

PROJECT MANUAL
**GENERATOR REPLACEMENT
ELKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BID #027.19.B3**

HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
10910 Clarksville Pike
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

ISSUE DATE: Thursday, November 29, 2018

SEALED BID FOR: Generator Replacement-Elkridge Elementary School

BID NUMBER: Bid #027.19.B3

PRE-BID DATE: Friday, December 7, 2018

PRE-BID TIME: 10:00 AM

PRE-BID LOCATION: Elkridge Elementary School
7075 Montgomery Road
Elkridge, MD 21075

LAST DATE & TIME FOR QUESTIONS: December 10, 2018 at 12:00 PM in writing
Submit To: Joe Veslany at jveslany@hcpss.org

BID OPENING DATE: **Wednesday, December 19, 2018**

BID OPENING TIME: **11:00 A.M.**

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS - INVITATION TO BID #027.19.B3

**GENERATOR REPLACEMENT
ELKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
10910 CLARKSVILLE PIKE
ELLCOTT CITY, MD 21042**

The Howard County Public School System requests your bid to replace the generator at Elkrige Elementary School as noted in the bid documents. The scope of work consists of removing existing 30-kW 277/480-volt outdoor onsite liquid propane emergency generator manufactured by Kohler Power Systems, located in the service yard adjacent to the main electrical room, and associated automatic transfer switch. Replace with new larger natural-gas generator that can accommodate additional building loads, and new "life safety" automatic transfer switch ATS-1.

Bid documents may be obtained on **Thursday, November 29, 2018** at the Howard County Department of Education, Purchasing Office website <https://purchasing.hcpss.org/business-opportunities>. It is the responsibility of the bidder to print documents/drawings to scale.

A Prebid Meeting will be held at, Elkrige Elementary School, 7075 Montgomery Road, Elkrige MD 21075 on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. The Engineer and HCPSS Project Manager will explain the scope of the project and answer questions about the bidding documents that will assist in the preparations of bids. Attendance is not mandatory but strongly recommended and will assist the Owner in evaluating bids to determine if the bid can be considered responsive and/or responsible.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "**BID**", "**Generator Replacement**", "**Bid #027.19.B3**", to the Howard County Department of Education, Purchasing Office, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland 21042 no later than **Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.** Late bids will not be accepted. It is the bidder's responsibility to insure that bids are delivered to the Purchasing Office prior to the scheduled opening time.

It is the bidders sole responsibility to regularly visit the HCPSS Purchasing web site listed above to download and acknowledge receipt of all Addenda. It is highly recommended that bidders ascertain if they have received all the addenda issued prior to submitting their proposal. Failure of any bidder to receive any such Addenda or interpretation may not relieve such bidder from obligation under his/her proposal as submitted.

All questions shall be directed, in writing, no later than 12:00 P.M., Monday, December 10, 2018 to Mr. Joe Veslany, Procurement Specialist, jveslany@hcpss.org. The Howard County Public School System is under no obligation to respond to any questions that are received after the cutoff date and time. Only answers provided via addenda issued by the HCPSS will be binding. Under no circumstances are bidders, including third party vendors or their staff, to contact any other HCPSS Staff, employees or any related constituency for purposes associated with this solicitation, including but not limited to, obtaining or providing information. Bidders failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualified.

The Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in, or to reject any or all bids.

Howard County Public School System shall not be responsible for errors or omissions made by the printer or advertising houses which prepare bid documents, addenda, or advertising services.

Instructions pertaining to the Bid Bond, Surety Checks, Performance and Materials Payment Bond requirements are contained in the bid documents.

Certified Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to respond to this solicitation notice.

The contractor or supplier who provides materials, supplies, equipment and/or services for this project shall attempt to achieve the specific overall MBE goal of 25% percent established for this project.

The bidder or offeror is required to submit with its bid or proposal a completed Attachment A - Certified MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit and Attachment B - MBE Participation Schedule, as described in the solicitation documents. Each bid or offer submitted, including a submittal from a certified MBE in response to this solicitation, shall be accompanied by a completed Attachment A - Certified MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit and a completed Attachment B - MBE Participation Schedule. These two attachments must be accurate and consistent with each other. Attachment A and Attachment B shall be submitted with the sealed bid price at the place, date, and time specified in the solicitation document. The bidder or offeror must check one of the three boxes on Attachment A, which relates to the level of MBE participation achieved for the project.

The contractor or supplier who provides materials, supplies, equipment and/or services for this project shall attempt to achieve the specific overall MBE goal of 25% percent established for this project. All prime contractors, including certified MBE firms, when submitting bids or proposals as general or prime contractors, are required to attempt to achieve this goal from certified MBE firms. Bidders are encouraged to review Section 00730 of the bidding documents for the full Minority Business Enterprise Procedures.

The bidder must check one of the three boxes on Attachment A, which relates to the level of MBE participation achieved for the project. The bidder's signature indicates that in the event that they did not meet the MBE goal or sub-goals, if applicable, that: 1) They are therefore requesting a waiver, and 2) Documentation of their good faith efforts will be provided to the school system staff within 10 days of being notified that they are the apparent low bidder.

Joe Veslany
Procurement Specialist



AIA[®] Document A701[™] – 1997

Instructions to Bidders

for the following PROJECT:

(Name and location or address):

THE OWNER:

(Name and address):

THE ARCHITECT:

(Name and address):

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ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

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

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

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

§ 1.1 Bidding Documents include the Bidding Requirements and the proposed Contract Documents. The Bidding Requirements consist of the Advertisement or Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders, Supplementary Instructions to Bidders, the bid form, and other sample bidding and contract forms. The proposed Contract Documents consist of the form of Agreement between the Owner and Contractor, Conditions of the Contract (General, Supplementary and other Conditions), Drawings, Specifications and all Addenda issued prior to execution of the Contract.

§ 1.2 Definitions set forth in the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, AIA Document A201-2007 Edition and as modified by Howard county Public School System or other Contract Documents as applicable to the Bidding Documents.

§ 1.3 Addenda are written or graphic instruments issued by the Architect prior to the execution of the Contract which modify or interpret the Bidding Documents by additions, deletions, clarifications or corrections.

§ 1.4 A Bid is a complete and properly executed proposal to do the Work for the sums stipulated therein, submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents.

§ 1.5 The Base Bid is the sum stated in the Bid for which the Bidder offers to perform the Work described in the Bidding Documents as the base, to which Work may be added or from which Work may be deleted for sums stated in Alternate Bids.

§ 1.6 An Alternate Bid (or Alternate) is an amount stated in the Bid to be added to or deducted from the amount of the Base Bid if the corresponding change in the Work, as described in the Bidding Documents, is accepted.

§ 1.7 A Unit Price is an amount stated in the Bid as a price per unit of measurement for materials, equipment or services or a portion of the Work as described in the Bidding Documents.

§ 1.8 A Bidder is a person or entity who submits a Bid and who meets the requirements set forth in the Bidding Documents.

§ 1.9 A Sub-bidder is a person or entity who submits a bid to a Bidder for materials, equipment or labor for a portion of the Work.

ARTICLE 2 BIDDER'S REPRESENTATIONS

§ 2.1 The Bidder by making a Bid represents that:

§ 2.1.1 The Bidder has read and understands the Bidding Documents or Contract Documents, to the extent that such documentation relates to the Work for which the Bid is submitted, and for other portions of the Project, if any, being bid concurrently or presently under construction.

§ 2.1.2 The Bid is made in compliance with the Bidding Documents.

§ 2.1.3 The Bidder has visited the site, become familiar with local conditions under which the Work is to be performed and has correlated the Bidder's personal observations with the requirements of the proposed Contract Documents.

§ 2.1.4 The Bid is based upon the materials, equipment and systems required by the Bidding Documents without exception.

ARTICLE 3 BIDDING DOCUMENTS

§ 3.1 COPIES

§ 3.1.1 Bidders may obtain complete sets of the Bidding Documents from the issuing office designated in the Advertisement or Invitation to Bid in the number and for the deposit sum, if any, stated therein. The deposit will be refunded to Bidders who submit a bona fide Bid and return the Bidding Documents in good condition within ten days after receipt of Bids. The cost of replacement of missing or damaged documents will be deducted from the deposit. A Bidder receiving a Contract award may retain the Bidding Documents and the Bidder's deposit will be refunded.

§ 3.1.2 Bidding Documents will not be issued directly to Sub-bidders unless specifically offered in the Advertisement or Invitation to Bid, or in supplementary instructions to bidders.

§ 3.1.3 Bidders shall use complete sets of Bidding Documents in preparing Bids; neither the Owner nor Architect assumes responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents.

§ 3.1.4 The Owner and Architect may make copies of the Bidding Documents available on the above terms for the purpose of obtaining Bids on the Work. No license or grant of use is conferred by issuance of copies of the Bidding Documents.

§ 3.2 INTERPRETATION OR CORRECTION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS

§ 3.2.1 The Bidder shall carefully study and compare the Bidding Documents with each other, and with other work being bid concurrently or presently under construction to the extent that it relates to the Work for which the Bid is submitted, shall examine the site and local conditions, and shall at once report to the Architect errors, inconsistencies or ambiguities discovered.

§ 3.2.2 Bidders and Sub-bidders requiring clarification or interpretation of the Bidding Documents shall make a written request which shall reach the Construction Manager and Architect at least seven business days prior to the date for receipt of Bids.

§ 3.2.3 Interpretations, corrections and changes of the Bidding Documents will be made by Addendum. Interpretations, corrections and changes of the Bidding Documents made in any other manner will not be binding, and Bidders shall not rely upon them.

§ 3.3 SUBSTITUTIONS

§3.3.1. Bids shall be based upon the materials, systems and equipment required by the bidding documents without exception. Proposed substitute products or manufacturers shall be submitted in accordance with the following provisions:

a. No substitutions will be considered prior to receipt of bids. The Contract award will be made solely on the basis of Base bid, Alternate Bids with regard to proposed substitutions and deducts when requested.

b. Bidders may propose substitutions for the materials, systems and equipment specified or whom by listing them in the space provided on the Form of Proposal, along with any stipulated cost adjustment (add, deduct or no change) in the Base Bid or Alternate bids. Proposed substitutions may be accepted with the award of the contract or later by the Owner.

c. Provide all necessary backup data for proposed substitutions at time of bid for review by Owner.

d. The Architect will evaluate all substitutions based on compliance with the environmental goals stated in the specifications. All proposed substitutions shall document and demonstrate meeting or exceeding LEED certification requirements through product data, MSDS sheets and other supporting literature that highlight conformance. Any substitution that does not have this information highlighted will be rejected.

§ 3.3.2 It is the responsibility of the bidder to provide documentation with the bid at the date and time set forth for submission. The burden of proof that proposed substitutes are in fact equal or better falls on the bidder and proof must be to the satisfaction of HCPSS. The HCPSS shall be the sole authority as to whether proposed substitute items meet specifications or are an approved equal. The HCPSS decision of approving or disapproving of a proposed equal shall be final.

§ 3.3.3

No substitutions will be considered after the Contract award unless specifically provided for in the Contract Documents.

§ 3.4 ADDENDA

§ 3.4.1 Addenda will be posted on the school system website.

§ 3.4.2 Copies of Addenda will be made available for inspection wherever Bidding Documents are on file for that purpose.

§ 3.4.3 Addenda will be issued no later than two days prior to the date for receipt of Bids except an Addendum withdrawing the request for Bids or one which includes postponement of the date for receipt of Bids.

§ 3.4.4 Each Bidder shall ascertain prior to submitting a Bid that the Bidder has received all Addenda issued, and the Bidder shall acknowledge their receipt in the Bid.

ARTICLE 4 BIDDING PROCEDURES

§ 4.1 PREPARATION OF BIDS

§ 4.1.1 Bids shall be submitted on the forms included with the Bidding Documents. Submit Form of Proposal (Bids) in triplicate.

§ 4.1.2 All blanks on the bid form shall be legibly executed in a non-erasable medium. If blanks do not apply insert " O " in spaces.

§ 4.1.3 Sums shall be expressed in both words and figures. In case of discrepancy, the amount written in words shall govern.

(Paragraph Deleted)

§ 4.1.4 All requested Alternates shall be bid. If no change in the Base Bid is required, enter "No Change."

(Paragraph Deleted)

§ 4.1.5 Each copy of the Bid shall state the legal name of the Bidder and the nature of legal form of the Bidder. The Bidder shall provide evidence of legal authority to perform within the jurisdiction of the Work. Each copy shall be signed by the person or persons legally authorized to bind the Bidder to a contract. A Bid by a corporation shall further give the state of incorporation and have the corporate seal affixed. A Bid submitted by an agent shall have a current power of attorney attached certifying the agent's authority to bind the Bidder.

§ 4.1.6 All addenda shall be acknowledged on the Form of Proposal

§ 4.2 BID SECURITY

§ 4.2.1 Each Bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form and amount required if so stipulated in the Instructions to Bidders. The Bidder pledges to enter into a Contract with the Owner on the terms stated in the Bid and will, if required, furnish bonds covering the faithful performance of the Contract and payment of all obligations arising thereunder. Should the Bidder refuse to enter into such Contract or fail to furnish such bonds if required, the amount of the bid security shall be forfeited to the Owner as liquidated damages, not as a penalty.

§ 4.2.4 Bid Bond shall be in the amount of 5% of the Base Bid.

§ 4.2.5 The apparent low bidder, upon notification, shall provide to the Owner/ Purchasing Office within 24 hours three (3) references of successfully completed projects from General Contractors and/or Construction Managers and/or Owners. Failure to provide these references will be cause to reject the submitted bid.

§ 4.2.6 The Owner will have the right to retain the bid security of Bidders to whom an award is being considered until either

- (a) the Contract has been executed and bonds, if required, have been furnished, or
- (b) the specified time has elapsed so that Bids may be withdrawn or
- (c) all Bids have been rejected.

§ 4.2.7 To protect the public interest the Owner may request a D & B (Dun & Bradstreet ®) report on the apparent low bidder. D & B rating less than A shall be cause for rejection of bid by Owner.

§ 4.2.8 Owner reserves the right to request from apparent low bidder financial statements for the firm for up to 3 fiscal years..

§ 4.3 SUBMISSION OF BIDS

§ 4.3.1 All copies of the Bid, the bid security, if any, and any other documents required to be submitted with the Bid shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope. The envelope shall be addressed to the party receiving the Bids and shall be identified with the Project name, the Bidder's name and address and, if applicable, the designated portion of the Work for which the Bid is submitted. If the Bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope with the notation "SEALED BID ENCLOSED" on the face thereof.

§ 4.3.2 Bids shall be deposited at the designated location prior to the time and date for receipt of Bids. Bids received after the time and date for receipt of Bids will be returned unopened.

§ 4.3.3 The Bidder shall assume full responsibility for timely delivery at the location designated for receipt of Bids.

§ 4.3.4 Oral, telephonic, telegraphic, facsimile or other electronically transmitted bids will not be considered.

§ 4.4 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BID

§ 4.4.1 A Bid may not be modified, withdrawn or canceled by the Bidder during the stipulated time period following the time and date designated for the receipt of Bids, and each Bidder so agrees in submitting a Bid.

§ 4.4.2 Prior to the time and date designated for receipt of Bids, a Bid submitted may be modified or withdrawn by notice to the party receiving Bids at the place designated for receipt of Bids. Such notice shall be in writing over the signature of the Bidder. Written confirmation over the signature of the Bidder shall be received, and date and time stamped by the receiving party on or before the date and time set for receipt of Bids. A change shall be so worded as not to reveal the amount of the original Bid.

§ 4.4.3 Withdrawn Bids may be resubmitted up to the date and time designated for the receipt of Bids provided that they are then fully in conformance with these Instructions to Bidders.

§ 4.4.4 Bid security, if required, shall be in an amount sufficient for the Bid as resubmitted.

ARTICLE 5 CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

§ 5.1 OPENING OF BIDS

At the discretion of the Owner, if stipulated in the Advertisement or Invitation to Bid, the properly identified Bids received on time will be publicly opened and will be read aloud. An abstract of the Bids may be made available to Bidders.

§ 5.2 REJECTION OF BIDS

The Owner shall have the right to reject any or all Bids. A Bid not accompanied by a required bid security or by other data required by the Bidding Documents, or a Bid which is in any way incomplete or irregular is subject to rejection.

§ 5.3 ACCEPTANCE OF BID (AWARD)

§ 5.3.1 It is the intent of the Owner to award a Contract to the lowest qualified Bidder provided the Bid has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Bidding Documents and does not exceed the funds available. The Owner shall have the right to waive informalities and irregularities in a Bid received and to accept the Bid, Alternate Bids, and proposed Substitutions which, in the Owner's judgment, is in the Owner's own best interests.

§ 5.3.2 The Owner shall have the right to accept Alternates in any order or combination, unless otherwise specifically provided in the Bidding Documents, and to determine the low Bidder on the basis of the sum of the Base Bid and Alternates accepted.

ARTICLE 6 POST-BID INFORMATION

(Paragraphs Deleted)

§ 6.3 SUBMITTALS

§ 6.3.1 The Bidder shall, as soon as practicable or as stipulated in the Bidding Documents, after notification of selection for the award of a Contract, furnish to the Owner through the Architect in writing:

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(Paragraph Deleted)

names of persons or entities (including those who are to furnish materials or equipment fabricated to a special design) proposed for the principal portions of the Work.

§ 6.3.2

Prior to the execution of the Contract, the Architect will notify the Bidder in writing if either the Owner or Architect, after due investigation, has reasonable objection to a person or entity proposed by the Bidder. If the Owner or Architect has reasonable objection to a proposed person or entity, the Bidder may, at the Bidder's option, (1) withdraw the Bid or (2) submit an acceptable substitute person or entity with an adjustment in the Base Bid or Alternate Bid to cover the difference in cost occasioned by such substitution. The Owner may accept the adjusted bid price or disqualify the Bidder. In the event of either withdrawal or disqualification, bid security will not be forfeited.

§ 6.33 Persons and entities proposed by the Bidder and to whom the Owner and Architect have made no reasonable objection must be used on the Work for which they were proposed and shall not be changed except with the written consent of the Owner and Architect.

ARTICLE 7 PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND

§7.1 PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND

§ 7.1.1 The Contractor shall furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond covering the faithful performance of the Contract and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder and complying with the requirements of Maryland Law. Both bonds shall be in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract amount and shall name the Howard County Board of Education as Oblige.

§ 7.1.2 Bonds shall be written by a bonding company that must be licensed with MD Insurance Administration to do business in the State of Maryland and otherwise acceptable to the Howard County Public School System. The Contractor shall use Bond Forms provided by the Owner AIA Document A312 - 2010 Performance Bond and AIA Document A312 - 2010 Labor and Material Payment Bond, in order to satisfy the Bond requirements referenced in this Article.

§ 7.1.3 Owner reserves the right to request from Contractor financial statements for the firm for up to prior 3 fiscal years.

§ 7.1.4 To protect the public interest the Owner may request a D & B report on the Contractor. Should the D & B rating fall below the awarded rating, Contractor shall advise Owner of his corrective measures.

§ 7.1.5 Firms issuing said bonds must be licensed to write bonds in the State of Maryland. The Contractor shall pay the premiums for required bonds. Obtainage of the required bonds by Contractor shall be a condition precedent to effectuation of the Contract between Owner and Contractor. If additional work is authorized, the amounts of the bonds shall be increased to cover the value of the increased Contract sum. All bonds shall conform to the requirements of the Maryland Little Miller Act. All bonds shall be subject to Owner's approval.

§ 7.1.6 Upon the request of any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of bonds covering payment of obligations arising under the Contract, the Contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of the bonds or shall permit a copy to be made.

§ 7.1.7 If the furnishing of such bonds is stipulated in the Bidding Documents, the cost shall be included in the Bid. If the furnishing of such bonds is required after receipt of bids and before execution of the Contract, the cost of such bonds shall be added to the Bid in determining the Contract Sum.

(Paragraph Deleted)

§ 7.2 TIME OF DELIVERY AND FORM OF BONDS

§ 7.2.1 The Bidder shall deliver the required bonds to the Owner with the executed contract and dated with the date of contract. If the Work is to be commenced prior thereto in response to a letter of intent, the Bidder shall, prior to commencement of the Work, submit evidence satisfactory to the Owner that such bonds will be furnished and delivered in accordance with this Section 7.2.1.

§ 7.2.2 Unless otherwise provided, the bonds shall be written on AIA Document A312-2010, Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Both bonds shall be written in the amount of the Contract Sum.

(Paragraph Deleted)

§ 7.2.4 The Bidder shall require the attorney-in-fact who executes the required bonds on behalf of the surety to affix thereto a certified and current copy of the power of attorney effective as of the date of execution of the contract..

ARTICLE 8 FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR

Unless otherwise required in the Bidding Documents, the Agreement for the Work will be written on AIA Document A101-2007 edition as modified by Howard County Public School System, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor Where the Basis of Payment Is a Stipulated Sum.

SECTION 00300
FORM OF PROPOSAL
BID #027.19.B3

**GENERATOR REPLACEMENT
ELKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Date: _____

Owner: Board of Education
of Howard County Maryland
10910 Clarksville Pike
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Tel (410) 313-6723
Fax (410) 313-6789

Contractor: _____

Engineer/Architect*: James Posey Associates, Inc.
3112 Lord Baltimore Drive
Baltimore, MD 21244
Tel (410) 265-6100
Fax (410) 298-9820

The undersigned, having carefully examined the Bid Announcement and Bid Documents proposes to furnish all specified materials and specified equipment in strict accordance with the aforesaid documents for the Lump Sums as follows:

BASE BID

1. Complete installed cost for the Generator Replacement at Elkridge Elementary School and associated work, and all appurtenances as indicated on the drawings, specifications, and addenda.

TOTAL BASE BID – Generator Replacement, Elkridge ES \$ _____

Please indicate below your Total Base Bid amount in words:

_____ and ---- /100 Dollars.

ALTERNATES

ALTERNATE No. 1 - (ADD) Generator Standby Equipment- Provide electrical equipment, feeders, and branch circuits for connecting existing equipment to generator "standby" power system. Existing equipment includes boilers, heating water pumps, automatic temperature control (ATC) panel, and kitchen refrigeration equipment. Provide "standby" automatic transfer switch ATS-2 and associated electrical equipment, which includes enclosed switches, circuit breaker in existing switchboard, 277/480-volt standby Panel S1, 30-kVA transformer, and 120/208-volt standby Panel SR1. Replace existing combination starters serving heating water distribution pumps with variable frequency drives.

TOTAL ALTERNATE No. 1 - (ADD) \$ _____

Please indicate below your Total Alternate No. 1 amount in words:

_____ and ---- /100 Dollars

NOTE: Bid Form shall reflect bids for the project as shown in the Contract Specifications and addenda. Substitutions shall be included in the section "Proposed Substitutions."

* Note: References to Architect will also include Engineer in all bid documents.

EQUIPMENT AND MANUFACTURERS

All bidders on the project are hereby required to name at time of bid the manufacturer name to be provided as part of their bid in accordance with the contract documents.

Generator Manufacturer : _____

Automatic Transfer Switch Manufacturer : _____

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTIONS

Proposed substitutions shall be submitted in accordance with Instructions to Bidders, see Section 00100 Instructions to Bidders, Article 3, Bidding Documents, 3.3 Substitutions. Bids will be considered on systems, processes, or products of manufacturers other than those cited if accompanied by detailed technical specifications for each item, catalogs, test reports, brochures, and other descriptive literature and supporting data, sufficient in detail to permit evaluation of the proposed substitution without further reference.

Proposed Substitutions	Price Change
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

SUBCONTRACTORS: Bidders are hereby required to name the subcontractors as part of their bid package.

Name of Company	Type of Work
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

REFERENCES

Bidders are hereby required to list three references for whom similar work has previously been performed within the last three years:

1. Project Name: _____

Person to contact: _____

Telephone: _____

Address of Project: _____

Nature of Project: _____

Describe Job Performed: _____

Commencement Date: _____ Completion date: _____

Dollar amount of contract: _____

2. Project Name: _____

Person to contact: _____

Telephone: _____

Address of Project: _____

Nature of Project: _____

Describe Job Performed: _____

Commencement Date: _____ Completion date: _____

Dollar amount of contract: _____

REFERENCES: Continued

3. **Project Name:** _____

Person to contact: _____

Telephone: _____

Address of Project: _____

Nature of Project: _____

Describe Job Performed: _____

Commencement Date: _____ Completion date: _____

Dollar amount of contract: _____

SURVEY

For information purposes, please advise by what methods you were informed of this solicitation. Your response would be very much appreciated.

Newspaper: Name of Newspaper _____

Contractor: _____

Ad House: Name of Ad House _____

Other: _____

COMPANY INFORMATION

Name of company _____ years in business _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____ Fax # _____

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ Fax _____

Cell phone _____ e-mail _____

ADDENDA

Receipt of the following addenda is acknowledged:

Addendum No. _____ Dated _____ Addendum No. _____ Dated _____

Addendum No. _____ Dated _____ Addendum No. _____ Dated _____

Addendum No. _____ Dated _____ Addendum No. _____ Dated _____

WARRANTY TO THE LUMP SUM

The undersigned affirms that the above base bid and alternates represents the entire cost of the project in accordance with the bid documents and that no claim will be made on account of any increase in wage, scales, material prices, taxes, fasts, cost indexes or any other rate affecting the construction industry and/or this project.

If the undersigned received written notice of the acceptance, at his designated address, within sixty (60) days after bid opening (or later if bid has not been withdrawn), the undersigned agrees to execute and deliver a contract and bonds in accordance with the bid as accepted, within seven (7) days after receiving notice, or forfeit the amount of the bid bond.

AFFIDAVIT

Special Instructions: An authorized representative of the bidder shall complete the following affidavit in accordance with these bid documents and insert answer to paragraphs 1 and 3.

Statutory Affidavit and Non-Collusion Certification

I, _____, being duly sworn, depose and state:

1. I am the _____ (officer) and duly authorized Representative of the firm named _____ whose address is _____ and that I possess the authority to make this affidavit and certification on behalf of myself and the firm for which I am acting.

2. Except as described in Paragraph 3 below, neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, the above firm, nor any of its officers, directors, or partners, employees, agents, or employees of agents who are directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with any public bodies has:

- (a.) Been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe, under the laws of any state of the federal government;
- (b.) Been convicted under the laws of the state, another state, or the United States of: a criminal offense incident to obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract; or fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records, or receiving stolen property;
- (c.) Been convicted of a criminal violation of an antitrust statute of the State of Maryland, another state, or the United States;
- (d.) Been convicted of a violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, or the Mail Fraud Act, for acts in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;
- (e.) Been convicted of any felony offenses connected with obtaining, holding, or maintaining a minority business enterprise certification, as prohibited by Section 14-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article;
- (f.) Been convicted of conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction under any of the laws or statutes described in Paragraph (a) through (e) above; or
- (g.) Been found civilly liable under an antitrust statute of this State, another state, or the United States for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract.

3. **The only conviction, plea, or admission by any officer, director, partner, or employee of this firm to involvement in any of the conduct described in Paragraph 2 above is as follows:**

If none, write "None" below. If involvement, list the date, count, or charge, official or administrative body, the individuals, their position with the firm and the sentence or disposition of the charge.

_____ (you may attach an explanation as necessary)

4. I affirm that this firm will not knowingly enter into a contract with a public body under which a person or business debarred or suspended under Maryland State Finance and Procurement Title 16, subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, will provide, directly or indirectly, supplies, services, architectural services, construction-related services, leases of real property, or construction.
5. I affirm that this proposal or bid to the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland is genuine and not collusive or a sham; that said bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived and agreed, directly or indirectly, with any bidder or person to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding and is not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement of collusion or communication or conference, with any person to fix the bid prices of the affidavit or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said bid price, or that if any bidder, or to secure an advantage against the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland or any other person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in the proposal or bid are true. I acknowledge that, if the representations set forth in this affidavit are not true and correct, the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland may terminate any contract awarded and take any other appropriate action.
6. I affirm that this firm will not knowingly employ an individual to work at a school if the individual is a Registered Sexual Offender, pursuant to section 11-722 (C) of the Criminal Procedure Article of the Annotate Code of Maryland. A firm or person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

The statements contained in this affidavit shall be incorporated into the awarded contract as material provisions and shall be effective throughout the life of the contract. The firm has a continuing obligation through the life of the contract to submit a revised affidavit should the firm discover information, or events occur, which render the contents of this affidavit erroneous or incomplete or which would result in the firm providing a different response. The firm's failure to submit a revised affidavit within three (3) working days of either its awareness of any error, change of circumstances, incompleteness, etc., or request by the owner shall constitute breach of contract. Upon submission of a revised affidavit, the owner has the right to take such actions as may be necessary, in the judgment of the owner, to maintain and enforce the provisions of the affidavit, including termination of the contract.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM under the penalties of penalties that the contents of these affidavits (Statutory and Non-Collusion) are true and correct, that I am executing this Affidavit in compliance with Section 16-311 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and the Non-Collusion Certification in compliance with requirements of the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland, and that I am executing and submitting this Form of Proposal on behalf of and with full authority by the bidder named below.

(Signature of Bidder)

(Date)

(Print Name of Bidder)

(Title of Bidder)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on this _____ day of _____, 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Name _____

Seal:

My Commission Expires _____

(Legal Name of Company)

(Address)

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Telephone) (Fax)

(E-mail address)

Contractor's License Number # _____

We are/I am licensed to do business in the State of Maryland as a:

() Corporation () Partnership () Individual () Other

**CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
UTILIZATION AND FAIR SOLICITATION AFFIDAVIT**

NOTE: You must include this document with your bid or offer. If you do not submit the form with your bid or offer, the procurement officer shall deem your bid non-responsive or your offer not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

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Part I.

I acknowledge the:

- Overall certified MBE subcontract participation goal of 25 %. and
- The subgoals, if applicable, of:
 - 0 % for certified African American-owned businesses and
 - 0 % for certified Asian American-owned businesses.

I have made a good-faith effort to achieve this goal. If awarded the contract, I will continue to attempt to increase MBE participation during the project.

Part II.

Check ONE Box

NOTE: FAILURE TO CHECK ONE OF BOXES 1, 2, or 3 BELOW WILL RENDER A BID NON-RESPONSIVE OR AN OFFER NOT REASONABLY SUSCEPTIBLE OF BEING SELECTED FOR AWARD

NOTE: INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE ASSERTIONS ON THIS FORM AND THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE *MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE* (ATTACHMENT B) MAY RENDER A BID NON-RESPONSIVE OR AN OFFER NOT REASONABLY SUSCEPTIBLE OF BEING SELECTED FOR AWARD

1 I have met the overall MBE goal and MBE subgoals for this project. I submit with this Affidavit [Attachment A] the *MBE Participation Schedule* [Attachment B], which details how I will reach that goal.

or

2 After having made a good-faith effort to achieve the overall MBE goal and MBE subgoals for this project, I can achieve partial success only. I submit with this Affidavit [Attachment A] the *MBE Participation Schedule* [Attachment B], which details the MBE participation I have achieved.

I request a partial waiver as follows:

- Waiver of overall MBE subcontract participation goal: ____ %
- Waiver of MBE subcontract participation subgoals, if applicable:
 - ____ % for certified African American-owned businesses and
 - ____ % for certified Asian American-owned businesses.

Within 10 days of being informed that I am the apparent awardee, I will submit *MBE Waiver Documentation* [Attachment F] (with supporting documentation).

Attachment A (page 2 of 2)
or

- 3 After having made a good faith effort to achieve the overall MBE goal and MBE subgoals for this project, I am unable to achieve any portion of the goal or subgoals. I submit with this Affidavit [Attachment A] the *MBE Participation Schedule* [Attachment B].

I request a full waiver.

Within 10 days of being informed that I am the apparent awardee, I will submit *MBE Waiver Documentation* [Attachment F] (with supporting documentation).

Part III.

I understand that if I am the apparent awardee or conditional awardee, I must submit **within 10 working days** after receiving notice of the potential award or within 10 days after the date of conditional award – whichever is earlier – the:

- *Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement* (Attachment C)
- *Subcontractor Project Participation Statement* (Attachment D)
- *Minority Subcontractors Unavailability Certificate* (Attachment E) (if applicable)
- Any other documentation the Procurement Officer requires to ascertain my responsibility in connection with the MBE participation goal and subgoals

I acknowledge that if I fail to timely return complete documents, the Procurement Officer may determine that I am not responsible and therefore not eligible for contract award. If the contract has been awarded, the award is voidable.

I acknowledge that the MBE subcontractors/suppliers listed in the *MBE Participation Schedule* and any additional MBE subcontractor/suppliers identified in the *Subcontractor Project Participation Statement* will be used to accomplish the percentage of MBE participation that I intend to achieve.

In the solicitation of subcontract quotations or offers, MBE subcontractors were provided the same information and amount of time to respond as were non-MBE subcontractors.

The solicitation process was conducted in such a manner so as to not place MBE subcontractors at a competitive disadvantage to non-MBE subcontractors.

**I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that this Affidavit
is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.**

Bidder/Offeror Name

Address

Address (continued)

Affiant Signature

Printed Name & Title

Date

**ATTACHMENT B
MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE**

REVISED

This document must be included with the bid or offer. If the bidder or offeror fails to submit this form with the bid or offer as required, the procurement officer shall deem the bid non-responsive or shall determine that the offer is not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

1. Prime Contractor's Name	2. Prime Contractor's Address/Telephone Number
3. Project/School Name	4. Project/School Location
5. LEA Name: PSC Number:	6. Base Bid Amount \$ _____ Acceptance Alternates \$ _____ Total \$ _____

7a. Minority Firm Name: _____ Minority Firm Address: _____ MDOT Firm Certification Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled	Telephone Number: _____ NAICS Code: _____
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Subcontractor Firm (Select One)	Allowable Percentage	Percentage of Total Contract	Subcontractor Dollar Amount	Participation Amount
MDOT Certified Firm	100%		\$	\$
MDOT Certified Prime Contractor	50% of established goal OR		\$	\$
	100% of one subgroup contract subgoal			
MDOT Certified Supplier, Wholesaler and Regular Dealer	60%		\$	\$

7b. Minority Firm Name: _____ Minority Firm Address: _____ MDOT Firm Certification Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled	Telephone Number: _____ NAICS Code: _____
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7c. Minority Firm Name: _____ Minority Firm Address: _____ MDOT Firm Certification Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled	Telephone Number: _____ NAICS Code: _____
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8. MBE Total Amount	9. Total MBE Percent of Entire Contract
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10. Form Prepared by: Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____	11. Reviewed and Accepted by Board of Edu. MBE Liaison Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____
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Total MBE Participation:	\$ _____	_____ %	
Total African-American Participation:	\$ _____	_____ %	
Total Asian-American MBE Participation:	\$ _____	_____ %	
Total Other Participation:	\$ _____	_____ %	



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Bid Bond

CONTRACTOR:

(Name, legal status and address)

(Row deleted)

As Principal, hereinafter called the Principal, and a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto

As Obligee, hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of Dollars (\$)
\$....., for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, or heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns jointly and severally firmly by these presents.

OWNER

Howard County Public School System
10910 Clarksville Pike
Ellicott City, MD, 21042

WHEREAS the Principal has submitted a bid for

PROJECT:

(Name, location or address, and Project number, if any)

NOW, Therefore, if the Obligee shall accept the bid of Principal and the Principal shall enter into a Contract with the Obligee in accordance with the term of such bid, and give such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents with good and sufficient surety for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof, or in the event of failure of the Principal to enter such Contract and give such bond or bonds, if the Principal shall pay to Obligee the difference not to exceed the penalty thereof between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Obligee may in good faith contract with another party to perform the Work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

(Paragraph deleted)

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

Any singular reference to Contractor, Surety, Owner or other party shall be considered plural where applicable.

AIA[®] Document A101[™] – 2017

Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor where the basis of payment is a Stipulated Sum

AGREEMENT made as of the _____ day of _____ in the year 2018
(In words, indicate day, month and year)

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

and the Contractor:
(Name, address and other information)

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

The Architect:
(Name, address and other information)

The Owner and Contractor agree as follows.
TABLE OF ARTICLES

- 1 THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
- 2 THE WORK OF THIS CONTRACT
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- 4 CONTRACT SUM
- 5 PAYMENTS
- 6 DISPUTE RESOLUTION
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ARTICLE 1 THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents consist of this Agreement, Conditions of the Contract (General, Supplementary and other Conditions), Drawings, Specifications, Addenda issued prior to execution of this Agreement, other documents listed in this Agreement and Modifications

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The parties should complete A101[™]-2017, Exhibit A, Insurance and Bonds, contemporaneously with this Agreement. AIA Document A201[™]-2017, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, is adopted in this document by reference. Do not use with other general conditions unless this document is modified.

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issued after execution of this Agreement, all of which form the Contract, and are as fully a part of the Contract as if attached to this Agreement or repeated herein. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. An enumeration of the Contract Documents, other than a Modification, appears in Article 9.

ARTICLE 2 THE WORK OF THIS CONTRACT

The Contractor shall fully execute the Work described in the Contract Documents, except as specifically indicated in the Contract Documents to be the responsibility of others.

Contract Package:

Alternate No.:

ARTICLE 3 DATE OF COMMENCEMENT AND SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

§ 3.1 The date of commencement of the Work shall

(Paragraphs deleted)

be the date of this Agreement unless a different date is stated below or provision is made for the date to be fixed in a notice to proceed issued by the Owner.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 3.2 The Contract Time shall be measured from the date of commencement, that shown on the Progress Schedule.

§ 3.3 The Contractor shall achieve Substantial Completion of the entire Work not later than The respective dates applicable to this Contract as indicated on the Progress Schedule. The fully developed Progress Schedule issued by Architect/Owner, and hereby fully incorporated into this Agreement, contains

Portion of Work

100 % Complete

, subject to adjustments of this Contract Time as provided in the Contract Documents.

. Liquidated Damages in the sum of one thousand (\$1000.00) for each calendar day shall be assessed for any delays in achieving Substantial Completion, except as noted in Article 8 of the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction. "Substantial Completion" as defined in Article 9.8 of the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction. In addition to Liquidated Damages for delay, as provided above, the Owner shall be entitled to such other damages for breach of contract as more fully provided in the General Conditions for Contract for Construction.

(Paragraph deleted)

(Table deleted)

(Paragraphs deleted)

ARTICLE 4 CONTRACT SUM

§ 4.1 The Owner shall pay the Contractor the Contract Sum in current funds for the Contractor's performance of the Contract including Alternates and Substitutions the Contract Sum shall be:

\$... .. (\$),

subject to additions and deductions as provided in the Contract Documents.

§ 4.2 The Contract Sum is based upon the following alternates, if any, which are described in the Contract Documents and are hereby accepted by the Owner:

Alternate Numbers:

N/A

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(State the numbers or other identification of accepted alternates. If the bidding or proposal documents permit the Owner to accept other alternates subsequent to the execution of this Agreement, attach a schedule of such other alternates showing the amount for each and the date when that amount expires.)

(Table deleted)

(Paragraphs deleted)

(Table deleted)

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 4.3 Unit prices, if any:

(Identify and state the unit price; state quantity limitations, if any, to which the unit price will be applicable.)

Item

As listed in the Form of Proposal;

(Paragraphs deleted)

(Table deleted)

(Paragraphs deleted)

ARTICLE 5 PAYMENTS

§ 5.1 PROGRESS PAYMENTS

§ 5.1.1 Based upon Applications for Payment submitted to the Architect by the Contractor and Certificates for Payment issued by the Architect, the Owner shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Sum to the Contractor as provided below and elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

§ 5.1.2 The period covered by each Application for Payment shall be one calendar month ending on the last day of the month, or as follows:

Contractor shall submit to the Architect on the last day of each month a draft of a Standard Monthly Contractors Requisition for Payment, on AIA Document G702 – 1992 and AIA Document G703 – 1992

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 5.1.5 Applications for Payment shall show the percentage of completion of each portion of the Work as of the end of the period covered by the Application for Payment.

§ 5.1.6 Subject to other provisions of the Contract Documents, the amount of each progress payment shall be computed as follows:

- .1 Take that portion of the Contract Sum properly allocable to completed Work as determined by multiplying the percentage completion of each portion of the Work by the share of the Contract Sum allocated to that portion of the Work in the schedule of values, less retainage of ten percent (10 %)
- .2 Portion of the Contract Sum properly allocable to materials and equipment delivered and suitably stored at the site for subsequent incorporation in the completed construction (or, if approved in advance by the Owner, suitably stored off the site at a location agreed upon in writing), less retainage of ten percent (10 %);

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 5.1.7 Deleted

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 5.1.8 Reduction or limitation of retainage, if any, shall be as follows:
As described in the General Conditions for the Contract of Construction.

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§ 5.1.9 Deleted

§ 5.2 FINAL PAYMENT

§ 5.2.1 1 Final payment, constituting the entire unpaid balance of the Contract Sum, shall be made by the Owner to the Contractor in accordance with Paragraph 9.10 of the General Conditions for Contract.

§ 5.2.2 Deleted

(Paragraphs deleted)

ARTICLE 6 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

§ 6.1

(Paragraphs deleted)

As specified in Contract Documents

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 6.2 Deleted

ARTICLE 7 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

§ 7.1 The Contract may be terminated by the Owner or the Contractor as provided in Article 14 of AIA Document A201-2007 and modifications made by Howard County Public School System.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 7.2 The Work may be suspended by the Owner as provided in Article 14 of AIA Document A201-2007 and modifications made by Howard County Public School System.

ARTICLE 8 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 8.1 Where reference is made in this Agreement to a provision of AIA Document A201-2007 and modifications made by Howard County Public School System or another Contract Document, the reference refers to that provision as amended or supplemented by other provisions of the Contract Documents.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 8.4 The Contractor's representative:

(Name, address and other information)

§ 8.5 The Contractor's representative shall not be changed without ten days' written notice to the Owner

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 8.6 Delete:

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(Paragraphs deleted)

ARTICLE 9 ENUMERATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

§ 9.1 The Contract Documents, except for Modifications issued after execution of this Agreement, are enumerated in the sections below.

§ 9.1.1 The Agreement is the executed Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, AIA Document A101-1997 and modifications made by Howard County Public School System.

§ 9.1.2 The General Conditions are the 1997 edition of the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, AIA Document A201-1997 and modifications made by Howard County Public School System.

§ 9.1.3 Delete

§ 9.1.4 The Specifications:

(Paragraph deleted)

The Specifications are those contained in the Project Manual, and are as follows:

Title of Specifications exhibit: As listed in Table of Contents of Project Manuel dated:

§ 9.1.5 The Drawings:

The Drawings are as follows, and are dated _____ unless a different date is shown below:

(Table deleted)

Title of Drawings exhibit: As listed in the Schedule of Drawings of the Contract Title of Drawings exhibit:

(Table deleted)

§ 9.1.6 The Addenda, if any:

Number	Date	Pages
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Portions of Addenda relating to bidding requirements are not part of the Contract Documents unless the bidding requirements are also enumerated in this Article 9.

§ 9.1.7 Additional documents, if any, forming part of the Contract Documents:

(Paragraph deleted)

As listed in the Project Manual.

ARTICLE 10 INSURANCE AND BONDS

The Contractor shall purchase and maintain insurance and provide bonds as set forth in Article 11 of AIA Document A201-2007.

Type of insurance or bond

As listed in the Project Manual

(Paragraphs deleted)

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This Agreement is entered into as of the day and year first written above and is executed in at least four original copies of which one is to be delivered to the Contractor, one each to the Construction Manager and Architect for use in the administration of the Contract, and the remainder to the Owner.

OWNER

Board of Education of Howard County

(A Body Politic and Corporate)

CONTRACTOR

(Signature)

(Signature)

Cynthia L. Vaillancourt, Chair (SEAL)

(Printed name and title) (SEAL)

Approved by:

Michael J. Martirano, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools

Init.

SECTION 00601
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1 - General Insurance Requirements:

1.1 - The Contractor shall not commence Work until he has obtained at his own expense all of the insurance as required hereunder and such insurance has been approved by the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland; nor shall the Contractor allow any Subcontractor to commence Work on his subcontract until all similar insurance required of the Subcontractor has been so obtained and approved by the Contractor. Approval of insurance required of the Contractor will be granted only after submission to the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland of original, signed certificates of insurance or, alternately, at the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland's request, certified copies of the required insurance policies.

1.2 - The Contractor shall require all Subcontractors to maintain during the term of this agreement, commercial general liability insurance, business automobile liability insurance, and Workers' Compensation and employers' liability insurance, in the same manner as specified for the Contractor. The Contractor shall furnish Subcontractors' certificates of insurance to the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland immediately upon request.

1.3 - All insurance required hereunder shall include the following provision: "It is agreed that this policy is not subject to cancellation, non-renewal, material change, or reduction in coverage until sixty (60) days prior written notice has been given to the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland."

The phrases "endeavor to" and "... but failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the company, its agents or representatives" are to be eliminated from the cancellation provision of standard ACORD certificates of insurance.

1.4 - No acceptance and/or approval of any insurance by the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland shall be construed as relieving or excusing the Contractor, or the Surety, or his bonds, from any liability or obligation imposed upon either or both of them by the provisions of the Contract Documents.

1.5 - The Board of Education of Howard County Maryland and its elected or appointed officials, agents and employees are to be named as an additional insured under all coverages except Workers compensation and business automobile liability, and the certificate of insurance, or the certified policy, if requested, must so state this. Coverage afforded under this paragraph shall be primary as respects the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland, its agents and employees.

1.6 - The Contractor shall be responsible for the Work performed under the Contract Documents and every part thereof, and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances, and property of any and all description used in connection with the Work. The Contractor assumes all risk for direct and indirect damage or injury to the property or persons used or employed on or in connection with the Work contracted for, and of all damage or injury to any person or property wherever located, resulting from the action, omission, commission or operation under the contract, or in connection in any way whatsoever with the contracted Work, until final acceptance of the Work by the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland.

1.7 - Insurance coverage required in these specifications shall be in force throughout the contract term. Should the Contractor fail to provide acceptable evidence of current insurance within seven days of written notice at any time during the contract term, the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland shall have the absolute right to terminate the contract without any further obligation to the Contractor, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland for the entire additional cost of procuring performance and the cost of performing the incomplete portion of the contract at time of termination.

1.8 - Contractual and other liability insurance provided under this contract shall not contain a supervision, inspection or engineering services exclusion that would preclude the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland from supervising or inspecting the project as to the end result. The Contractor shall assume all

on-the-job responsibilities as to the control of persons directly employed by it and of the Subcontractors and any persons employed by the Subcontractor.

1.9 - Nothing contained in the specifications shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any Subcontractor and the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland. The Contractor shall be fully responsible to the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland for the acts and omissions of the Subcontractors and of persons employed by them as it is for acts and omissions of persons directly employed by it.

1.10 - Precaution shall be exercised by the Contractor at all times for the protection of persons, (including employees) and property. All existing structures, utilities, roads, services, trees and shrubbery shall be protected against damage or interruption of service at all times by the Contractor and its Subcontractors during the term of the contract, and the Contractor shall be held responsible for any damage to property occurring by reason of its operation on the property.

1.11 - If the Contractor does not meet the insurance requirements of the specifications, alternate insurance coverage, satisfactory to the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland, may be considered. Written requests for consideration of alternate coverages must be received by the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland at least ten Working days prior to the date set for receipt of bids or proposals. If the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland denies the request for alternate coverages, the specified coverages will be required to be submitted.

1.12 - All required insurance coverages must be acquired from insurers allowed to do business in the State of Maryland and acceptable to the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland. The insurers must also have a policyholders' rating of "A-" or better, and a financial size of "Class VII" or better in the latest edition of Best's Insurance Reports, unless the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland grants specific approval for an exception.

1.13 - The Board of Education of Howard County Maryland will consider any deductible amounts as part of its review of the financial stability the Contractor. Any deductibles shall be disclosed by the Contractor, and deductible amounts are the responsibility of the Contractor.

2 - Contractor's Liability Insurance - "Occurrence" Basis:

2.1 - The Contractor shall purchase the following insurance coverages:

2.1.1 - Commercial general liability with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$1,000,000 annual aggregate including all of the following:

- i. General aggregate limit is to apply per project;
- ii. Premises/operations;
- iii. Actions of independent Contractors;
- iv. Products/completed operations to be maintained for two years after completion of the Work;
- v. Contractual liability including protection for the Contractor from claims arising out of liability assumed under this contract;
- vi. Personal injury liability including coverage for offenses related to employment;
- vii. Explosion, collapse, or underground (XCU) hazards (confirmation of underground hazard coverage must be confirmed by either certificate of insurance or in writing by Contractor's agent, broker or insurer);

2.1.2 - Business automobile liability including coverage for any owned, hired, or non-owned motor vehicles and automobile contractual liability with a limit of \$1,000,000 per accident; uninsured motorist coverage at minimum statutory limits.

2.1.3 - Workers compensation with statutory benefits as required by Maryland law or the U. S. Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, or other laws as required by labor union agreements, including standard other states coverage; employers' liability coverage with limits of \$100,000 per accident, \$100,000 per employee for disease, and a \$500,000 disease policy limit.

2.1.4 - Total limit requirements of 2.1.1, 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 may be met by a combination of primary and umbrella excess liability coverage.

2.1.5 - Aircraft liability including coverage for any owned, hired or non-owned aircraft utilized in the project (e.g. installation of HVAC unit on school roof) with a minimum limit of \$ NA per occurrence applicable to aircraft while in flight or in motion. A higher limit may be required by the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland upon exposure review.

3 - Commercial General or Other Required Liability Insurance - "Claims Made" Basis

3.1 - If commercial general or other liability insurance purchased by the Contractor has been issued on a "claims made" basis, the Contractor must comply with the following additional conditions:

- i. Agree to provide certificates of insurance evidencing the above coverages for a period of two years after final payment for the contract. Such certificates shall evidence a retroactive date, no later than the beginning of the Contractors' or Subcontractors' Work under this contract, or
- ii. Purchase an extended (minimum two years) reporting period endorsement for the policy or policies in force during the term of this contract and evidence the purchase of this extended reporting period endorsement by means of a certificate of insurance or a copy of the endorsement itself.



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Performance Bond

CONTRACTOR:
(Name, legal status and address)

SURETY:
(Name, legal status and principal place of business)

OWNER:
(Name, legal status and address)

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Date:
Amount: \$
Description:
(Name and location)

BOND
Date:
(Not earlier than Construction Contract Date)

Amount: \$
Modifications to this Bond: **NONE** **SEE SECTION 16**

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL	SURETY
COMPAN (CORPORATE SEAL)	COMPAN (CORPORATE SEAL)
Y:	Y:
SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE:
_____	_____
NAME	NAME
AND	AND
TITLE:	TITLE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS PREPARED BY:
(HERE INSERT FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OR LEGAL TITLE OF ARCHITECT)

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Any singular reference to Contractor, Surety, Owner or other party shall be considered plural where applicable.

§ 1 The Contractor and Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Owner for the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Which contract is by reference made a part hereof, and is hereinafter referred to as the Contract.

PERFORMANCE BOND

NOW THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that, if Contractor shall promptly and faithfully perform said Contract, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

The surety hereby waives notice of any alteration of extension of time made by the Owner. Whenever Contractor shall be, and declare by Owner to be in default under the Contract, the Owner having performed Owner's obligations thereunder, the Surety may promptly remedy the default, or shall promptly

1. Complete the contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, or
2. Obtain a bid or bids for competing the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, and upon determination by Surety of the lowest responsible bidder, or, if the Owner elects, upon determination by the Owner and the Surety jointly of the lowest responsible bidder, arrange for a contract between such bidder and Owner, and make available as Work progresses (even though there should be a default or a succession of defaults under the contract or contracts of completion arranged under this paragraph) sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion less the balance of the contract price; but not exceeding, including other costs and damages for which the Surety may be liable hereunder, the amount set forth in the first paragraph hereof. The term "balance of the contract price," as used in this paragraph, shall mean the total amount payable by Owner to Contractor under the Contract and any amendments thereto, less the amount properly paid by Owner to Contractor.

Any suit under this bond must be instituted before the expiration of two (2) years from the date on which final payment under the Contract falls due.

No right of action shall accrue on this bond to or for the use of any person or corporation other than the Owner named herein or the heirs, executors, administrators or successors of the Owner.

Signed and sealed this day of

(Witness)

(Principal)

(Seal)

(Witness)

(Title)

(Table deleted)(Paragraphs deleted)



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Payment Bond

CONTRACTOR:
(Name, legal status and address)

SURETY:
(Name, legal status and principal place of business)

OWNER:
(Name, legal status and address)

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Date:

Amount: \$

Description:
(Name and location)

BOND

Date:
(Not earlier than Construction Contract Date)

Amount: \$

Modifications to this Bond: None See Section 18

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL

Company (Corporate Seal)

:

Signature

:

Name

and Title:

(Any additional signatures appear on the last page of this Payment Bond.)

SURETY

Company (Corporate Seal)

:

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Signature

:

Name

and Title:

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Drawings and Specifications prepared by:
(Architect name and address)

§ 1 The Contractor and Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Owner to pay for labor, materials and equipment furnished for use in the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference, subject to the following terms.

§ 2 If the Contractor promptly makes payment of all sums due to Claimants, and defends, indemnifies and holds harmless the Owner from claims, demands, liens or suits by any person or entity seeking payment for labor, materials or equipment furnished for use in the performance of the Construction Contract, then the Surety and the Contractor shall have no obligation under this Bond.

Which contract is by reference made a part hereof, and is hereinafter referred to as the Contract.

LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND

Now therefore, the condition of this obligation is such that, if Principal shall promptly make payment to all claimants as hereinafter defined. For all labor and material used or presumably required for use in the performance of the Contract, then this obligation shall be void: otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect, subject, however, to the following conditions:

1. A claimant is defined as one having a direct contract with the principal or with a Subcontractor of the Principal for labor, material, or both, used or reasonably required for use in the performance of the Contract, labor and material being construed to include that part of water, gas, power, light, heat, oil, gasoline, telephone service or rental of equipment directly applicable to the Contract.
2. The above named Principal and Surety hereby jointly and severally agree with the Owner that every claimant as herein defined, who has not been paid in full before the expiration of a period of ninety (90) days after the date which the last of such claimant's work or labor was done or performed, or materials were furnished by such claimant, prosecute the suit for final judgment for such sum or sums as may be justly due claimant, and have execution thereon. The Owner shall not be liable for the payment of any costs or expenses of any such suit.
3. No suit or action shall be commenced hereunder by any claimant:
 - a) Unless claimant, other than on having a direct contract with the Principal, shall have given written notice to any two of the following: the Principal, the Owner, or the Surety above named, within ninety(90) days after such claimant did or performed the last of the work or labor, or furnished the last of the materials for which said claim is made, stating with substantial accuracy the amount claimed and the name of the party to whom the materials were furnished, or for whom the work or labor was done or performed. Such notice shall be served by mailing the same by registered mail or certified mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Principal, Owner or Surety, at any place where an office is regularly maintained for the transaction of business, or served in any manner in which legal process may be served in the state in which the aforesaid project is located, save that such service need not be made by a public officer.
 - b) After the expiration of one (1) year following the date on which Principal ceased Work on seaside Contract, it being understood, however, that if any limitation embodied in this bond is prohibited by any law controlling the construction hereof such limitation shall be deemed to be amended so as to be equal to the minimum period of limitation permitted by such law.
 - c) Other than in a state court of competent jurisdiction in and for the county or other political subdivision of the state in which the Project, or any part thereof, is situated, or in the United

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States District Court for the district in which the Project, or any part thereof, is situated, and not elsewhere.

4. The amount of this bond shall be reduced by and to the extent of any payment or payments made in good faith hereunder, inclusive of the payment by Surety of mechanics' liens with may be filed of record against said improvement, whether or not claim for the amount of such lien be presented under and against this bond.

(Space is provided below for additional signatures of added parties, other than those appearing on the cover page.)

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL

Company: _____ *(Corporate Seal)*

SURETY

Company: _____ *(Corporate Seal)*

Signature: _____
Name and Title:

Signature: _____
Name and Title:

Address:

Address:

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General Conditions of the Contract for Construction

for the following PROJECT:

(Name and location or address)

[Redacted]

THE OWNER:

(Name and address)

[Redacted]

THE ARCHITECT:

(Name and address)

[Redacted]

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ARTICLE 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1.1 BASIC DEFINITIONS

§ 1.1.1 THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents are enumerated in the Agreement between the Owner and Contractor (hereinafter the Agreement) and consist of the Agreement, Conditions of the Contract (General, Supplementary and other Conditions), Drawings, Specifications, Addenda issued prior to execution of the Contract, other documents listed in the Agreement and Modifications issued after execution of the Contract. A Modification is (1) a written amendment to the Contract signed by both parties, (2) a Change Order, (3) a Construction Change Directive or (4) a written order for a minor change in the Work issued by the Architect. Unless specifically enumerated in the Agreement, the Contract Documents do not include the advertisement or invitation to bid, Instructions to Bidders, sample forms, other information furnished by the Owner in anticipation of receiving bids or proposals, the Contractor's bid or proposal, or portions of Addenda relating to bidding requirements.

§ 1.1.2 THE CONTRACT

The Contract Documents form the Contract for Construction. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties and supersedes prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. The Contract may be amended or modified only by a Modification. The Contract Documents shall not be construed to create a contractual relationship of any kind (1) between the Contractor and the Architect or the Architect's consultants, (2) between the Owner and a Subcontractor or a Sub-subcontractor, (3) between the Owner and the Architect or the Architect's consultants or (4) between any persons or entities other than the Owner and the Contractor. The Architect shall, however, be entitled to performance and enforcement of obligations under the Contract intended to facilitate performance of the Architect's duties.

§ 1.1.3 THE WORK

The term "Work" means the construction and services required by the Contract Documents, whether completed or partially completed, and includes all other labor, materials, equipment and services provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor's obligations. The Work may constitute the whole or a part of the Project.

§ 1.1.4 THE PROJECT

The Project is the total construction of which the Work performed under the Contract Documents may be the whole or a part and which may include construction by the Owner and by separate contractors.

§ 1.1.5 THE DRAWINGS

The Drawings are the graphic and pictorial portions of the Contract Documents showing the design, location and dimensions of the Work, generally including plans, elevations, sections, details, schedules and diagrams.

§ 1.1.6 THE SPECIFICATIONS

The Specifications are that portion of the Contract Documents consisting of the written requirements for materials, equipment, systems, standards and workmanship for the Work, and performance of related services.

§ 1.1.7 INSTRUMENTS OF SERVICE

Instruments of Service are representations, in any medium of expression now known or later developed, of the tangible and intangible creative work performed by the Architect and the Architect's consultants under their respective professional services agreements. Instruments of Service may include, without limitation, studies, surveys, models, sketches, drawings, specifications, and other similar materials.

§ 1.1.8 INITIAL DECISION MAKER

The Initial Decision Maker is the person identified in the Agreement to render initial decisions on Claims in accordance with Section 15.2 and certify termination of the Agreement under Section 14.2.2.

§ 1.2 CORRELATION AND INTENT OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

§ 1.2.1 The intent of the Contract Documents is to include all items necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work by the Contractor. The Contract Documents are complementary, and what is required by one shall be as binding as if required by all; performance by the Contractor shall be required only to the extent consistent with the Contract Documents and reasonably inferable from them as being necessary to produce the indicated results.

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§ 1.2.2 Organization of the Specifications into divisions, sections and articles, and arrangement of Drawings shall not control the Contractor in dividing the Work among Subcontractors or in establishing the extent of Work to be performed by any trade. Wherever in the Specifications there appears a reference to a "Contractor" or the "Subcontractor" or a reference to a Contractor, installer or supplier of a particular trade, or for a particular type of Work, such reference, regardless of the language hereof shall be deemed a reference to the Contractor and shall not be construed as relieving the Contractor from the duty to perform all of the Work and other obligations provided under the Contract.

§ 1.2.3 Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, words that have well-known technical or construction industry meanings are used in the Contract Documents in accordance with such recognized meanings.

§ 1.3 CAPITALIZATION

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

§ 1.4 INTERPRETATION

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

§ 1.5 OWNERSHIP AND USE OF DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS OF SERVICE

§ 1.5.1 The Drawings, Specifications and other documents, including those in electronic form, prepared by the Architect and the Architect's consultants are Instruments of Service through which the Work to be executed by the Contractor is described. The Contractor may retain one record set. Neither the Contractor nor any Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor or material or equipment supplier shall own or claim a copyright in the Drawings.. Unless otherwise indicated, the Architect shall be deemed the author of the Specifications and other documents prepared by the Architect. All copies of Instruments of Service, except the Contractor's record set, shall be returned or suitably accounted for to the Architect, on request, upon completion of the Work. The Drawings, Specifications and other documents prepared by the Architect and the Architect's consultants, and copies thereof furnished to the Contractor, are for use solely with respect to this Project. They are not to be used by the Contractor or any Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor or material or equipment supplier on other projects or for additions to this Project outside the scope of the Work without the specific written consent of the Owner, Architect and the Architect's consultants. The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors and material or equipment suppliers are authorized to use and reproduce applicable portions of the Drawings, Specifications and other documents prepared by the Architect and the Architect's consultants appropriate to and for use in the execution of their Work under the Contract Documents. All copies made under this authorization shall bear the statutory copyright notice, if any, shown on the Drawings, Specifications and other documents prepared by the Architect and the Architect's consultants. Submittal or distribution to meet official regulatory requirements or for other purposes in connection with this Project is not to be construed as publication in derogation of the Owners copyrights or other reserved rights. The Drawings, Specifications, and other documents are and shall always be the property of the Owner, and the Owner shall retain all common law, statutory, and other reserved rights in addition to copyright.

§ 1.5.2 The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors and material or equipment suppliers are authorized to use and reproduce the Instruments of Service provided to them solely and exclusively for execution of the Work. All copies made under this authorization shall bear the copyright notice, if any, shown on the Instruments of Service. The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and material or equipment suppliers may not use the Instruments of Service on other projects or for additions to this Project outside the scope of the Work without the specific written consent of the Owner, Architect and the Architect's consultants.

§ 1.6 TRANSMISSION OF DATA IN DIGITAL FORM

If the parties intend to transmit Instruments of Service or any other information or documentation in digital form, they shall endeavor to establish necessary protocols governing such transmissions, unless otherwise already provided in the Agreement or the Contract Documents.

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ARTICLE 2 OWNER

§ 2.1 GENERAL

§ 2.1.1 The Owner is the Board of Education of Howard County Maryland identified as such in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number. The Owner shall designate in writing a representative who shall have express authority to bind the Owner with respect to all matters requiring the Owner's approval or authorization. Except as otherwise provided in Section 4.2.1, the Architect does not have such authority. The term "Owner" means the Owner or the Owner's authorized representative.

§ 2.1.2 The Contractor understands that the Board of Education of Howard County, Maryland, is a public agency, and no mechanics' liens are permitted against its property.

§ 2.2 INFORMATION AND SERVICES REQUIRED OF THE OWNER

§ 2.2.1 Deleted

§ 2.2.2 Except for permits and fees, including those required under Section 3.7.1, which are the responsibility of the Contractor under the Contract Documents, the Owner shall secure and pay for necessary approvals, easements, assessments and charges required for construction,

§ 2.2.3 The Owner shall furnish surveys describing physical characteristics, legal limitations and utility locations for the site of the Project, and a legal description of the site to the extent reasonably required for execution of the Work and requested by the Contractor in writing within one (1) month of the date of Contract. The Owner does not warrant or undertake responsibility for the location of utilities or the accuracy of tests concerning the soil, surface, and subsurface conditions.

§ 2.2.4 Information or services under the Owner's control shall, be furnished by the Owner after receipt from the Contractor of a written request for such information or services..

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 2.2.5 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor will be furnished, free of charge, Three (3) sets of copies of Drawings and Project Manuals as are reasonably necessary for execution of the Work.

§ 2.3 OWNER'S RIGHT TO STOP THE WORK

§ 2.3.1 If the Contractor fails to correct Work that is not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents as required by Section 12.2 or repeatedly fails to carry out Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Owner may issue a written order to the Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, the right of the Owner to stop the Work shall not give rise to a duty on the part of the Owner to exercise this right for the benefit of the Contractor or any other person or entity, except to the extent required by Section 6.1.3. This right shall be in addition to an not in restriction or derogation of the Owners' rights under Section 4.3.4 and under Article 14 of the General Conditions.

§ 2.3.2 If unforeseen conditions occur or are encountered which may substantially impair the quality of the Work unless the Work is suspended, the Owner may suspend the Work by notice in writing to the Contractor. In the event of such a suspension, Contractor shall be entitled only to payment for work actually completed up to and including the date on which the work was suspended by the Owner. In any event where the Contractor reasonably determines that a suspension is required in such circumstances, the Contractor shall promptly notify in writing the Owner and Architect of such determination. In the event the Owner agrees to suspend the work, the Contractor shall only be entitled to payment for work actually completed up to and including the date on which the work was suspended.

§ 2.4 OWNER'S RIGHT TO CARRY OUT THE WORK

§ 2.4.1 If the Contractor defaults or neglects to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents and fails within a seven-day period after receipt of written notice from the Owner to commence and continue correction of such default or neglect with diligence and promptness, the Owner may, upon written notice to the Contractor at the

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conclusion of the above referenced seven day period without prejudice to other remedies the Owner may have, correct such deficiencies. In such case an appropriate Change Order shall be issued deducting from payments then or thereafter due the Contractor the reasonable cost of correcting such deficiencies, including Owner's expenses and compensation for the Architect's additional services made necessary by such default, neglect or failure. , upon written notice to the Contractor at the conclusion of the above referenced seven-day period, without prejudice to other remedies the Owner may have, correct such deficiencies. In such case an appropriate Change Order shall be issued deducting from payments then or thereafter due the Contractor the cost of correcting such deficiencies, including compensation for the Architect's and their respective consultants' additional services and expenses made necessary by such default, neglect or failure. At the election of the Owner, the first written notice to the Contractor to correct defective work may also contain written notice that if the defective work or other specified cause for termination is not corrected, cured, or remedied to Owner's satisfaction, then Owner may issue a written notice to Contractor at the end of the above reference seven (7) day period terminating the Contractor's employment under the Contract pursuant to Article 14 of these General Conditions. In the event the Owner elects to terminate the Contractor's employment under this Contract, the Contractor shall only be entitled to payment for work under the Agreement actually completed by the Contractor up to the date of Contractor's termination, less deductions for: (1) the cost of correcting any deficient or defective work, including compensation for the Architect and their respective consultant's additional services and expenses made necessary by the Contractor's defective work, default, neglect, or failure to perform under this Contract; (2) damages incurred by the Owner as a result of the Contractor's breach, including but not limited to costs to finish the work and damages for delay, if any, in completing the work under the Contract; and (3) actual reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Owner in obtaining legal advice, counsel, and/or representation relating to the issues of Contractor's breach of contract, defective work, default neglect, or failure to perform and Owner's legal options relating thereto as well as any other reasonable attorney's fees due to Owner under other provisions of this Contract; and (4) such other amounts due and owing to Owner under the terms and conditions of the Contract documents. In the event the Contractor is terminated pursuant to Article 14.2, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any remaining funds under the Contract after the date of termination except as specifically provided above, and subject to the availability of funds after all work is completed. All remaining unpaid funds in the Contract as of the Contractor's termination date shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Owner, and the Contractor shall be paid by the Owner at the conclusion of all work under the Contract as provided above, but only to the extent that there are funds remaining after all payments have been made to complete the work under the Contract and to compensate the Owner as provided above in the four (4) enumerated deductions in this Article 2.4.1. If payments then or thereafter due the Contractor are not sufficient to cover such amounts, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner.

ARTICLE 3 CONTRACTOR

§ 3.1 GENERAL

§ 3.1.1 . 1 The Contractor is the person or entity identified as such in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number. The term "Contractor" means the Contractor or the Contractor's authorized representative. When separate contracts are awarded for different portions of the Project or other work on the site, the term Contractor in the Contract Documents in each case shall mean the contractor who executes each separate Contractor Agreement.

§ 3.1.2 The Contractor shall perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

§ 3.1.3 The Contractor shall not be relieved of obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents either by activities or duties of the Architect in the Architect's administration of the Contract, or by tests, inspections or approvals required or performed by persons or entities other than the Contractor.

§ 3.2 REVIEW OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND FIELD CONDITIONS BY CONTRACTOR

§ 3.2.1 The Contractor warrants that it has made itself familiar with the Project site and obtained all information required by the Contractor concerning the conditions of the Project site including but not limited to soil, surface, and subsurface conditions, legal descriptions and surveys of the Project site, and the location of utilities and the improvements to be constructed. The Contractor shall continue to carefully study and compare the Contract Documents with each other and with information obtained by Contractor by his own investigation and tests and shall at once report to the Owner and Architect errors, inconsistencies, or omissions discovered. These obligations are for

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the purpose of facilitating construction by the Contractor and are not for the purpose of discovering errors, omissions, or inconsistencies in the Contract Documents; however, any errors, inconsistencies or omissions discovered by the Contractor shall be reported promptly to the Architect as a request for information in such form as the Architect may require. If the Contractor performs any construction activity with either actual knowledge or constructive knowledge that it involves an error, inconsistency, or omission in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall assume liability for such performance and costs for correction.

§ 3.2.2 Any design errors or omissions noted by the Contractor during this review shall be reported promptly to the Architect, but it is recognized that the Contractor's review is made in the Contractor's capacity as a contractor and not as a licensed design professional unless otherwise specifically provided in the Contract Documents. The Contractor is not required to ascertain that the Contract Documents are in accordance with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, building codes, and rules and regulations, but any nonconformity discovered by or made known to the Contractor shall be reported promptly to the Architect. If the Contractor performs any construction activity with either actual knowledge or constructive knowledge that it involves an error, inconsistency, or omission in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall assume liability for such performance and costs for correction.

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§ 3.2.4 Delete.

§ 3.3 SUPERVISION AND CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES

§ 3.3.1 The Contractor shall supervise and direct the Work, using the Contractor's best skill and attention. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for and have control over construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and for coordinating all portions of the Work under the Contract, . The Contractor shall be fully and solely responsible for the jobsite safety of such means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures.

§ 3.3.2 The Contractor shall be responsible to the Owner for acts and omissions of the Contractor's employees, Subcontractors and their agents and employees, and other persons or entities performing portions of the Work for, or on behalf of, the Contractor or any of its Subcontractors.

§ 3.3.3 The Contractor shall not be relieved of obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents by activities or duties of the Architect in their administration of the Contract, or by tests, inspections or approvals required or performed by persons other than the Contractor.

§ 3.3.4 All inspections required by law shall be obtained by the Contractor, including but not limited to those required by law to be obtained by the Owner, and no failure of the Owner to obtain such inspection shall constitute a waiver of Contractor's obligation hereunder. The Contractor shall notify the Owner of any application for inspection required to be executed by the Owner.

§ 3.4 LABOR AND MATERIALS

§ 3.4.1 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall provide and pay for labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, transportation, and other facilities and services necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work, whether temporary or permanent and whether or not incorporated or to be incorporated in the Work.

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

§3.4.4 By law, all school sites are drug, alcohol, and tobacco free, and Contractor shall ensure that all workers on the job site comply with the said law.

§ 3.5 WARRANTY

§ 3.5.1 The Contractor warrants to the Owner that materials and equipment furnished under the Contract will be of excellent quality and new unless otherwise required or permitted by the Contract Documents, that the Work shall be performed in an excellent manner and shall be free from defects, and that the Work shall conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents. Work not conforming to these requirements, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized, shall be considered defective. The Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment.

§ 3.6 TAXES

The Contractor shall pay sales, consumer, use and similar taxes for the Work provided by the Contractor that are legally enacted when bids are received, whether or not yet effective or merely scheduled to go into effect.

§ 3.7 PERMITS, FEES, NOTICES, AND COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

§ 3.7.1 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall secure and pay for the building permit and other permits and governmental fees, licenses and inspections necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work which are customarily secured after execution of the Contract and which are legally required when bids are received. . The Owner will not reimburse the Contractor for the cost of elective permits, which the Contractor chooses to secure in conjunction with its means and methods of executing the work, or for any offsite permits.

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

§ 3.7.3 The Contractor shall review the Contract Documents to ascertain that the Contract Documents are to the best of the Contractor's knowledge in accordance with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, building codes, and rules and regulations. The Contractor shall promptly notify the, Architect and Owner in writing, of any variance therewith, and necessary changes shall be accomplished by appropriate Modification.

§ 3.7.4 If the Contractor performs Work contrary to laws, statutes, ordinances, building codes, and rules and regulations, the Contractor shall assume appropriate responsibility for such Work and shall bear the costs attributable to correction.

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§ 3.9 SUPERINTENDENT

§ 3.9.1 The Contractor shall employ a competent superintendent and necessary assistants who shall be in attendance at the Project site during performance of the Work. The superintendent shall represent the Contractor, and communications given to the superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor. Project conference meeting minutes shall constituted Owner's request in writing. The Owner shall have the right to require the Contractor

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to replace any superintendent whose performance the Owner deems to be unsatisfactory, and the Contractor's failure to do so within seven (7) days of having received written notice from the Owner as to the Superintendent's unsatisfactory performance shall constitute a breach of Article 14.2.1, thereby giving the Owner the right to terminate the Contractor's employment under this Contract.

§ 3.9.2 The Contractor, as soon as practicable after award of the Contract, shall furnish in writing to the Owner through the Architect the name and qualifications of a proposed superintendent.

§ 3.9.3 The Contractor shall not employ a proposed superintendent to whom the Owner or Architect has made reasonable and timely objection. The Contractor shall not change the superintendent without the Owner's consent, which shall not unreasonably be withheld or delayed.

§ 3.10 CONTRACTOR'S CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES

§ 3.10.1 The Contractor, promptly after being awarded the Contract, shall promptly prepare and submit for the Owner's and Architect's approval a proposed Contractor's construction schedule for the Work. The schedule shall not exceed time limits current under the Contract Documents, shall be revised at appropriate intervals as required by the conditions of the Work and Project, but shall not extend the original completion date and shall be related to the entire Project to the extent required by the Contract Documents, and shall provide for expeditious and practicable execution of the Work.

§ 3.10.2 The Contractor shall prepare and keep current, for the Architect's/Owners review, a schedule of submittals which is coordinated with the Contractor's construction schedule and allows the Architect reasonable time to review submittals.

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 3.11 DOCUMENTS AND SAMPLES AT THE SITE

The Contractor shall maintain at the site for the Owner one record copy of the Drawings, Specifications, Addenda, Change Orders and other Modifications, in good order and marked currently to record field changes and selections made during construction, and one record copy of approved Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and similar required submittals. These shall be available to the Architect and shall be delivered to the Architect for submittal to the Owner in good condition upon completion of the Work and before final payment is made and shall be executed by the Contractor certifying that they have been kept in accordance with the provisions of this subparagraph and accurately reflect the construction of the Work as built.

§ 3.12 SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA AND SAMPLES

§ 3.12.1 Shop Drawings are drawings, diagrams, schedules and other data specially prepared for the Work by the Contractor or a Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor, manufacturer, supplier or distributor to illustrate some portion of the Work.

§ 3.12.2 Product Data are illustrations, standard schedules, performance charts, instructions, brochures, diagrams and other information furnished by the Contractor to illustrate materials or equipment for some portion of the Work.

§ 3.12.3 Samples are physical examples that illustrate materials, equipment or workmanship and establish standards by which the Work will be judged.

§ 3.12.4 Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and similar submittals are not Contract Documents. The purpose of their submittal is to demonstrate for those portions of the Work for which submittals are required by the Contract Documents the way by which the Contractor proposes to conform to the information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. Informational submittals upon which the Architect is not expected to take responsive action may be so identified in the Contract Documents. Submittals which are not required by the Contract Documents may be returned by the Architect without action.

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§ 3.12.5 The Contractor shall review for compliance with the Contract Documents, approve and submit to the Architect Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and similar submittals required by the Contract Documents in accordance with the submittal schedule approved by the Architect or, in the absence of an approved submittal schedule, with reasonable promptness and in such sequence as to cause no delay in the Work or in the activities of the Owner or of separate contractors.

§ 3.12.6 By submitting Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and similar submittals, the Contractor represents to the Owner and Architect that the Contractor has (1) reviewed and approved them, (2) determined and verified materials, field measurements and field construction criteria related thereto, or will do so and (3) checked and coordinated the information contained within such submittals with the requirements of the Work and of the Contract Documents.

§ 3.12.7 The Contractor shall perform no portion of the Work for which the Contract Documents require submittal and review of Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples or similar submittals until the respective submittal has been approved by the Architect.

§ 3.12.8 The Work shall be in accordance with approved submittals except that the Contractor shall not be relieved of responsibility for deviations from requirements of the Contract Documents by the Architect's approval of Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples or similar submittals unless the Contractor has specifically informed the Architect in writing of such deviation at the time of submittal and (1) the Architect has given written approval to the specific deviation as a minor change in the Work, or (2) a Change Order or Construction Change Directive has been issued authorizing the deviation. The Contractor shall not be relieved of responsibility for errors or omissions in Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples or similar submittals by the Architect's approval thereof.

§ 3.12.9 The Contractor shall direct specific attention, in writing or on resubmitted Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples or similar submittals, to revisions other than those requested by the Architect on previous submittals. In the absence of such written notice, the Architect's approval of a resubmission shall not apply to such revisions.

§ 3.12.10 The Contractor shall not be required to provide professional services which constitute the practice of architecture or engineering unless such services are specifically required by the Contract Documents for a portion of the Work or unless the Contractor needs to provide such services in order to carry out the Contractor's responsibilities for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures. The Contractor shall not be required to provide professional services in violation of applicable law. If professional design services or certifications by a design professional related to systems, materials or equipment are specifically required of the Contractor by the Contract Documents, the Owner and the Architect will specify all performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy. The Contractor shall cause such services or certifications to be provided by a properly licensed design professional, whose signature and seal shall appear on all drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications, Shop Drawings and other submittals prepared by such professional. Shop Drawings and other submittals related to the Work designed or certified by such professional, if prepared by others, shall bear such professional's written approval when submitted to the Architect. The Owner and the Architect shall be entitled to rely upon the adequacy, accuracy and completeness of the services, certifications or approvals performed by such design professionals. Pursuant to this Section 3.12.10, the Architect will review, approve or take other appropriate action on submittals only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents.

§ 3.13 USE OF SITE

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

§ 3.14 CUTTING AND PATCHING

§ 3.14.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for cutting, fitting or patching required to complete the Work or to make its parts fit together properly.

§ 3.14.2 The Contractor shall not damage or endanger a portion of the Work or fully or partially completed construction of the Owner or separate contractors by cutting, patching or otherwise altering such construction, or by excavation. The Contractor shall not cut or otherwise alter such construction by the Owner or a separate contractor

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except with written consent of the Owner and of such separate contractor; such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Contractor shall not unreasonably withhold from the Owner or a separate contractor the Contractor's consent to cutting or otherwise altering the Work.

§ 3.15 CLEANING UP

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

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§3.15.2 If the Contractor fails to clean up as provided in the Contract Documents, the Owner may do so and Owner shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Contractor.

§ 3.16 ACCESS TO WORK

The Contractor shall provide the Owner and Architect and Owner engaged Testing Agencies access to the Work in preparation and progress wherever located.

§ 3.17 ROYALTIES, PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS

The Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees. The Contractor shall defend suits or claims for infringement of copyrights and patent rights and shall hold the Owner and Architect harmless from loss on account thereof, but shall not be responsible for such defense or loss when a particular design, process or product of a particular manufacturer or manufacturers is required by the Contract Documents, or where the copyright violations are contained in Drawings, Specifications or other documents prepared by the Owner or Architect. However, if the Contractor has reason to believe that the required design, process or product is an infringement of a copyright or a patent, the Contractor shall be responsible for such loss unless such information is promptly furnished to the Architect.

§ 3.18 INDEMNIFICATION

§ 3.18.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law and to the extent claims, damages, losses or expenses are not covered by Project Management Protective Liability insurance purchased by the Contractor. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, Architect, Architect's consultants, and agents and employees of any of them from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees and litigation expenses incurred by the Owner, and arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work, defective work, default, neglect, and or failure to perform under the Contract. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to a party or person described in this Section 3.18.

§ 3.18.2 In claims against any person or entity indemnified under this Section 3.18 by an employee of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, the indemnification obligation under Section 3.18.1 shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or a Subcontractor under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

ARTICLE 4 ARCHITECT

§ 4.1 GENERAL

§ 4.1.1 The Architect is the person lawfully licensed to practice architecture or an entity lawfully practicing architecture identified as such in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number. The term "Architect" means the Architect or the Engineer or the Architect's or Engineer's authorized representative.

§ 4.1.2 Duties, responsibilities and limitations of authority of the Architect as set forth in the Contract Documents shall not be restricted

§ 4.1.3 If the employment of the Architect is terminated, the Owner shall employ a new Architect whose status under the Contract Documents shall be that of the former Architect.

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§ 4.2 ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONTRACT

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§ 4.2.1. The Architect will provide administration of the Contract as described in the Contract Documents, and will be an Owner's representative (1) during construction, (2) until final payment is due and (3) with the Owner's concurrence, from time to time during the one or two year period for correction of Work described in Section 12.2. The Architect will have authority to act on behalf of the Owner only to the extent provided in the Contract Documents, unless otherwise modified in writing in accordance with other provisions of the Contract.

§ 4.2.2 The Architect will visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction, or as otherwise agreed with the Owner, to become generally familiar with the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and to determine in general if the Work observed is being performed in a manner indicating that the Work, when fully completed, will be in accordance with the Contract Documents. However, the Architect will not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work. The Architect will not have control over, charge of, or responsibility for, the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for the safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, since these are solely the Contractor's rights and responsibilities under the Contract Documents, except as provided in Section 3.3.1.

§ 4.2.3 On the basis of the site visits, the Architect will keep the Owner reasonably informed about the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and report to the Owner (1) known deviations from the Contract Documents and from the most recent construction schedule submitted by the Contractor, and (2) defects and deficiencies observed in the Work. The Architect will not be responsible for the Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Architect will not have control over or charge of and will not be responsible for acts or omissions of the Contractor, Subcontractors, or their agents or employees, or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

§ 4.2.4 COMMUNICATIONS FACILITATING CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

Except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents or when direct communications have been specially authorized, the Owner and Contractor shall endeavor to communicate with each other through the Architect about matters arising out of or relating to the Contract. Communications by and with separate contractors shall be through the Owner.

§ 4.2.5 Based on the Architect's/Owner's evaluations of the Contractor's Applications for Payment, the Architect will review and certify the amounts due the Contractor and will issue Certificates for Payment in such amounts.

§ 4.2.6 The Architect has authority to reject Work that does not conform to the Contract Documents. Whenever the Architect considers it necessary or advisable, the Architect will have authority to require inspection or testing of the Work in accordance with Sections 13.5.2 and 13.5.3, whether or not such Work is fabricated, installed or completed. However, neither this authority of the Architect nor a decision made in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise such authority shall give rise to a duty or responsibility of the Architect to the Contractor, Subcontractors, material and equipment suppliers, their agents or employees, or other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

§ 4.2.7 The Architect will review and approve, or take other appropriate action upon, the Contractor's submittals such as Shop Drawings, Product Data and Samples, but only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. The Architect's action will be taken in accordance with the submittal schedule approved by the Architect or, in the absence of an approved submittal schedule, with reasonable promptness while allowing sufficient time in the Architect's professional judgment to permit adequate review. Review of such submittals is not conducted for the purpose of determining the accuracy and completeness of other details such as dimensions and quantities, or for substantiating instructions for installation or performance of equipment or systems, all of which remain the responsibility of the Contractor as required by the Contract Documents. The Architect's review of the Contractor's submittals shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligations under Sections 3.3, and 3.12. The Architect's review shall not constitute approval of safety precautions or, unless otherwise specifically stated by the Architect, of any construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures. The Architect's approval of a specific item shall not indicate approval of an assembly of which the item is a component.

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§ 4.2.8 The Architect will prepare Change Orders and Construction Change Directives, and may authorize minor changes in the Work as provided in Section 7.4. The Architect will investigate and make determinations and recommendations regarding concealed and unknown conditions.

§ 4.2.9 The Architect will conduct inspections to determine the date or dates of Substantial Completion and the date of final completion, will receive, review for completeness and forward to the Owner, records, written warranties and related documents required by the Contract and assembled by the Contractor, and will issue a final Certificate for Payment upon compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

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§ 4.2.11 The Architect will interpret and decide matters concerning performance under and requirements of, the Contract Documents on written request of either the Owner or Contractor. The Architect's response to such requests will be made in writing with reasonable promptness

§ 4.2.12 Interpretations and decisions of the Architect will be consistent with the intent of and reasonably inferable from the Contract Documents and will be in writing or in the form of drawings. When making such interpretations and initial decisions, the Architect will endeavor to secure faithful performance by the Contractor

§ 4.2.13 The Architect's decisions on matters relating to aesthetic effect will be final if consistent with the intent expressed in the Contract Documents.

§ 4.2.14 The Architect will review and respond to requests for information about the Contract Documents. The Architect's response to such requests will be made in writing within any time limits agreed upon or otherwise with reasonable promptness. If appropriate, the Architect will prepare and issue supplemental Drawings and Specifications in response to the requests for information.

ARTICLE 5 SUBCONTRACTORS

§ 5.1 DEFINITIONS

§ 5.1.1 A Subcontractor is a person or entity who has a direct contract with the Contractor to perform a portion of the Work at the site. The term "Subcontractor" is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and means a Subcontractor or an authorized representative of the Subcontractor. The term "Subcontractor" does not include a separate contractor or subcontractors of a separate contractor. . Under no circumstances shall the Contractor subcontract any portion of the work under the Contract Documents to any person or entity in which the Contractor (including any officer and/or stockholder of the Contractor) has an ownership interest. Under no circumstances shall the Contractor assign or otherwise contract with another person or entity to assume the Contractor's obligations and duties as Contractor under these Contract Documents

§ 5.1.2 A Sub-subcontractor is a person or entity who has a direct or indirect contract with a Subcontractor to perform a portion of the Work at the site. The term "Sub-subcontractor" is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and means a Sub-subcontractor or an authorized representative of the Sub-subcontractor.

§ 5.2 AWARD OF SUBCONTRACTS AND OTHER CONTRACTS FOR PORTIONS OF THE WORK

§ 5.2.1 Within thirty (30) days of the award of the Contract, the Contractor shall furnish in writing to the Owner through the Architect the names of persons or entities (including those who are to furnish materials or equipment fabricated to a special design) proposed for each principal portion of the Work. The Architect will promptly reply to the Contractor in writing stating whether or not the Owner or the Architect, after due investigation, has reasonable objection to any such proposed person or entity. Failure of the Owner or Architect to reply promptly shall constitute notice of no reasonable objection. Subcontractors, required to be named on the Bidding Documents, shall be used on the Work for which they are proposed, unless reasonable objection is indicated by the Owner, or the Architect.

§ 5.2.2 The Contractor shall not contract with a proposed person or entity to whom the Owner or Architect has made reasonable and timely objection. The Contractor shall not be required to contract with anyone to whom the Contractor has made reasonable objection.

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

§ 5.2.4 The Contractor shall not change a Subcontractor, person or entity previously selected without approval of the Owner.

§ 5.3 SUBCONTRACTUAL RELATIONS

§ 5.3.1 By appropriate agreement, written where legally required for validity, the Contractor shall require each Subcontractor, to the extent of the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor, to be bound to the Contractor by terms of the Contract Documents, and to assume toward the Contractor all the obligations and responsibilities, including the responsibility for safety of the Subcontractor's Work, which the Contractor, by these Documents, assumes toward the Owner and Architect. Each subcontract agreement shall preserve and protect the rights of the Owner and Architect under the Contract Documents with respect to the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor so that subcontracting thereof will not prejudice such rights, and shall allow to the Subcontractor, unless specifically provided otherwise in the subcontract agreement, the benefit of all rights, remedies and redress against the Contractor that the Contractor, by the Contract Documents, has against the Owner. Where appropriate, the Contractor shall require each Subcontractor to enter into similar agreements with Sub-subcontractors. The Contractor shall make available to each proposed Subcontractor, prior to the execution of the subcontract agreement, copies of the Contract Documents to which the Subcontractor will be bound, and, upon written request of the Subcontractor, identify to the Subcontractor terms and conditions of the proposed subcontract agreement that may be at variance with the Contract Documents. Subcontractors will similarly make copies of applicable portions of such documents available to their respective proposed Sub-subcontractors.

§ 5.4 CONTINGENT ASSIGNMENT OF SUBCONTRACTS

§ 5.4.1 Each subcontract agreement for a portion of the Work is assigned by the Contractor to the Owner provided that:

- .1 assignment is effective only after termination of the Contract by the Owner for cause pursuant to Section 14.2, or stoppage of the Work pursuant to Article 2.3, and only for those subcontract agreements which the Owner accepts by notifying the Subcontractor and Contractor in writing;

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 5.5 PAYMENTS TO SUBCONTRACTORS

§ 5.5.1 The Contractor shall pay each subcontractor upon receipt of payment from the Owner, an amount equal to the percentage of completion allowed to the Contractor on account of each Subcontractor's work less the percentage retained for payments to the Contractor. The Contractor shall also require each Subcontractor to make similar payments to its Sub-subcontractors.

§ 5.5.2 If the Owner fails to approve a Requisition for Payment for a cause which the Owner determines is the fault of the Contractor and not the fault of a particular Subcontractor, or if the Contractor fails to make a payment which is properly due to a particular Subcontractor, the Owner may pay each Subcontractor directly less the amount to be retained under the Subcontract. Any amount so paid by the Owner shall be repaid to the Owner by the Contractor in the manner set forth in Subparagraph 2.4

§ 5.5.3 The Owner shall have no obligation to pay or see to the payment of any monies to any Subcontractor. Nothing contained in Article 5.5 shall be deemed to create any rights in any Subcontractor against the Owner.

ARTICLE 6 CONSTRUCTION BY OWNER OR BY SEPARATE CONTRACTORS

§ 6.1 OWNER'S RIGHT TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION AND TO AWARD SEPARATE CONTRACTS

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§ 6.1.1 The Owner reserves the right to perform construction or operations related to the Project with the Owner's own forces, and to award separate contracts in connection with other portions of the Project or other construction or operations on the site under Conditions of the Contract identical or substantially similar to these including those portions related to insurance and waiver of subrogation. If the Contractor claims that delay or additional cost is involved because of such action by the Owner, the Contractor shall make such Claim as provided in Article 15.

§ 6.1.2 When separate contracts are awarded for different portions of the Project or other construction or operations on the site, the term "Contractor" in the Contract Documents in each case shall mean the Contractor who executes each separate Owner-Contractor Agreement.

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

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 6.2 MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY

§ 6.2.1 The Contractor shall afford the Owner and separate contractors reasonable opportunity for introduction and storage of their materials and equipment and performance of their activities, and shall connect and coordinate the Contractor's construction and operations with theirs as required by the Contract Documents.

§ 6.2.2 If part of the Contractor's Work depends for proper execution or results upon construction or operations by the Owner or a separate contractor, the Contractor shall, prior to proceeding with that portion of the Work, promptly report to the Architect apparent discrepancies or defects in such other construction that would render it unsuitable for such proper execution and results. Failure of the Contractor so to report shall constitute an acknowledgment that the Owner's or separate contractor's completed or partially completed construction is fit and proper to receive the Contractor's Work, except as to defects not then reasonably discoverable.

§ 6.2.3 The Owner shall be reimbursed by the Contractor for costs incurred by the Owner which are payable to a separate contractor because of delays, improperly timed activities or defective construction of the Contractor.

§ 6.2.4 The Contractor shall promptly remedy damage caused by the Contractor to completed or partially completed construction or to property of the Owner or separate contractors as provided in Section 10.2.5.

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 6.3 OWNER'S RIGHT TO CLEAN UP

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

ARTICLE 7 CHANGES IN THE WORK

§ 7.1 GENERAL

§ 7.1.1 Changes in the Work may be accomplished after execution of the Contract, and without invalidating the Contract, by Change Order, Construction change Directive or order for a minor change in the Work, subject to the limitations stated in this Article 7 and elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

§ 7.1.2 A Change Order shall not relieve the Contractor of obligations under the contract. .

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§ 7.1.3 Changes in the Work shall be performed under applicable provisions of the Contract Documents, and the Contractor shall proceed promptly, unless otherwise provided in the Change Order, Construction Change Directive or order for a minor change in the Work.

§ 7.2 CHANGE ORDERS

§ 7.2.1 A Change Order is a written instrument prepared by the Architect and signed by the Owner, Contractor and Architect stating their agreement upon all of the following:

- .1 The change in the Work;
- .2 an amount of the adjustment, if any, in the Contract Sum; and
- .3 the extent of an adjustment, if any, in the Contract Time.

§ 7.2.2 Methods used in determining adjustments to the Contract Sum may include those listed in Section 7.3.3.

§ 7.3 CONSTRUCTION CHANGE DIRECTIVES

§ 7.3.1 A Construction Change Directive is a written order prepared by the Architect and signed by the Owner and Architect, directing a change in the Work prior to agreement on adjustment, if any, in the Contract Sum or Contract Time, or both. The Owner may by Construction Change Directive, without invalidating the Contract, order changes in the Work within the general scope of the Contract consisting of additions, deletions or other revisions, the Contract Sum and Contract Time being adjusted accordingly.

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

§ 7.3.3 If the Construction Change Directive provides for an adjustment to the Contract Sum, the adjustment shall be based on one of the following methods:

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

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

§ 7.3.5 Upon receipt of a Construction Change Directive, the Contractor shall promptly proceed with the change in the Work involved and advise the Architect of the Contractor's agreement or disagreement with the method, if any, provided in the Construction Change Directive for determining the proposed adjustment in the Contract Sum or Contract Time.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 7.3.9 When the Owner and Contractor agree with a determination made by the Architect concerning the adjustments in the Contract Sum and Contract Time, or otherwise reach agreement upon the adjustments, such agreement shall be effective immediately and the Architect will prepare a Change Order. Change Orders may be issued for all or any part of a Construction Change Directive.

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§ 7.4.1 A Change Order is a written instrument prepared by the Architect and signed by the Owner, Contractor and Architect, stating their agreement upon all of the following:

- .1 change in the Work; and/ or
- .2 an amount of the adjustment, if any, in the Contract Sum; and/or
- .3 the extent of an adjustment, if any, in the Contract Time.

§ 7.4.2 Methods used in determining adjustments to the Contract Sum may include those listed in Section 7.3.3.

§ 7.5 MINOR CHANGES IN THE WORK

§ 7.5.1 The Architect with concurrence from the Owner will have authority to order minor changes in the Work not involving adjustment in the Contract Sum or extension of the Contract Time and not inconsistent with the intent of the purposes of the building and the Contract Documents. Such changes shall be effected by written order and shall be binding on the Owner and Contractor. The Contractor shall carry out such written orders promptly.

ARTICLE 8 TIME

§ 8.1 DEFINITIONS

§ 8.1.1 Time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Contract. By executing the Agreement the Contractor confirms that the Contract Time is a reasonable period for performing the Work.

§ 8.1.2 The date of commencement of the Work is the date established in the Agreement.

§ 8.1.3 The date of Substantial Completion is the date certified by the Architect in accordance with Section 9.8.

§ 8.1.4 The term "day" as used in the Contract Documents shall mean calendar day unless otherwise specifically defined.

§ 8.2 PROGRESS AND COMPLETION

§ 8.2.1 Time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Contract. By executing the Agreement the Contractor confirms that the Contract Time is a reasonable period for performing the Work.

§ 8.2.2 The Contractor shall not knowingly, except by agreement or instruction of the Owner in writing, prematurely commence operations on the site or elsewhere prior to the effective date of insurance required by Article 11 to be furnished by the Contractor and Owner. The date of commencement of the Work shall not be changed by the effective date of such insurance. Unless the date of commencement is established by the Contract Documents or a notice to proceed given by the Owner, the Contractor shall notify the Owner in writing not less than five days or other agreed period before commencing the Work. .

§ 8.2.3 The Contractor shall proceed expeditiously with adequate forces and shall achieve Substantial Completion within the Contract Time.

§ 8.2.4 Should the progress of the Work be delayed by any fault, neglect, act or omission of the Contractor or any person or firm employed by him or should it be necessary to complete the Work within the time permitted for the Contractor's work, the Contractor shall, at its own cost and expense, work such overtime as may be necessary to make up for all time lost and to avoid delay in completion of the Work. The Contractor shall compensate the Owner for and hold him harmless against any and all costs, expenses, reasonable attorney's fees, losses, liability, and damages that the Owner may sustain or incur by reason of such delay.

§ 8.3 DELAYS AND EXTENSIONS OF TIME

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 8.3.1. Requests for extension of completion time due to conditions over which the Contractor has no control, will be reviewed by the Owner after written application is made to the Architect for a time extension. Any request for any extension of time is to be made within 21 days of occurrence of conditions which, in the opinion of the Contractor

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warrant such an extension, with reasons clearly stated and detailed proof given for all delays beyond the Contractor's control. No time extension will be allowed except by written and specific approval of the Owner. Delays beyond the Contractor's control may include: an act or neglect of the Owner's own forces, Architect, any of the other Contractors, or an employee of any of them, or by changes ordered in the Work, or by labor disputes, fire, unusual delay in deliveries, unavoidable casualties, or other causes beyond the Contractor's control, or by delay authorized by the Owner.

§ 8.3.2 Claims relating to time shall be made in accordance with applicable provisions of Article 15.

(Paragraph deleted)

ARTICLE 9 PAYMENTS AND COMPLETION

§ 9.1 CONTRACT SUM

The Contract Sum is stated in the Agreement and, including authorized adjustments, is the total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor for performance of the Work under the Contract Documents.

§ 9.2 SCHEDULE OF VALUES

§ 9.2.1 Before the first Requisition for Payment, the Contractor shall submit to the Architect a schedule of values allocated to various portions of the Work, prepared in such form and supported by such data to substantiate its accuracy as the Architect may require. This schedule, unless objected to by the Architect, shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Contractor's Requisitions for Payment.

§ 9.3 REQUISITION FOR PAYMENT

§ 9.3.1 The Contractor shall prepare and submit three original copies to the Architect on the 25th day of each month itemized "Requisition for Payment" (IAC PSCP Form 306.4 Standard Contractor's Requisition for Payment and such other forms as may be designated by Owner) for operations completed in accordance with the Schedule of Values for the value of the work completed or anticipated to be completed through the last day of such month, including the value of material suitably stored at the Project Site or other approved locations as provided in Subparagraph 9.3.2, less the aggregate of any previous payments and retainages and less retainages required by the Contract Documents. No change in the Contract Sum shall be made by Contractor on any Requisition for Payment without an approved Change Order. Faxed Requisitions for payment will NOT be accepted.

At least ten days before the date established for each progress payment, the Contractor shall submit to the Architect an itemized Application for Payment for operations completed in accordance with the schedule of values. Such application shall be notarized, if required, and supported by such data substantiating the Contractor's right to payment as the Owner or Architect may require, such as copies of requisitions from Subcontractors and material suppliers, and reflecting retainage if provided for in the Contract Documents.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 9.3.2 As provided in Section 7.3.8, such Requisitions may include requests for payment on account of changes in the Work which have been properly authorized by interim determinations of the Architect, but not yet included in Change Orders.

§ 9.3.3 Such Requisitions may not include requests for payment for portions of the Work for which the Contractor does not intend to pay to a Subcontractor or material supplier.

9.3.4 Upon completion of fifty percent (50%) of the work and provided that the Contract work is on schedule and the Contractor's performance is deemed by the Owner to be satisfactory, the Owner may at his discretion decline to withhold further retainage on the remainder of the work to be billed. If Project schedules are not pursued diligently, or if the Contractor's work is at any time deemed by the Owner to be unsatisfactory, the withholding of the further retainage up to ten percent (10%) of the Contract value may be reinstated by the Owner at its discretion. If the Contractor intends to request a reduction of retainage as stated above, the Contractor must submit a request 30 days prior to invoicing the Owner for a reduction. A consent of surety to a reduction of retention along with a justification of the progress on the job in relation to the overall Project must be submitted. A complete labor and material schedule of values for all aspects of the work must also be submitted with the request for approval.

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§ 9.3.5 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, payments shall be made on account of materials and equipment delivered and suitably stored at the site for subsequent incorporation in the Work. If approved in advance by the Owner, payment may similarly be made for materials and equipment suitably stored off the site at a location agreed upon in writing. Payment for materials and equipment stored on or off the site shall be conditioned upon compliance by the Contractor with procedures satisfactory to the Owner to establish the Owner's title to such materials and equipment or otherwise protect the Owner's interest, and shall include the costs of applicable insurance, storage and transportation to the site for such materials and equipment stored off the site. . When the Requisition for Payment includes material or equipment stored off the Project site, the Contractor shall include with the requisition a certified statement including

1. Description of items,
2. Bill of Sale,
3. Location of storage facility and delivery receipt,
4. Items are currently covered by all contractual requirements, including liability and fire insurance,
5. Items, or any part thereof will not be installed in other construction projects other than work under this Contract.

§ 9.3.6 The Contractor warrants that title to all Work covered by a Requisition for Payment shall pass to the Owner no later than the time of payment. The Contractor further warrants that upon submittal of a Requisition for Payment all Work for which Certificates for Payment have been previously issued and payments received from the Owner shall, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, information and belief, be free and clear of liens, claims, security interests or encumbrances in favor of the Contractor, Subcontractors, material suppliers, or other persons or entities making a claim by reason of having provided labor, materials and equipment relating to the Work. Contractor shall indemnify and hold Owner harmless from any liens, claims, security interests, or encumbrances claimed by Contractor, Subcontractors, material suppliers, or other persons or entities making a claim by reason of having provided labor, materials and/or equipment relating to the Work and from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by Owner in connection therewith.

§ 9.3.7 Applications for Payment shall not include requests for payment for portions of the Work for which the Contractor does not intend to pay a Subcontractor or material supplier, unless such Work has been performed by others whom the Contractor intends to pay.

§ 9.3.8 Deleted

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

§ 9.4 CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT

§ 9.4.1 The Architect will, within seven days after receipt of the Contractor's Requisition for Payment, either issue to the Owner a Certificate for Payment, with a copy to the Contractor, for such amount as the Architect determines is properly due, or notify the Contractor and Owner in writing of the Architect's reasons for withholding certification in whole or in part as provided in Section 9.5.1.

§ 9.4.2 The Architect shall endeavor to obtain approval by the Owner, and Contractor of the draft Requisition for Payment. If approval is obtained, the Architect shall notify the Owner, and Contractor, and shall issue a Project Certificate of Payment. The Contractor shall then submit five (5) copies of the agreed upon Requisition for Payment to the Architect which shall be signed by the Contractor, Owner, and Architect, and shall be notarized. If approval is not obtained of the draft Requisition for Payment, the Architect shall notify the Contractor of non-approval. The Architect shall issue a Project Certificate for Payment to the Owner with a copy to the Contractor for such amounts as the Architect, and Owner determine are properly due.. The Contractor shall then submit a Requisition for Payment pursuant to such Project Certificate for Payment, if any, in five (5) copies based on the Architect's determination. The issuance of a Certificate for Payment will constitute a representation by the Architect to the Owner,

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based on the Architect's evaluation of the Work and the data comprising the Application for Payment, that the Work has progressed to the point indicated and that, to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information and belief, the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents. The foregoing representations are subject to an evaluation of the Work for conformance with the Contract Documents upon Substantial Completion, to results of subsequent tests and inspections, to correction of minor deviations from the Contract Documents prior to completion and to specific qualifications expressed by the Architect. The issuance of a Certificate for Payment will further constitute a representation that the Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount certified. However, the issuance of a Certificate for Payment will not be a representation that the Architect has

- (1) made exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work,
- (2) reviewed construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures,
- (3) reviewed copies of requisitions received from Subcontractors and material suppliers and other data requested by the Owner to substantiate the Contractor's right to payment, or
- (4) made examination to ascertain how or for what purpose the Contractor has used money previously paid on account of the Contract Sum.

9.4.3 In any event, where the Owner, and Architect do not certify payment or withhold certification to any extent, the Contractor shall nonetheless continue to perform the Work fully.

§ 9.5 DECISIONS TO WITHHOLD CERTIFICATION

(Paragraphs deleted)

§9.5.1 The Architect may withhold a Certificate for Payment in whole or in part, to the extent reasonably necessary to protect the Owner, if in the Architect's opinion the representations to the Owner required by Section 9.4.2 cannot be made. If the Architect is unable to certify payment in the amount of the Application, the Architect will notify the Contractor and Owner as provided in Section 9.4.1. If the Contractor and Architect cannot agree on a revised amount, the Architect will promptly issue a Certificate for Payment for the amount for which the Architect is able to make such representations to the Owner. The Architect may also withhold a Certificate for Payment or, because of subsequently discovered evidence, may nullify the whole or a part of a Certificate for Payment previously issued, to such extent as may be necessary in the Architect's opinion to protect the Owner from loss for which the Contractor is responsible, including loss resulting from acts and omissions described in Section 3.3.2, because of:

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

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

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 9.6 PROGRESS PAYMENTS

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 9.6.1 The Contractor shall pay each Subcontractor no later than seven days after receipt of payment from the Owner the amount to which the Subcontractor is entitled, reflecting percentages actually retained from payments to the Contractor on account of the Subcontractor's portion of the Work. The Contractor shall, by appropriate agreement with each Subcontractor, require each Subcontractor to make payments to Sub-subcontractors in a similar manner.

§ 9.6.2 The Architect will, on request, furnish to a Subcontractor, if practicable, information regarding percentages of completion or amounts applied for by the Contractor and action taken thereon by the Architect and Owner on account of portions of the Work done by such Subcontractor.

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§ 9.6.3 The Owner has the right to request written evidence from the Contractor that the Contractor has properly paid Subcontractors and material and equipment suppliers amounts paid by the Owner to the Contractor for subcontracted Work. If the Contractor fails to furnish such evidence within seven days, the Owner shall have the right to contact Subcontractors to ascertain whether they have been properly paid. Neither the Owner nor Architect shall have an obligation to pay or to see to the payment of money to a Subcontractor, except as may otherwise be required by law.

§ 9.6.4 Contractor payments to material and equipment suppliers shall be treated in a manner similar to that provided in Sections 9.6.1, 9.6.2 and 9.6.3.

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

§ 9.6.6 Under no circumstances shall the Contractor assign to any person or entity the Contractor's right to receive payment under the Contract Documents, unless the Contractor has received express, prior written consent of the Owner, which consent specifically identifies the identity of such assignee. Nothing contained in these Contract Documents shall require the Owner to approve such an assignment of payments by the Contractor to a third party.

§ 9.6.7 Neither the Owner nor Architect shall have an obligation to pay or to see to the payment of money to a Subcontractor except as may otherwise be required by law.

§ 9.7 FAILURE OF PAYMENT

§ 9.7.1. If the Architect should fail to issue notice of approval or disapproval within fourteen (14) days of Owner's receipt of the Contractor's draft Requisition for Payment, or if, through no fault of the Contractor, the Architect does not issue a Project Certificate for Payment within seven (14) days after receipt of the Owner's approval or disapproval of the draft Requisition for Payment, the Contractor may file a claim against the Owner for payment as provided in Article 15.

§ 9.8 SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

(Paragraph deleted)

§9.8.1 Substantial Completion is the stage in the progress of the Work when the Work or designated portion thereof is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so the Owner can occupy or utilize the Work for its intended use; i.e., when the Owner is granted a "Use and Occupancy Permit" by Howard County and other Authorities having jurisdiction.

§ 9.8.2 When the Architect, and Owner agree that the project has reached "Substantial Completion" as set forth in Paragraph 9.8.1 and is on schedule, and it appears that there are no complications or problems in completing the job, the retainage may be reduced to five percent (5%) at the Owner's discretion.

9.8.3 Except as stated in Paragraph 9.8.2 after the payment due the Contractor at Substantial Completion has been made by the Owner, no other payment shall be made until the Project has been fully completed and the Contract fully performed.

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

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

§ 9.8.6 When the Work or designated portion thereof is substantially complete, the Architect will prepare a Certificate of Substantial Completion that shall establish the date of Substantial Completion, shall establish responsibilities of the Owner and Contractor for security, maintenance, heat, utilities, damage to the Work and insurance, and shall fix the time within which the Contractor shall finish all items on the list accompanying the Certificate. Warranties required by the Contract Documents shall commence on the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or designated portion thereof unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

§ 9.8.7 The Certificate of Substantial Completion shall be submitted to the Owner and Contractor for their written acceptance of responsibilities assigned to them in such Certificate. Upon such acceptance and consent of surety, if any, the Owner shall make payment of retainage applying to such Work or designated portion thereof. Such payment shall be adjusted for Work that is incomplete or not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

§ 9.9 PARTIAL OCCUPANCY OR USE

§ 9.9.1 The Owner may occupy or use any completed or partially completed portion of the Work at any stage.

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

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

§ 9.10 FINAL COMPLETION AND FINAL PAYMENT

§ 9.10.1 Upon receipt of written notice that the Work is ready for final inspection and acceptance and upon receipt of a final Requisition for Payment, the Architect will promptly make such inspection and, when the Architect finds the Work acceptable under the Contract Documents and the Contract fully performed, the Architect will promptly issue a final Certificate for Payment stating that to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information and belief, and on the basis of the Architect's on-site visits and inspections, the Work has been completed in accordance with terms and conditions of the Contract Documents and that the entire balance found to be due the Contractor and noted in the final Certificate is due and payable. The Architect's final Certificate for Payment will constitute a further representation that conditions listed in Section 9.10.2 as precedent to the Contractor's being entitled to final payment have been fulfilled.

§ 9.10.2 Neither final payment nor any remaining retained percentage shall become due until the Contractor submits to the Architect

- (1) an affidavit that payrolls, bills for materials and equipment, and other indebtedness connected with the Work for which the Owner or the Owner's property might be responsible or encumbered (less amounts withheld by Owner) have been paid or otherwise satisfied,
- (2) a certificate evidencing that insurance required by the Contract Documents to remain in force after final payment is currently in effect and will not be canceled or allowed to expire until at least 30 days' prior written notice has been given to the Owner,
- (3) a written statement that the Contractor knows of no substantial reason that the insurance will not be renewable to cover the period required by the Contract Documents,
- (4) consent of surety, if any, to final payment with AIA Form; and
- (5), if required by the Owner, other data establishing payment or satisfaction of obligations, such as receipts, releases and waivers of liens, claims, security interests or encumbrances arising out of the Contract, to the extent and in such form as may be designated by the Owner and release of liens on the "Contractor's Affidavit of Release of Liens and Payment of Debts and Claims" AIA Form;

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(6) all records, Drawings and Specifications, Addenda, Change Orders, and other modifications maintained at the site under the Subparagraph 3.11 all warranties, instructions, and maintenance manuals required.

If a Subcontractor refuses to furnish a release or waiver required by the Owner, the Contractor may furnish a bond satisfactory to the Owner to indemnify the Owner against such lien or claim. If such lien or claim remains unsatisfied after payments are made, the Contractor shall refund to the Owner all money that the Owner may be compelled to pay in discharging such lien or claim, including all costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by Owner. Final payment to the Contractor shall not become due until all close-out documents have been properly submitted to and received by the Architect through the Construction Manager and certified to the Architect and delivered by the Architect to the Owner and all warranty work has been fully completed.

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

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§ 9.10.5 Acceptance of final payment by the Contractor, a Subcontractor or material supplier shall constitute a waiver of claims by that payee except those previously made in writing and identified by that payee as unsettled at the time of final Requisition for Payment.

The making of final payment shall, after the Date of Substantial Completion of the Project, constitute a waiver of all claims by the Owner except those arising from:

1. Unsettled claims,
2. Faulty or defective work appearing after Substantial Completion of work,
3. Failure of the work to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents,
4. Terms of any special warranties required by the Contract Documents; and
5. Reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and litigation expenses incurred by the Owner in prosecuting any such claims against the Contractor or in defending against any claims against the Owner arising out of the Contract and the work thereunder.

ARTICLE 10 PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

§ 10.1 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND PROGRAMS

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

§ 10.2 SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY, INJURY OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY

§ 10.2.1 The Contractor shall take reasonable precautions for safety of, and shall provide reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to

- .1 employees on the Work and other persons who may be affected thereby;
- .2 the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site, under care, custody or control of the Contractor or the Contractor's Subcontractors or Sub-subcontractors; and
- .3 other property at the site or adjacent thereto, such as trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction.

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

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

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

§ 10.2.5 The Contractor shall promptly remedy damage and loss (other than damage or loss insured under property insurance required by the Contract Documents) to property referred to in Sections 10.2.1.2 and 10.2.1.3 caused in whole or in part by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, a Sub-subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts they may be liable and for which the Contractor is responsible under Sections 10.2., except damage or loss attributable to acts or omissions of the Owner or Architect or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, or by anyone for whose acts either of them may be liable, and not attributable to the fault or negligence of the Contractor. The foregoing obligations of the Contractor are in addition to the Contractor's obligations under Section 3.18.

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

§ 10.2.7 The Contractor shall not load or permit any part of the construction site to be loaded so as to endanger its safety or the safety of persons or property. The Contractor shall protect adjoining properties, streets, walkways, sidewalks, and paths.

10.2.8 The Contractor shall protect excavation and structures from damage by rain, water, ground water, or water from any other source. The Contractor shall use tarpaulins, pumps, or other temporary protection to afford protection.

10.2.9 The Contractor shall provide constant protection to maintain work, materials, apparatus, and fixtures free from injury and damage by rain, snow, wind, storms, frost, or heat and shall cover work likely to be damaged at the end of each day's work.

10.2.10 The Contractor shall remove work damaged due to failure to provide specified protection and replace such removed work at no additional cost to the Owner.

10.2.11 Material Safety Data Sheets: Contractor shall provide Material and Data Safety Sheets on all items prior to commencement of Work. The Contractor shall designate a common location on the construction site where all independent contractors or employers shall have a chemical information list before the commencement of work.

§ 10.2.8 INJURY OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 10.3 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

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

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§ 10.3.2 The Owner shall obtain the services of a licensed laboratory to verify the presence or absence of the material or substance reported by the Contractor and, in the event such material or substance is found to be present, to verify that it has been rendered harmless. Unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents, the Owner shall furnish in writing to the Contractor and Architect the names and qualifications of persons or entities who are to perform tests verifying the presence or absence of such material or substance or who are to perform the task of removal or safe containment of such material or substance. The Contractor and the Architect will promptly reply to the Owner in writing stating whether or not either has reasonable objection to the persons or entities proposed by the Owner. If either the Contractor or Architect has an objection to a person or entity proposed by the Owner, the Owner shall propose another to whom the Contractor and the Architect have no reasonable objection. When the material or substance has been rendered harmless, Work in the affected area shall resume upon written agreement of the Owner and Contractor. The Contract Time shall be extended appropriately.

§ 10.3.3 The Owner shall not be responsible under this Section 10.3 for materials or substances the Contractor brings to the site unless such materials or substances are required by the Contract Documents.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 10.4 EMERGENCIES

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§ 10.4.1 In any case of an emergency, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Architect and the Owner by the most expeditious means available, followed by a Fax, or written notice, explaining the situation and actions taken.

§ 10.4.2 Additional compensation or extension of time will not be considered or permitted for emergencies arising from delay, damage, or loss as stipulated in 8.2.4 and 10.2.5 or other applicable provisions.

ARTICLE 11 INSURANCE AND BONDS

§ 11.2 GENERAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

§11.2.1 The Contractor shall not commence Work until the Contractor has obtained at the Contractor's own expense all of the insurance as required under this Contract and until such insurance has been approved by the Owner. The Contractor shall not allow any Subcontractor to commence work on any subcontract until all insurance required of the Subcontractor has been so obtained and approved by the Contractor. Approval of insurance required of the Contractor will be granted only after submission to the Owner of original certificates of insurance signed by authorized representatives of the insurers or, at the Owners request, certified copies of the required insurance policies. **Additionally, the Contractor must submit with the original certificates or certified policies, the enclosed Contractor's Insurance Checklist form (See Construction Insurance Check List attached to and incorporated into this Contract as Exhibit A.) completed by the Contractor and each of the Contractor's Insurance Agents or Contractor's Insurers (one form for each agent or insurer if multiple agents or insurers write the Contractor's coverages).**

§11.2.2 Insurance as required under this Contract shall be in force throughout the term of this Contract and for two years after final acceptance of the Project by Owner. Original certificated signed by authorized representatives of the insurers or, at the Owner's request, certificated copies of insurance policies, evidencing that the required insurance is in effect, shall be maintained with the Owner throughout the term of the Contract and for two years after final acceptance of the Project by Owner.

§11.2.3 The Contractor shall require all Subcontractors to maintain during the term of the Contract commercial general liability insurance, business auto liability insurance, and workers compensation and employers liability insurance and umbrella excess or excess liability insurance to the same extent required of Contractor in Sections 11.3.1.1 through 11.3.1.4 of this Contract unless any such requirement is expressly waived or amended by the Owner in writing. The Contractor shall furnish Subcontractor's certificates of insurance to the Owner immediately upon request.

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§11.2.4 All insurance policies required under this Contract shall be endorsed to provide that the policy is not subject to cancellation, non-renewal, or material reduction in coverage until sixty (60) days prior written notice has been given to the Owner. Therefore, the phrases "endeavor to" and "...but failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the company, its agents or representatives" are to be eliminated from the cancellation provision of standard ACORD certificates of insurance.

§11.2.5 Acceptance and/or approval of any insurance by the Owner shall not be construed as relieving or excusing the Contractor or the Contractor's Surety from any liability or obligation imposed upon either or both of them by the provisions of this Contract or the Contract documents.

§11.2.6 If the contractor does not meet the insurance requirements of this Contract, the Contractor shall be in default under this Contract, and all default remedies shall be available to the Owner; moreover, no Work shall commence without such insurance, and, if Work has commenced, it shall cease immediately until the insurance requirements have been met or unless the Owner orders in writing that Work shall commence with specified alternate insurance as determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Owner and set forth in the written order to commence or return to work signed by the Owner. The Contractor may forward a written request to the Owner for a waiver in writing of the insurance requirement(s) not met or for approval in writing of alternate insurance coverage, self-insurance, or group self-insurance arrangements. If the Owner denies the request, the Contractor shall comply with the insurance requirements as specified in this Contract or be held in default under this Contract. The Owner shall have the sole and absolute discretion to grant or deny such a request for a waiver, and the Owner's decision shall be final and binding upon all parties and shall not be subject to appeal or review.

§11.2.7 All required insurance coverages must be underwritten by insurers licensed to do business in the State of Maryland and acceptable to the Owner. The insurers must also have a policyholders' rating of "A" or better, and a financial size of "Class VII" or better in the latest evaluation by A.M. Best company, unless Owner grants specific written approval for an exception. The Owner hereby grants specific approval for the acquisition of workers compensation and employers liability insurance from the Injured Workers Insurance Fund of Maryland.

§11.2.8 Any deductibles or retentions in excess of \$10,000 shall be disclosed by the Contractor and shall be subject to Owner's written approval. Any deductible or retention amounts elected by the Contractor or imposed by the Contractor's insurer(s) shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

§11.2.9 Any and all return premiums and/or dividends for insurance or coverage directly charged to the Owner by the Contractor in connection with this Contract shall belong to and be payable to the Owner.

§11.2.10 If the Owner is damaged by the failure or neglect of the Contractor to purchase and maintain insurance as described and required in this Contract, then the Contractor shall be in default under this Contract, shall bear all liability for all damages incurred, and shall be subject to the remedies under Article 14.

§ 11.2.11 Owner's Liability Insurance

§11.2.11.1 Owner shall be responsible for purchasing and maintaining the Owner's usual liability insurance, or solely at the Owner's option, the Owner may self-insure the Owner's liability exposures.

§11. 3 Contractor's Liability Insurance

§ 11.3.1 The Contractor shall purchase and maintain the following insurance coverages which will insure against claims which may arise out of or result from the Contractor's operations under the Contract and for which the Contractor may be legally liable, whether such operations be by the Contractor or by a Subcontractor or by anyone, directly or indirectly, employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. Insurance shall be written for not less than the limits specified below or required by law, whichever is greater.

§11.3.2 Commercial general liability insurance or its equivalent for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage including loss of use, with minimum limits of:

- \$ 1,000,000 each occurrence;
- \$ 1,000,000 personal and advertising injury;
- \$ 2,000,000 general aggregate; and

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\$ 2,000,000 products/completed operations
aggregate.

This insurance shall include coverage for all of the following:

- i. General aggregate limit applying on a per project basis;
- ii. Liability arising from premises and operations;
- iii. Liability arising from the actions of independent contractors;
- iv. Liability arising from products and completed operations with such coverage to be maintained for two years after final acceptance of the project by the Owner;
- v. Contractual liability including protection for the Contractor from bodily injury and property damage claims arising out of liability assumed under this Contract; and
- vi. Liability arising from the explosion, collapse, or underground (XCU) hazards.

(Paragraph deleted)

§11.3.3 Business auto liability insurance or its equivalent with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per accident and including coverage for all of the following:

- i. Liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of any auto; and
- ii. Automobile contractual liability.

§11.3.4 Workers compensation insurance or its equivalent with statutory benefits as required by any state or Federal law, including standard "other states" coverage; employers liability insurance or its equivalent with minimum limits of:

- \$ 100,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident
- \$ 100,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease; and
- \$ 500,000 policy limit for bodily injury by disease.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§11.3.5 Contractor's pollution liability insurance or its equivalent for bodily injury, property damage, including loss of use, and clean-up costs on and off the Project site, with minimum limits of:

- \$ 1,000,000 each pollution incident; and
- \$ 1,000,000 annual aggregate.

The insurance shall include coverage for all of the following:

- i. Liability arising from activities of the Contractor or of others for whom the Contractor is legally obligated whether on or off the Project site; and
- ii. Contractual liability including protection for the Contractor from claims for bodily injury, property damage, and clean-up costs arising out of liability assumed under this Contract.

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11.3.6 Umbrella excess liability or excess liability insurance or its equivalent with minimum limits of:

\$ 5,000,000 occurrence;

\$ 5,000,000 aggregate for other than products/completed operations and auto liability; and

\$ 5,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

and including all of the following coverages on the applicable schedule of underlying insurance:

- i. Commercial general liability;
- ii. Business auto liability; and
- iii. Employer's liability.

§11.3.7 Owner and Owner's elected and appointed officials, officers, consultants, agents and employees shall be named as additional insureds on the Contractor's commercial general liability insurance and umbrella excess or excess liability insurance policies with respect to liability arising out of the Contractor's products, installation, and/or services provided under this Contract. Such coverage shall extend to cover the additional insured(s) for liability arising out of the following:

- i. On-going operations;
- ii. Owner's general supervision of installation and/or services as provided by the Contractor and/or its agents and subcontractors pursuant to this Contract; and
- iii. Products and completed operations.

The commercial general liability policy and the umbrella excess liability or excess liability policies must include additional insured language, which shall afford liability coverage for all of the exposures listed above in i., ii., and iii., as follows:

"This policy is amended to include as insureds Owner and Owner's elected and appointed officials, officers, consultants, agents, and employees, but only for liability arising out of "your product" and "your work" for Owner by or for you."

Special Note: ISO forms CG 2009 and CG 2010 entitled "Additional Insured – Owners, Lessees or Contractors – Scheduled Person or Organization" (previously Forms A and B respectively) and CG 2033 entitled "Additional Insured – Owners, Lessees or Contractors – Automatic Status When Required in Construction Agreement with You" are NOT ACCEPTABLE. A manuscript endorsement with the above wording is required.

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 11.3.8 Insurance or self-insurance provided to the Owner and Owner's elected and appointed officials, officers, consultants, agents and employees under the Contractor's liability insurance or self-insurance required in this Contract, including, but not limited to, umbrella and excess liability or excess liability policies, shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of insurance or self-insurance. (Any cross suits or cross liability exclusion shall be deleted from Contractor's liability insurance policies required herein.)

§11.3.9 Any insurance or self-insurance required to be provided by the Owner and Owner's elected and appointed officials, officers, consultants, agents, and employees shall be primary, and any other insurance, self-insurance, coverage or indemnity available to the Owner and Owner's elected and appointed officials, officers, consultants, agents, and employees shall be excess of and non-contributory with insurance or self-insurance provided to the Owner and Owner's elected and appointed officials, officers, consultants, agents, and employees.

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§11.3.10 If any liability insurance purchased by the Contractor has been issued on a "claims made" basis, the Contractor shall comply with the following additional conditions:

- i. The Contractor shall agree to provide certificates of insurance evidencing the above coverages for a period of two years after final payment for the Contract. Such certificates shall evidence a retroactive date no later than the beginning of the Work under this Contract; or
- ii. The Contractor shall purchase an extended (minimum two years) reporting period endorsement for each such "claims made" policy in force as of the date of final acceptance of the project by the Owner and evidence the purchase of this extended reporting period endorsement by means of a certificate of insurance or a copy of the endorsement itself. Such certificate or copy of the endorsement shall evidence a retroactive date no later than the beginning of the Work under this Contract.

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 11.4 Builders Risk Insurance (Owner to Purchase)

§ 11.4.1 The Owner shall purchase and maintain builders risk insurance on a replacement cost basis with a limit at least equal to the initial Contract Sum. This insurance shall be maintained until final acceptance of the Project by the Owner or until no person or entity other than the Owner has an insurable interest in the covered property, whichever is earlier. This builders risk insurance shall include the interests of the Owner, Subcontractors and Sub-subcontractors in the Project.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§11.4.2 Insurance shall be on an "all-risk" or equivalent policy form and shall insure against the perils of fire, extended coverage, theft, vandalism, malicious mischief, collapse and windstorm. Coverage is to apply for debris removal, including demolition occasioned by a covered loss. This insurance shall cover reasonable compensation for Architect's and Contractor's services and expenses required as a result of such covered loss. Coverage for other perils such as flood and earthquake or for loss caused by the enforcement of any applicable ordinance or law shall not be required unless otherwise provided in the Contract.

§ 11.4.3 This builders risk insurance shall cover all of the following types of property:

- i. All structures to be constructed, under construction, and/or already constructed;
- ii. All materials, equipment, machinery and supplies which are to be incorporated into the Project;
- iii. Temporary structures of any nature whatsoever; and
- iv. Underground property, including but not limited to, foundations, pump stations, pumps, pipes, drains, tanks and connections.

(Paragraph deleted)

§11.4.4 The Contractor shall be responsible for payment of any deductibles applicable under this builders risk insurance, boiler and machinery insurance, or other property insurance applicable to the Project.

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§ 11.4.5 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, this builders risk insurance shall cover materials to be incorporated into the Project, which are either on or off the site, and also such materials in transit.

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 11.4.6 This builders risk insurance shall insure (or shall be amended to insure) against loss or damage caused by the boiler and machinery perils with limits and scope of coverage that are deemed by the Owner to be satisfactory. This insurance shall also include the interests of the Owner, Contractor, Subcontractors, and Sub-subcontractors in the Project.

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 11.4.7 The Owner and Contractor waive all rights against each other and against the Construction Manager, Owner's other Contractors and own forces described in Article 6, if any, and the subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, (elected and appointed officials, officers, directors, trustees, agents, employees and consultants) of any of them for property damage to or loss of use of the Work to the extent that such property damage or loss of use is covered by this builders risk insurance, boiler and machinery insurance, or other property insurance applicable to the Work. The policies shall provide such waivers of subrogation by endorsement or otherwise.

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 11.4.8 Any loss covered under this builders risk insurance, boiler and machinery insurance, or other property insurance applicable to the Work shall be payable to the Owner as fiduciary for the insureds, as their interests may appear, subject to any mortgagee clause. The Contractor shall pay Subcontractors their just shares of insurance proceeds received by the Contractor, and by appropriate agreements, written where legally required for validity, shall require Subcontractors to make payments to their Sub-subcontractors in similar manner.

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 11.4.9 Owner, as fiduciary, shall have the power to adjust and settle a loss with insurers.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 11.4.10 Partial occupancy or use in accordance with the provisions of the Contract that pertain to partial occupancy or use shall not commence until the builders risk insurer has granted permission by endorsement or otherwise for the Owner to partially occupy or use any completed or partially completed portion of the Work at any stage of construction. The Owner and Contractor shall take reasonable steps to obtain such permission.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 11.4.11 The insurance required by this Paragraph 11.4 is not intended to cover machinery, tools, or equipment owned or rented by the Contractor or its Subcontractors, which are utilized in the performance of the Work but not incorporated into the permanent improvements. The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall, at their own expense, purchase and maintain property insurance coverage for owned, leased, or rented machinery, tools or equipment. The Contractor and its Subcontractors hereby waive all rights against the Owner and its elected and appointed

officials, officers, agents, employees, and consultants for property damage to or loss of use of such machinery, tools, or equipment. The policies shall provide such waivers of subrogation by endorsement or otherwise.

§11.5 Miscellaneous Insurance

§11.5.1 The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Federal law governing Social Security and with State and/or Federal laws regarding Unemployment Insurance, and all other State and/or Federal laws regarding insurance, as may be now and hereafter in force. The Contractor shall bear exclusive and sole liability for and will hold the Owner harmless against any and all demands for any required payments, taxes, or withholdings (including any interest or penalties assessed thereon) for the Contractor's (or any of its Subcontractor's) failure or refusal to comply with any such laws. Failure to comply shall be deemed a default subject to the remedies of Article 14.2.

§ 11.6 PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND

§ 11.6.1 The Contractor shall furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond covering the faithful performance of the Contract and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder and complying with the requirements of Maryland Law. Both bonds shall be in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract amount and shall name the Howard County Board of Education as Obligees.

§ 11.6.2

Bonds shall be written by a bonding company that must be licensed with the Maryland Insurance Administration to do business in the State of Maryland and otherwise acceptable to the Howard County Public School System. The Contractor shall use Bond Forms provided by the Owner AIA 312 Performance Bond and AIA 312 Labor and Material Payment Bond, in order to satisfy the Bond requirements referenced in this Article.

§ 11.6.3 Firms issuing said bonds must be licensed to write bonds in the State of Maryland. The Contractor shall pay the premiums for required bonds. Obtainage of the required bonds by Contractor shall be a condition precedent to effectuation of the Contract between Owner and Contractor. If additional work is authorized, the amounts of the bonds shall be increased to cover the value of the increased Contract sum. All bonds shall conform to the requirements of the Maryland Little Miller Act. All bonds shall be subject to Owner's approval.

§ 11.3.4 Upon the request of any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of bonds covering payment of obligations arising under the Contract, the Contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of the bonds or shall permit a copy to be made.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 11.3.5 Owner reserves the right to request from Contractor financial statements for the Contractor for up to 3 prior fiscal years.

§ 11.3.6 To protect the public interest the Owner will request a D & B report on the Contractor at any time during the term of the project. Should the D & B rating fall below the awarded rating, Contractor shall advise Owner of their corrective measures.

ARTICLE 12 UNCOVERING AND CORRECTION OF WORK

§ 12.1 UNCOVERING OF WORK

§ 12.1.1 If any portion of the Work is covered contrary to the request of the Architect, or the requirements specifically expressed in the Contract Documents, it must, if required in writing by either, the Owner or any other government agency, be uncovered for their observation and shall be replaced at the Contractor's expense without change in the Contract Time If a portion of the Work is covered contrary to the Architect's request or to requirements specifically

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expressed in the Contract Documents, it must, if required in writing by the Architect, be uncovered for the Architect's examination and be replaced at the Contractor's expense without change in the Contract Time.

§ 12.1.2 If a portion of the Work has been covered that the Architect has not specifically requested to examine prior to its being covered, the Architect may request to see such Work and it shall be uncovered by the Contractor. If such Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, costs of uncovering and replacement shall, by appropriate Change Order, be at the Owner's expense. If such Work is not in accordance with the Contract Documents, such costs and the cost of correction shall be at the Contractor's expense.

§ 12.2 CORRECTION OF WORK

§12.2.1 Defective work shall include but not be limited to Work which may be caused by deterioration or failure to perform due to premature wear (not occasioned by abuse) or inherent defects in materials, workmanship of manufacturer or fabrication or improper execution of work

§12.2.2 Cost of correcting such rejected work also includes all contingent damages arising there from including damages to other work (whether installed by the Contractor or another) and to other property of the Owner.

§12.2.3 Such warranties as provided herein do not deprive the Owner of the Owner's right to prosecute any claim for breach of contract and/or any other claim for appropriate relief and damages.

§12.2.4 Any defective or nonconforming work during this period causing a hazard to life, safety, property, or use causing the Owner a financial loss shall be corrected immediately without regard to normal working hours. The Owner will immediately endeavor to provide telephone notice to the Contractor on the next normal working day.

§ 12.2.5 The Owner shall direct, if endeavors to contact the Contractor fail, certain telephone notification to Subcontractors in order to expedite emergency repairs. The Contractor shall not be relieved of responsibility by the procedure, and the Contractor shall supervise and direct correction of defects as required by the Contract Documents.

§12.2.6 The manufacturer of a product may be specifically mentioned as a party to a warranty. Then in such cases, it shall be the Contractor's obligation to produce the required warranty of the manufacturer and submit it to the Architect for examination and approval. Inclusion of a manufacturer as a party to a warranty does not relieve the Contractor from the requirements of the Contract Documents.

§12.2.7 Warranties on operating systems, equipment, or components placed in operation prior to Substantial Completion or acceptance shall begin on the date of Substantial Completion.

§ 12.2.1 BEFORE OR AFTER SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

The Contractor shall promptly correct Work rejected by the Architect or failing to conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents, whether discovered before or after Substantial Completion and whether or not fabricated, installed or completed. Costs of correcting such rejected Work, including additional testing and inspections and compensation for the Architect's services and expenses made necessary thereby, shall be at the Contractor's expense.

§ 12.2.2 AFTER SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

§ 12.2.2.1 In addition to the Contractor's obligations under Section 3.5, if, within one year after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work or designated portion thereof or after the date for commencement of warranties established under Section 9.9.1, or by terms of an applicable special warranty required by the Contract Documents, any of the Work is found to be not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall correct it promptly after receipt of written notice from the Owner to do so unless the Owner has previously given the Contractor a written acceptance of such condition. The Owner shall give such notice promptly after discovery of the condition.

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During the one-year period for correction of Work, if the Owner fails to notify the Contractor and give the Contractor an opportunity to make the correction, the Owner waives the rights to require correction by the Contractor and to make a claim for breach of warranty. If the Contractor fails to correct nonconforming Work within a reasonable time during that period after receipt of notice from the Owner or Architect, the Owner may correct it in accordance with Section 2.4.

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

§ 12.2.2.3 The one-year period for correction of Work shall not be extended by corrective Work performed by the Contractor pursuant to this Section 12.2.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 12.2.2.4 The Contractor shall remove from the site portions of the Work that are not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and are neither corrected by the Contractor nor accepted by the Owner.

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

§ 12.2.2.6 Nothing contained in this Section 12.2 shall be construed to establish a period of limitation with respect to other obligations the Contractor has under the Contract Documents. Establishment of the one-year period for correction of Work as described in Section 12.2.2 relates only to the specific obligation of the Contractor to correct the Work, and has no relationship to the time within which the obligation to comply with the Contract Documents may be sought to be enforced, nor to the time within which proceedings may be commenced to establish the Contractor's liability with respect to the Contractor's obligations other than specifically to correct the Work.

§ 12.3 ACCEPTANCE OF NONCONFORMING WORK

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

ARTICLE 13 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 13.1 GOVERNING LAW

The Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland and shall be construed in accordance with such laws.

§ 13.2 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

§ 13.2.1 The Owner and Contractor respectively bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents. Except as provided in Section 13.2.2, neither party to the Contract shall assign the Contract as a whole without written consent of the other. If either party attempts to make such an assignment without such consent, that party shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all obligations under the Contract.

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

§ 13.3 WRITTEN NOTICE

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

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§13.3.2 All Contractor proposals, approvals, instruction, requests, claims, demands, and other notices shall be made in writing on Contractor's stationery; meeting minutes and FAX transmissions will not be considered written notice from Contractor.

§ 13.4 RIGHTS AND REMEDIES

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

(Paragraph deleted)

§13.4.2 In any claim and/or litigation filed by the Owner against the Contractor to enforce any provision of this Contract, the Owner shall be entitled to all reasonable attorney's fees, expenses, damages, litigation expenses, and court costs incurred in and/or resulting from any such claim and/or litigation. In any claim and/or litigation brought by the Contractor against the Owner and/or its agents, the Contractor shall bear the Owner's court costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred, unless the Court specifically determines as a matter of fact and law that the Owner, knowingly, willfully, and intentionally breached a provision of this Contract giving rise to Contractor's claim and resulting damages

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

§ 13.5 TESTS AND INSPECTIONS

§ 13.5.1 Tests, inspections and approvals of portions of the Work shall be made as required by the Contract Documents and by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations or lawful orders of public authorities. Unless otherwise provided, the Contractor shall make arrangements for such tests, inspections and approvals with an independent testing laboratory or entity acceptable to the Owner, or with the appropriate public authority, and shall bear all related costs of tests, inspections and approvals. The Contractor shall give the Architect timely notice of when and where tests and inspections are to be made so that the Architect may be present for such procedures.

§ 13.5.2 If the Architect, Owner or public authorities having jurisdiction determine that portions of the Work require additional testing, inspection or approval not included under Section 13.5.1, the Architect will, upon written authorization from the Owner, instruct the Contractor to make arrangements for such additional testing, inspection or approval by an entity acceptable to the Owner, and the Contractor shall give timely notice to the Architect of when and where tests and inspections are to be made so that the Architect may be present for such procedures. Such costs, except as provided in Section 13.5.3, shall be at the Owner's expense.

§ 13.5.3 If such procedures for testing, inspection or approval under Sections 13.5.1 and 13.5.2 reveal failure of the portions of the Work to comply with requirements established by the Contract Documents, all costs made necessary by such failure including those of repeated procedures and compensation for the Architect's services and expenses shall be at the Contractor's expense.

§ 13.5.4 Required certificates of testing, inspection or approval shall, unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents, be secured by the Contractor and promptly delivered to the Architect.

§ 13.5.5 If the Architect is to observe tests, inspections or approvals required by the Contract Documents, the Architect will do so promptly and, where practicable, at the normal place of testing.

§ 13.5.6 Tests or inspections conducted pursuant to the Contract Documents shall be made promptly to avoid unreasonable delay in the Work.

§ 13.6 INTEREST

§ 13.6.1 No interest shall be paid by the Owner to the Contractor.

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§ 13.7 TIME LIMITS ON CLAIMS, COMMENCEMENT OF STATUTORY LIMITATION PERIOD

§ 13.7.1 Contractor recognized and agrees that Owner is a governmental agency and that the statute of limitations is not applicable to claims and/or litigation filed by the Owner. Limitations as to time for filing of any claims, disputes, and/or litigation by the Contractor, or any person or entity claiming by, through, or on behalf of the Contractor, shall be as specified in Article 15.

13.8 BUY AMERICAN STEEL

§13.8.1 Contractor shall comply with the Buy American Steel Act Sections 17-301 to 17-306 of the Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

§13.8.2 Contractor shall be required to use or supply the domestic steel products unless the cost is unreasonable or inconsistent with the public interest.

ARTICLE 14 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF THE CONTRACT

§ 14.1 TERMINATION BY THE CONTRACTOR

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

- .1 Issuance of an order of a court or other public authority having jurisdiction that requires all Work to be stopped;
- .2 An act of government, such as a declaration of national emergency that requires all Work to be stopped;

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 14.1.3 If one of the reasons described in Section 14.1.1 or 14.1.2 exists, the Contractor may, upon seven days' written notice to the Owner and Architect, terminate the Contract and recover from the Owner payment for Work executed.

(Paragraph deleted)

§ 14.2 TERMINATION BY THE OWNER FOR CAUSE

§ 14.2.1 The Owner may terminate the Contractor's employment under this Contract if the Contractor:

- .1 persistently or repeatedly refuses or fails to supply enough properly skilled workers or proper materials;
- .2 fails to make payment to Subcontractors for materials or labor in accordance with the respective agreements between the Contractor and the Subcontractors;
- .3 persistently disregards laws, ordinances, or rules, regulations or orders of a public authority having jurisdiction; or
- .4 otherwise is guilty of substantial breach of a provision of the Contract Documents such as, but not limited to:
 - (1) Failure to maintain progress in accordance with project schedule;
 - (2) Prevents other Contractors from meeting their scheduled progress;
 - (3) Performs work in a negligent or defective manner or in a manner contrary to the Contractor Documents;
 - (4) Failure to provide and maintain the required insurance coverage and the required bonds;
 - (5) Filing of bankruptcy proceedings by or against the Contractor and/or the filing of an assignment for the benefit of Contractor's creditors; and/or
 - (6) Breach of any provision of the Contract Documents.

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

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- .1 take possession of the site and of all materials, equipment, tools, and construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Contractor;
- .2 accept assignment of subcontracts pursuant to Section 5.4; and
- .3 finish the Work by whatever reasonable method the Owner may deem expedient.

.4 When the Owner terminated the Contractor for one of the reasons stated in Subparagraph 14.2.1 and invokes the Performance Bond to complete the Work, the surety shall not without the written consent of the Owner, retain the Contractor for the Work, and the Contractor shall not without written consent of the Owner perform any of the Work.

§ 14.2.3 When the Owner terminates the Contract for one of the reasons stated in Section 14.2.1, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive further payment until the Work is finished. In the event the Owner elects to terminate the Contractor's employment under this Contract, the Contractor shall only be entitled to be paid for work under the Contract actually completed by the Contractor up to the date of Contractor's termination less deductions for

(1) the cost of correcting any deficient or defective work, including compensation for the Construction Manager and Architect and their respective consultants' additional services and expenses made necessary by the Contractor's defective work, default, neglect, or failure to perform under this Contract;

(2) damages incurred by the Owner as a result of the Contractor's breach, including but not limited to the costs to finish the work and damages for delay, if any, in completing the work under the Contract;

(3) actual reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Owner in obtaining legal advice, counsel, and/or representation relating to the issues of Contractor's breach of contract, defective work, default, neglect, or failure to perform and Owner's legal options relating thereto as well as any other reasonable attorney's fees due to Owner under other provisions of this Contract; and

(4) such other amounts due and owing to Owner under the terms and conditions of the Contract documents. In the event the Contractor is terminated pursuant to Article 14.2, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any remaining funds under the Contract, except as specifically provided above and subject to the availability of funds after all work is completed.

All remaining unpaid funds in the Contract as of the date of Contractor's termination shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Owner, and the Contractor shall be paid by the Owner at the conclusion of all work under the Contract as provided above, but only to the extent that there are funds remaining after all payments have been made first to complete the work under the Contract and to compensate the Owner as provided above in the(4) enumerated deductions in this Article 14.2.3. Any funds still remaining after payment for all work and after payment of the Contractor as provided above shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Owner.

§ 14.2.4 If the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum exceeds costs of finishing the Work, including compensation for the Architect's services and expenses made necessary thereby, and payment of the four (4) enumerated deductions in Article 14.2.3 other damages incurred by the Owner and not expressly waived, such excess shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Owner.. If such costs and damages exceed the unpaid balance, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner. The amount to be paid to the Contractor if any, for work completed by the Contractor 9less the deductibles provided in Paragraph 14.2.3) shall be determined by the Owner, and this obligation for payment shall survive termination of the Contract.

§ 14.3 SUSPENSION BY THE OWNER FOR CONVENIENCE

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

(Paragraphs deleted)

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§ 14.4 TERMINATION BY THE OWNER FOR CONVENIENCE

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

§ 14.4.2 Upon receipt of written notice from the Owner of such termination for the Owner's convenience, the Contractor shall

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

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

ARTICLE 15 CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

§ 15.1 CLAIMS

§ 15.1.1 Definition. A Claim is a demand or assertion by one of the parties seeking, as a matter of right, adjustment or interpretation of Contract terms, payment of money, extension of time or other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract. The term "Claim" also includes other disputes and matters in question between the Owner and Contractor (and any person or entity claiming by, through, or on behalf of Contractor) arising out of or relating to the Contract. Claims must be initiated by written notice, on Contractor's stationary. Meeting minutes and Fax transmissions from the Contractor will not be considered written notice. The responsibility to substantiate Claims shall rest with the party making the Claim.

§ 15.1.2 Decision of Architect. Any claim, dispute, or other matter in question between the Contractor and the Owner shall be made in writing to the Architect except those relating to artistic effect as provided in Subparagraph 4.2.13 and those which have been waived by the making or acceptance of final payment as provided in Article 9. The Architect shall provide each party with ample opportunity to present its evidence with respect to the claim made, and the Architect shall render his decision on the claim not less than ten (10) days after the close of evidence before the Architect. The decision of the Architect may be appealed by litigation in the Circuit Court of Howard County as provided below. However, no litigation of any such claim, dispute or other matter may be made until the earlier of (1) the date on which the Architect has rendered a written decision, or (2) the eleventh day after the parties have presented their evidence to the Architect or have been given a reasonable opportunity to do so, if the Architect has not rendered a written decision by that date. With respect to all claims and/or disputes, the final written decision of the Architect shall be final and binding on the parties and on those claiming by, through, and/or on behalf of any such party, person, or entity who had the right to do so, and failed to do so, unless the final written decision of the Architect as to any such claim and/or dispute is appealed to the Circuit Court for Howard County by a party within thirty (30) days after having received the Architect's final written decision. In any such appeal of the Architect's final written decision, it shall be presumed that the Architect's decision is correct, and the Architect's decision shall be treated and regarded in the same manner in which an arbitrator's award would be treated and regarded by a Maryland court under Maryland's Uniform Arbitration Act, subject, however, to the procedural requirements specified in the Contract documents. The failure to appeal the Architect's final written decision within the aforementioned thirty (30) day period shall result in the said decision becoming final and binding on all parties as provided above. The Circuit Court for Howard County, Maryland, shall be the sole and exclusive jurisdiction for appealing any final written decision of the Architect. If the Architect renders a decision after litigation proceedings have been filed, such decision may be entered as evidence but will not supersede any litigation proceedings unless the decision is acceptable to all parties concerned.

§ 15.1.3 Time Limits on Claims. Claims by either party must be initiated within 21 days after occurrence of the event giving rise to such Claim or within 21 days after the claimant first recognizes the condition giving rise to the Claim, whichever is later. Claims must be initiated by written notice to the Architect and the other party.

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§ 15.1.4 Continuing Contract Performance. Pending final resolution of a Claim except as otherwise agreed in writing, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of the Contract and the Owner shall continue to make payments in accordance with the Contract Documents. Except the Owner may withhold payment to the extent reasonably necessary to secure or compensate for a claim. This Article 15.1.4 shall not apply if the Owner has terminated the Contractor's employment pursuant to

§ 15.1.5 Claims for Concealed or Unknown Conditions. If conditions are encountered at the site which are (1) subsurface or otherwise concealed physical conditions which differ materially from those indicated in the Contract Documents or (2) unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature, which differ materially from those ordinarily found to exist and generally recognized as inherent in construction activities of the character provided for in the Contract Documents, then notice by the observing party shall be given to the other party promptly before conditions are disturbed and in no event later than 21 days after first observance of the conditions. The Architect will promptly investigate such conditions and, if they differ materially and cause an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the Work, will recommend an equitable adjustment in the Contract Sum or Contract Time, or both. If the Architect determines that the conditions at the site are not materially different from those indicated in the Contract Documents and that no change in the terms of the Contract is justified, the Architect shall so notify the Owner and Contractor in writing, stating the reasons. Claims by either party in opposition to such determination must be made within 21 days after the Architect has given notice of the decision. If the conditions encountered are materially different, the Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be equitably adjusted, but if the Owner and Contractor cannot agree on an adjustment in the Contract Sum or Contract Time, the adjustment shall be referred to the Architect for initial determination, subject to further proceedings pursuant to Section 4.4.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§ 15.1.6

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Claims for Additional Cost. If the Contractor wishes to make Claim for an increase in the Contract Sum, written notice as provided herein shall be given before proceeding to execute the Work. Prior notice is not required for Claims relating to an emergency endangering life or property arising under Section 10.4

§ 15.1.7 If the Contractor believes additional cost is involved for reasons including but not limited to (1) a written interpretation from the Architect, (2) an order by the Owner to stop the Work where the Contractor was not at fault, (3) a written order for a minor change in the Work issued by the Architect, (4) failure of payment by the Owner, (5) termination of the Contract by the Owner, (6) Owner's suspension or (7) other reasonable grounds, Claim shall be filed in accordance with this Section 15.1

§ 15.1.8 Claims for Additional Time

§ 15.1.8.1 If the Contractor wishes to make Claim for an increase in the Contract Time, written notice shall be made in writing to the Architect not more than twenty-one (21) days after the commencement of the delay, otherwise it shall be waived.

§ 15.1.8.2 If adverse weather conditions are the basis for a Claim for additional time, such Claim shall be documented by data substantiating that weather conditions were abnormal for the period of time, could not have been reasonably anticipated and had an adverse effect on the scheduled construction. . In establishing the time of construction completion, the weather conditions as recorded by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at the National Climatic Data Center, Ashville, North Carolina over the past five (5) years will be taken into consideration. No extension of time, due to weather conditions, will be considered unless accompanied by NOAA documentary evidence showing by comparison that such weather is abnormal to the statistical mean of the past five (5) years and that such abnormality caused the delay.

§ 15.1.8.3 Injury or Damage to Person or Property. If either party to the Contract suffers injury or damage to person or property because of an act or omission of the other party, or of others for whose acts such party is legally responsible, written notice of such injury or damage, whether or not insured, shall be given to the other party within a reasonable time not exceeding 21 days after discovery. The notice shall provide sufficient detail to enable the other party to investigate the matter.

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§ 15.2 RESOLUTION OF CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

§ 15.2.1 Litigation

§ 15.2.1 Any Claim arising out of or related to the Contract. Any controversy or Claim arising out of or related to the Contract, or the breach thereof, shall be resolved finally by litigation in the Circuit Court of Howard County, Maryland, provided, however, that the provisions of this Article 15.2.1 authorizing litigation in court shall not be exercised by any party until the provisions of Article 15.1.2 shall have been complied with and exhausted. No party shall be entitled to litigate any dispute and/or claim unless and until that party has fully complied with the provisions of Article 15.1.1. The failure of any party to adhere to and comply with the provisions of Article 15.1.1 shall serve as a bar to that party's litigating a claim and/or dispute in court.

§ 15.2.2 Claims and Timely Assertion of Claims. Since the Owner is a public body, politic and corporate, its claims shall not be barred by any contractual period of limitations or by any statute of limitations. Claims by the Contractor shall be filed as provided in Article 15 (Claims and Disputes), and the time limits prescribed in Article 15 shall serve as a limitation upon filing of any and all claims and/or litigation by the Contractor and/or any person or entity claiming by, through, or on behalf of the C§15.2 Policies of Employment.

15.3 Policies of Employment.

(Paragraphs deleted)

§15.3.1 The Contractor shall maintain policies on employment as follows:

1. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin or age. The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, sex, national origin, or age. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising layoff or termination rates or pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training including apprenticeship.

The Contractor shall post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment notices setting forth the policies of non-discrimination.

§15.3.2 The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by them or on their behalf state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin, or age.

§15.3.3 Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Requirements are a part of the Conditions of the Contract, including Exhibits A, B, and C included with Form of Proposal.

ARTICLE 16 CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SCORECARD

Upon completion of a project or at any time during the project, the awarded contractor shall receive a performance evaluation scorecard rating the contractor's performance on the project. The evaluation scorecard will become part of the contractor's permanent file. A sample Contractor Performance/Evaluation Scorecard is included with the bid documents.

The evaluation scorecard shall include the following performance indicators; Quality of Work, Responsiveness, Professionalism, Resources, Schedule Management, Quality Control, Deficiency Resolution, Submittal Management, Training, Appearance, Security, Safety, Utility Conservation, Disruptions, Quality of Materials, Emergency Response, Hazardous Materials, Innovation, Teamwork, Cost Management, Billing, Compliance.

A contractor shall have up to 3 weeks after notification to appeal, challenge or otherwise dispute the scorecard results. After the 3-week period, the scorecard shall be considered final and accepted by the contractor.

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A contractor receiving a 70% or less overall evaluation scorecard rating for a project may be disqualified for bidding on any future projects with the HCPSS for a period of three (3) years and/or for the remaining contract term including renewal options.

EXHIBIT A

1. Commercial General Liability

Insurer (precise name as per policy, not group name)
Best's Rating and Financial Size

Each Occurrence Limit
Personal and Advertising Injury Limit
General Aggregate Limit
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate Limit

Occurrence Basis	yes	no	
General Aggregate Limit applies Per Project	yes	no	
Premises/Operations	yes	no	
Actions of Independent Contractors	yes	no	
Products/Completed Operations	yes	no	
Contractual Liability	yes	no	
Explosion, Collapse or Underground (XCU) Hazards	yes	no	
Owner included as an additional insured		yes	no
Individuals related to Owner included as additional insureds	yes	no	
Manuscript additional insured wording per insurance requirements	yes	no	
If no, additional insured coverage extends to cover liability arising out of:			
Owner's general supervision	yes	no	
Products and completed operations	yes	no	
Specimen of additional insured wording attached if other than manuscript wording in the insurance requirements	yes	no	
No cross suits or cross liability exclusion	yes	no	
Coverage for additional insureds is primary to Owner's coverage	yes	no	
60 days notice of cancellation, nonrenewal, etc.	yes	no	
Amount of Retention or Deductible			
Specify if Retention or Deductible applies per occurrence or claim			

2. Business Auto Liability

Insurer (precise name as per policy, not group name)
Best's Rating and Financial Size

Each Accident Limit		
Any Auto (or Hired and Non-owned Autos, if no owned autos)	yes	no
Contractual Liability	yes	no
60 days notice of cancellation, nonrenewal, etc.	yes	no
Amount of Retention or Deductible		
Specify if Retention or Deductible applies per accident or claim		

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3. Workers Compensation and Employers Liability

Insurer (precise name as per policy, not group name)		
Best's Rating and Financial Size		
Statutory benefits as required by state or Federal law	yes	no
"Other States" coverage	yes	no
Employers liability	yes	no
Each accident limit		
Each employee limit-disease		
Policy limit-disease		
60 days notice of cancellation, etc.	yes	no
Amount of Retention or Deductible		
Specify if Retention or Deductible applies per accident or claim		

4. Contractors Pollution Liability

Insurer (precise name as per policy, not group name)		
Best's Rating and Financial Size		
Each Pollution Incident Limit		
Annual Aggregate Limit		
Other Limit(s)		
Coverage Form:	Claims Made	Occurrence
Covers Operations of Both Contractor and Subcontractors	yes	no
Contractual Liability	yes	no
60 days notice of cancellation, nonrenewal, etc.	yes	no
Amount of Retention or Deductible		
Specify if Retention or Deductible applies per occurrence or claim		

5. Umbrella Excess or Excess Liability

Insurer (precise name as per policy, not group name)		
Best's Rating and Financial Size		
Coverage Form:	Umbrella and Excess	Straight Excess
Each Occurrence Limit		
General Aggregate Limit (for other than products/completed operations and auto liability)		
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate Limit		
Underlying Schedule of Insurance includes:		
Commercial General Liability	yes	no
Business Auto Liability	yes	no
Employers Liability	yes	no
Owner included as an additional insured	yes	no
Individuals related to Owner included as additional insureds	yes	no
Manuscript additional insured wording per insurance requirements	yes	no

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If no, additional insured coverage extends to cover liability arising out of:		
Owner's general supervision	yes	no
Products and completed operations	yes	no
Specimen of additional insured wording attached if other than		
manuscript wording in the insurance requirements	yes	no
No cross suits or cross liability exclusion		
	yes	no
Coverage for additional insureds is primary to Owner's coverage		
	yes	no
60 days notice of cancellation, nonrenewal, etc.		
	yes	no
Amount of Retention		
	yes	no
Retention applies per occurrence		
	yes	no

INSURANCE AGENT'S OR INSURER'S STATEMENT

I have reviewed the Contract's insurance requirements with the contractor named below. I hereby verify the above responses.

Name of Agent or Insurer:

Agency or Insurer Name:

Authorized Signature and Date:

Phone #:

Fax #:

E-mail:

CONTRACTOR'S STATEMENT

If awarded the contract, I will comply with the Contract's insurance requirements. I further agree to maintain property insurance on the machinery, tools and equipment which are owned, rented or leased by my firm and which are utilized in the performance of the services rendered under this Contract.

Contractor's Name:

Authorized Signature and Date:

Phone #:

Fax #:

E-mail:

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EXHIBIT A
CHANGE ORDER REQUEST FORMAT

PROJECT NAME: _____ DATE: _____

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: _____

SUBCONTRACTOR: _____

SUB-SUBCONTRACTOR: _____

C.O.R. ITEM OR WORK: _____

I. DIRECT PAYROLL LESS FRINGES, INSURANCE, TAXES*: _____

II. FRINGES, TAX, INSURANCE BURDEN ___% OF PAYROLL: _____

III. TOTAL MATERIAL COSTS**:

IV. MATERIAL SALES TAX:

V. EQUIPMENT RENTALS (ATTACH COPY OF INVOICE):

VI. CONTRACTOR-OWNED EQUIPMENT**:

VII. PROFIT AND OVERHEARD 20% OF LINES I & III:

VIII. 8% OF LINE V (ONLY WITH INVOICE COPY):

IX. TOTAL ALL LINES:

X. SUBCONTRACTORS COSTS (ATTACH BREAKDOWN):

XI. 8% PROFIT & OVERHEAD ON SUBCONTRACTORS:

XII. TOTAL LINES IX, X, & XI:

XIII. BOND ___% OF LINE XII:

XIV. TOTAL COST OF WORK:

*Provide Itemization of Labor Hours and Worker Classification

**Provide Itemization.

Change Order Request Format is Required for each Portion of Change Order Request Submission.

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EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION

All change orders shall be submitted in the change order request format (see Exhibit A) as set forth below:

1. Attach an itemization of labor hours. A certified payroll affidavit may be required to substantiate labor rates. The cost of foreman and superintendents may be added only when the change order makes necessary the hiring of additional supervisory personnel or makes their employment for time in addition to that required by the basic contract.
2. Labor burden percentage costs shall include all fringes, taxes, insurance, liabilities, workmen's compensation, unemployment, and any additional cost associated as labor burdens. Labor burden percentage rates are subject to approval of the Owner and is not subject to profit and overhead.
3. Attach an itemization of all materials used listing unit prices and extended prices.
4. Attach an itemization of equipment used and rental rates. If equipment is a rental, attach copy of the rental invoice. Rental equipment and contractor-owned equipment costs shall include all costs associated with the equipment, i.e. transportation, set-up, gas, and oil. Rental rates shall not exceed rates established by local rental companies and "MEANS DATA" rates.
5. Profit and overhead shall be considered full reimbursement for any additional expenses caused by the change order work. The Contractor shall agree to 20% profit and overhead markup on work by his own forces and 8% profit and overhead mark up on Subcontractors work. Allowances for overhead shall include but not limited to the costs for use of, small tools and consumables; trucks and trucking costs; maintenance and/or operations of Contractor's regular established office, branch office, and other facilities; resident and/or non-actively engaged supervision; time keepers; clerk; stenographer; watchmen; cost of correspondence; increased item of warranty under the change.
6. Profit and overhead at 8% may be added to equipment which is rented.
7. Only the actual added costs of the bond may be added to the change order amount. No further markup shall be allowed.
8. Change order requests shall not be considered unless they are submitted in proper format with all required and requested supporting documentation. All portions of the change shall use the change order request format.
9. For all work to be performed by a Subcontractor/Subcontractors, the Contractor shall furnish the Subcontractors itemized proposal which shall contain original signatures by an authorized representative of the Subcontracting firm. If requested by the Owner or Architect, proposals from suppliers or other supporting data to substantiate the Contractor's or Subcontractor's cost shall be furnished.
10. On changes resulting in a credit to the Owner, the credit shall be the net cost without profit overhead and profit.
11. Change order costs shall not exceed unit pricing as provided if applicable by Contract Documents.

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The evaluation scorecard shall include the following performance indicators; Quality of Work, Responsiveness, Professionalism, Resources, Schedule Management, Quality Control, Deficiency Resolution, Submittal Management, Training, Appearance, Security, Safety, Utility Conservation, Disruptions, Quality of Materials, Emergency Response, Hazardous Materials, Innovation, Teamwork, Cost Management, Billing, Compliance.

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Name of Contractor: _____

Name of Project: _____ **Contract/Bid Number:** _____

Reviewed by: _____ **Department:** _____

Please take a moment to tell us about this contractor's performance. We will summarize all the information we obtain about each contractor and provide it to them. Supporting documentation shall be required to support any scores noted on the performance evaluation scorecard.

HOW SATISFIED. Please tell us **how satisfied** you are with the **performance** of the contractor named above. Circle a 10 if you are highly satisfied with their performance on a measure. Circle a 1 if you are highly dissatisfied with their performance on a measure. Circle a number in between to show different degrees of satisfaction. Circle **N/A** for any performance indicators that do not apply to the project. There are no right or wrong answers; just tell us how you feel.

A contractor receiving a 70% or less overall evaluation scorecard rating for a project may be disqualified for bidding on any future projects with the HCPSS for a period of three (3) years and/or for the remaining contract term including renewal options. The contractor shall be notified of their performance status after each project.

Satisfaction with the contractor's performance:	Highly Dissatisfied	Highly Satisfied
1. Quality of Work. The contractor's ability to do the job right the first time.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	N/A
2. Responsiveness. The contractor's ability to adapt to changes and meet unusual needs.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	N/A
3. Professionalism. The courtesy and standards of conduct maintained by the contractor and his or her employees.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	N/A
4. Resources. The contractor's ability to provide his or her employees with the tools, parts, and supplies needed to do the job.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	N/A
5. Schedule Management. The contractor's ability to show up when scheduled and complete the work on time.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	N/A
6. Quality Control. The contractor's ability to identify problems and deficiencies before you do.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	N/A

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| 7. Deficiency Resolution. The contractor's ability to rapidly correct deficiencies in his or her work. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 8. Submittal Management. The contractor's ability to provide submittals In a timely and efficient manner. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 9. Training. The contractor's ability to provide employees well-trained in all aspects of their jobs. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 10. Appearance. The contractor's ability to keep uniforms, tools, and vehicles clean so as to portray a positive image. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 11. Security. The contractor's ability to safeguard your facilities and assets. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 12. Safety. The contractor's ability to keep the workplace safe and comply with OSHA requirements. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 13. Utility Conservation. The contractor's ability to use only the water, gas, electricity, and air conditioning needed to do the job. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 14. Disruptions. The contractor's ability to keep interruptions to the operations of your firm or agency to a minimum. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 16. Quality of Materials. The contractor's ability to use high quality parts and supplies. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 17. Emergency Response. The contractor's ability to rapidly restore normal operations after an emergency, power outage, or severe weather. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 18. Hazardous Materials. The contractor's ability to properly handle hazardous materials. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 19. Innovation. The contractor's ability to use new materials and adopt new methods to increase effectiveness. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 20. Teamwork. The contractor's ability to be a team player in order to assist in accomplishing the objectives of your firm or agency. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 21. Cost Management. The reasonableness of the contractor's costs, especially for contract changes. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 22. Billing. The contractor's ability to present correct and properly documented invoices. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |
| 23. Compliance. The contractor complied with all rules, requests, regulations And requirements. This includes compliance with instructions Regarding interactions with students, staff and others. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 N/A |

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Please summarize the contractor's overall performance based on the scores for the performance indicators noted above:

Please return the completed survey by email to: jveslany@hcpss.org or fax (410) 313-6789

Thank you for your prompt assistance.

SECTION 00730

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE) REQUIREMENTS

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Procedures is to fulfill the intent of the law by setting goals for minority business enterprise participation in every contract that includes State funding through the Public School Construction Program. Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) shall attempt to achieve the result that a minimum of 29 percent of the total dollar value of all construction contracts is made directly or indirectly with certified minority business enterprises when State Public School Construction Program (PSCP) funds are utilized, with a minimum of 0 percent from certified African American-owned businesses, a minimum of 0 percent from certified Asian American-owned businesses, and the balance from any certified minority business enterprises. All general contractors, including certified MBE firms, when bidding as general or prime contractors are required to attempt to achieve the MBE subcontracting goals from certified MBE firms.

2.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

These procedures have been adopted for use in Howard County and supersede previously utilized MBE procedures, and will take effect on or after September 18, 2008.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

1. **Certification** means the determination that a legal entity is a minority business enterprise consistent with the intent of Subtitle 3 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
2. **Certified Minority Business Enterprise** means a minority business that holds a certification issued by the Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT).
3. **Corporation**, as defined by MDOT, is an artificial person or legal entity created by or under the authority of the laws of any state of the United States, the District of Columbia or a territory or commonwealth of the United States and formed for the purpose of transacting business in the widest sense of that term, including not only trade and commerce, but also manufacturing, mining, banking, insurance, transportation and other forms of commercial or industry activity where the purpose of the organization is profit. For eligibility for certification, disadvantaged and/or minority individuals must own at least 51 percent of the voting stock and at least 51 percent of the aggregate of all classes of stock that have been issued by the corporation. (Note: stock held in trust is not considered as stock held by the disadvantaged businesspersons when computing the business person(s) ownership.)
4. **Managerial Control**, as defined by MDOT, means that a disadvantaged or minority owner(s) has the demonstrable ability to make independent and unilateral business decisions needed to guide the future and destiny of a business.

Control may be demonstrated in many ways. For a minority owner to demonstrate control, the following examples are put forth, but are not intended to be all inclusive:

- a. Articles of Incorporation, Corporate Bylaws, Partnership Agreements and other agreements shall be free of restrictive language which would dilute the minority owner's control thereby preventing the minority owner from making those decisions which affect the destiny of a business;
 - b. The minority owner shall be able to show clearly through production of documents the areas of the disadvantaged business owner's control, such as, but not limited to:
 - 1) Authority to sign payroll checks and letters of credit;
 - 2) Authority to negotiate and sign for insurance and/or bonds;
 - 3) Authority to negotiate for banking services, such as establishing lines of credit; and
 - 4) Authority to negotiate and sign for contracts.
 - c. Agreements for support services that do not lessen the minority owner's control of the company are permitted as long as the disadvantaged or minority business owner's authority to manage the company is not restricted or impaired.
5. **Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)** means any legal entity, except a joint venture, that is (a) organized to engage in commercial transactions, and (b) at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more individuals who are socially and economically disadvantaged including:
- African Americans;
 - American Indian/Native Americans;
 - Asians;
 - Hispanics;
 - Physically or mentally disabled individuals;
 - Women; or
 - A non-profit entity organized to promote the interests of physically or mentally disabled individuals.
6. **Minority Business Enterprise Liaison** means the employee of the school system designated to administer the Minority Business Enterprise Procedures for State funded public school construction projects.
7. **Operational Control**, as defined by MDOT, means that the disadvantaged or minority owner(s) must possess knowledge necessary to evaluate technical aspects of the business entity. The primary consideration in determining operational control and the extent to which the disadvantaged or minority owner(s) actually operates a business will rest upon the specialties of the industry of which the business is a part. The minority owner should have a working knowledge of the technical requirements needed to operate in his/her industry. Specifically, in the construction industry and especially among small (one to five person firms) contractors, it is reasonable to expect the disadvantaged or minority owner(s) to be knowledgeable of all aspects of the business. Accordingly, in order to clarify the level of operational involvement which a minority owner must have in a business for it to be considered eligible, the following examples are put forth, but are not intended to be all inclusive:
- a. The minority owner should have experience in the industry for which certification is being sought; and
 - b. The minority owner should demonstrate that basic decisions pertaining to the daily operations of the business are independently made. This does not necessarily preclude the disadvantaged or minority owner(s) from seeking paid or unpaid advice and assistance. It does mean that the minority owner currently

must possess the knowledge to weigh all advice given and to make an independent determination.

8. **Ownership**, as defined by MDOT, means that:
 - a. The minority owner(s) of the firm shall not be subject to any formal or informal restrictions, which limit the customary discretion of the owner(s). There shall be no restrictions through, for example, charter requirements, by-law provisions, partnership agreements, franchise or distributor agreements or any other agreements that prevent the minority owner(s), without the cooperation or vote of any non-minority, from making a business decision of the firm.
 - b. This means that the disadvantaged or minority persons, in order to acquire their ownership interests in the firm, have made real and substantial contributions of capital, expertise or other tangible personal assets derived from independently owned holdings without benefit of a transfer of assets, gift or inheritance from non-minority persons. Examples of insufficient contributions include a promise to contribute capital, a note payable to the firm or its owners who are not minority persons or the mere participation as an employee rather than as a manager. If the ownership interest held by a disadvantaged or minority person is subject to formal or informal restrictions, such as options, security interests, agreements, etc., held by a non-minority person or business entity, the options, security interests, agreements, etc., held by the non-minority person or business entity must not significantly impair the disadvantaged or minority person's ownership interest.
9. **Partnership** means an unincorporated association of two or more persons to carry on as co-owners of a business for profit. For a partnership to be deemed eligible for certification under the MDOT Program, the disadvantaged or minority person's interest must be at least 51 percent of the partnership capital.
10. **Socially and Economically Disadvantaged** means a citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States who is socially disadvantaged and economically disadvantaged. The law establishes the level of personal net worth at \$1,500,000, above which an individual may not be found to be socially and economically disadvantaged.
11. **Sole Proprietorship**, as defined by MDOT, is a for-profit business owned and operated by a disadvantaged or minority person in his or her individual capacity. For a sole proprietorship to be deemed eligible for certification under the DBE/MBE Program, the disadvantaged or minority person must be the sole proprietor.

4.0 MBE GOAL SETTING PROCEDURES

1. The MBE program requires that all race-neutral measures be considered before making use of race-based measures. Using a combination of race-neutral and race-based measures for each specific school construction project will help ensure that certified MBE firms are afforded the opportunity to submit bids and be utilized to the greatest extent possible.
2. Race-neutral measures include any action taken by the LEA to make it easier for all contractors, including MBEs, to compete successfully for public school construction project contracts.
3. Race-based measures include setting an overall MBE goal and MBE subgoals, if applicable, based upon race, gender, ethnicity, etc., for a specific project.

4. The overall MBE goal and the subgoals, if applicable, should be set for each specific project, considering but not limited to, the following factors:
 - a. The extent to which the work to be performed can reasonably be segmented to allow for MBEs to participate in the project;
 - b. A determination of the number of certified MBEs that potentially could perform the identified work;
 - c. The geographic location of the project in relationship to the identified certified MBEs;
 - d. Information obtained from other State departments/agencies related to establishing a MBE goal and/or subgoals for similar construction projects or work in the jurisdiction;
 - e. Information obtained from other State departments/agencies related to MBE participation in similar construction projects or work in the jurisdiction; and
 - f. Any other activities or information that may be identified as useful and productive.

5. The Superintendent or designee shall establish one or more procurement review groups (PRG). The PRG must include at a minimum the MBE liaison and the procurement officer (PO) or a representative from the procurement office. The PRG could also include a capital improvement project manager, the project architect, the cost estimator, the construction manager, and/or other individuals selected by the superintendent or designee.
 - a. The PRG should communicate and/or meet as needed to consider the MBE subcontracting goal and subgoals, if applicable, for individual projects or groups of projects.
 - b. The PRG should consider the factors cited in 4 above when establishing the MBE goal and subgoals, if applicable, for each project or segmented piece of a project that are reasonable and attainable.
 - c. The PRG must complete and submit a written analysis for each state funded school construction project with an estimated cost that is expected to exceed \$200,000.
 - i.. For state-funded projects that require review of construction documents (CD), the written analysis shall be submitted with the CD documents to the department of general services, and will be reviewed by DGS for submission, appropriate signatures, and correspondence between the goal and subgoals, if applicable, indicated in the analysis and those of the procurement documents.
 - ii. For state-funded projects that do not require review of construction documents, the written analysis shall be submitted to the public school construction program, and will be reviewed by the PSCP for submission and appropriate signatures.
 - iii. For locally funded projects that are anticipated to be requested for state approval of planning and funding, the written analysis shall be submitted with the CD documents to the Maryland state department of education, and will be reviewed by MSDE for submission, appropriate signatures, and correspondence between the goal and subgoals, if applicable, indicated in the analysis and those of the procurement documents. Submission of this document is a pre-condition for recommendation for state approval of planning and funding when submitted in an annual CIP.

- d. For projects estimated to cost between \$50,000 and \$200,000 the same analysis form is to be completed and submitted. This could be a responsibility of the PRG, but could be performed by others as well.
 - i. For state-funded projects that require review of construction documents (CD), the written analysis shall be submitted with the CD documents to the department of general services, and will be reviewed by DGS for submission, appropriate signatures, and correspondence between the goal and subgoals, if applicable, indicated in the analysis and those of the procurement documents.
 - ii. For state-funded projects that do not require review of construction documents, the written analysis shall be submitted to the public school construction program, and will be reviewed by the PSCP for submission and appropriate signatures.
 - e. If the project cost is estimated to exceed \$200,000 then a copy of the written analysis shall also be sent to GOMA at the same time that the written analysis is submitted to the DGS or the PSCP.
 - f. The PRG should consult with local counsel for the board of education as needed.
5. It is recognized that by utilizing the factors cited in 4 above, the MBE goal and/or subgoals, if applicable, for a specific project or portion thereof may be significantly higher than the overall goals of the program (29% overall, with 0% from African American-owned businesses and 0% from Asian American-owned businesses). It is also recognized and possible that there will be MBE goals set that are lower than those stated above or even that no MBE goal and/or subgoals will be set for a specific project or the segmented piece of the project.
 6. Assistance in reviewing the factors cited in 4 above and setting a goal and/or subgoals, if applicable, for specific projects or a segmented piece of a project can be obtained by contacting the Public School Construction Program and/or the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs.

5.0 IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES - Over \$50,000

For construction projects estimated to cost in excess of \$50,000, the following procedures will be utilized:

1. All advertisements, solicitations, and solicitation documents shall include the following statements:
 - a. "Certified Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to respond to this solicitation notice."
 - b. "The contractor or supplier who provides materials, supplies, equipment and/or services for this construction project shall attempt to achieve the specific overall MBE goal of ____ percent established for this project. All prime contractors, including certified MBE firms, when submitting bids or proposals as general or prime contractors, are required to attempt to achieve this goal from certified MBE firms."
 - c. If subgoals have been established for this project then one of the following should be included:
 - 1) "The subgoals established for this project are ____ percent from African American-owned businesses and ____ percent from Asian American-owned businesses."

- 2) "The subgoal established for this project is ____ percent from African American-owned businesses."
 - 3) "The subgoal established for this project is ____ percent from Asian American-owned businesses."
- d. "The bidder or offeror is required to submit with its bid or proposal a completed Attachment A - Certified MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit and Attachment B - MBE Participation Schedule, as described in the solicitation documents.
 - e. If there is no overall MBE goal or MBE subgoals established for the project, then only 1.A. above is to be included.
2. Other Advertisement and Outreach Requirements
- a. To encourage greater MBE participation the staff of the school system should send out notices of potential projects to MBEs or solicit bids or proposals directly from minority business enterprise contractors that are certified.
 - b. A copy of the solicitation notice, preferably electronically, shall be sent to the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs at the same time the advertisement for the solicitation is released.
 - c. Upon request for a specific project, the school system shall provide one set of drawings and specifications (and addenda when issued) to minority business enterprise associations recognized by the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs. They will be available free of charge to be picked up at a location designated by the LEA. A review of the bid or proposal activity by an association's members may be initiated to justify continuation of this service.
 - d. When a pre-bid or pre-proposal conference is held, the MBE Liaison or designated representative shall explain the MBE goal and subgoals, if applicable; the MBE provisions of the solicitation; the documentation required at the time of submission; its relationship to the responsiveness of the bidder or offeror; how to complete the required attachments, particularly A, B, and C; and additional information and supporting documentation that may be required after the bid or proposal opening. All contractors who attend the pre-bid or pre-proposal conference should receive a list or information explaining how to obtain a listing of certified MBE firms who could perform the work or have expressed an interest in performing the school construction work required for the specific project in the jurisdiction.
 - e. The names of prime contractors obtaining drawings and specifications will be shared with certified MBEs and MBE associations, upon request.
 - f. The MBE liaison, in conjunction with the procurement officer or project staff, should respond to all applicable questions and concerns relating to the project's MBE requirements completely and in a timely fashion to ensure that all potential contractors and subcontractors can compete effectively.
3. All Solicitation Documents Shall Include the Following:
- a. "Certified Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to respond to this solicitation notice".
 - b. "The contractor or supplier who provides materials, supplies, equipment and/or services for this construction project shall attempt to achieve the result that a minimum of __ percent of the total contract value is with certified Minority Business Enterprises, with a minimum of __ percent from certified African American-owned businesses, a minimum of __ percent from certified Asian American-owned businesses, and the balance from any certified Minority Business Enterprises. All contractors, including certified MBE firms, when submitting bids or proposals as prime contractors, are required to attempt to

achieve the MBE goal and subgoals, if applicable, from certified MBEs". Note: see 6.1.C. above for variations that may be required.

- c. Each bid or offer submitted, including a submittal from a certified MBE in response to this solicitation, shall be accompanied by a completed Attachment A - Certified MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit and a completed Attachment B - MBE Participation Schedule. These two attachments must be accurate and consistent with each other.
 - 1) Attachment A and Attachment B shall be submitted with the sealed bid price or proposal at a place, date, and time specified in the solicitation document.
 - 2) As an alternative, and at the discretion of the school system, Attachment A could be submitted with the sealed bid price or proposal at a place, date, and time specified in the solicitation document. The sealed bids or proposals received by the time specified could be held, unopened for a maximum of 30 minutes. Within that time (30 minutes) each bidder or offeror must submit Attachment B, in a separate sealed envelope. The sealed price envelopes from each bidder or offeror who submits both the sealed bid or proposal and the envelope with Attachment B will then be opened and reviewed and recorded as a viable submission. Any contractor that fails to submit the second envelope, with Attachment B, prior to the specified time allowed (30 minutes) after the submittal of the sealed bid or proposal will be deemed non-responsive and the sealed bid or proposal will not be opened or considered.
- d. The submittal of a completed and signed Attachment A - Certified MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit and a completed and signed Attachment B - MBE Participation Schedule indicates the bidder's or offeror's recognition and commitment to attempt to achieve the MBE goal and/or MBE subgoals, if applicable, for the specific project.
 - 1) The bidder or offeror recognizes that their efforts made to initiate contact, to solicit, and to include MBE firms in this project will be reviewed carefully and evaluated based upon the actions taken by them prior to and up to 10 days before the bid or proposal opening. Follow-up actions taken by the bidder or offeror within the 10 days prior to the bid opening will also be considered.
 - 2) Based upon this review and evaluation it will be determined, by the MBE liaison, procurement officer, or a designated person, if a good faith effort was made by the apparent low bidder or apparent successful offeror.
- e. The bidder or offeror must check one of the three boxes on Attachment A, which relates to the level of MBE participation achieved for the project. The bidder's or offeror's signature indicates that in the event that they did not meet the MBE goal or subgoals, if applicable, that:
 - 1) They are therefore requesting a waiver, and
 - 2) Documentation of their good faith efforts will be provided to the school system staff within 10 days of being notified that they are the apparent low bidder or apparent successful offeror.
- f. The bidder or offeror must submit Attachment B (as and when described above), which lists and provides information related to each certified MBE firm that the bidder or offeror will utilize on this project. A completed and accurate Attachment B is required. All of the work specified to be performed by each MBE firm, the contact information, MDOT certification number, minority code, the dollar values, and percentages must be correct.
- g. Attachment B should be completed and submitted with all calculations utilizing the base bid or offer only. A revised Attachment B should be submitted by the

successful bidder or offeror once a determination is made as to the acceptance and/or rejection of any alternates.

- h. If a request for a waiver has been made, the appropriate box on Attachment A has been checked and the attachment signed, then the LEA should obtain and review the apparent low bidder's or successful offeror's supporting documentation of the good faith efforts to justify the granting of the waiver, prior to submitting the contract award for approval to the board of education.
- i. The following documentation shall be considered as part of the contract, and shall be furnished by the apparent low bidder or successful offeror to the MBE Liaison or designated person, within ten (10) working days from notification that the firm is the apparent low bidder or successful offeror:

- 1) A completed Attachment D - Minority Business Enterprise Subcontractor Project Participation Statement shall be completed and signed by the prime contractor and each MBE firm listed on Attachment B - MBE Participation Schedule and Attachment C - Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement shall be signed and completed by the bidder or offeror.
- 2) Notification for purposes of this procedure means the earliest of the following methods of communication: orally in person, orally by telephone, orally by a telephone message, a faxed communication, a letter by date received or an electronic communication.
- 3) The ten (10) working days do not include the day the notification is received, weekends or holidays (State or Federal), but the material submitted must be received by the close of business on the tenth day.
- 4) The requirement to submit the above-listed documentation within the time frame specified will be considered by the IAC in its review of the request for contract award for the project. Failure to submit the required documentation within the time frame specified may result in a delay of the approval of the award of the contract, or the materials being returned without the approval of the award of the contract.

4. Waiver Procedures

- a. If the apparent low bidder or successful offeror has determined that they are unable to meet the overall MBE goal or subgoals, if applicable, for the project at the time of submission of a bid or offer, they must check either of the two boxes on Attachment A. The signature recognizes and acknowledges that a request for a waiver is being made. The apparent low bidder or successful offeror will therefore be required to submit information and substantiating documentation that will be reviewed to justify the granting of a waiver.
- b. If the apparent low bidder or successful offeror is unable to achieve the overall MBE contract goal and/or the MBE subgoals, if applicable, from certified African American-owned businesses and/or from certified Asian American-owned businesses, the apparent low bidder or successful offeror shall submit, within 10 working days from notification that the firm is the apparent low bidder or successful offeror, a completed Attachment C - Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement, Attachment E - Minority Subcontractors Unavailability Certificate, and Attachment F - MBE Waiver Documentation which shall include the following:
 - 1) A detailed statement of the efforts made by the bidder or offeror to identify and select portions of the work proposed to be performed by subcontractors in order to increase the likelihood of achieving the stated goal;
 - 2) A detailed statement of the efforts made by the bidder or offeror prior to and up to at least ten (10) days before the bid or proposal opening to solicit minority business enterprises through written notices that describe the categories of work for which subcontracting is being solicited, the type of

work to be performed and specific instructions on how to submit a bid or proposal;

- 3) Follow-up actions taken by the bidder or offeror within the 10 days prior to the bid or proposal opening will also be considered.
 - 4) A detailed statement of the bidder's or offeror's efforts to make personal contact with MBE firms identified for item (2) above;
 - 5) A record of the name, address, telephone number and dates contacted for each MBE identified under items (2) and (3) above;
 - 6) A description of the information provided to MBEs regarding the drawings, specifications and the anticipated time schedule for portions of the work to be performed;
 - 7) Information on activities to assist minority business enterprises to fulfill bonding requirements or to obtain a waiver of these requirements;
 - 8) Information on activities to publicize contracting opportunities to minority business enterprises, attendance at pre-bid or pre-proposal meetings or other meetings scheduled by the MBE Liaison or designated representative; and
 - 9) As to each MBE that placed a subcontract quotation or offer which the apparent low bidder or successful offeror considers not to be acceptable, a detailed statement of reasons for this conclusion.
- c. In addition to any waiver documentation the apparent low bidder or successful offeror shall submit one completed Attachment D - Minority Business Enterprise Subcontractor Project Participation statement for each MBE firm that will participate in the project consistent with the information previously provided at the time of the submission of Attachment B or the revised Attachment B.
- d. A waiver of an MBE contract goal or subgoal, if applicable, may be granted by the school system only upon receipt of Attachment C - Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement, Attachment E - Minority Subcontractors Unavailability Certificate, and Attachment F - MBE Waiver Documentation as described above in items 1) through 9)
- 1) The MBE Liaison will review and accept or reject the minority business enterprise material that is submitted, and could obtain legal advice or assistance from their attorney.
 - 2) The MBE waiver request may not be considered unless all of the documentation specified above has been submitted in a timely fashion by the apparent low bidder or successful offeror.
 - 3) Assistance in the review of a request for a waiver (the documentation and justifications) may be requested from the Public School Construction Program and/or the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs.
 - 4) If a determination is made that the apparent low bidder or successful offeror did make a good faith effort, based upon a review of the documentation submitted, then the waiver must be granted. The award of contract shall then be made. The material and information submitted, including the LEA's review and analysis notes and conclusion shall be retained in the project file.
 - 5) If a determination is made that the apparent low bidder or successful offeror did not make a good faith effort, based upon a review of the documentation submitted, then the waiver should not be granted. The material and information submitted, including the LEA's review and analysis notes and conclusion, shall be retained in the project file. The award of contract shall then be made to the next lowest bidder or offeror, who meets the contractual requirements, including the MBE requirements.
 - 6) When a waiver is granted, a copy of Attachment F - MBE Waiver Documentation, accepted and signed by a school system representative and with the reasons for the determination, shall be forwarded to the Governor's

Office of Minority Affairs and the Public School Construction Program within ten (10) days after approval of the contract award by the board of education. Failure to submit the required documentation within the time frame specified may result in delayed approval of the award of contract by the IAC.

5. All Contracts Shall Include The Following:

- a. "The contractor shall perform the contract in accordance with the representations made in Attachment A - Certified Minority Business Enterprise Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit and Attachment B - MBE Participation Schedule, submitted as part of the bid or proposal".
- b. "Failure to perform the contract as specified and presented in the bid or proposal submission without prior written consent of the owner shall constitute a violation of a material term of the contract".
 - 1) The contractor shall structure his/her operations for the performance of the contract to attempt to achieve the MBE goals as stated in the solicitation document.
 - 2) The contractor agrees to use his/her best efforts to carry out these requirements consistent with the efficient and effective performance of the contract.
 - 3) The contractor must ensure that all certified MBEs shall have the maximum practical opportunity to compete for additional subcontract work under the contract, even after the award of the contract.
 - 4) The contractor shall submit monthly to the MBE Liaison or the school system's designated representative a report listing any unpaid invoices, over 30 days old, received from any certified MBE subcontractor, the amount of each invoice and the reason payment has not been made.
 - 5) The contractor shall included in its agreements with its certified MBE subcontractors, a requirement that those subcontractors submit monthly to the MBE Liaison or appropriate representative a report that identifies the prime contract and lists all payments received from the contractor in the preceding 30 days, as well as any outstanding invoices, and the amount of those invoices.
 - 6) The contractor shall cooperate in any reviews of the contractor's procedures and practices with respect to minority business enterprises, which the MBE Liaison, the Public School Construction Program, and/or the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs may, from time to time, conduct.
 - 7) The contractor shall maintain such records as are necessary to confirm compliance with its MBE participation obligations. These records must indicate the identity of certified minority and non-minority subcontractors employed on the contract, the type of work performed by each, and the actual dollar value of work performed. Subcontract agreements documenting the work performed by all MBE participants must be retained by the contractor and furnished to the MBE Liaison and or appropriate representative on request.
 - 8) All records concerning MBE participation must be retained by the contractor for a period of five years after final completion of the contract, and will be available for inspection by the MBE Liaison, representatives from the Public School Construction Program and/or other designated official entities.
 - 9) At the option of the MBE Liaison or appropriate agency representative, upon completion of the contract and before final payment and/or release of retainage, the contractor shall submit a final report in affidavit form and under penalty of perjury, of all payments made to, or withheld from MBE subcontractors.

- 10) If at any time after submission of a bid or proposal and before execution of a contract, the apparent successful bidder or offeror determines that a certified MBE listed on Attachment B - MBE Participation Schedule has become or will become unavailable, then the apparent successful bidder or offeror shall immediately notify the procurement officer and provide such officer with a reason(s) why the change has occurred. Any desired change in Attachment B - MBE Participation Schedule shall be approved in advance by the procurement officer and shall indicate the contractor's efforts to substitute another certified MBE subcontractor to perform the work. Desired changes occurring after the date of contract execution may occur only upon written approval by the LEA.
- 11) A business that presents itself as a minority business may participate in a project but the contract value may not be counted toward the MBE goal or subgoals, if applicable, until the business is certified by MDOT. If it is not certified at the time of contract award it may not be counted toward the goal or subgoals, if applicable, at that time. Only the funds paid after MDOT certification can be counted toward meeting the MBE goal or subgoals, if applicable. If a certified MBE fails to meet the standards specified in State Finance and Procurement Article.14-301, Annotated Code of Maryland, the payments made to the MBE can be recorded and counted under a contract entered into when the MBE was eligible and certified. Ineligibility of an MBE to participate in the MBE program may not be the sole cause of the termination of the MBE contractual relationship for the remainder of the term of the contract.
- 12) Contractors are encouraged to seek additional MBE participation in their contracts during the life of the project. Any additional MBE participation from certified MBEs should be reported to the MBE liaison and should be included in subsequent monthly requisitions for payment.
- 13) The contractor shall complete the Standard Monthly Contractor's Requisition for Payment (IAC/PSCP Form 306.4), specifically page 3 of 16, *Minority Business Enterprise Participation*, with each requisition submitted for payment. This submittal should accurately reflect the payments to be made that month to MBEs, and the cumulative total for the period specified. Any and all MBE firms that are identified on Attachment B – MBE Participation Schedule should be included on page 3 of the first and all subsequent requisitions for payment. Any MBEs identified during the life of the project should be added as soon as the contractor engages them.
- 14) At the completion of the project the contractor shall prepare a written summary of the final certified MBE participation in the contract as compared to the proposed participation at the time of contract award. This should include the name of each certified MBE, the amount that was anticipated to be paid at the time of contract award, the amount actually paid, and an explanation of any differences that have occurred. Special attention should be given to any situations where the final payments to any MBE was below the level of commitment at the time of contract award.

6. Projects Utilizing a Construction Manager Delivery Method

This section of the procedure has been prepared based upon the utilization of Construction Manager Agency method of delivery. If another alternative method of project delivery is being considered, then these procedures would need to be adapted in consultation with the PSCP before proceeding.

- a. For projects that are being designed and solicited utilizing a Construction Manager Agency delivery method with multiple prime contracts, the school

system can structure its procedures to attain the overall MBE goal and subgoals, if applicable, for the project as presented below:

- b. The MBE liaison and other school system staff should work with the project's construction manager, cost estimator, and architect, along with any other individuals who could provide assistance, to determine the overall MBE utilization strategy for the work required, appropriate bid packages, and an appropriate overall MBE goal and subgoals, if applicable, for each specific bid or proposal package.
- c. The overall MBE goal and subgoals, if applicable, for the project shall represent the aggregate of the individual goals and subgoals, if applicable, set for each bid or proposal package.
- d. In setting the specific goals and subgoals, if applicable, for each solicitation package consideration should be given to the potential for MBE participation to the maximum extent possible. The information and procedures provided in section 4.0 MBE Goal Setting Procedures should be consulted and followed for these types of projects.
- e. Prior to submitting the construction documents for State review and authorization to solicit bids or proposals, the school system's representative will prepare a complete list of the individual solicitation packages and indicate the MBE goal and subgoals, if applicable, for each solicitation package. This would include the overall MBE goal and subgoals, if applicable, established in the solicitation documents, the estimated cost for each solicitation package, and the estimated MBE dollar amounts for each solicitation package. A copy of this list should be submitted with the construction documents. The list should be retained as a record by the school system for comparison to the actual contracts awarded with MBE participation, and the final actual MBE participation at the completion of the project.
- f. Contractors submitting bids or proposals for solicitation packages that do not include a MBE goal and subgoals, if applicable, would not be required to submit any of the MBE attachments that are otherwise required nor would they be required to indicate that they are requesting a waiver. The school system representative would, however, request information from the contractor at the completion of the project to determine if any certified MBE firms had participated in the contract.
- g. All other submittals of MBE materials and reporting requirements are applicable for the project, including the submittal of attachments a and b as described above in section 6.0. this includes the documentation for a request for a waiver, if applicable and appropriate.

6.0 RECORDS AND REPORTS

1. The MBE Liaison shall maintain such records as are necessary to confirm compliance with its Minority Business Enterprise Procedures and activities. The records shall be maintained until the project is audited by the Public School Construction Program. These records shall include by project:
 - a. The contractor report submitted at the completion of the project;
 - b. The identity of the minority contractors employed on the project;
 - c. The type of work performed;
 - d. The actual dollar value of the work, services, supplies or equipment; and
 - e. The MBE percentage of the total contract.
2. The MBE Liaison will maintain a record of all waivers approved for each project or solicitation package where the prime contractor was unable to achieve the established overall goal or subgoals, if applicable. The MBE Liaison will, however, report to the PSCP all MBE participation by MDOT certified firms who are prime

contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, or otherwise making an economically viable contribution to each project. This information shall be reported to PSCP within ten (10) days after approval of the award of the contract by the board of education.

3. The LEA shall submit the "Certified Minority Business Enterprise Participation Standard Monthly Contractor's Requisition for Payment" (IAC/PSCP Form 306.4 page 3 of 16, located in the Administrative Procedures Guide), which is Attachment G in this procedure, to the PSCP Director of Fiscal Services as part of the regular monthly request for payment for the project.
4. The LEA shall submit the "Close-Out Cost Summary" (IAC/PSCP Form 306.6 located in the Administrative Procedures Guide), which is Attachment H of this procedure, along with the "Certified Minority Business Enterprise Participation Standard Monthly Contractor's Requisition for Payment" (IAC/PSCP Form 306.4) to the PSCP Director of Fiscal Services within 180 days of completion of the project.
5. Each fiscal year end, PSCP Fiscal Services will create a report "Payments Made To Contractors during The Fiscal Year" and maintain such records as are necessary to confirm compliance with its minority business enterprise procedures and activities.
6. Each fiscal year end, PSCP Fiscal Services will create a report "Projects Completed During the Fiscal Year" and maintain such records as are necessary to confirm compliance with its Minority Business Enterprise Procedures and activities. This report will compare the overall MBE goal and subgoals, if applicable, for each specific project with the MBE participation anticipated at the time of contract award and the actual MBE participation at the completion of the project.

7.0 MONITORING

1. The LEA's procurement personnel or project staff shall verify that the certified MBE's listed in the MBE participation schedule are actually performing the work.
2. The LEA's procurement personnel shall ensure that MBE subcontractors are receiving compensation as set forth in the MBE participation schedule by ensuring that the contractor submits monthly reports, listing any unpaid invoices over 30 days old received from any certified MBE subcontractor, the amount of each invoice, and the reason payment has not been made.
3. The MBE Liaison and/or the Public School Construction Program will conduct reviews as deemed necessary to confirm compliance with the minority business enterprise participation requirements.
4. The MBE Liaison will maintain appropriate records, and shall assist the Public School Construction Program in on-site or post-audit reviews upon request.
5. Auditors from the Public School Construction Program will have access to and the ability to audit MBE participation for specific projects, information retained by the LEA, and/or submitted to the IAC in reports/forms filed by the LEA as referenced above.

**CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
UTILIZATION AND FAIR SOLICITATION AFFIDAVIT**

NOTE: You must include this document with your bid or offer. If you do not submit the form with your bid or offer, the procurement officer shall deem your bid non-responsive or your offer not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

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Part I.

I acknowledge the:

- Overall certified MBE subcontract participation goal of 25 %. and
- The subgoals, if applicable, of:
 - 0 % for certified African American-owned businesses and
 - 0 % for certified Asian American-owned businesses.

I have made a good-faith effort to achieve this goal. If awarded the contract, I will continue to attempt to increase MBE participation during the project.

Part II.

Check ONE Box

NOTE: FAILURE TO CHECK ONE OF BOXES 1, 2, or 3 BELOW WILL RENDER A BID NON-RESPONSIVE OR AN OFFER NOT REASONABLY SUSCEPTIBLE OF BEING SELECTED FOR AWARD

NOTE: INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE ASSERTIONS ON THIS FORM AND THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE *MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE* (ATTACHMENT B) MAY RENDER A BID NON-RESPONSIVE OR AN OFFER NOT REASONABLY SUSCEPTIBLE OF BEING SELECTED FOR AWARD

- 1 I have met the overall MBE goal and MBE subgoals for this project. I submit with this Affidavit [Attachment A] the *MBE Participation Schedule* [Attachment B], which details how I will reach that goal.
- or**
- 2 After having made a good-faith effort to achieve the overall MBE goal and MBE subgoals for this project, I can achieve partial success only. I submit with this Affidavit [Attachment A] the *MBE Participation Schedule* [Attachment B], which details the MBE participation I have achieved.

I request a partial waiver as follows:

- Waiver of overall MBE subcontract participation goal: ____ %
- Waiver of MBE subcontract participation subgoals, if applicable:
 - ____ % for certified African American-owned businesses and
 - ____ % for certified Asian American-owned businesses.

Within 10 days of being informed that I am the apparent awardee, I will submit *MBE Waiver Documentation* [Attachment F] (with supporting documentation).

Attachment A (page 2 of 2)

or

- 3 After having made a good faith effort to achieve the overall MBE goal and MBE subgoals for this project, I am unable to achieve any portion of the goal or subgoals. I submit with this Affidavit [Attachment A] the *MBE Participation Schedule* [Attachment B].

I request a full waiver.

Within 10 days of being informed that I am the apparent awardee, I will submit *MBE Waiver Documentation* [Attachment F] (with supporting documentation).

Part III.

I understand that if I am the apparent awardee or conditional awardee, I must submit **within 10 working days** after receiving notice of the potential award or within 10 days after the date of conditional award – whichever is earlier – the:

- *Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement* (Attachment C)
- *Subcontractor Project Participation Statement* (Attachment D)
- *Minority Subcontractors Unavailability Certificate* (Attachment E) (if applicable)
- Any other documentation the Procurement Officer requires to ascertain my responsibility in connection with the MBE participation goal and subgoals

I acknowledge that if I fail to timely return complete documents, the Procurement Officer may determine that I am not responsible and therefore not eligible for contract award. If the contract has been awarded, the award is voidable.

I acknowledge that the MBE subcontractors/suppliers listed in the *MBE Participation Schedule* and any additional MBE subcontractor/suppliers identified in the *Subcontractor Project Participation Statement* will be used to accomplish the percentage of MBE participation that I intend to achieve.

In the solicitation of subcontract quotations or offers, MBE subcontractors were provided the same information and amount of time to respond as were non-MBE subcontractors.

The solicitation process was conducted in such a manner so as to not place MBE subcontractors at a competitive disadvantage to non-MBE subcontractors.

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that this Affidavit is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Bidder/Offeror Name

Address

Address (continued)

Affiant Signature

Printed Name & Title

Date

**ATTACHMENT B
MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE**

REVISED

This document must be included with the bid or offer. If the bidder or offeror fails to submit this form with the bid or offer as required, the procurement officer shall deem the bid non-responsive or shall determine that the offer is not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

1. Prime Contractor's Name	2. Prime Contractor's Address/Telephone Number
3. Project/School Name	4. Project/School Location
5. LEA Name: PSC Number:	6. Base Bid Amount \$ _____ Acceptance Alternates \$ _____ Total \$ _____

7a. Minority Firm Name: _____ Minority Firm Address: _____ MDOT Firm Certification Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled	Telephone Number: _____ NAICS Code: _____
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Subcontractor Firm (Select One)	Allowable Percentage	Percentage of Total Contract	Subcontractor Dollar Amount	Participation Amount
MDOT Certified Firm	100%		\$	\$
MDOT Certified Prime Contractor	50% of established goal OR		\$	\$
	100% of one subgroup contract subgoal			
MDOT Certified Supplier, Wholesaler and Regular Dealer	60%		\$	\$

7b. Minority Firm Name: _____ Minority Firm Address: _____ MDOT Firm Certification Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled	Telephone Number: _____ NAICS Code: _____
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Subcontractor Firm (Select One)	Allowable Percentage	Percentage of Total Contract	Subcontractor Dollar Amount	Participation Amount
MDOT Certified Firm	100%		\$	\$
MDOT Certified Prime Contractor	50% of established goal OR		\$	\$
	100% of one subgroup contract subgoal			
MDOT Certified Supplier, Wholesaler and Regular Dealer	60%		\$	\$

7c. Minority Firm Name: _____ Minority Firm Address: _____ MDOT Firm Certification Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled	Telephone Number: _____ NAICS Code: _____
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Subcontractor Firm (Select One)	Allowable Percentage	Percentage of Total Contract	Subcontractor Dollar Amount	Participation Amount
MDOT Certified Firm	100%		\$	\$
MDOT Certified Prime Contractor	50% of established goal OR		\$	\$
	100% of one subgroup contract subgoal			
MDOT Certified Supplier, Wholesaler and Regular Dealer	60%		\$	\$

8. MBE Total Amount	9. Total MBE Percent of Entire Contract
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10. Form Prepared by: Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____	11. Reviewed and Accepted by Board of Edu. MBE Liaison Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____
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Total MBE Participation:	\$ _____	_____ %	
Total African-American Participation:	\$ _____	_____ %	
Total Asian-American MBE Participation:	\$ _____	_____ %	
Total Other Participation:	\$ _____	_____ %	

Attachment C

OUTREACH EFFORTS COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In conjunction with the bid or offer submitted in response to Howard County Public Schools for the project, PSC # _____, I state the following:

- 1) Bidder/Offeror identified opportunities to subcontract in these specific work categories:

- 2) Attached to this form are copies of written solicitations (with bidding instructions) used to solicit certified MBEs for these subcontract opportunities.

- 3) Bidder/Offeror made the following attempts to contact personally the solicited MBEs:

- 4) Bidder/Offeror assisted MBEs to fulfill or to seek waiver of bonding Requirements (Described Efforts)
 This project does not involve bonding requirements.

- 5) Bidder/Offeror did/did not attend the pre-bid conference
 No pre-bid conference was held.

Bidder/Offeror Name

By: _____

Address

Name, Title

Date

Attachment D

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES SUBCONTRACTOR PROJECT PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

PROJECT/ SCHOOL NAME:
PROJECT/ SCHOOL LOCATION:
LEA:
NAME OF PRIME CONTRACTOR:
NAME OF MBE SUBCONTRACTOR:

MDOT Certification Number

- 1. Work/Services to be performed by MBE Subcontractor:
2. Subcontract Amount: \$
3. Bonds - Amount and type required of Subcontractor if any:
4. MBE Anticipated or Actual Commencement Date: Completion Date:
5. This MBE subcontract represents the following percentage of the total contract cost:
6. This is an African American Firm: Yes No
7. This is a Women Owned Business Firm: Yes No
8. This is an Asian, American Indian, Hispanic or Disabled Firm: Yes No

(Circle One)

The undersigned subcontractor and prime contractor will enter into a contract for the work/service indicated above upon the prime contractor's execution of a contract for the above referenced project with the Board of Education. The undersigned subcontractor is a MDOT certified Minority Business Enterprise. The terms and conditions stated above are consistent with our agreements.

Signature of Subcontractor:

Date:

The term and conditions stated above are consistent with our agreements.

Signature of Prime Contractor:

Date:

Attachment E

MINORITY SUBCONTRACTOR UNAVAILABILITY CERTIFICATE

1. It is hereby certified that the firm of _____

(Name of Minority firm)

located at _____

(Number)

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

was offered an opportunity to bid on the _____ school project

in _____ County by _____

(Name of Prime Contractor's Firm)

2. The _____ (Minority Firm), is either unavailable for the work/service or unable to prepare a bid for this project for the following reason(s):

Signature of Minority Firm's MBE Representative

Title

Date

MDOT Certification #

Telephone #

3. To be completed by the prime contractor if Section 2 of this form is not completed by the minority firm.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, said Certified Minority Business Enterprise is either unavailable for the work/service for this project, is unable to prepare a bid, or did not respond to a request for a price proposal and has not completed the above portion of this submittal.

Signature of Prime Contractor

Title

Date

Attachment F

MBE WAIVER DOCUMENTATION

Project Name: _____

Base Contract Amount \$ _____

Plus Accepted Alternates _____

Equals Total Contract Amount \$ _____

I have previously requested that a waiver be granted to the overall MBE goal for this project of ____ percent, with a minimum of ____ percent from certified African American-owned businesses, a minimum of ____ percent from certified Asian American-owned businesses, and the balance from all certified minority business enterprises, if applicable. This would include the total dollar value of all materials, supplies, equipment, and services, including construction services directly or indirectly, from Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) which are currently certified by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).

I _____, hereby certify that my position is
 (Name of Company Representative)

_____, and I am the duly authorized representative of
 (Position Title)

_____.
 (Company Name)

I further certify that I have submitted a *Schedule for Participation of Certified Minority Business Enterprises* which reflects the percentage and dollar value of certified Minority Business Enterprise participation which my company expects to achieve for this contract. Therefore, the request for the waiver is as follows:

Summary MBE Participation Schedule from Attachment B

Minority Group	MBE GOAL		Actual MBE Dollar Participation		Request For Waiver	
	Percent of Total Contract	Dollar Value of Total Contract*	Dollar Value	Percent of Total Contract	Dollar Value	Percent of Total Contract
a. Sub Goal African American						
b. Sub Goal Asian American						
c. Other * in Sub Goal group a/b above						
TOTALS						

* with accepted/rejected alternates

To support this request for a waiver, I include the following information as attachments which I certify to be true to the best of my knowledge.

1. A detailed statement of the efforts made by the contractor to identify and select portions of the work proposed to be performed by subcontractors in order to increase the likelihood of achieving the stated goal;
2. A detailed statement of the efforts made by the contractor prior to and up to 10 days before the bid opening to solicit minority business enterprises through written notices that describe the categories of work for which subcontracting is being solicited, the type of work to be performed, and specific instructions on how to submit a bid;
3. A detailed statement of the contractor's efforts to make personal contact with MBE firms identified for Item 2. above;
4. A record of the name, address, telephone number, and dates contacted for each MBE identified under items 2. and 3. above;
5. A description of the information provided to MBE's regarding the plans, specifications and the anticipated time schedule for portions of the work to be performed;
6. Information on activities to assist minority business enterprises to fulfill bonding requirements, or to obtain a waiver of these requirements;
7. Information on activities to publicize contracting opportunities to minority business enterprises, attendance at pre-bid meetings, or other meetings scheduled by the MBE Liaison or designated representative;
8. As to each MBE that placed a subcontract quotation or offer which the apparent low bidder or successful offeror considers not to be acceptable, a detailed statement of reasons for this conclusion; and
9. A list of minority subcontractors found to be unavailable. This shall be accompanied by a Minority Subcontractor Unavailability Certificate signed by the minority business enterprise or from the apparent low bidder or successful offeror indicating that the minority business did not provide the written certification.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Company Representative Name)

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____ day.

of _____ in the year _____ Notary Public _____

Reviewed and accepted by the Howard County Board of Education MBE Liaison.

(County Name)

Signature _____ Date _____
(County Representative Name)

MBE Request For Waiver Master Form (July 2002)

**CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION
STANDARD MONTHLY CONTRACTOR'S REQUISITION FOR PAYMENT**

LEA: _____ DATE: _____
 FACILITY NAME: _____ PSC NO: _____
 SCOPE OF WORK: _____ REQ NO: _____

Name of MBE Sub-Contractor	MDOT Certification Number and Classification	TOTAL MBE Contract Amount	Amount to be Paid THIS Requisition	TOTAL Paid to Date	MBE has Received FINAL Payment?	If amount paid is LESS than TOTAL MBE Contract Amount, EXPLAIN VARIANCE
TOTAL:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		

MDOT Certification Number and Classification can be located at <http://mbe.state.mdot.state.md.us/directory/>

MBE Classification:

- African American = AA
- Hispanic American = H
- Native American = N
- Asian American = A
- Women = W
- African American/Women = AAW
- Hispanic American/Women = HW
- Native American/Women = NW
- Asian American/Women = AW

I certify that the figures and information presented above represent accurate and true statements, that timely payments have been and will be made to suppliers and subcontractors on this project as requisitioned payments are received, and in accordance with our contracts.

Name of Contractor Firm

Authorized Contractor Signature/Date

Contractor Federal Tax ID #

Contractor MBE Classification # (if applicable)

Name of LEA MBE Liaison (Printed)

Signature of LEA MBE Liaison/Date

CERTIFIED MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION STANDARD MONTHLY CONTRACTOR'S REQUISITION FOR PAYMENT

Instructions for Completion of IAC/PSCP Form 306.4 Page 3

THIS FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY PRIME CONTRACTOR ONLY

1. **LEA** – Enter full name of LEA.
2. **Facility Name** – Enter full name of school/facility.
3. **Scope of Work** – Enter type of work being performed (i.e. New, Renovation, Roof, HVAC, ASP – Flooring, QZAB – Media Center, etc.).
4. **Date** – Date of Requisition.
5. **PSC NO** – Enter full PSC Number as assigned by PSCP.
6. **REQ NO** – Enter the number of the corresponding Requisition for Payment.
7. **Name of MBE Sub-Contractor** – Enter full name of MBE Sub-Contractor.
8. **MDOT Certification Number & Classification** – Enter the 5 digit MDOT Certification number and corresponding MDOT Classification for each MBE Sub-Contractor. MDOT Classifications and the MDOT website are listed at the bottom of this form.
9. **TOTAL MBE Contract Amount** – Enter ORIGINAL Total MBE Contract Amount as stated on MBE Attachments B and D. This amount should NOT be altered with change order amounts, changes to scope of work, etc. which may affect contract amount.
10. **Amount to be Paid This Requisition** – Enter the amount to be paid to the MBE Sub-Contractor for work applicable to this requisition.
11. **TOTAL Paid to Date** – Enter the TOTAL amount paid to date to the MBE Sub-Contractor – this amount should NOT include the amount being paid on this requisition, only the total of prior payments.
12. **MBE has Received FINAL Payment** – Enter “YES” if the MBE Sub-Contractor has been paid in full. Enter “NO” if the MBE Sub-Contractor has NOT been paid in full.
13. **If amount paid is LESS than TOTAL MBE Contract Amount, EXPLAIN VARIANCE** – Enter a brief reason for the MBE Sub-Contractor NOT being paid equal to or greater than the ORIGINAL Total MBE Contract Amount as stated on this form and MBE Attachments B & D. Additional documentation may be required to be submitted for variance explanations.
14. **Name of Contractor Firm** – Enter full name of Prime Contractor.
15. **Authorized Contractor Signature/Date** – The authorized individual employed by the Prime Contractor who filled this form out should date and sign here.
16. **Contractor Federal Tax ID #** – Enter the Federal Tax ID Number of the Prime Contractor.
17. **Contractor MBE Classification #** - Enter the MDOT MBE Classification Number if the Prime Contractor is a MDOT certified MBE Company.
18. **Name of LEA MBE Liaison** – PRINT the name of the LEA MBE Liaison (or other LEA authorized employee) responsible for VERIFYING ALL INFORMATION filled out by the Prime Contractor on this form.
19. **Signature of LEA MBE Liaison/Date** – Signature of the person VERIFYING ALL INFORMATION filled out by the Prime Contractor on this form (signature of person stated in Step #18.)