

# DRAFT AIA® Document A201™ – 2017

## General Conditions of the Contract for Construction

for the following PROJECT:

(Name and location or address)

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THE OWNER:

(Name, legal status and address)

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THE ARCHITECT:

(Name, legal status and address)

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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, any Supplementary and other Conditions), ARPA Addendum (containing federal contract requirements), 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 or proposal requirements. As used herein, "Contractor" shall also mean "Construction Manager."

#### § 1.1.2 The Contract

The Contract Documents form the Contract for Construction. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto 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, except as set forth in Sections 5.3 and 5.4, (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

Not used.

§ 1.1.9 The terms "knowledge," "recognize," "observe" and "discover," their respective derivatives and similar terms, as used in the Contract Documents referring to the Contractor, shall be interpreted to mean what the Contractor knows (or should reasonably know), recognizes (or should reasonably recognize), observes (or should observe) and discovers (or should discover) in exercising the care, skill and diligence required by the Contract Documents. Analogously, the expression "reasonably inferable" shall be interpreted to mean reasonably inferable by a contractor familiar with the Project and exercising the care, skill and diligence required by the Contract Documents.

#### § 1.1.10 Terminology

1. Unless otherwise indicated the term "provide" shall include furnishing and installing a product, materials, systems, and/or equipment complete in place, fully tested and approved.
2. The terms "approved" and/or "approval" shall mean approved and/or approval in writing unless otherwise indicated.
3. The term "Contractor" shall also mean "Construction Manager" for purposes of this Agreement.

#### **§ 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. In the event of inconsistencies within or between parts of the Contract Documents or between the Contract Documents and applicable standards, codes and ordinances, the Contractor shall (i) provide the better quality or greater quantity of Work or (ii) comply with the more stringent requirement; either or both in accordance with the Architect's interpretation.

1. On the Drawings, given dimensions shall take precedence over scaled measurements and large scale drawings over small scale drawings.
2. Before requesting the ordering of any material or doing any Work, the Contractor and each Subcontractor shall verify measurements at the Project site and shall be responsible for the correctness of such measurements. No extra charges or compensation will be allowed on account of differences between actual dimensions and the dimensions indicated on the Drawings.
3. If a minor change in the Work is found to be necessary due to actual field conditions, the Contractor shall submit detailed drawings of such departure to the Architect for approval before making the change.
4. Contractor shall thoroughly acquaint itself with and comply with the terms, statutes, rules and regulations governing excavation in the area of underground utilities.

**§ 1.2.1.1** The invalidity of any provision of the Contract Documents shall not invalidate the Contract or its remaining provisions. If it is determined that any provision of the Contract Documents violates any law, ~~or is otherwise invalid or unenforceable,~~ then that provision shall be revised to the extent necessary to make that provision legal and enforceable. In such case the Contract Documents shall be construed, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to give effect to the parties' intentions and purposes in executing the Contract.

**§ 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. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall refer to all Contract Documents, including those not specifically showing the Work of their specialized trades, and shall perform all Work necessary to produce the results shown or reasonably inferable therefrom.

**§ 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.

§ 1.2.4 Dimensions given on the Drawings govern scale measurements and large scale drawings govern small scale drawings. All documents are complementary and specific items of work are shown only where most appropriate for clarity. The Drawings are generally made to scale, but all working dimensions shall be taken from the figured dimensions, or by actual measurements taken at the job, and in no case by scaling. Whether or not an error is believed to exist, deviation from the Drawings and the dimensions given thereon shall be made only after approval in writing from the Architect.

§ 1.2.5 All indications or notations which apply to one or a number of similar situations, materials or processes shall be deemed to apply to all such situations, materials or processes wherever they appear in the Work, except where a contrary result is clearly indicated by the Contract Documents.

§ 1.2.6 It shall be understood that the Architect's drawings are diagrammatic and the Contractor and subcontractors shall work in cooperation with each other in determining the running of pipe duct, electrical, etc. lines and locating

equipment. Any necessary variation shall be made to conform to the intent of the diagrammatic drawings without additional costs. Where there are intersections involving various piping and equipment, etc., particular consideration shall be given to clearance.

§ 1.2.7 All manufactured articles, materials and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned, and conditioned in accordance with the manufacturers' written instructions unless specifically indicated otherwise in the Contract Documents.

### § 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 Architect and the Architect's consultants shall be deemed the authors and owners of their respective Instruments of Service, including the Drawings and Specifications, and retain all common law, statutory, and other reserved rights in their Instruments of Service, including copyrights, except as may be required under the Agreement with the Owner. The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and suppliers shall not own or claim a copyright in the Instruments of Service. Submittal or distribution to meet official regulatory requirements or for other purposes in connection with the Project is not to be construed as publication in derogation of the Architect's or Architect's consultants' reserved rights.

§ 1.5.2 The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and suppliers are authorized to use and reproduce the Instruments of Service provided to them, subject to any protocols established pursuant to Sections 1.7 and 1.8, 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 suppliers may not use the Instruments of Service on other projects or for additions to the Project outside the scope of the Work without the specific written consent of the Owner, Architect, and the Architect's consultants.

### § 1.6 Notice

§ 1.6.1 Except as otherwise provided in Section 1.6.2, where the Contract Documents require one party to notify or give notice to the other party, such notice shall be provided in writing to the designated representative of the party to whom the notice is addressed and shall be deemed to have been duly served if delivered in person, by mail, by courier, or by electronic transmission if a method for electronic transmission is set forth in the Agreement.

§ 1.6.2 Notice of Claims as provided in Section 15.1.3 shall be provided in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly served only if delivered to the designated representative of the party to whom the notice is addressed by certified or registered mail, ~~or~~ by courier providing proof of delivery, or electronic transmission. Delivery by electronic mail is not deemed effective if the sender receives an automated reply indicating that the e-mail was not delivered to the intended recipient or that the intended recipient was out of the office.

### § 1.7 Digital Data Use and Transmission

The parties shall agree upon protocols governing the transmission and use of Instruments of Service or any other information or documentation in digital form. The parties will use AIA Document E203™–2013, Building Information Modeling and Digital Data Exhibit, to establish the protocols for the development, use, transmission, and exchange of digital data.

### § 1.8 Building Information Models Use and Reliance

Any use of, or reliance on, all or a portion of a building information model without agreement to protocols governing the use of, and reliance on, the information contained in the model and without having those protocols set forth in AIA Document E203™–2013, Building Information Modeling and Digital Data Exhibit, and the requisite AIA Document G202™–2013, Project Building Information Modeling Protocol Form, shall be at the using or relying party's sole risk and without liability to the other party and its contractors or consultants, the authors of, or contributors to, the building information model, and each of their agents and employees.

## § 1.9 Character and Intent of Drawings

During the bidding or negotiation period, questions or discrepancies called to the Architect's attention, in writing, will be answered by the Architect by means of an addendum. All addendums shall become part of the Contract Documents. If any item of Work is shown on the Drawings and not specified, or mentioned in the Specifications and not shown on the Drawings, the matter shall be brought to the attention of the Architect during the bidding period so an addendum can be issued correcting the omission. If such correction is not made, the Work in question shall be considered to be required as if it has been specified and shown on the Drawings.

## ARTICLE 2 OWNER

### § 2.1 General

§ 2.1.1 The Owner 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 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. The term "Owner's Representative" means the Owner's authorized representative.

§ 2.1.2 The Owner shall furnish to the Contractor, within fifteen days after receipt of a written request, information necessary and relevant for the Contractor to evaluate, give notice of, or enforce mechanic's lien rights. Such information shall include a correct statement of the record legal title to the property on which the Project is located, usually referred to as the site, and the Owner's interest therein.

§ 2.1.3 The Owner shall not be responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures or for site safety except as stated in Article 6.

### § 2.2 Not used

~~§ 2.2.1 Prior to commencement of the Work and upon written request by the Contractor, the Owner shall furnish to the Contractor reasonable evidence that the Owner has made financial arrangements to fulfill the Owner's obligations under the Contract. The Contractor shall have no obligation to commence the Work until the Owner provides such evidence. If commencement of the Work is delayed under this Section 2.2.1, the Contract Time shall be extended appropriately.~~

~~§ 2.2.2 Following commencement of the Work and upon written request by the Contractor, the Owner shall furnish to the Contractor reasonable evidence that the Owner has made financial arrangements to fulfill the Owner's obligations under the Contract only if (1) the Owner fails to make payments to the Contractor as the Contract Documents require; (2) the Contractor identifies in writing a reasonable concern regarding the Owner's ability to make payment when due; or (3) a change in the Work materially changes the Contract Sum. If the Owner fails to provide such evidence, as required, within fourteen days of the Contractor's request, the Contractor may immediately stop the Work and, in that event, shall notify the Owner that the Work has stopped. However, if the request is made because a change in the Work materially changes the Contract Sum under (3) above, the Contractor may immediately stop only that portion of the Work affected by the change until reasonable evidence is provided. If the Work is stopped under this Section 2.2.2, the Contract Time shall be extended appropriately and the Contract Sum shall be increased by the amount of the Contractor's reasonable costs of shutdown, delay and start up, plus interest as provided in the Contract Documents.~~

~~§ 2.2.3 After the Owner furnishes evidence of financial arrangements under this Section 2.2, the Owner shall not materially vary such financial arrangements without prior notice to the Contractor.~~

~~§ 2.2.4 Where the Owner has designated information furnished under this Section 2.2 as "confidential," the Contractor shall keep the information confidential and shall not disclose it to any other person. However, the Contractor may disclose "confidential" information, after seven (7) days' notice to the Owner, where disclosure is required by law, including a subpoena or other form of compulsory legal process issued by a court or governmental entity, or by court or arbitrator(s) order. The Contractor may also disclose "confidential" information to its employees, consultants, sureties, Subcontractors and their employees, Sub-subcontractors, and others who need to know the content of such information solely and exclusively for the Project and who agree to maintain the confidentiality of such information.~~

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

§ 2.3.1 Except for permits and fees that are the responsibility of the Contractor under the Contract Documents, including those required under Section 3.7.1, the Owner shall secure and pay for necessary approvals, easements,



assessments and charges required for construction, use or occupancy of permanent structures or for permanent changes in existing facilities.

§ 2.3.2 The Owner shall retain an architect lawfully licensed to practice architecture, or an entity lawfully practicing architecture, in the jurisdiction where the Project is located. That person or entity is identified as the Architect in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number.

§ 2.3.3 If the employment of the Architect terminates, the Owner shall employ a successor ~~to whom the Contractor has no reasonable objection and~~ whose status under the Contract Documents shall be that of the Architect.

§ 2.3.4 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. The Contractor shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy of information furnished by the Owner but shall exercise proper precautions relating to the safe performance of the Work.

§ 2.3.5 The Owner shall furnish information or services required of the Owner by the Contract Documents with reasonable promptness. The Owner shall also furnish any other information or services under the Owner's control and relevant to the Contractor's performance of the Work with reasonable promptness after receiving the Contractor's written request for such information or services.

§ 2.3.6 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Owner shall furnish to the Contractor one copy of the Contract Documents for purposes of making reproductions pursuant to Section 1.5.2.

§ 2.3.7 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents the Owner will hire and pay for services including but not limited to independent materials testing and special inspections as determined necessary by the Architect and Owner to verify the compliance of materials and installations with the Contract Documents. These services provided by the Owner may include and are not limited to soils, cast in place concrete, masonry, steel and fireproofing inspections and testing. These services provided by the Owner do not relieve the Contractor of its obligations in Section 13.4.

#### § 2.4 Owner's Right to Stop the Work

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.

§ 2.4.1 The Owner shall have the right to reject Work that it believes does not conform to the Contract Documents. However, neither this authority of the Owner nor a decision made to exercise or not exercise such authority shall give rise to a duty or responsibility of the Owner to the Contractor.

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

If the Contractor defaults or ~~neglects~~ fails to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents and fails within a ~~ten~~seven-day period after receipt of notice from the Owner to commence and continue correction of such default or neglect with diligence and promptness, the Owner may, without prejudice to other remedies the Owner may have, correct such default or neglect. Such action by the Owner and amounts charged to the Contractor ~~are both subject to prior approval of the Architect and the Architect~~ may, pursuant to Section 9.5.1, withhold or nullify a Certificate for Payment in whole or in part, to the extent reasonably necessary to reimburse the Owner for 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. If current and future payments are not sufficient to cover such amounts, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner. If the Contractor disagrees with the actions of the



Owner or the Architect, or the amounts claimed as costs to the Owner, the Contractor may file a Claim pursuant to Article 15.

§ 2.5.1 In no event shall the Owner have control over, charge of, or any responsibility for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, notwithstanding any of the rights and authority granted the Owner in the Contract Documents.

§ 2.5.2 The rights stated in this Article and elsewhere in the Contract Documents are cumulative and not in limitation of any rights of the Owner (1) granted in the Contract Documents, (2) at law, or (3) in equity.

### § 2.6 Owner's Right to Inspect the Work

§ 2.6.1 The Owner has the right to have full access to and inspect all portions of the Work for quality, progress and conformance to the Contract Documents.

### § 2.7 Commissioning

§ 2.7.1 The Owner will perform inspections and tests of systems to validate the proper installation and performance of the Work as intended and required by the Contract Documents. These tests and inspections may be performed by the Owner's Representative or by independent contractors or consultants.

§ 2.7.2 The commissioning activities performed by the Owner in no way relieve or replace the obligations of the Architect or the Contractor in their fulfillment of Contract obligations.

§ 2.7.3 The commissioning agent of the Owner will utilize information provided by the Architect for design intent and the Contractor for actual installation conditions.

§ 2.7.4 Any commissioning activities are at the sole discretion of the Owner and not a requirement of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 3 CONTRACTOR**

### **§ 3.1 General**

**§ 3.1.1** 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 Contractor shall be lawfully licensed, if required in the jurisdiction where the Project is located. The Contractor shall designate in writing a representative who shall have express authority to bind the Contractor with respect to all matters under this Contract. The term "Contractor" means the Contractor or the Contractor's authorized representative.

**§ 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 its obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents either by activities or duties of the Owner or 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** Execution of the Contract or any amendment thereto by the Contractor is a representation that the Contractor has visited investigated the site, become generally familiar with local conditions under which the Work is to be performed, and correlated personal observations with requirements of the Contract Documents. The Contractor and each Subcontractor shall evaluate and satisfy themselves as to the conditions and limitations under which the work is to be performed, including, without limitation (1) the location, condition, layout and nature of the Project site and surrounding areas, (2) generally prevailing climatic conditions, (3) anticipated labor supply and costs, (4) availability and cost of materials, tools and equipment, and (5) other similar issues. The Owner shall not be required to make any adjustment in either the Contract Sum, Contract Time or any Milestone Date in connection with any failure by the Contractor or any Subcontractor to comply with the requirements of this Section.

**§ 3.2.2** Because the Contract Documents are complementary, the Contractor shall, before starting each portion of the Work and at frequent intervals during the progress thereof, carefully study and compare the various Contract Documents relative to that portion of the Work, as well as the information furnished by the Owner pursuant to Section 2.3.4, shall take field measurements of any existing conditions related to that portion of the Work, and shall observe any conditions at the site affecting it. These obligations are for the purpose of facilitating coordination and construction by the Contractor, and are not for the purpose of discovering errors, omissions, or inconsistencies in the

Contract Documents; however, the Contractor shall promptly report to the Architect any errors, inconsistencies or omissions discovered by or made known to the Contractor as a request for information in such form as the Architect may require. 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. However, if the Contractor proceeds with the Work without such notice to the Architect, after having discovered such errors, inconsistencies or omissions, or if by reasonable study of the Contract Documents by the Contractor, the Contractor shall pay all costs arising therefrom.

**§ 3.2.3** The Contractor is not required to ascertain that the Contract Documents are in accordance with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations unless they bear upon the performance of the Work, or lawful orders of public authorities, but the Contractor shall promptly report to the Architect any nonconformity discovered by or made known to the Contractor as a request for information in such form as the Architect may require.

**§ 3.2.4** If any portion of the Contract Documents do not clearly define the Work, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Owner and Architect thereof, in writing, by utilizing a Request for Information (RFI) form, and shall request supplementary instructions before proceeding with such Work. If the Contractor proceeds with the Work without first obtaining such supplementary instructions, the Contractor shall make any repairs or corrections to the Work, as required by the Contract Documents, to complete the Work, at the Contractor's expense. If the Contractor believes that additional cost or time is involved because of clarifications or instructions issued by the Architect ~~issues~~ in response to the Contractor's notices or requests for information pursuant to Sections 3.2.2 or 3.2.3, the Contractor shall submit Claims as provided in Article 15. If the Contractor fails to perform the obligations of Sections 3.2.2 or 3.2.3, the Contractor shall pay such costs and damages to the Owner, subject to Section 15.1.7, as would have been avoided if the Contractor had performed such obligations. If the Contractor performs those obligations, the Contractor shall not be liable to the Owner or Architect for damages resulting from errors, inconsistencies or omissions in the Contract Documents, for differences between field measurements or conditions and the Contract Documents, or for nonconformities of the Contract Documents to applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders of public authorities, unless the Contractor recognized or should have recognized such errors, inconsistencies, omissions or differences and failed to report it to the Architect or Owner. Nothing in this Section 3.2.4 relieves the Contractor of the legal compliance requirements of Section 3.7.2.

**§ 3.2.5** RFIs shall be submitted in a timely manner so as to cause no delay in the progress of the Work, and to allow adequate time for review and response prior to the date on which the Contractor's current schedule of submittals requires a subsequent submittal which is dependent on the information requested. Unless another period of time is reasonably requested and agreed to at the time of submittal, the Architect shall respond to each RFI within not more than fourteen (14) days after receiving it. It is understood that larger, more complicated RFIs shall require more than fourteen (14) days to review and respond, but shall be a reasonable amount of time as mutually agreed at time of submission. RFIs shall be sequentially numbered and logged and tracked by the Contractor regardless if the source of the RFI was from the Contractor or Owner.

**§ 3.2.6** The Contractor shall reimburse the Owner amounts charged to the Owner by the Architect for responding to an unreasonable number of Contractor's Requests for Information where such information is available to the Contractor from a careful study and comparison of the Contract Documents, field conditions, other Owner provided information, Contractor prepared Coordination Drawings, or project correspondence or documentation. Such amounts may be deducted by the Owner from any payment otherwise due the Contractor.

**§ 3.2.7** The Contractor shall not proceed with any Work not clearly and consistently defined in detail in the Contract Documents, but shall request additional drawings or instructions from the Architect as provided in Section 3.2. If the Contractor proceeds with such Work without obtaining further Drawings, Specifications or instructions, the Contractor shall correct Work incorrectly done at the Contractor's own expense. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to impose any professional design responsibility on the Contractor.

### **§ 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 safety precautions and for coordinating all portions of the Work under the Contract, unless the Contract Documents give other specific instructions concerning these matters. If the Contract Documents give specific instructions concerning construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, ~~or~~ procedures, and safety precautions, the Contractor shall evaluate the jobsite safety thereof and shall be solely responsible for the jobsite safety of such

means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures. If the Contractor determines that such means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures may not be safe, the Contractor shall give timely written notice to the Owner and Architect, and shall not proceed with that portion of the Work~~propose alternative means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures.~~ The Contractor shall then provide to the Owner and the Architect for review an alternative approach that satisfies the Contractor's concerns regarding the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences,

or procedures and meets the intent of the Construction Documents. A resolution must be reached that is agreeable to the Architect, Owner, and Contractor before the disputed work proceeds. The Architect shall evaluate the proposed alternative solely for conformance with the design intent for the completed construction. Unless the Architect objects to the Contractor's proposed alternative, the Contractor shall perform the Work using its alternative 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 and for any damages, losses, costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees resulting from such acts or omissions.

§ 3.3.3 The Contractor shall be responsible for inspection of portions of Work already performed to determine that such portions are in proper condition to receive subsequent Work.

§ 3.3.4 The Contractor shall be responsible for coordinating, scheduling, notifying and cooperating with the independent materials testing and special inspections services hired and paid for by the Owner as outlined in Section 2.2.6.

§ 3.3.5 The Contractor shall only use specifically assigned areas for parking, storage of materials, and construction operations unless other areas are authorized by the Owner. The Contractor shall comply with any and all local, municipal and state regulations regarding use of and parking on public streets.

§ 3.3.6 The Contractor shall arrange for and attend weekly job meetings with the Architect, the Owner's Project Manager, and such other persons as the Architect may from time to time wish to have present. The Contractor shall be represented by a principal, project manager, general superintendent, or other authorized main office representative, as well as by the Contractor's own superintendent. An authorized representative of any Subcontractor or Sub-Subcontractor shall attend such meetings if the representative's presence is requested by the Architect. Such representatives shall be empowered to make binding commitments on all matters to be discussed at such meetings, including costs, payments, Change Orders, time schedules, and manpower. Any notices required under the Contract may be served on such representatives. The recording of minutes for these job meetings and their timely distribution to the Owner and Architect shall be the responsibility of the Contractor unless agreed otherwise by the Owner, Architect and Contractor.

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

§ 3.3.8 The Contractor shall retain a competent Registered Professional Engineer or Registered Land Surveyor acceptable to the Architect who shall establish the exterior lines and required elevations of all buildings and structures to be erected on the site and shall establish sufficient lines and grades for the construction of associated Work such as but not limited to roads utilities and site grading. The Engineer or Land Surveyor shall certify as to the actual location for the constructed facilities in relation to property lines, building lines, easements and other restrictive boundaries. Such information shall be turned over to the Owner as a part of Record Documents.

§ 3.3.9 The Contractor shall establish the building grade elevations, levels, columns, walls and partition lines required by the Contractor and Subcontractors in laying out their Work.

§ 3.3.10 The Contractor shall coordinate and supervise the work performed by Subcontractors to ensure that the Work is carried out without conflict between trades and so that no trade, at any time, causes delay to the general progress of the Work. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall at all times afford each trade, any separate contractor, or the Owner, every reasonable opportunity for the installation of their work and the storage of materials.

## § 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, water, heat, utilities, transportation, and other facilities and services necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work, whether temporary or permanent and whether or not incorporated or to be incorporated in the Work.

§ 3.4.2 Except in the case of minor changes in the Work approved by the Architect in accordance with Section 3.12.8 or ordered by the Architect in accordance with Section 7.4, the Contractor may make substitutions only with the consent of the Owner, after evaluation by the Architect and in accordance with a Change Order or Construction Change Directive. If the Contractor desires to substitute a product or method in lieu of what has been specified or shown in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall do so in accordance with the applicable requirements for such substitutions set forth in Division 1 of the Contract Specifications.

§ 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.

### § 3.5 Warranty

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

§ 3.5.2 All material, equipment, or other special warranties required by the Contract Documents shall be issued in the name of the Owner, or shall be transferable to the Owner, and shall commence in accordance with Section 9.8.4.

§ 3.5.3 The Contractor agrees to assign to the Owner at the time of final completion of the Work any and all manufacturer's warranties relating to materials and labor used in the Work and further agrees to perform the Work in such manner so as to preserve any and all such manufacturer's warranties.

§ 3.5.4 The Contractor expressly warrants its' Work for one year after the date of Substantial Completion. Contractor shall make any repair or replacement to the Work resulting from defective materials and/or workmanship. Contractor shall commence making the repairs or replacements required pursuant to this Warranty within ten days after the Owner gives written notice to the Contractor. In the event of Contractor's failure to make timely corrections, Owner shall have the right to make corrections and Contractor shall be responsible for immediate payment thereof. Any other specific or extended warranties are as identified in the Project Manual.

§ 3.5.5 The warranty required by this Section 3.5 shall be in addition to and not in limitation of any other warranty required by the Contract Documents or otherwise provided by law.

§ 3.5.6 The Contractor shall procure and deliver to the Architect, no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the Date of Substantial Completion, all warranties required by the Contract Documents.

§ 3.5.7 This Warranty shall include the repair and/or replacement of all damaged materials resulting from the defective materials and/or workmanship. This shall include but not be limited to furniture, fixtures, equipment, finishes or any other affected materials or property.

### § 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 or negotiations concluded, whether or not yet effective or merely scheduled to go into effect. If the Owner is an institution exempt from sales tax, Bidders shall take this in consideration in calculating their bid. The Tax Exemption Number will be furnished to the selected Contractor. In addition, the Contractor and Subcontractors shall pay any and all compulsory taxes required or which may be imposed by any governmental agency, as applicable.

### § 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 as well as for other permits, fees, licenses, and inspections by government agencies necessary for proper



execution and completion of the Work that are customarily secured after execution of the Contract and legally required at the time bids are received or negotiations concluded.

§ 3.7.2 The Contractor shall comply with and give notices required by applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and lawful orders and all other requirements of public authorities applicable to performance of the Work. The Contractor shall be responsible for scheduling all tests and inspections required by authorities having jurisdiction.

§ 3.7.2.1 It shall be the responsibility of all Contractors to confer with the various inspection offices of the local, state, or federal agency having jurisdiction over this construction project with the intent of verifying acceptability of materials and methods of construction indicated and specified herein. The respective Contractors and/or Subcontractors shall visit the building inspector, plumbing inspector, electrical inspector, or any other inspection office having the authority for granting approvals or construction permits. The Contractor shall be responsible for scheduling all tests and inspections required by authorities having jurisdiction.

§ 3.7.2.2 All construction work shall conform to all prevailing codes.

§ 3.7.2.3 It is the responsibility of the Contractor to determine what local ordinances, if any, will affect its Work. It shall check for any county, city, borough, or township rules or regulations applicable to the area in which the project is being constructed, and in addition, for any rules or regulations of other organizations having jurisdiction, such as chamber-of-commerce, planning commissions, industries, or utilities companies who have jurisdiction over lands which the Contractor occupies.

§ 3.7.3 If the Contractor performs Work knowing it to be contrary to applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of public authorities, the Contractor shall assume appropriate responsibility for such Work and shall bear the costs, damages and expenses attributable to correction, and shall indemnify the Owner therefore, including supervision, reasonable attorney and professionals fees.

#### § 3.7.4 Concealed or Unknown Conditions

If the Contractor encounters conditions at the site that are (1) subsurface or otherwise concealed physical conditions that differ materially from those indicated in the Bid and Contract Documents or (2) unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature that differ materially from those ordinarily found to exist and generally recognized as inherent in construction activities of the character provided for in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall promptly provide notice to the Owner and the Architect before conditions are disturbed and in no event later than 14 days after first observance of the conditions. The Architect will promptly investigate such conditions and, if the Architect determines that 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 that an equitable adjustment be made 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 promptly notify the Owner and Contractor, stating the reasons. If either party disputes the Architect's determination or recommendation, that party may submit a Claim as provided in Article 15.

§ 3.7.5 If, in the course of the Work, the Contractor encounters human remains or recognizes the existence of burial markers, archaeological sites, memorial objects such as signs, trees, stones, etc. or wetlands not indicated in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall immediately suspend any operations that would affect them and shall notify the Owner and Architect. Upon receipt of such notice, the Owner shall promptly take any action necessary to obtain governmental authorization required to resume the operations. The Contractor shall continue to suspend such operations until otherwise instructed by the Owner but shall continue with all other operations that do not affect those remains or features. Requests for adjustments in the Contract Sum and Contract Time arising from the existence of such remains or features may be made as provided in Article 15.

#### § 3.8 Allowances

§ 3.8.1 Allowances are items of incompletely defined Work for which the Contractor carries rough estimates in the Contract Sum based on available information regarding such Work until the allowance Work is completely defined or performed. Cost and Time adjustments for allowance Work, if any, shall be determined at the time the allowance Work is completely defined or performed. The Contractor shall include in the Contract Sum all allowances stated in the Contract Documents. Items covered by allowances shall be supplied for such amounts and by such persons or entities as the Owner may direct, but the Contractor shall not be required to employ persons or entities to whom the



Contractor has reasonable objection.

- § 3.8.2 The following provisions apply to allowances: .1 allowances include rough estimates of the cost to the Contractor of materials and equipment delivered at the site and all required taxes, less applicable trade discounts;
- .2 Contractor's rough estimates of costs for unloading and handling at the site, labor, installation, and other expenses contemplated for stated allowance amounts shall also be included in the allowances;
- .3 the Contractor's amounts for insurance, overhead and profit on the allowance Work are not included in the allowance, but are included in the Contract Sum based on the allowance estimate. These amounts are subject to adjustment when the allowance Work is completely defined or performed;
- .4 whenever costs are more than or less than allowances at the time the allowance Work is completely defined or performed, the Contract Sum shall be adjusted accordingly by Change Order. The amount of the Change Order shall reflect the difference between (a) the Reimbursable Cost of the allowance Work at the time the allowance Work is completely defined or performed and (b) the allowance estimate carried in the Contract Documents; with any increase in Contractor's insurance, overhead and profit associated with additional work beyond that assumed in the allowance adjusted accordingly as provided in the Contract Documents;
- .5 when the allowance Work is completely defined or performed, the Contractor shall assess the impact, if any, upon the most current update of the Project schedule and any associated adjustment of the Contract Time shall be granted pursuant to Section 8.3, to the extent Contractor establishes an entitlement to the same as required by the Contract Documents; and
- .6 where the amount of the allowance estimate carried by the Contractor for a particular item of allowance Work is determined to have exceeded the Reimbursable Cost of such Work (including applicable markups as stated herein), such excess amount will be placed into the Construction Contingency.

§ 3.8.3 Materials and equipment under an allowance shall be selected by the Owner with reasonable promptness.

§ 3.8.4 No allowances shall be included in the Bid Documents by the Architect unless specifically requested by the Architect and approved in writing by the Owner.

§ 3.8.5 Complete definition of Work subject to an allowance shall be provided by the Owner within the time, if any, set forth in the Contract Documents or else at a time that does not disrupt the orderly progress of the Work.

### § 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. The Project Manager, Assistant Project Manager and Superintendent may not be removed without the prior written consent of the Owner. Owner reserves the right to have any employee of Contractor removed from the Project.

§ 3.9.2 The Contractor, as soon as practicable after award of the Contract, shall notify the Owner and Architect of the name and qualifications of a proposed superintendent. Within 14 days of receipt of the information, the Architect may notify the Contractor, stating whether the Owner or the Architect (1) has reasonable objection to the proposed superintendent or (2) requires additional time for review. Failure of the Architect and Owner to provide notice within the 14-day period shall constitute notice of no reasonable objection.

§ 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.

§ 3.9.4 The superintendent shall be in attendance at the project site at all times during the progress of the Work until the date of Substantial Completion, and for such time thereafter necessary for the completion of the Work.

### § 3.10 Contractor's Construction and Submittal Schedules

§ 3.10.1 The Contractor, promptly after being awarded the Contract, or as part of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal, (if provided), shall submit for the Owner's and Architect's information approval a Contractor's construction schedule for the Work, which will be considered the baseline schedule. The schedule shall contain detail appropriate for the Project, including (1) the date of commencement of the Work, interim schedule milestone dates,

and the date of Substantial Completion; (2) an apportionment of the Work by construction activity; and (3) the time required for completion of each portion of the Work, (4) submittal/product approval activities. The schedule shall provide for the orderly progression of the Work to completion and shall not exceed time limits current under the Contract Documents. The schedule shall be revised at appropriate intervals as required by the conditions of the Work and Project. The baseline schedule shall be approved prior to submission of the first Pay Application.

§ 3.10.2 The Contractor, promptly after being awarded the Contract and thereafter as necessary to maintain a current submittal schedule, shall submit a submittal schedule for the Architect's approval. The Architect's approval shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld. The submittal schedule shall (1) be coordinated with the Contractor's construction schedule, and (2) allow the Architect reasonable time to review submittals. If the Contractor fails to submit a submittal schedule, or fails to provide submittals in accordance with the approved submittal schedule, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any increase in Contract Sum or extension of Contract Time based on the time required for review of submittals. The submittal schedule shall be approved prior to the first Pay Application. The submittal schedule shall be updated and reviewed at progress meetings.

§ 3.10.3 The Contractor shall perform the Work in general accordance with the most recent schedules submitted to the Owner and Architect.

§ 3.10.4 The construction schedule shall be in a detailed critical path method (CPM) type format satisfactory to the Owner and Architect which shall also (1) provide a graphic representation of all activities and events that will occur during performance of the Work, including but not limited to hazardous material remediation, demolition, furniture and equipment deliveries, Substantial Completion, move-in activities, commissioning, training, punch list, and final cleaning; (2) identify each phase of construction and occupancy; (3) identify float time associated with non-critical path activities and (4) set forth dates that are critical in ensuring the timely and orderly completion of the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents (hereinafter referred to as Milestone Dates). Upon review and acceptance by the Architect and Owner, the construction schedule shall be deemed the Baseline Construction Schedule for the Project and will be used to determine the validity of Claims for Additional Time as identified in Section 15.1.5. This Baseline Construction Schedule can only be modified with approved changes in Contract Time through the execution of a Change Order. The Contractor shall monitor the progress of the Work for conformance with the requirements of the construction schedule and shall promptly advise the Owner and Architect of any delays or potential delays. The construction schedule shall be updated regularly to reflect actual conditions or if requested by the Owner or at least monthly. In the event any progress report indicates any delays, the Contractor shall propose an affirmative plan to correct the delay, including overtime and/or additional labor, if necessary. In no event shall any progress report constitute an adjustment in the Contract Time, any Milestone Date or the Contract Sum unless any such adjustment is agreed to by the Owner and authorized pursuant to a Change Order.

§ 3.10.5 At weekly or biweekly construction progress meetings, the Contractor shall submit detailed two (2) week look ahead schedules which depict specific activities to occur during that period.

§ 3.10.6 The Contractor shall schedule and conduct construction and progress meetings, on a frequency required to effect coordination, to discuss such matters as procedures, progress, problems and scheduling. The Contractor shall prepare and distribute minutes within three (3) working days of such meetings.

§ 3.10.7 The Contractor shall record the progress of the Project. Submit written progress reports not less frequently than monthly to the Owner and the Architect, including information on each Subcontractor and each Subcontractor's Work, as well as the entire Project, showing percentages of completion and the number and amounts of Change Orders. The Contractor will keep a daily log containing a record of weather, Subcontractor's Work on the site, number of workers, Work accomplished, problems encountered and other similar relevant data as the Owner may require. Upon request, Contractor shall make the log available to the Owner and the Architect.

### § 3.11 Documents and Samples at the Site

The Contractor shall make available maintain, at the Project site for the Owner, the Contract Documents, including Change Orders, Construction Change Directives, and other Modifications, baseline schedule, current schedule, schedule of submittals, RFI log and other documents related to the Project as directed by the Architect, in good order and marked currently to indicate record field changes and selections made during construction, and the approved Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, and similar required submittals. These shall be in electronic form or paper copy, available to the Architect and Owner, and delivered to the Architect for submittal to the Owner upon completion of the Work as a record of the Work as constructed. A designated complete set of Contract Documents shall be maintained by the Contractor and kept onsite at all times with up-to-date red-line modifications that accurately record field

conditions different than those shown on the original documents. These red-lined drawings shall be turned over to the Architect for record purposes no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the date of Substantial Completion. This set of "red-lined" drawings shall be maintained and kept current by the Contractor and their completeness shall be routinely inspected by the Architect and Owner. If these "red-lined" drawings are not maintained by the Contractor or kept current during construction, then the approval of Applications for Payment, as defined in Section 9.3, shall be denied.

### § 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. Their purpose is to demonstrate how the Contractor proposes to conform to the information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents for those portions of the Work for which the Contract Documents require submittals. Review by the Architect is subject to the limitations of Section 4.2.7. Informational submittals upon which the Architect is not expected to take responsive action may be so identified in the Contract Documents. Submittals that are not required by the Contract Documents may be returned by the Architect without action. The Contractor's approval shall be noted on the submitted item or in its transmittal letter, together with written notice of any deviation in the submitted item from the requirements of the Work and of the Contract Documents. In collaboration with the Architect, Contractor shall establish and implement procedures for expediting the processing and approval of Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and other submittals.

§ 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. Each Shop Drawing, Product Data, Sample and similar submittals shall have a cover sheet on them identifying the project name and address, contractor information, drawing and/or specification reference, submission date and contents of the submittal. Ample space shall be provided on this cover sheet to allow for the Contractor's and Architect's review stamps. The Contractor's approval shall be noted on the submitted item or in its transmittal letter, together with written notice of any deviation in the submitted item from the requirements of the Work and of the Contract Documents.

§ 3.12.6 By submitting and approving 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 and (4) coordinated with information on Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, or similar submittals previously approved by the Architect or submitted by the Contractor for approval but not yet acted upon by the Architect, and verification of compliance with all the requirements of the Contract Documents. The accuracy of all such information is the responsibility of the Contractor. In approving Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, and similar submittals, the Architect shall be entitled to rely upon the Contractor's representation that such information is accurate and in compliance with the Contract.

§ 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. If the Contractor procures, performs or installs portions of the Work without required approvals, the Contractor does so at its own risk and such Work may be removed or replaced with approved Work at no cost to the Owner.

§ 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 the requirements of the Contract Documents by the Architect's approval of Shop

Drawings, Product Data, Samples, or similar submittals, unless the Contractor has specifically notified the Architect 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. Any submittals forwarded to the Architect for review that includes a deviation from the requirements of the Contract Documents or is not the specific make, model or manufacturer that was listed in the Contract Documents, shall have a completed Substitution Request Form attached to the submittal. This Substitution Request Form shall be provided by the Owner. Unless such deviation is identified by utilizing the Substitution Request Form, the Contractor shall not be relieved of the responsibility for the specific requirements of the Contract Documents even though the subject submittal was approved by the Architect. The Contractor shall not be relieved of responsibility for the Contractor's, Subcontractor's or Vendor's 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 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 that 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.

§ 3.12.10.1 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 be entitled to rely upon the adequacy and accuracy of the performance and design criteria provided in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall cause such services or certifications to be provided by an appropriately licensed design professional who shall have and maintain reasonable limits of insurance, 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, and accuracy and completeness of the services, certifications, and approvals performed or provided by such design professionals, ~~provided the Owner and Architect have specified to the Contractor the performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy.~~ Pursuant to this Section 3.12.10, the Architect will review and 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.

~~§ 3.12.11 Services provided by the Architect to evaluate Contractor product substitution requests or to review shop drawings or other project submittals which are required to be submitted more than three (3) times shall be paid for by the Contractor to the Owner.~~

§ 3.12.10.2 If the Contract Documents require the Contractor's design professional to certify that the Work has been performed in accordance with the design criteria, the Contractor shall furnish such certifications to the Architect at the time and in the form specified by the Architect.

~~§ 3.12.11 Services provided by the Architect to evaluate Contractor product substitution requests or to review shop drawings or other project submittals which are required to be submitted more than three (3) times shall be paid for by the Contractor to the Owner.~~

### § 3.13 Use of Site

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

§ 3.13.2 Only materials and equipment that are to be used directly in the Work shall be brought to and stored on the Project site. Protection of construction materials and equipment stored at the Project site from weather, theft, damage and all other adversity is solely the responsibility of the Contractor.

§ 3.13.3 The Contractor and any entity for whom the Contractor is responsible shall not erect any sign on the Project



site without the prior written consent of the Owner.

§ 3.13.4 The Contractor shall only use specifically assigned areas for parking, storage of materials, and construction operations unless other areas are authorized by the Owner. The Contractor shall comply with any and all local, municipal and state regulations regarding use of and parking on public streets. Access to the site/building will be through Owner approved paths.

### § 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. All areas requiring cutting, fitting, or patching shall be restored to the condition existing prior to the cutting, fitting, or patching, unless otherwise required by the Contract Documents.

§ 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 construction by the Owner or a Separate Contractor except with written consent of the Owner and of the Separate Contractor. Consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Contractor shall not unreasonably withhold, from the Owner or a Separate Contractor, its 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 and rubbish caused by operations under the Contract. ~~At completion of the Work,~~ On a regular basis, the Contractor shall remove waste materials, rubbish, the Contractor's tools, construction equipment, machinery, and surplus materials from and about the Project. Immediately prior to the Architect's inspection for Substantial Completion, the Contractor shall completely clean the premises. Concrete and ceramic surfaces shall be cleaned and washed. Resilient coverings shall be cleaned, waxed, and buffed. Woodwork shall be dusted and cleaned. Sash, fixtures and equipment shall be thoroughly cleaned. Stains, spots, dust marks, and smears shall be removed from all surfaces. Hardware and all metal surfaces shall be cleaned and polished. Glass and plastic surfaces shall be thoroughly cleaned by professional window cleaners. All damaged, broken or scratched glass or plastic shall be replaced by the Contractor at the Contractor's expense.

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

§ 3.15.3 All areas of new or existing construction which are damaged during the Project shall be restored to their original condition by the Contractor responsible for said damage or disturbance.

§ 3.15.4 The Contractor shall be responsible for temporary site and building dust and dirt control through the use of temporary enclosures, partitions, site watering, calcium chloride or other approved means.

### § 3.16 Access to Work

The Contractor shall provide the Owner and Architect with 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 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 an infringement of a copyright or patent is discovered by, or made known to, the Contractor, the Contractor shall be responsible for the loss unless the information is promptly furnished to the Architect.

### § 3.18 Indemnification

#### § 3.18.1

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall defend (with counsel reasonably satisfactory to Owner), indemnify and hold harmless the Owner and Landlords and each of their respective officers, directors, employees and representatives from and against any third party claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including but not limited

to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from (a) performance of the Work, provided that such claim, damage, loss, or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, (b) any repeated breach or failure of the Contractor to comply with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents; or (c) citations, fines, penalties, assessments, or other levies made against the Owner to the extent resulting from the Contractor's failure to observe any Applicable Laws or applicable permits, including without limitation any violation by the Contractor of the Prompt Pay Act, and, including further without limitation any breach of the warranties set forth in Article 3.5, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss, or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnity that would otherwise exist as to a party or person described in this Section 3.18. The Contractor shall give the Owner prompt notice of any incident which might result in a claim hereunder. However, Contractor's indemnity and hold harmless obligation above shall not be applicable to the extent any liability arises from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Owner.

**§ 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.

**§ 3.18.3** The Contractor's indemnity obligations under this Section 3.18 shall, but not by way of limitation, specifically include, without limitations, all fines, penalties and punitive damages arising out of, or in connection with, any (1) violation of or failure to comply with any governmental requirements by the Contractor or Architect or any person or entity for whom the Contractor is responsible, (2) method of execution of the Work, or (3) failure to obtain, or violation of, any permit or other approval of a public authority applicable to the Work by the Contractor or any entity for whom the Contractor is responsible.

**§ 3.18.4** In the event that the Contractor fails or refuses to indemnify any indemnitee hereunder, in addition to all other obligations and upon adjudication in favor of an indemnitee, Contractor shall be responsible for any and all costs associated with the Owner compelling the Contractor to comply with its obligations.

### **§ 3.19 Commissioning**

**§ 3.19.1** The Contractor will provide access to the Work as well as support and coordination to the Owner for the commissioning activities as described in Section 2.6.

**§ 3.19.2** Any and all deficiencies identified during the commissioning process will be the responsibility of the Contractor to correct or complete in order to comply with and fulfill the requirements of the Contract Documents. These deficiencies must be corrected or completed as a condition for the issuance of the final Certificate for Payment.

**§ 3.19.3** The requirements of the Contractor to support the Owner's commissioning process may include 1) balancing reports of mechanical systems approved by the Architect; 2) provision and coordination of training as required by the Contract Documents; 3) cooperation of Contractor's personnel with the Owner's commissioning personnel; 4) access to specific equipment or portions of the Work; 5) provision of systems and equipment documentation; and 6) provision of Operations and Maintenance Manuals.

## **ARTICLE 4 ARCHITECT**

### **§ 4.1 General**

**§ 4.1.1** The Architect is the person or entity retained by the Owner pursuant to Section 2.3.2 and identified as such in the Agreement.

**§ 4.1.2** Duties, responsibilities, and limitations of authority of the Architect as set forth in the Contract Documents shall not be restricted, modified, or extended without written consent of the Owner, Contractor, and Architect. Consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

### **§ 4.2 Administration of the Contract**

**§ 4.2.1** The Architect and Owner will provide administration of the Contract as described in the Contract Documents



and ~~will be an~~ the Architect and Owner's Representative will be the Owner's representative during construction until the date the Architect issues the final Certificate for Payment. The Architect will have authority to act on behalf of the Owner only to the extent provided in the Contract Documents.

§ 4.2.2 The Architect and Owner 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, ~~neither~~ the Architect ~~nor~~ Owner will ~~not~~ be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work. The Architect and Owner 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.

§ 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 promptly report to the Owner (1) known deviations from the Contract Documents, (2) known deviations from the most recent construction schedule submitted by the Contractor, and (3) defects and deficiencies observed in the Work. ~~The Architect will not~~ Neither the Architect nor Owner will be responsible for the Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Architect and Owner 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

~~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 Owner's Representative, if retained, about matters arising out of or relating to the Contract. Communications by and with the Architect's consultants shall be through the Architect. Communications between the Architect and Contractor shall be confirmed in writing to the Owner's Representative. Communications between Owner's Representative and Contractor shall be confirmed in writing to the Architect. Communications by and with Subcontractors and material suppliers shall be through the Contractor. Communications by and with separate contractors shall be through the Owner. The Owner and Contractor shall include the Architect in all communications that relate to or affect the Architect's services or professional responsibilities. The Owner shall promptly notify the Architect of the substance of any direct communications between the Owner and the Contractor otherwise relating to the Project. Communications by and with the Architect's consultants shall be through the Architect. Communications by and with Subcontractors and suppliers shall be through the Contractor. Communications by and with Separate Contractors shall be through the Owner. The Contract Documents may specify other communication protocols.~~

§ 4.2.5 Based on the Architect'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~~ and Owner have authority to reject Work that does not conform to the Contract Documents. Whenever the Architect ~~or~~ Owner considers it necessary or advisable, the Architect and Owner will have authority to require inspection or testing of the Work in accordance with Sections 13.4.2 and 13.4.3, whether or not the Work is fabricated, installed or completed. However, neither this authority of the Architect ~~or~~ Owner nor a decision made in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise such authority shall give rise to a duty or responsibility of the Architect ~~or~~ Owner to the Contractor, Subcontractors, 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 and intent 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, 3.5, and 3.12. The Architect's review shall not constitute approval of safety precautions or 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.

§ 4.2.8 The Architect will prepare Change Orders and Construction Change Directives, and may order 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 as provided in Section 3.7.4.

§ 4.2.8.1 The Architect will evaluate substitutions proposed by the contractor, whether as part of a cost reduction procedure or as otherwise, which are prepared and submitted in accordance with the requirements of subparagraphs 3.4.2. Such evaluation and any action taken by the Architect with respect thereto shall be performed within 14 calendar days, or as requested in writing, as may, in the Architect's professional judgment be required to permit adequate review. The Owner shall evaluate and approve or take other appropriate action upon contractor proposed substitutions and the architect's recommendations with respect thereto, which evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the total net change to project cost, taking into account the proposed change to the construction cost, the possible additional services costs of the architect, and the possible change in the contract sum, the contract time, or the requirements of the contract documents as a result of an Owner approved substitution shall be reflected in a Change Order.

§ 4.2.9 The Architect and Owner will conduct inspections to determine the date or dates of Substantial Completion and the date of final completion; issue Certificates of Substantial Completion pursuant to Section 9.8; receive and forward to the Owner, for the Owner's review and records, written warranties and related documents required by the Contract and assembled by the Contractor pursuant to Section 9.10; and issue a final Certificate for Payment pursuant to Section 9.10.

§ 4.2.10 If the Owner and Architect agree, the Architect will provide one or more Project representatives to assist in carrying out the Architect's responsibilities at the site. The Owner shall notify the Contractor of any change in the duties, responsibilities and limitations of authority of the Project representatives.

§ 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 within any time limits agreed upon or otherwise with reasonable promptness. The Architect may, as the Architect judges desirable, issue additional drawings or instructions indicating in greater detail the construction or design of the various parts of the Work; such drawings or instructions may be affected by field order, or notice to the Contractor, and provided such drawings or instructions are reasonably consistent with the previously existing Contract Documents, the Work shall be executed in accordance with such additional drawings or instructions without additional cost or extension of Contract Time. If the Contractor claims additional cost or time on account of such additional drawings or instructions, it shall give notice provided in Section 15. 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 decisions, the Architect will endeavor to secure faithful performance by both Owner and Contractor, will not show partiality to either and will not be liable for results of interpretations or decisions rendered in good faith. The Architect shall not be required to render interpretations the sole or primary purpose of which is the resolution of jurisdictional disputes between Contractor and Subcontractor or between Subcontractor and Subcontractor.

§ 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 decisions, the Architect will endeavor to secure faithful performance by both Owner and Contractor, will not show partiality to either, and will not be liable for results of interpretations or decisions rendered in good faith.

§ 4.2.13 The Architect's Owner'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 fourteen (14) calendar days or otherwise with reasonable promptness. If appropriate, the Architect will prepare and issue supplemental Drawings and Specifications in response to the requests for information. The issuance of additional Drawings or Specifications shall not, in itself, serve as a basis for adjustment of cost or time.

## 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 the subcontractors of a Separate Contractor.

§ 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 Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, the Contractor, as soon as practicable after, but no later than days after the award of the Contract, shall notify the Owner and Architect concurrently of the persons or entities proposed for each principal portion of the Work, including those who are to furnish materials or equipment fabricated to a special design. Within 14 days of receipt of the information, the Architect may notify the Contractor whether the Owner or the Architect (1) has reasonable objection to any such proposed person or entity or (2) requires additional time for review. Failure of the Owner and Architect to provide notice within the 14-day period shall constitute notice of no reasonable objection.

§ 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.

§ 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 and Contract Time shall be increased or decreased by the difference, if any, occasioned by such change, and an appropriate Change Order shall be issued before commencement of the substitute Subcontractor’s Work. However, no increase in the Contract Sum or Contract Time 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 substitute a Subcontractor, person, or entity for one previously selected if the Owner or Architect makes reasonable objection to such substitution.

§ 5.2.5 All subcontracts shall be in writing and shall specifically provide that the Owner is an intended third-party beneficiary.

### § 5.3 Subcontractual Relations

§ 5.3.1 By appropriate written agreement, 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 that the Contractor, by these Contract 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. Each subcontract agreement shall state that the Subcontractor agrees that the Contractor’s rights under the subcontract agreement may (a) be assigned to the Owner, subject to the conditions of Section 5.4.1 of these General Conditions, include agreements to mediate consistent with those in the Contract Documents and (b) be terminated without penalty or premium if the Contractor’s services are terminated. By entering into a subcontract for any portion of the Work, (c) a Subcontractor shall be deemed to have agreed to the terms of the preceding sentence as if such terms were included in its subcontract agreement, and (d) the Subcontractor shall be required to perform its Work in accordance with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, building codes, rules and regulations without any adjustment to the subcontract amount or time for performance.

§ 5.3.2 Any entity other than the Contractor (i.e. subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, etc.) shall not have the right to require mediation, arbitration, or litigation of any dispute in those cases in which the Owner is a party or in which the outcome could affect the Contract Sum or the Contract Time, except at the sole discretion of the Owner.

#### § 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~~ and only for those subcontract agreements that the Owner accepts by notifying the Subcontractor and Contractor in writing; and
  - .2 assignment is subject to the prior rights of the surety, if any, obligated under bond relating to the Contract.

~~When the Owner accepts the assignment of a subcontract agreement, the Owner assumes the Contractor's rights and obligations under the subcontract.~~

§ 5.4.2 Each subcontract shall specifically provide that the Owner shall only be responsible to the subcontractor for those obligations of the Contractor that accrue subsequent to the Owner's exercise of any rights under this conditional assignment.

~~Upon such assignment, if the Work has been suspended for more than 30 days, the Subcontractor's compensation shall be equitably adjusted for increases in cost resulting from the suspension.~~

§ 5.4.3 Upon assignment to the Owner under this Section 5.4, the Owner may further assign the subcontract to a successor contractor or other entity. ~~If the Owner assigns the subcontract to a successor contractor or other entity, the Owner shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all of the successor contractor's obligations under the subcontract.~~

### ARTICLE 6 CONSTRUCTION BY OWNER OR BY SEPARATE CONTRACTORS

#### § 6.1 Owner's Right to Perform Construction and to Award Separate Contracts

§ 6.1.1 The term "Separate Contractor(s)" shall mean other contractors retained by the Owner under separate agreements. The Owner reserves the right to perform construction or operations related to the Project with the Owner's own forces, and with Separate Contractors retained under Conditions of the Contract substantially similar to those of this Contract, including those provisions of the Conditions of the Contract 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. The Owner shall cause its Separate Contractors to be subject to the Contractor's safety directions and program while on the jobsite, include the Contractor as an additional insured under the separate contractor's commercial general liability policy(ies), on a primary and non-contributory basis, and to waive subrogation rights against the Contractor to the extent of any recovery from applicable property insurance. . If a Separate Contractor desires to access the Contractor's jobsite or use Contractor-provided facilities or equipment, such access or use is conditioned on the Separate Contractor signing the Contractor's standard form of indemnity agreement.

§ 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 Unless otherwise required in the Contract Documents, ~~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 any Separate Contractors and the Owner in reviewing their construction schedules. The Contractor shall make any revisions to its 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.

§ 6.1.4 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, when the Owner performs construction or operations related to the Project with the Owner's own forces or with Separate Contractors, the Owner or its Separate Contractors shall have the same obligations and rights that the Contractor has under the Conditions of the Contract, including, without excluding others, those stated in Article 3, this Article 6, and Articles 10, 11, and 12, unless mutually agreed otherwise by Owner and Contractor.



§ 6.1.5 The Owner reserves the right of access to any part of the Project at all times to inspect the same or to install other Work either with its own forces or with separate contractors hired by the Owner. Such access is not to be construed to mean partial occupancy by the Owner and no claim for increase in the Contract Time or Sum will be considered unless such Owner's contractors have delayed or damaged the Contractor's Work. The Contractor shall permit the Owner to place and install as much furniture, equipment and other material during the progress of the Work as is possible before completion of the various parts of the Work and agrees that such placing and the installation of equipment shall not in any way evidence the completion or acceptance of the Work or any portion of it.

## **§ 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 notify the Architect of apparent discrepancies or defects in the construction or operations by the Owner or Separate Contractor that would render it unsuitable for proper execution and results of the Contractor's Work. Failure of the Contractor to notify the Architect of apparent discrepancies or defects prior to proceeding with the Work 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. The Contractor shall not be responsible for discrepancies or defects in the construction or operations by the Owner or Separate Contractor that are not apparent.

**§ 6.2.3** The Contractor shall reimburse the Owner for costs the Owner incurs that are payable to a Separate Contractor because of the Contractor's delays, improperly timed activities or defective construction. The Owner shall be responsible to the Contractor for costs the Contractor incurs because of a Separate Contractor's delays, improperly timed activities, damage to the Work or defective construction.

**§ 6.2.4** The Contractor shall promptly remedy damage that the Contractor wrongfully causes to completed or partially completed construction or to property of the Owner or Separate Contractor as provided in Section 10.2.5.

**§ 6.2.5** The Owner and each Separate Contractor shall have the same responsibilities for cutting and patching as are described for the Contractor in Section 3.14.

**§ 6.2.5.1** If a separate contractor sues or initiates a mediation, arbitration or litigation proceeding against the Owner on account of any damage alleged to have been caused by the Contractor, the Owner shall notify the Contractor who shall defend such proceedings at the Contractor's expense, and if any judgment or award against the Owner arises therefrom, the Contractor shall pay or satisfy it and shall reimburse the Owner for all attorney's fees and court or arbitration costs which the Owner has incurred.

**§ 6.2.6** The Contractor shall consult with its subcontractors and other contractors as soon as possible after execution of the Contract to coordinate all work phases in order that the Project as a whole can be completed in a professional and expeditious manner.

**§ 6.2.7** If a separate contractor sues or initiates a dispute resolution proceeding against the Owner on account of any damage or delay alleged to have been caused by the Contractor, the Owner shall notify the Contractor who shall indemnify, defend and hold the Owner harmless from any damages, costs or expenses.

## **§ 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. The decision as to whether the Change Order work is executed via a Change Order, Construction Change Directive, or a minor change in the Work is the decision of the Owner.

§ 7.1.2 A Change Order shall be based upon agreement among the Owner, Contractor, and Architect. A Construction Change Directive requires agreement signature by the Owner and Architect and may or may not be agreed to by the Architect and/or Contractor. Except as permitted in Sections 7.3 and 9.7.2, a change in the Contract Sum or the Contract Time shall be accomplished only by Change Order or by Construction Change Directive. Accordingly, no course of conduct or dealings between the parties, nor express or implied acceptance of alterations or additions to the Work, and no claim that the Owner has been unjustly enriched by any alteration or addition to the Work, whether or not there is, in fact, any unjust enrichment, shall be the basis of any claim to an increase in any amounts due under the Contract Documents or a change in any time period provided for in the Contract Documents.  
An order for a minor change in the Work may be issued by the Architect alone.

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

§ 7.1.4 The Contractor's itemized accounts for all expenditures or savings for additions to, or deductions from, the Work in the Contract Documents shall at all times be open to inspection by the Owner and Architect.

§ 7.1.5 Proposed changes in the Work requested during the construction period shall be priced by the Contractor and submitted to the Architect and Owner for review, in such form as the Architect and Owner may require, within ten (10) calendar days following the Contractor's receipt of the request. The Contractor shall promptly revise and resubmit such proposal if the Architect and Owner determine that it is not in compliance with the requirements of this Article, or that it contains errors of fact or mathematical errors. If required by the Architect or Owner, in order to establish the exact cost of new Work added or previously required Work omitted, the Contractor shall obtain and furnish to the Architect and Owner bona fide proposals from recognized suppliers for furnishing and material included in such Work. Such proposals shall be furnished at the Contractor's expense.

§ 7.1.6 The Contractor's proposal for a change in the Work, (Change Order Request), shall be itemized completely and shall include: Specific number of calendar days for additional time (if applicable); all material costs and quantities accompanied by the original manufacturer invoices; labor wages; unit prices; subcontractor costs; mark ups; equipment costs, profit, overhead, general conditions, fees, bond costs and approved daily time sheet tickets for work performed under the utilization of labor rates. The Architect's and Owner's refusal to approve a Change Order or Change Order Request due to the Contractor's lack of itemized backup information shall not be used to substantiate a claim for additional time.

§ 7.1.7 The methods used in determining the adjustment to the Contract Sum due to the change in the Work may include those listed in Section 7.3.3 and are at the discretion of the Owner.

§ 7.1.8 If the method utilized to execute the Change in the Work is based on the labor rates, unit prices and material costs, then actual daily time sheets/tickets, approved by the Superintendent and the Owner, must accompany the Change Order, Construction Change Directive, or minor change in the Work. Not including these actual daily time sheets/tickets, approved by the Superintendent and the Owner, with the Change Order, Construction Change Directive, or minor change in the Work may be cause for their rejection.

## § 7.2 Change Orders

§ 7.2.1 A Change Order is a written instrument initially prepared by Contractor (as a Proposed Owner, Contractor, and Change Order) and, once its terms are agreed, signed by the Owner, Contractor, and Architect stating their agreement upon all of the following:

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

§ 7.2.2 Agreement on any Change Order shall constitute a final settlement on all matters relating to the change in the Work that is the subject of the Change Order, including, but not limited to, all direct and indirect costs associated with such change and any and all adjustments to the Contract Sum and the construction schedule.

§ 7.2.3 Methods used in determining adjustments to the Contract Sum may include those listed in Section 7.3.3 and are at the discretion of the Owner.



§ 7.2.4 The amount of credit to be allowed by the Contractor to the Owner for a deletion or change which results in a net decrease in the Contract Sum shall be actual net cost as confirmed by the Architect. When both addition and credits covering related Work or substitutions are involved in a change, the allowance for overhead and profit shall be figured on the basis of net increase, if any, with respect to that change.

### § 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. The Owner may also by Construction Change Directive order work to be performed that has been interpreted by the Owner or Architect to be part of the Work but is disputed by the Contractor through submission of a Claim.

§ 7.3.2 A Construction Change Directive shall be used in the absence of total agreement on the terms of a Change Order or work interpreted by the Owner or Architect to be part of the Contract.

§ 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 and rates 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; or
- .4 As provided in Section 7.3.4.

§ 7.3.4 If the Contractor does not respond promptly or disagrees with the method for adjustment in the Contract Sum, the Architect and Owner shall determine the adjustment on the basis of reasonable expenditures and savings of those performing the Work attributable to the change, including, in case of an increase in the Contract Sum, an amount for overhead and profit as set forth in the Agreement, as determined per Sections 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 of the AIA A701-1997, modified, Instructions to Bidders and the Bid Form or if no such amount is set forth in the Agreement, a reasonable amount. In such case, and also under Section 7.3.3.3, the Contractor shall keep and present, in such form as the Architect and Owner may prescribe, an itemized accounting together with appropriate supporting data. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, costs for the purposes of this Section 7.3.4 shall be limited to the following:

- .1 Costs of labor, including applicable payroll taxes, fringe benefits required by agreement or custom, workers' compensation insurance, and other employee costs approved by the Architect;
- .2 Costs of materials, supplies, and equipment, including cost of transportation, whether incorporated or consumed;
- .3 Rental costs of machinery and equipment, exclusive of hand tools, whether rented from the Contractor or others;
- .4 Costs of premiums for all bonds and insurance, permit fees, and sales, use, or similar taxes, directly related to the change;
- .5 Costs of supervision and field office personnel directly attributable to the change; and
- .6 Such other costs as may be agreed by the Owner in writing for the applicable change in the Work.

§ 7.3.5 If the Contractor disagrees with the adjustment in the Contract Time, the Contractor may make a Claim in accordance with applicable provisions of Article 15.

§ 7.3.6 Upon receipt of a Construction Change Directive, the Contractor shall promptly proceed with the change in the Work involved and advise the Owner and 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.

§ 7.3.7 A Construction Change Directive signed by the Contractor indicates the Contractor's agreement therewith, including adjustment in Contract Sum and Contract Time or the method for determining them. Such agreement shall be effective immediately and shall be recorded as a Change Order.

§ 7.3.8 The amount of credit to be allowed by the Contractor to the Owner for a deletion or change that results in a net decrease in the Contract Sum shall be actual net cost as confirmed by the Architect. When both additions and credits covering related Work or substitutions are involved in a change, the allowance for overhead and profit shall be figured on the basis of net increase, if any, with respect to that change.

§ 7.3.9 Pending final determination of the total cost of a Construction Change Directive to the Owner, the Contractor may request payment for Work completed under the Construction Change Directive in Applications for Payment. The Architect and Owner will make an interim determination for purposes of monthly certification for payment for those costs and certify for payment the amount that the Architect and Owner determines, in the Architect's and Owner's professional judgment, to be reasonably justified. The Architect's and Owner's interim determination of cost shall adjust the Contract Sum on the same basis as a Change Order, subject to the right of either party to disagree and assert a Claim in accordance with Article 15.

§ 7.3.10 When the Owner and Contractor agrees with a determination made by the Owner and 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.

#### § 7.4 Minor Changes in the Work

The Architect, with approval from the Owner, may order minor changes in the Work that are consistent with the intent of the Contract Documents and do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Sum or an extension of the Contract Time. The Architect's order for minor changes shall be in writing. If the Contractor believes that the proposed minor change in the Work will affect the Contract Sum or Contract Time, the Contractor shall notify the Architect and Owner and shall not proceed to implement the change in the Work. If the Contractor performs the Work set forth in the Architect's order for a minor change without prior notice to the Architect and Owner that such change will affect the Contract Sum or Contract Time, the Contractor waives any adjustment to the Contract Sum or extension of the Contract Time.

### ARTICLE 8 TIME

#### § 8.1 Definitions

§ 8.1.1 Unless otherwise provided, Contract Time is the period of time, including authorized adjustments, allotted in the Contract Documents for Substantial Completion of 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, commence the Work prior to the effective date of insurance required to be furnished by the Contractor and Owner.

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

§ 8.2.4 If in any Application for Payment the total value of the completed Work in place, as certified by the Architect, is less than 95% of the total value of the Work in place estimated in the Progress Schedule, the Owner may, at the Owner's option, require the Contractor to accelerate the progress of the Work without cost to the Owner by increasing the work force or hours of work, or by other reasonable means approved by the Owner and Architect.

§ 8.2.5 If each of three successive Applications for Payments, as certified by the Architect, indicates that the actual Work completed is less than 95% of the values estimated in the Progress Schedule to be completed by the respective dates, the Owner may, at the Owner's option, treat the Contractor's delinquency as a default justifying the action

permitted.

### § 8.3 Delays and Extensions of Time

§ 8.3.1 If the Contractor is delayed at any time in the commencement or progress of the Work by (1) an act or neglect of the Owner or Architect, of an employee of either, or of a Separate Contractor; (2) by changes ordered in the Work; (3) by labor disputes, fire, unusual delay in deliveries, unavoidable casualties, adverse weather conditions not typical for the location of the Project, changes in trade regulation or tariffs, disease outbreaks, declared health emergencies, or other causes of any kind beyond the Contractor's control documented in accordance with Section 15.1.6; (4) by acts or inactions of governmental authorities for which the Contractor is not responsible that directly affect the Work; (5) by delay authorized by the Owner pending mediation and binding dispute resolution; or (6) by other causes that the Contractor asserts, and the Architect determines, justify delay, then the Contract Time shall be extended for such reasonable time not to exceed the period of delay so caused, net of any delay caused by or attributable to the acts or omissions of the Contractor, any Subcontractor or others for whom they are responsible. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that (a) no adjustments to the Contract Time shall be made unless the events described above shall have the effect of actually delaying completion of components of the Work on the critical path indicated in the Schedule and (b) adjustments to any Milestone Dates or the Contract Time will be permitted in connection with any such delay only to the extent such delay (i) is not caused, or could not have been avoided, by the Contractor, (ii) could not be limited or avoided by the Contractor's timely notice to the Owner of the delay, (iii) has an impact of at least one (1) day and (iv) has no concurrent or contributing cause for which the Contractor would not be entitled to an extension of the Contract Time. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any extension in the Contract Time for delays in receiving required licenses, permits, inspections or approvals unless the Owner is required to provide or obtain such licenses, permits, inspections or approvals.

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

§ 8.3.3 Should the Contractor be delayed in the performance of the Work, the Contractor shall (a) notify the Owner and the Architect in writing within three (3) days following the event or occurrence causing such delay and (b) notify the Owner and the Architect of the estimated extent of the delay and the cost, if any, which may be incurred as result of the delay within twenty-one (21) days following the event or occurrence causing such delay. If the Contractor fails to so notify the Owner and the Architect, the Contractor shall be barred from asserting any claim for compensation, expense or damages with respect to such delay.

§ 8.3.4 No claim for delay shall be allowed on account of failure of the Architect to furnish Drawings, Specifications or instructions, or to return Shop Drawings or Samples until a reasonable period of time (but in any event not less than fifteen (15) days or such longer period as may be agreed to among the Architect, the Contractor and the Owner) after receipt by the Architect of written demand for such instructions, Drawings, or Samples, and not then unless the Contractor shows that the Architect's delay has materially interfered with the progress of the Work.

§ 8.3.5 The Contractor hereby agrees that the Contractor shall have no claim for increase in the Contract Sum or additional direct or indirect costs or damages of any kind against the Owner or the Architect on account of any delay in the commencement of the Work and/or any hindrance, delay, acceleration, loss of productivity, or suspension of any portion of the Work ("Delay"), except for (i) suspensions for convenience under Article 14.3, and (ii) a delay in the commencement of the Work caused by Landlord, whether such Delay is caused in whole or in part by the Owner, the Architect, the Landlord, or otherwise. The Contractor acknowledges that the Contractor's sole remedy for any such Delay will be an extension of time as provided in this Article. With respect to subpart (ii) of this section 8.3.6 regarding Landlord delays to the commencement of the Work, Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment for any demonstrable increase in Contractor's General Conditions and/or General Requirements costs caused by such delay.

~~This Section 8.3 does not preclude recovery of damages for delay by either party under other provisions of the Contract Documents.~~

## ARTICLE 9 PAYMENTS AND COMPLETION

### § 9.1 Contract Sum

§ 9.1.1 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.

§ 9.1.2 If unit prices are stated in the Contract Documents or subsequently agreed upon, and if quantities originally contemplated are materially changed so that application of such unit prices to the actual quantities causes substantial inequity to the Owner or Contractor, the applicable unit prices shall be equitably adjusted.

## § 9.2 Schedule of Values

Where the Contract is based on a stipulated sum or Guaranteed Maximum Price, the Contractor shall submit a schedule of values to the Architect and Owner before the first Application for Payment, allocating the entire Contract Sum to the various portions of the Work. The schedule of values shall be prepared in the form, and supported by the data to substantiate its accuracy, required by the Architect and Owner. This schedule, unless objected to by the Architect or Owner, shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Contractor's Applications for Payment. The description of the Work shall be sufficiently broken down to indicate labor and material costs associated with each area of Work. Any breakdown that fails to include sufficient detail, is unbalanced, or exhibits "front-loading" of the value of the Work, will be rejected. The Schedule of Values shall be revised if later determined by the Owner or Architect to be inaccurate. Any changes to the schedule of values shall be submitted to the Architect and Owner and supported by such data to substantiate its accuracy as the Architect may require, and unless objected to by the Architect or Owner, shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Contractor's subsequent Applications for Payment.

## § 9.3 Applications for Payment

§ 9.3.1 ~~At least ten days before the date established for each progress payment, In order to expedite monthly payments during the course of the Project, the Contractor shall prepare for the Architect's and Owner's review a preliminary draft of the Application for Payment (pencil copy), at least approximately ten (10) days before the end of each month. The payment period shall conclude on the last of that month. Then, five (5) days before the end of each month the Contractor shall have made mutually agreed modifications of the pencil copy and the Contractor shall submit to the Architect and Owner for approval an itemized Proposed Final Application for Payment prepared in accordance with the schedule of values, if required under Section 9.2, for completed portions of the Work. The application shall be notarized, if required, The Contractor shall utilize and submit AIA G702 and G703 and supported by all data substantiating the Contractor's right to payment that the Owner or Architect require, such as copies of requisitions, and releases and waivers of liens from Subcontractors and suppliers, and shall reflect retainage if provided for in the Contract Documents.~~

§ 9.3.1.1 Payments for changes in the Work which have not been formally approved in a Change Order, shall not be included.

~~As provided in Section 7.3.9, such applications may include requests for payment on account of changes in the Work that have been properly authorized by Construction Change Directives, or by interim determinations of the Architect, but not yet included in Change Orders.~~

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

§ 9.3.1.3 The Application for Payment will reflect the amount due to the Contractor for the cost of the Work less retainage as determined in the Owner-Contractor Agreement.

§ 9.3.2 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.

§ 9.3.2.1 In addition, for consideration of payment for stored products:

- (a) Storage shall be agreed upon in advance prior to shipment;
- (b) Location of storage shall be agreed upon in advance;
- (c) Contractor shall be responsible for, and pay costs of, the verification and inspection of storage;
- (d) Insurance certificate required for stored items; and
- (e) Bill of sale from supplier to verify transfer of goods to the Owner

§ 9.3.2.2 Schedule of Values and Construction Schedule will be considered in decision on any specific request for payment for storage.

§ 9.3.2.3 Payment for material and equipment delivered and stored shall not relieve Contractor of responsibility for furnishing equipment and material required for the Work in the same manner as if such payment were not made.

§ 9.3.3 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, suppliers, or other persons or entities that provided labor, materials, and equipment relating to the Work.

§ 9.3.4 To the extent payment has been made by the Owner for amount due, Contractor hereby expressly waives, releases and relinquishes any and all right to maintain, or have filed or maintained, any mechanic's lien or claim against the aforesaid premises, or any part thereof, or any building or buildings thereon, for or on account of any work, labor and materials performed or furnished under this Agreement, and agrees that no such lien or claim shall be so filed or maintained by or on behalf of Contractor; and Contractor further agrees to save the Owner harmless from the lien or claim of liens against the aforesaid premises or any part thereof, or any buildings thereon, of any subcontractor, or any persons acting through or under the Contractor and agrees, that if at any time there shall be any evidence of the filing or maintenance of any such lien or claim for liens, the Owner shall have the right to deduct from the amount otherwise due to the Contractor hereunder, an amount sufficient to indemnify it for any or all loss or damages which may result from such lien or claim; and the Contractor further agrees that this waiver shall be an independent covenant, and shall operate and be effective, not only with respect to materials furnished or labor performed under and any Agreement supplemental to this principal Agreement and under any Agreement for extra labor or materials for the above described premises and buildings.

§ 9.3.4.1 Each Application for Payment or periodic estimate requesting payment shall be accompanied by a waiver of lien on account of prior payments from each Subcontractor. This waiver of lien shall include the dollar amount that the Subcontractor has been paid to date.

§ 9.3.4.2 Each Application for Payment or periodic estimate requesting payment shall be accompanied by a statement from each Contractor and Subcontractor certifying that there are no delay claims for the period being paid.

§ 9.3.5 To the extent payment has been made by the Owner for amounts due, Owner shall be entitled to withhold payment to Contractor upon receipt of notice of any intent to file a lien in an amount sufficient to protect the interests of the Owner. Owner shall allow Contractor a reasonable opportunity to bond off a lien. Owner shall have the right, on its own and without the Contractor's consent, to resolve any lien claims and deduct the costs thereof from any amounts due Contractor. In the event sufficient funds are not due Contractor, Contractor shall immediately pay to Owner any sums paid by Owner to resolve lien claim(s) upon demand.

#### § 9.4 Certificates for Payment

§ 9.4.1 The Architect will, within seven days after receipt of the Contractor's Application for Payment, either (1) issue to the Owner a Certificate for Payment in the full amount of the Application for Payment, with a copy to the Contractor; or (2) issue to the Owner a Certificate for Payment for such amount as the Architect and Owner determines is properly due, and notify the Contractor and Owner of the Architect's and Owner's reasons for withholding certification in part as provided in Section 9.5.1; or (3) withhold certification of the entire Application for Payment, and notify the Contractor and Owner of the Architect's and Owner's reason for withholding certification in whole as provided in Section 9.5.1.

§ 9.4.2 The issuance of a Certificate for Payment will constitute a representation by the Architect to the Owner, based on the Architect's evaluation of the Work and the data in the Application for Payment, that, to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information, and belief/professional judgment, the Work has progressed to the point indicated, the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, and that the Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount certified. 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. 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 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.

### § 9.5 Decisions to Withhold Certification

§ 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 suppliers 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 a Separate Contractor;
- .6 reasonable evidence that the Work will not be completed within the Contract Time, and that the unpaid balance would not be adequate to cover actual or liquidated damages for the anticipated delay; ~~or~~
- .7 repeated failure to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- .8 failure to maintain specified record documents relating to the Work;
- .9 failure to provide lien waivers as required herein; or
- .10 failure to provide response to on-going construction commissioning reports.

~~§ 9.5.2 When either party disputes the Architect's decision regarding a Certificate for Payment under Section 9.5.1, in whole or in part, that party may submit a Claim in accordance with Article 15.~~

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

§ 9.5.4 If the Architect withholds certification for payment under Section 9.5.1.3, the Owner may, at its sole option, issue joint checks to the Contractor and to any Subcontractor or supplier to whom the Contractor failed to make payment for Work properly performed or material or equipment suitably delivered. If the Owner makes payments by joint check, the Owner shall notify the Architect and the Contractor shall reflect such payment on its next Application Payment. In no event shall joint payment create any obligations or contracts between Owner and a Subcontractor or supplier or create any rights in such Subcontractor or supplier against the Owner.

### § 9.6 Progress Payments

§ 9.6.1 After the Architect has issued a Certificate for Payment, the Owner shall make payment in the manner and within the time provided in the Contract Documents, and shall so notify the Architect.

§ 9.6.2 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.

§ 9.6.3 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.

§ 9.6.4 The Owner has the right to request written evidence from the Contractor that the Contractor has properly paid Subcontractors and 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 and suppliers 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 or supplier, except as may otherwise be required by law.

§ 9.6.5 The Contractor's payments to suppliers shall be treated in a manner similar to that provided in Sections 9.6.2, 9.6.3 and 9.6.4.

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

§ 9.6.7 Unless the Contractor provides the Owner with a payment bond in the full penal sum of the Contract Sum, payments received by the Contractor for Work properly performed by Subcontractors or provided by suppliers shall be held by the Contractor for those Subcontractors or suppliers who performed Work or furnished materials, or both, under contract with the Contractor for which payment was made by the Owner. Nothing contained herein shall require money to be placed in a separate account and not commingled with money of the Contractor, create any fiduciary liability or tort liability on the part of the Contractor for breach of trust, or entitle any person or entity to an award of punitive damages against the Contractor for breach of the requirements of this provision.

§ 9.6.8 Provided the Owner has fulfilled its payment obligations under the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall defend and indemnify the Owner from all loss, liability, damage or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees and litigation expenses, arising out of any lien claim or other claim for payment by any Subcontractor or supplier of any tier. Upon receipt of notice of a lien claim or other claim for payment, the Owner shall notify the Contractor. If approved by the applicable court, when required, the Contractor may substitute a surety bond for the property against which the lien or other claim for payment has been asserted.

## § 9.7 Failure of Payment

§ 9.7.1 If the Architect does not issue a Certificate for Payment, through no fault of the Contractor, within seven days after receipt of the Contractor's Application for Payment, or if the Owner does not pay the Contractor within seven days after the date established in the Contract Documents, the amount certified by the Architect or awarded by binding dispute resolution, then the Contractor may, upon seven fourteen additional days' written notice to the Owner and Architect, stop the Work until payment of the amount owing has been received. The Contract Time shall be extended appropriately and the Contract Sum shall be increased by the amount of the Contractor's reasonable costs of shutdown, delay and start-up, plus interest as provided for in the Contract Documents.

§ 9.7.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in no event shall the Contractor stop the Work in connection with any withholding or payment for an item or failure to make payment relating to an item made in connection with a good faith dispute.

## § 9.7.3.Liens

(1) If any subcontractor, vendor, or any other party for whom the Contractor is responsible files any lien against the Project and/or the Project site, the Contractor shall discharge such lien within fifteen (15) calendar days of the Contractor's learning of such lien, unless the Owner requests that the Contractor obtain a lien discharge bond in which case the Contractor shall obtain within the same fifteen (15) calendar day period, at no cost to the Owner, a lien discharge bond for which both the surety and the form of bond are acceptable to the Owner. (2) If the Contractor fails to discharge such lien (or, if requested by the Owner, fails to obtain a lien discharge bond acceptable to the Owner) within such fifteen (15) calendar day period, the Owner shall have the right to withhold from the next progress payment or any other sum payable to the Contractor an amount equal to one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the total of (i) the amount of such lien plus (ii) reasonable costs and expenses the Owner may incur related to such lien. The Owner may either: (i) apply amounts so withheld to discharging such lien and paying the costs and expenses for such discharge; or (ii) retain such amounts (including amounts for costs and expenses) until such liens are discharged by the Contractor, thereafter crediting to the Contractor any amounts remaining after payment of the costs and expenses the Owner incurs related to such lien. (3) The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Owner from all costs and expenses incurred by the Owner in connection with such liens, unless and to the extent that such liens are the result of the Owner's failure to make timely payment of amounts due to the Contractor in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

## § 9.8 Substantial Completion

§ 9.8.1 Substantial Completion is the stage in the progress of the Work when (1) the Work or designated portion

thereof is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents; ~~so that~~ (2) the Owner can occupy or utilize the Work for its intended use; (3) the issuance of a formal Certificate of Occupancy by the authority having jurisdiction; (4) the premises have been cleaned as per Section 3.15; and (5) only minor items remain to be corrected or completed that have no significant interference with the Owner's use of the Work.

§ 9.8.2 When the Contractor considers that the Work, or a portion thereof designated in the Contract Documents for separate completion which the Owner agrees to accept separately, is substantially complete, as defined in Section 9.8.1 above, the Contractor shall notify the Architect and Owner in writing and shall prepare and submit to the Architect (1) a comprehensive list of items to be completed or corrected prior to final payment and (2) all Certificates of Occupancy and applicable permits required by the Contract Documents, endorsed by the Contractor and in a form reasonably acceptable to the Architect and Owner. Promptly after receiving such notice, the Architect will conduct a preliminary review to determine whether or not the Documents are generally complete and correct. If the Architect finds on the basis of this review that the Contractor's notice and supporting documents are not generally complete or correct, the Architect will return them to the Contractor for revision and resubmittal, describing in general the additions or corrections required. If the Architect finds on one preliminary review of the Contractor's resubmittal that the resubmitted notice and supporting documents are still not generally complete and correct, the Contractor shall again correct and resubmit them, and shall, in addition, reimburse the Owner for the cost of any change in the Architect's services resulting from such a second and any subsequent preliminary reviews. When the Architect finds on the basis of a preliminary review that the Contractor's notice and supporting documents are substantially complete, the Architect will proceed as stated in Section 9.8.3 below. 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.

§ 9.8.3 Upon receipt of the Contractor's list, the Architect and Owner will make an inspection to determine whether the Work or designated portion thereof is substantially complete. If the Architect's or Owner'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 or Owner. In such case, the Contractor shall then submit a request for another inspection by the Architect or Owner to determine Substantial Completion.

§ 9.8.4 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; establish responsibilities of the Owner and Contractor for security, maintenance, heat, utilities, damage to the Work and insurance; and fix the time within which the Contractor shall finish all items on the list accompanying the Certificate. This list will be comprised of all items identified by the Contractor, Architect and Owner. 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.

§ 9.8.5 The Certificate of Substantial Completion shall be submitted to the Owner and Contractor for their written acceptance of responsibilities assigned to them in the Certificate. Upon such acceptance, and consent of surety if any, the Owner shall make payment of retainage applying to the Work or designated portion thereof in accordance with Section 9.8.6. Such payment shall be adjusted for Work that is incomplete or not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

§ 9.8.6 The retainage, as determined by the Owner Contractor Agreement, will continue to be withheld in full, and the Owner will release such retainage within thirty (30) days after the date of the issuance of a Certificate of Substantial Completion by the Architect. The Owner will continue to hold retainage in an amount of one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the estimated cost of incomplete or unsatisfactory work. Further, the Owner will consider a reduction of retainage on a trade-by-trade (subcontractor-by-subcontractor) basis based upon their satisfactory progress and/or substantial completion of their Work prior to project Substantial Completion.

## § 9.9 Partial Occupancy or Use

§ 9.9.1 The Owner may occupy or use any completed or partially completed portion of the Work at any stage when such portion is designated by separate agreement with the Contractor, provided such occupancy or use is consented to by the insurer and authorized by public authorities having jurisdiction over the Project. Such partial occupancy or use may commence whether or not the portion is substantially complete, provided the Owner and Contractor have accepted in writing the responsibilities assigned to each of them for payments, retainage, if any, security, maintenance, heat, utilities, damage to the Work and insurance, and have agreed in writing concerning the period for correction of the Work and commencement of warranties required by the Contract Documents. When the Contractor considers a

portion substantially complete, the Contractor shall prepare and submit a list to the Architect as provided under Section 9.8.2. Consent of the Contractor to partial occupancy or use shall not be unreasonably withheld. The stage of the progress of the Work shall be determined by written agreement between the Owner and Contractor **or, if no agreement is reached, by decision of the Architect.**

§ 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 the Contractor's **written** notice that the Work is ready for final inspection and acceptance and upon receipt of a final Application for Payment, the Architect will promptly make such inspection. 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 professional judgment**, and on the basis of the Architect's on-site visits and inspections, the Work has been completed in accordance with 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. **All warranties and guarantees required under or pursuant to the Contract Documents shall be assembled and delivered by the Contractor to the Owner prior to submission of the final Application for Payment. The final payment will not be made by the Owner until all close-out documents including as-built documents, operation and maintenance manuals, training and any other requirements identified in the Contract Documents have been received and accepted by the Owner and provided in the media and format requested by the Owner.**

§ 9.10.2 Neither final payment nor any remaining retained percentage shall become due until the Contractor submits to the Architect **and Owner** (1) an affidavit that payrolls, bills for materials and equipment, and other indebtedness connected with the Work for which the Owner or the Owner's property might be responsible or encumbered (less amounts withheld by Owner) have been paid or otherwise satisfied, (2) a certificate evidencing that insurance required by the Contract Documents to remain in force after final payment is currently in effect, (3) a written statement that the Contractor knows of no 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, (5) documentation of any special warranties, such as manufacturers' warranties or specific Subcontractor warranties, and (6) if required by the Owner, other data establishing payment or satisfaction of obligations, such as receipts and releases and waivers of liens, claims, security interests, or encumbrances arising out of the Contract, to the extent and in such form as may be designated by the Owner. If 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, claim, security interest, or encumbrance. If a lien, claim, security interest, or encumbrance 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 the lien, claim, security interest, or encumbrance, including all costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

§ 9.10.3 If, after Substantial Completion of the Work, final completion thereof is materially delayed through no fault of the Contractor or by issuance of Change Orders affecting final completion, and the Architect **and Owner** 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, corrected, 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 the 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.

§ 9.10.3.1 **If after ninety (90) calendar days after Substantial Completion of the Work, or as otherwise stated in the Owner-Contractor Agreement, Final Completion thereof is not achieved due to actions or inaction of the Contractor, the Contractor shall reimburse the Owner for any and all costs incurred by the Owner for professional fees, including those of the Architect and Owner's Representative.**

§ 9.10.4 The making of final payment shall constitute a waiver of Claims by the Owner except those arising from



- .1 liens, Claims, security interests, or encumbrances arising out of the Contract and unsettled;
- .2 failure of the Work to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents;
- .3 terms of special warranties required by the Contract Documents; or
- .4 audits performed by the Owner, if permitted by the Contract Documents, after final payment.

§ 9.10.5 Acceptance of final payment by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, or a 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 Application for Payment.

## 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. The Owner assumes no responsibility or liability for the safety of the Project site. Contractor shall be solely responsible for providing a safe place for the performance of the Work.

### § 10.2 Safety of Persons and 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, a Subcontractor, or a Sub-subcontractor; 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.

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

§ 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 10.2.1.2 and 10.2.1.3. The Contractor may make a Claim for the cost to remedy the damage or loss to the extent such damage or loss is 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 permit any part of the construction or site to be loaded so as to cause damage or create an unsafe condition.

### § 10.2.8 Injury or Damage to Person or Property

If either party 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 the injury or damage, whether or not insured, shall be given to the other party within a reasonable time not exceeding 21 days after discovery. The notice shall



provide sufficient detail to enable the other party to investigate the matter.

§ 10.2.9 The Contractor shall, within five (5) business days, report in writing to the Owner and Architect all accidents out of or in connection with the Work that caused death, personal injury or property damage, giving names of those involved and any witnesses.

§ 10.2.10 The Contractor shall be responsible for the adequate strength and safety of all scaffolding, staging and hoisting equipment and for temporary shoring, bracing and tying.

§ 10.2.11 The Contractor shall, at all times, be responsible for maintaining fire safety on the site, including prompt removal of all combustible rubbish, provision of fire extinguishing apparatus, and other measures, and/or services specified herein or required by the State Fire Marshal or other authority having jurisdiction. If such authority determines that the Contractor has failed to provide or maintain adequate fire safety, the Contractor shall, at its own expense, provide any compensatory services, equipment or devices required by the authority having jurisdiction, including but not limited to maintaining a continuous fire watch.

§ 10.2.12 Cutting and welding to be performed in or immediately adjacent to existing spaces and shall not be performed without written approval of the Owner for each instance.

§ 10.2.13 The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and the Construction Safety Act of 1969, including all standards and regulations which have been promulgated by the governmental authorities which administer such Acts and said requirements, standards and regulations are incorporated herein by reference. The Contractor shall be directly responsible for compliance therewith on the part of its agents, employees, subcontractors, and material suppliers and shall directly receive and be responsible for all citations, assessments, fines or penalties which may be incurred by reason of its agents, employees, material suppliers or subcontractors, to so comply.

§ 10.2.14 The Contractor shall, at all times, protect excavations, trenches, buildings, and materials from rain water, ground water, ice, snow, back-up or leakage of sewers, drains, or other piping, and from water of any other origin and shall remove promptly any accumulation of water. The Contractor shall provide and operate all pumps, piping and other equipment necessary to this end.

§ 10.2.15 The Contractor shall remove snow or ice within the limits of the Work indicated in the Contract Documents which might result in damage or delay.

10.2.16 During the progress of the Work and at all times prior to the Date of Substantial Completion or occupancy of the Work by the Owner, whichever is earlier, the Contractor shall provide temporary heat, ventilation, and enclosure adequate to permit the Work to proceed in a timely fashion, and to prevent damage to completed Work or work in progress, or to materials stored on the premises. The permanent heating and ventilation systems may be used for these purposes when available unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. The use of the permanent heating system for temporary heat shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Owner and Architect.

§ 10.2.17 The Contractor shall be responsible for protecting the Work, materials and equipment at all times from commencement of Work until completion of its Work. It may, if it wishes, employ watchmen to assure such protection.

§ 10.2.18 In case of an emergency involving danger to life or property, the Contractor may act at its discretion to prevent injury or damage to the threatened life or property.

§ 10.2.19 The Contractor shall maintain its hand tools, machinery, personnel protective equipment, etc. in safe operating condition and shall require its subcontractors and individual mechanics to maintain their equipment in the same condition.

### **§ 10.3 Hazardous Materials and Substances**

**§ 10.3.1** The Contractor is responsible for compliance with any requirements included in the Contract Documents regarding hazardous materials or substances. 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 notify the Owner and Architect of the condition in writing.

§ 10.3.2 Upon receipt of the Contractor's written notice, the Owner shall obtain the services of a licensed laboratory to verify the presence or absence of the material or substance reported by the Contractor and, in the event such material or substance is found to be present, to cause it to be rendered harmless. ~~Unless otherwise required by the 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 the material or substance or who are to perform the task of removal or safe containment of the 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. By Change Order, the Contract Time ~~shall~~ may be extended appropriately and the Contract Sum ~~shall~~ may be increased by the amount of the Contractor's reasonable additional costs, if any, of shutdown, delay, and start-up.

§ 10.3.2.1 If Hazardous Material is determined to be present on the site, the Contractor will cooperate with the Owner and the Owner's consultants and contractors to coordinate the Work in conjunction with the abatement, handling, disposal, or other procedures related to the presence of the Hazardous Material to maintain a safe working environment and to progress with the execution of the Work to avoid delay.

§ 10.3.3 To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless the Contractor, Subcontractors, 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, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work in the affected area if in fact the material or substance presents the risk of bodily injury or death as described in Section 10.3.1 and has not been rendered harmless, provided that such claim, damage, loss, or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), except to the extent that such damage, loss, or expense is due to the fault or negligence of the party seeking indemnity.

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

§ 10.3.5 The Contractor shall reimburse the Owner, defend and hold harmless for the cost and expense the Owner incurs (1) for remediation of hazardous materials or substances the Contractor brings to the site and negligently handles, or (2) where the Contractor fails to perform its obligations under Section 10.3.1, except to the extent that the cost and expense are due to the Owner's fault or negligence.

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

## § 10.4 Emergencies

In an emergency affecting safety of persons or property, the Contractor shall act, at the Contractor's discretion, to prevent threatened damage, injury, or loss. Additional compensation or extension of time claimed by the Contractor on account of an emergency shall be determined as provided in Article 15 and Article 7.

## ARTICLE 11 INSURANCE AND BONDS

### § 11.1 Contractor's Insurance and Bonds

#### § 11.1.1

Prior to the start of the Work, the Contractor shall purchase and maintain insurance of the types and limits of liability, containing the endorsements, and subject to the terms and conditions, as described in Exhibit B of the A133 Agreement or elsewhere in the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall purchase and maintain the required insurance from a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located such insurance as will protect it and the Owner, the Owner's agents, employees, officers, directors, trustees, and other parties that the Owner may identify from claims which may arise out of or result from the Contractor's operations and completed operations under the Contract, whether such operations be by itself or by any

Subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable as follows:

- .1 Claims under workers' compensation, disability benefit and other similar employee benefit acts that are applicable to the Work to be performed;
- .2 Claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of the Contractor's employees;
- .3 Claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death of any person other than the Contractor's employees;
- .4 Claims for damages insured by usual personal injury liability coverage;
- .5 Claims for damages, other than to the Work itself, because of injury to or destruction of tangible property, including loss of use resulting therefrom;
- .6 Claims for damages because of bodily injury, death of a person or property damage arising out of ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle;
- .7 Claims for bodily injury or property damage arising out of completed operations; and
- .8 Claims involving contractual liability insurance applicable to the Contractor's obligations under Section 3.18 above.

§ 11.1.2 The Contractor shall purchase and maintain during the life of this Contract insurance at the coverage limits set forth in Exhibit B of the A133 Agreement. The Contractor shall provide surety bonds of the types, for such penal sums, and subject to such terms and conditions, if and to the extent required by the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall purchase and maintain any required bonds from a company or companies lawfully authorized to issue surety bonds in the jurisdiction where the Project is located.

§ 11.1.3 Upon the request of any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of the payment bond covering payment of obligations arising under the Contract and such person's compliance with any statutory requirements, the Contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of the payment bond or shall authorize a copy to be furnished.

§ 11.1.4 As mutually agreed between Owner and Contractor, insurance similar to that required of the Contractor shall be provided by or on behalf of all Subcontractors to cover their operations performed under the Contract Documents, which (with the exception of the Workers Compensation and Professional Liability Policy) shall name the Owner and the other additional insureds identified in Section 11.1.7 below as additional insureds. The Contractor shall be held responsible for compliance with and enforcement of the insurance requirements and for any modifications of these insurance requirements as they apply to Subcontractors. The Contractor shall not permit any Subcontractor to commence work until such Subcontractor has furnished evidence that insurance has been procured and certificates of insurance have been obtained by the Contractor providing that, in event of material change in or cancellation of Subcontractor's policies, thirty (30) days' advance written notice will be given to the Contractor by registered mail. Copies of such certificates shall be delivered to the Owner who shall be designated as a certificate holder.

§ 11.1.5 Certificates of insurance acceptable to the Owner shall be filed with the Owner prior to commencement of the Work and thereafter upon renewal or replacement of each required policy of insurance. The Contractor shall provide at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Owner in the event that coverages afforded under the policies are modified, canceled or allowed to expire. If any of the foregoing insurance coverages are required to remain in force after final payment and are reasonably available, all additional certificates evidencing continuation of liability coverage, including coverage for completed operations, shall be submitted with the final Application for Payment as required by Section 9.10.2 and thereafter upon renewal or replacement of such coverage until the expiration of the time required by Section 11.1.8. Neither final payment nor any missing retainage under this Contract shall be due until such certificate has been submitted to the Owner and Architect. Information concerning reduction of coverage on account of revised limits or claims paid under the General Aggregate, or both, shall be furnished by the Contractor with reasonable promptness.

§ 11.1.6 At Owner's request, the Contractor will furnish redacted copies of the policy or policies including all endorsements required to provide stated coverage.

§ 11.1.7 All insurance policies required in Exhibit B of the A133 shall be subject to the Owner's approval and written by insurance companies with an A.M. Best Rating of A-VII or better, licensed to do business in the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts and otherwise acceptable to the Owner. All policies issued shall include permission for partial or total occupancy of the premises by the Owner within the scope of this Contract. All policies (except Workers Compensation and Professional Liability) shall be endorsed to include the Owner, Landlords as Additional Insureds and, with respect to the status of additional insureds, this policy shall be primary and non-contributing. All such policies shall contain provisions or endorsements necessary to assure coverage of claims by one insured against another. All insurance provided by the Contractor and Subcontractors and Sub-subcontractors required under Exhibit B of the A133 shall include an endorsement providing that the underwriters waive their rights of subrogation against the Owner.

§ 11.1.8 The insurance required by this Section 11.1 shall be written for not less than limits of liability specified in Exhibit B of the A133 or required by law, whichever coverage is greater. Coverages, whether written on an occurrence or claims-made basis, shall be maintained without interruption from the date of commencement of the Work until the date of final payment and termination of any coverage required to be maintained after final payment, and, with respect to the Contractor's completed operations coverage, until the expiration of the period for correction of Work or for such other period for maintenance of completed operations coverage as specified in the Contract Documents.

§ 11.1.4 **Notice of Cancellation or Expiration of Contractor's Required Insurance.** Within three (3) business days of the date the Contractor becomes aware of an impending or actual cancellation or expiration of any insurance required by the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall provide written notice to the Owner of such impending or actual cancellation or expiration. Upon receipt of notice from the Contractor, the Owner shall, unless the lapse in coverage arises from an act or omission of the Owner, have the right to stop the Work until the lapse in coverage has been cured by the procurement of replacement coverage by the Contractor. The furnishing of notice by the Contractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any contractual obligation to provide any required coverage.

## § 11.2 Owner's Insurance

§ 11.2.1 The Owner ~~shall~~ may purchase and maintain insurance of the types and limits of liability, containing the endorsements, and subject to the terms and conditions, as described in the Agreement or elsewhere in the Contract Documents. The Owner shall purchase and maintain the required insurance from an insurance company or insurance companies lawfully authorized to issue insurance in the jurisdiction where the Project is located.

§ 11.2.2 **Failure to Purchase Required Property Insurance.** If the Owner fails to purchase and maintain the required property insurance, with all of the coverages and in the amounts described in the Agreement or elsewhere in the Contract Documents, the Owner shall inform the Contractor in writing prior to commencement of the Work. Upon receipt of notice from the Owner, the Contractor may delay commencement of the Work and may obtain insurance that will protect the interests of the Contractor, Subcontractors, and Sub-Subcontractors in the Work. When the failure to provide coverage has been cured or resolved, the Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be equitably adjusted. In the event the Owner fails to procure coverage, the Owner waives all rights against the Contractor, Subcontractors, and Sub-subcontractors to the extent the loss to the Owner would have been covered by the insurance to have been procured by the Owner. The cost of the insurance shall be charged to the Owner by a Change Order. If the Owner does not provide written notice, and the Contractor is damaged by the failure or neglect of the Owner to purchase or maintain the required insurance, the Owner shall reimburse the Contractor for all reasonable costs and damages attributable thereto.

§ 11.2.3 **Notice of Cancellation or Expiration of Owner's Required Property Insurance.** Within three (3) business days of the date the Owner becomes aware of an impending or actual cancellation or expiration of any property insurance required by the Contract Documents, the Owner shall provide notice to the Contractor of such impending or actual cancellation or expiration. Unless the lapse in coverage arises from an act or omission of the Contractor: (1) the Contractor, upon receipt of notice from the Owner, shall have the right to stop the Work until the lapse in coverage has been cured by the procurement of replacement coverage by either the Owner or the Contractor; (2) the Contract Time and Contract Sum shall be equitably adjusted; and (3) the Owner waives all rights against the Contractor, Subcontractors, and Sub-subcontractors to the extent any loss to the Owner would have been covered by the insurance had it not expired or been cancelled. If the Contractor purchases replacement coverage, the cost of the insurance shall be charged to the Owner by an appropriate Change Order. The furnishing of notice by the Owner shall not relieve the Owner of any contractual obligation to provide required insurance.

## § 11.3 Waivers of Subrogation

§ 11.3.1 The Owner and Contractor waive all rights against (1) each other and any of their subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, agents, and employees, each of the other; (2) the Architect and Architect's consultants; and (3)

Separate Contractors, if any, and any of their subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, agents, and employees, for damages caused by fire, or other causes of loss, to the extent those losses are covered by property insurance required by the Agreement or other property insurance applicable to the Project, except such rights as they have to proceeds of such insurance. The Owner or Contractor, as appropriate, shall require similar written waivers in favor of the individuals and entities identified above from the Architect, Architect's consultants, Separate Contractors, subcontractors, and sub-subcontractors. The policies of insurance purchased and maintained by each person or entity agreeing to waive claims pursuant to this section 11.3.1 shall not prohibit this waiver of subrogation. This waiver of subrogation shall be effective as to a person or entity (1) even though that person or entity would otherwise have a duty of indemnification, contractual or otherwise, (2) even though that person or entity did not pay the insurance premium directly or indirectly, or (3) whether or not the person or entity had an insurable interest in the damaged property.

**§ 11.3.2** If during the Project construction period the Owner insures properties, real or personal or both, at or adjacent to the site by property insurance under policies separate from those insuring the Project, or if after final payment property insurance is to be provided on the completed Project through a policy or policies other than those insuring the Project during the construction period, to the extent permissible by such policies, the Owner waives all rights in accordance with the terms of Section 11.3.1 for damages caused by fire or other causes of loss covered by this separate property insurance.

#### **§ 11.4 Loss of Use, Business Interruption, and Delay in Completion Insurance**

The Owner, at the Owner's option, may purchase and maintain insurance that will protect the Owner against loss of use of the Owner's property, or the inability to conduct normal operations, due to fire or other causes of loss. The Owner waives all rights of action against the Contractor and Architect for loss of use of the Owner's property, due to fire or other hazards however caused to the extent of actual recovery of any insurance proceeds obtained pursuant to this Section.

#### **§ 11.5 Adjustment and Settlement of Insured Loss**

**§ 11.5.1** A loss insured under the property insurance required by the Agreement shall be adjusted by the Owner as fiduciary and made payable to the Owner as fiduciary for the insureds, as their interests may appear, subject to requirements of any applicable mortgagee clause and of Section 11.5.2. The Owner shall pay the Architect and Contractor their just shares of insurance proceeds received by the Owner, and by appropriate agreements the Architect and Contractor shall make payments to their consultants and Subcontractors in similar manner.

**§ 11.5.2** Prior to settlement of an insured loss, the Owner shall notify the Contractor of the terms of the proposed settlement as well as the proposed allocation of the insurance proceeds. The Contractor shall have 14 days from receipt of notice to object to the proposed settlement or allocation of the proceeds. If the Contractor does not object, the Owner shall settle the loss and the Contractor shall be bound by the settlement and allocation. Upon receipt, the Owner shall deposit the insurance proceeds in a separate account and make the appropriate distributions. Thereafter, if no other agreement is made or the Owner does not terminate the Contract for convenience, the Owner and Contractor shall execute a Change Order for reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed Work in the amount allocated for that purpose. If the Contractor timely objects to either the terms of the proposed settlement or the allocation of the proceeds, the Owner may proceed to settle the insured loss, and any dispute between the Owner and Contractor arising out of the settlement or allocation of the proceeds shall be resolved pursuant to Article 15. Pending resolution of any dispute, the Owner may issue a Construction Change Directive for the reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed Work.

### **ARTICLE 12 UNCOVERING AND CORRECTION OF WORK**

#### **§ 12.1 Uncovering of Work**

**§ 12.1.1** If a portion of the Work is covered contrary to the Architect's or Owner's request or to requirements specifically expressed in the Contract Documents, it must, if requested in writing by the Architect or Owner, be uncovered for the Architect's or Owner'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 or Owner has not specifically requested to examine prior to its being covered, the Architect or Owner may request to see such Work and it shall be uncovered by the Contractor. If such Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment to the Contract Sum and Contract Time as may be appropriate. If such Work is not in accordance with the Contract Documents, the costs of uncovering the Work, and the cost of correction, shall be at the Contractor's expense.



## § 12.2 Correction of Work

### § 12.2.1 Before Substantial Completion

The Contractor shall promptly correct Work rejected by the Architect or Owner or failing to conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents, discovered before Substantial Completion and whether or not fabricated, installed or completed. Costs of correcting such rejected Work, including additional testing and inspections, the cost of uncovering and replacement, and compensation for the Architect's services and expenses made necessary thereby, and any cost, loss or damage to the Owner resulting therefrom, 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 any 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 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. ~~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 thirty (30) day period reasonable time during that period after receipt of notice from the Owner or Architect, the Owner may correct it in accordance with Section 2.5.

§ 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 Upon completion of any Work under or pursuant to this Section 12.2, the one year correction period in connection with the Work requiring correction shall be renewed and recommence.

~~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.~~

§ 12.2.3 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.

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

§ 12.2.5 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 nonconforming Work identified within the referenced one-year period.

## § 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, even if such Work was installed as submitted and approved in shop drawings. 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 law of the place where the Project is located, ~~excluding that jurisdiction's choice of law rules. If the parties have selected arbitration as the method of binding dispute resolution, the Federal Arbitration Act shall govern Section 15.4.~~

### § 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 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 the assignment.

### § 13.3 Rights and Remedies

§ 13.3.1 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.

§ 13.3.2 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 thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed upon in writing.

### § 13.4 Tests and Inspections

§ 13.4.1 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~~ engaged by the Owner, or with the appropriate public authority, ~~and shall bear all related costs of tests, inspections, and approvals. The Owner will hire and pay for services as outlined in Section 2.2.6, from which reports will be forwarded to the Contractor.~~ The Contractor shall give the Architect and Owner timely notice of when and where tests and inspections are to be made so that the Architect and Owner may ~~be present for~~ observe such procedures. The Owner shall bear costs of tests, inspections, or approvals that do not become requirements until after bids are received or negotiations concluded. The Owner shall directly arrange and pay for tests, inspections, or approvals where building codes or applicable laws or regulations so require.

§ 13.4.2 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 13.4.1, 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 and Owner of when and where tests and inspections are to be made so that the Architect and Owner may be present for such procedures. Such costs, except as provided in Section 13.4.3, shall be at the Owner's expense.

§ 13.4.3 If procedures for testing, inspection, or approval under Sections 13.4.1 and 13.4.2 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, including testing and costs related to remedial work.

§ 13.4.4 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.

§ 13.4.5 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.

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

§ 13.4.7 The Owner shall have the right to conduct testing and inspections related to, but not limited to, commissioning as outlined in Section 2.6 and 3.19.

### § 13.5 Interest

Payments due and unpaid under the Contract Documents shall bear interest from the date payment is due at the rate the parties agree upon in writing or, in the absence thereof, at the legal rate prevailing from time to time at the place where

the Project is located.

### **§ 13.6 Written Notice**

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

## **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, a Subcontractor, a Sub-subcontractor, their agents or employees, or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work, for any of the following reasons:

- .1 Issuance of an order of a court or other public authority having jurisdiction that requires all Work to be stopped;
- .2 An act of government, such as a declaration of national emergency, that requires all Work to be stopped;
- .3 Because the Architect has not issued a Certificate for Payment and has not notified the Contractor of the reason for withholding certification as provided in Section 9.4.1, or because the Owner has not made payment on a Certificate for Payment within the time stated in the Contract Documents; or
- .4 The Owner has failed to furnish to the Contractor reasonable evidence as required by Section 2.2.

**14.1.2** The Contractor may terminate the Contract if, through no act or fault of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, a Sub-subcontractor, their agents or employees, or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work, repeated suspensions, delays, or interruptions of the entire Work by the Owner as described in Section 14.3, constitute in the aggregate more than 100 percent of the total number of days scheduled for completion, or 120 days in any 365-day period, whichever is less.

**§ 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' notice to the Owner and Architect, terminate the Contract and recover from the Owner payment for Work executed, as well as reasonable overhead and profit on Work not executed, and direct costs incurred by reason of such termination.

**§ 14.1.4** If the Work is stopped for a period of 60 consecutive days through no act or fault of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, a Sub-subcontractor, or their agents or employees or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work because the Owner has repeatedly failed to fulfill the Owner's obligations under the Contract Documents with respect to matters important to the progress of the Work, the Contractor may, upon seven additional days' notice to the Owner and the Architect, terminate the Contract and recover from the Owner as provided in Section 14.1.3.

### **§ 14.2 Termination by the Owner for Cause**

**§ 14.2.1** The Owner may terminate the Contract if the Contractor

- .1 repeatedly refuses or fails to supply enough properly skilled workers or proper materials;
- .2 fails to make payment to Subcontractors or suppliers in accordance with the respective agreements between the Contractor and the Subcontractors or suppliers;
- .3 repeatedly disregards applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, or lawful orders of a public authority; or
- .4 otherwise is guilty of substantial breach of a provision of the Contract Documents.

**§ 14.2.2** When any of the reasons described in Section 14.2.1 exist, ~~and upon certification by the Architect that sufficient cause exists to justify such action,~~ 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' notice, terminate employment of the Contractor and may, subject to any prior rights of the surety:

- .1 Exclude the Contractor from the site and take possession 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. Upon written request of the Contractor, the Owner shall furnish to the Contractor a detailed accounting of the costs incurred by the Owner in finishing 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.

§ 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 other damages incurred by the Owner and not expressly waived, such excess shall be paid to the Contractor. 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 or Owner, as the case may be, shall be reviewed by the Architect certified by the Initial Decision Maker, upon application, 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. In said event, the Owner shall equitably adjust the Contract Sum and Contract Time, if warranted.

§ 14.3.2 The Contract Sum and Contract Time ~~shall~~ may be adjusted for increases in the cost and time caused by suspension, delay, or interruption under Section 14.3.1. Adjustment of the Contract Sum shall include profit. No adjustment shall be made to the extent

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

#### 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 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 Upon such termination, the Contractor shall recover as its sole remedy payment for Work properly performed in connection with the terminated portion of the Work prior to the effective date of termination and for items properly and timely fabricated off the project site, delivered and stored in accordance with the Owner's instructions. The Contractor hereby waives and forfeits all other claims for payment and damages, including, without limitation, overhead anticipated and/or unearned profits, consequential or indirect damages. In case of such termination for the Owner's convenience, the Owner shall pay the Contractor for Work properly executed; costs incurred by reason of the termination, including costs attributable to termination of Subcontracts; and the termination fee, if any, set forth in the Agreement.

### 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, payment of money, a change in the Contract 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 arising out of or relating to the Contract. The responsibility to substantiate Claims shall rest with the party making the Claim. This Section 15.1.1 does not require the Owner to file a Claim in order to impose liquidated damages in accordance with the Contract Documents, provided that the foregoing does not change either party's obligation under this Agreement to file Claims respecting the underlying delay(s).

##### § 15.1.2 Time Limits on Claims

The Owner and Contractor shall commence all Claims and causes of action against the other and arising out of or related to the Contract, whether in contract, tort, breach of warranty or otherwise, in accordance with the requirements of the binding dispute resolution method selected in the Agreement and within the period specified by applicable law, but in any case not more than six (6) years after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work. The Owner and Contractor waive all Claims and causes of action not commenced in accordance with this Section 15.1.2.

##### § 15.1.3 Notice of Claims

**§ 15.1.3.1** Claims by either the Owner or Contractor, where the condition giving rise to the Claim is first discovered prior to expiration of the period for correction of the Work set forth in Section 12.2.2, shall be initiated by notice to the other party with a copy sent to the Architect. Claims by either party under this Section 15.1.3.1 shall 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 provided that, in the case of a Claim based upon delay to the Contractor, as a condition precedent to any Claim, the Contractor shall first provide initial notice of a delay within three (3) days of the event giving rise to the delay, and then provide a Claim within such twenty-one (21) day period thereafter; and further provided, however, that the Contractor shall use its best efforts to furnish the Architect and the Owner, as expeditiously as possible, with notice of any Claim including, without limitation, those in connection with concealed or unknown conditions, once such Claim is recognized, and shall cooperate with the Architect and the Owner in an effort to mitigate the alleged or potential damages, delay or other adverse consequences arising out of the condition which is the cause of such a Claim. THE CONTRACTOR EXPRESSLY AGREES THAT FAILURE OF THE CONTRACTOR TO INITIATE A CLAIM WITHIN THE TIME LIMITS SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION 15.1.3.1 SHALL RESULT IN SUCH CLAIM BEING WAIVED.

~~Claims by either the Owner or Contractor, where the condition giving rise to the Claim is first discovered prior to expiration of the period for correction of the Work set forth in Section 12.2.2, shall be initiated by notice to the other party and to the Initial Decision Maker with a copy sent to the Architect, if the Architect is not serving as the Initial Decision Maker. Claims by either party under this Section 15.1.3.1 shall 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.~~

**§ 15.1.3.2** Claims by either the Owner or Contractor, where the condition giving rise to the Claim is first discovered after expiration of the period for correction of the Work set forth in Section 12.2.2, shall be initiated by notice to the other party. In such event, no decision by the Initial Decision Maker is required.

#### **§ 15.1.4 Continuing Contract Performance**

**§ 15.1.4.1** Pending final resolution of a Claim, except as otherwise agreed in writing or as provided in Section 9.7 and Article 14, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of the Contract and the Owner shall continue to make payments in accordance with the Contract Documents. The Owner shall have no obligation to make payments to the Contractor on or against such claims, disputes, or other matters in question during the pendency of any mediation,



arbitration, or other proceedings to resolve such matters. Owner shall continue to make payments of undisputed amounts.

§ 15.1.4.2 The Contract Sum and Contract Time shall be adjusted in accordance with the Initial Decision Maker's decision, subject to the right of either party to proceed in accordance with this Article 15. The Architect will issue Certificates for Payment in accordance with the decision of the Initial Decision Maker.

§ 15.1.4.3 If the Contractor submits a claim that is interpreted by the Architect or Owner as being part of the Work and the Contractor disputes this interpretation, a Construction Directive will be issued per Article 7. The Contractor shall immediately proceed with the execution of the disputed Work.

#### § 15.1.5 Claims for Additional Cost

If the Contractor wishes to make a Claim for an increase in the Contract Sum, written notice as provided in Section 15.1.3 shall be given before proceeding to execute the portion of the Work that is the subject of the Claim. Prior notice is not required for Claims relating to an emergency endangering life or property arising under Section 10.4.

#### § 15.1.6 Claims for Additional Time

§ 15.1.6.1 If the Contractor wishes to make a Claim for an increase in the Contract Time, written notice as provided in Section 15.1.3 shall be given. The Contractor's Claim shall be as per Article 8.3-include an estimate of cost and of probable effect of delay on progress of the Work. In the case of a continuing delay, only one Claim is necessary.

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

#### § 15.1.7 Waiver of Claims for Consequential Damages

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

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

This mutual waiver is applicable, without limitation, to all consequential damages due to either party's termination in accordance with Article 14. Nothing contained in this Section 15.1.7 shall be deemed to preclude assessment of liquidated damages, when applicable, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

#### § 15.2 Not used

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#### § 15.3 Dispute Resolution

§ 15.3.1 Claims, disputes, or other matters in controversy arising out of or related to the Contract, except those waived as provided for in Sections 9.10.4, 9.10.5, and 15.1.7, shall be subject to the following procedures as conditions precedent to litigation. If a Claim relates to or is the subject of a mechanic's lien, the party asserting such Claim may proceed in accordance with applicable law to comply with the lien notice or filing deadlines.

#### § 15.3.2 Direct Discussions

§ 15.3.2.1 The parties shall first attempt to resolve any dispute arising out of or relating to a Claim under this Agreement through negotiations between senior executives or other principals of the parties, who have authority to settle the same, with such negotiations to take place within fifteen (15) days of either party providing the other with a request for direct discussions (which request shall be submitted within seven (7) days of the other party's rejection of the Claim).

#### § 15.3.3 Mediation

**§ 15.3.3.1** If the dispute has not been settled by the parties within thirty (3) days of a request for direct discussions, the parties shall endeavor to resolve their Claims by mediation using a third party mediator mutually approved by the parties. A request for mediation shall be made in writing, delivered to the other party to the Contract, and filed with the person or entity administering the mediation. The parties shall endeavor in good faith to settle the dispute in an amicable manner within 45 days of submission to mediation.

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

#### **§ 15.4 Arbitration or Litigation**

**§ 15.4.1** If the parties fail to resolve their dispute by mediation with 45 days of submission to mediation (or a longer period if mutually agreed by the parties), the parties agree to binding arbitration pursuant to the AAA Construction Rules, to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, unless Owner in its sole discretion waives arbitration and permits either party to pursue litigation. The Contractor and any Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor, supplier and any other person or entity performing any part of the Work agree that each of them will waive objections to jurisdiction and venue and shall submit to the jurisdiction of the Bristol County Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regardless of residence or domicile, with respect to any actions or suits at law or in equity arising under or related to the Contract or the bidding, award or performance of the Work. Any action commenced by the Contractor or any Subcontractor, supplier or other person or entity claiming by or through any such party against the Owner or any of its consultants, officials, employees, representatives or agents with regard to any matter arising out of or relating to the validity, construction, interpretation or enforcement of the Contract shall be brought in Middlesex County Superior Court in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. **The parties hereby waive their respective rights to a jury trial with respect to any Claim or controversy arising under the Contract Documents or relating to the Work.**

§ 15.2.3 In evaluating Claims, the ~~Initial Decision Maker Architect~~ may, but shall not be obligated to, consult with or seek information from either party or from persons with special knowledge or expertise who may assist the ~~Initial Decision Maker Architect~~ in rendering an initial interpretation a decision. The ~~Initial Decision Maker Architect~~ may request the Owner to authorize retention of such persons at the Owner's expense.

§ 15.2.4 If the ~~Initial Decision Maker Architect~~ requests a party to provide a response to a Claim or to furnish additional supporting data, such party shall respond, within ten days after receipt of the request, and shall either (1) provide a response on the requested supporting data, (2) advise the ~~Initial Decision Maker Architect~~ when the response or supporting data will be furnished, or (3) advise the ~~Initial Decision Maker Architect~~ that no supporting data will be furnished. Upon receipt of the response or supporting data, if any, the ~~Initial Decision Maker Architect~~ will either reject or approve recommend approval of the Claim in whole or in part.

§ 15.2.5 The ~~Initial Decision Maker Architect~~ will render an initial decision interpretation or indicate that the Architect is unable to interpret the Claim approving or rejecting the Claim, or indicating that the Initial Decision Maker is unable to resolve the Claim. This initial decision interpretation shall (1) be in writing; (2) state the reasons therefor; and (3) notify the parties ~~and the Architect, if the Architect is not serving as the Initial Decision Maker~~, of any change in the Contract Sum or Contract Time or both. The initial decision interpretation shall be final and binding on considered by the parties but subject to mediation and, if the parties fail to resolve their dispute through mediation, to binding dispute resolution.

§ 15.2.6 Either party may file for mediation of an initial decision interpretation at any time, subject to the terms of Section 15.2.6.1.

~~§ 15.2.6.1 Either party may, within 30 days from the date of receipt of an initial decision, demand in writing that the other party file for mediation. If such a demand is made and the party receiving the demand fails to file for mediation within 30 days after receipt thereof, then both parties waive their rights to mediate or pursue binding dispute resolution proceedings with respect to the initial decision.~~

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

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

### § 15.3 Mediation

§ 15.3.1 Claims, disputes, or other matters in controversy arising out of or related to the Contract, except those waived as provided for in Sections 9.10.4, 9.10.5, and 15.1.7, shall be subject to mediation as a condition precedent to binding dispute resolution.

§ 15.3.2 The parties shall endeavor to resolve their Claims by mediation which, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, shall be administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Construction Industry Mediation Procedures in effect on the date of the Agreement. A request for mediation shall be made in writing, delivered to the other party to the Contract, and filed with the person or entity administering the mediation. The request may be made concurrently with the filing of binding dispute resolution proceedings but, in such event, mediation shall proceed in advance of binding dispute resolution proceedings, which shall be stayed pending mediation for a period of 60 days from the date of filing, unless stayed for a longer period by agreement of the parties or court order. If an arbitration is stayed pursuant to this Section 15.3.2, the parties may nonetheless proceed to the selection of the arbitrator(s) and agree upon a schedule for later proceedings.

§ 15.3.3 Either party may, within 30 days from the date that mediation has been concluded without resolution of the dispute or 60 days after mediation has been demanded without resolution of the dispute, demand in writing that the other party file for binding dispute resolution. If such a demand is made and the party receiving the demand fails to file for binding dispute resolution within 60 days after receipt thereof, then both parties waive their rights to binding dispute resolution proceedings with respect to the initial decision.

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

#### § 15.4 Arbitration

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

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

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

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

#### § 15.4.4 Consolidation or Joinder

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

§ 15.4.4.2 Any unresolved claims between Owner and Contractor, Owner and Architect, Contractor and Architect, Contractor and its Surety, or Contractor and its Subcontractors or Suppliers may be submitted for arbitration as provided in this Section 15 and any or all of the parties named above shall, at the Owner's request, be joined or consolidated therein.

~~Subject to the rules of the American Arbitration Association or other applicable arbitration rules, either party may include by joinder persons or entities substantially involved in a common question of law or fact whose presence is required if complete relief is to be accorded in arbitration, provided that the party sought to be joined consents in writing to such joinder. Consent to arbitration involving an additional person or entity shall not constitute consent to arbitration of any claim, dispute or other matter in question not described in the written consent.~~

§ 15.4.4.3 The Owner and Contractor grant to any person or entity made a party to an arbitration conducted under this Section 15.4, whether by joinder or consolidation, the same rights of joinder and consolidation as those of the Owner and Contractor under this Agreement.