# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Division 14 District 1

# **SBE Contract**

CONTRACT: DN12115161

TIP Number: N/A

FEDERAL: STATE FUNDED WBS Element: 14B.1045, ETC...

LOCATION: VARIOUS ROUTES THROUGHOUT HENDERSON, POLK,

AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES

COUNTY: HENDERSON, POLK, TRANSYLVANIA

**DESCRIPTION: ID-IQ ON-CALL BRIDGE PRESERVATION SERVICES** 

DISTRICT 1 AT VARIOUS ROUTES THROUGHOUT

HENDERSON, POLK, AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES

Contractor: MRC Farms and Consulting, LLC

Address: 118 Dogwood Drive

Morganton, NC 28655

Division Engineer: Wanda Payne, P.E. Bridge Maintenance Engineer: Mark Hill, P.E.

**Letting Date:** 1/11/2024

**Contract Execution:** 02/16/2024

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY DIVISION 14

# SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROPOSAL

DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING: JANUARY 11, 2024 AT 2:00 PM

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**WBS ELEMENT NO.: 14B.1045, ETC...** 

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COUNTY: HENDERSON, POLK, AND TRANSYLVANIA

TIP NO.: N/A

MILES: VARIES

ROUTE NO.: VARIES

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AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES

TYPE OF WORK: ID-IQ ON-CALL BRIDGE PRESERVATION SERVICES

**DISTRICT 1** 

#### NOTICE:

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PROGRAM, A N.C. GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED NOR ARE CONTRACT PAYMENT AND CONTRACT PERFORMANCE BONDS REQUIRED. BIDDERS SHALL ALSO COMPLY WITH ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE REGULATING THE PRACTICES OF ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTING AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

THIS IS A ROADWAY PROJECT.

BID BOND IS NOT REQUIRED.

MRC Farms and Consulting, LLC

NAME OF BIDDER

118 Dogwood Drive, Morganton, NC 28655

ADDRESS OF BIDDER

#### PROPOSAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF

# CONTRACT No. DN12115161 IN HENDERSON, POLK AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

#### RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

The Bidder has carefully examined the location of the proposed work to be known as Contract No. **DN12115161**; has carefully examined the plans and specifications, which are acknowledged to be part of the proposal, the special provisions, the proposal, the form of contract; and thoroughly understands the stipulations, requirements and provisions. The undersigned bidder agrees to be bound upon his execution of the bid and subsequent award to him by the Department of Transportation in accordance with this proposal. Payment and performance bonds are not required on this project. The undersigned Bidder further agrees to provide all necessary machinery, tools, labor, and other means of construction; and to do all the work and to furnish all materials, except as otherwise noted, necessary to perform and complete the said contract in accordance with the 2024 Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures by the dates(s) specified in the Project Special Provisions and in accordance with the requirements of the Engineer, and at the unit or lump sum prices, as the case may be, for the various items given on the sheets contained herein.

The Bidder shall provide and furnish all the materials, machinery, implements, appliances and tools, and perform the work and required labor to construct and complete Contract No. **DN12115161** in **Henderson, Polk and Transylvania Counties**, for the unit or lump sum prices, as the case may be, bid by the Bidder in his bid and according to the proposal, plans, and specifications prepared by said Department, which proposal, plans, and specifications show the details covering this project, and hereby become a part of this contract.

The published volume entitled *North Carolina Department of Transportation, Raleigh, Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures, January 2024* with all amendments and supplements thereto, is by reference incorporated into and made a part of this contract; that, except as herein modified, all the construction and work included in this contract is to be done in accordance with the specifications contained in said volume, and amendments and supplements thereto, under the direction of the Engineer.

If the proposal is accepted and the award is made, the contract is valid only when signed either by the Contract Officer or such other person as may be designated by the Secretary to sign for the Department of Transportation. The conditions and provisions herein cannot be changed except over the signature of the said Contract Officer or Division Engineer.

The quantities shown in the itemized proposal for the project are considered to be approximate only and are given as the basis for comparison of bids. The Department of Transportation may increase or decrease the quantity of any item or portion of the work as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

An increase or decrease in the quantity of an item will not be regarded as sufficient ground for an increase or decrease in the unit prices, nor in the time allowed for the completion of the work, except as provided for the contract.



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## INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

# PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE PREPARING AND SUBMITTING YOUR BID.

All bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the following requirements. Failure to comply with any requirement may cause the bid to be considered irregular and may be grounds for rejection of the bid.

#### TRADITIONAL PAPER BIDS:

- 1. Small Business Enterprise bidders shall submit a SBE Application for Certification Form within the NC Online Certification System on the Department's website and have been approved by the Office of Civil Rights prior to bidding. The SBE shall submit this form for approval at a minimum of one week prior to bidding.
- 2. Download the entire proposal from the Connect NCDOT website and return the entire proposal with your bid.
- **3.** If the Interested Parties List provision SP01 G02 is part of the proposal prior to submitting a bid on a project, the bidder shall sign up on the *Interested Parties List* in conformance with Interested Parties List provision SP01 G02.
- **4.** All entries on the itemized proposal sheet (bid form) shall be written in ink or typed.
- **5.** The Bidder shall submit a unit price for every item on the itemized proposal sheet. The unit prices for the various contract items shall be written in figures. Unit prices shall be rounded off by the Bidder to contain no more than FOUR decimal places.
- **6.** An amount bid shall be entered on the itemized proposal sheet for every item. The amount bid for each item shall be determined by multiplying each unit bid by the quantity for that item, and shall be written in figures in the "Amount" column of the form.
- 7. The total amount bid shall be written in figures in the proper place on the bid form. The total amount bid shall be determined by adding the amounts bid for each item.
- **8.** Changes to any entry shall be made by marking through the entry in ink and making the correct entry adjacent thereto in ink. A representative of the Bidder shall initial the change in ink. Do not use correction fluid, correction tape or similar product to make corrections.
- 9. The bid shall be properly executed on the included **Execution of Bid Non-collusion, Debarment and Gift Ban Certification** form. All bids shall show the following information:
  - a. Name of corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, joint venture, individual or firm, submitting bid.

Corporations that have a corporate seal should include it on the bid.

- b. Name of individual or representative submitting bid and position or title held on behalf of the bidder.
- c. Name, signature, and position or title of witness.
- 10. The bid shall not contain any unauthorized additions, deletions, or conditional bids.
- 11. The Bidder shall not add any provision reserving the right to accept or reject an award, or to enter into a contract pursuant to an award.
- 12. THE PROPOSAL WITH THE ITEMIZED PROPOSAL SHEET ATTACHED SHALL BE PLACED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND SHALL BE DELIVERED TO AND RECEIVED IN THE NCDOT DIVISION OFFICE, LOCATED AT 253 Webster Road, BY 2:00 PM ON, January 11, 2024.
- 13. The sealed bid must display the following statement on the front of the sealed envelope:
- QUOTATION FOR ID-IQ ON-CALL BRIDGE MAINTENANCE SERVICES DISTRICT 1 AT VARIOUS BRIDGES THROUGHOUT HENDERSON, POLK, AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 PM ON, January 11, 2024. As well as the following information:
  - a. Name of corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, joint venture, individual or firm, submitting bid.
  - b. Name of individual or representative submitting bid and position or title held on behalf of the bidder.
  - c. Address of corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, joint venture, individual or firm, submitting bid.
  - d. SAP Vendor Number of corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, joint venture, individual or firm, submitting bid.

- e. Contractor Number, if applicable, of corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, joint venture, individual or firm, submitting bid.
- **14.** If delivered by mail, the sealed envelope shall be placed in another sealed envelope and the outer envelope shall be addressed as follows:

# N. C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, DIVISION 14 ATTN: Jeffrey E. Alspaugh, EI

253 Webster Road Sylva, NC 28779

**15.** Questions should be emailed 7 calendar days prior to the bid opening to **Jeffrey E. Alspaugh, EI** at **D14contracts@ncdot.gov**. Contact with any other NCDOT personnel concerning this project is strictly prohibited, unless otherwise noted, and may result in bids being considered non-responsive.

#### PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS

## **GENERAL**

#### **MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE (Prequalifying To Bid):**

(7-18-06) (Rev. 01-09-24)

SPD 1-310

In order for all prospective bidders to have an extensive knowledge of the project, all prospective bidders shall attend a mandatory pre-bid conference on:

January 3, 2024 10:00 AM

Location:

Downstairs Conference Room N. C. Department of Transportation Division Of Highways, Division 14 253 Webster Road Sylva, NC 28779

Point of Contact:

Mark Hill (828) 488 – 0902 mehill3@ncdot.gov

The pre-bid conference will include a thorough discussion of the contract pay items, special provisions, etc.

Only bidders who have attended and properly registered at the above scheduled pre-bid conference and who have met all other prequalification requirements will be considered prequalified to bid on this project. A bid received from a bidder who has not attended and properly registered at the above scheduled pre-bid conference will not be accepted and considered for award.

Attendance at the pre-bid conference will not meet the requirements of proper registration unless the individual attending has registered at the pre-bid conference in accordance with the following:

- (A) The individual has signed his name on the official roster prior to the above noted time for the beginning of the conference.
- (B) The individual has written in the name and address of the company he or she represents.
- (C) Only one company has been shown as being represented by the individual attending.
- (D) The individual attending is an officer or permanent employee of the company they are representing.

Any individual arriving after the official roster has been received by the Engineer will not be eligible to bid. Attendance at any prior pre-bid conference will not meet the requirement of this provision.

#### **INTERESTED PARTIES LIST:**

(6-21-22)(Rev. 1-16-24) 102 SPI G02

Revise the *Standard Specifications* as follows:

The *Interested Parties List* sign up process is not applicable to this contract.

Page 1-13, Article 102-3 PROPOSALS AND INTERESTED PARTIES LIST, lines 12-15, delete the first paragraph.

Page 1-14, Article 102-8 PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS, lines 43-44, delete the first sentence of the first paragraph.

#### **CONTRACT TIME FOR ID/IQ:**

(2-15-22) 108 SPI G11

The date of availability for this contract is **February 5, 2024**.

The completion date for this contract is **February 4, 2025**.

Except where otherwise provided by the contract, observation periods required by the contract will not be a part of the work to be completed by the completion date and/or intermediate contract times stated in the contract. The acceptable completion of the observation periods that extend beyond the final completion date shall be a part of the work covered by the performance and payment bonds.

Work shall be accomplished in a continuous manner once the contractor begins.

Any liquidated damages for this contract will be assessed per the Mobilization and Liquidated Damages provision located elsewhere in this Contract.

#### INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT TIME NUMBER 1 AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

(2-20-07) 108 SP1 G14 A

The Contractor shall complete the required work of installing, maintaining, and removing the traffic control devices for lane closures and restoring traffic to the existing traffic pattern. The Contractor shall not close or narrow a lane of traffic on **ANY ROAD** during the following time restrictions:

#### **DAY AND TIME RESTRICTIONS**

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM
AND
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
AND
SCHOOL DAYS:

# 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM FOR WORK ORDERS REQUIRING LANE CLOSURES WITHIN 1 MILE OF A SCHOOL ON ANY ROUTE THAT RUNS IN FRONT THAT SCHOOL

In addition, the Contractor shall not close or narrow a lane of traffic on **ANY ROAD**, detain and/or alter the traffic flow on or during holidays, holiday weekends, special events, or any other time when traffic is unusually heavy, including the following schedules:

# HOLIDAY AND HOLIDAY WEEKEND LANE CLOSURE RESTRICTIONS

- 1. For **unexpected occurrence** that creates unusually high traffic volumes, as directed by the Engineer.
- 2. For **New Year's Day**, between the hours of **4:00 PM** December 31st and **7:00 AM** January 2nd. If New Year's Day is on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then until **7:00 AM** the following Tuesday.
- 3. For **Easter**, between the hours of **4:00 PM** Thursday and **7:00 AM** Monday.
- 4. For **Memorial Day**, between the hours of **4:00 PM** Friday and **7:00 AM** Tuesday.
- 5. For **Independence Day**, between the hours of **4:00 PM** the day before Independence Day and **7:00 AM** the day after Independence Day.
  - If **Independence Day** is on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then between the hours of **4:00 PM** the Thursday before Independence Day and **7:00 AM** the Tuesday after Independence Day.
- 6. For **Labor Day**, between the hours of **4:00 PM** Friday and **7:00 AM** Tuesday.
- 7. For **Thanksgiving Day**, between the hours of **4:00 PM** Tuesday and **7:00 AM** Monday.
- 8. For **Christmas**, between the hours of **4:00 PM** the Friday before the week of Christmas Day and **7:00 AM** the following Tuesday after the week of Christmas Day.

Holidays and holiday weekends shall include New Year's, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The Contractor shall schedule his work so that lane closures will not be required during these periods, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer.

The time of availability for this intermediate contract work shall be the time the Contractor begins to install all traffic control devices for lane closures according to the time restrictions listed herein.

The completion time for this intermediate contract work shall be the time the Contractor is required to complete the removal of all traffic control devices for lane closures according to the time restrictions stated above and place traffic in the existing traffic pattern.

The liquidated damages are **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars** (\$ 250.00) per hour.

#### **NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT:**

(6-1-15)

SPD 01-750

The Department may, as it deems to be in the best interest of the state and the Department of Transportation, execute more than one contract based on this proposal. The Contractor(s) understands and agrees, by signature on the Purchase Order Contract Bid Proposal, that this agreement **does not** constitute an exclusive contract. If awarded, the contracts will be executed with the lowest responsible bidders. The Department of Transportation reserves the right to make multiple awards for the services provided by this contract. Furthermore, the Department reserves the right to reject all bids received.

#### **WORK ORDER ASSIGNMENT (MULTIPLE AWARDS) FOR ID/IQ:**

(2-15-22)(Rev. 4-19-22)

SPD 01-800B

Work orders will be assigned based on the lowest work order cost for the line items and estimated quantities necessary to complete the work order. Unit prices from each awarded contractor's bid will be used to determine the lowest cost for each work order. The assigned Contractor shall respond to the work order assignment with the anticipated start date, within three working days of notification unless noted otherwise. Failure on the part of the Contractor to reply within the specified time frame may be received as a rejection of the work order. If the Contractor with the lowest work order cost cannot complete the work within the time specified in the assignment, the Engineer may contact the Contractor with the next lowest work order cost. If that Contractor can complete the work within the time specified in the assignment, then the work order will be assigned to that contractor. If not, assignment of work order will continue in order of work order cost until all awarded Contractors have had a chance to accept the terms of the assignment.

For federal ID/IQ contracts, all work orders will be assigned via the Work Order Assignment form (Form IDIQ-1MA), and the Contractor is required to formally respond in writing for federal work orders within three working days, unless noted otherwise. The Work Order Assignment form will also be used for any state ID/IQ contract in which the estimated work order cost meets the threshold for Performance and Payment Bonds in accordance with the Bonding Requirements for ID/IQ

provision found elsewhere in this contract. For state ID/IQ contracts in which the work order assignment doesn't meet the threshold for bonds, the Department has the option to use the Work Order Assignment Form or other methods for work order assignments as agreed upon by the Engineer and Contractor.

The Contractor shall be required to prosecute the work in a continuous and uninterrupted manner from the time they begin the work until completion and final acceptance of the work order. Multiple failures of the Contractor to mobilize and begin work on the work order within the agreed upon time frame or failure to complete the work within the given time frame may result in the Contractor being excluded from future work on this contract in accordance with the *Standard Specifications*.

#### MOBILIZATION AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR ID/IQ:

(2-15-22)

SPD 01-820

The Contractor shall mobilize to each location he is required to perform work. The measurement and payment for mobilization is addressed elsewhere in the contract.

The Contractor will be provided a Work Order Assignment for each project with location(s), estimated quantities, and liquidated damages unless waived by the Engineer. Notification will be verbal followed by a faxed or emailed signed Work Order Assignment. There will be no minimum quantities for any line item associated with a particular mobilization. The Contractor shall complete the work identified on each Work Order Assignment.

The Contractor shall mobilize and complete the work within the time specified on the Work Order Assignment. Failure to complete the work by the completion date may result in the application of liquidated damages. Liquidated damage amounts will be based on the work order estimate and the liquidated damage table below.

| Work Order Value | Liquidated Damages (per calendar day) |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| \$0 - \$100K     | \$100.00                              |
| \$100K - \$200K  | \$250.00                              |
| \$200K - \$300K  | \$500.00                              |
| \$300K - \$500K  | \$600.00                              |
| \$500K - \$1M    | \$700.00                              |
| \$1M - \$2M      | \$850.00                              |

#### RENEWAL OF CONTRACT (CPI PRICE ADJUSTMENT) FOR ID/IQ:

(2-15-22)(Rev. 9-19-23)

SPD 01-840

The Contractor shall submit a bid for one year. At the option of the Department, this contract may be extended for **2** additional periods of one year each (maximum (3) three years total). Each year shall have a limit of **One Million Dollars** (\$1,000,000.00).

The compensation payable to the contractor shall be fixed for the first twelve months of this contract. However, upon an application of renewal of the contract, or thirty days prior to the end of each contract period, the renewal contract may be adjusted to reflect the adjustment in the Consumer Price Index over the latest twelve month period as published by the US Bureau of Labor

and Statistics at <a href="http://www.bls.gov/cpi">http://www.bls.gov/cpi</a> to be applied to new work order assignments. The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), US City Average, All Items, 1982-84=100, not seasonally adjusted will be used. If the amount of the requested adjustment is more than ten percent, the Department of Transportation reserves the right to cancel this contract.

CPI adjustment values can be determined using the calculator on the NCDOT Construction website.

This price escalation method will not be applied to items of work that are separately covered under commodity price escalation clauses. No other changes in the terms, conditions, etc. of this contract will be made when an extension to the contract is implemented. The Engineer will notify the Contractor in writing, **60 days** if the contract may be extended. The Contractor must notify the Engineer in writing, **30 days** of his acceptance or rejection of this offer. Failure on the part of the Contractor to reply will be received as a rejection of contract extension.

#### **DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS FOR ID/IQ:**

(2-15-22) SPD 01-850

If a question should arise on the contract or assignment of a work order, the contractor should notify the Engineer noted on the assignment documentation or the Division Engineer within 48 hours after the scheduled time of bid opening or work order assignment. The following should be included in the notification if applicable:

- the contract for which bids were solicited;
- the particular law, regulation, or contract specification violated;
- a detailed description of the alleged violation; and
- any other information deemed to be relevant.

Once the initial evaluation has been completed, the contractor may be asked to attend a meeting for further discussion and clarification.

Once a determination has been made, the contractor will be notified of the decision by the Division Engineer. If the decision does not meet the satisfaction of the contractor, they have 24 hours from the Division Engineer's notification to elevate the dispute to the Chief Engineer. The Chief Engineer will make the final decision and will not be subject to further review by NCDOT.

#### NO MAJOR CONTRACT ITEMS:

(2-19-02) (Rev. 8-21-07) 104 SPI G31

None of the items included in this contract will be major items.

#### **NO SPECIALTY ITEMS:**

(7-1-95)(Rev. 1-16-24) 108-6 SPI G34

None of the items included in this contract will be specialty items (see Article 108-6 of the *Standard Specifications*).

#### SCHEDULE OF ESTIMATED COMPLETION PROGRESS:

(7-15-08)(Rev. 1-16-24) 108-2 SPI G58

The Contractor's attention is directed to the Standard Special Provision entitled *Availability of Funds Termination of Contracts* included elsewhere in this proposal. The Department of Transportation's schedule of estimated completion progress for this project as required by that Standard Special Provision is as follows:

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> |      | <u>Fiscal Year</u>  | Progress (% of Dollar Value)    |  |
|--------------------|------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--|
|                    | 2024 | (7/01/23 - 6/30/24) | <b>40</b> % of Total Amount Bid |  |
|                    | 2025 | (7/01/24 - 6/30/25) | <b>60</b> % of Total Amount Bid |  |

The Contractor shall also furnish his own progress schedule in accordance with Article 108-2 of the *Standard Specifications*. Any acceleration of the progress as shown by the Contractor's progress schedule over the progress as shown above shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer.

# SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MULTI-YEAR MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS (ID/IQ)):

(4-20-21)(Rev. 2-15-22)

This contract is a multi-year contract let pursuant to the Small Business Enterprise provisions of N.C. General Statute §136-28.10. No minimum quantity of services is guaranteed to be awarded bidders under this contract. In accordance with N.C. General Statute §136-28.10, an award in a contract may be for an amount less but shall not exceed \$1,000,000 per year. No payments in excess of this amount will be disbursed, in accordance with the Statute.

#### **USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (UAS):**

(8-20-19) SP1 G092

The Contractor shall adhere to all Federal, State and Local regulations and guidelines for the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). This includes but is not limited to US 14 CFR Part 107 Small UAS Rule, NC GS 15A-300.2 Regulation of launch and recovery sites, NC GS 63-95 Training required for the operation of unmanned aircraft systems, NC GS 63-96 Permit required for commercial operation of unmanned aircraft system, and NCDOT UAS Policy. The required operator certifications include possessing a current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Remote Pilot Certificate, a NC UAS Operator Permit as well as operating a UAS registered with the FAA.

Prior to beginning operations, the Contractor shall complete the NCDOT UAS – Flight Operation Approval Form and submit it to the Engineer for approval. All UAS operations shall be approved by the Engineer prior to beginning the operations.

All contractors or subcontractors operating UAS shall have UAS specific general liability insurance to cover all operations under this contract.

The use of UAS is at the Contractor's discretion. No measurement or payment will be made for the use of UAS. In the event that the Department directs the Contractor to utilize UAS, payment will be in accordance with Article 104-7 Extra Work.

## **EQUIPMENT IDLING GUIDELINES:**

(1-19-21) 107 SPI G096

Exercise reduced fuel consumption and reduced equipment emissions during the construction of all work associated with this contract. Employees engaged in the construction of this project should turn off vehicles when stopped for more than thirty (30) minutes and off-highway equipment should idle no longer than fifteen (15) consecutive minutes.

These guidelines for turning off vehicles and equipment when idling do not apply to:

- 1. Idling when queuing.
- 2. Idling to verify the vehicle is in safe operating condition.
- 3. Idling for testing, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes.
- 4. Idling necessary to accomplish work for which the vehicle was designed (such as operating a crane, mixing concrete, etc.).
- 5. Idling required to bring the machine system to operating temperature.
- 6. Emergency vehicles, utility company, construction, and maintenance vehicles where the engines must run to perform needed work.
- 7. Idling to ensure safe operation of the vehicle.
- 8. Idling when the propulsion engine is providing auxiliary power for other than heating or air conditioning. (such as hydraulic systems for pavers)
- 9. When specific traffic, safety, or emergency situations arise.
- 10. If the ambient temperature is less than 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Limited idling to provide for the safety of vehicle occupants (e.g. to run the heater).
- 11. If the ambient temperature is greater than 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Limited idling to provide for the safety of vehicle occupants of off-highway equipment (e.g. to run the air conditioning) no more than 30 minutes.
- 12. Diesel powered vehicles may idle for up to 30 minutes to minimize restart problems.

Any vehicle, truck, or equipment in which the primary source of fuel is natural gas or electricity is exempt from the idling limitations set forth in this special provision.

#### **COOPERATION BETWEEN CONTRACTORS:**

(7-1-95)(Rev. 1-16-24) 105-7 SPI G133

The Contractor's attention is directed to Article 105-7 of the Standard Specifications.

The Engineer will identify projects and locations, where applicable.

The Contractor on this project shall cooperate with the Contractor working within or adjacent to the limits of this project to the extent that the work can be carried out to the best advantage of all concerned.

# **OUTSOURCING OUTSIDE THE USA:**

(9-21-04) (Rev. 5-16-06)

All work on consultant contracts, services contracts, and construction contracts shall be performed in the United States of America. No work shall be outsourced outside of the United States of America.

*Outsourcing* for the purpose of this provision is defined as the practice of subcontracting labor, work, services, staffing, or personnel to entities located outside of the United States.

The North Carolina Secretary of Transportation shall approve exceptions to this provision in writing.

# PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISIONS ROADWAY

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#### **BRIDGE PRESERVATION CREW:**

(01-09-2024) PSP R1

#### **Description**

Provide and mobilize a bridge preservation crew to perform bridge preservation and maintenance activities.

#### **Traffic Control**

Traffic Control is addressed elsewhere in this contract.

#### **Materials**

All materials needed will be provided by the Department, contact the Engineer prior to work to acquire materials. These materials are generally stored at the reporting stations defined elsewhere in this contract. The Contractor shall be responsible for transporting the required materials from the reporting station to the work site.

#### **Mobilization**

The Contractor shall mobilize a Bridge Preservation Crew within 5 business days to the appropriate reporting site once notified by the Engineer. The reporting station is listed below:

**District 1**: Polk / Transylvania / Henderson

**Reporting Station: Mt. Home** 

693 Mountain Road Hendersonville, NC 28791

#### **Utility Conflicts**

In the event that any utility service is interrupted by the Contractor's activities, the Contractor shall notify the Engineer and the utility owner immediately, and shall cooperate with the owner, in the restoration of service in the shortest time possible. Any damage caused to existing utilities by the Contractor is the responsibility of the Contractor to repair at no cost to the Department.

The Contractor shall not block the accessibility of fire hydrants at any time.

#### **Cooperation with State Forces and Other Contractors**

The Contractor shall cooperate with State forces and other Contractors working within the limits of this project as directed by the Engineer.

#### **Traffic Signs and Mailboxes**

The Contractor shall restore, daily, those permanent traffic signs and mailboxes that have been temporarily removed due to interference with the bridge preservation and maintenance operations. Prior to the temporary removal of permanent signs and mailboxes, the Contractor shall mark the proper location of those signs and mailboxes by placing an offset stake behind the ditch line to ensure proper replacement.

#### **Bridge Preservation Crew Requirements**

A Bridge Preservation Crew shall consist of a minimum of **4** workmen and **1** crew leader with sufficient abilities, skills, hand tools, and equipment capable of performing any typical bridge preservation activity described elsewhere.

The required minimum personnel and equipment will consist of the following:

| BRIDGE PRESERVATION CREW COMPLEMENT |                    |   |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| PERSONNEL<br>LEVEL                  | NUMBER<br>REQUIRED | DESCRIPTION   |  |
| Crew<br>Supervisor/Operator         | 1                  | Job Site Leader / Operator / Truck Driver. Must be available to communicate with NCDOT personnel. |  |
| Operator                            | 2                  | Operator / Truck Driver. May also serve as a General Laborer / Flagger.                           |  |
| Laborer                             | 2                  | General Laborer / Flagger   |  |

As directed by the Engineer, the Contractor's crews may be assigned to supplement Department crews for various projects and durations.

The Contractor shall maintain daily time logs. All charges shall be determined to the **nearest 1/4 hour** based upon the time the crew is actively engaged in work order scope assignments. The Contractor shall meet with the Engineer weekly to review time records.

#### **Bridge Preservation Crew Equipment Requirements**

| BRIDGE PRESERVATION CREW EQUIPMENT COMPLEMENT |                    |   |  |
|---|--------------------|---|--|
| EQUIPMENT                                     | NUMBER<br>REQUIRED | DESCRIPTION   |  |
| Trailer                                       | 1                  | Capable of transporting the required materials/tools.                         |  |
| Crew Truck                                    | 2                  | Capable of transporting necessary hand tools, traffic control, and personnel. |  |
| Leaf Blower                                   | 1                  | Commercial grade  |  |

The equipment and tools must operate at a noise level less than 90 decibels at a distance of 50 feet.

The following tools shall be required for bridge preservation activities:

| Carpentry tools | Measurement instruments            |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Chainsaws       | Cutting torch                      |
| Hammers         | Saws                               |
| Drills          | Variety of other common hand tools |

#### **Construction Methods**

The Contractor shall provide a crew to perform bridge preservation operations on State-maintained roadways in accordance with these specifications, and as directed by the Engineer. Typical work activities may include, but not be limited to, timber rail repair, crutch bent installation, decking repair, scour repair, timber bulkhead repair, Division Bridge Maintenance Crew support, and other bridge preservation activities.

The Engineer will identify the proposed work locations for the Contractor.

#### **Measurement and Payment**

Bridge Preservation Crew will be paid for hours of work confirmed and accepted by the Engineer; this time will begin when the full crew complement is present at the reporting station. There will be no compensation for downtime due to meals, equipment failure, unsatisfactory weather, or any other conditions not approved by the Engineer.

*Mobilization* will be paid per each initial visit that the contractor is mobilized to the designated reporting station. No additional mobilization will be paid for work occurring in the workday within county limits for the work order reporting station. The crew will be paid the established hourly rate for moving within the county.

Payment will be made under:

Pay ItemPay UnitBridge Preservation CrewHourMobilization (Reporting Station)Each

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# STANDARD SPECIAL PROVISION AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS – TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS

(5-20-08)(Rev. 1-16-24)

General Statute 143C-6-11. (h) Highway Appropriation is hereby incorporated verbatim in this contract as follows:

(h) Amounts Encumbered. – Transportation project appropriations may be encumbered in the amount of allotments made to the Department of Transportation by the Director for the estimated payments for transportation project contract work to be performed in the appropriation fiscal year. The allotments shall be multiyear allotments and shall be based on estimated revenues and shall be subject to the maximum contract authority contained in General Statute 143C-6-11(c). Payment for transportation project work performed pursuant to contract in any fiscal year other than the current fiscal year is subject to appropriations by the General Assembly. Transportation project contracts shall contain a schedule of estimated completion progress, and any acceleration of this progress shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation provided funds are available. The State reserves the right to terminate or suspend any transportation project contract, and any transportation project contract shall be so terminated or suspended if funds will not be available for payment of the work to be performed during that fiscal year pursuant to the contract. In the event of termination of any contract, the contractor shall be given a written notice of termination at least 60 days before completion of scheduled work for which funds are available. In the event of termination, the contractor shall be paid for the work already performed in accordance with the contract specifications.

Payment will be made on any contract terminated pursuant to the special provision in accordance with Subarticle 108-13(D) of the *Standard Specifications*.

#### **ERRATA**

(1-16-24) Z-4

Revise the 2024 Standard Specifications as follows:

#### **Division 3**

**Page 3-5, Article 305-2 MATERIALS, after line 16,** replace " 1032-3(A)(7)" with "1032-3" and add the item "Galvanized Corrugated Steel Pipe" with Section "1032-3".

Page 3-6, Article 310-2 MATERIALS, after line 9, add the item "Galvanized Corrugated Steel Pipe" with Section "1032-3".

#### **Division 9**

**Page 9-17, Article 904-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, prior to line 1,** replace "Sign Erection, Relocate Type (Ground Mounted)" with "Sign Erection, Relocate Type \_\_\_\_ (Ground Mounted)".

#### **Division 10**

**Page 10-51, Article 1024-4 WATER, prior to line 1,** delete the "unpopulated blank row" in Table 1024-2 between "Time of set, deviation from control" and "Chloride Ion Content, Max.".

Page 10-170, Subarticle 1081-1(C) Requirements, line 4, replace "maximum" with "minimum".

#### **Division 11**

Page 11-15, Article 1160-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 24, replace "Where barrier units are moved more than one" with "Where barrier units are moved more than once".

#### **Division 15**

**Page 15-10, Article 1515-4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, lines 11,** replace "All piping" with "All labor, the manhole, other materials, excavation, backfilling, piping".

#### **Division 16**

Page 16-14, Article 1633-5 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT, line 20-24 and prior to line 25, delete and replace with the following " *Flocculant* will be measured and paid in accordance with Article 1642-5 applied to the temporary rock silt checks."

Page 16-3, Article 1609-2 MATERIALS, after line 26, replace "Type 4" with "Type 4a".

Page 16-25, Article 1644-2 MATERIALS, after line 22, replace "Type 4" with "Type 4a".

#### PLANT AND PEST QUARANTINES

(Imported Fire Ant, Gypsy Moth, Witchweed, Emerald Ash Borer, Guava Root Knot Nematode, And Other Noxious Weeds)

(3-18-03) (Rev. 5-21-19) Z-04a

#### Within Quarantined Area

This project may be within a county regulated for plant and/or pests. If the project or any part of the Contractor's operations is located within a quarantined area, thoroughly clean all equipment prior to moving out of the quarantined area. Comply with federal/state regulations by obtaining a certificate or limited permit for any regulated article moving from the quarantined area.

#### **Originating in a Quarantined County**

Obtain a certificate or limited permit issued by the N.C. Department of Agriculture/United States Department of Agriculture. Have the certificate or limited permit accompany the article when it arrives at the project site.

#### Contact

Contact the N.C. Department of Agriculture/United States Department of Agriculture at 1-800-206-9333, 919-707-3730, or <a href="https://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/Plant/quaran/table2.htm">https://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/Plant/quaran/table2.htm</a> to determine those specific project sites located in the quarantined area or for any regulated article used on this project originating in a quarantined county.

#### **Regulated Articles Include**

- 1. Soil, sand, gravel, compost, peat, humus, muck, and decomposed manure, separately or with other articles. This includes movement of articles listed above that may be associated with cut/waste, ditch pulling, and shoulder cutting.
- 2. Plants with roots including grass sod.
- 3. Plant crowns and roots.
- 4. Bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers of ornamental plants.
- 5. Hay, straw, fodder, and plant litter of any kind.
- 6. Clearing and grubbing debris.
- 7. Used agricultural cultivating and harvesting equipment.
- 8. Used earth-moving equipment.
- 9. Any other products, articles, or means of conveyance, of any character, if determined by an inspector to present a hazard of spreading imported fire ant, gypsy moth, witchweed, emerald ash borer, guava root knot nematode, or other noxious weeds.

#### **MINIMUM WAGES**

(7-21-09) Z-5

**FEDERAL:** The Fair Labor Standards Act provides that with certain exceptions every employer shall pay wages at the rate of not less than SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

STATE: The North Carolina Minimum Wage Act provides that every employer shall pay to each of his employees, wages at a rate of not less than SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all skilled labor employed on this contract shall be SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all intermediate labor employed on this contract shall be SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all unskilled labor on this contract shall be SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$7.25) per hour.

This determination of the intent of the application of this act to the contract on this project is the responsibility of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall have no claim against the Department of Transportation for any changes in the minimum wage laws, Federal or State. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to keep fully informed of all Federal and State Laws affecting his contract.

#### TITLE VI AND NONDISCRIMINATION:

(6-28-77)(Rev 6/19/2018)

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Revise the 2018 Standard Specifications as follows:

Replace Article 103-4(B) with the following:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is committed to carrying out the U.S. Department of Transportation's policy of ensuring nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts.

The provisions of this section related to United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) Order 1050.2A, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 21, 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) 140 and 23 CFR part 200 (or 49 CFR 303, 49 U.S.C. 5332 or 49 U.S.C. 47123) are applicable to all North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) contracts and to all related subcontracts, material supply, engineering, architectural and other service contracts, regardless of dollar amount. Any Federal provision that is specifically required not specifically set forth is hereby incorporated by reference.

## (1) Title VI Assurances (USDOT Order 1050.2A, Appendix A)

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

#### (a) Compliance with Regulations

The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) shall comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

#### (b) Nondiscrimination

The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.

#### (c) Solicitations for Subcontractors, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment

In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

## (d) Information and Reports

The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor shall so certify to the Recipient or the FHWA, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

#### (e) Sanctions for Noncompliance:

In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it and/or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- (i) Withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
- (ii) Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.

#### (f) Incorporation of Provisions

The contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (f) in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor shall take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

#### (2) Title VI Nondiscrimination Program (23 CFR 200.5(p))

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has assured the USDOT that, as a condition to receiving federal financial assistance, NCDOT will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all requirements imposed by Title 49 CFR part 21 and related nondiscrimination authorities to ensure that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, limited English proficiency, sex, age, or disability (including religion/creed or income-level, where applicable), be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any programs, activities, or services conducted or funded by NCDOT. Contractors and other organizations under contract or agreement with NCDOT must also comply with Title VI and related authorities, therefore:

- (a) During the performance of this contract or agreement, contractors (e.g., subcontractors, consultants, vendors, prime contractors) are responsible for complying with NCDOT's Title VI Program. Contractors are not required to prepare or submit Title VI Programs. To comply with this section, the prime contractor shall:
  - 1. Post NCDOT's Notice of Nondiscrimination and the Contractor's own Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy in conspicuous locations accessible to all employees, applicants and subcontractors on the jobsite.

- 2. Physically incorporate the required Title VI clauses into all subcontracts on federally-assisted and state-funded NCDOT projects, and ensure inclusion by subcontractors into all lower-tier subcontracts.
- 3. Required Solicitation Language. The Contractor shall include the following notification in all solicitations for bids and requests for work or material, regardless of funding source:
  - "The North Carolina Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 US.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. In accordance with other related nondiscrimination authorities, bidders and contractors will also not be discriminated against on the grounds of sex, age, disability, low-income level, creed/religion, or limited English proficiency in consideration for an award."
- 4. Physically incorporate the FHWA-1273, in its entirety, into all subcontracts and subsequent lower tier subcontracts on Federal-aid highway construction contracts only.
- 5. Provide language assistance services (i.e., written translation and oral interpretation), free of charge, to LEP employees and applicants. Contact NCDOT OCR for further assistance, if needed.
- 6. For assistance with these Title VI requirements, contact the NCDOT Title VI Nondiscrimination Program at 1-800-522-0453.
- (b) Subrecipients (e.g. cities, counties, LGAs, planning organizations) may be required to prepare and submit a Title VI Plan to NCDOT, including Title VI Assurances and/or agreements. Subrecipients must also ensure compliance by their contractors and subrecipients with Title VI. (23 CFR 200.9(b)(7))
- (c) If reviewed or investigated by NCDOT, the contractor or subrecipient agrees to take affirmative action to correct any deficiencies found within a reasonable time period, not to exceed 90 calendar days, unless additional time is granted by NCDOT. (23 CFR 200.9(b)(15))
- (d) The Contractor is responsible for notifying subcontractors of NCDOT's External Discrimination Complaints Process.

#### 1. Applicability

Title VI and related laws protect participants and beneficiaries (e.g., members of the public and contractors) from discrimination by NCDOT employees, subrecipients and contractors, regardless of funding source.

#### 2. Eligibility

Any person—or class of persons—who believes he/she has been subjected to discrimination based on race, color, national origin, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), sex, age, or disability (and religion in the context of employment, aviation, or transit) may file a written complaint. The law also prohibits intimidation or retaliation of any sort.

#### 3. Time Limits and Filing Options

Complaints may be filed by the affected individual(s) or a representative and must be filed no later than 180 calendar days after the following:

- (i) The date of the alleged act of discrimination; or
- (ii) The date when the person(s) became aware of the alleged discrimination; or
- (iii) Where there has been a continuing course of conduct, the date on which that conduct was discontinued or the latest instance of the conduct.

Title VI and related discrimination complaints may be submitted to the following entities:

- North Carolina Department of Transportation, Office of Civil Rights, Title VI Program, 1511 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1511; toll free 1-800-522-0453
- Federal Highway Administration, North Carolina Division Office, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410, Raleigh, NC 27601, 919-747-7010
- ➤ US Department of Transportation, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, External Civil Rights Programs Division, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590; 202-366-4070

#### 4. Format for Complaints

Complaints must be in writing and signed by the complainant(s) or a representative, and include the complainant's name, address, and telephone number. Complaints received by fax or e-mail will be acknowledged and processed. Allegations received by telephone will be reduced to writing and provided to the complainant for confirmation or revision before processing. Complaints will be accepted in other languages, including Braille.

#### 5. Discrimination Complaint Form

Contact NCDOT Civil Rights to receive a full copy of the Discrimination Complaint Form and procedures.

## 6. Complaint Basis

Allegations must be based on issues involving race, color, national origin (LEP), sex, age, disability, or religion (in the context of employment, aviation or transit). "Basis" refers to the complainant's membership in a protected group category.

| TABLE 103-1<br>COMPLAINT BASIS   |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| Protected Categories   | Definition   | Examples  | Applicable Nondiscrimination<br>Authorities  |
| Race and Ethnicity   | An individual belonging to one of the accepted racial groups; or the perception, based usually on physical characteristics that a person is a member of a racial group   | Black/African<br>American,<br>Hispanic/Latino,<br>Asian, American<br>Indian/Alaska Native,<br>Native<br>Hawaiian/Pacific<br>Islander, White | Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;<br>49 CFR Part 21;<br>23 CFR 200;<br>49 U.S.C. 5332(b);<br>49 U.S.C. 47123.<br>(Executive Order 13166) |
| Color  | Color of skin, including shade of skin within a racial group   | Black, White, brown, yellow, etc.   |  |
| National Origin (Limited English Proficiency)  | Place of birth. Citizenship is not<br>a factor. (Discrimination based<br>on language or a person's<br>accent is also covered)  | Mexican, Cuban,<br>Japanese,<br>Vietnamese, Chinese   |  |
| Sex  | Gender. The sex of an individual.  Note: Sex under this program does not include sexual orientation.   | Women and Men   | 1973 Federal-Aid Highway Act;<br>49 U.S.C. 5332(b);<br>49 U.S.C. 47123.  |
| Age  | Persons of any age   | 21-year-old person  | Age Discrimination Act of 1975<br>49 U.S.C. 5332(b);<br>49 U.S.C. 47123.   |
| Disability   | Physical or mental impairment, permanent or temporary, or perceived.   | Blind, alcoholic,<br>para-amputee,<br>epileptic, diabetic,<br>arthritic   | Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990   |
| Religion (in the context of employment) (Religion/ Creed in all aspects of any aviation or transit-related construction) | An individual belonging to a religious group; or the perception, based on distinguishable characteristics that a person is a member of a religious group. In practice, actions taken as a result of the moral and ethical beliefs as to what is right and wrong, which are sincerely held with the strength of traditional religious views. <i>Note:</i> Does not have to be associated with a recognized religious group or church; if an individual sincerely holds to the belief, it is a protected religious practice. | Muslim, Christian,<br>Sikh, Hindu, etc.   | Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 23 CFR 230; FHWA-1273 Required Contract Provisions. (49 U.S.C. 5332(b); 49 U.S.C. 47123)              |

## (3) Pertinent Nondiscrimination Authorities

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

(a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.

- (b) The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- (c) Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- (d) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability) and 49 CFR Part 27;
- (e) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- (f) Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- (g) The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- (h) Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- (i) The Federal Aviation Administration's Nondiscrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- (j) Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures Nondiscrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- (k) Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of Limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- (l) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et sea).
- (m) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., Pub. L. 88-352), (prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin).

#### (4) Additional Title VI Assurances

- \*\*The following Title VI Assurances (Appendices B, C and D) shall apply, as applicable
- (a) Clauses for Deeds Transferring United States Property (1050.2A, Appendix B)

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

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

#### (HABENDUM CLAUSE)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interests therein unto the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the NCDOT, its successors and assigns.

The NCDOT, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and]\* (2) that the NCDOT will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended [, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned nondiscrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction].\*

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

(b) Clauses for Transfer of Real Property Acquired or Improved Under the Activity, Facility, or Program (1050.2A, Appendix C)

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

- 1. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:
  - (i.) In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.
- 2. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the NCDOT will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued. \*
- 3. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the NCDOT will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the NCDOT and its assigns. \*

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

(c) Clauses for Construction/Use/Access to Real Property Acquired Under the Activity, Facility or Program (1050.2A, Appendix D)

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

- 1. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, "as a covenant running with the land") that (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.
- 2. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above Non¬ discrimination covenants, the NCDOT will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued. \*
- 3. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the NCDOT will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the NCDOT and its assigns. \*

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#### **ON-THE-JOB TRAINING**

(10-16-07) (Rev. 4-21-15) Z-10

#### **Description**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will administer a custom version of the Federal On-the-Job Training (OJT) Program, commonly referred to as the Alternate OJT Program. All contractors (existing and newcomers) will be automatically placed in the Alternate Program. Standard OJT requirements typically associated with individual projects will no longer be applied at the project level. Instead, these requirements will be applicable on an annual basis for each contractor administered by the OJT Program Manager.

On the Job Training shall meet the requirements of 23 CFR 230.107 (b), 23 USC – Section 140, this provision and the On-the-Job Training Program Manual.

The Alternate OJT Program will allow a contractor to train employees on Federal, State and privately funded projects located in North Carolina. However, priority shall be given to training employees on NCDOT Federal-Aid funded projects.

#### **Minorities and Women**

Developing, training and upgrading of minorities and women toward journeyman level status is a primary objective of this special training provision. Accordingly, the Contractor shall make every effort to enroll minority and women as trainees to the extent that such persons are available within a reasonable area of recruitment. This training commitment is not intended, and shall not be used, to discriminate against any applicant for training, whether a member of a minority group or not.

#### **Assigning Training Goals**

The Department, through the OJT Program Manager, will assign training goals for a calendar year based on the contractors' past three years' activity and the contractors' anticipated upcoming year's activity with the Department. At the beginning of each year, all contractors eligible will be contacted by the Department to determine the number of trainees that will be assigned for the upcoming calendar year. At that time the Contractor shall enter into an agreement with the Department to provide a self-imposed on-the-job training program for the calendar year. This agreement will include a specific number of annual training goals agreed to by both parties. The number of training assignments may range from 1 to 15 per contractor per calendar year. The Contractor shall sign an agreement to fulfill their annual goal for the year.\

#### **Training Classifications**

The Contractor shall provide on-the-job training aimed at developing full journeyman level workers in the construction craft/operator positions. Preference shall be given to providing training in the following skilled work classifications:

Equipment Operators Office Engineers

Truck Drivers Estimators

Carpenters Iron / Reinforcing Steel Workers

Concrete Finishers Mechanics
Pipe Layers Welders

The Department has established common training classifications and their respective training requirements that may be used by the contractors. However, the classifications established are not all-inclusive. Where the training is oriented toward construction applications, training will be allowed in lower-level management positions such as office engineers and estimators. Contractors shall submit new classifications for specific job functions that their employees are performing. The Department will review and recommend for acceptance to FHWA the new classifications proposed by contractors, if applicable. New classifications shall meet the following requirements:

Proposed training classifications are reasonable and realistic based on the job skill classification needs, and

The number of training hours specified in the training classification is consistent with common practices and provides enough time for the trainee to obtain journeyman level status.

The Contractor may allow trainees to be trained by a subcontractor provided that the Contractor retains primary responsibility for meeting the training and this provision is made applicable to the subcontract. However, only the Contractor will receive credit towards the annual goal for the trainee.

Where feasible, 25 percent of apprentices or trainees in each occupation shall be in their first year of apprenticeship or training. The number of trainees shall be distributed among the work classifications on the basis of the contractor's needs and the availability of journeymen in the various classifications within a reasonable area of recruitment.

No employee shall be employed as a trainee in any classification in which they have successfully completed a training course leading to journeyman level status or in which they have been employed as a journeyman.

## **Records and Reports**

The Contractor shall maintain enrollment, monthly and completion reports documenting company compliance under these contract documents. These documents and any other information as requested shall be submitted to the OJT Program Manager.

Upon completion and graduation of the program, the Contractor shall provide each trainee with a certification Certificate showing the type and length of training satisfactorily completed.

#### **Trainee Interviews**

All trainees enrolled in the program will receive an initial and Trainee/Post graduate interview conducted by the OJT program staff.

# **Trainee Wages**

Contractors shall compensate trainees on a graduating pay scale based upon a percentage of the prevailing minimum journeyman wages (Davis-Bacon Act). Minimum pay shall be as follows:

| 60 percent | of the journeyman wage for the first half of the training period    |
|------------|---|
| 75 percent | of the journeyman wage for the third quarter of the training period |
| 90 percent | of the journeyman wage for the last quarter of the training period  |

In no instance shall a trainee be paid less than the local minimum wage. The Contractor shall adhere to the minimum hourly wage rate that will satisfy both the NC Department of Labor (NCDOL) and the Department.

#### **Achieving or Failing to Meet Training Goals**

The Contractor will be credited for each trainee employed by him on the contract work who is currently enrolled or becomes enrolled in an approved program and who receives training for at least 50 percent of the specific program requirement. Trainees will be allowed to be transferred between projects if required by the Contractor's scheduled workload to meet training goals.

If a contractor fails to attain their training assignments for the calendar year, they may be taken off the NCDOT's Bidders List.

#### **Measurement and Payment**

No compensation will be made for providing required training in accordance with these contract documents.

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# **WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL Project Special Provisions**

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#### TRAFFIC CONTROL (PER SITE):

(01-09-24) 1101 - 1190 PSP 1 TC1

#### **Description**

Furnish, install, maintain, relocate, and remove all work zone traffic control devices specific at each site.

#### **General Requirements**

Maintain traffic on all roads in accordance with Divisions 10, 11 and 12 of the *NCDOT Standard Specifications* and the following provisions:

Install Work Zone Advance Warning Signs when work is within 40 ft. from the edge of the travel lane in accordance with Standard Drawing No. 1101.01 of the *NCDOT Roadway Standard Drawings* prior to beginning any other work. If signs are installed more than 3 calendar days prior to the beginning of work, cover the signs until the work begins. Install each work zone advance warning sign separately and not on the same post or stand with any other sign.

hen personnel and/or equipment are working within 15 ft. of an open travel lane, close the nearest open shoulder using Roadway Standard Drawing No. 1101.04 unless the work area is protected by barrier or guardrail or a lane closure is installed.

When personnel and/or equipment are working on the shoulder adjacent to an undivided facility and within 5 ft. of an open travel lane, close the nearest open travel lane using Roadway Standard Drawing No. 1101.02 of the *NCDOT Roadway Standard Drawings* unless the work area is protected by barrier or guardrail.

When personnel and/or equipment are working on the shoulder adjacent to a divided facility and within 10 ft. of an open travel lane, close the nearest open travel lane using Roadway Standard Drawing No. 1101.02 of the NCDOT Roadway Standard Drawings, unless the work area is protected by barrier or guardrail.

When personnel and/or equipment are working within a lane of travel of an undivided or divided facility, close the lane using Roadway Standard Drawing No. 1101.02 of the *NCDOT Roadway Standard Drawings* or as directed by the Engineer. Conduct the work so that all personnel and/or equipment remain within the closed travel lane. Perform work only when weather and visibility conditions allow safe operations as directed by the Engineer.

Do not work simultaneously within 15 ft. on both sides of an open travel way, ramp, or loop within the same location, unless protected with guardrail or barrier.

Remove lane closure devices from the lane when work is not being performed behind the lane closure or when a lane closure is no longer needed or as directed by the Engineer.

#### **Temporary Traffic Control (TTC)**

Refer to Standard Drawing No. 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.04, 1101.11, 1110.01, 1110.02, 1115.01, 1130.01, 1135.01, 1145.01, 1150.01, 1165.01, and 1180.01 of the *NCDOT Roadway Standard Drawings* when closing a lane of travel or shoulder in the work zone.

Notify the Engineer (30) calendar days prior to any traffic pattern alteration.

Ensure all necessary signing is in place prior to altering any traffic pattern.

When lane closures are not in effect, space channelizing devices in work areas no greater in feet than twice the posted speed limit (MPH), except 10 ft. on-center in radii, and 3 ft. off the edge of an open travelway. Refer to *NCDOT Standard Specifications* Sections 1130 (Drums), 1135 (Cones), and 1180 (Skinny Drums) for additional requirements.

Place additional sets of three channelizing devices (Drums, Cones, or Skinny Drums) perpendicular to the edge of travelway on 100 to 500 ft. centers, as directed by the Engineer, when unopened lanes are closed to traffic.

Place Type III Barricades with "ROAD CLOSED" sign R11-2 attached, of sufficient length to close the entire roadway.

Install black on orange "DIP" (W8-2) and/or "BUMP" (W8-1) signs in advance of the uneven area in accordance with Roadway Standard Drawing 1101.11, or as directed by the Engineer.

#### **Project Requirements**

Failure to comply with the following requirements will result in a suspension of all other operations:

- 1. Prior to beginning work, the Contractor shall submit a written construction sequence for traffic control and construction lighting to the Engineer at the first pre-construction meeting and the sequence must be approved before closing a lane of traffic.
- 2. Obtain written approval of the Engineer before working in more than one location or setting up additional lane closures. The maximum length of any one lane closure is 1 mile unless otherwise directed by the Engineer.
- 3. If Lane Closure Restrictions apply, see Special Provision, "Intermediate Contract Times and Liquidated Damages".
- 4. Contractor shall conduct operations in an order such that water does not accumulate.
- 5. The Contractor on this and any adjacent projects, or subcontractors working within this project shall coordinate lane closure location, type, and direction with the Engineer to best maintain lane continuity through the limits of this and adjacent projects.

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- 6. Operate paving equipment and conduct paving operations in the same direction as the flow of traffic unless the operation is protected by barrier or guardrail or as directed by the Engineer. Maintain vehicular access in accordance with Section 1101-05 of the NCDOT Standard Specifications.
- 7. Provide appropriate construction lighting in accordance with Section 1413 of the *NCDOT Standard Specifications*.

#### **Materials**

Traffic control devices shall include but will not be limited to signs (portable, stationary, and/or barricade mounted), including detour signing, Truck Mounted Attenuators (TMA), Portable Changeable Message Signs (PCMS), Flashing Arrow Boards (FAB), Pilot Vehicle, Flaggers, Cones, Skinny Drums and Drums. Not all items will be used at every site. The Department will direct the Contractor as to which devices are to be installed at each site, at the work order level.

Refer to Division 10 of the 2024 Standard Specifications.

| Item Section                       | Section |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Work Zone Signs                    | 1089-1  |
| Work Zone Signs Supports           | 1089-2  |
| Barricades                         | 1089-3  |
| Sequential Flashing Warning Lights | 1089-4  |
| Channelizing Devices               | 1089-5  |
| Flashing Arrow Boards              | 1089-6  |
| Portable Changeable Message Signs  | 1089-7  |
| Temporary Crash Cushions           | 1089-8  |
| Flagger                            | 1089-10 |

#### Construction

Furnish, install, maintain, relocate, and remove all work zone traffic control devices specific at each site, per the work order requirements or as directed by the Engineer.

#### **Measurement and Payment**

Two Lane Work Zone Traffic Control, Multilane Work Zone Traffic Control, and Shoulder Closure Work Zone shall include but not be limited to providing Signs (portable, stationary, and/or barricade mounted), including detour signing, Truck Mounted Attenuators (TMA), Portable Changeable Message Signs (PCMS), Flashing Arrow Boards (FAB), Pilot Vehicle, Flaggers, Cones, Skinny Drums and Drums as shown in the applicable Roadway Standard Drawings and all labor, tools, equipment and incidentals necessary to furnish, install, maintain and remove traffic control devices when no longer required.

Two Lane Work Zone Traffic Control, Multilane Work Zone Traffic Control, and Shoulder Closure Work Zone do not include Portable Concrete Barrier, Waterfilled Barrier, Temporary Crash Cushions, Digital Speed Limit Signs, Sequential Flashing Lights, or Presence Lights as these devices are beyond the scope of this provision.

Payment will be made under:

| Pay Item                            | Pay Unit |
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| Two Lane Work Zone Traffic Control  | Each     |
| Multilane Work Zone Traffic Control | Each     |
| Shoulder Closure Work Zone          | Each     |

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## EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NON-COLLUSION, DEBARMENT AND GIFT BAN CERTIFICATION

#### LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

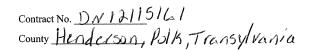
The Contractor declares (or certifies, verifies, or states) under penalty of perjuryunder the laws of the United States that neither he, nor any official, agent or employee has entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action which is in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this Contract, that the Contractor has not been convicted of violating N.C.G.S. § 133-24 within the last three years, and that the Contractor intends to do the work with its own bona fide employees or subcontractors and did not bid for the benefit of another contractor.

By submitting this Execution of Contract, Non-Collusion and Debarment Certification, the Contractor is certifying his status under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States in accordance with the Debarment Certification attached, provided that the Debarment Certification also includes any required statements concerning exceptions that are applicable.

N.C.G.S. § 133-32 and Executive Order 24 prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee of any gift from anyone with a contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of any response in this procurement, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.

#### SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR

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#### **DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

#### Conditions for certification:

- 1. The prequalified bidder shall provide immediate written notice to the Department if at any time the bidder learns that his certification was erroneous when he submitted his debarment certification or explanation filed with the Department, or has become erroneous because of changed circumstances.
- 2. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this provision, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. A copy of the Federal Rules requiring this certification and detailing the definitions and coverages may be obtained from the Contract Officer of the Department.
- 3. The prequalified bidder agrees by submitting this form, that he will not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in NCDOT contracts, unless authorized by the Department.
- 4. For Federal Aid projects, the prequalified bidder further agrees that by submitting this form he will include the Federal-Aid Provision titled *Required Contract Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contract (Form FHWA PR* 1273) provided by the Department, without subsequent modification, in all lower tier covered transactions.
- 5. The prequalified bidder may rely upon a certification of a participant in a lower tier covered transaction that he is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless he knows that the certification is erroneous. The bidder may decide the method and frequency by which he will determine the eligibility of his subcontractors.
- 6. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 7. Except as authorized in paragraph 6 herein, the Department may terminate any contract if the bidder knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available by the Federal Government.

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#### **DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

The prequalified bidder certifies to the best of his knowledge and belief, that he and his 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 proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records; making false statements; or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph b. of this certification; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- e. Will submit a revised Debarment Certification immediately if his status changes and will show in his bid proposal an explanation for the change in status.

If the prequalified bidder cannot certify that he is not debarred, he shall provide an explanation with this submittal. An explanation will not necessarily result in denial of participation in a contract.

Failure to submit a non-collusion and debarment certification will result in the prequalified bidder's bid being considered non-responsive.

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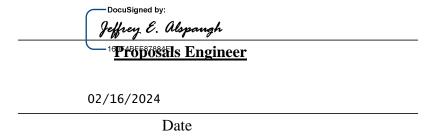
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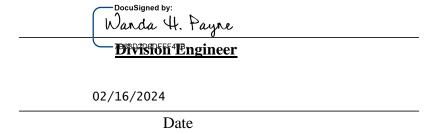
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Signature Sheet (Bid) - ACCEPTANCE SHEET



#### CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 02/01/2024

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

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# WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY POLICY

**ENDORSEMENT WC 00 03 13 (00) - 001** 

POLICY NUMBER: UB-8X706943-24-42-G

#### WAIVER OF OUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM OTHERS ENDORSEMENT

We have the right to recover our payments from anyone liable for an injury covered by this policy. We will not enforce our right against the person or organization named in the Schedule. (This agreement applies only to the extent that you perform work under a written contract that requires you to obtain this agreement from us.)

This agreement shall not operate directly or indirectly to benefit any one not named in the Schedule.

#### **SCHEDULE**

**DESIGNATED PERSON:** 

#### **DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION:**

ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION FOR WHICH THE INSURED HAS AGREED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT EXECUTED PRIOR TO LOSS TO FURNISH THIS WAIVER.

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# ElitePac® General Liability Extension Endorsement

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY
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#### THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This endorsement modifies the insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

The **SECTIONS** of the Commercial General Liability Coverage Form identified in this endorsement will be amended as shown below. However, **if (a) two or more Coverage Parts of this policy, or (b) two or more forms or endorsements within the same Coverage Part apply to a loss, coverage provision(s) with the broadest language will apply, unless specifically stated otherwise within the particular amendment covering that loss.** 

With respect to coverage provided by this endorsement, the provisions of the Coverage Form apply unless modified by the endorsement.

#### **COVERAGES** — Amendments

SECTION I — COVERAGE A BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY

**EXCLUSIONS** 

#### **Employer's Liability Amendment**

(This provision is not applicable in the State of New York).

The following is added to Exclusion e. Employer's Liability under COVERAGE A BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY, 2. Exclusions:

This exclusion also does not apply to any "temporary worker".

#### Non-Owned Aircraft, Auto or Watercraft

- A. Paragraph (2) of Exclusion g. Aircraft, Auto Or Watercraft under COVERAGE A BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY, 2. Exclusions is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
  - (2) A watercraft you do not own that is:
    - (a) Less than 26 feet long and not being used to carry persons or property for a charge; or
    - (b) At least 26 feet, but less than 60 feet long, and not being used to carry persons or property for a charge. Any person is an insured who uses or is responsible for the use of such watercraft with your expressed or implied consent. However, if the insured has any other valid and collectible insurance for "bodily injury" or "property damage" that would be covered under this provision, or on any other basis, this coverage is then excess, and subject to Condition 4. Other Insurance, b. Excess Insurance under SECTION IV COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS.

B. The following is added to Exclusion g. Aircraft, Auto Or Watercraft under COVERAGE A BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY, 2. Exclusions:

This exclusion does not apply to:

(6) Any aircraft, not owned or operated by any insured, which is hired, chartered or loaned with a paid crew. However, if the insured has any other valid and collectible insurance for "bodily injury" or "property damage" that would be covered under this provision, or on any other basis, this coverage is then excess, and subject to Condition 4. Other Insurance, b. Excess Insurance under SECTION IV COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS.

#### Damage To Premises Rented to You

A. The last paragraph of Paragraph 2. Exclusions under COVERAGE A BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Exclusions **c. through n.** do not apply to damage by fire, lightning or explosion to premises rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with the permission of the owner. A separate limit of insurance applies to this coverage as described in **SECTION III** — **LIMITS OF INSURANCE.** 

- B. Paragraph 6. under SECTION III LIMITS OF INSURANCE is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
  - 6. Subject to Paragraph 5. above, the most we will pay under COVERAGE A for damages because of "property damage" to any one premises, while rented to you, or in the case of damage caused by fire, lightning or explosion, while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner, for all such damage caused by fire, lightning or explosion proximately caused by the same event, whether such damage results from fire, lightning or explosion or any combination of the three, is the amount shown in the Declarations for the Damage To Premises Rented To You Limit.
- C. Paragraph a. of Definition 9. "Insured contract" under SECTION V — DEFINITIONS is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
  - a. A contract for a lease of premises. However, that portion of the contract for a lease of premises that indemnifies any person or organization for damage by fire, lightning or explosion to premises while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with the permission of the owner is not an "insured contract";

#### **Electronic Data Liability**

- A. Exclusion p. Access or Disclosure Of Confidential Or Personal Information And Data-related Liability under COVERAGE A BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY, 2. Exclusions is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:
  - p. Access or Disclosure Of Confidential Or Personal Information And Data-related Liability

Damages arising out of:

- (1) Any access to or disclosure of any person's or organization's confidential or personal information, including patents, trade secrets, processing methods, customer lists, financial information, credit card information or any other type of nonpublic information; or
- (2) The loss of, loss of use of, damage to, corruption of, inability to access, or inability to manipulate "electronic data" that does not result from physical injury to tangible property.

This exclusion applies even if damages are claimed for notification costs, credit monitoring expenses, forensic expenses, public relations expenses or any other loss, cost or expense incurred by you or others arising out of that which is described in Paragraph (1) or (2) above.

B. The following paragraph is added to **SECTION III** — **LIMITS OF INSURANCE**:

Subject to **5.** above, the most we will pay under **COVERAGE A** for "property damage" because of all loss of "electronic data" arising out of any one "occurrence" is a sub-limit of \$100.000.

## SECTION I — COVERAGE C MEDICAL PAYMENTS EXCLUSIONS

#### Any Insured Amendment

Exclusion **a.** Any Insured under COVERAGE C MEDICAL PAYMENTS, 2. Exclusions is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

#### a. Any Insured

To any insured.

This exclusion does not apply to:

- (1) "Not-for-profit members";
- (2) "Golfing facility" members who are not paid a fee, salary, or other compensation; or
- (3) "Volunteer workers".

This exclusion exception does not apply if **COVERAGE C MEDICAL PAYMENTS** is excluded by another endorsement to this Coverage Part.

#### **Product Amendment**

Exclusion f. Products-Completed Operations Hazard under COVERAGE C MEDICAL PAYMENTS, 2. Exclusions is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

f. Products-Completed Operations Hazard

Included within the "products-completed operations hazard".

This exclusion does not apply to "your products" sold for use or consumption on your premises, while such products are still on your premises.

This exclusion exception, does not apply if **COVERAGE C MEDICAL PAYMENTS** is excluded by another endorsement to this Coverage Part.

SECTION I — SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS — COVERAGES A AND B

#### **Expenses For Bail Bonds And Loss Of Earnings**

- A. Subparagraph 1.b. under SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS COVERAGES A AND B is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
  - **b.** Up to \$5,000 for cost of bail bonds required because of accidents or traffic law violations arising out of the use of any vehicle to which Bodily Injury Liability Coverage applies. We do not have to furnish these bonds.

- B. Subparagraph 1.d. under SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS COVERAGES A AND B is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
  - d. All reasonable expenses incurred by the insured at our request to assist us in the investigation or defense of the claim or "suit", including actual loss of earnings up to \$1,000 a day because of time off from work.

## SECTION II — WHO IS AN INSURED — Amendments Not-for-Profit Organization Members

The following paragraph is added to **SECTION II** — **WHO IS AN INSURED:** 

If you are an organization other than a partnership, joint venture, or a limited liability company, and you are a not-for-profit organization, the following are included as additional insureds:

- 1. Your officials;
- 2. Your trustees:
- 3. Your members:
- 4. Your board members;
- 5. Your commission members;
- 6. Your agency members;
- 7. Your insurance managers;
- 8. Your elective or appointed officers; and
- 9. Your "not-for-profit members".

However only with respect to their liability for your activities or activities they perform on your behalf.

#### **Employees As Insureds Modified**

- A. Subparagraph 2.a.(1)(a) under SECTION II WHO IS AN INSURED does not apply to "bodily injury" to a "temporary worker" caused by a co-"employee" who is not a "temporary worker".
- B. Subparagraph 2.a.(2) under SECTION II WHO IS AN INSURED does not apply to "property damage" to the property of a "temporary worker" or "volunteer worker" caused by a co-"employee" who is not a "temporary worker" or "volunteer worker".
- C. Subparagraph 2.a.(1)(d) under SECTION II WHO IS AN INSURED does not apply to "bodily injury" caused by cardio-pulmonary resuscitation or first aid services administered by a co-"employee".

With respect to this provision only, Subparagraph (1) of Exclusion 2. e. Employer's Liability under SECTION I — COVERAGES, COVERAGE A BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY does not apply.

#### **Newly Formed Or Acquired Organizations**

A. Subparagraph 3.a. under SECTION II — WHO IS AN INSURED is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

- a. Coverage under this provision is afforded only until the 180th day after you acquire or form the organization or the end of the policy period, whichever is earlier. However, COVERAGE A does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" that occurred before you acquired or formed the organization.
- B. The following paragraph is added to SECTIONII WHO IS AN INSURED, Paragraph 3:

If you are engaged in the business of construction of dwellings three stories or less in height, or other buildings three stories or less in height and less than 25,000 square feet in area, you will also be an insured with respect to "your work" only, for the period of time described above, for your liability arising out of the conduct of any partnership or joint venture of which you are or were a member, even if that partnership or joint venture is not shown as a Named Insured. However, this provision only applies if you maintain or maintained an interest of at least fifty percent in that partnership or joint venture for the period of that partnership or joint venture.

This provision does not apply to any partnership or joint venture that has been dissolved or otherwise ceased to function for more than thirty-six months.

With respect to the insurance provided by this provision, **Newly Formed or Acquired Organizations**, the following is added to **SECTION IV** — **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY**, Paragraph **4. Other Insurance**, Subparagraph **b. Excess Insurance**:

The insurance provided by this provision, **Newly Formed or Acquired Organizations**, is excess over any other insurance available to the insured, whether primary, excess, contingent or on any other basis.

(All other provisions of this section remain unchanged)

## Blanket Additional Insureds — As Required By Contract

- A. Subject to the Primary and Non-Contributory provision set forth in this endorsement, SECTION II

   WHO IS AN INSURED is amended to include as an additional insured:
  - 1. Owners, Lessees or Contractors/Architects, Engineers and Surveyors
    - a. Any person or organization for whom you are performing operations when you and such person or organization have agreed in a written contract, written agreement or written permit that such person or organization be added as an additional insured on your commercial general liability policy; and

b. Any other person or organization, including any architects, engineers or surveyors not engaged by you, whom you are required to add as an additional insured under your policy in the contract or agreement in Paragraph a. above:

Such person or organization is an additional insured only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by:

- (1) Your acts or omissions; or
- (2) The acts of omissions of those acting on your behalf;

in the performance of your ongoing operations performed for the additional insured in Paragraph **a.**, above.

However, this insurance does not apply to:

"Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the rendering of, or the failure to render, any professional architectural, engineering or surveying services by or for you, including:

- (1) The preparing, approving, or failing to prepare or approve, maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders or drawings and specifications; and
- (2) Supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities.

Professional services do not include services within construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures employed by you in connection with your operations in your capacity as a construction contractor.

A person or organization's status as an additional insured under this endorsement ends when your operations for the person or organization described in Paragraph **a.** above are completed.

#### 2. Other Additional Insureds

Any of the following persons or organizations with whom you have agreed in a written contract, written agreement or written permit that such persons or organizations be added as an additional insured on your commercial general liability policy:

#### a. Lessors of Leased Equipment

Any person or organization from whom you lease equipment, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by your maintenance, operation or use of equipment leased to you by such person or organization.

With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, this insurance does not apply to any "occurrence" which takes place after the equipment lease expires.

#### b. Managers or Lessors of Premises

Any person or organization from whom you lease premises, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by you or those acting on your behalf in connection with the ownership, maintenance or use of that part of the premises leased to you.

This insurance does not apply to any "occurrence" which takes place after you cease to be a tenant of that premises.

#### c. Mortgagees, Assignees or Receivers

Any person or organization with respect to their liability as mortgagee, assignee or receiver and arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of your premises.

This insurance does not apply to any "occurrence" which takes place after the mortgage is satisfied, or the assignment or receivership ends.

## d. Any Person or Organization Other Than A Joint Venture

Any person or organization (other than a joint venture of which you are a member), but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by your acts or omissions or the acts of omissions of those acting on your behalf in the performance of your ongoing operations or in connection with property owned by you.

#### e. State or Governmental Agency or Political Subdivision — Permits or Authorizations

Any state or governmental agency or subdivision or political subdivision, but only with respect to:

(1) Operations performed by you or on your behalf for which the state or governmental agency or subdivision or political subdivision has issued a permit or authorization; or

- (2) The following hazards for which the state or governmental agency or subdivision or political subdivision has issued a permit or authorization in connection with premises you own, rent or control and to which this insurance applies:
  - (a) The existence, maintenance, repair, construction, erection or removal of advertising signs, awnings, canopies, cellar entrances, coal holes, driveways, manholes, marquees, hoist away openings, sidewalk vaults, street banners or decorations and similar exposures:
  - **(b)** The construction, erection or removal of elevators; or
  - **(c)** The ownership, maintenance or use of any elevators covered by this insurance.

This insurance does not apply to:

- i. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of operations performed for the federal government, state or municipality; or
- ii. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" included within the "products-completed operations hazard".

With respect to Paragraphs **2.b.** through **2.d.**, this insurance does not apply to structural alterations, new construction or demolition operations performed by or on behalf of such person or organization.

- **B.** The insurance coverage afforded to the additional insureds in this coverage extension:
  - Does not apply unless the written contract or written agreement has been signed by the Named Insured or written permit issued prior to the "bodily injury" or "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury";
  - 2. Only applies to the extent permitted by law; and
  - 3. Will not be broader than that which you are required by the written contract, written agreement, or written permit to provide to such additional insured.

#### **Broad Form Vendors Coverage**

Subject to the **Primary and Non-Contributory** provision set forth in this endorsement, **SECTION II** — **WHO IS AN INSURED** is amended to include as an additional insured any person or organization (referred to below as vendor) for whom you have agreed in a written contract or written agreement to provide coverage as an additional insured under your policy. Such person or organization is an additional insured only with respect to "bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of "your products" which are distributed or sold in the regular course of the vendor's business. However, the insurance afforded the vendor does not apply to:

- a. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" for which the vendor is obligated to pay damages by reason of the assumption of liability in a contract or agreement; however this exclusion does not apply to liability for damages that the vendor would have in the absence of the contract or agreement;
- **b.** Any express warranty unauthorized by you;
- **c.** Any physical or chemical change in the product made intentionally by the vendor;
- d. Repackaging, unless unpacked solely for the purpose of inspection, demonstration, testing, or the substitution of parts under instructions from the manufacturer, and then repackaged in the original container;
- e. Any failure to make such inspections, adjustments, tests or servicing as the vendor has agreed to make or normally undertakes to make in the usual course of business in connection with the sale of the product; or
- f. Products which, after distribution or sale by you, have been labeled or re-labeled or used as a container, part of ingredient of any other thing or substance by or for the vendor; however this insurance does not apply to any insured person or organization, from who you have acquired such products, or any ingredient, part or container, entering into, accompanying or containing such products.

The provisions of this coverage extension do not apply unless the written contract or written agreement has been signed by the Named Insured prior to the "bodily injury" or "property damage".

#### **Incidental Malpractice**

Subparagraph 2.a.(1)(d) under SECTION II — WHO IS AN INSURED is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(d) Arising out of his or her providing or failing to provide professional health care services.

This does not apply to nurses, emergency medical technicians or paramedics if you are not in the business or occupation of providing any such professional services.

This also does not apply to "bodily injury" caused by cardio-pulmonary resuscitation or first aid services administered by a co-"employee".

This provision does not apply if you are a Social Service or Senior Living risk.

## SECTION IV — COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS — Amendments

#### Knowledge Of Occurrence, Claim, Suit Or Loss

The following is added to Paragraph 2. Duties in the Event of Occurrence, Offense, Claim or Suit under SECTION IV — COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS:

The requirements under this paragraph do not apply until after the "occurrence" or offense is known to:

- 1. You, if you are an individual;
- 2. A partner, if you are a partnership;
- **3.** An "executive officer" or insurance manager, if you are a corporation;
- **4.** Your members, managers or insurance manager, if you are a limited liability company; or
- 5. Your elected or appointed officials, officers, members, trustees, board members, commission members, agency members, or your administrator or your insurance manager if you are an organization other than a partnership, joint venture, or limited liability company.

#### **Primary and Non-Contributory Provision**

The following is added to Paragraph 4. Other Insurance, b. Excess Insurance under SECTION IV — COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS:

This insurance is primary to and we will not seek contribution from any other insurance available to an additional insured under this policy provided that:

(1) The additional insured is a Named Insured under such other insurance; and

(2) You have agreed in a written contract, written agreement or written permit that this insurance would be primary and would not seek contribution from any other insurance available to the additional insured.

#### Unintentional Failure To Disclose Hazards

The following is added to Paragraph 6.

Representations under SECTION IV —

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS:

However, if you should unintentionally fail to disclose any existing hazards in your representations to us at the inception date of the policy, or during the policy period in connection with any additional hazards, we shall not deny coverage under this Coverage Part based upon such failure to disclose hazards.

#### Waiver Of Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery

The following is added to Paragraph 8. Transfer of Rights Of Recovery Against Others To Us under SECTION IV — COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS:

We will waive any right of recovery against a person or organization because of payments we make under this Commercial General Liability Coverage Part. This waiver applies only if the insured has agreed in a written contract or written agreement to:

- **1.** Waive any right of recovery against that person or organization; or
- 2. Assume the liability of that person or organization pursuant to a written contract or written agreement that qualifies as an "insured contract": and
- 3. Include such person or organization as an additional insured on your policy.

Such waiver by us applies only to that person or organization identified above, and only to the extent that the insured has waived its right of recovery against such person or organization prior to loss.

#### Liberalization

The following condition is added to **SECTION IV** — **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS:** 

If we revise this Coverage Part to provide more coverage without additional premium charge, subject to our filed company rules, your policy will automatically provide the additional coverage as of the day the revision is effective in your state.

## Two or More Coverage Parts or Policies Issued By Us

(This provision is not Applicable in the state of New York or Wisconsin).

## The following condition is added to **SECTION IV** — **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS:**

It is our intention that the various coverage parts or policies issued to you by us, or any company affiliated with us, do not provide any duplication or overlap of coverage. We have exercised diligence to draft our coverage parts and policies to reflect this intention. However, if the facts and circumstances that will respond to any claim or "suit" give rise to actual or claimed duplication or overlap of coverage between the various coverage parts or policies issued to you by us or any company affiliated with us, the limit of insurance under all such coverage parts or policies combined shall not exceed the highest applicable limit under this coverage, or any one of the other coverage forms or policies.

This condition does not apply to any Excess or Umbrella policy issued by us specifically to apply as excess insurance over this coverage part or policy to which this coverage part is attached.

#### **SECTION V — DEFINITIONS**

#### Discrimination

(This provision does not apply in New York).

**A.** The following is added to Definition **14.** "Personal and advertising injury":

"Personal and advertising injury" also means "discrimination" that results in injury to the feelings or reputation of a natural person, however only if such "discrimination" or humiliation is:

- 1. Not done by or at the direction of:
  - a. The insured; or
  - b. Anyone considered an insured under SECTION II — WHO IS AN INSURED;
- 2. Not done intentionally to cause harm to another person.
- Not directly or indirectly related to the employment, prospective employment or termination of employment of any person or persons by any insured.
- **4.** Not arising out of any "advertisement" by the insured.
- B. The following definition is added to SECTION V DEFINITIONS:

"Discrimination" means:

**a.** Any act or conduct that would be considered discrimination under any applicable federal, state, or local statute, ordinance or law;

- b. Any act or conduct that results in disparate treatment of, or has disparate impact on, a person, because of that person's race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability or physical impairment; or
- c. Any act or conduct characterized or interpreted as discrimination by a person based on that person's race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability or physical impairment.

It does not include acts or conduct characterized or interpreted as sexual intimidation or sexual harassment, or intimidation or harassment based on a person's gender.

#### **Electronic Data**

The following definition is added to **SECTION V** — **DEFINITIONS**:

"Electronic data" means information, facts or programs stored as or on, created or used on, or transmitted to or from computer software, including systems and applications software, hard or floppy disks, CD-ROMS, tapes, drives, cell, data processing devices or any other media which are used with electronically controlled equipment. For the purpose of the Electronic Data Liability coverage provided by this endorsement, Definition 17. "Property damage" is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

- **17.** "Property damage" means:
  - a. Physical injury to tangible property, including all resulting loss of use of that property. All such loss of use shall be deemed to occur at the time of the physical injury that caused it; or
  - b. Loss of, loss of use of, damage to, corruption of, inability to access, or inability to properly manipulate "electronic data", resulting from physical injury to tangible property. All such loss of "electronic data" shall be deemed to occur at the time of the "occurrence" that caused it.

For the purpose of the Electronic Data Liability coverage provided by this endorsement, "electronic data" is not tangible property.

#### **Employee Amendment**

Definition 5. "Employee" under **SECTION V** — **DEFINITIONS** is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

**5.** "Employee" includes a "leased worker", or a "temporary worker". If you are a School, "Employee" also includes a student teacher.

#### **Golfing Facility**

The following definition is added to **SECTION V** — **DEFINITIONS**:

"Golfing facility" means a golf course, golf club, driving range, or miniature golf course.

#### **Mental Anguish Amendment**

(This provision does not apply in New York).

Definition 3. "Bodily injury" under **SECTION V** — **DEFINITIONS** is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

3. "Bodily injury" means bodily injury, sickness or disease sustained by a person, including death resulting from any of these at any time. This includes mental anguish resulting from any bodily injury, sickness or disease sustained by a person. (In New York, mental anguish has been determined to be "bodily injury").

#### **Not-for-profit Member**

The following definition is added to **SECTION V** — **DEFINITIONS**:

"Not-for-profit member" means a person who is a member of a not-for-profit organization, including clubs and churches, who receives no financial or other compensation.

## WAIVER OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECOVERY AGAINST OTHERS TO US — BLANKET BASIS (WAIVER OF SUBROGATION)

Policy: S 2654675

COMMERCIAL UMBRELLA LIABILITY

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#### THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL UMBRELLA LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

A. The following is added to Paragraph M. Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery Against Others To Us under SECTION IV — CONDITIONS:

We will waive any right of recovery against a person or organization because of payments we make under this Commercial Umbrella Liability Coverage Part. This waiver applies only if the insured has agreed in a written contract or written agreement to:

- 1. Fither
  - **a.** Waive any right of recovery against that person or organization; or
  - **b.** Assume the liability of that person or organization pursuant to a written contract or written agreement that qualifies as an "insured contract":
- 2. And:
  - a. Include such person or organization as an additional insured on your Commercial Umbrella Liability Coverage Part; and
  - **b.** The "underlying insurance" contains a substantially similar waiver of recovery rights.

Such waiver by us applies only to the person or organization identified above and only to the extent that the insured has waived its right of recovery against such person or organization prior to loss.

B. The following Definition is added to SECTION V — DEFINITIONS:

"Insured contract" means:

- a. A contract for a lease of premises. However, that portion of the contract for a lease of premises that indemnifies any person or organization for damage by fire to premises while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner is not an "insured contract";
- **b.** A sidetrack agreement;
- **c.** Any easement or license agreement, except in connection with construction or demolition operations on or within 50 feet of a railroad;

- **d.** An obligation, as required by ordinance, to indemnify a municipality, except in connection with work for a municipality;
- e. An elevator maintenance agreement;
- f. That part of any other contract or agreement pertaining to your business (including an indemnification of a municipality in connection with work performed for a municipality) under which you assume the tort liability of another party to pay for "bodily injury" or "property damage" to a third person or organization. Tort liability means a liability that would be imposed by law in the absence of any contract or agreement.

Paragraph **f.** does not include that part of any contract or agreement:

- (1) That indemnifies a railroad for "bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of construction or demolition operations, within 50 feet of any railroad property and affecting any railroad bridge or trestle, tracks, roadbeds, tunnel, underpass or crossing;
- (2) That indemnifies an architect, engineer or surveyor for injury or damage arising out of:
  - (a) Preparing, approving, or failing to prepare or approve, maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders or drawings and specifications; or
  - **(b)** Giving directions or instructions, or failing to give them, if that is the primary cause of the injury or damage: or
- (3) Under which the insured, if an architect, engineer or surveyor, assumes liability for an injury or damage arising out of the insured's rendering or failure to render professional services, including those listed in (2) above and supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities.

#### AMENDMENT TO WHO IS AN INSURED — ADDITIONAL INSUREDS

Policy: S 2654675

COMMERCIAL UMBRELLA LIABILITY

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#### THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL UMBRELLA LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

## **SECTION II — WHO IS AN INSURED** is amended as follows:

- **A.** Paragraph **A.5.** is deleted in its entirety.
- B. The following is added:
  - **C.** Any additional insured under any policy of "underlying insurance" will automatically be an insured under this insurance.

Subject to **SECTION III** — **LIMITS OF INSURANCE**, if coverage provided to the additional insured is required by a contract or agreement, the most we will pay on behalf of the additional insured is the amount of insurance:

- Required by the contract or agreement, less any amounts payable by any "underlying insurance"; or
- **b.** Available under the applicable Limits of Insurance:

whichever is less.

Additional insured coverage provided by this insurance will not be broader than coverage provided by the "underlying insurance".