial installation:
1. Installation and development reports for well points, eductors, and deep wells.
 2. Installation reports and baseline readings for piezometers and monitoring wells.
 3. Baseline analytical test data of water from monitoring wells.
 4. Initial flow rates.
- D. Submit the following records on a weekly basis during operations:
1. Records of flow rates and piezometric elevations obtained during monitoring of dewatering and depressurization. Refer to Paragraph 3.02, Requirements for Eductor, Well Points, or Deep Wells.
 2. Maintenance records for ground water control installations, piezometers, and monitoring wells.
- E. Submit the following records at end of work. Decommissioning (abandonment) reports for monitoring wells and piezometers installed by other during the design phase and left for Contractor's monitoring and use.

1.7 ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Comply with requirements of agencies having jurisdiction.
- B. Comply with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission regulations and Texas Water Well Drillers Association for development, drilling, and abandonment of wells used in dewatering system.
- C. Obtain permit from EPA under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), for storm water discharge from construction sites. Refer to Section 31 25 00 – Erosion & Sedimentation Controls TPDES Permit Requirements.
- D. Obtain all necessary permits from agencies with control over the use of groundwater and matters affecting well installation, water discharge, and use of existing storm drains and natural water sources. Because the review and permitting process may be lengthy, take early action to pursue and submit for the required approvals.
- E. Monitor ground water discharge for contamination while performing pumping in the vicinity of potentially contaminated sites.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

- A. Equipment and materials are at the option of Contractor as necessary to achieve desired results for dewatering. Selected equipment and materials are subject to review by the Owner and Engineer through submittals required in Paragraph 1.06, Submittals.
- B. Eductors, well points, or deep wells, where used, must be furnished, installed and operated by an experienced contractor regularly engaged in ground water control system design, installation, and operation.
- C. All equipment must be in good repair and operating order.
- D. Sufficient standby equipment and materials shall be kept available to ensure continuous operation, where required.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 GROUND WATER CONTROL

- A. Perform a subsurface investigation by borings as necessary to identify water bearing layers, piezometric pressures, and soil parameters for design and installation of ground water control systems. Perform pump tests, if necessary, to determine the drawdown characteristics of the water bearing layers. The results shall be presented in the Ground Water and Surface Water Control Plan (See Paragraph 1.06B.1).

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- B. Provide labor, material, equipment, techniques and methods to lower, control and handle ground water in a manner compatible with construction methods and site conditions. Monitor effectiveness of the installed system and its effect on adjacent property.
 - C. Install, operate, and maintain ground water control systems in accordance with the Ground Water and Surface Water Control Plan. Notify the Engineer in writing of any changes made to accommodate field conditions and changes to the Work. Provide revised drawings and calculations with such notification.
 - D. Provide for continuous system operation, including nights, weekends, and holidays. Arrange for appropriate backup if electrical power is primary energy source for dewatering system.
 - E. Monitor operations to verify that the system lowers ground water piezometric levels at a rate required to maintain a dry excavation resulting in a stable subgrade for prosecution of subsequent operations.
 - F. Where hydrostatic pressures in confined water bearing layers exist below excavation, depressurize those zones to eliminate risk of uplift or other instability of excavation or installed works. Allowable piezometric elevations shall be defined in the Ground Water and Surface Water Control Plan.
 - G. Remove ground water control installations.
 - 1. Remove pumping system components and piping when ground water control is no longer required.
 - 2. Remove piezometers, including piezometers installed during the design phase investigations and left for Contractor's use, upon completion of testing, in accordance with Section 33 31 11 Part 3.2 – Testing of Sanitary Sewer Pipe Work.
 - 3. Remove monitoring wells when directed by the Engineer.
 - 4. Grout abandoned well and piezometer holes. Fill piping that is not removed with cement-bentonite grout or cement-sand grout.
 - H. During backfilling, dewatering may be reduced to maintain water level a minimum of 5 feet below prevailing level of backfill. However, do not allow that water level to result in uplift pressures in excess of 80 percent of downward pressure produced by weight of structure or backfill in place. Do not allow water levels to rise into cement stabilized sand until at least 48 hours after placement.
 - I. Provide a uniform diameter for each pipe drain run constructed for dewatering. Remove pipe drain when it has served its purpose. If removal of pipe is impractical, provide grout connections at 50-foot intervals and fill pipe with cement-bentonite grout or cement-sand grout when pipe is removed from service.

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- J. Extent of construction ground water control for structures with a permanent perforated underground drainage system may be reduced, such as for units designed to withstand hydrostatic uplift pressure. Provide a means of draining the affected portion of underground system, including standby equipment. Maintain drainage system during operations and remove it when no longer required.
 - K. Remove system upon completion of construction or when dewatering and control of surface or ground water is no longer required.
 - L. Compact backfill to not less than 95 percent of the maximum dry density in accordance with ASTM D 698.

3.2 REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCTOR, WELL POINTS, OR DEEP WELLS

- A. For aboveground piping in ground water control system, include a 12-inch minimum length of clear, transparent piping between every eductor well or well point and discharge header so that discharge from each installation can be visually monitored.
- B. Install sufficient piezometers or monitoring wells to show that all trench or shaft excavations in water bearing materials are pre-drain prior to excavation. Provide separate piezometers for monitoring of dewatering and for monitoring of depressurization. Install piezometers and monitoring wells for tunneling as appropriate for Contractor's selected method of work.
- C. Install piezometers or monitoring wells not less than one week in advance of beginning the associated excavation.
- D. Dewatering may be omitted for portions of underdrains or other excavations, but only where auger borings and piezometers or monitoring wells show that soil is pre-drained by an existing system such that the criteria of the ground water control plan are satisfied.
- E. Replace installations that produce noticeable amounts of sediments after development.
- F. Provide additional ground water control installations, or change the methods, in the event that the installations according to the ground water control plan does not provide satisfactory results based on the performance criteria defined by the plan and by the specification. Submit a revised plan according to Paragraph 1.06B.

3.3 EXCAVATION DRAINAGE

- A. Contractor may use excavation drainage methods if necessary, to achieve well-drained conditions. The excavation drainage may consist of a layer of crushed stone and filter fabric, and sump pumping in combination with sufficient wells for ground water control to maintain stable excavation and backfill conditions.

3.4 MAINTENANCE AND OBSERVATION

- A. Conduct daily maintenance and observation of piezometers or monitoring wells while the ground water control installations or excavation drainage are operating in an area or seepage into tunnel is occurring. Keep system in good condition.
- B. Replace damaged and destroyed piezometers or monitoring wells with new piezometers or wells as necessary to meet observation schedule.
- C. Cut off piezometers or monitoring wells in excavation areas where piping is exposed, only as necessary to perform observation as excavation proceeds. Continue to maintain and make observations, as specified.
- D. Remove and grout piezometers inside or outside the excavation area when ground water control operations are complete. Remove and grout monitoring wells when directed by the Engineer.

3.5 MONITORING AND RECORDING

- A. Monitor and record average flow rate of operation for each deep well, or for each wellpoint or eductor header used in dewatering system. Also monitor and record water level and ground water recovery. These records shall be obtained daily until steady conditions are achieved, and twice weekly thereafter.
- B. Observe and record elevation of water level daily as long as ground water control system is in operation, and weekly thereafter until the Work is completed or piezometers or wells are removed, except when Engineer determines that more frequent monitoring and recording are required. Comply with Engineer's direction for increased monitoring and recording and take measures as necessary to ensure effective dewatering for intended purpose.

3.6 SURFACE WATER CONTROL

- A. Intercept surface water and divert it away from excavations through use of dikes, ditches, curb walls, pipes, sumps or other approved means. The requirement includes temporary works required to protect adjoining properties from surface drainage caused by construction operations.
- B. Divert surface water and seepage water into sumps and pump it into drainage channels or storm drains, when approved by agencies having jurisdiction. Provide settling basins when required by such agencies.

END OF SECTION

SECTION 31 23 23.13 - EXCAVATION AND BACKFILL FOR UTILITIES

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Excavation, trenching, foundation, embedment, and backfill for installation of utilities, including manholes and other pipeline structures.

1.2 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

A. Unit Prices.

1. No additional payment will be made for trench excavation, embedment and backfill under this Section. Include cost in the unit price for installed underground piping, sewer, conduit, or duct work.
2. No separate or additional payment will be made for surface water control, ground water control, or for excavation drainage. Include in the unit price for the installed piping, sewer, conduit, or duct work.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. Pipe Foundation: Suitable and stable native soils that are exposed at the trench subgrade after excavation to depth of bottom of the bedding as shown on the Drawings, or foundation backfill material placed and compacted in over-excavations.
- B. Pipe Bedding: The portion of trench backfill that extends vertically from top of foundation up to a level line at bottom of pipe, and horizontally from one trench sidewall to opposite sidewall.
- C. Haunching: The material placed on either side of pipe from top of bedding up to springline of pipe and horizontally from one trench sidewall to opposite sidewall.
- D. Initial Backfill: The portion of trench backfill that extends vertically from springline of pipe (top of haunching) up to a level line 12 inches above top of pipe, and horizontally from one trench sidewall to opposite sidewall.
- E. Pipe Embedment: The portion of trench backfill that consists of bedding, haunching and initial backfill.
- F. Trench Zone: The portion of trench backfill that extends vertically from top of pipe embedment up to pavement subgrade or up to final grade when not beneath pavement.
- G. Unsuitable Material: Unsuitable soil materials are the following:

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1. Materials that are classified as ML, CL-ML, MH, PT, OH, and OL according to ASTM D 2487.
 2. Materials that cannot be compacted to required density due to either gradation, plasticity, or moisture content.
 3. Materials that contain large clods, aggregates, stones greater than 4 inches in any dimension, debris, vegetation, waste or any other deleterious materials.
 4. Materials that are contaminated with hydrocarbons or other chemical contaminants.
- H. Suitable Material: Suitable soil materials are those meeting specification requirements. Unsuitable soils meeting specification requirements for suitable soils after treatment with lime or cement are considered suitable, unless otherwise indicated.
- I. Backfill: Suitable material meeting specified quality requirements, placed and compacted under controlled conditions.
- J. Ground Water Control Systems: Installations external to trench, such as well points, eductors, or deep wells. Ground water control includes dewatering to lower ground water, intercepting seepage which would otherwise emerge from side or bottom of trench excavation, and depressurization to prevent failure or heaving of excavation bottom. Refer to Section 31 23 19 - Control of Ground Water and Surface Water.
- K. Surface Water Control: Diversion and drainage of surface water runoff and rain water away from trench excavation. Rain water and surface water accidentally entering trench shall be controlled and removed as a part of excavation drainage.
- L. Excavation Drainage: Removal of surface and seepage water in trench by sump pumping and using a drainage layer, as defined in ASTM D 2321, placed on the foundation beneath pipe bedding or thickened bedding layer of Class I material.
- M. Trench Conditions are defined with regard to the stability of trench bottom and trench walls of pipe embedment zone. Maintain trench conditions that provide for effective placement and compaction of embedment material directly on or against undisturbed soils or foundation backfill, except where structural trench support is necessary.
1. Dry Stable Trench: Stable and substantially dry trench conditions exist in pipe embedment zone as a result of typically dry soils or achieved by ground water control (dewatering or depressurization) for trenches extending below ground water level.
 2. Stable Trench with Seepage: Stable trench in which ground water seepage is controlled by excavation drainage.
 - a. Stable Trench with Seepage in Clayey Soils: Excavation drainage is provided in lieu of or to supplement ground water control systems to control seepage and provide stable trench subgrade in predominately clayey soils prior to bedding placement.

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- b. **Stable Wet Trench in Sandy Soils:** Excavation drainage is provided in the embedment zone in combination with ground water control in predominately sandy or silty soils.
 - 3. **Unstable Trench:** Unstable trench conditions exist in the pipe embedment zone if ground water inflow or high water content causes soil disturbances, such as sloughing, sliding, boiling, heaving or loss of density.
 - N. **Subtrench:** Subtrench is a special case of benched excavation. Subtrench excavation below trench shields or shoring installations may be used to allow placement and compaction of foundation or embedment materials directly against undisturbed soils. Depth of a subtrench depends upon trench stability and safety as determined by the Contractor.
 - O. **Trench Dam:** A placement of low permeability material in pipe embedment zone or foundation to prohibit ground water flow along the trench.
 - P. **Over-Excavation and Backfill:** Excavation of subgrade soils with unsatisfactory bearing capacity or composed of otherwise unsuitable materials below top of foundation as shown on Drawings, and backfilled with foundation backfill material.
 - Q. **Foundation Backfill Materials:** Natural soil or manufactured aggregate of controlled gradation, and geotextile filter fabrics as required, to control drainage and material separation. Foundation backfill material is placed and compacted as backfill to provide stable support for bedding. Foundation backfill materials may include concrete seal slabs.
 - R. **Trench Safety Systems** include both protective systems and shoring systems as defined in Section 31 41 33 - Trench Safety Systems.
 - S. **Trench Shield (Trench Box):** A portable worker safety structure moved along the trench as work proceeds, used as a protective system and designed to withstand forces imposed on it by cave-in, thereby protecting persons within the trench. Trench shields may be stacked if so designed or placed in a series depending on depth and length of excavation to be protected.
 - T. **Shoring System:** A structure that supports sides of an excavation to maintain stable soil conditions and prevent cave-ins, or to prevent movement of the ground affecting adjacent installations or improvements.
 - U. **Special Shoring:** A shoring system meeting special shoring as specified in Paragraph 1.08, Special Shoring Design Requirements, for locations identified on the Drawings.

1.4 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM C 12 - Standard Practice for Installing Vitrified Clay Pipe Lines.
- B. ASTM D 558 - Test Methods for Moisture-Density Relations of Soil Cement Mixtures.

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- C. ASTM D 698 - Test Methods for Moisture-Density Relations of Soils and Soil-Aggregate Mixtures Using 5.5-lb (2.49-kg) Rammer and 12-in. (304.8-mm) Drop.
 - D. ASTM D 1556 - Test Method for Density in Place by the Sand-Cone Method.
 - E. ASTM D 2321 - Standard Practice for Underground Installation of Thermoplastic Pipe for Sewers and Other Gravity Flow Applications.
 - F. ASTM D 2487 - Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes.
 - G. ASTM D 2922 - Test Method for Density of Soil and Soil-Aggregate in Place by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth).
 - H. ASTM D 3017 - Test Method for Water Content of Soil and Rock in Place by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth).
 - I. ASTM D 4318 - Test Method for Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit, and Plasticity Index of Soils.
 - J. TxDOT Tex-101-E - Preparation of Soil and Flexible Base Materials for Testing.
 - K. TxDOT Tex-110-E - Determination of Particle Size Analysis of Soils.
 - L. Federal Regulations, 29 CFR Part 1926, Standards-Excavation, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

1.5 SCHEDULING

- A. Schedule work so that pipe embedment can be completed on the same day that acceptable foundation has been achieved for each section of pipe installation, manhole, or other structures.

1.6 SUBMITTALS

- A. Conform to Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures.
- B. Submit a written description for information only of the planned typical method of excavation, backfill placement and compaction, including:
 - 1. Sequence of work and coordination of activities.
 - 2. Selected trench widths.
 - 3. Procedures for foundation and embedment placement, and compaction.
 - 4. Procedure for use of trench boxes and other pre-manufactured systems while assuring specified compaction against undisturbed soil.
 - 5. Procedure for installation of Special Shoring at locations identified on the Drawings.

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- C. Submit a ground and surface water control plan in accordance with requirements in this Section and Section 31 23 19 – Dewatering - Control of Ground Water and Surface Water.
 - D. Submit backfill material sources and product quality information in accordance with requirements of Section 31 06 20.16 - Utility Backfill Materials.
 - E. Submit a trench excavation safety program in accordance with requirements of Section 31 41 33 - Trench Safety System. Include designs for special shoring meeting the requirements defined in Paragraph 1.08, Special Shoring Design Requirements.
 - F. Submit record of location of utilities as installed, referenced to survey control points. Include locations of utilities encountered or rerouted. Give stations, horizontal dimensions, elevations, inverts, and gradients.

1.7 TESTS

- A. Density testing of compacted subgrade material for first coarse and second coarse of compacted base shall be made at all driveways and intersecting streets. In addition, one (1) density test per lift per five hundred (500) feet of installed pipeline shall be conducted.
- B. Testing and analysis of backfill materials for soil classification and compaction during construction will be performed by an independent laboratory provided by the Owner in accordance with requirements of Section 01 45 29 - Testing Laboratory Services and as specified in this Section.
- C. Perform backfill material source qualification testing in accordance with requirements of Section 32 23 23.16 - Utility Backfill Materials.

1.8 SPECIAL SHORING DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

- A. Have special shoring designed or selected by the Contractor's Professional Engineer to provide support for the sides of the excavations, including soils and hydrostatic ground water pressures as applicable, and to prevent ground movements affecting adjacent installations or improvements such as structures, pavements and utilities. Special shoring may be a pre-manufactured system selected by the Contractor's Professional Engineer to meet the project site requirements based on the manufacturer's standard design.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 EQUIPMENT

- A. Perform excavation with hydraulic excavator or other equipment suitable for achieving the requirements of this Section.
- B. Use only hand-operated tamping equipment until a minimum cover of 12 inches is obtained over pipes, conduits, and ducts. Do not use heavy compacting equipment until adequate cover is attained to prevent damage to pipes, conduits, or ducts.

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- C. Use trench shields or other protective systems or shoring systems which are designed and operated to achieve placement and compaction of backfill directly against undisturbed native soil.
 - D. Use special shoring systems where required which may consist of braced sheeting, braced soldier piles and lagging, slide rail systems, or other systems meeting requirements as specified in Paragraph 1.09, Shoring Design Requirements.

2.2 MATERIAL CLASSIFICATIONS

- A. Embedment and Trench Zone Backfill Materials: Conform to classifications and product descriptions of Section 32 23 23.16 - Utility Backfill Materials.
- B. Concrete Backfill: Conform to requirements for Class B concrete as specified in Section 33 05 16 - Concrete for Utility Construction.
- C. Concrete for Trench Dams: Concrete backfill or 3 sack premixed (bag) concrete.
- D. Timber Shoring Left in Place: Untreated oak.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 STANDARD PRACTICE

- A. Install flexible pipe, including "semi-rigid" pipe, to conform to standard practice described in ASTM D 2321, and as described in this Section. Where an apparent conflict occurs between the standard practice and the requirements of this Section, this Section governs.
- B. Install rigid pipe to conform to standard practice described in ASTM C 12, and as described in this Section. Where an apparent conflict occurs between the standard practice and the requirements of this Section, this Section governs.
- C. Ditching machines will be permitted at Contractor's option, subject to the approval of the Owner, whenever their use is applicable and practical for work shown on the drawings. A certain amount of hand excavation may be required due to special field conditions and to minimize damage to improvements and trees.
- D. In compacting by rolling or operating heavy equipment parallel with the pipe, displacement of or injury to the pipe shall be avoided. Any pipe damaged thereby shall be repaired or replaced at the option of the OWNER and at the expense of the Contractor.

3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Establish traffic control to conform with requirements of Section 01 55 26 - Traffic Control and Regulation. Maintain barricades and warning lights for streets and intersections affected by the Work that is considered hazardous to traffic movements.

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- B. Perform work to conform with applicable safety standards and regulations. Employ a trench safety system as specified in Section 31 41 33 - Trench Safety Systems.
 - C. Immediately notify the agency or company owning any existing utility line which is damaged, broken, or disturbed. Obtain approval from the Owner and Utility Owner for any repairs or relocations, either temporary or permanent.
 - D. Remove existing pavements and structures, including sidewalks and driveways, to conform with requirements of Section 02 41 13.13 - Removing Existing Pavements and Structures, as applicable.
 - E. Install and operate necessary dewatering and surface water control measures to conform with Section 31 23 19 – Dewatering - Control of Ground Water and Surface Water.
 - F. Maintain permanent benchmarks, monumentation, and other reference points. Unless otherwise directed in writing, replace those which are damaged or destroyed in accordance with Section 02 21 13 - Field Surveying.

3.3 PROTECTION

- A. Protect trees, shrubs, lawns, existing structures, and other permanent objects outside of grading limits and within the grading limits.
- B. Protect and support above-grade and below-grade utilities which are to remain.
- C. Restore damaged permanent facilities to pre-construction conditions unless replacement or abandonment of facilities are indicated on the Drawings.
- D. Take measures to minimize erosion of trenches. Do not allow water to pond in trenches. Where slides, washouts, settlements, or areas with loss of density or pavement failures or potholes occur, repair, recompact, and pave those areas at no additional cost to City.

3.4 EXCAVATION

- A. Except as otherwise specified or shown on the Drawings, install underground utilities in open cut trenches with vertical sides.
- B. Perform excavation work so that pipe, conduit, and ducts can be installed to depths and alignments shown on the Drawings. Avoid disturbing surrounding ground and existing facilities and improvements.
- C. Determine trench excavation widths using the following schedule as related to pipe outside diameter (O.D.). Maximum trench width shall be the minimum trench width plus 24 inches.

<u>Nominal Pipe Size, Inches</u>	<u>Minimum Trench Width, Inches</u>
Less than 18	O.D. + 18
18 to 30	O.D. + 24
Greater than 30	O.D. + 36

- D. Use sufficient trench width or benches above the embedment zone for installation of well point headers or manifolds and pumps where depth of trench makes it uneconomical or impractical to pump from the surface elevation. Provide sufficient space between shoring cross braces to permit equipment operations and handling of forms, pipe, embedment and backfill, and other materials.
- E. Upon discovery of unknown utilities, badly deteriorated utilities not designated for removal, or concealed conditions, discontinue work at that location. Notify the Owner and obtain instructions before proceeding.
- F. Shoring of Trench Walls.
1. Install Special Shoring in advance of trench excavation or simultaneously with the trench excavation, so that the soils within the full height of the trench excavation walls will remain laterally supported at all times.
 2. For all types of shoring, support trench walls in the pipe embedment zone throughout the installation. Provide trench wall supports sufficiently tight to prevent washing the trench wall soil out from behind the trench wall support.
 3. Unless otherwise directed by the Owner, leave sheeting driven into or below the pipe embedment zone in place to preclude loss of support of foundation and embedment materials. Leave rangers, walers, and braces in place as long as required to support sheeting, which has been cut off, and the trench wall in the vicinity of the pipe zone.
 4. Employ special methods for maintaining the integrity of embedment or foundation material. Before moving supports, place and compact embedment to sufficient depths to provide protection of pipe and stability of trench walls. As supports are moved, finish placing and compacting embedment.
 5. If sheeting or other shoring is used below top of the pipe embedment zone, do not disturb pipe foundation and embedment materials by subsequent removal. Maximum thickness of removable sheeting extending into the embedment zone shall be the equivalent of a 1-inch-thick steel plate. Fill voids left on removal of supports with compacted backfill material.
- G. Use of Trench Shields. When a trench shield (trench box) is used as a worker safety device, the following requirements apply:

1. Make trench excavations of sufficient width to allow shield to be lifted or pulled freely, without damage to the trench sidewalls.
2. Move trench shields so that pipe, and backfill materials, after placement and compaction, are not damaged nor disturbed, nor the degree of compaction reduced.
3. When required, place, spread, and compact pipe foundation and bedding materials beneath the shield. For backfill above bedding, lift the shield as each layer of backfill is placed and spread. Place and compact backfill materials against undisturbed trench walls and foundation.
4. Maintain trench shield in position to allow sampling and testing to be performed in a safe manner.

3.5 HANDLING EXCAVATED MATERIALS

- A. Use only excavated materials which are suitable as defined in this Section and conforming with Section 32 23 23.16 - Utility Backfill Materials. Place material suitable for backfilling in stockpiles at a distance from the trench to prevent slides or cave-ins.
- B. When required, provide additional backfill material conforming with requirements of Section 32 23 23.16 - Utility Backfill Materials.
- C. Do not place stockpiles of excess excavated materials on streets and adjacent properties. Protect excess stockpiles for use on site. Maintain site conditions in accordance with Section 31 10 00 – Site Clearing – Preparation of Site.

3.6 GROUND WATER CONTROL

- A. Implement ground water control according to Section 31 23 19 – Dewatering - Control of Ground Water and Surface Water. Provide a stable trench to allow installation in accordance with the Specifications.

3.7 TRENCH FOUNDATION

- A. Excavate bottom of trench to uniform grade to achieve stable trench conditions and satisfactory compaction of foundation or bedding materials.
- B. Place trench dams in Class I foundations in line segments longer than 100 feet between manholes, and not less than one in every 500 feet of pipe placed. Install additional dams as needed to achieve workable construction conditions. Do not place trench dams closer than 5 feet from manholes.

3.8 PIPE EMBEDMENT, PLACEMENT, AND COMPACTION

- A. Immediately prior to placement of embedment materials, the bottoms and sidewalls of trenches shall be free of loose, sloughing, caving, or otherwise unsuitable soil.

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- B. Place embedment including bedding, haunching, and initial backfill as shown on Drawings.
 - C. For pipe installation, manually spread embedment materials around the pipe to provide uniform bearing and side support when compacted. Do not allow materials to free-fall from heights greater than 24 inches above top of pipe. Perform placement and compaction directly against the undisturbed soils in the trench sidewalls, or against sheeting which is to remain in place.
 - D. Do not place trench shields or shoring within height of the embedment zone unless means to maintain the density of compacted embedment material are used. If moveable supports are used in embedment zone, lift the supports incrementally to allow placement and compaction of the material against undisturbed soil.
 - E. Place geotextile to prevent particle migration from the in-situ soil into open-graded (Class I) embedment materials or drainage layers.
 - F. Do not damage coatings or wrappings of pipes during backfilling and compacting operations. When embedding coated or wrapped pipes, do not use crushed stone or other sharp, angular aggregates.
 - G. Place haunching material manually around the pipe and compact it to provide uniform bearing and side support. If necessary, hold small-diameter or lightweight pipe in place during compaction of haunch areas and placement beside the pipe with sandbags or other suitable means.
 - H. Install electrical conduit as directed in the design plans or as specified in other Sections.
 - I. Shovel in-place and compact embedment material using pneumatic tampers in restricted areas, and vibratory-plate compactors or engine-powered jumping jacks in unrestricted areas. Compact each lift before proceeding with placement of next lift. Water tamping is not allowed.
 - J. OPEN CUT BACKFILL - Backfilling of excavated trenches in open cut shall be commenced as soon as possible after the water or sewer line is laid and the jointing and alignment are approved, but not until authorized by the Owner.

BEDDING PROCEDURES - The following bedding procedures will be used for Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pipe, Asbestos Cement Pipe and Vitrified Clay Pipe. Before pipes have been tested and approved, partial backfilling shall be done with approved material free from large clods.

When trench bottom is unstable, or when pipe is to be placed under groundwater (below water table), foundation preparation shall be required, preferably with ground water drawdown procedures. If drawdown equipment is not used or gravel stabilization or approved substitute shall be required and no pipe will be laid until stabilization is to the satisfaction of the Utility Owner.

Sand bedding shall meet Bank Run Sand as per Section 31 06 20.16 – Utility Backfill Materials.

Sand Bedding zone shall extend from a point at least 6 inches below bottom of pipe to a point at least 6 inches above top of pipe, as well as at least 6 inches on each side of pipe and shall be compacted to at least 90% of maximum density as determined by ASTM Standard D698, latest revision.

Sand bedding from 6 inches below bottom of pipe to bottom of pipe shall be placed in one lift and shall be mechanically tamped. Sand bedding from bottom of pipe to spring line of pipe shall be placed by hand in 4 inch lifts and shall be hand tamped with proper tools. Sand bedding from spring line of pipe to 6 inches above top of pipe shall be placed in 6 inch lifts and shall be hand tamped with proper tools.

Final Backfill Above Pipe Zone (6" Above Pipe or Conduit to base of roadway section or finished grade elevation). The backfill above the pipe zone shall be, unless otherwise indicated on the drawings, in accordance with the following.

1. Class "A" Mechanical Compaction. Trench under existing or proposed flexible pavements and gravel surfaces - place Type "D" (as per design plans) sand backfill material in layers not to exceed six (6) inches compacted measurement. Compact with mechanical tampers to a dry density of at least 95% of maximum density as determined by ASTM Standard D698, latest revision. Each layer, before compaction, shall be leveled and evenly distributed on both sides of the pipe so as not to disturb, displace or damage the water or sewer line in any way. When the material does not contain sufficient moisture to obtain thorough compaction, it shall be moistened or wetted as directed by the Utility Owner.
2. Class "B" Mechanical Compaction. Trench under unimproved roadways, unsurfaced road shoulders, unimproved driveways and under turfed or seeded lawn areas - place Type "E" (as per design plans) excavated material in backfill layers not to exceed twelve (12) inches loose measurement. Compact with mechanical tampers to at least 90% of maximum density as determined by ASTM Standard D698, latest revision. Each layer, before compaction, shall be leveled and evenly distributed on both sides of the pipe so as not to disturb, displace or damage the water or sewer line in any way. When the material does not contain sufficient moisture to obtain thorough compaction, it shall be moistened or wetted as directed by the Utility Owner.

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- K. SPECIAL BACKFILL CONDITIONS - The trenches need not be completely backfilled until all required pressure and leakage tests are performed and until the utilities system as installed conform to the requirements specified.

Trenches improperly backfilled shall be reopened to the depth required for proper compaction, and refilled and compacted as specified, or the condition shall be otherwise corrected as permitted by the Owner. The surface shall be restored to its original condition as nearly as practicable and as hereinafter specified. Immediately after the pipe, or utility lines, is bedded and joined, as indicated on the drawings or specified, the backfill material shall be deposited within the pipe zone in uniform layers not to exceed six (6) inches and at the proper moisture content. The layers shall be compacted with mechanical hand tampers or other approved equipment to the density herein specified. The backfill shall rise the same on each side of the pipe and coincidentally be tamped in layers until there is a cover of 12 inches over the top of the pipe. Walking or working over the pipe will not be permitted until the trench is backfilled to 12 inches above the pipe.

Where pavement on a State Highway or other system roadway is cut, final backfill material and pavement shall be replaced in accordance with Texas Department of Transportation requirements.

Where pavement is cut in locations other than State Highways, whether gravel topping or hard surfaced, the surfacing shall be restored to its original finish and in equal condition and quantities as found at the beginning of construction. Trenches on hard surfaced roads and State Highways shall be backfilled to a density of 95% as determined by the American Association of State Highway Officials Method T99 for compaction and density of soils.

Successful Contractor shall determine all requirements of various controlling agencies in connection with backfilling, pavement replacement and general construction before starting construction.

In traffic areas including individual driveways, Contractor shall restore traffic surfaces to usable condition immediately upon completion of pipe installation. In such locations, Owner will rely upon hydrostatic test to determine acceptability of construction. All excess dirt from all construction work shall be disposed of promptly by Contractor, either by hauling or at directions of Owner.

- L. Place trench dams in Class I embedments in line segments longer than 100 feet between manholes, and not less than one in every 500 feet of pipe placed. Install additional dams as needed to achieve workable construction conditions. Do not place trench dams closer than 5 feet from manholes.

3.9 TRENCH ZONE BACKFILL PLACEMENT AND COMPACTION

- A. Place backfill for pipe or conduits and restore surface as soon as practicable. Leave only the minimum length of trench open as necessary for construction.
- B. Where damage to completed pipe installation work is likely to result from withdrawal of sheeting, leave the sheeting in place. Cut off sheeting 1.5 feet or more above the crown of the pipe. Remove trench supports within 5 feet from the ground surface.

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- C. For water and sewer lines, backfill in trench zone, including auger pits, as per the design plans and section 3.8.J.
 - D. When shown on Drawings, a random backfill of suitable material may be used in trench zone for trench excavations outside pavements.
 - E. Backfill materials shall be placed in uniform layers and compacted to percentage of density hereinafter specified. Moisture shall be controlled between optimum and 2 percentage points over. Methods to secure optimum moisture content shall be Contractor's responsibility. Compacting equipment and method of compaction shall be the responsibility of Contractor and shall be such that uniform density will be obtained over entire area and depth of material being compacted. Fill material shall be thoroughly broken up before being spread into uniform layers.

Backfill not otherwise specified shall be compacted to at least 95% of maximum density as determined by ASTM Specification D698.

- F. For trench excavations outside pavements, a random backfill of suitable material may be used in the trench zone.
 - 1. Fat clays (CH) may be used as trench zone backfill outside paved areas at the Contractor's option. If the required density is not achieved, the Contractor, at his option and at no additional cost to the Owner, may use lime stabilization to achieve compaction requirements or use a different suitable material.
 - 2. Maximum 9-inch compacted lift thickness for clayey soils and maximum 12-inch lift thickness for granular soils.
 - 3. Compact to a minimum of 90 percent of the maximum dry density determined according to ASTM D 698.
 - 4. Moisture content as necessary to achieve density.
- G. For electric conduits, remove formwork used for construction of conduits before placing trench zone backfill.

3.10 MANHOLES, JUNCTION BOXES, AND OTHER PIPELINE STRUCTURES

- A. Meet the requirements of adjoining utility installations for backfill of pipeline structures, as shown on the Drawings.

3.11 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Test for material source qualifications as defined in Section 31 06 20.16 - Utility Backfill Materials.

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- B. Provide excavation and trench safety systems at locations and to depths required for testing and retesting during construction at no additional cost to Owner.
 - C. Tests will be performed on a minimum of three different samples of each material type for plasticity characteristics, in accordance with ASTM D 4318, and for gradation characteristics, in accordance with Tex-101-E and Tex-110-E. Additional classification tests will be performed whenever there is a noticeable change in material gradation or plasticity.
 - D. At least three tests for moisture-density relationships will be performed initially for backfill materials in accordance with ASTM D 698, and for cement- stabilized sand in accordance with ASTM D 558. Additional moisture-density relationship tests will be performed whenever there is a noticeable change in material gradation or plasticity.
 - E. In-place density tests of compacted pipe foundation, embedment and trench zone backfill soil materials will be performed according to ASTM D 1556, or ASTM D 2922 and ASTM D 3017, and at the following frequencies and conditions.
 - 1. A minimum of one test for every 20 cubic yards of compacted embedment and for every 50 cubic yards of compacted trench zone backfill material.
 - 2. A minimum of three density tests for each full shift of Work.
 - 3. Density tests will be distributed among the placement areas. Placement areas are: foundation, bedding, haunching, initial backfill and trench zone.
 - 4. The number of tests will be increased if inspection determines that soil type or moisture content are not uniform or if compacting effort is variable and not considered sufficient to attain uniform density, as specified.
 - 5. Density tests may be performed at various depths below the fill surface by pit excavation. Material in previously placed lifts may therefore be subject to acceptance/rejection.
 - 6. Two verification tests will be performed adjacent to in-place tests showing density less than the acceptance criteria. Placement will be rejected unless both verification tests show acceptable results.
 - 7. Recompact placement will be retested at the same frequency as the first test series, including verification tests.
 - F. Recondition, recompact, and retest at Contractor's expense if tests indicate Work does not meet specified compaction requirements. For hardened soil cement with nonconforming density, core and test for compressive strength at Contractor's expense.
 - G. Acceptability of crushed rock compaction will be determined by inspection.
 - H. Determination of density of backfill, shall be made in conformance with the requirements of ASTM D2922, ASTM D1556 or ASTM D2167.

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- I. Determination of density of cohesionless material shall be made in accordance with ASTM D2049. Relative density of 75% shall be considered as satisfactory for cohesionless material.
 - J. Testing shall be performed by a soil consultant employed by the Owner and at no expense to the Contractor to test compaction of backfill material. When soil tests indicate densities less than those specified by this section, the material shall be recompacted and tested at the Contractor's expense.

3.12 DISPOSAL OF EXCESS MATERIAL

- A. Dispose of excess materials in accordance with all applicable local and state regulations and as required in the contract documents.
- B. The Contractor shall restore or replace all removed or damaged paving, curbing sidewalks, gutters, shrubbery, fences, sod, or other disturbed surfaces of structures in a condition equal to that before the work began and to the satisfaction of the Owner and shall furnish all labor and material incidental thereto, in restoring improved surfaces, new pavement shall be laid. No permanent surface shall be placed within 30 days after the backfilling has been completed, except by order of the Owner.
- C. Surplus pipeline material, tools and temporary structures shall be removed by the Contractor. All dirt, rubbish, and excess earth from excavations shall be hauled to a dump provided by the Contractor, and the construction site shall be left clean, to the satisfaction of the Owner.

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SECTION 31 41 33 - TRENCH SAFETY SYSTEMS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Trench safety system for the construction of trench excavations.
- B. Trench safety system for structural excavations which fall under provisions of State and Federal trench safety laws.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

- A. Payment for this item shall be made on a lump sum basis and shall cover an approved trench safety system plan prepared and sealed by a Texas licensed professional engineer and as per OSHA 29CFR. Costs associated with any changes or revisions to the Contractor's Trench Safety Plan shall be borne on by the Contractor.
- B. Payment for trench safety systems used on trench excavations of greater than 5-foot depth is on a linear foot basis measured along the centerline of the trench.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. A trench shall be defined as a narrow excavation (in relation to its depth) made below the surface of the ground. In general, the depth is greater than the width, but the width of a trench (measured at the bottom) is not greater than 15 feet.
- B. The trench safety system requirements will apply to larger open excavations if the erection of structures or other installations limits the space between the excavation slope and these installation to dimensions equivalent of a trench as defined.
- C. Trench Safety Systems include but are not limited to sloping, sheeting, trench boxes or trench shields, sheet piling, cribbing, bracing, shoring, dewatering or diversion of water to provide adequate drainage.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submittals shall conform to requirements of Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures.
- B. Submit a safety program specifically for the construction of trench excavation. Design the trench safety program to be in accordance with OSHA 29CFR standards governing the presence and activities of individuals working in and around trench excavations.
- C. Construction and shop drawings containing deviations from OSHA standards or special designs shall be sealed by a licensed Engineer retained and paid by the Contractor.

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- D. Review of the safety program by the Owner or Engineer will only be regarding compliance with this specification and will not constitute approval by the Owner or Engineer nor relieve Contractor of obligations under State and Federal trench safety laws.

1.5 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Install and maintain trench safety systems in accordance with the detail specifications set out in the provision of Excavations, Trenching, and Shoring, Federal Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards, 29CFR, Part 1926, Subpart P, as amended, including Final Rule, published in the Federal Register Vol. 54, No. 209 on Tuesday, October 31, 1989. The sections that are incorporated into these specifications by reference include Sections 1926-650 through 1926-652.
- B. A reproduction of the OSHA standards included in "Subpart P - Excavations" from the Federal Register Vol. 54, No. 209 is available upon request to Contractors bidding on City projects. The City assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of the reproduction. The Contractor is responsible for obtaining a copy of this section of the Federal Register.
- C. Legislation that has been enacted by the Texas Legislature regarding Trench Safety Systems, is hereby incorporated, by reference, into these specifications. Refer to Texas Health and Safety Code Ann., §756.021 (Vernon 1991).

1.6 INDEMNIFICATION

- A. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, Engineer and their employees and agents, from any and all damages, costs (including, without limitation, legal fees, court costs, and the cost of investigation), judgements or claims by anyone for injury or death of persons resulting from the collapse or failure of trenches constructed under this Contract.
- B. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that this indemnity provision provides indemnity for the Owner and Engineer in case the Owner or Engineer are negligent either by act or omission in providing for trench safety, including, but not limited to safety program and design reviews, inspections, failures to issue stop work orders, and the hiring of the Contractor.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS – [NOT USED]

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Install and maintain trench safety systems in accordance with provisions of OSHA 29CFR.
- B. Install specially designed trench safety systems in accordance with the Contractor's trench excavation safety program for the locations and conditions identified in the program.

- C. A competent person, as identified in the Contractor's Trench Safety Program, shall verify that trench boxes and other pre-manufactured systems are certified for the actual installation conditions.

3.2 INSPECTION

- A. Contractor, or Contractor's independently retained consultant, shall make daily inspections of the trench safety systems to ensure that the installed systems and operations meet OSHA 29CFR and other personnel protection regulations requirements.
- B. If evidence of possible cave-ins or slides is apparent, Contractor shall immediately stop work in the trench and move personnel to safe locations until the necessary precautions have been taken by Contractor to safeguard personnel entering the trench.
- C. Maintain a permanent record of daily inspections.

3.3 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Contractor shall verify specific applicability of the selected or specially designed trench safety systems to each field condition encountered on the project.

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SECTION 32 01 00 - PAVEMENT REPAIR AND RESURFACING

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Repairing and resurfacing streets, highways, driveways, sidewalks, and other pavements that have been cut, broken, or otherwise damaged during construction.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

- A. No separate payment will be made for work performed under this Section. Include cost of such work in Contract unit prices for items listed in bid form requiring pavement repair and resurfacing.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

- A. Subgrade:
 - 1. Provide backfill material as required by applicable excavation and fill sections
 - 2. Provide material for stabilization as required by applicable portions of Section 32 11 13.13 - Lime Treatment of Subgrade.
- B. Base: Provide base material as required by applicable portions of Section 32 11 23 - Crushed Limestone Flexible Base.
- C. Pavement: Provide paving materials as required by applicable portions of Section 32 12 16.13 – Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Pavement or 32 16 00 - Concrete Curb and Gutter, Driveways and Sidewalk.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Conform to requirement of Section 02 41 13.13 - Removing Existing Pavements and Structures, for removals.
- B. Saw cut pavement 18 inches wider than width of trench needed to install utilities unless otherwise indicated on Drawings.
- C. Protect edges of existing pavement to remain from damage during removals, utility placement, backfill, and paving operations. For concrete pavement, leave and protect minimum of 18 inches of undisturbed subgrade on each side of trench to support replacement slab.

3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. Parking Areas, Service Drives, Driveways, and Sidewalks: Replace with material equal to or better than existing or as indicated on Drawings. Conform to applicable requirements of sections referenced in Paragraph 2.01, Materials.
- B. Street Pavements and Curbs, Curbs and Gutters: Replace subgrade, base, and surface course with like materials or as indicated on Drawings. Curbs and curbs and gutters shall match existing. Conform to requirements of sections referenced in Paragraph 2.01, Materials.
- C. For concrete pavement, install size and length of reinforcing steel and pavement thickness indicated on Drawings. Place types and spacing of joints to match existing or as indicated on Drawings.
- D. Where existing pavement consists of concrete pavement with asphaltic surfacing, resurface with minimum 2-inch depth asphaltic pavement.
- E. Repair State highway crossings in accordance with TxDOT permit and within 1 week after utility work is installed.

3.3 WASTE MATERIAL DISPOSAL

- A. Dispose of waste material in accordance with local and state laws and the responsibility of the Contractor.

3.4 PROTECTION

- A. Maintain pavement in good condition until completion of the Work.
- B. Replace damaged pavement.

END OF SECTION

SECTION 32 11 23 – FLEXIBLE BASE - CRUSHED LIMESTONE

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This item shall govern the materials, placement compaction of Crushed Limestone Base to the lines and grades that are shown on the construction drawings. Crushed Limestone Base thickness for various pavement types are shown on the plans.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

A. Unit Prices

1. Payment for crushed limestone flexible base is on a square yard basis at the thickness shown in the design plans.

1.3 MATERIAL

- A. The flexible base shall be Type A Grade 1 in accordance with the most recent version of the Texas Department of Transportation "Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges", Item 247 and meeting in the following requirements:
- B. Triaxial Class 1: Min. compressive strength, 45 at 0 psi lateral pressure and 175 at 15 psi lateral pressure.

<u>RETAINED ON SQUARE SIEVE NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT RETAINED</u>
1-3/4" (44 mm)	0
7/8" (22.23 mm)	10-35
3/8" (9.5 mm)	30-50
NUMBER 4 (4.75 mm)	45-65
NUMBER 40 (0.425mm)	70-85

- C. Material passing the Number 40 Sieve shall be known as "Binder Materials" and shall meet the following requirements:

Maximum Liquid Limits (L.L)	=	35
Maximum Plasticity Index (P.I.)	=	10
Wet Ball Mill (max)	=	40
California Bearing Ratio (min.)	=	100

- D. All aggregate retained on the Number 10 Sieve shall be comprised of only crushed limestone.
- E. The Contractor shall not place crushed limestone on the road bed until the Engineer has accepted the shaped and compacted subgrade.

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- F. The Contractor must maintain the roadbed free of holes, ruts and depressions and in condition to receive the crushed limestone.
 - G. The Contractor upon request shall provide certification that the material supplied meets the above requirements prior to delivery to the job site. Samples for testing of the material must be taken prior to the compaction operations.

1.4 CONSTRUCTION METHODS

- A. The flexible base material shall be placed on the approved subgrade in courses not to exceed six (6) inches compacted depth. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor that the required amount of material be delivered and uniformly spread and shaped. All material has been cut into the windrows, it shall be sprinkled, spread, shaped, and rolled in proper sequence to prevent segregation and as necessary for required compaction.
- B. The surface on completion shall be smooth and in conformity with typical sections and to the established lines and grades. Any deviation in excess of 1/4 inch in cross-section and in length of 16 feet measured longitudinally shall be corrected.
- C. Flexible base shall be compacted to an apparent dry density of not less than 98 percent of the maximum dry density as determined in accordance with ASTM Test method D698 (Standard Proctor). Tests for density will be made within 24 hours after compaction operations are completed. If the material fails to meet the density specified, it shall be reworked as necessary to meet the density required. Prior to placing any succeeding course of flexible base or surfacing on a previously completed course the density and moisture of the top three (3) inches of flexible base shall be checked and if the tests show the density to be more than 2 percent below the specified compaction and moisture content, it shall be reworked as necessary the density and moisture required.
- D. The first density and depth test at a specific location will be made by commercial testing laboratory, in accordance with 01 45 29, designated by the Owner and said tests shall be paid for the Owner. If the test fails, all other tests at the location shall be paid for by the Contractor, by deducting from the final payment.

END OF SECTION 32 11 23

SECTION 32 12 13.19 - PRIME COAT

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. "Prime Coat" shall consist of an application of asphaltic material on the completed base course and/or other approved areas in accordance with these specifications as directed by the Inspector.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

A. Unit Prices

- 1. No separate payment will be made for work performed under this Section. Include cost of such work in Contract unit prices for items listed in bid form requiring prime coat.

1.3 MATERIALS

- A. The asphalt material for prime coat shall meet the requirement for Cut-Back Asphalt, MC-30, Item 300, "Asphalt, Oils, and Emulsions" of the most recent version of the Texas Department of Transportation "Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges".

1.4 CONSTRUCTION METHODS

- A. When, in the opinion of the Owner, the area and/or base is satisfactory to receive the prime coat, the surface shall be cleaned by sweeping or other approved methods as directed by the Owner. If directed by the Owner, the surface shall be lightly sprinkled with water just prior to application of the asphaltic material. The asphaltic material shall be applied on the clean surface by an approved distributor at a rate of 0.2 gallons per square yard of surface, evenly, and smoothly, under a pressure necessary for proper distribution. During the application of prime coat, care shall be taken to prevent splattering of adjacent pavement, curb and gutter or structures.
- B. Prime coat shall not be applied when the air temperature is below 60°F and falling, but may be applied when the air temperature is about 50°F and is rising; the air temperature being taken in the shade and away from artificial heat. Asphaltic material shall not be placed when general weather conditions, in the opinion of the Inspector, are not suitable.

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Section 32 12 16.13 - HOT MIX ASPHALTIC CONCRETE PAVEMENT

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This item shall consist of a base course, a leveling-up course, a surface course, or any combination of these courses as shown on the plans, each to be composed of a compacted mixture of mineral aggregate and asphaltic material.
- B. The pavement shall be constructed on the previously completed and approved subgrade, base, existing pavement, bituminous surface or in the case of a bridge, on the prepared floor slab, as herein specified and in accordance with the details shown on the plans.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

A. Unit Prices

- 1. Payment for crushed limestone flexible base is on a square yard basis at the thickness shown in the design plans.

1.3 MATERIAL

- A. Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete, Type "D" (Fine graded surface course) (Modified). The hot mix asphaltic concrete shall conform to the requirements of the Texas State Department of Highway & Special Provisions 340-115, with anti-stripping agent in accordance with Special Specifications Item 3373. The successful bidder shall submit a project specific asphalt mix design within thirty (30) days prior to installation the supplier demonstrating that the hot mix asphaltic concrete to be used meets these specifications. The asphalt to be used shall be A.C. 20. Special Modifications to Standard Specification Item 2\340, for this project are as follows:
 - 1. Asphalt Content. Asphaltic Material (AC-20) shall form from 5.0 to 8.0 percent of the mixture by weight.
 - 2. Retained Stability. The paving mixture shall have a retained stability of not less than 70 percent when tested in accordance with ASTM Standard Procedure D1075.
 - 3. Hveem Stability. Hveem stability shall not be less than 30.
 - 4. Aggregate retained on No. 10 Sieve shall be 100% Crushed Limestone.

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- B. Tack Coat. "Tack Coat" shall consist of an application of asphaltic material on the existing pavement in accordance with these specifications as directed by the Owner. The asphalt material for tack coat shall meet the requirement for Cut-Back Asphalt, RC-250, Item 300, "Asphalt, Oils, and Emulsions" of the most recent version of the Texas Department of Transportation "Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges".
 - C. "Prime Coat" shall consist of an application of asphaltic material on the completed base course and/or other approved areas in accordance with these specifications as directed by the Owner. The asphalt material for prime coat shall meet the requirement for Cut-Back Asphalt, MC-30, Item 300, "Asphalt, Oils, and Emulsions" of the most recent version of the Texas Department of Transportation "Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges".

1.4 CONSTRUCTION METHODS

- A. For Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Pavement being placed on Flexible Base Material: When the area and/or base is satisfactory to receive the prime coat, the surface shall be cleaned by sweeping or other approved methods as directed by the Owner. If directed by the Owner, the surface shall be lightly sprinkled with water just prior to application of the asphaltic material. The asphaltic material shall be applied on the clean surface by an approved distributor at a rate of 0.2 gallons per square yard of surface, evenly, and smoothly, under a pressure necessary for proper distribution.
- B. For Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Pavement being placed on Existing HMAC Material: When the existing pavement is satisfactory to receive the tack coat, the surface shall be cleaned by sweeping or other approved methods as directed by the Owner. The asphaltic material shall be applied on the clean surface by an approved distributor at a rate not to exceed 0.11 or below 0.05 gallons per square yard of surface, evenly, and smoothly, under a pressure necessary for proper distribution.
- C. During the application of Prime and Tack coat, care shall be taken to prevent splattering of adjacent curb and gutter or structures. Prime and Tack coat shall not be applied when the air temperature is below 60°F and falling but may be applied when the air temperature is about 50°F and is rising; the air temperature being taken in the shade and away from artificial heat. Asphaltic material shall not be placed when general weather conditions, in the opinion of the Owner, are not suitable.
- D. Construction methods used in Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Pavement shall meet the requirements as set forth in Item 340 "Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Pavement" of the most recent version of the Texas Department of Transportation "Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges", with the following additions:

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- E. If the temperature of the asphaltic mixture of a load or any part of a load becomes less than 225°F or more than 350°F after being dumped from the mixer and prior to passing through the lay-down machine, all or any part of the load may be rejected.
1. **Transporting Asphaltic Concrete.** The asphaltic mixture, prepared as specified above, shall be hauled to the work in tight vehicles previously cleaned of all foreign material. The dispatching of the vehicles shall be arranged so that all material delivered may be places, and all rolling shall be completed during daylight hours. In cool weather or for long hauls, canvas covers and insulating of the truck bodies may be required. The inside of the truck body may be given a light coating of oil, lime slurry, or other material satisfactory to the Engineer, if necessary, to prevent mixture from adhering to the body.
- F. **Placing**
1. Generally, the asphaltic mixture shall be dumped and spread on the approved prepared surface with specified spreading and finishing machine, in such manner that when properly compact the finished pavement will be smooth, of uniform density and will meet the requirements of the typical cross sections and the surface tests. During the application of asphaltic material, care shall be taken to prevent splattering of adjacent pavement, curb, gutter and structures.
 2. In placing a level-up course with the spreading and finishing machine, binder twine or cord shall be set to line and grade established by the Engineer. If approved by the Engineer, level-up courses may be spread with a motor grader.
 3. When the asphaltic mixture is placed in a narrow strip along the edge of an existing pavement, or used to level up small areas of an existing pavement or placed in small irregular areas where the use of a finishing machine is not practical, the finishing machine may be eliminated when authorized by the Engineer, provided a satisfactory surface can be obtained by other approved methods.
 4. **Flush Structures.** Adjacent to flush curbs, gutters, liners, and structures, the surface shall be finished uniformly high so that when compacted it will be slightly above the edge of the curb or flush structure.
 5. **Conditions for Placement.** The asphaltic mixture when placed with a spreading and finishing machine, shall not be placed when the air temperature is below 50°F and is falling, but it may be when the air temperature is above 50°F and is rising. The air temperature shall be taken in the shade away from artificial heat. It is further provided that the asphaltic mixture shall be placed only when the humidity, general weather conditions, and temperature and moisture conditions of the base, in the opinion of the Engineer, are suitable.

G. Compacting

1. It is recommended that the contractor use a control strip shown in Tex-207-F, Part IV, on the first day of production to establish the rolling pattern that will produce the desired density. The costs associated with these services shall borne on by the Contractor.
2. Rolling with the three wheel and tandem rollers shall start longitudinally at the sides and proceed toward the center of the pavement, overlapping on successive trips by at least half the width of the rear wheel unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. Alternative trips of the roller shall be slightly different in length. On super-elevated curves, rolling shall begin at the low side and progress toward the high side unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. Rolling with pneumatic-tire roller shall be done as needed. Rolling shall be continued until no further compression can be obtained and all roller makers are eliminated. One tandem roller, one pneumatic-tire roller and at least one three-wheel roller as specified above shall be provided for each job. If the Contractor elects, he may substitute the three-axle tandem roller for the two-axle tandem roller and/or the three when roller; but in no case shall less than three rollers be in use on each job. Additional rollers shall be provided if needed. The motion of the roller shall always be slow enough to avoid displacement of the mixture. If any displacement occurs, it shall be corrected at once using rakes and of fresh mixtures when required. The roller shall not be allowed to stand on pavement which has not been fully compacted. To prevent adhesion of the surface mixture to the roller, the wheels shall be kept thoroughly moistened with water, but an excess of water will not be permitted. All rollers must be in good mechanical condition. Necessary precautions shall be taken to prevent the dropping of gasoline, oil, grease, or other foreign matter on the pavement, either when the rollers are in operation or when standing.

In lieu of the rolling equipment specified, the Contractor may, upon written permission from the Engineer, operate other compacting equipment that will produce equivalent relative compaction as the specified equipment. If the substituted compaction equipment fails to produce the desired compaction as would be expected of the specified equipment, as determined by the Engineer, its use shall be discontinued.

3. Hand Tamping. The edges of the pavement along curbs, headers, and similar structures, and all places not accessible to the roller, or in such positions as will not allow thorough compaction may be compacted using lightly oiled tamps.

- ### H. Opening to Traffic.
- The pavement shall be opened to traffic when directed by the Engineer. The Contractor's attention is directed to the fact that all construction traffic allowed on pavement open to public will be subject to the laws governing traffic on Public Roads and Streets.

If the surface ravels or presents a rough appearance, it will be the Contractor's responsibility to correct this condition at his expense. A fog seal and/or sand seal will be applied.

I. Density Test. Acceptance Sampling and Testing of Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete (Compaction):

Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete will be accepted for density on a lot basis. A lot will consist of 500 feet of one paving street. One test shall be made for each lot.

Each lot of pavement will be accepted, with respect to density, when the average field density is equal to or greater than 92% of the average maximum theoretical density as determined in accordance with Tex-207-F, and when no individual determination is less than 90% of the average maximum theoretical density. Four field density determinations will be made for each lot. The number of tests will be determined by this specification or by request of the engineer. An asphalt sample specimen shall be provided to the testing laboratory for determining the maximum theoretical density. If heating is necessary, the specimen shall be heated to the lowest temperatures required for proper preparation of the sample.

**SLIDING SCALE PAY FACTORS
(DENSITY BASED ON PERCENT OF MAXIMUM THEORETICAL)**

AVERAGE PERCENT DENSITY PAYMENT	RECOMMENDED PERCENT
92% or Above	100 *
90.0 - 91.9	90 **
Below 90.0	Reject ***

* Average of 4 samples

** If the Owner agrees to accept densities between 90.0-91.9% a seal coat will be required at the costs of the contractor.

*** If the Owner agrees to accept densities below 90.0%, the pay factor for density shall be 50%.

J. Surface Tests. Tests for conformity with the specified crowns and grade shall be made by the Contractor immediately after final rolling. Any variation exceeding the specified tolerances shall immediately be corrected by removing the defective work and replacing with new material, as directed by the Engineer. Any correction required shall be at the sole expense of the Contractor.

For surface course, the finished surface shall not vary more than 1/4 inch (6.3mm), when tested with a 16-foot straightedge applied parallel with, or at right angles to, the centerline.

The finished surfaces of hot mix asphaltic concrete shall not vary from the gradeline, elevations and cross sections shown on the plans by more than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm). The Contractor shall correct pavement areas varying in excess of this amount by removing and replacing the defective work. Skin patching shall not be permitted for correction of low areas nor shall be permitted for correction of high areas.

- K. Sampling Pavement. Samples for determination of thickness and density of completed pavements shall be obtained by the Owner. The size, number, and locations of the samples will be as directed by the Engineer.

All tests necessary to determine conformance with the specified requirements will be performed without cost to the Contractor; however, any required retests shall be performed at the Contractor's cost.

Upon delivery of the Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete to the site, the Owner will hire a reputable commercial testing laboratory to sample the material and run laboratory tests to verify that the mixture conforms to project specifications (Gradation, Extraction, Hveem Stability and Retained Stability).

END OF SECTION

SECTION 32 13 13 - CONCRETE PAVEMENT AND FLAT WORK

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This specification covers the requirements for concrete pavement, valley gutters, sidewalks, driveways, curbs and gutters, and handicap ramps. Concrete shall be composed of portland cement concrete and shall be placed in accordance with the lines and grades established by the Engineer and in conformance with the details shown on the plans.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

A. Unit Prices

1. Payment for concrete pavement is on a square foot basis at the thickness shown in the design plans.
2. Payment for concrete valley gutters is on a square foot basis at the thickness shown in the design plans.
3. Payment for sidewalks is on a square foot basis at the thickness shown in the design plans.
4. Payment for curb and gutters is on a linear foot basis at the thickness shown in the design plans. Measurement shall occur along the face of the curb at the gutter line regardless of each cross section.
5. Payment for driveways is on a square foot basis at the thickness shown in the design plans.
6. Payment for handicap ramps is on a per unit basis, regardless of the ramp type installed, as shown in the design plans. Detectable warning systems shall be included in the unit costs of the handicap ramp.

1.3 PRODUCTS

- A. SAND BEDDING: Bedding material shall be placed over approved, limed subgrade, as specified in the drawing details. Sand shall be Bank Run Sand or River Sand, as follows: Durable bank run sand classified as SP, SW, or SM by the Unified Soil Classification System (ASTM D 2487) meeting the following requirements:

1. Less than 15 percent passing the number 200 sieve when tested in accordance with ASTM D 1140. The amount of clay lumps or balls not exceeding 2 percent.

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2. Material passing the number 40 sieve shall meet the following requirements when tested in accordance with ASTM D 4318:

- a. Liquid limit: not exceeding 25 percent.
- b. Plasticity index: not exceeding 7.

Contractor shall provide reports to the Owner and the Engineer from an independent testing laboratory that backfill materials to be placed in the Work meet applicable specification requirements. Contractor shall assist Owner, Owner's representative and Testing Lab in obtaining samples, from the delivered materials, for verification testing.

- B. **CONCRETE:** Concrete shall conform to the details in the plans except as otherwise specified. Concrete shall have a minimum compressive strength of 3000 psi at 28 days or as shown in the design plans. Maximum size of aggregate shall be 1-1/2 inches. In climates where freezing is not a factor but where air entrainment is used in local commercial practice to improve the workability and place ability of concrete, concrete having air content percent of 4-1/2 plus or minus 1-1/2 percent may be specified as Contractor's option to non air-entrained concrete. Mixtures may have air content by volume of concrete of 5 to 7 percent, based on measurements made immediately after discharge from the mixer. The desired slump will be inserted. Suggested limits are 3 inches plus or minus 1 inch for hand placed concrete or for slip formed concrete. The concrete slump shall be 3 inches where determined in accordance with ASTM C 143.
- C. **REINFORCING STEEL:** Provide Grade 60 deformed steel for bar reinforcement in accordance with TXDOT Item 440, "Reinforcing Steel." Provide approved positioning and supporting devices (baskets and chairs) capable of securing and holding the reinforcing steel in proper position before and during paving. Provide corrosion protection when shown on the plans.
- D. **DOWELS:** Provide smooth, straight dowels of the size shown on the plans, free of burrs, and conforming to the requirements of Item 440, "Reinforcing Steel." Coat dowels with a thin film of grease or other approved de-bonding material. Provide dowel caps on the lubricated end of each dowel bar used in an expansion joint. Provide dowel caps filled with a soft compressible material with enough range of movement to allow complete closure of the expansion joint.
- E. **Tie Bars.** Provide straight deformed steel tie bars. Provide either multiple-piece tie bars or single-piece tie bars as shown on the plans. Provide multiple-piece tie bars composed of 2 pieces of deformed reinforcing steel with a coupling capable of developing a minimum tensile strength of 125% of the design yield strength of the deformed steel when tensile-tested in the assembled configuration. Provide a minimum length of 33 diameters of the deformed steel in each piece. Use multiple-piece tie bars from the list of "Prequalified Multiple Piece Tie Bar Producers" maintained by the Construction Division, or submit samples for testing in accordance with Tex-711-I.

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- F. Joint Filler Strips and Sealants: Expansion Joints shall be located at maximum 40 foot spacing. Expansion joint filler shall consist of hard-pressed fiberboard. Joint sealant, cold applied self-leveling shall be a premium grade polyurethane sealant (gray in color) or equal approved by the Engineer.

1.4 CONSTRUCTION METHODS

- A. Placing During Warm Weather: The air temperature of the concrete as placed shall not exceed 95 degrees F except where an approved retarder is used. The mixing water and/or aggregates shall be cooled, if necessary, to maintain a satisfactory placing temperature. In no case shall the placing air temperature exceed 100 degrees F.
- B. FORM WORK: Form work shall be designed and constructed to ensure that the finished concrete will conform accurately to the indicated dimensions, lines, and elevations, and within the tolerances specified. Forms shall be of wood or steel, straight, of sufficient strength to resist springing during depositing and consolidating concrete. Wood forms shall be surfaced plank, 2-inch nominal thickness, straight and free from warp, twist, loose knots, splits or other defects. Wood forms shall have a nominal length of 10 -12 feet. Radius bends may be formed with 3/4-inch boards, laminated to the required thickness. Steel forms shall be channel-formed sections with a flat top surface and with welded braces at each end and at not less than two intermediate points. Ends of steel forms shall be interlocking and self-aligning. Steel forms shall include flexible forms for radius forming, corner forms, form spreaders, and fillers. Steel forms shall have a nominal length of 10 feet with a minimum of two welded stake pockets per form. Stake pins shall be solid steel rods with chamfered heads and pointed tips designed for use with steel forms.
- C. FORM SETTING: Forms shall be carefully set to the indicated alignment, grade and dimensions. Forms shall be held rigidly in place by a minimum of three stakes per form placed at intervals not to exceed 4 feet. Corners, deep sections, and radius bends shall have additional stakes and braces, as required. Clamps, spreaders, and braces shall be used where required to insure rigidity in the forms. Forms shall be removed without injuring the concrete. Bars or heavy tools shall not be used against the concrete in removing the forms. Any concrete found defective after form removal shall be promptly and satisfactorily repaired. Forms shall be cleaned and coated with form oil each time before concrete is placed. Wood forms may, instead, be thoroughly wetted with water before concrete is placed, except that with probable freezing temperatures, oiling is mandatory. Forms for sidewalks shall be set with the upper edge true to line and grade with an allowable tolerance of 1/8 inch in any 10-foot long section. After forms are set, grade and alignment shall be checked with a 10-foot straightedge. Forms shall have a transverse slope [as indicated] 1/4-inch per foot with the low side adjacent to the roadway. Side forms shall not be removed for 18 hours after finishing has been completed.

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- D. **CONCRETE PLACEMENT AND FINISHING:** Concrete shall be placed in the forms in one layer of such thickness that when consolidated and finished the sidewalks will be of the thickness indicated. After concrete has been placed in the forms, a strike-off guided by side forms shall be used to bring the surface to proper section to be compacted. The concrete shall be consolidated with an approved vibrator, and the surface shall be finished to grade with a wood float, bull float, or darby, edged and broom finished. After straight edging, when most of the water sheen has disappeared, and just before the concrete hardens, the surface shall be finished to a smooth and uniformly fine granular or sandy texture free of waves, irregularities, or tool marks. A scored surface shall be produced by brooming with a fiber-bristle brush in a direction perpendicular to that of the traffic. All slab edges, including those at formed joints, shall be finished carefully with an edger having a radius of 1/8 inch. Transverse joint shall be edged before brooming, and the brooming shall eliminate the flat surface left by the surface face of the edger. Corners and edges which have crumbled and areas which lack sufficient mortar for proper finishing shall be cleaned and filled solidly with a properly proportioned mortar mixture and then finished. All slab edges, including those at formed joints, shall be sealed with a rubberized asphalt sealant to control water damage to the subgrade and control of weed and grass growth in the edges and joints.
- E. **Tolerances:** Finished surfaces shall not vary more than 1/4 inch from the testing edge of a 10-foot straightedge. Permissible deficiency in section thickness will be up to 1/4 inch.
- A. **Joints:** Expansion, contraction and sawed joints shall be installed in accordance with Section 32 13 73 – Concrete Paving Joints and Sealants.
- F. **CURING AND PROTECTION:** Concrete shall be protected against loss of moisture and rapid temperature changes for at least 7 days from the beginning of the curing operation. Unhardened concrete shall be protected from rain and flowing water. All equipment needed for adequate curing and protection of the concrete shall be on hand and ready for use before actual concrete placement begins. Protection shall be provided as necessary to prevent cracking of the pavement due to temperature changes during the curing period.
- G. **Protection:** Completed concrete shall be protected from damage until accepted. The Contractor shall repair damaged concrete and clean concrete discolored during construction. Concrete that is damaged shall be removed and reconstructed for the entire length between regularly scheduled joints. Refinishing the damaged portion will not be acceptable. Removed damaged portions shall be disposed of as directed.
- H. **FIELD QUALITY CONTROL:** The Contractor shall perform the inspection and tests described and meet the specified requirements for inspection details and frequency of testing. Based upon the results of these inspections and tests, the Contractor shall take the action and submit reports as required below, and any additional tests to ensure that the requirements of these specifications are met.

- I. **Strength Testing:** The Contractor shall provide molded concrete specimens for strength tests. Samples of concrete placed each day shall be taken not less than once a day nor less than once for every 150 cubic yards of concrete. The samples for strength tests shall be taken in accordance with ASTM C 172. Cylinders for acceptance shall be molded in conformance with ASTM C 31 by an approved testing laboratory. Each strength test result shall be the average of two test cylinders from the same concrete sample tested at 28 days, unless otherwise specified or approved. At least one concrete cylinder should be made to determine an early 7-day strength so further construction can be conducted. Concrete specified on the basis of compressive strength will be considered satisfactory if the averages of all sets of three consecutive strength test results equal or exceed the specified strength, and no individual strength test result falls below the specified strength by more than 500 psi.
- J. **Slump Test:** One slump test shall be made on randomly selected batches of each class of concrete for every 150 cubic yards, or fraction thereof, of concrete placed during each shift. All slump tests are to be done on the middle third of the concrete within the concrete truck. Additional tests will be performed when excessive variation in the workability of the concrete is noted or when excessive crumbling or slumping is noticed along the edges of slip-formed concrete. Additional tests can be requested by the engineer or the testing laboratory at any time of the concrete job.
- K. **Surface Evaluation:** The finished surface of each category of the completed work shall be uniform in color and free of blemishes and form or tool marks. Exposed surfaces of the finished work will be inspected by the Engineer and any deficiencies in appearance will be identified. Areas which exhibit excessive cracking, discoloration, form marks, or tool marks or which are otherwise inconsistent with the overall appearances of the work shall be removed and replaced.

END OF SECTION 32 13 13

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SPECIFICATION 32 13 73 - CONCRETE PAVING JOINTS AND SEALANTS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Joints for concrete paving; concrete sidewalks; concrete driveways, curbs, and curb and gutters.
- B. Saw-cutting existing concrete or asphalt pavements for new joints

1.2 UNIT PRICES

- A. No additional payment will be made for concrete joints and sealants under this Section. Include payment in unit price for applicable concrete work.

1.3 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM A 615 - Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Billet-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.
- B. ASTM D 994 - Standard Specification for Preformed Expansion Joint Filler for Concrete (Bituminous Type).
- C. ASTM D 1751 - Standard Specification for Preformed Expansion Joint Filler for Concrete Paving and Structural Construction (Non-Extruding and Resilient Bituminous Types).
- D. ASTM C 920 - Standard Specification for Elastomeric Joint Sealants for Concrete Pavements.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit product data and samples in accordance with requirements of Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures.
- B. Submit product data for joint sealing compound and proposed sealing equipment for approval.
- C. Submit samples of dowel cup, metal supports, and deformed metal strip for approval.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

- A. Board Expansion Joint Material: Filler board of selected stock. Use wood of density and type as follows:
 - 1. Clear, all-heart cypress weighing no more than 40 pounds per cubic foot, after being oven dried to constant weight.
 - 2. Clear, all-heart redwood weighing no more than 30 pounds per cubic foot, after being oven dried to constant weight.
- B. Preformed Expansion Joint Material: Bituminous fiber and bituminous mastic composition material conforming to ASTM D 994 and ASTM D 1751.
- C. Joint Sealing Compound: Self-leveling polyurethane sealant (gray in color) as conforming to ASTM C 920.
- D. Load Transmission Devices:
 - 1. Smooth, steel dowel bars conforming to ASTM A 615, Grade 60. When indicated on Drawings, encase one end of dowel bar in approved cap having inside diameter 1/16 inch greater than diameter of dowel bar.
 - 2. Deformed steel tie bars conforming to ASTM A 615, Grade 60.
- E. Metal Supports for Reinforcing Steel and Joint Assembly: Employ metal supports of approved shape and size that will secure reinforcing steel and joint assembly in correct position during placing and finishing of concrete.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 PLACEMENT

- A. When new work is adjacent to existing concrete, place joints at same location as existing joints in adjacent pavement.
- B. If the limit of removal of existing concrete or asphaltic pavement does not fall on existing joint, saw cut existing pavement minimum of 2 inches deep to provide straight, smooth joint surface without chipping, spalling or cracks.

3.2 EXPANSION (CONSTRUCTION OR ISOLATION) JOINTS

- A. Place 3/4-inch expansion joints at radius points of curb returns of cross street intersections, wherever concrete placement must be stopped for more than 30 minutes or as located in adjacent pavement but no further than 40 feet apart or as shown in the drawings. Use boards greater than 6 feet in length. When pavement is 24 feet or narrower, use not more than 2 lengths of board. Secure pieces to form straight joint. Shape board filler accurately to cross section of concrete slab. Use No. 5 smooth dowel, 36 inches long and spaced 18 inches on centers. Seal with joint sealing compound.

3.3 CONTRACTION (DUMMY) JOINTS (SAWED OR GROOVED)

- A. Place contraction joints between expansion joints at even spacing, but no further than 10 feet apart, or shown in the Drawings. Seal groove with joint sealing compound.

3.4 SAWED JOINTS

- A. Use sawed joints as an alternate to contraction and weakened plane joints. Circular cutter shall be capable of cutting straight line groove minimum of 1/2 inch wide. Depth shall be one quarter of pavement thickness plus 1/2 inch. Commence sawing as soon as concrete has hardened sufficiently to permit cutting without chipping, spalling or tearing and prior to initiation of cracks. Once sawing has commenced, it shall be continued until completed. Make saw cut with one pass. Complete sawing within 48 hours of concrete placement. Saw joints at required spacing consecutively in sequence of concrete placement.
- B. Concrete Saw: Provide sawing equipment adequate in power to complete sawing to required dimensions and within required time. Provide at least one standby saw in good working order. Maintain an ample supply of saw blades at work site at all times during sawing operations. Sawing equipment shall be on job at all times during concrete placement.

3.5 JOINTS FOR CURB, CURB AND GUTTER

- A. Place 3/4-inch preformed expansion joints through curb and gutters at locations of expansion and contraction joints in pavement; at end of radius returns at street intersections and driveways; and at curb inlets. Maximum spacing shall be 40-foot centers.

3.6 JOINTS FOR CONCRETE SIDEWALKS

- A. Provide 3/4-inch expansion joints conforming to ASTM A 1751 along and across sidewalk at back of curbs, at intersections with driveways, steps, and walls; and across walk at intervals not to exceed 40 feet. Provide expansion joint material conforming to ASTM D 994 for small radius curves and around fire hydrants and utility poles. Extend the expansion joint material full depth of the slab.

3.7 JOINTS FOR CONCRETE DRIVEWAYS

- A. Provide 3/4-inch expansion joints conforming to ASTM D 1751 across driveway in line with street face of sidewalks, at existing concrete driveways, and along intersections with sidewalks and other structures. For driveways wider than 20-feet, also include an expansion joint at the center point of the driveway perpendicular to the roadway. Extend expansion joint material full depth of slab.

3.8 JOINT SEALING

- A. Seal joints only when surface and joints are dry, cured and an ambient temperature is above 50 degrees F and less than 85 degrees F, and weather is not foggy or rainy.
- B. Clean joints of loose scale, dirt, dust and curing compound. The term joint includes wide joint spaces, expansion joints, dummy groove joints or cracks, either preformed or natural. Remove loose material from concrete surfaces adjacent to joints.
- C. Fill joints neatly with self-leveling polyurethane sealant (gray in color) as conforming to ASTM C 920. Follow all manufacturer's installation recommendation.
- D. Fill joints so that, upon completion, surface of sealer within joint will be within a 1/4 inch of the adjacent concrete surface or at elevation as directed by the Owner.

END OF SECTION 32 13 73

32 17 23 – REFLECTORIZED PAVEMENT MARKINGS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 Description

- A. Description. Furnish and place reflectorized pavement markings.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

A. Unit Prices.

1. Payment for centerline, lane lines, pavement edge markings, stop bars, and other linear reflectorized pavement markings, regardless of color, is on a linear foot basis for each width of applied marking.
2. Payment for reflectorized pavement markings is on a unit price basis for each word, symbol, shape, or other unit shown on the design plans.

PART 2 - MATERIALS

2.1 Type I Marking Materials. Furnish in accordance with the most recent version of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), DMS-8220, "Hot Applied Thermoplastic."

2.2 Type II Marking Materials. Furnish in accordance with TxDOT DMS-8200, "Traffic Paint." (Contains chlorinated rubber, do not use water-based material).

2.3 Glass Traffic Beads. Furnish drop-on glass beads conforming to TxDOT DMS-8290, "Glass Traffic Beads."

- A. Type I Markings. Furnish Type III drop-on glass beads. Furnish Type II or double-drop of Type II and Type III drop-on glass beads where each type bead is applied separately in equal portions (by weight), only when specified in the plans. When furnishing a double-drop system, apply the Type III beads before applying the Type II beads.
- B. Type II Markings. Furnish Type III drop-on glass beads or other beads specified on the plans.

2.4 Labeling. Use clearly marked containers that indicate color, mass, material type, manufacturer, and batch number.

PART 3 - EQUIPMENT

3.1 General Requirements. Use equipment that:

- A. is maintained in satisfactory condition,

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- B. meets or exceeds the requirements of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the RRC for this application,
 - C. uses an automatic bead dispenser attached to the pavement marking equipment, and
 - D. can provide continuous mixing and agitation of the pavement marking material.

Provide a hand-held thermometer capable of measuring the temperature of the marking material when applying Type I material.

3.2 Material Placement Requirements. Use equipment that can place:

- A. at least 40,000 ft. of 4-in. solid or broken markings per day at the specified thickness;
- B. linear markings up to 8 in. wide in a single pass;
- C. markings other than solid or broken lines;
- D. a centerline and no-passing barrier-line configuration consisting of 1 broken line with 2 solid lines at the same time to the alignment, spacing, and thickness shown on the plans, for 3-line application;
 - 1. white line from both sides;
 - 2. lines with clean edges, uniform cross section and thickness, and reasonably square ends;
 - 3. skip lines between 10 and 10-1/2 ft., an approximate stripe-to-gap ratio of 1 to 3, and a stripe-gap cycle between 39-1/2 ft. and 40-1/2 ft., automatically;
 - 4. beads uniformly and almost instantly on the marking as the marking is being applied;
 - 5. beads uniformly during the application of all lines (each line must have an equivalent bead yield rate and embedment); and
 - 6. double-drop bead applications using both Type II and Type III beads from separate independent bead applicators, if double-drop bead application is used.

PART 4 - CONSTRUCTION

- 4.1 General. Place markings before opening to traffic unless short-term or work zone markings are allowed. Obtain approval for the sequence of work and estimated daily production. On roadways already open to traffic, place markings with minimal interference to the operations of that roadway. Use approved traffic control methods as per TMUTCD. Protect all markings placed under open-traffic conditions from traffic damage and disfigurement.

Establish guides to mark the lateral location of pavement markings as shown on the plans or as directed and have guide locations verified. Use material for guides that will not leave a permanent mark on the roadway.

Apply markings on pavement that is completely dry and passes the following tests:

- A. Type I Marking Application—Place a sample of Type I marking material on a piece of tarpaper placed on the pavement. Allow the material to cool to ambient temperature, and then inspect the underside of the tarpaper in contact with the pavement. Pavement will be considered dry if there is no condensation on the tarpaper.
- B. Type II Marking Application—Place a 1-sq. ft. piece of clear plastic on the pavement, and weight down the edges. The pavement is considered dry if, when inspected after 15 min., no condensation has occurred on the underside of the plastic.

Apply markings:

- 1. that meet the requirements of Tex-828-B,
- 2. using widths and colors shown on the plans,
- 3. at locations shown on the plans,
- 4. in proper alignment with the guides without deviating from the alignment more than 1 in. per 200 ft. of roadway or more than 2 in. maximum,
- 5. without abrupt deviations,
- 6. free of blisters and with no more than 5% by area of holes or voids,
- 7. with uniform cross section and thickness,
- 8. with clean and reasonably square ends,
- 9. that are reflectorized, and
- 10. using personnel skilled and experienced with installation of pavement markings.

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11. Remove all applied markings that are not in alignment or sequence as stated in the plans or as stated in the specifications at the Contractor's expense in accordance with the most recent version of the Texas Department of Transportation "Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges", Item 677, "Eliminating Existing Pavement Markings and Markers," except for measurement and payment. Surface Preparation. Unless otherwise shown on the plans, prepare surfaces in accordance with this section.
- C. Surface Preparation: Unless otherwise shown in the design plans, or as per the manufacturer's recommendations, prepare surfaces in accordance with this section.
1. Cleaning for New Asphalt Surfaces and Retracing of All Surfaces. For new asphalt surfaces (less than 3 years old) and retracing of all surfaces, air-blast or broom the pavement surface to remove loose material, unless otherwise shown on the plans. A sealer for Type I markings is not required unless otherwise shown on the plans.
 2. Cleaning for Old Asphalt and Concrete Surfaces (Excludes Retracing). For old asphalt surfaces (more than 3 years old) and all concrete surfaces, clean in accordance with the most recent version of the Texas Department of Transportation "Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges", Item 678, "Pavement Surface Preparation for Markings," to remove curing membrane, dirt, grease, loose and flaking existing construction markings, and other forms of contamination.
 3. Sealer for Type I Markings. For asphalt surfaces more than 3 years old or for concrete, apply a pavement sealer before placing Type I markings on locations that do not have existing markings, unless otherwise approved. The pavement sealer may be either a Type II marking or an acrylic or epoxy sealer unless otherwise shown on the plans. Follow the manufacturer's directions for application of acrylic or epoxy sealers. When the sealer becomes dirty after placement, clean by washing or in accordance with the most recent version of the Texas Department of Transportation "Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges", Section 666.4.B.1, "Cleaning for New Asphalt Surfaces and Retracing of All Surfaces," as directed. Place the sealer in the same configuration and color (unless clear) as the Type I markings unless otherwise shown on the plans.
- D. Application. Apply markings during good weather unless otherwise directed. If markings are placed at Contractor option when inclement weather is impending and the markings are damaged by subsequent precipitation, the Contractor is responsible for all costs associated with replacing the markings if required.
1. Type I Markings. Place the Type I marking after the sealer cures. Apply within the temperature limits recommended by the material manufacturer. If during a spray application, operations cease for 5 min. or longer, flush the spray head by spraying marking material into a pan or similar container until the material being applied is at the recommended temperature.

Apply on clean, dry pavements passing the moisture test described in Section 666.4.A, “General,” and with a surface temperature above 50°F when measured in accordance with Tex-829-B.

Apply Type I markings with a minimum thickness of:

- a. 0.100 in. (100 mils) for new markings and retracing water-based markings on surface treatments involving the Texas Department of Transportation “Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges”, Item 316, “Surface Treatments,” or Item 318, “Hot Asphalt-Rubber Surface Treatments,”
 - b. 0.060 in. (60 mils) for retracing on thermoplastic pavement markings, or
 - c. 0.090 in. (90 mils) for all other Type I markings. The maximum thickness for Type I markings is 0.180 in. (180 mils). Measure thickness for markings in accordance with Tex-854-B using the tape method.
2. Type II Markings. Apply on surfaces with a minimum surface temperature of 50°F. Apply at least 20 gal. per mile on concrete and asphalt surfaces and at least 22 gal. per mile on surface treatments for a solid 4-in. line. Adjust application rates proportionally for other widths. When Type II markings are used as a sealer for Type I markings, apply at least 15 gal. per mile using Type II drop-on beads.
 3. Bead Coverage. For Type I and Type II markings, provide a uniform distribution of beads across the surface of the stripe, with 40 to 60% bead embedment.
- E. Performance Period. All markings and replacement markings must meet the requirements of Tex-828-B for at least 30 calendar days after installation. Unless otherwise directed, remove pavement markings that fail to meet requirements, and replace at the Contractor’s expense. Replace failing markings within 30 days of notification.

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SECTION 33 05 13 - ADJUSTING MANHOLES, INLETS, AND VALVE BOXES TO GRADE

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Adjusting elevation of manholes, inlets, and valve boxes to new grades.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

- A. Unit Prices.

- 1. No separate payment will be made for work performed under this Section. Include cost of such work in Contract unit prices for items listed in bid form.

1.3 REFERENCE

- A. ASTM C 270 - Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 CONCRETE MATERIALS

- A. For cast in place concrete, conform to requirements to Section 33 05 16 - Concrete for Utility Construction.
- B. For mortar mix, conform to requirements of ASTM C 270, Type S, using Portland Cement.

2.2 CAST-IRON FRAMES, GRATES, RINGS AND COVERS

- A. For cast-iron frames, grates, adjusting rings and covers, refer to Section 33 42 41.31 - Frames, Grates, Rings, and Covers.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine existing structure, valve box, frame and cover or inlet box, frame and cover or inlet, and piping and connections for damage or defects that would affect adjustment to grade. Report such damage or defects to the Engineer.

3.2 ESTABLISHING GRADE

- A. Coordinate grade related items with existing grade and finished grade or paving and relate to established benchmark or reference line.

3.3 ADJUSTING MANHOLES AND INLETS

- A. Elevation of manhole or inlet can be raised using plastic or precast concrete rings, metal adjusting rings. The use of brick for adjustment of sanitary sewer manhole to grade is prohibited. Elevation of manhole or inlet can be lowered by removing masonry, adjusting rings or the top section of the barrel below the new elevation and then rebuilding or raising the elevation to the proper height.
- B. Salvage and reuse cast-iron frame and cover or grate at the direction of the Owner.
- C. Protect or block off manhole or inlet bottom using wood forms shaped to fit so that no debris or soil falls to the bottom during adjustment.
- D. Install a cast-in-place slab at the top of the manhole barrel to receive the cast-iron frame and cover. Form concrete slabs to the thickness specified in the design plans but no less than 6 inches.
- E. Set the cast-iron frame for the manhole cover or grate in a full mortar bed and adjust to the established elevation. In streets, adjust covers to be flush with pavement.
- F. Verify that manholes and inlets are free of visible leaks as a result of reconstruction. Repair leaks in a manner subject to Owner's approval.

3.4 ADJUSTING VALVE BOXES

- A. Salvage and reuse valve box at the direction of the Owner.
- B. Remove and replace 6-inch ductile iron riser pipe with suitable length for depth of cover required to establish the adjusted elevation to accommodate actual finish grade.
- C. Reinstall valve box and riser piping plumbed in vertical position. Provide minimum 6 inches telescoping freeboard space between riser pipe top butt end and interior contact flange of valve box for vertical movement damping.
- D. After valve box has been set, aligned, and adjusted so that top lid is level with final grade, pour concrete pad around valve box as shown in the design plans. Center valve box horizontally within concrete slab.

3.5 BACKFILL AND GRADING

- A. Backfill the area of excavation surrounding each adjusted manhole, inlet, and valve box and compact according to requirements of Section 31 06 20.13 - Excavation and Backfill for Utilities.

- B. Grade the ground surface to drain away from each manhole and valve box. Place earth fill around manholes to the level of the upper rim of the manhole frame. Place earth fill around the valve box concrete slab.

- C. In unpaved areas, grade surface at a uniform slope of 1 to 5 from the manhole frame to natural grade. Provide a minimum of 4 inches of topsoil.

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SECTION 33 05 16 - CONCRETE FOR UTILITY CONSTRUCTION

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Cast-in-place concrete work for utility construction or rehabilitation, such as slabs on grade, small vaults, site-cast bases for precast units, and in-place liners for manhole rehabilitation.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

- A. Unit Prices.

- 1. No payment will be made for concrete for utility construction under this Section. Include cost in applicable utility structures and fittings.

1.3 REFERENCES

- A. ACI 117 - Standard Tolerances for Concrete Construction and Materials.
- B. ACI 211.1 - Standard Practice for Selecting Proportions for Normal, Heavyweight and Mass Concrete.
- C. ACI 302.1R - Guide for Concrete Floor and Slab Construction.
- D. ACI 304R - Guide for Measuring, Mixing, Transporting, and Placing Concrete.
- E. ACI 308 - Standard Practice for Curing Concrete.
- F. ACI 309R - Guide for Consolidation of Concrete.
- G. ACI 311 - Batch Plant Inspection and Field Testing of Ready Mixed Concrete.
- H. ACI 315 - Manual of Standard Practice for Detailing Reinforced Concrete Structures.
- I. ACI 318 - Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete.
- J. ACI 544 - Guide for Specifying, Mixing, Placing, and Finishing Steel Fiber Reinforced Concrete.
- K. ASTM A 82 - Standard Specification for Steel Wire, Plain, for Concrete Reinforcement.
- L. ASTM A 185 - Standard Specification for Steel Welded Wire Fabric, Plain, for Concrete Reinforcement.
- M. ASTM A 615 - Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Billet-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.
- N. ASTM A 767 - Standard Specifications for Zinc-coated (Galvanized) Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.
- O. ASTM A 775 - Standard Specification for Epoxy-Coated Reinforcing Steel Bars.
- P. ASTM A 820 - Steel Fibers for Fiber Reinforced Concrete.
- Q. ASTM A 884 - Specification for Epoxy-coated Steel Wire and Welded Wire Fabric for Reinforcement.
- R. ASTM C 31 - Standard Practice for Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Field.
- S. ASTM C 33 - Standard Specification for Concrete Aggregates.
- T. ASTM C 39 - Standard Test Method for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens.

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- U. ASTM C 42 - Standard Method of Obtaining and Testing Drilled Cores and Sawed Beams of Concrete.
 - V. ASTM C 94 - Standard Specification for Ready-Mixed Concrete.
 - W. ASTM C 138 - Standard Test Method for Unit Weight Yield and Air Content (Gravimetric) of Concrete.
 - X. ASTM C 143 - Standard Test Method for Slump of Hydraulic Cement Concrete.
 - Y. ASTM C 150 - Standard Specification for Portland Cement.
 - Z. ASTM C 172 - Standard Practice for Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete.
 - AA. ASTM C 173 - Standard Test Method for Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by Volumetric Method.
 - BB. ASTM C 231 - Standard Test Method for Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Pressure Method.
 - CC. ASTM C 260 - Standard Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete.
 - DD. ASTM C 309 - Standard Specifications for Liquid Membrane-Forming Compounds for Curing Concrete.
 - EE. ASTM C 494 - Standard Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete.
 - FF. ASTM C 595 - Standard Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements.
 - GG. ASTM C 685 - Standard Specification for Concrete Made by Volumetric Batching and Continuous Mixing.
 - HH. ASTM C 1017 - Chemical Admixtures for Use in Producing Flowing Concrete.
 - II. ASTM C 1064 - Standard Test Method for Temperature of Freshly Mixed Portland Cement Concrete.
 - JJ. ASTM C 1077 - Standard Practice for Laboratory Testing of Concrete and Concrete Aggregate for Use in Construction and Criteria for Laboratory Evaluation.
 - KK. ASTM D 638 - Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics.
 - LL. ASTM D 746 - Test Method for Brittleness Temperature of Plastics and Elastomers by Impact.
 - MM. ASTM D 747 - Test Method for Apparent Bending Modulus of Plastics by Means of a Cantilever Beam.
 - NN. CRSI MSP-1 - Manual of Standard Practice.
 - OO. CRSI - Placing Reinforcing Bars.
 - PP. Federal Specification SS-S-210A - Sealing Compound, Preformed Plastic, for Expansion Joints and Pipe Joints
 - QQ. NRMCA - Concrete Plant Standards.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Conform to Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures.
- B. Submit proposed mix design and test data for each type and strength of concrete in the Work.
- C. Submit laboratory reports prepared by an independent testing laboratory stating that materials used comply with requirements of this Section.
- D. Submit manufacturer's mill certificates for reinforcing steel. Provide specimens for testing when required by the Engineer.

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- E. Submit certification from concrete supplier that materials and equipment used to produce and deliver concrete comply with this Specification.
 - F. When required on Drawings, submit shop drawings showing reinforcement type, quantity, size, length, location, spacing, bending, splicing, support, fabrication details, and other pertinent information.
 - G. For waterstops, submit product information sufficient to indicate compliance with this Section, including manufacturer's descriptive literature and specifications.

1.5 HANDLING AND STORAGE

- A. Cement: Store cement off the ground in a well-ventilated, weatherproof building.
- B. Aggregate: Prevent mixture of foreign materials with aggregate and preserve gradation of aggregate.
- C. Reinforcing Steel: Store reinforcing steel to protect it from mechanical injury and formation of rust. Protect epoxy-coated steel from damage to the coating.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 CONCRETE MATERIALS

- A. Cementitious Material:
 - 1. Portland Cement: ASTM C 150, Type II, unless the use of Type III is authorized by the Engineer; or ASTM C 595, Type IP. For concrete in contact with sewage use Type II cement.
 - 2. When aggregates are potentially reactive with alkalis in cement, use cement not exceeding 0.6 percent alkali content in the form of $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + 0.658\text{K}_2\text{O}$.
- B. Water: Clean, free from harmful amounts of oils, acids, alkalis, or other deleterious substances, and meeting requirements of ASTM C 94.
- C. Aggregate:
 - 1. Coarse Aggregate: ASTM C 33. Unless otherwise indicated, use the following ASTM standard sizes: No. 357 or No. 467; No. 57 or No. 67, No. 7. Maximum size: Not larger than 1/5 of the narrowest dimension between sides of forms, nor larger than 3/4 of minimum clear spacing between reinforcing bars.
 - 2. Fine Aggregate: ASTM C 33.

3. Determine the potential reactivity of fine and coarse aggregate in accordance with the Appendix to ASTM C 33.
- D. Air Entraining Admixtures: ASTM C 260.
- E. Chemical Admixtures:
1. Water Reducers: ASTM C 494, Type A.
 2. Water Reducing Retarders: ASTM 494, Type D.
 3. High Range Water Reducers (Superplasticizers): ASTM C 494, Types F and G.
- F. Prohibited Admixtures: Admixtures containing calcium chloride, thiocyanate, or materials that contribute free chloride ions in excess of 0.1 percent by weight of cement.
- G. Reinforcing Steel:
1. Use new billet steel bars conforming to ASTM A 615, ASTM A 767, or ASTM A 775, grade 40 or grade 60, as shown on Drawings. Use deformed bars except where smooth bars are specified. When placed in work, keep steel free of dirt, scale, loose or flaky rust, paint, oil or other harmful materials.
 2. Where shown, use welded wire fabric with wire conforming to ASTM A 185 or ASTM A 884. Supply the gauge and spacing shown, with longitudinal and transverse wires electrically welded together at points of intersection with welds strong enough not to be broken during handling or placing.
 3. Wire: ASTM A 82. Use 16-1/2 gauge minimum for tie wire, unless otherwise indicated.
- H. Fiber:
1. Fibrillated Polypropylene Fiber:
 - a. Addition Rate: 1.5 pounds of fiber per cubic yard of concrete.
 - b. Physical Properties:
 - (1) Material: Polypropylene.
 - (2) Length: 1/2 inch or graded
 - (3) Specific Gravity: 0.91.
 - c. Acceptable Manufacturer: W. R. Grace Company, Fibermesh, or approved equal.
 2. Steel Fiber: Comply with applicable provisions of ACI 544 and ASTM A 820.
 - a. Ratio: 50 to 200 pounds of fiber per cubic yard of concrete.

b. Physical Properties

- (1) Material: Steel.
- (2) Aspect Ratio (for fiber lengths of 0.5 to 2.5-inch, length divided by diameter or equivalent diameter): 30:1 to 100:1.
- (3) Specific Gravity: 7.8.
- (4) Tensile Strength: 40-400 ksi.
- (5) Young's Modulus: 29,000 ksi.
- (6) Minimum Average Tensile Strength: 50,000 psi.
- (7) Bending Requirements: Withstand bending around 0.125-inch diameter mandrel to an angle of 90 degrees, at temperatures not less than 60 degrees F, without breaking.

- I. Curing Compounds: Type 2 white-pigmented liquid membrane-forming compounds conforming to ASTM C 309.

2.2 FORMWORK MATERIALS

- A. Lumber and Plywood: Seasoned and of good quality, free from loose or unsound knots, knot holes, twists, shakes, decay and other imperfections which would affect strength or impair the finished surface of concrete. Use S4S lumber for facing or sheathing. Forms for bottoms of caps: At least 2-inch (nominal) lumber, or 3/4-inch form plywood backed adequately to prevent misalignment. For general use, provide lumber of 1-inch nominal thickness or form plywood of approved thickness.
- B. Formwork for Exposed Concrete Indicated to Receive Rubbed Finish: Form or form-lining surfaces free of irregularities; plywood of 1/4-inch minimum thickness, preferably oiled at the mill.
- C. Chamfer Strips and Similar Moldings: Redwood, cypress, or pine that will not split when nailed and which can be maintained to true line. Use mill-cut molding dressed on all faces.
- D. Form Ties: Metal or fiberglass of approved type with tie holes not larger than 7/8 inch in diameter. Do not use wire ties or snap ties.
- E. Metal Forms: Clean and in good condition, free from dents and rust, grease, or other foreign materials that tend to disfigure or discolor concrete in a gauge and condition capable of supporting concrete and construction loads without significant distortion. Countersink bolt and rivet heads on facing sides. Use only metal forms which present a smooth surface, and which line up properly.

2.3 PRODUCTION METHODS

- A. Use either ready-mixed concrete conforming to requirements of ASTM C 94, or concrete produced by volumetric batching and continuous mixing in accordance with ASTM C 685.

2.4 MEASUREMENT OF MATERIALS

- A. Measure dry materials by weight, except volumetric proportioning may be used when concrete is batched and mixed in accordance with ASTM C 685.
- B. Measure water and liquid admixtures by volume.

2.5 DESIGN MIX

- A. Use design mixes prepared by a certified testing laboratory in accordance with ASTM C 1077 and conforming to requirements of this section.
- B. Proportion concrete materials based on ACI 211.1 to comply with durability and strength requirements of ACI 318, Chapters 4 and 5, and this specification. Prepare mix design of Class A concrete so minimum cementitious content is 564 pounds per cubic yard. Submit concrete mix designs to the Engineer for review.
- C. Proportioning on the basis of field experience or trial mixtures in accordance with requirements at Section 5.3 of ACI 318 may be used, if approved by the Engineer.
- D. Classification:

Class	Type	Minimum Compressive Strength (lbs/sq. in.)		Maximum W/C Ratio	Air Content (Percent)	Consistency range in slump (inches)
		7-day	28-day			
A	Structural	3200	4000	0.45	4+ 1	2 to 4*
B	Pipe Block Fill, Thrust Block	----	2500	----	4+ 1	5 to 7

*When ASTM C 494, Type F or Type G admixture is used to increase workability, this range may be 6 to 9.

- E. Add steel or polypropylene fibers only when called for on the Drawings or in another section of these Specifications.
- F. Determine air content in accordance with ASTM C 138, ASTM C 173 or ASTM C 231.
- G. Use of Concrete Classes: Use classes of concrete as indicated on the Drawings and other Specifications. Use Class B for unreinforced concrete used for plugging pipes, seal slabs, thrust blocks, trench dams, and concrete fill unless indicated otherwise. Use Class A for all other applications.

2.6 PVC WATERSTOPS

- A. Extrude from virgin polyvinyl chloride elastomer. Use no reclaimed or scrap material. Submit waterstop manufacturer's current test reports and manufacturer's written certification that the material furnished meets or exceeds Corps of Engineers Specification CRD-C572 and other specified requirements.
- B. Flat Strip and Center-Bulb Waterstops:
 - 1. Thickness: not less than 3/8 inch
 - 2. Acceptable Manufacturers:
 - a. Kirkhill Rubber Co., Brea, California
 - b. Water Seals, Inc., Chicago, Illinois
 - c. Progress Unlimited, Inc., New York, New York
 - d. Greenstreak Plastic Products Co., St. Louis, Missouri
 - e. Approved equal.

2.7 RESILIENT WATERSTOP

- A. Resilient Waterstop: Where shown on the Drawings; either a bentonite- or adhesive-type material.
- B. Bentonite Waterstop:
 - 1. Material: 75 percent bentonite, mixed with butyl rubber-hydrocarbon containing less than 1.0 percent volatile matter, and free of asbestos fibers or asphaltic.
 - 2. Manufacturer's rated temperature ranges: For application, 5 to 125 degrees F; in service, -40 to 212 degrees F.
 - 3. Cross-sectional dimensions, unexpanded waterstop: 1 inch by 3/4 inch.
 - 4. Provide with adhesive backing capable of producing excellent adhesion to concrete surfaces.
- C. Adhesive Waterstop:
 - 1. Preformed plastic adhesive waterstop at least 2 inches in diameter.
 - 2. Meets or exceeds requirements of Federal Specification SS-S-210A.
 - 3. Supplied wrapped completely by a 2-part protective paper.
 - 4. Submit independent laboratory tests verifying that the material seals joints in concrete against leakage when subjected to a minimum of 30 psi water pressure for at least 72 hours.

5. Provide primer, to be used on hardened concrete surfaces, from the same manufacturer who supplies the waterstop material.
6. Acceptable Manufacturer: Synko-Flex Preformed Plastic Adhesive Waterstop, Synko-Flex Products, Inc.; or approved equal.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 FORMS AND SHORING

- A. Provide mortar-tight forms sufficient in strength to prevent bulging between supports. Set and maintain forms to lines designated such that finished dimensions of structures are within the tolerances specified in ACI 117. Construct forms to permit removal without damage to concrete. Forms may be given slight draft to permit ease of removal. Provide adequate cleanout openings. Before placing concrete, remove extraneous matter from within forms.
- B. Install rigid shoring having no excessive settlement or deformation. Use sound timber in shoring centering. Shim to adjust and tighten shoring with hardwood timber wedges.
- C. Design Loads for Horizontal Surfaces of Forms and Shoring: Minimum fluid pressure, 175 pounds per cubic foot; live load, 50 pounds per square foot. Maximum unit stresses: 125 percent of allowable stresses used for form materials and for design of support structures.
- D. Back formwork with a sufficient number of studs and wales to prevent deflection.
- E. Re-oil or lacquer the liner on the job before using. Facing may be constructed of 3/4-inch plywood made with waterproof adhesive backed by adequate studs and wales. In such cases, form lining will not be required.
- F. Unless otherwise indicated, form outside corners and edges with triangular 3/4-inch chamfer strips (measured on sides).
- G. Remove metal form ties to depth of at least 3/4 inch from surface of concrete. Do not burn off ties. Do not use pipe spreaders. Remove spreaders which are separate from forms as concrete is being placed.
- H. Treat facing of forms with approved form coating before concrete is placed. When directed by Engineer, treat both sides of face forms with coating. Apply coating before reinforcement is placed. Immediately before the concrete is placed, wet surface of forms which will come in contact with concrete.

3.2 PLACING REINFORCEMENT

- A. Place reinforcing steel accurately in accordance with approved Drawings. Secure steel adequately in position in forms to prevent misalignment. Maintain reinforcing steel in place using approved concrete and hot-dip galvanized metal chairs and spacers. Place reinforcing steel in accordance with CRSI Publication "Placing Reinforcing Bars." Request inspection of reinforcing steel by the Engineer and obtain acceptance before concrete is placed.
- B. Minimum spacing center-to-center of parallel bars: 2-1/2 times nominal bar diameter. Minimum cover measured from surface of concrete to face of reinforcing bar unless shown otherwise on the Drawings: 3 inches for surfaces cast against soil or subgrade, 2 inches for other surfaces.
- C. Detail bars in accordance with ACI 315. Fabricate reinforcing steel in accordance with CRSI Publication MSP-1, "Manual of Standard Practice." Bend reinforcing steel to required shape while steel is cold. Excessive irregularities in bending will be cause for rejection.
- D. Do not splice bars without written approval of the Engineer. Approved bar bending schedules or placing drawings constitute written approval. Splice and development length of bars shall conform to ACI 318, Chapters 7 and 12, and as shown on Drawings. Stagger splices or locate at points of low tensile stress.

3.3 EMBEDDED ITEMS

- A. Install conduit and piping as shown on Drawings. Accurately locate and securely fasten conduit, piping, and other embedded items in forms.
- B. Install waterstops as specified in other sections and according to manufacturer's instructions. Securely position waterstops at joints as indicated on Drawings. Protect waterstops from damage or displacement during concrete placing operations.

3.4 BATCHING, MIXING AND DELIVERY OF CONCRETE

- A. Measure, batch, mix, and deliver ready-mixed concrete in accordance with ASTM C 94, Sections 8 through 11. Produce ready-mixed concrete using an automatic batching system as described in NRMCA Concrete Plant Standards, Part 2 - Plant Control Systems.
- B. Measure, mix and deliver concrete produced by volumetric batching and continuous mixing in accordance with ASTM C 685, Sections 6 through 8.
- C. Maintain concrete workability without segregation of material and excessive bleeding. Obtain approval of the Engineer before adjustment and change of mix proportions.

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- D. Ready-mixed concrete delivered to the site shall be accompanied by batch tickets providing the information required by ASTM C 94, Section 16. Concrete produced by continuous mixing shall be accompanied by batch tickets providing the information required by ASTM C 685, Section 14.
 - E. When high temperatures are expected, prepare ingredients, place, cure and protect in accordance with ACI 301, ACI 305.1, and as follows:
 - 1. When high air temperatures are expected that would affect quality of concrete, postpone concrete placement. Do not mix concrete when air temperature is at or above 95 degrees F and rising.
 - 2. Maintain concrete temperature below 90 degrees F at the time of placement, furnish test data or other proof that admixtures and mix ingredients for not produce flash set plastic shrinkage, or cracking as a result of heat of hydration and the ambient air temperatures. Cool ingredients before mixing to maintain fresh concrete temperatures as specified or less.
 - 3. Provide windbreaks, shading, fog spraying, sprinkling, wet cover or other means as necessary to maintain at or below specified temperature.
 - F. When adverse weather conditions affect quality of concrete, postpone concrete placement. Do not mix concrete when air temperature is at or below 40 degrees F and falling. Concrete may be mixed when temperature is 35 degrees F and rising. Take temperature readings in the shade, away from artificial heat. Protect concrete from temperatures below 32 degrees F until the concrete has cured for a minimum of 3 days at 70 degrees F or 5 days at 50 degrees F.
 - G. Clean, maintain and operate equipment so that it thoroughly mixes material as required.
 - H. Hand-mix only when approved by the Engineer.

3.5 PLACING CONCRETE

- A. Give sufficient advance notice to the Engineer (at least 24 hours prior to commencement of operations) to permit inspection of forms, reinforcing steel, embedded items and other preparations for placing concrete. Place no concrete prior to the Engineer's approval.
- B. Schedule concrete placing to permit completion of finishing operations in daylight hours. However, if necessary, to continue after daylight hours, light the site as required. If rainfall occurs after placing operations are started, provide covering to protect the work.
- C. Use troughs, pipes and chutes lined with approved metal or synthetic material in placing concrete so that concrete ingredients are not separated. Keep chutes, troughs and pipes clean and free from coatings of hardened concrete. Allow no aluminum material to be in contact with concrete.

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- D. Limit free fall of concrete to 4 feet. Do not deposit large quantities of concrete at one location so that running or working concrete along forms is required. Do not jar forms after concrete has taken an initial set; do not place any strain on projecting reinforcement or anchor bolts.
 - E. Use tremies for placing concrete in walls and similar narrow or restricted locations. Use tremies made in sections, or provide in several lengths, so that outlet may be adjusted to proper height during placing operations.
 - F. Compact each layer of concrete with concrete spading implements and mechanical vibrators of approved type and adequate number for the size of placement. When immersion vibrators cannot be used, use form vibrators. Apply vibrators to concrete immediately after depositing. Move the vibrator vertically through the layer of concrete just placed and several inches into plastic layer below. Do not penetrate or disturb layers previously placed which have partially set. Do not use vibrators to aid lateral flow concrete. Closely supervise consolidation to ensure uniform insertion and duration of immersion.
 - G. Handling and Placing Concrete: Conform to ACI 302.1R, ACI 304R and ACI 309R.

3.6 WATERSTOPS

- A. Embed waterstops in concrete across joints as shown. Waterstops shall be continuous for the extent of the joint; make splices necessary to provide such continuity in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Support and protect waterstops during construction operations; repair or replace waterstops damaged during construction.
- B. Install waterstops in concrete on one side of joints, leaving other side exposed until the next pour. When a waterstop will remain exposed for 2 days or more, shade and protect the exposed waterstop from direct rays of the sun during the entire exposure and until the exposed portion of the waterstop is embedded in concrete.
- C. Splicing PVC Waterstops:
 - 1. Splice waterstops by heat-sealing adjacent waterstop sections in accordance with the manufacturer's printed instructions.
 - 2. Butt end-to-end joints of two identical waterstop sections may be made in the forms during placement of waterstop material.
 - 3. Prior to placement in formwork, prefabricate waterstop joints involving more than two ends to be joined together, an angle cut, an alignment change, or the joining of two dissimilar waterstop sections, allowing not less than 24-inch long strips of waterstop material beyond the joint. Upon inspection and approval by the Engineer, install prefabricated waterstop joint assemblies in formwork, and butt-weld ends of the 24-inch strips to the straight-run portions of waterstop in the forms.

D. Setting PVC Waterstops:

1. Correctly position waterstops during installation. Support and anchor waterstops during progress of the work to ensure proper embedment in concrete and to prevent folding over of the waterstop by concrete placement. Locate symmetrical halves of waterstops equally between concrete pours at joints, with center axis coincident with joint openings. Thoroughly work concrete in joint vicinity for maximum density and imperviousness.
2. Where a waterstop in a vertical wall joint does not connect with any other waterstop and is not intended to be connected to a waterstop in a future concrete placement, terminate the waterstop 6 inches below the top of the wall.

E. Replacement of Defective Field Joints: Replace waterstop field joints showing evidence of misalignment, offset, porosity, cracks, bubbles, inadequate bond or other defects with products and joints complying to the Specifications.

F. Resilient Waterstop:

1. Install resilient waterstop in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and recommendations.
2. When requested by the Engineer, provide technical assistance by manufacturer's representative in the field at no additional cost to the Owner.
3. Use resilient waterstop only where complete confinement by concrete is provided; do not use in expansion or contraction joints.
4. Where resilient waterstop is used in combination with PVC waterstop, lap resilient waterstop over PVC waterstop a minimum of 6 inches and place in contact with the PVC waterstop. Where crossing PVC at right angles, melt PVC ribs to form a smooth joining surface.
5. At the free top of walls without connecting slabs, stop the resilient waterstop and grooves (where used) 6 inches from the top in vertical wall joints.
6. Bentonite Waterstop:
 - a. Locate bentonite waterstop as near as possible to the center of the joint and extend continuous around the entire joint. Minimum distance from edge of waterstop to face of member: 5 inches.
 - b. Where thickness of concrete member to be placed on bentonite waterstop is less than 12 inches, place waterstop in grooves at least 3/4-inch-deep and 1-1/4 inches wide formed or ground into concrete. Minimum distance from edge of waterstop placed in groove to face of member: 2.5 inches.

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- c. Do not place bentonite waterstop when waterstop material temperature is below 40 degrees F. Waterstop material may be warmed so that it remains above 40 degrees F during placement but means used to warm it shall in no way harm the material or its properties. Do not install waterstop where air temperature falls outside manufacturer's recommended range.
 - d. Place bentonite waterstop only on smooth and uniform surfaces; grind concrete smooth if necessary, to produce satisfactory substrate, or bond waterstop to irregular surfaces using an epoxy grout which completely fills voids and irregularities beneath the waterstop material. Prior to installation, wire brush the concrete surface to remove laitance and other substances that may interfere with bonding of epoxy.
 - e. In addition to the adhesive backing provided with the waterstop, secure bentonite waterstop in place with concrete nails and washers at 12-inch maximum spacing.
7. Adhesive Waterstop:
- a. With a wire brush thoroughly clean the concrete surface on which the waterstop is to be placed and then coat with primer.
 - b. If the surface is too rough to allow the waterstop to form a complete contact, grind to form an adequately smooth surface.
 - c. Install the waterstop with the top protective paper left in place. Overlap joints between strips a minimum of 1 inch and cover back over with protective paper.
 - d. Do not remove protective paper until just before final formwork completion. Concrete shall be placed immediately. The time that the waterstop material is uncovered prior to concrete placement shall be minimized and shall not exceed 24 hours.

3.7 CONSTRUCTION JOINTS

A. Definitions:

- 1. Construction joint: Contact surface between plastic (fresh) concrete and concrete that has attained initial set.
- 2. Monolithic: Manner of concrete placement to reduce or eliminate construction joints; joints other than those indicated on Drawings will not be permitted without written approval of Engineer. Where so approved, make additional construction joints with details equivalent to those indicated for joints in similar locations.

3. Preparation for Construction Joints: Roughen surface of concrete previously placed, leaving some aggregate particles exposed. Remove laitance and loose materials by sandblasting or high-pressure water blasting. Keep surface wet for several hours prior to placing of plastic concrete.

3.8 CURING

- A. Comply with ACI 308. Cure by preventing loss of moisture, rapid temperature change and mechanical injury for a period of 7 curing days when Type II or IP cement has been used and for 3 curing days when Type III cement has been used. Start curing as soon as free water has disappeared from the concrete surface after placing and finishing. A curing day is any calendar day in which the temperature is above 50 degrees F for at least 19 hours. Colder days may be counted if air temperature adjacent to concrete is maintained above 50 degrees F. In continued cold weather, when artificial heat is not provided, removal of forms and shoring may be permitted at the end of calendar days equal to twice the required number of curing days. However, leave soffit forms and shores in place until concrete has reached the specified 28-day strength, unless directed otherwise by the Engineer.
- B. Cure formed surfaces not requiring rubbed-finished surface by leaving forms in place for the full curing period. Keep wood forms wet during the curing period. Add water as needed for other types of forms. Or, at Contractor's option, forms may be removed after 2 days and curing compound applied.
- C. Finishes:
 1. Broom Finish:
 - a. After completion of straightedge operation, make first pass of traverse broom as soon as construction operations permit and before water sheen has disappeared from surface. Follow with as many passes as required to produce desired textured depth. Permit no unnecessary delays between passes. Keep drag wet, clean and free from encrusted mortar during use.
 2. Rubbed Finish:
 - a. At formed surfaces requiring rubbed finish, remove forms as soon as practicable without damaging the surface and immediately apply rub completely within 4 hours.
 - b. After rubbed-finish operations are complete, continue curing formed surfaces by using either approved curing/sealing compounds or moist cotton mats until normal curing period is complete.

D. Unformed Surfaces: Cure by membrane curing compound method.

1. After concrete has received a final finish and surplus water sheen has disappeared, immediately seal surface with a uniform coating of approved curing compound, applied at the rate of coverage recommended by manufacturer or as directed by the Engineer. Do not apply less than 1 gallon per 180 square feet of area. Provide satisfactory means to properly control and check rate of application of the compound.
2. Thoroughly agitate the compound during use and apply by means of approved mechanical power pressure sprayers equipped with atomizing nozzles. For application on small miscellaneous items, hand-powered spray equipment may be used. Prevent loss of compound between nozzle and concrete surface during spraying operations.
3. Do not apply compound to a dry surface. If concrete surface has become dry, thoroughly moisten surface immediately prior to application. At locations where coating shows discontinuities, pinholes or other defects, or if rain falls on a newly coated surface before film has dried sufficiently to resist damage, apply an additional coat of compound at the specified rate of coverage.

3.9 REMOVAL OF FORMS AND SHORING

- A. Remove forms from surfaces requiring rubbing only as rapidly as rubbing operation progresses. Remove forms from vertical surfaces not requiring rubbed-finish when concrete has aged for the required number of curing days. When curing compound is used, do not remove forms before 2 days after concrete placement.
- B. Leave soffit forms and shores in place until concrete has reached the specified 28-day strength, unless directed otherwise by the Engineer.

3.10 DEFECTIVE WORK

- A. Immediately repair any defective work discovered after forms have been removed. If concrete surface is bulged, uneven, or shows excess honeycombing or form marks which cannot be repaired satisfactorily through patching, remove and replace the entire section.

3.11 FINISHING

- A. Patch honeycomb, minor defects and form tie holes in concrete surfaces with carr-bond and verticoat or approved equal. Repair defects by cutting out unsatisfactory material and replacing with new concrete, securely keyed and bonded to existing concrete. Finish to make junctures between patches and existing concrete as inconspicuous as possible. Use a stiff mixture and thoroughly tamp into place. After each patch has stiffened sufficiently to allow for greatest portion of shrinkage, strike off mortar flush with the surface.

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- B. Apply a rubbed finish to exposed surfaces of formed concrete structures as noted on Drawings. After pointing has set sufficiently, wet the surface with a brush and perform first surface rubbing with No. 16 carborundum stone, or approved equal. Rub sufficiently to bring surface to paste, to remove form marks and projections, and to produce a smooth, dense surface. Add cement to form surface paste as necessary. Spread or brush material, which has been ground to paste, uniformly over surface and allow to reset. In preparation for final acceptance, clean surfaces and perform final finish rubbing with No. 30 carborundum stone or approved equal. After rubbing, allow paste on the surface to reset; then wash surface with clean water. Leave structure with a clean, neat and uniform-appearing finish.
 - C. Apply a wood float finish to concrete slabs.

3.12 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Testing shall be performed under provisions of Section 01 45 29 - Testing Laboratory Services.
- B. Unless otherwise directed by Engineer, the following minimum testing of concrete is required. Testing shall be performed by qualified individuals employed by an approved independent testing agency and conform to the requirements of ASTM C 1077.
 - 1. Take concrete samples in accordance with ASTM C 172.
 - 2. Make one set of four compression test specimens, or as directed by the Engineer, for each mix design at least once per day and for each 150 cubic yards or fraction thereof. Make, cure and test the specimens in accordance with ASTM C 31 and ASTM C 39.
 - 3. When taking compression test specimens, test each sample for slump according to ASTM C 143, for temperature according to ASTM C 1064, for air content according to ASTM C 231, and for unit weight according to ASTM C 138.
 - 4. Inspect, sample and test concrete in accordance with ASTM C 94, Section 13, 14, and 15, and ACI 311-5R.
- C. Test Cores: Conform to ASTM C 42.
- D. Testing High Early Strength Concrete: When Type III cement is used in concrete, the specified 7-day and 28-day compressive strengths shall be applicable at 3 and 7 days, respectively. For Early Strength Concrete, a set of 5 specimen cylinders shall be required.
- E. If 7-day or 3-day test strengths (as applicable for type of cement being used) fail to meet established strength requirements, extended curing or resumed curing on those portions of structure represented by test specimens may be required. If additional curing fails to produce the required strength, strengthening or replacement of portions of structure which fail to develop required strength may be required by the Engineer, at no additional cost to the Owner.

3.13 PROTECTION

- A. Protect concrete against damage until final acceptance by the Owner.
- B. Protect fresh concrete from damage due to rain, hail, sleet, or snow. Provide such protection while the concrete is still plastic, and whenever such precipitation is imminent or occurring.
- C. Do not backfill around concrete structures or subject them to design loadings until components of the structure needed to resist the loading are complete and have reached the specified 28-day compressive strength, except as authorized otherwise by the Engineer.

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SECTION 33 31 11 – SANITARY SEWER PIPE WORK

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. Under this section is included the furnishing, laying, jointing and testing of all sewer pipe, including sewer pipe and sewer appurtenances, both in open cut and in tunnels, as shown on the drawings or as directed by the Engineer.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

A. Unit Prices.

1. Payment for normal depth sanitary sewer, up to 8 feet deep, by open-cut or augered with or without casing is on a linear foot basis for each size of pipe. Depth is measured from bottom of the pipe to the proposed natural ground. Separate pay items are used for open-cut and augered installation.
2. Payment for sanitary sewer, greater than 8-foot in depth, by open-cut or augered is on a linear foot basis for each 2-foot increment for depths greater than 8 feet. Depth is measured from bottom of the pipe to the proposed natural ground.
3. Payment for normal depth manholes, up to 8 feet deep, is on a unit price basis for each manhole installed. Depth is measured from proposed top of cover to sewer invert.
4. Payment for manholes, greater than 8-foot in depth, is on a unit price for each manhole installed for each 2-foot increment. Depth is measured from proposed top of cover to sewer invert.
5. Payment for sanitary service connections in on a unit price for each single, double, short and long service connection installed.
6. Payment for force mains installed by open-cut or augered with or without casing is on a linear foot basis for each size of pipe installed. Separate pay items are used for open-cut and augered installation.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIAL

A. Gravity Sewer Pipe

1. Gravity sewer pipe may be of any of the following classifications. Any pipe found defective, not meeting the specifications, or improperly installed shall be rejected and so marked and shall be replaced by pipe approved by the Engineer at no additional cost to Utility Owner.

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- a. Pipe and fittings shall be manufactured in conformance with the materials and methods described in ASTM Specification D-3034. Joint seals shall be compression type rubber gaskets in compliance with the requirements of ASTM Specification D-1869.
 - b. Pipe and fittings shall be manufactured in conformance with the materials and methods described in ASTM Specification F-789 and UNI-B-10. Gaskets shall comply with the requirements of ASTM Specification F-477.
2. Manholes
- a. Manholes shall be constructed of glass fiber-reinforced isophalic polyester resin containing chemically enhanced sand for use in sanitary sewer applications. They shall be a one-piece unit of one class, fabricated in a composite laminate. Walls shall be of uniform thickness and shall be free from thin spots and voids. Exterior surface shall be free of ridges and sharp protrusions and reinforcement. Interior surface shall also be smooth and free of ridges to allow for self-cleaning. The exterior surface shall be covered with graded sand to facilitate bonding to the concrete base pad, cement stabilized sand backfill and cement grout used to seal around all incoming lines. Manholes shall conform to the following design criteria:
 1. ASTM D-3753 "Standard Specification of Glass-Fiber reinforced Polyester Manholes."
 2. ASTM C-581 "Practice for determining chemical resistance of chemical thermosetting resins used in glass-fiber reinforced structures intended for liquid Service."
 3. ASTM D-2412 "Test Method for Determination of External Loading Characteristics of Plastic Pipe by Parallel Plate Loading."
 4. ASTM D-695 "Test Methods for Compressive Properties of Rigid Plastics."
 5. ASTM D-2584 "Test Method for Ignition Loss of Cured Reinforced Resins."
 6. AASHO H-20 Axial Loading Nominal inside diameter of the manhole shall be 48".
Thickness of the manhole shall be 0.50" nominal. Height shall be selected in accordance with project plans.
 - b. Dimensions: The manhole shall be a circular cylinder, reduced at the top to a circular manway not smaller than 30" inside diameter. Manholes shall be produced in half-foot increments in length +/- 2". Nominal inside diameters shall be 48", 60", and 72" as shown in the design details. Tolerance on the inside diameter shall be +/- 1%.
 - c. Configuration: The manway reducing cone section shall be centered on the manhole barrel and must provide a bearing surface on which a standard ring and cover may be supported and adjusted to grade. The reducer shall be joined to the barrel section at the factory with resin and glass fiber reinforcement, thus providing required monolithic design to prevent infiltration and/or exfiltration through the manhole.
 - d. Loading: The manhole shall be manufactured in one class of load rating. This class shall be H-20 wheel load (minimum 16,000 pounds dynamic wheel load).

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- e. **Manufacturer and Certification:** The manholes shall be Containment Solutions, Inc. Flowtite Fiberglass Manholes or approved equal that conforms to ASTM D. 3753-81, Standard Specifications for Fiberglass Reinforced Polyester Manholes and all noted applicable documents. The manufacturer shall submit written certification that their product meets the requirements of ASTM D. 3753-81 with test results of specified manholes included.

B. Force Mains

1. Pressure sewer pipe will be the following classification. Any pipe found defective, not meeting the specifications, or improperly installed shall be rejected and so marked and shall be replaced by pipe approved by the Engineer at no additional cost to Utility Owner.
 - a. Polyvinyl chloride pipe for force mains shall conform to AWWA Standard "Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pressure Pipe" C-900 - 750 Class 100 DR25 latest revision. Fittings for polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe shall be Ductile Iron Class 125 "Compact Fittings" short body, tar coated (not cement lined). Transition gaskets shall also be included, unless otherwise noted on the contract bid document or drawings.
 - b. Polyvinyl chloride pipe for directional bored force mains shall conform to Fusible AWWA C-900 DR-25 PVC.
2. Force Main Valves to include operator, actuator, handwheel, chain wheel, extension stem, floor stand, operating nut, chain, wrench, and accessories to allow a complete operation from the intended operating level.

Valve same size as adjoining pipe, unless otherwise noted in the design plans. Valve ends shall be suited for adjacent piping.

Exposed valves shall be painted or coated as per the design plans and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

- a. **Plug Valves:**
 - (1) **Eccentric Plug Valve 3-inches to 12-inches:**
 1. Nonlubricated type rated 175 psi, drip tight shutoff with pressure from either direction, cast-iron body, exposed service flanged ends per ASME B16.1, unless otherwise shown.
 2. Plug cast iron with round or rectangular port of no less than 80-percent of connecting pipe area and coated with Buna-N, seats welded nickel, stem bearings lubricated stainless steel or bronze, stem seal multiple V-rings , or U-cups with O-rings of nitrile rubber, grit seals on both upper and lower bearings.
 3. **Operators:**
 - a. 3-inch to 6-inch Valves: Wrench lever manual.

- b. 8-inch to 12-inch Valves: Totally enclosed, geared, manual operator with handwheel, 2-inch nut, or chain wheel. Size operator for 1.5 times the maximum operating shutoff pressure differential for direct and reverse pressure, whichever is greater.
- 4. Manufacturers:
 - a. Valmatic; 5600F/5700F
 - b. Milliken; Millcentric Series 600
- (2) Eccentric Plug Valve 24-inches to 48-inches:
 - 1. Nonlubricated type rated 150 psi CWP, drip tight shutoff with pressure from either direction, cast-iron body, exposed service flanged ends per ASME B16.1, unless otherwise shown.
 - 2. Plug cast iron with round or rectangular port of no less than 70-percent of connecting pipe area and coated with Buna-N, seats welded nickel, stem bearings lubricated stainless steel or bronze, stem seal multiple V-rings , or U-cups with O-rings of nitrile rubber, grit seals on both upper and lower bearings.
 - 3. Totally enclosed, geared, manual operator with handwheel, 2-inch nut, or chain wheel. Size operator for 1.5 times the maximum operating shutoff pressure differential for direct and reverse pressure, whichever is greater.
 - 4. Manufacturers:
 - a. Valmatic; 5600F/5700F
 - b. Milliken; Millcentric Series 600

C. Service Connections

- 1. Property service connections shall be installed using Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe (PVC). The pipe type shall be specified in the service line detail shown in the design plans.

D. Concrete Surface Coatings

- 1. All interior manhole concrete surfaces shall be coated with 8mils of Raven 155 epoxy primer and 125 mils of Raven 405 – 100% solids, solvent-free ultra-high build epoxy system manufactured by Raven Lining Systems, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma or Engineer approved equal.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 CONSTRUCTION METHODS

- A. For all pipe, the Contractor shall familiarize himself with the TCEQ Chapter 217 Separation Distance Requirements and verify that all proposed work conforms to these regulations. The Contractor shall immediately notify Utility Owner and the Engineer once the Contractor discovers that field conditions cannot meet the TCEQ Chapter 217 Separation Distance Requirements.

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- B. After the trench is excavated to grade as specified, it shall be filled to grade with a minimum 6-inch bank run sand layer, in accordance with 31 06 20.16 - Utility Backfill Materials. This material shall be mechanically tamped to a density minimum of 90%. This material shall provide a smooth and uniform pipe bed for the entire length of the sewer pipe barrel. Trench foundation preparation may require dewatering, gravel bedding, or cement stabilized sand to create a stable foundation for pipe installation. Stable foundation conditions and trench improvements will be at the direction of the Utility Owner Inspector or the Engineer and at no additional costs to the Owner.
- C. Trenching and pipe laying shall be uniformly in a straight line and to uniform elevations unless otherwise specified on the plans. Pipe and fittings shall be carefully handled to avoid damage. Before placing pipe into the trench, the outside of the spigot and the inside of the bell shall be wiped clean and dry, free from oil and grease. Every precaution shall be taken to prevent foreign material from entering the pipe. During layout operation, no debris, tools, clothing or other material shall be placed into the pipe. After placing a length of pipe into the trench, the spigot end shall be centered in the bell, the pipe forced home, brought to the correct alignment and covered with an approved backfill material. Detectable warning metallic tape with "Sewer Line Below" shall be buried as directed by the Utility Owner inspector, but no greater than 4' below the finished grade. The width of the metallic tape shall be 6-inches wide or as specified by the manufacturer.
- D. Watertight Joint Materials: The contractor must exert every reasonable effort to secure a watertight joint and prevent infiltration of ground water into or exfiltration of sewage out of all pipe sewers and property service connections. Any joint materials found to be defective or not meeting the specifications shall be rejected and replaced by approved joint materials at no additional cost to Utility Owner.
- E. Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe (PVC) Jointing: The contractor shall make certain before jointing polyvinyl chloride pipe that the ring groove in the bell of the pipe is clean with no dirt or foreign material that could interfere with proper seating of the ring. Make sure pipe end is clean. Wipe with a clean dry cloth around the entire circumference from the end to one (1) inch beyond the reference mark. Lubricate the spigot end of the pipe, using only the lubricant supplied by the manufacturer. Be sure the entire circumference is covered. The coating shall be the equivalent of a brush coat of enamel paint. It can be applied by hand, cloth, pad, sponge, or glove. Do not lubricate the ring groove in the bell to avoid lubrication causing ring displacement. The level end is then inserted into the bell so that it is in contact with the ring. Brace the bell, while the level end is pushed in under the ring, so that previously completed joints in the line will not be close. The spigot end is pushed until the reference mark on the spigot end is flush with the end of the bell. If undue resistance to insertion of the level end is encountered or the reference mark does not reach the flush position, disassemble the joint and check the position of the ring. If it is twisted or pushed out of its seat, lean the ring, bell and level end and repeat the assembly steps.

Water stop joints shall be Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) or other similar approved joint materials.

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- F. Sewer Appurtenances - Appurtenances to the sewer shall be provided and laid in accordance with the drawings and in the manner as specified herein. Appurtenances in addition to those required by the drawings or the proposal, as approved or directed by the Engineer, shall be paid for under the appropriate items of the proposal.
- G. Service Branches and Fittings - Branches and fittings shall be provided and laid as and where directed. T-branches and Y-branches, placed in the sewer for property service connections, shall be located by the contractor, as directed by the Engineer, at such points in the sewer so as to result in the property service connection having the shortest length possible between the sewer and property line or easement line, unless otherwise indicated on the drawing or directed by the Engineer.
The Contractor shall install all service lines in accordance with TCEQ separation distance and Southern Building Code requirements. Contractor shall notify the Inspector or Engineer prior to the installation of any service that is in question in accordance to the TCEQ separation or Southern Building Code requirements. Where not approved street grade has been established, the depth of the connection shall be based on the assumed future street grade or on the present street or ground surface, as determined by the Engineer. At times when pipe laying is not in process, the open ends of the pipe shall be closed by a watertight plug or other approved means. This provision shall apply during the noon hour as well as overnight. If water is in the trench, the seal shall remain in place until the trench is pumped completely dry.
- H. Stubs - Stubs for future sewer pipe shall be installed as indicated by the drawings. If the specified length of the stub is exceeded, there will be no additional cost to Utility Owner unless the extra length is ordered by the Engineer. Existing sewer pipe stubs shall be removed as required, but only when directed by the Engineer.
- I. Stacks - Stacks shall be constructed as and where directed. The height of the stack shall be as indicated on the drawings, set forth in the proposal, as determined by the Engineer. The stack shall encased in-concrete in accordance with the Design Plans.
- J. Drop Inlets - Drop inlets to the manhole shall be constructed as and where indicated by the drawings of either of the types shown on the Design Plans, as directed by the Engineer.
- K. Cleanouts - Cleanouts on all service laterals shall be installed at the location shown on the plans and in accordance with the Design Plans.
- L. Manholes - Manholes shall be constructed as shown in Design Plans to the elevations shown on the plan-profile sheets, and in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions.
1. Prepare excavation at manhole location should be at least 12-inches wider than the proposed concrete foundation slab specified and to provide working room around manhole.
 2. Verify the depth of manhole is sufficient to allow 12 to 18-inches from the finished grade and the cone support ring, as per design plans.
 3. For unstable trench foundation, provide a minimum of 4 to 6-inches of crushed limestone or 2-inch gravel, or until a stable foundation is achieved.

4. Set manhole as per manufacturer's installation instructions. Level and plumb manhole and connect sewer lines to manhole with a seal ring as manufactured by Northtown Pipe Protection Products or equal (as per ASTM C-923 requirements). A concrete base encasement shall be placed at least 12 inches outside of the diameter of the manhole and shall come over the top of the anti-flotation ring a minimum of 12 inches. All sides of incoming and outgoing sewer lines shall be covered with a minimum of 6-inches of concrete. Manhole levels shall be verified throughout the placement and finishing of concrete base construction.
 5. Backfilling is allowed as soon as the concrete base has hardened enough to provide sufficient support for manhole and fill. Native soil (or band run sand, as specified in Section 31 06 20.16 – Utility Backfill Materials, in unstable areas), free of large stones, debris, or concrete chunks may be used for backfill. Backfill should be placed evenly around manhole in 12" maximum loose lifts and should thoroughly tamped to 90% standard proctor density. Each layer shall be completely compacted before the next layer is installed to avoid uneven lateral pressure which could move the manhole out of plumb. Backfill material shall be subject to approval by the Engineer.
 6. Contractor shall maintain the stability of the excavation during backfilling of the manhole which includes both trench protection and dewatering efforts.
 7. To bring the manhole to finished grade and provide support for ring and cover, construct chimney using polyethylene rings by Lad Tech or approved equal.
- A. Concrete Coating - All concrete surfaces within the manhole shall be coated with 100% solids, solvent-free ultra-high build epoxy coating system. Surfaces to be coated shall be cleaned by sandblasting or by water-blasting with 10% muriatic acid prior to coating. Coating system shall consist of 125 mils of Raven 405 epoxy coating, applied in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, alternative coating system approved in advance by Engineer.
- B. Stoppers and Bulkheads - Open ends of pipes and branches smaller than 15 inches in diameter shall be sealed with stoppers, plugs, or caps, cemented into place in an acceptable manner using a rubber gasket between the stopper and socket. All openings to the pipeline shall be satisfactorily protected from the entrance of earth, water or other material. If a temporary bulkhead is constructed to prevent sewage from backing into the trench excavation or to prevent foreign material from entering the sewer from the new sewer trench, the contractor shall be responsible for reconstructing, repairing, or replacing those portions of the existing sewers removed or damaged by his operations. Existing bulkheads shall be removed as indicated by the drawings or set forth in the proposal, but not until directed by the Engineer.

1.2 TESTING

- A. All sewer lines must be tested in accordance with 30 TAC §217.57. The Owner must retain copies of all test results which must be made available to the executive director upon request. The Owner must certify in writing that all wastewater lines have passed all required testing to the appropriate regional office within 30 days of test completion and prior to use of the new collection system.

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1. For a collection system pipe that will transport wastewater by gravity flow, the design must specify an infiltration and exfiltration test or a low-pressure air test in accordance with ASTM F-1417.
 - a. Low Pressure Air Exfiltration Testing: The following materials will be furnished by the contractor and utilized for air testing sewer mains:
 - 1) Compressor Air Supply: Any source which will provide at least three hundred (300) cubic feet per minute at one hundred (100) pounds per square inch. The compressor air supply shall be furnished by the contractor.

Plugs, valves, pressure gauges, air hose, connections and other equipment necessary to conduct the air test shall be furnished by the contractor. The test equipment for air testing will consist of valves, plugs, and pressure gauges used to control the rate at which air flows to the test section and to monitor the air pressure inside the plugs. Test equipment shall be assembled as follows:

- a. hose connection
 - b. shut off valve
 - c. throttle valve
 - d. pressure reduction valve
 - e. gauge cock
 - f. monitoring pressure gauge
- 2) Test Procedures - The following procedures will be utilized for air testing sewer mains:
 - a. Apply air pressure until the pressure inside the pipe reaches 4 psig.
 - b. Allow the pressure inside the pipe to stabilize, then bleed back to 3.5 psig.
 - c. At 3.5 psig, the time, temperature and pressure will be observed and recorded. A minimum of five (5) readings will be required for each test. If the time in seconds for the air pressure to decrease from 3.5 psig to 2.5 psig is greater than that shown in the following table, the pipe shall be presumed to be free from defect. When these rates are exceeded, pipe breakage, joint leakage, or leaking plugs are indicated and an inspection must be made to determine the cause. The contractor shall affect such repairs as may be required to accomplish a successful air test.

Table 1 Minimum Test Time for Various Pipe Sizes

Nominal Pipe Size, in.	T(time) min/100 ft.	Nominal Pipe Size, in.	T(time) min/100 ft.
3	0.2	21	3.0
4	0.3	24	3.6
6	0.7	27	4.2
8	1.2	30	4.8
10	1.5	33	5.4
12	1.8	36	6.0
15	2.1	39	6.6
18	2.4	42	7.3

- b. Leakage Test - A leakage test may be requested by the Owner to determine excessive infiltration and to assure that the sewer section is substantially watertight. The Engineer may order the contractor to make leakage tests of as many sections as may be necessary to determine whether the work complies with the criteria for the rate of leakage. A section shall consist of a reach from one manhole to the next manhole provided the manholes are at least 300 feet apart and preferably 400 feet. Leakage tests shall be conducted, and measurements made, for a minimum of one hour. The tests may be conducted over a longer period with no reduction in the rate of leakage.
- 1) Leakage into Sewer - Leakage into the sewer including manholes, shall not exceed a rate of 50 gallons per 24 hours per inch diameter per mile of sewer. There shall be no gushing or spurting streams entering the sewer or manhole and where encountered they shall be repaired regardless of the rate of infiltration at no additional cost to Utility Owner. Where practicable, the tests for leakage into the sewers shall be made at a time when the groundwater level is at a maximum, but it must be at least one foot above the top of the pipe of the highest elevation in the section being tested.
 - 2) Leakage out of Sewer - Where the groundwater level is less than one foot above the top of-the pipe and where conditions will permit, the sewers shall be subjected to an internal pressure by plugging the pipe at both ends and then filling the sewer and manholes with clean water to a height above the top of the pipe sufficient to obtain satisfactory measurements to determine the rate of leakage, but no less than 2-feet above the top of the upstream pipe. The rate of leakage from the sewers will be determined by the amount of water volume lost during the testing period or by the volume of water needed to maintain the original water surface level. Leakage from the sewers under test shall not exceed a rate of 50 gallons per 24 hours per inch diameter per mile of sewer, except that an allowance of an additional 10 percent of gallonage shall be permitted for each additional 2 feet of head over a basic 2-foot minimum internal head.

- 3) Requirements of the Contractor - The contractor shall construct such weirs or other means of measurements as may be required, shall furnish water and shall do all necessary pumping to enable the tests to be properly made. When a leakage test fails, the contractor shall do such other work as may be necessary until the rate of leakage meets the above requirements, as determined by additional leakage tests.

c. Deflection Testing for Gravity PVC Sewer Lines

- 1) No sooner than 30 days, nor later than 12 months after the pipe has been installed and backfilling has been completed, tests for deflection will be made. A deflection of more than 5 percent of the inside diameter of the pipe shall be cause for rejection, and the line will be removed and replaced at the contractor's expense. A GO-NO-GO Deflection Testing Mandrel, to be furnished by the contractor, and certified by the Owner and Engineer, shall be used. The testing shall consist of the following:
 - a. Completely flush the line, if required, making sure the pipe is clean of any mud or debris that would hinder the passage of the mandrel.
 - b. During the final flushing of the line, attach a floating block or ball to the end of the mandrel pull rope and float the rope through the line.
 - c. After the rope is threaded through the line, connect the pull rope to the mandrel and place the mandrel in the entrance of the rope.
 - d. Connect a retrieval rope to the back of the mandrel to pull it back if necessary.
 - e. Remove all slack in the pull rope and place a tape marker on the rope at the ends of the pipe where the mandrel will exit, determining the location of the mandrel in the line.
 - f. Using manhole guide pulleys, draw mandrel through the sewer line, if any irregularity of pipe deformation exceeding the allowable 5 percent is encountered in the line, the line shall be uncovered at the point.
 - g. If an obstructed or over-deflected section is found, locate it; uncover pipe; inspect the pipe; if any damaged pipe is found, replace it. Backfill as per design plans.
 - h. Re-test this entire section for deflection.
 - i. Any pipe removed shall be replaced by use of gasketed repair couplings. Every deflection test shall be conducted in the presence of the Owner's or Engineer's representative.

- 2) The Contractor shall furnish all labor and material required to clean and flush and complete all testing required by this specification in accordance with Section f, below. The Owner, at their discretion, may televise the sewer lines. The Contractor shall furnish and install all required traffic control methods, as per TMUTCD, needed for the Owner to conduct the televising of the Work. If there is an insufficient roadway within the project area, the contractor will furnish the equipment necessary to gain full access to the site.

d. Manhole Leakage Testing

- 1) After completion of manhole construction, wall sealing, or rehabilitation, but prior to backfilling, test manholes for water tightness using hydrostatic or vacuum testing procedures. Manholes shall be tested after installation with all connections (existing and/or proposed) in place. Final acceptance in accordance with the requirements of this specification will consist of vacuum testing of the completed and installed manhole in place to include manhole/adjustment rings and manhole casting. The Contractor shall furnish all labor and material required to complete all testing required by this specification.

a. Vacuum Testing: Vacuum testing shall be performed as follows:

1. Plug influent and effluent lines, including service lines, with suitably sized pneumatic or mechanical plugs. Ensure plugs are properly rated for pressures required for test; follow manufacturer's safety and installation recommendations. Place plugs a minimum of 6 inches outside of manhole walls. Brace inverts to prevent lines from being dislodged if lines entering manhole have not been backfilled. Install vacuum tester head assembly at top access point of manhole and adjust proper seal on straight top section of manhole structure. Following manufacturer's instructions and safety precautions, inflate sealing element to the recommended maximum inflation pressure; do not overinflate.
2. Evacuate manhole with vacuum pump to 10 inches mercury (Hg), disconnect pump, and monitor vacuum for two minutes.
3. If the vacuum pressure drop exceeds 1-inch Hg over a two-minute time period, locate leaks, complete repairs necessary to seal manhole and repeat test procedure until satisfactory results are obtained.
4. MATERIALS - Test equipment shall be assembled as follows:
 - ii. Engine
 - iii. Vacuum Pump
 - iv. Hose
 - v. Test Head Device capable of sealing opening in manhole casting as required.

- vi. Pneumatic test plugs – These plugs shall have a sealing length equal to or greater than the diameter of the connecting pipe to be sealed.
 - vii. monitoring pressure gauge (rotameter)
- b. Hydrostatic Exfiltration Testing: Hydrostatic exfiltration testing shall be performed as follows:
- 1. Seal wastewater lines coming into the manhole with an internal pipe plug. Then, fill the manhole with water and maintain it full for at least one hour.
 - 2. The maximum leakage for hydrostatic testing shall be 0.025 gallons per foot of manhole diameter per foot of manhole depth per hour.
 - 3. If water loss exceeds amount tabulated above, locate leaks, complete repairs necessary to seal manhole and repeat test procedure until satisfactory results are obtained.
- c. All testing shall be done by the contractor and witnessed by the Owner. All manholes and structures shall be tested as finished and completed for final acceptance.

Any defective work or materials shall be corrected or replaced by the contractor and retested. This shall be repeated until all work and materials are acceptable.

- e. Force Main Hydrostatic Testing
- 1) After the pipe and appurtenance have been installed, test line and drain. Prevent damage to the Work or adjacent areas. Use clean water to perform tests.
 - 2) The Owner may direct tests of relatively short sections of completed lines to minimize traffic problems or potential public hazards.
 - 3) Test pipe in the presence of the Owner.
 - 4) Test pressures shall be at the normal operating pressure of the force main plus 50 psi. Normal operating pressure of the force main shall be the rated total dynamic head with all lift station pumps operating.
 - 5) Test pipe at the required pressure for a minimum of 4 hours according to requirements TCEQ Chapter 217.68 requirements.
 - 6) Maximum allowable leakage shall be as calculated by the following formula:

$$L = (S) (D) (P^{0.5}) / 155,400$$

Where:

L = Acceptable Leakage (gallons/hour/1,000-feet of pipe, based on a leakage rate of 10 gallons per inch of diameter per mile of pipe per day).

S = Length of pipe (feet).

D = Inside diameter of pipe (inches).

P = Pressure (pounds/square inch).

- 7) Correct defects, cracks, or leakage by replacement of defective items or by repairs as approved by the Utility Owner.
- 8) Plug openings in the force main after testing and flushing. Use cast iron plugs or blind flanges to prevent debris from entering the tested pipeline.

f. Sanitary Sewer Television Inspection

The Owner, at their discretion, may televise the sewer lines to determine all sources and conditions of the leakage. The Owner will provide all personnel and televising equipment for the test.

- 1) After construction of the sanitary sewer main and prior to placement of the final course of asphalt, the newly constructed sanitary sewer shall be televised immediately upon cleaning. Any abnormalities such as, but not limited to, misaligned joints, cracked/defected pipe, rolled gaskets, shall be repaired by the contractor at his expense. Sections requiring repair shall be re-televised to verify condition of repair. No additional compensation shall be provided for repair or re-televising.
- 2) If necessary, the Contractor shall perform bypass pumping operations in accordance with all other specification requirements and as outlined below.
 - a. The Contractor shall furnish all labor, supervision, tools, equipment, appliances, and materials to perform all operations in connection with bypass pumping of sewage flow for the purpose of preventing interference with the televising of the sanitary sewer manholes and mainlines as well as providing reliable sewer service to the occupants of the buildings being served.
 - b. The Contractor will be required to provide adequate pumping equipment and force mains in order to maintain reliable sanitary sewer service in all sanitary sewer lines involved in this project. The Contractor shall notify the Owner should a surcharge occur during the televising process which results in overflows of sewage. In case of bypass equipment failure, the Contractor shall discontinue work and release sewer flows until such time as equipment failure is corrected.

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- c. The location of the pump(s), force main(s), and discharge points shall be approved by the Owner. Under no circumstances shall the flow be interrupted or stopped, such that damage is done to either private or public property, or sewage flows or overflows into a storm sewer or natural waterway.
 - d. The Contractor shall provide bypass pumping of sewage around each segment(s) of pipe that is to be televised and shall be responsible for all required bulkheads, pumps, equipment, piping, and other related appurtenances to accomplish the sequence of pumping. A qualified person shall man the pumps, on-site, at all times during the bypassing procedure.
 - e. All piping, joints, and accessories shall be designed to withstand the maximum bypass system pressure, or a minimum of 50 psi, whichever is greater. During bypass pumping, no sewage shall be leaked, dumped, or spilled into or onto any area outside of the existing sanitary sewer system. When bypass pumping operations are complete, all piping shall be drained into the sanitary sewer prior to disassembly.
 - f. The Contractor shall demonstrate that the pumping system is in good working order and can successfully handle flows during cleaning and televising operations, prior to commencing with the cleaning and televising of the system.
 - g. The Contractor shall be required to have all materials, equipment, and labor necessary to complete the repair or replacement on the jobsite prior to isolating the sewer manhole or line segment and beginning bypass pumping operations.
 - h. The Contractor shall plug off and pump down the sewer manhole and/or line segment in the immediate work area and shall maintain the sanitary sewer system so that surcharging does not occur. The Contractor shall coordinate with all property owners to ensure that no damage will be caused to their property during any and all sewer televising work. The Contractor shall complete the televising as quickly as possible and shall satisfactorily meet all requirements prior to discontinuing bypass pumping operations and returning flow to the sewer manhole or line segment. The Contractor shall ensure that no damage will be caused to private property as a result of bypass pumping operations. Ingress and egress to adjacent properties shall always be maintained. Ramps, steel plates, or other methods shall be employed by the Contractor to facilitate traffic over surface piping.
 - i. If sewage accidentally drains into the drainage system or is spilled within the project, the Contractor shall immediately stop the overflow, notify the Owner, and take the necessary action to clean up and disinfect the spillage using an HTH, or equal, chemical.
 - j. Traffic management shall be done under the approval of respective City, County, or State Traffic Departments. The Contractor shall not open cut existing streets to accommodate bypass pumping piping unless specific written approval is given.

g. Pigging Test

- 1) After completion of hydrostatic testing and prior to final acceptance, test force mains longer than 200 feet by pigging to ensure piping is free of obstructions.
- 2) Pigs: Provide proving pigs manufactured of an open-cell polyurethane foam body, without any coating or abrasives which would scratch or otherwise damage interior pipe wall surface or lining. Pigs shall be able to pass through reductions of up to 65 percent of the nominal cross-sectional area of the pipe. Pigs shall be able to pass through standard fittings such as 45-degree and 90-degree elbows, crosses, tees, wyes, gate valves, or plug valves, as applicable to the force main being tested.
- 3) Test Execution: Pigging test shall be conducted in the presence of the Utility Owner. Provide at least 48-hour notice of scheduled pigging of the force main prior to commencing the test.

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SECTION 33 42 41.31 - FRAMES, GRATES, RINGS, AND COVERS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Iron castings for manhole frames and covers, inlet frames and grates, catch basin frames and grates, meter vault frames and covers, adjustment rings, and extensions.
- B. Ring grates.

1.2 UNIT PRICES

- A. Unit Prices.
 - 1. No payment will be made for frames, grates, rings, covers, and seals under this Section. Include payment in unit price for related item.

1.3 REFERENCES

- A. AASHTO - American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Standard Specification for Highway Bridges.
- B. ASTM A 48 - Specification for Gray Iron Castings.
- C. ASTM A 615 - Standard Specification for Deformed Billet-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.
- D. AWS - D 12.1 Welding Reinforcing Steel.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit product data in accordance with Section 01 33 00 - Submittal Procedures.
- B. Submit copies of manufacturer's specifications, load tables, dimension diagrams, anchor details, and installation instructions.
- C. Submit shop drawings for fabrication and installation of casting assemblies that are not included in Drawings. Include plans, elevations, sections and connection details. Show anchorage and accessory items. Include setting drawings for location and installation of castings and anchorage devices.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 CASTINGS

- A. Castings for frames, grates, rings and covers shall conform to AASHTO M 306-07 requirements of "Gray Iron Castings" AASHTO M105-06/ASTM A48 Class 35B. Castings shall be capable of withstanding the application of an AASHTO H-20 loading without permanent deformation.
- B. Producing Foundry Certification: The Contractor shall submit certification stating that the castings have been produced in facilities operating in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the United States and the State of Texas. The Certification shall state the country of origin of the castings. The certification shall also include a report of the test results.
- C. Fabricate castings to conform to the shapes, dimensions, and with wording or logos shown on the Drawings. Standard dimensions for manhole covers are 32 inches in diameter.
- D. Castings shall be clean, free from blowholes and other surface imperfections. Cast holes in covers shall be clean and symmetrical, free of plugs.

2.2 BEARING SURFACES

- A. Machine bearing surfaces between covers or grates and their respective frames so that even bearing is provided for any position in which the casting may be seated in the frame. All grates and covers shall be installed on a steel frame or ring inset into concrete or as shown in the design plans.

2.3 SPECIAL FRAMES AND COVERS

- A. Sanitary Sewer: Where indicated on the Drawings, provide watertight manhole frames and covers with a minimum of four bolts and a gasket designed to seal cover to frame. Supply watertight manhole covers and frames, Model V-1430A (32-inch cover diameter, 40 3/4-inch base frame diameter and 4 1/2" height) assembly with "Brownsville Public Utilities Board" and "Sanitary Sewer" as manufactured by East Jordan Iron Works, or approval equal.
- B. Storm Sewer: Where shown on the Drawing, provide storm sewer manhole frames and covers, Model V-1432 Frame and Cover (with City of Brownsville Logo and "Storm Sewer") (32-inch cover diameter, 40 1/4-inch base frame diameter and 4 7/8" height) manufactured by East Jordan Iron Works, or approval equal.

2.4 SPECIAL GRATES

- A. For ADA applications, provide drainage grate Model V-5636-80 manufactured by East Jordan Iron Works, or approval equal.

2.5 FINISH

- A. Unless otherwise specified, coat iron castings with the manufacturer's standard asphaltic paint.

2.6 FABRICATED RING GRATES

- A. Only allowed with approval of the Engineer in non-traffic and non-pedestrian areas.
- B. Ring grates shall be fabricated from reinforcing steel conforming to ASTM A 615.
- C. Welds connecting the bars shall conform to AWS D 12.1.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Install castings according to approved shop drawings, instructions given in related specifications, and applicable directions from the manufacturer's printed materials.
- B. Set castings accurately at required locations to proper alignment and elevation. Keep castings plumb, level, true, and free of rack. Measure location accurately from established lines and grades. Brace or anchor frames temporarily in formwork until permanently set.

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