

## ATTACHMENT A - GENERAL CONDITIONS

### 1. Administration

The Consultant is the initial interpreter of the Contract Documents but is not the Judge between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR. The COUNTY reserves the right to make final decisions considering the Consultant's recommendations or interpretations of the Contract Documents. The Consultant does not have authority to obligate or commit the COUNTY to fund additional expenditures or approve extensions of time over the approved Contract time or price. However, the CONSULTANT'S interpretation as to the intent of his design shall be final and not subject to interpretation by the COUNTY'S staff.

#### 1.1. Copies of Documents

The COUNTY shall furnish to the CONTRACTOR the number of copies specified in the Supplemental Information of the Contract Documents as are reasonably necessary for the execution of the Work. Additional copies will be furnished, upon request, at the cost of reproduction which shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR.

#### 1.2. Before Starting Construction

Before undertaking each phase of the Work, the CONTRACTOR shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents and check and verify pertinent figures shown thereon and all applicable field measurements. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly report in writing to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE any conflict, error or discrepancy which the CONTRACTOR may discover or other information known to the CONTRACTOR and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE before proceeding with any Work affected thereby. If the CONTRACTOR performs any construction activity knowing it involves a recognized error, inconsistency or omission in the Contract Documents without such notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the CONTRACTOR shall assume responsibility for such performance and shall share in costs associated with correction; however, the CONTRACTOR shall not be liable to the COUNTY for failure to report any conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, unless the CONTRACTOR had actual knowledge thereof or should reasonably have known thereof.

1.2.1. Within ten calendar days after the Effective Date of the Agreement (unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents), the CONTRACTOR shall submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for review:

1.2.1.1. An estimated progress schedule indicating the starting and completion dates of the various stages of the Work:

1.2.1.2. Long lead item(s) shall be identified and scheduled accordingly.

1.2.1.3. A preliminary schedule of Shop Drawing submission; and

1.2.1.4. A preliminary schedule of values for all of the Work which will include quantities and prices of items aggregating the Contract Price and will subdivide the Work into component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during construction on form No. CMO:013. Such prices will include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work which will be confirmed in writing by the

- CONTRACTOR at the time of submission; and specify times for Application for Payment.
- 1.2.1.5. A plan of work for maintenance of traffic, when the Contract Documents require maintenance of traffic.
  - 1.2.1.6. For informational purposes, a proposed listing of sub-contractors to be used for the project.
- 1.2.2. **Pre-Construction Conference**  
Within fifteen calendar days after the Effective Date of the Agreement, but before the CONTRACTOR starts the Work at the site, a conference attended by the CONTRACTOR, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the COUNTY, and Others as appropriate, will be held to discuss the items, to discuss procedures for handling Shop Drawings and other submittals and for processing Applications for Payment, and to establish an understanding among the parties as to the Work.
- 1.2.3 **Finalizing Schedules**  
At least ten calendar days before submission of the first Application for payment, a conference attended by the CONTRACTOR, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the COUNTY, and Others as appropriate, will be held to finalize the schedules submitted. The finalized progress schedule will be acceptable to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the COUNTY as providing an orderly progression of the Work to completion within the Contract Time, but such acceptance will neither impose on the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE or the COUNTY responsibility for the progress or scheduling of the Work nor relieve the CONTRACTOR from full responsibility therefor. The finalized schedule of Shop Drawing submissions will be acceptable to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE as providing a workable arrangement for processing the submissions. The finalized schedule of values will be acceptable to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the COUNTY as to form and substance.

### **Definitions**

The following definition of terms associated with this Contract is provided to establish a common understanding between both parties to this Contract as to the intended usage, application and interpretation of such terms pertaining to this Contract.

*ADDENDUM* means any additional Contract provisions in writing signed and sealed by the CONSULTANT, if applicable, issued by the COUNTY prior to the receipt of Bid which clarify, correct, change or interpret the Bidding Documents or the Contract Documents.

*AGREEMENT* means the written agreement between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR covering the Work to be performed; the Agreement is a part of the Contract Documents.

*BIDDER* is any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, or corporation submitting a bid for this project, acting directly or through an authorized representative.

*BID* is a complete and properly signed proposal to do the Work or designated portion thereof for the sums stipulated therein, submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents.

*BID BOND* is a security in the form and amount required by the COUNTY pledging that the BIDDER will enter into a Contract with the COUNTY on the terms stated in his Bid.

*BID DOCUMENTS* are the Invitation to Bid, the Notice to Bidders, the Invitation to Bid Terms and Conditions, sample forms, the Bid Proposal Form and the proposed Contract Documents (including all Addenda issued prior to receipt of Bids).

*CHANGE ORDERS* are written order to the CONTRACTOR signed by the COUNTY, issued after execution of the Contract, authorizing a change in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract price or the Contract Time. The Contract Price and the Contract Time may be changed only by a Change Order. A Change Order signed by the CONTRACTOR indicates his agreement therewith, including the adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

*COMPLETION (FINAL)* means acceptance of the Project by the COUNTY as evidenced by its signature upon a final payment Certification and approval thereof by the Board of County Commissioners or their designee. The final payment Certification shall be signed only after the COUNTY has assured itself by tests, inspections, or otherwise that all of the provisions of the Contract have been carried out as required.

*COMPLETION (SUBSTANTIAL)* shall mean an acceptance of the Work by the COUNTY when construction is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so the COUNTY can occupy or utilize the Work or designated portion thereof for the use for which it is intended. A certificate of occupancy or compliance, when applicable, issued by the Building Official is required concurrent with or prior to issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

*CONSTRUCTION* is the erection, fabrication, assembly, remodeling, renovation, addition, modification, repair or demolition of any building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures. The term applies but is not limited to the repair, replacement modification or construction of roads, bridges, sidewalks, traffic devices, parking lots, drainage, underground and overhead utilities.

*CONSULTANT* is the person lawfully licensed to practice Architecture or Engineering and registered in the State of Florida, or an entity lawfully practicing Architecture or Engineering, identified as such in the Construction Contract, and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and masculine in genre. The term CONSULTANT means the Architect or Engineer or his authorized representative.

*CONTRACT DOCUMENTS* consist of the Invitation to Bid, Agreement, General and Special Conditions of the Contract, Specifications, the Plans, Supplemental Information, Addenda issued prior to execution of the Contract, all written modifications issued after

execution of the Contract, all provisions required by law to be inserted in this Contract whether actually inserted or not, and a Contract Number issued by the COUNTY.

A *MODIFICATION* is:

- (1) A written Amendment to the Contract.
- (2) A Change Order.
- (3) A written interpretation necessary for the proper execution or progress of the Work issued by the OWNER'S Representative.
- (4) A Field Change Order.
- (5) A Field Directive Change.

*CONTRACT PRICE* means the total monies payable to the CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents.

*CONTRACT TIME* means the number of Calendar days stated in the Agreement for the purpose of establishing Substantial Completion and Final Completion dates.

*CONTRACTOR* is the person, firm, joint venture, or corporation with whom the COUNTY has contracted and who has the primary responsibility for performance of the work.

*COUNTY* means the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, its successors and assigns. Also hereinafter referred to as OWNER.

*DAYS* - The term "day" as used in the Contract Documents shall mean calendar day unless otherwise specifically designated. A calendar day constitutes twenty four hours measured from midnight to the next midnight.

*DEFECTIVE* - An adjective which when modifying the word "Work" refers to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty or deficient, or does not conform to the Contract Documents, or does not meet the requirements of any inspection, reference standard, test or approval referred to in the Contract Documents, or has been damaged prior to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE recommendation of final payment.

*EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT* means the date on which the agreement is signed and delivered by the latter of the two parties.

*ENGINEER* shall mean the Director of the Lee County Department of Transportation or his designated County Project Manager.

*FIELD CHANGE ORDER* is a written change order requested by the OWNER'S Representative, accepted by the CONTRACTOR, and approved by the PROJECT MANAGER for minor changes in the Work, not involving adjustments in the Contract Sum or an extension of Time, and not inconsistent with the overall intent of the Contract Documents.

*FIELD DIRECTIVE CHANGE* - A written directive to the CONTRACT, issued on or after the effective date of the Agreement ordering an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work, or responding to differing or unforeseen physical conditions under which the Work is to be performed as defined elsewhere in these documents. A Field Directive Change may not change the Contract Price or the Contract Time, but is evidence that the parties expect that the change directed or documented by a Field Directive Change will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order following negotiations by the parties as to its effect, if any, on the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

*FINAL ACCEPTANCE* means acceptance of the Work by the COUNTY upon the expiration of the warranty period as stated in the Contract Documents.

*MATERIALS* - Anything used in the process of, but not limited to, constructing, demolishing, renovating or remodeling of any building, structure, road, bridge, recreational facility, transportation element and utility or any addition thereto utilized for this project.

*NOTICE* means written notice. Notice shall be served upon the CONTRACTOR either personally or by leaving the said Notice at his residence or with his agency in charge of the Work, or addressed to the CONTRACTOR at the residence or place of business stated in the Bid Proposal and deposited in a postpaid wrapper in any United States Mailbox.

*NOTICE TO PROCEED* is a written instrument issued by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR, authorizing the CONTRACTOR to commence Work on the Project. The NOTICE TO PROCEED shall include the effective date of Commencement.

*NOTICE OF AWARD* means the written Notice given by the COUNTY to the successful Bidder.

*NOTICE OF TERMINATION* is a written instrument issued in accordance with the Contract Documents by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR or by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY notifying the receiving party that the Contract is being terminated. The NOTICE shall clearly identify the effective date the Contract is to be terminated.

*OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE* is the CONSULTANT contracted by the COUNTY for Professional Services during the construction phase of this project or a qualified person authorized as his official representative, or in the absence of such a contract, the project Manager will be considered the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for the purpose of this Contract Document. The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE is not authorized to issue change orders to the contract sum, contract time or scope of work without express approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

*PLANS AND/OR DRAWINGS* are a graphic representation of the arrangement of the materials or parts of the construction of the project and are a portion of the Contract Documents.

*PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT* shall mean the Director of Lee County's Procurement Management Department or designee.

*PROJECT* shall mean the entire improvement of which this contract forms a part.

*PROJECT MANAGER* is an employee of the Department or the COUNTY which requested the Contract and is a designee authorized by or for that Department who is the representative of the Board of County Commissioners in matters concerning the contractor of this project. The project manager will act as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in the absence of a contract with a CONSULTANT. The PROJECT MANAGER is not authorized to issue changes to the Contract Sum, Contract Time, or Scope of Work without express approval by the Department Director, County Manager, or Board of County Commissioners.

The PROJECT MANAGER, within the authority conferred by the Board of County Commissioners, acting as the COUNTY'S designated representative shall initiate written Change Orders, and notification to the CONTRACTOR of any and all changes approved by the COUNTY in the CONTRACTOR'S (1) compensation (2) time and/or schedule of service delivery; (3) any Amendment (s) or other change(s) relative to the WORK and ADDITIONAL SERVICES pursuant to this Contract, or AMENDMENTS, or CHANGE ORDERS pertaining thereto. Following COUNTY approval, the Project Manager shall coordinate assurance of any such documents. The PROJECT MANAGER or his designee shall be responsible for acting on the COUNTY'S behalf to administer, coordinate, interpret and otherwise manage the contractual provisions and requirements set forth in this Contract, or any AMENDMENT(S), or CHANGE ORDER(S) issued there under.

*SPECIFICATIONS* are written documents organized into divisions, sections, and articles which provide detailed instructions to the CONTRACTOR pertaining, but not limited to, materials, style, workmanship, fabrication, dimensions, colors, warranties, finishes, quality, manufacturer, grade and operational data of all components to be provided by the CONTRACTOR and incorporated into the Project.

*SUB-CONTRACTOR* is a person, firm, partnership, corporation, or entity who has a direct contract with the CONTRACTOR to perform any of the Work at the site. The term Sub-contractor does not include those whose sole purpose is that of a supplier of materials. A supplier of materials shall be classified as a Sub-contractor if it enters into any agreement, whether written or verbal, for the installation of said materials. The term Sub-contractor means a Sub-contractor or its authorized representative.

*SUPPLIER* - A manufacturer, fabricator, distributor, materialmen or vendor.

*SURETY* is the surety company or individual that is bound by Contract bond with and for the CONTRACTOR who is primarily liable, and is responsible for CONTRACTOR'S acceptable performance of the Project and payment of all debts pertaining to the Contract Documents in accordance with Section 255.05, Florida Statutes.

*UNDERGROUND FACILITIES* - All pipeline, conduits, ducts, cables, wires, manholes, vaults, tanks, tunnels or other such facilities or attachments, and any encasements containing such facilities which have been installed underground to furnish any of the following services or materials: electricity, gases, steam, liquid petroleum products, telephone or other communications, cable television, sewage and drainage removal, traffic or other control systems or water.

*WORK* is the construction required by the Contract Documents and includes all labor necessary to produce such construction, and all materials and equipment incorporated or to be incorporated in such construction.

## **2. Starting the Work**

Written Notice to Proceed is contingent upon and will be done subsequent to the CONTRACTOR fully satisfying the COUNTY'S stated insurance and Bond submittal requirements. Until the CONTRACTOR receives the COUNTY'S written Notice to Proceed, the CONTRACTOR is advised that the COUNTY will not be liable for any expenses which the CONTRACTOR may incur relative to this Contract before the written Notice to Proceed is issued.

- 2.1. The Contract time shall commence to run from the date specified in the "Notice to Proceed".
- 2.2. The CONTRACTOR is required, before commencing the Work, to deliver to the COUNTY the Public Payment and Performance Bond issued by a surety insurer authorized to do business in the State of Florida as Surety. The Bond must state the name and principal business address of both the principal and the Surety and must contain a description of the project sufficient to identify it and post in conspicuous place at the project site.
- 2.3. The COUNTY will forward to the CONTRACTOR a Notice of Commencement along with a copy of the recorded Public Payment and Performance Bond with instructions to post in a conspicuous spot on the project site.

## **3. Interpretation Intent, Amending and Reuse of Contract Documents**

It is the intent of the Specifications and Plans to describe a complete Project to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

- 3.1 The Contract Documents are complementary; what is called for by one is as binding as if called for by all. If the CONTRACTOR finds a conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, he shall immediately call it to the attention of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in writing before proceeding with the Work affected thereby.
- 3.2 Any Work that may be reasonably inferred from the specifications or Drawings as being required to produce the intended result shall be supplied whether or not it is specifically called for.
- 3.3 Work, materials or equipment described in words which have a well-known technical or trade meaning, shall be deemed to refer to such recognized standards.

3.4 In resolving conflicts, errors, and discrepancies, the order of precedence of the Contract Document is as follows:

- (1) Change Order
- (2) Agreement
- (3) Addenda
- (4) Special Conditions
- (5) General Conditions
- (6) Specifications
- (7) Supplemental Information
- (8) Drawings
- (9) Figure Dimensions
- (10) Scale Dimensions (Large Scale Drawings supersede Small Scale Drawings)
- (11) Terms and Conditions

3.5 Amending and Supplementing Contract Documents

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

3.5.1 A formal Written Amendment,

3.5.2 A Change Order.

3.5.3 A Field Directive Change.

The Contract Price and the Contract Time may only be changed by a Change Order or Written Amendment.

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

3.6.1 A Field Change Order,

3.6.2 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE approval of a Shop Drawing or sample, or

3.6.3 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE written interpretation or clarification.

3.7 Reuse of Documents

Neither the CONTRACTOR nor any SUB-CONTRACTOR or Supplier or other person or organization performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct or indirect contract with the COUNTY shall have or acquire any title to or ownership rights in any of the Drawings, Specifications or other documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the seal of the CONSULTANT; and they shall not reuse any of them on extensions of the Project or any other project without written consent of the COUNTY or their CONSULTANT and the specific written verification or adaptation by the CONSULTANT.

#### **4 Availability of Lands**



The COUNTY will furnish, as indicated in the Contract Documents and not later than the date when needed by the CONTRACTOR, the lands upon which the Work is to be done, rights-of-way for access thereto, and such other lands which are designated for the use of the CONTRACTOR. Easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing facilities will be obtained by the COUNTY unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents. If the CONTRACTOR believes that any delay in the COUNTY'S furnishing these lands or easements entitles him to an extension of the Contract Time, he may make a claim therefore. The CONTRACTOR will provide for all additional lands and access thereto that may be required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment unless designated otherwise. The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will, upon request, furnish to the CONTRACTOR copies of all available boundary and topographic surveys as required and sub-surface tests. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for staging and storing equipment or materials. All parcels utilized for staging shall be secured. All parcels utilized for staging will be kept in a neat and orderly fashion and then restored to the landowner's satisfaction upon terminating the use of the staging area or improved as noted in the plans. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain on the job site written proof of authorization for the use of any private land. The COUNTY does not condone trespass on private property and will hold the CONTRACTOR liable for any such trespass. Right-of-way maps, if available, of the lands upon which the improvements will be made shall be provided upon request from the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. The CONTRACTOR may use these lands for work associated with this contract only. The CONTRACTOR shall verify the availability of these lands with the Lee County D.O.T. project manager prior to the issuance of the notice to proceed.

#### 4.1 Physical Conditions

Explorations and Reports: Reference is made to the Supplemental Information for identification of those reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at the site that have been utilized by the CONSULTANT and/or the COUNTY in preparation of the Contract Documents. These reports are not part of the contract Documents. The CONTRACTOR may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in such reports but not upon the non-technical data, interpretations or opinions contained therein for the completeness or accuracy thereof for the CONTRACTOR'S purposes of preparing or submitting a bid. Except as indicated in the immediately preceding sentence, the CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility with respect to subsurface conditions at the site. The technical data which will be made available only at the CONTRACTOR'S request may not be sufficient for construction purposes. Additional investigations may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out the construction project.

#### 4.2 Existing Structures: Reference is made to the Supplemental Information for identification of those drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface and subsurface structures (except Underground Facilities) which are at or contiguous to the site that have been utilized by the CONSULTANT and/or the COUNTY in preparation of the Contract Documents. The CONTRACTOR may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in such drawings but not for the completeness thereof for the purposes of preparing or submitting a bid. Except as indicated in the immediately preceding sentence, the CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility

- with respect to physical conditions in or relating to such structures.
- 4.3 Unless otherwise stated, the CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible for the removal of any materials, debris, garbage, vehicles or other such items which would interfere with the undertaking and completion of the project. By submission of a bid, the CONTRACTOR assumes full responsibility for the expenses associated with such removal. There shall not be an increase in time or price associated with such removal.
- 4.4 Report of Differing Conditions: If the CONTRACTOR believes that:
- 4.4.1.1 Any technical data on which the CONTRACTOR is entitled to is inaccurate, or
- 4.4.1.2 Any physical condition uncovered or revealed at the site differs materially from that indicated, reflected or referred to in the Contract Documents.
- 4.4.1.3 The CONTRACTOR shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as permitted) notify the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in writing about the inaccuracy or difference.
- 4.5 OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE Review: The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will promptly review the pertinent conditions, determine the necessity of obtaining additional explorations or tests with respect thereto and advise the COUNTY in writing (with a copy to the CONTRACTOR) of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S findings and conclusions.
- 4.6 Possible Document Change: If the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the COUNTY conclude that there is a material error in the Contract Documents and a change in the Contract Documents is required, a Field Directive Change, a Field Change or a Change Order will be issued as to reflect and document the consequences of the inaccuracy or difference.
- 4.7 Possible Price and Time Adjustments: In each case of a material error in the Contract Documents, an increase or decrease in the Contract Price or an extension or shortening of the Contract Time, or any combination thereof, will be allowable to the extent that they are attributable to any such inaccuracy or difference.
- 4.8 Physical Conditions - Underground Facilities
- Shown or Indicated: The information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the site is based on information and data furnished to the COUNTY or the CONSULTANT by the owners of such Underground facilities or by others. Unless it is otherwise expressly provided in the Supplemental Information:
- 4.8.1 The CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility for reviewing and checking all such information and data, for locating all Underground Facilities shown or indicated in the Contract Documents, for coordination of the Work with the owners of such Underground Facilities during construction, for the safety and protection thereof and for repairing any damage thereto resulting from the Work, the cost of all of which will be considered as having been included in the Contract Price. The CONSULTANT and COUNTY shall not be responsible for the accuracy or completeness of any such information or data.

4.9 Not Shown or Indicated: If an Underground Facility is uncovered or revealed at or contiguous to the site which was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents and which the CONTRACTOR could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of, the CONTRACTOR shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before performing any Work affected thereby (except in an emergency as permitted) identify the owner of such Underground Facility and give written notice thereof to that owner and to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will promptly review the Underground Facility to determine the extent to which the Contract Documents should be modified to reflect and document the consequences of the existence of the Underground Facility, and with the COUNTY'S approval, the Contract Documents will be amended or supplemented to the extent necessary. During such time, the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the safety and protection of such Underground Facility. The CONTRACTOR shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, to the extent that they are attributable to the existence of any Underground Facility that was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents and which the CONTRACTOR could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of. Locations of existing underground utilities are not field confirmed. In the case of a conflict between this or any other utility and proposed improvements, it shall be the CONTRACTOR'S duty to coordinate with all utility company relocation activities whether shown or not shown in the plans. Coordination is to include efforts by the CONTRACTOR to minimize time lost due to unexpected utility relocation or modifications.

4.10 Reference Points

The COUNTY shall provide engineering surveys to establish reference points, as specified in the Supplemental Information, for construction which in the judgment of the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT are necessary to enable CONTRACTOR to proceed with the Work. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for laying out the Work (unless otherwise specified in the Technical Specifications), shall protect and preserve the established reference points and shall make no changes or relocations without the prior written approval of the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall report to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE whenever any reference point is lost or destroyed or requires relocation because of necessary changes in grades or locations, and shall be responsible for the accurate replacement or relocation of such reference points by professionally qualified personnel.

## 5 Bonds and Insurance

5.1 Public Payment and Performance Bond

The CONTRACTOR will execute the Public Payment and Performance Bonds included herein as security for the faithful performance and payment of all his obligations under the Contract Documents.

5.2 This Bond shall be in amounts at least equal to the Contract Price and in such form and with such securities as are acceptable to the COUNTY. Prior to execution of the Contract Documents, the COUNTY may require the CONTRACTOR to furnish such other bonds, in such form and with such sureties as it may require. If such bonds are required by written instructions given prior to opening of Bids, the Premiums shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR. If the Contract is increased by a Change Order, it shall be the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to insure that the Public Payment and

Performance Bond be amended accordingly and a copy of the amendment forwarded to PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT.

- 5.3 If the surety on any bond furnished by the CONTRACTOR is declared bankrupt or becomes insolvent or its right to do business is terminated in the State of Florida or it ceases to meet the requirements imposed by the Contract Documents, the CONTRACTOR shall within five calendar days thereafter substitute another Bond and Surety, both of which shall be acceptable to the COUNTY.
- 5.4 If the CONTRACTOR cannot obtain another bond and surety within five calendar days the COUNTY will accept and the CONTRACTOR shall submit an irrevocable letter of credit drawn on a Lee County, Florida bank until the bond and surety can be obtained.

## **6 Qualifications of Surety Companies**

In order to be acceptable to the COUNTY, a surety company issuing Bid Guaranty Bonds or 100% Public Payment and Performance Bonds, called for in these specifications, shall meet and comply with the following minimum standards:

- 6.1 General
  - All Sureties for Lee County projects must be authorized to do business in the State of Florida and shall comply with the provisions of Florida Statute 255.05.
- 6.2 Attorneys-in-Fact who sign bid bonds or Public Payment and Performance Bonds for Lee County projects must file with such bond a certified copy of their Power of Attorney to sign such bond.
- 6.3 Agents of surety companies must list their name, address, and telephone number on all bonds.
- 6.4 The life of all bonds provided to Lee County shall extend twelve months beyond the date of final payment and shall contain a waiver of alteration to the terms of the Contract, extensions of time and/or forbearance on the part of the COUNTY.
- 6.5 To be acceptable to the OWNER on projects not in excess of \$500,000.00, Surety shall comply with these minimum provisions of State Statute 287.0935 as follows:
  - 6.5.1 Surety must have twice the minimum surplus and capital required by Florida Insurance Code at the time of bid solicitation.
  - 6.5.2 Surety must be in compliance with all provisions of the Florida Insurance Code and hold a currently valid certificate of authority issued by the United States Department of the Treasury under SS.31 U.S.C. 9404-9308.
  - 6.5.3 Sureties on projects in excess of \$500,000.00 shall comply with the above minimum provisions as well as being rated thru A.M. Best Company and shall comply with the following provisions:
    - 6.5.4 The Surety shall be rated as “B” or better as to General Policyholders Rating and Class VII or better as to financial category by the most current Best’s Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company.
    - 6.5.5 Surety must have fulfilled all of its obligations on all other bonds previously given to the COUNTY.
    - 6.5.6 Surety must have a minimum underwriting limitation of \$5,000,000 published in the latest edition of the Federal Register for Federal Bonds (U.S. Dept. of Treasury).

6.6 Letter of Credit

At any time during the life of the letter of credit, should the rating of financial institution fall below both of the minimum ratings as indicated in the Contract Documents, or should the financial institution become insolvent, the CONTRACTOR must, within five calendar days after notification by the COUNTY:

- 6.6.1 Replace the existing letter of credit with a replacement letter of credit from a financial institution with either of the minimum ratings as specified in the Contract Documents, or
- 6.6.2 Have the existing letter of credit confirmed by a financial institution with either of the minimum ratings as specified in the Contract Documents.
- 6.6.3 At the COUNTY'S option, the letter of credit may be replaced by a Public Payment and Performance Bond in accordance with the COUNTY'S existing bond policies.

6.7 Failure to comply with this provision may result in any or all of the following actions by the COUNTY:

- 6.7.1 Suspension of the CONTRACTOR'S right to pull building permits and schedule inspections;
- 6.7.2 A stop work order; and/or Revocation of the Land Development Permit.

6.8 Financial Institutions/Letters of Credit

In order to be acceptable to the COUNTY, a financial institution issuing 100% Letters of Credit, called for in these specifications, shall meet and comply with the following minimum standards:

6.8.1 General

The face of the letter of credit must be in a format utilizing Lee County Standard Form and indicate the following:

- 6.8.1.1 The letter of credit is "clean" and "irrevocable";
- 6.8.1.2 An exact expiration date. The life of all letters of credit provided to Lee County shall extend twelve months beyond the date of final payment;
- 6.8.1.3 Statement of the purpose or project for which the letter of credit is issued;
- 6.8.1.4 A specific amount of the letter of credit, in U.S. dollars;
- 6.8.1.5 The method of disbursement of draws against the letter of credit;
- 6.8.1.6 The street address where draws against the letter of credit may be made; and
- 6.8.1.7 Venue in Lee County.
- 6.8.1.8 Verification of the status or certification of any financial institution may be made with:

Department of Insurance and Treasurer  
Bureau of Collateral Securities  
200 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32377-0345  
Phone (850) 922-3167

Or

Lee County Procurement Management  
2115 Second Street, 1st Floor  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
Phone (239) 533-8881

Or

Lee County Risk Management  
2115 Second Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
Phone (239) 533-2221

- 6.8.1.9 At the time of issuance of the letter of credit, the financial institution must have a minimum “peer group” rating of 50 in the latest Sheshunoff Quarterly Listing or a minimum rating of 125 in the latest IDC Bank Financial Quarterly Listing.
- 6.8.1.10 Letters of Credit from financial institutions which do not meet either of the minimum ratings indicated above must be confirmed by a financial institution with either of the minimum ratings indicated above.
- 6.8.1.11 All financial institutions which issue or confirm any Letter of Credit must be authorized by the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Florida, shall show proof of same upon request by COUNTY staff, and agree to venue in Lee County.
- 6.8.1.12 In addition to the institutions meeting the aforementioned requirements, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta is authorized to issue and confirm letters of credit which are in accordance with the provisions above and all subsequent sub-paragraphs.
- 6.8.1.13 These actions shall be in effect until a satisfactory replacement bond or letter of credit is accepted by the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR agreement shall so provide for replacement or confirmation in accordance with this policy.

## **7 Contractor’s Liability Insurance**

- 7.1 The CONTRACTOR will purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect him from claims under Worker’s Compensation laws, disability benefit laws or other similar employee benefit laws; from claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of his employees including claims insured by usual personal injury, sickness and disease, or death of any person other than his employees including claims insured by usual personal injury liability coverage; and from claims for injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting there from any or all of which may arise out of or result from the CONTRACTOR’S operations under the Contract Documents, whether such operations be by himself or any Sub-contractor or anyone directly or indirectly

employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be legally liable. This insurance shall be written for no less than the limits of liability specified in the Contract Documents or required by law, whichever is greater, and shall include contractual liability insurance. As a prerequisite to the COUNTY signing the Contract, the CONTRACTOR will file with the COUNTY certificates of such insurance, acceptable to the COUNTY; these certificates shall contain a provision for cancellation.

## 7.2 Insurance Requirements

7.2.1 Before final execution of the Agreement and until acceptance of the Work by the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain insurance of the types and the limits specified by the Insurance Guide included in the Solicitation.

7.2.2 All CONTRACTOR'S Certificates of Insurance must be approved by the Lee County Risk Manager (or designee) before the final execution of the agreement by the COUNTY.

7.2.3 An Insurance Certificate shall be required from the successful BIDDER. Such form must be properly executed and submitted by an authorized representative of the insurance company and successful BIDDER within seven calendar days after notification by Lee County of the Board of County Commissioners' approval to award the contract. Such certificate of insurance state that the coverage is primary, and shall be in the types and amounts stated in the Contract Documents. Certificate should include producers' phone number and reference the name of the project.

## 8 Contractor's Responsibilities

### 8.2 Supervision and Superintendence

8.1.1 The CONTRACTOR will supervise and direct the Work efficiently. He will be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, safety, and procedure of construction, unless otherwise specified. The CONTRACTOR will be responsible to see that the finished Work complies with the Contract Documents.

8.1.2 The CONTRACTOR will keep on the site at all times when work is being performed, a competent, resident superintendent who shall not be replaced without prior written notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. The superintendent will be the CONTRACTOR'S representative at the site and shall have authority to act on behalf of the CONTRACTOR. All communications given to the superintendent shall be binding as if given to the CONTRACTOR.

## 9 Labor Material and Equipment

9.1 The CONTRACTOR will provide competent, suitable, qualified personnel to lay out the Work and perform construction as required by the Contract Documents. He will at all times maintain good discipline and order at the site.

9.2 The CONTRACTOR will furnish all materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, heat, light,

telephone, water and sanitary facilities and incidentals necessary for the execution, testing, initial operation and completion of the Work unless otherwise specified. All materials and equipment such as concrete pipe, inlets, manhole covers, etc., furnished by the CONTRACTOR shall be made by the same manufacturer, e.g., all pipe by one company, all inlets by one company, etc.

- 9.3 All materials and equipment will be new except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. If required by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the CONTRACTOR will furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment furnished.
- 9.4 All materials and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned in accordance with the instructions of the applicable manufacturers, fabricator or processors except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.
- 9.5 In instances where the act is applicable due to the nature of the bid matter with which this bid package is concerned, all material, equipment, etc., as proposed and offered by CONTRACTOR must meet and conform to all O.S.H.A. requirements; the CONTRACTOR'S signature upon the bid proposal form being by this reference considered a certification of such fact.

## **10 Adjusting the Progress Schedule**

- 10.1 The CONTRACTOR shall submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for acceptance of adjustments in the progress schedule to reflect the impact thereon of new developments; these will conform generally to the progress schedule then in effect and additionally will comply with any provisions of the Contract Documents applicable thereto. The COUNTY reserves the right to reject the progress schedule from the CONTRACTOR which in its judgment does not appear to devote sufficient resources of manpower to enable the timely completion of the project. If the COUNTY requests the progress schedule to be adjusted, the CONTRACTOR shall do so and perform the work according to the adjusted schedule at no additional cost to the COUNTY.

## **11 Substitute Materials or Equipment**

- 11.1 If it is indicated in the specifications that the CONTRACTOR may furnish or use a substitute that is equal to any material or equipment specified, and if the CONTRACTOR wishes to furnish or use a proposed substitute, he will, within thirty calendar days after the award of the Contract, make written application to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for approval of such a substitute, certifying in writing that the proposed substitute will perform adequately the duties imposed by the general design, be similar and of equal substance to that specified and be suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified. No substitute shall be ordered or installed without the written approval of the COUNTY who shall be the judge of quality. Whether or not the COUNTY accepts a proposed substitute, the CONTRACTOR shall reimburse the COUNTY for any charges or cost for evaluating any proposed substitute.



## **12 Concerning Sub-contractors**

- 12.1 The CONTRACTOR will be fully responsible for all acts and omissions of his SUB-CONTRACTORS and of persons directly or indirectly employed by them and of persons for whose acts they may be liable to the same extent that they are employed by him. Nothing in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual relationship between any SUB-CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY. The COUNTY may, upon request, furnish to any SUB-CONTRACTOR, to the extent practicable, evidence of amounts paid to the CONTRACTOR on account of specific Work done.
- 12.2 The divisions and sections of the specifications and the identifications of any Drawings shall not control the CONTRACTOR in dividing the Work among SUB-CONTRACTORS or delineating the Work to be performed by any specific trade.
- 12.3 The CONTRACTOR agrees to bind specifically every SUB-CONTRACTOR to the applicable terms and conditions of these Contract Documents for the benefit of the COUNTY.
- 12.4 All Work performed for the CONTRACTOR by a SUB-CONTRACTOR shall be pursuant to an appropriate agreement between the CONTRACTOR and the SUB-CONTRACTOR which shall contain provisions that waive all rights the contracting parties may have against one another for damages caused by fire or perils covered by insurance, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance held by the COUNTY as trustee.

## **13 Patent Fees and Royalties**

- 13.1 The costs involved in fees, royalties, or claims for any patented invention, article, process or method that may be used upon, or in a manner connected with the work under this contract, shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR and his sureties, together with his officers, agents, and employees, shall protect and hold the COUNTY harmless against any and all demands made for such fees or claims brought or made by holder of any invention or patent. Before final payment is made on the account of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall, if requested by the COUNTY, furnish acceptable proof of a proper release from all such fees or claims.
- 13.2 Should the CONTRACTOR, his agent, employee, or any of them be enjoined from furnishing or using any invention, article, material or plans supplied or required to be supplied or used under this contract, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly pay such royalties and secure the requisite licenses; or, subject to acceptance by the COUNTY, substitute other articles, materials or appliances in lieu thereof which are of equal efficiency, quality, finish, suitability and market value to those planned or required under the contract. Descriptive information of these substitutions shall be submitted to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for determination of general conformance to the design concept and the construction contract. Should the COUNTY elect to use the substitution, the CONTRACTOR agrees to pay such royalties and secure such valid licenses as may be requisite for the COUNTY, his officers, agents, and employees, or any of them, to use such invention, article, material, or appliance without being disturbed or in any way interfered with by any proceeding in law or equity on account thereof.

## 14 Permits

- 14.1 Unless otherwise specified herein, the CONTRACTOR will secure and pay for all permits, impact fees, and licenses and will pay all governmental charges and inspections' fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work which are applicable at the time of his bid. The CONTRACTOR will also pay all public utility charges and connection fees except as provided for in the Contract Documents. Permits and licenses of regulatory agencies which are necessary to be maintained after completion of the guarantee period shall be secured and paid for by the COUNTY.
- 14.2 Pursuant to the requirements of F.S. 218.80, the following County permits and fees are required to be obtained and paid for by the CONTRACTOR.

**14.2.1 \*Permits as required shall be responsibility of Contractor unless otherwise stated herein. County permit and associated fees are available at <http://www.leegov.com/permits>\***

- 14.3 This is a disclosure of permits and fees, required by Lee County, for this project and does not relieve the contractor of its responsibility to obtain and pay for permits required by other governmental entities as specified elsewhere in this document.
- 14.4 The CONTRACTOR will give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to the Work. If the CONTRACTOR observes that the Specifications or Drawings are at a variance therewith, he will give the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prompt written notice thereof, and any necessary changes shall be adjusted by an appropriate modification. If the CONTRACTOR performs any Work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations and without such notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, he will bear all cost arising therefrom; however, it shall not be his primary responsibility to make certain that the Drawings and Specifications are in accordance with such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

## 15 Licenses

- 15.1 The CONTRACTOR must be properly licensed, within the jurisdiction where the project is to be constructed, to perform the work specified in the Scope of Work at the time of bid submittal.

## 16 Use of Premises

- 16.1 The CONTRACTOR will confine his equipment, the storage of materials and equipment, and the operations of his workmen to the areas permitted by law, ordinances, permits or the requirements of the Contract Documents and shall not unreasonably encumber the premises with materials or equipment.

## 17 Record Drawings

- 17.1 The CONTRACTOR will keep one record copy of all Specifications, Drawings, Addenda, Modifications and Shop Drawings at the site in good order, and annotated to show all changes made during the construction process or addition and exact location of underground or otherwise concealed components such as, but not limited to, plumbing, air conditioning, electric, culverts, drainage structures, water main, force mains, service lines, wiring, traffic loops, pond or ditch bottoms and banks, signal poles, signs, and conduit which were not installed exactly as shown on the contract drawings. These shall be available to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and shall be verified by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE at 30%, 60%, and 100%

- completion of the Project. The CONTRACTOR shall submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE one complete set of all recorded changes made during Construction entitled "As-Built", and dated. Submittals shall be made in accordance with the above and shall be submitted at the time of substantial completion.
- 17.2 The sum of \$5,000.00 shall be withheld from the final payment until written acceptance or all of the Record Drawings by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE has occurred.
- 17.3 Certified "as-built" information, which the CONTRACTOR must show on marked-up copies of the design drawings, prints, and other materials as specified above shall include both authorized and unauthorized changes to horizontal pavement dimensions, finish pavement grades, finish dimensions, elevations and alignment of the items noted in Article 17.1, and any modifications to material types from that specified in the bid plans and specifications. As a prerequisite to any payments, the CONTRACTOR shall make available to the Engineer all "as-built" information pertinent to the design drawings each month prior to his submission of a monthly application for payment. The CONTRACTOR shall also obtain "as-built" cross-sections of the roadway, ditches, channels, and other drainage ways as shown in the Contract Documents at intervals not to exceed 100 ft. The CONTRACTOR shall set benchmarks on or within 100 ft. of each control structure constructed as part of this project. A complete description including elevation and location of each control structure benchmark shall be provided to the Engineer as part of the "as-built" information. The elevation shall be clearly and permanently indicated on each benchmark.
- 17.4 "As-built" dimensions and elevations shall be obtained by a Professional Land Surveyor registered in the State of Florida pursuant to Chapter 472, Florida Statutes. The "as-built" drawings shall be signed and sealed by the CONTRACTOR'S Professional Land Surveyor in accordance with Section 472.025, Florida Statutes.
- 17.5 All pertinent surveyors' field survey notes containing the "as-built" data shall be sealed and submitted to the Engineer for review and acceptance prior to authorization of the final payment.
- 17.6 "As-built" data shall be secured and the accuracy of measurements shall be 0.01 ft.
- 17.7 All sub-surface improvements considered part of the Work as shown in the Contract Documents shall be "as-built" by the CONTRACTOR prior to backfilling.
- 17.8 A final bench level circuit shall be secured indicating accuracy of vertical closure and a copy of these field notes shall be submitted to the Engineer before final acceptance of the project.
- 17.9 The CONTRACTOR shall annotate and show all "as-built" information on 11" x 17" prints of the bid plans during the course of the construction process. Upon completion of all contract work, but prior to authorization of the final payment by the Engineer, the CONTRACTOR shall deliver one (1) set of such annotated, in neat draftsman-like manner, "as-built" 11" x 17" prints to the Engineer for approval. Upon approval of such "as-built" plans, the CONTRACTOR shall forthwith provide two (2) sets of these drawings containing all "as-built" information, a CD of the "as-built" electronic files in AutoCAD or MicroStation format and data which have been sealed by a Professional Land Surveyor by the CONTRACTOR at the CONTRACTOR'S cost and forthwith become the property of the COUNTY.

- 17.10 The cost of preparing, maintaining, and providing “as-built” plans and documents as specified in this Article must be included in the Lump Sum payment for mobilization for each part of the Bid Schedule providing for Mobilization.
- 17.11 Shop drawing submittals processed by the Engineer shall not be construed as Change Orders; the purpose of a shop drawing is to demonstrate to the Engineer that the CONTRACTOR understands the design concept, and that his understanding is demonstrated by indicating the equipment and material to be furnished and installed. Corrections or changes indicated by the Engineer in the shop drawings do not constitute authorization to perform extra work.
- 17.12 The review of shop drawings and schedules shall be considered general and shall not be construed as permitting any departures from the contract requirements. The design drawings and contract specifications shall take precedence over the shop drawings in the event of deviations, discrepancy, or conflict.

## **18 Safety and Protection**

- 18.1 The CONTRACTOR will be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. He will take all necessary precautions for the safety of and will provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:
  - 18.1.1 All employees on the Project and other persons who may be affected thereby;
  - 18.1.2 All the Work and all materials or equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site; and
  - 18.1.3 Other property at the site or adjacent thereto including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction.
  - 18.1.4 The CONTRACTOR will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss. He will erect and maintain, as required by the conditions and progress of the Work, all necessary safeguards for safety and protection and, in addition, he will comply with all applicable recommendations of the "Manual of Accident Prevention in Construction" published by the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc.; "Roadway and Traffic Design Standards" latest edition published by the Florida Department of Transportation, specifically Index 600-650; and Occupational Safety and Health Administration published by the United States Department of Labor. He will notify owners of adjacent utilities when prosecution of the Work may affect them. All damage, injury or loss to any property caused directly or indirectly, in whole or in part by the CONTRACTOR, any SUB-CONTRACTOR, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable will be remedied by the CONTRACTOR; except any damage or loss attributable to the fault of the Drawings or the Specifications or to the acts or omissions of the COUNTY, and not attributable, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the fault of negligence of the CONTRACTOR.
  - 18.1.5 The CONTRACTOR will designate a member of his organization whose

responsibility will be to plan for the prevention of accidents at the site. This person shall be the CONTRACTOR'S Superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by the CONTRACTOR to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

## **19 Emergencies**

19.1 In emergencies affecting the safety of persons, the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, the CONTRACTOR, without special instruction or authorization from the COUNTY, is obligated to act at his discretion to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. He will give the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prompt written notice of any significant changes in the Work or deviations from the Contract Documents caused thereby. If the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE determine that a change to the Contract Documents is required because of the action taken in response to an emergency, a Field Directive Change or Change Order shall thereupon be issued covering the changes and deviations involved.

## **20 Shop Drawings and Samples**

20.1 After checking and verifying all field measurements, the CONTRACTOR will submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for approval, in accordance with the acceptable schedule of Shop Drawing submission, five copies (or at the option of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, one reproducible copy) of all Shop Drawings, which shall have been checked by and stamped with the approval of the CONTRACTOR and identified as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may require. The data shown on the Shop Drawings will be complete with respect to dimensions, design criteria, materials of construction and the like to enable the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE to review the information as required.

20.2 The CONTRACTOR will also submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for approval with such promptness as to cause no delay in the Work, all samples required by the Contract Documents. All samples will have been checked by and stamped with the approval of the CONTRACTOR, identified clearly as to material, manufacturer, any pertinent numbers and the use for which intended.

20.3 At the time of each submission, the CONTRACTOR will in writing call the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S attention to any deviations that the Shop Drawing or sample may have from the requirements of the Contract Documents and, in addition, shall cause a specific notation to be made on each shop drawing submitted for review and approval of each such variation.

20.4 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will review and approve with reasonable promptness Shop Drawings and Samples, but its review and approval shall be only for conformance with the design concept of the Project and for compliance with the information given in the Contract Documents. The approval of a separate item as such will not indicate approval of the assembly in which the item functions. The CONTRACTOR will make any corrections required by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and will return the required number of corrected copies of Shop Drawings and re-submit new samples until approved. All cost incurred by the COUNTY for the review of a shop drawing in excess of two reviews shall be the

CONTRACTORS responsibility. The CONTRACTOR'S stamp of approval on any Shop Drawing or sample shall constitute a representation to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE that the CONTRACTOR has either determined and verified all quantities, dimensions, field construction criteria, materials, catalog numbers and similar data or he assumes full responsibility for doing so, and that he has reviewed or coordinated each Shop Drawing or sample with the requirements of the Work and the Contract Document.

20.5 No work requiring a Shop Drawing or sample submissions shall be commenced until the submission has been approved by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. Any related Work performed prior to review and approval by the COUNTY of the pertinent submission will be the sole expense and responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. A copy of each approved Shop Drawing and each approved sample shall be kept in good order by the CONTRACTOR at the site and shall be available to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

20.6 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE approval of Shop Drawings or samples shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from his responsibility for any deviations from the requirements of the Contract Documents, unless the CONTRACTOR has in writing called the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE attention to such deviation at the time of submission and the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE have given written approval to the specific deviation; nor shall any approval by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE relieve the CONTRACTOR from responsibility for errors or omissions in the Shop Drawings.

20.6.1 The CONTRACTOR shall, upon completion of the work, furnish to the Engineer two (2) complete sets of prints, neatly bound together, and in good condition, of all the CONTRACTOR'S, Subcontractors' and manufacturers' drawings as finally checked and reviewed by the Engineer with all modifications accepted by the Engineer subsequent thereto, showing the work as actually completed. Such "as-built" information for bridges, culverts, and similar structures shall also be provided by the CONTRACTOR.

## **21 Indemnification**

21.1 The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, save harmless and defend the COUNTY and all of its officers, agents, consultants and employees from and against all losses, claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, recoveries and judgments of every nature and description brought or recoverable against it or them by reason of any act or omission of the CONTRACTOR, his agent, consultants, employees, sub-contractors etc., in the execution of the work or in consequence of any negligence or carelessness in guarding the same and agrees to assume any related cost.

21.2 The CONTRACTOR shall assume all risk and bear any loss or injury to property or persons occasioned by neglect or accident during the progress of work until the same shall have been completed and accepted. The CONTRACTOR agrees to repair, restore or rebuild any damages he causes to any property of the COUNTY. He shall also assume all blame or loss by reason of neglect or violation of any state or federal law or municipal rule, regulation or order. The CONTRACTOR shall give to the proper authorities all required notices relating to the work, obtain all official permits

and licenses and pay all proper fees. He shall repair any damage that may have occurred to any adjoining building, structure, utility or private property in the course of this work.

## **22 Cleaning Up**

- 22.1 The CONTRACTOR will keep the premises free from accumulations of waste materials, rubbish and other debris resulting from the Work; at the completion of the Work he will remove all waste materials, rubbish and debris from and about the premises as well as all tools, construction equipment and machinery, and surplus materials, and will leave the site clean and ready for occupancy by the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR will restore to their original condition those portions of the site not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents.
- 22.2 If the CONTRACTOR fails to clean up as provided in the Contract Documents, the COUNTY may do so and the cost thereof shall be deducted from the final retainage due the CONTRACTOR.

## **23 Continuing the Work**

- 23.1 The CONTRACTOR shall carry on the Work and adhere to the progress schedule during all disputes and disagreements with the COUNTY. No work shall be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, except as permitted (The COUNTY May Stop Work) or as the CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY may otherwise agree in writing.

## **24 Anti-Discrimination**

- 24.1 The CONTRACTOR for itself, its successors in interest, and assignees, as part of the consideration thereof covenant and agree that:
- 24.2 In the furnishing of services to the COUNTY hereunder, no person on the grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- 24.3 The CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status. The CONTRACTOR will make affirmative efforts to insure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, acts of employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeships.
- 24.4 CONTRACTOR agrees to post in a conspicuous place, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this anti-discrimination clause.
- 24.5 CONTRACTOR will provide all information and reports required by relevant regulations and/or applicable directives. In addition, the CONTRACTOR shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the COUNTY to be pertinent to ascertain

compliance. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain and make available relevant data showing the extent to which members of minority groups are beneficiaries under these contracts.

- 24.6 Where any information required of the CONTRACTOR is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the CONTRACTOR shall so certify to the COUNTY its efforts made toward obtaining said information. The CONTRACTOR shall remain obligated under this paragraph until the expiration of three years after the termination of this CONTRACT.
- 24.7 In the event of breach of any of the above anti-discrimination covenants, the COUNTY shall have the right to impose sanctions as it may determine to be appropriate, including withholding payment to the CONTRACTOR or canceling, or terminating this CONTRACT, in whole or in part.
- 24.8 Additionally, the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further COUNTY contracts by rule, regulation or order of the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, or as otherwise provided by law.
- 24.9 The CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union, or representative of workers with which the CONTRACTOR has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract of understanding, a notice informing the labor union or worker's representative of the CONTRACTOR'S commitments under this assurance, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to the employees and the applicants for employment.
- 24.10 The CONTRACTOR will include the provisions in every sub-contract under this contract to insure its provisions will be binding upon each Sub-contractor. The CONTRACTOR will take such action with respect to any Sub-contractor, as the contracting agency may direct, as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.

## **25 Work by Others**

- 25.1 The COUNTY may perform additional Work related to the Project by itself, or it may let other direct contracts which shall contain General Conditions similar to these.
- 25.2 The CONTRACTOR will afford the other Contractors who are parties to such direct contracts (or the COUNTY, if it is performing the additional Work itself), reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of the Work, and shall properly connect and coordinate his work with theirs. Should the Contract entail relocation of facilities not a part of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR will coordinate and cooperate with the applicable entity responsible for this portion of the Work.
- 25.3 Water lines, gas lines, wire lines, service connections, water and gas meter boxes, water and gas valve boxes, light standards, cableways, signals, and all other utility appurtenances within the limits of the proposed construction which are to be relocated or adjusted are to be moved by the owners at their expense, unless otherwise provided in the Contract. It is understood and agreed that the CONTRACTOR has considered in his bid all of the permanent and temporary utility appurtenances in their present or relocated positions as shown on the plans and that no additional compensation will be allowed for any delays, inconveniences, or damage sustained to him due to any interference from the said utility appurtenances or the operation of moving them. If



any part of the CONTRACTOR'S work depends (for proper execution) upon the Work of any such other Contractor (or the COUNTY), the CONTRACTOR will inspect and promptly report to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in writing, any defects, deficiencies or delays in such Work that render it unsuitable for such proper execution and results. His failure to report shall constitute an acceptance of the Work, except as to defects, deficiencies and delays which may appear in the other Work after the execution of his Work.

- 25.4 The CONTRACTOR will do all cutting, fitting and patching of his Work, which is consistent with the Contract Documents that may be required to make its several parts come together properly and fit it to receive or be received by such other Work. The CONTRACTOR will not endanger any Work of others by cutting, excavating or otherwise altering such other Work and will only cut or alter such other work with the written consent of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.
- 25.5 If the performance of additional Work by other Contractors or the COUNTY is not noted in the Contract Documents prior to the execution of the Contract, written notice thereof shall be given to the CONTRACTOR prior to starting any such additional Work.
- 25.6 The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for coordination with all activities with adjacent projects.

## **26 Owner's Representative Status During Construction**

- 26.1 County's Representatives
- 26.1.1 The COUNTY shall issue all communications to the CONTRACTOR through the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.
- 26.2 Clarifications and Interpretations
- 26.2.1 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will issue with reasonable promptness, through the COUNTY, such written clarifications or interpretations of the requirements of the Contract Documents (in the form of Drawings or otherwise) as the COUNTY may determine necessary, which shall be consistent with or reasonably inferable from the overall intent of the Contract Documents. If the CONTRACTOR believes that a written clarification or interpretation justifies an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time and the parties are unable to agree to the amount or extent thereof, the CONTRACTOR may make a claim.
- 26.3 Authorized Variations in Work
- 26.3.1 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may authorize, with prior approval from the COUNTY minor variations in the Work from the requirements of the Contract Documents which do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time and are consistent with the overall intent of the Contract Documents. These may be accomplished by a Field Change Order and the CONTRACTOR shall perform the Work involved promptly. If the CONTRACTOR believes that a Field Change Order justifies an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time and the parties are unable to agree as to the amount or extent thereof, the CONTRACTOR may make a claim.

**27 Changes in Work**

- 27.1 Without invalidating the Agreement, the COUNTY may unilaterally and at any time or from time to time order additions, deletions or revisions in the Work; these will be authorized by Change Orders or Field Directive Change. Upon receipt of a Change Order or Field Directive Change, the CONTRACTOR will proceed with the Work involved.
- 27.2 All such Work shall be executed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents.
- 27.3 If any Change Order or Field Directive Change causes an increase or decrease in the Contract Price or any extension or shortening of the Contract Time, an equitable adjustment will be made.
- 27.4 Additional Work performed by the CONTRACTOR without written authorization of a change in the form of an approved Change Order will not entitle him to an increase in the Contract Price or any extension of the Contract Time, except in the case of an emergency.
- 27.5 It is the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to notify the Surety of any changes affecting the general scope of the Work or change of the Contract Price and the amount of the applicable Bonds shall be adjusted accordingly. The Surety's Acceptance must be submitted to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, by the CONTRACTOR, within ten calendar days of the initiation of the change.

**28 Change of Contract Price**

- 28.1 The Contract Price constitutes the total compensation payable to the CONTRACTOR for performing the Work. All duties, responsibilities and obligations assigned to or undertaken by the CONTRACTOR shall be at his expense without change in the Contract Price.
- 28.2 The Contract Price may only be changed by a Change Order. Any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract Price shall be in writing and delivered to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE within fifteen calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and stating the general nature of the claim. Notice of the amount of the claim with supporting data shall be delivered within sixty calendar days after such occurrence (unless COUNTY allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim) and shall be accompanied by the CONTRACTOR'S written statement that the amount claimed covers all known amounts (direct, indirect, and consequential) to which the CONTRACTOR has reason to believe it is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. No claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price will be valid if not submitted in accordance. All claims for adjustment in the Contract Price shall be reviewed by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. Any change in the Contract Price shall be incorporated in a Change Order and approved by the COUNTY. No claim by the CONTRACTOR for an equitable adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this Contract.
- 28.3 Where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents or subsequently agreed upon, by application of unit prices to the quantities of the items involved.

- 28.4 By mutual acceptance of a lump sum properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data to permit evaluation.
- 28.5 By cost of the Work and mutually acceptable fixed amount for overhead and profit agreed upon by the parties.
- 28.6 If none of the above methods is agreed upon, the value shall be determined by the COUNTY on the basis of cost of the Work and a percentage for overhead and profit. Cost shall only include labor (payroll, payroll taxes, fringe benefits, worker's compensation, etc.), materials, equipment, and other incidentals directly related to the Work involved.
- 28.7 In such cases the CONTRACTOR will submit in the form prescribed by the COUNTY an itemized cost breakdown together with supporting data. The amount of credit to be allowed by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY for any such change which results in a net decrease in cost will be the amount of the actual net decrease as determined by the COUNTY. When both additions and credits are involved in any one change, the combined overhead and profit shall be figured on the basis of the net decrease, if any.

**29 Cash Allowance**

- 29.1 It is understood that the CONTRACTOR has included in the Contract Price any allowances so named in the Contract Documents and shall cause the Work so covered to be done by such materialmen, suppliers, or SUB-CONTRACTORS and for such sums within the limit of the allowances as the COUNTY may approve. Upon final payment, the Contract Price shall be adjusted as required and an appropriate Change Order issued. The CONTRACTOR agrees that the original Contract Price includes such sums as he deems proper for cost and profit on account of cash allowances. No demand for an additional sum for overhead or profit in connection therewith will be allowed.
- 29.2 Unit Price Work
  - 29.2.1 Where the Contract Documents provide that all or part of the Work is to be Unit Price Work, the Contract Price will be deemed to include for all Unit Price Work an amount equal to the sum of the established unit prices for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work times the estimated quantity of each item as indicated in the Agreement. The estimated quantities of items of Unit Price Work are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids and determining an initial Contract Price.
  - 29.2.2 Each unit price will be deemed to include an amount considered by the CONTRACTOR to be adequate to cover the CONTRACTOR'S overhead and profit for each separately identified item.
  - 29.2.3 The unit price of an item of Unit Price Work shall be subject to revaluation and adjustment under the following conditions:
    - 29.2.3.1 If the total cost of a particular item of Unit Price Work amounts to 5% or more of the Contract Price and the variation in the quantity of that particular item of Unit Price Work performed by the CONTRACTOR differs by more than 15% from the estimated quantity of such item indicated in the

- Agreement; and,
- 29.2.3.2 If there is no corresponding adjustment with respect to any other item of Work; and
- 29.2.3.3 If the CONTRACTOR believes that it has incurred additional expense as a result thereof; or
- 29.2.3.4 If the COUNTY believes that the quantity variation entitles it to an adjustment in the unit price, either the COUNTY or the CONTRACTOR may make a claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price if the parties are unable to agree as to the effect of any such variations in the quantity of Unit Price Work performed.

### **30 Change of Contract Time**

- 30.1 The Contract Time may only be changed by a Change Order. Any claim for an extension in the Contract Time shall be in writing and delivered to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE within fifteen calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and stating general nature of the claim. Notice of the extent of the claim with supporting data (analysis and documentation) shall be delivered within sixty calendar days after such occurrence (unless the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim) and shall be accompanied by the CONTRACTOR'S written statement that the adjustment claimed is the entire adjustment to which the CONTRACTOR has reason to believe it is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. 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 and could not have been reasonably anticipated, and that the weather conditions had an adverse effect on the scheduled construction. No claim by the CONTRACTOR under this provision shall be allowed unless the CONTRACTOR has given the notice and the analysis and documentation required in this paragraph. All claims for adjustment in the Contract Time shall be determined by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. Any change in the Contract Time resulting from any such claim shall be incorporated in a Change Order.
- 30.2 The COUNTY shall not be responsible for any delay in the completion of the project where the delay is beyond the control or without fault or negligence on behalf of the COUNTY. The COUNTY shall not be held accountable for extra compensation or an extension of time due to default by the CONTRACTOR, SUB-CONTRACTORS, or suppliers in the furnishing of labor or materials for the project, or having to replace defective materials.
- 30.3 The CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to a claim for an extension of time when a delay or hindrance is caused by an act of God, or any act or omission on the part of the COUNTY, provided the CONTRACTOR gives notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE within fifteen calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and having stated the general nature of the claim. The CONTRACTOR'S sole remedy shall be an extension of Contract Time.
- 30.4 No extension of Contract Time or increases in Contract Price shall be granted for

any delay caused either by (1) inadequate crewing, default or bankruptcy of lower tier contract, slow submittals, etc., or (2) by severe though not unusual weather conditions (other than hurricanes and tornadoes) or (3) any delay impacting a portion of the Work within the available total float or slack time and not necessarily preventing completion of the Work within the Contract Time unless otherwise agreed to by the COUNTY in its sole discretion or (4) for any delay which is caused by the CONTRACTOR having to replace defective material or equipment or (5) delays attributable to the lack of performance by Sub-contractors regardless of the reasons.

- 30.5 All time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Agreement. Shall not exclude recovery for damages (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court cost) for delay by either party.

### **31 Warranty and Guarantee: Acceptance of Defective Work**

#### **31.1 Warranty and Guarantee**

31.1.1 The CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees to the COUNTY that all materials and equipment will be new unless otherwise specified and that all Work will be of good quality, free from faults or defects and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and any inspections, test or approvals referred to in this Article. All unsatisfactory Work, all faulty Work, and all Work not conforming to the requirements of the Contract Documents or such inspections, tests or approvals shall be considered defective. Prompt notice of all defects shall be given to the CONTRACTOR. All defective Work, whether or not in place, may be rejected, corrected or accepted as provided herein. Contractor is to assign any and all warranties or guarantees on equipment, materials, etc. to the COUNTY.

#### **31.2 Tests and Inspections**

31.2.1 If the Contract Documents, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or order of any public authority having jurisdiction require any Work to specifically be inspected, tested or approved by someone other than the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR will give the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE forty-eight (48) hours' notice of readiness therefore. The CONTRACTOR will furnish the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE with the required certificates of inspection, testing or approval. All such tests will be in accordance with the methods prescribed by the American Society for Testing and Materials or such other applicable organizations as may be required by law or the Contract Documents. If any such Work required to be inspected, tested or approved is covered without written approval of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, it shall, if requested by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, be uncovered for observation at the CONTRACTOR'S expense. The cost of all such inspections, tests and approvals shall be borne by the CONTRACTOR unless otherwise provided.

31.2.2 Project field testing of materials required by the specifications or the

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE shall be provided by and at the expense of the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate and schedule the required testing. The Contractor shall pay for all retests when the initial test result reveals that the materials failed to meet the requirements of the specifications. The CONTRACTOR shall notify the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE twenty-four (24) hours prior to conducting any test so the OWNER's REPRESENTATIVE may be present.

- 31.2.3 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE shall have the right to require all materials to be submitted to tests prior to incorporation in the Work. In some instances, it may be expedient to perform these tests at the source of supply, and for this reason, it is required that the CONTRACTOR furnish the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE with the information concerning the location of his source before incorporating material into the Work. This does not in any way obligate the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE to perform tests for acceptance of material and does not relieve the CONTRACTOR of his responsibility to furnish satisfactory material. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish manufacturer's certificates of compliance with these specifications covering manufactured items incorporated in the Work.
- 31.2.4 Neither observations by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, nor inspections, tests or approvals by persons other than the CONTRACTOR shall relieve the CONTRACTOR from his obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.
- 31.2.5 Testing/Permits: The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for performing any testing and the cost for all items that may be required as part of the NPDES, FDEP, USACOE and SFWMD permits.

## **32 Close Out Procedure**

### **32.1 General Operating/Maintenance Instructions & Manuals**

- 32.1.1 The CONTRACTOR shall organize maintenance operating manual information into four suitable sets of manageable size, and bind into individual binders properly identified and indexed (thumb-tabbed). Emergency instructions, spare parts listing, warranties, wiring diagrams, recommended "turn around" cycles, inspection procedures, shop drawings, product data, and similar acceptable information shall be included. The CONTRACTOR shall bind each manual of each set in a heavy duty, 3-ring vinyl covered binder, and include pocket folders for folded sheet information. Mark identification on both front and spine of each binder.
- 32.1.2 Arrange for each installer of work requiring continuing maintenance (by the OWNER) or operation, to meet with the OWNER'S personnel, at the project site, to provide basic instructions needed for proper operation and maintenance of the entire work. Include instructions by manufacturer's representatives where installers are not expert in the required procedures. Review maintenance manuals, record documentation, tools, spare parts and materials, lubricants, fuels, identification system, control sequences, hazards, cleaning and similar procedures and facilities. For operational

equipment, demonstrate start-up, shut-down, emergency operations, noise and vibration adjustments, safety, economy/efficiency adjustments, and similar operations. Review maintenance and operations in relation with applicable guaranties, warranties, agreements to maintain, bonds, and similar continuing commitments.

**33 Access to the Work**

33.1 The COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE shall at all times have access to the Work. The CONTRACTOR shall provide proper facilities for such access and observation of the Work and also for any inspection or testing thereof by others.

**34 Uncovering the Work**

34.1 If any work has been covered which the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE has not specifically requested to observe prior to its being covered, or if the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE considers it necessary or advisable that covered Work be inspected or tested by others, the CONTRACTOR, at the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S request, will uncover, expose or otherwise make available for observation, inspection or testing as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may require, that portion of the Work in question, furnishing all necessary labor, material and equipment. If it is found that such Work is defective, the CONTRACTOR will bear all the expense of such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection and testing, and of satisfactory reconstruction. If, however, such Work is not found to be defective, the CONTRACTOR will be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, testing and reconstruction, if he makes a claim therefore.

**35 County May Stop Work**

35.1 If the Work is defective, if the CONTRACTOR fails to supply sufficient skilled workmen or suitable materials or equipment, or if the CONTRACTOR fails to make prompt payments to SUB-CONTRACTORS for labor, materials or equipment: the COUNTY may order the CONTRACTOR to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of the COUNTY to stop the work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of the COUNTY to exercise this right for the benefit of the CONTRACTOR or any other party.

35.2 Notwithstanding Paragraph 35.1, the COUNTY may also issue a Stop Work Order for the following reasons:

35.2.1 Insufficient Maintenance of Traffic practices.

35.2.2 Failure to comply with permits regarding pollution control.

35.2.3 Insufficient construction materials or methods.

35.2.4 Failure to provide a safe working environment in accordance with the US Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

- 35.3 Upon notice of the Stop Work Order, the CONTRACTOR shall cease all contracted work except for the activities required to correct the problem and as directed by the COUNTY.
- 35.4 If the CONTRACTOR fails to correct the problem causing the Stop Work Order and there is immediate threat to the public's health, safety, or environmental protection, the COUNTY may perform any remedial activities necessary to protect the public and environment. Any costs incurred by the County in the performance of this work shall be deducted from monies due the Contractor or paid by the Contractor to the County.
- 35.5 No increase in the Contract Price or extension of the Contract Time will be granted for any delays or loss of time due to a Stop Work Order.

**36 Correction or Removal of Defective Work**

- 36.1 If required by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prior to approval of final payment, the CONTRACTOR will, promptly, without cost to the COUNTY and as specified by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, either correct any defective Work whether or not fabricated, installed or completed or, if the Work has been rejected by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, remove it from the site and replace it with non-defective Work. If the CONTRACTOR does not correct such defective Work or remove and replace such rejected Work within ten calendar days, all as specified in a written notice from the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may have the deficiency corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced. All direct or indirect costs of such correction or removal and replacement shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR will also bear the expense of making good all Work of others destroyed or damaged by his correction, removal or replacement of his defective Work.

**37 One Year Correction Period**

- 37.1 If, after the approval of the final payment and prior to the expiration of one year after the date of Final Completion or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by law or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents, any Work is found to be defective, the CONTRACTOR will promptly, without cost to the COUNTY, and in accordance with the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S written instructions, either correct such defective Work or, if it has been rejected by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, remove it from the site and replace it with non-defective Work. If, within seven calendar days, the CONTRACTOR does not comply with the terms of such instructions, the Bonding Company shall be notified of default and requested to make repairs or replacement, the COUNTY may have the defective Work corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced. All direct and indirect costs of such removal and replacement shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR.

**38 Acceptance of Defective Work**

- 38.1 If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, the COUNTY prefers to accept it, the COUNTY may do so. In such case, if



acceptance occurs prior to approval of final payment, a Change Order shall be issued incorporating the appropriate revisions to the Contract Documents including an appropriate reduction in the Contract Price. If the acceptance occurs after approval of the final payment, an appropriate amount shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY.

### **39 Neglected Work By Contractor**

39.1 If the CONTRACTOR should neglect to prosecute the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, including any requirements of the progress schedule, the COUNTY may, after three calendar days written notice to the CONTRACTOR and without prejudice to any other remedy it may have, make good such deficiency and the cost thereof shall be charged against the CONTRACTOR. A Change Order shall be issued incorporating the appropriate revision to the Contract Documents including an appropriate reduction in the Contract Price. If the payments then or thereafter due the CONTRACTOR are not sufficient to cover such amount, the CONTRACTOR shall pay the difference to the COUNTY.

### **40 Payment and Completion**

#### 40.1 Schedule of Values

40.1.1 Within ten (10) calendar days after the effective date of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR must submit a schedule of values of the Work including quantities and unit prices totaling to the Contract Price. This schedule shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the COUNTY and shall subdivide the Work into sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during construction. Upon approval of the schedule of values by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, it shall be incorporated into the Estimate and Requisition for Payment prescribed by the COUNTY. Unit Price Contracts shall have the bid proposal prices incorporated into the Estimate and Requisition for Payment.

#### 40.2 Application for Progress Payment

40.2.1 Bid proposal units and unit prices shall serve as the basis for progress payments during construction. The bid proposal process shall be incorporated into the Estimate and Requisition for Payment Form No. CSD:505(4) prescribed by the COUNTY.

40.2.2 Not more often than once a month, nor less often than specified in the approved payment schedule, and on a date established at the Project Pre-Construction Conference, the CONTRACTOR will submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for review the Estimate and Requisition for Payment form filled out and signed by the CONTRACTOR covering the Work completed as of the date of the Application and supported by such data as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may reasonably require. Also, if payment is requested on the basis of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the site or at another location agreed to in writing, the Application for Payment shall also be accompanied by such supporting data, satisfactory to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, as will establish the COUNTY'S title to

the material and equipment and protect its interest therein, including applicable insurance. All progress payments will be subject to the retainage percentage specified in the Contract Documents. Such retainage shall be paid and will be issued in the final payment after acceptance by the COUNTY of the Work.

#### **41 Contractor's Warranty of Title**

41.1 The CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees that title to all Work, materials and equipment covered by an application for progress payment, whether incorporated in the Project or not, will be passed to the COUNTY prior to the next making of application for progress payment, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interest and encumbrances; and that no Work, materials or equipment covered by an Application for Payment will have been acquired by the CONTRACTOR or by any other person performing the Work at the site or furnishing materials and equipment for the Project subject to an agreement under which an interest therein or encumbrance thereon is retained by the seller or otherwise imposed by the CONTRACTOR or such other person.

#### **42 Approval of Payments**

- 42.1 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will, within ten calendar days after receipt of each Application for Payment, either indicate his approval of payment and deliver the application to the COUNTY or return the Application to the CONTRACTOR indicating in writing the reason for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and re-submit the Application. The COUNTY will, within five calendar days after receipt of each approved application for payment, either indicate their approval of payment, and within fifteen calendar days pay the CONTRACTOR the amount approved, or return the application to the CONTRACTOR thru the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE indicating in writing the reason for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the application to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.
- 42.2 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S approval of any payment requested in an Application for Payment shall constitute a representation by him to the COUNTY, based on the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S on-site observations of the Work in progress and on his review of the Application for Payment and the supporting data that the CONTRACTOR is entitled to payment of the amount approved.
- 42.3 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S approval of final payment shall constitute an additional representation by him to the COUNTY that the conditions precedent to the CONTRACTOR'S being entitled to final payment as set forth have been fulfilled.
- 42.4 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may refuse to approve the whole or any part of any payment if in his opinion; he is unable to make such representations to the COUNTY. He may then refuse to approve any such payment because of subsequently discovered evidence or the results of subsequent inspections or test, nullify any such payment previously approved, to such extent as may be necessary in his opinion to protect the COUNTY from loss because:

- 42.4.1 The Work is defective;
- 42.4.2 A portion of such payment is the subject of a dispute or claim that has been filed;
- 42.4.3 The Contract Price has been reduced because of Modifications;
- 42.4.4 The COUNTY has been required to correct defective Work or complete the Work, or of unsatisfactory prosecution of the Work, including failure to clean up as required.

#### **43 Substantial Completion**

- 43.1 Prior to final payment, the CONTRACTOR shall, in writing to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, certify that the entire Project is substantially complete and request that the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion. Within fourteen calendar days thereafter, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the CONTRACTOR will make an inspection of the Project to determine the status of completion. If the COUNTY does not consider the Project substantially complete, it will notify the CONTRACTOR in writing giving the reasons therefore. If the COUNTY considers the Project substantially complete, a Certificate of Substantial Completion will be issued. This certificate shall fix the date of Substantial Completion and the responsibilities between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR for maintenance, heat and utilities. The Certificate of Substantial Completion will also include a punch list of items to be completed or corrected, said time to be within the Contract Time, and the estimated cost to complete each item on the list. The list of items shall be prepared by the COUNTY following the inspection and provided to the CONTRACTOR within 30 days of the date of the inspection. The CONTRACTOR shall then provide the estimated cost to complete each item on the list back to the COUNTY within 30 days. Within 20 business days after the list is created, COUNTY must pay the contractor the remaining contract balance that includes all retainage previously withheld by the COUNTY less an amount equal to 150 percent of the estimated cost to complete the items on the list. The COUNTY shall have the right to exclude the CONTRACTOR from the Project after the date of Substantial Completion but the COUNTY will allow the CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete items on the punch list.

#### **44 Partial Utilization**

- 44.1 Prior to final payment, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may request the CONTRACTOR to permit the use of a specified part of the Project which the COUNTY believes it may use without significant interference with construction of the other parts of the Project. If the CONTRACTOR agrees, he will certify to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE that said part of the Project is substantially complete and request the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE to issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Project. Within fourteen calendar days thereafter, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the CONTRACTOR will make an inspection of that part of the Project to determine its status of completion. If the COUNTY considers that part of the Project to be substantially complete, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will deliver to the CONTRACTOR a certificate

to that effect, fixing the date of Substantial Completion as to that part of the Project, and listing the punch list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment, the estimated cost to complete each item on the list and fixing the responsibility between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR for maintenance, heat and utilities as to that part of the Project. This list shall be prepared by the COUNTY following the inspection and provided to the CONTRACTOR within 30 days of the date of the inspection. The CONTRACTOR shall then provide the estimated cost to complete each item on the list back to the COUNTY within 30 days. The COUNTY shall have the right to exclude the CONTRACTOR from any part of the Project which is so certified to be substantially complete but the COUNTY will allow the CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete or correct items on the punch list.

- 44.2 If the COUNTY fails to provide the punch list to the CONTRACTOR within the timeframe specified in Paragraph 44.1, the CONTRACTOR may submit a payment request to the COUNTY for the remaining balance of the contract, including all remaining retainage withheld by the COUNTY. The COUNTY will then pay the CONTRACTOR within 20 business days after receipt of a proper invoice or payment request. If the COUNTY has provided written notice to the CONTRACTOR specifying the failure of the CONTRACTOR to meet contract requirements in the development of the list of items to be completed, the COUNTY must pay the CONTRACTOR the remaining balance of the contract, less an amount equal to 150 percent of the estimated cost to complete the items that the COUNTY intended to include on the list.

#### **45 Final Inspection**

- 45.1 Upon written notice from the CONTRACTOR that the Project is complete, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will make a final inspection with the CONTRACTOR and will notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of any particulars which this inspection reveals that the Work is defective. The CONTRACTOR shall immediately make such corrections as are necessary to remedy the defects within a reasonable time.

#### **46 Final Inspection for Payment**

- 46.1 After the CONTRACTOR has completed any such corrections to the satisfaction of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and delivered all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, Certificates of Inspection and other documents as required by the Contract Documents, he may make application for final payment following the procedure for progress payments. The final Application for Payment shall be accompanied by legally effective final releases or waivers of liens from the CONTRACTOR and all SUB-CONTRACTORS which performed services for the CONTRACTOR pursuant to the Contract Documents and the consent of surety, if applicable to final payment.

#### **47 Approval of Final Payment**

- 47.1 If, on the basis of its observations and review of the Work during construction, its final inspection and its review of the final Estimate and Requisition for Payment,

all as required by the Contract Documents, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE is satisfied that the Work has been completed and the CONTRACTOR has fulfilled all of his obligations under the Contract Documents, it will, within ten calendar days after receipt of the final Application for Payment, indicate in writing its approval of payment and deliver the application to the COUNTY. Otherwise, it will return the Application to the CONTRACTOR, indicating in writing its reason for refusing to approve final payment, in which case the CONTRACTOR will make the necessary corrections and re-submit the Application. The COUNTY will, within fifteen calendar days after receipt of approved application for final payment, either indicate their approval of the estimate and requisition application for payment and within fifteen calendar days pay the CONTRACTOR the amount approved by the COUNTY and issue a Certificate of Final Completion or return the application thru the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE indicating in writing the reason for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the application to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

- 47.2 If, after substantial Completion of the Work, final completion is materially delayed through no fault of the CONTRACTOR, and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE so confirms, the COUNTY shall and without terminating the Agreement, make payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted. If the remaining balance for Work not fully completed or corrected is less than the retainage stipulated in the Agreement, and if bonds have been furnished as required, the written consent of the Surety to the payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted shall be submitted by the CONTRACTOR to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, prior to certification of such payment. Such payment shall be made under the terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a waiver of claims.
- 47.3 If liquidated damages are to be deducted from the final payment, the COUNTY shall so notify the CONTRACTOR in writing at least seven calendar days prior to the COUNTY'S submittal to Finance.
- 47.4 The Contractor will be required to submit with his final payment documents a DBE Participation Certification, indicating all DBE sub-contractor(s) and amount(s) utilized for the project.
- 47.5 If the CONTRACTOR did not utilize the DBE firm(s) listed on the Bid Proposal, a letter of justification, as to why shall be submitted along with the DBE Participation Certification.
- 47.6 At the final completion of the construction project if the county project manager experienced problems with the CONTRACTOR the project manager will prepare a Contractor Performance Evaluation, and forward to the Contractor for review, comment and signature.
- 47.7 Upon receipt of the Contractor Performance Evaluation the CONTRACTOR will have seven calendar days, from the date received, to review, comment, sign and return back to the project manager. If the evaluation has not been received back from the CONTRACTOR within the seven calendar days, the COUNTY will assume the CONTRACTOR fully agrees with and has no comments to the

evaluation. The evaluation will then be placed on file with Lee County Procurement Management.

**48 Contractor's Continuing Obligation**

48.1 The CONTRACTOR'S obligation to perform the Work and complete the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents shall be absolute. Neither approval of any progress or final payment by the COUNTY, the issuance of the Certificates of Completion, any payment by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents, any use or occupancy of the Project or any part thereof by the COUNTY, any act of acceptance by the COUNTY, any failure to do so, nor any correction of defective Work by the COUNTY shall constitute an acceptance of Work not in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**49 Waiver of Claims**

49.1 The making and acceptance of final payment shall constitute:

49.1.1 A waiver of all claims by the COUNTY against the CONTRACTOR other than those arising from unsettled liens, from defective Work appearing after final payment or from failure to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents, or from the terms of any special guarantees specified therein, and,

49.1.2 A waiver of all claims by the CONTRACTOR against the COUNTY other than those previously made in writing and still unsettled.

**50 Contract Termination**

50.1 MATERIAL BREACH A Contractor may be Terminated for Cause by the County, at the sole discretion of the Procurement Management Director, for failing to perform a contractual requirement or for a material breach of any term or condition. A material breach of a term or condition of the Agreement may include but is not limited to: 1. Contractor failure to perform services or deliver materials, supplies, or equipment by the date required or by an alternate date as mutually agreed in a written amendment to the Agreement; 2. Contractor failure to carry out any warranty or fails to perform or comply with any mandatory provision of the Agreement; 3. Contractor becomes insolvent or in an unsound financial condition so as to endanger performance hereunder; 4. Contractor becomes the subject of any proceeding under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, or relief from creditors and/or debtors that endangers the Contractor's proper performance hereunder; 5. Appointment of any receiver, trustee, or similar official for Contractor or any of the Contractor's property and such appointment endangers the Contractor's proper performance hereunder; 6. A determination that the Contractor is in violation of federal, state, or local laws or regulations and that such determination renders the Contractor unable to perform any aspect of the Agreement.

50.2 OPPORTUNITY TO CURE In the event that Contractor fails to perform a contractual requirement or materially breaches any term or condition, the County may issue a written cure notice. The Contractor may have a period of time in which to cure. The County is not required to allow the Contractor to cure defects if the

opportunity for cure is not feasible as, determined solely within the discretion of the County. Time allowed for cure shall not diminish or eliminate Contractor's liability for damages, or otherwise affect any other remedies available against Contractor under the Agreement or by law. If the breach remains after Contractor has been provided the opportunity to cure, the County may do any one or more of the following: 1. Exercise any remedy provided by law; 2. Terminate this Agreement and any related contracts or portions thereof; 3. Procure replacements and impose damages as set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, if applicable; 4. Impose actual or liquidated damages; 5. Suspend or bar Contractor from receiving future solicitations or other opportunities; 6. Require Contractor to reimburse the County for any loss or additional expense incurred as a result of default or failure to satisfactorily perform the terms of the Agreement.

- 50.3 **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE** In the event the Procurement Management Director, in its sole discretion, determines that the Contractor has failed to comply with the conditions of this Agreement in a timely manner or is in material breach, the Procurement Management Director has the right to suspend or terminate this Agreement, in part or in whole. The Procurement Management Director shall notify the Contractor in writing of the need to take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken within thirty (30) calendar days or as otherwise specified by the Procurement Management Director, or if such corrective action is deemed by the County to be insufficient, the Agreement may be terminated. The County reserves the right to suspend all or part of the Agreement, withhold further payments, or prohibit the Contractor from incurring additional obligations of funds during investigation of the alleged breach and pending corrective action by the Contractor or a decision by the County to terminate the Agreement. In the event of termination, the County shall have the right to procure any replacement materials, supplies, services and/or equipment that are the subject of this Agreement on the open market. In addition, the Contractor shall be liable for damages as authorized by law including, but not limited to, any price difference between the original Agreement and the replacement or cover contract and all administrative costs directly related to the replacement contract, e.g., cost of the competitive bidding, mailing, advertising and staff time. If it is determined that: (1) the Contractor was not in material breach; or (2) failure to perform was outside of Contractor's or its subcontractor's control, fault or negligence, the termination shall be deemed to be a "Termination for Convenience." The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Agreement are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.
- 50.4 **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE** Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the County, at the sole discretion of the Procurement Management Director, may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part by giving thirty (30) calendar days written notice beginning on the second day after mailing to the Contractor. If this Agreement is so terminated, the County shall be liable only for payment required under this Agreement for properly authorized services rendered, or materials, supplies and/or equipment delivered to and accepted by the County prior to the effective date of Agreement termination. The County shall have no other obligation whatsoever to the Contractor for such termination.

**51 Miscellaneous****51.1 General**

- 51.1.1 All Specifications, Drawings and copies thereof furnished by the COUNTY, to the CONTRACTOR, shall remain the COUNTY'S property. They shall not be used on another Project.
  - 51.1.2 The duties and obligations imposed by these General Conditions and the rights and remedies available hereunder, and, in particular but without limitation, the warrants, guarantees and obligations imposed upon the CONTRACTOR and the rights and remedies available to the COUNTY thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any otherwise imposed or available by law, by special guarantee or other provisions of the Contract Documents.
  - 51.1.3 Should the COUNTY or the CONTRACTOR suffer injury or damage to its person or property because of any error, omission or act of the other or any of his employees, agents, or others for whose acts he is legally liable, claim should be made in writing to the other party within seven calendar days of the first observance of such injury or damage.
  - 51.1.4 The Contract Documents shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, the County of Lee, and the municipality in which the project is being done.
- 51.2 Right-of-Way Station Boards: The CONTRACTOR must establish and maintain throughout construction the right-of-way station boards at every even station within ten (10) days after the Notice to Proceed to assist and expedite construction and utility coordination. No additional compensation or separate pay item will be made for this work.
- 51.3 Abbreviations: Reference in the technical specifications to the specifications or requirements of technical societies, associated organization, or bodies shall mean their most current specifications. These groups are identified in the technical specifications.
- 51.4 Use of Public Streets: The use of public streets and roads shall be such as to minimize any inconvenience to the public and to other traffic. Any earth or other excavation materials spilled from trucks shall be removed by the CONTRACTOR and the streets and roads shall be cleaned by the CONTRACTOR to the satisfaction of the COUNTY.
- 51.5 Damage to Existing Property, Structures and Utilities: The CONTRACTOR shall be held responsible for and shall repair all damage to pavement beyond the limits of the contract or outside the right-of-way. Also, the CONTRACTOR shall repair if damaged buildings, telephone or other cables, poles, signs, mailboxes, irrigation piping, water pipes, sanitary pipes, or other structures which may be encountered, whether or not they are shown on the Drawings. Information shown on the Drawings as to the location of existing utilities has been prepared from the most reliable data available to the Engineer. However, this information is not guaranteed, and it shall be the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to determine the location, character, and depth of any existing utilities. The CONTRACTOR shall assist the utility companies, by every means possible, to determine said locations. The CONTRACTOR shall exercise extreme caution to eliminate any possibility of



any damage to utilities resulting from his activities.

- 51.5.1 At least two (2) business days prior to excavating any section of the Work, the CONTRACTOR shall call the utility companies noted on the plans and inform them that Work on the specific section is about to commence and request that they field locate their underground utilities.
- 51.5.2 When proceeding with the Work, the CONTRACTOR shall exercise due caution to protect all underground and overhead utilities and existing structures from damage. In keeping with the Trench Safety Act, the CONTRACTOR shall provide all sheeting, shoring, and bracing that may be required to properly protect adjacent property, structures and people. The CONTRACTOR shall repair, to the satisfaction of the OWNER, any surface or subsurface Improvement damaged during the course of the Work (unless such improvement is shown to be abandoned or removed) whether or not such improvement is shown on the Drawing. Should any utilities be encountered that are not shown on the Drawing, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and shall take all due caution necessary to protect the utility.
- 51.6 Adjustment of Grades: Adjustments of grades shown on Drawings may be necessary to conform to actual field conditions or to maintain cover under proposed future grades. Such adjustments shall be considered part of the job conditions and no extra compensation will be allowed for such changes, except where specifically otherwise noted in the plans or specifications. Such adjustments must be approved by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prior to being made.
- 51.7 Existing Drainage: Existing drainage shall be maintained at all times and drainage under construction shall be left open so as not to cause flooding due to blockage. Any damage to construction caused by this requirement shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.
- 51.8 Reference to Other Specifications
  - 51.8.1 Reference to FDOT Specifications shall mean the State of Florida Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction dated July 2016 and supplements thereto unless specifically stated otherwise in the Contract Documents. Where an FDOT Specification section cites or contains references to other sections, they shall also be included as though cited herein. Where FDOT Specifications refer to the "Engineer", "Engineer of Test" or "Division of Test", it shall be understood to mean the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE or his designee. Where FDOT Specifications refer to the "Department", it shall mean the Department of Transportation of Lee County, Florida.
  - 51.8.2 In case of conflict between the referenced FDOT Specifications and the Contract Documents, the Contract Documents shall govern.
  - 51.8.3 Reference to AASHTO and ASTM are to the latest editions of published text of the American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials and the American Society for Testing and Materials, respectively.
- 51.9 Shoring
  - 51.9.1 Unless trench banks are cut back on a stable slope, sheet and brace trenches

shall be used as necessary to prevent caving or sliding, to provide protection for workmen and the pipe, and to protect adjacent structures and facilities. The CONTRACTOR shall not brace sheeting against the pipe, but shall brace it so that no concentrated loads of horizontal thrust are transmitted to the pipe. If portable metal box is used for bracing the slopes, the CONTRACTOR shall take care not to disturb the pipe when the box is removed.

- 51.9.2 The CONTRACTOR must comply with the Trench Safety Act, Florida Statutes Sections 553.60 – 553.64. Cost of compliance is not a separate pay item. Costs shall be included in the cost of pipe placement.
- 51.10 Dewatering: Dewatering of excavations, trenches, structures and utilities may be required. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for obtaining water use permits for dewatering operations, as necessary, from the South Florida Water Management District. No separate payment will be made for dewatering operations or procurement of dewatering permits. Costs shall be included in the cost of items as included in the Bid Form.
- 51.11 Excess Excavated Material: Unless otherwise specified, all excavated material in excess of the needs for backfill and area fill shall become the property of the CONTRACTOR, and the CONTRACTOR shall remove same from the project.
- 51.12 Asphalt Paving Conference: A pre-paving conference shall be held prior to any asphalt placement. The conference is intended to closely coordinate the CONTRACTOR'S plant and site personnel with the COUNTY'S plant and field inspectors and establish expected quality assurance procedures. The CONTRACTOR shall not perform any paving prior to this conference.
- 51.13 Rock Excavation: All excavations for the installation of pipes, structures, foundations, or other contract items shall be unclassified and no additional or separate payment for rock excavation shall be provided nor shall additional or separate payment be made for backfill required to compensate for excavated rock material that cannot be reused as backfill.
- 51.14 Permits
- 51.14.1 Copies of permits for this project other than for dewatering or NPDES will be provided by the COUNTY.
- 51.14.2 The CONTRACTOR shall abide by all conditions, statutes, and regulations issued by the jurisdiction authorities, boards and agencies of the COUNTY, State and Federal Governments. The CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible for the execution and adherence to all directives, instructions, conditions, issuance of notices, special conditions, and limiting conditions contained in permits specifically issued for this project and which pertain to or affect the construction phase of this project. Except as may be provided elsewhere in these documents, the cost of materials, supplies, labor testing, permit fees and other direct or indirect expenses required to abide by or execute conditions of the permits shall be paid for by the CONTRACTOR. There is no direct or specific payment item in the bid for cost due to compliance with said permits. The CONTRACTOR'S reimbursement for said costs shall be distributed within the various items of work and materials associated with the construction of the project.

51.15 Field Office: CONTRACTOR is not required to provide a field office within the project limits as long as CONTRACTOR has a field office within Lee, Collier or Charlotte County prior to bidding. If CONTRACTOR does not have an established office within Lee, Collier or Charlotte County, then the CONTRACTOR shall provide and staff a field office within the project limits for the entire project duration, per FDOT requirements. This item shall be compensated under the mobilization item and no separate payment will be made. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate the location of this field office with the Lee County Project Manager prior to the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

**52 Computation of Time**

52.1 When any period of time is referred to in the Contract Documents by days, it will be computed to exclude the first and include the last day of such period. If the last day of any such period falls on a Saturday or Sunday or on a day made a legal holiday by the law of the applicable jurisdiction, such day will be omitted from the computation.

**53 Maintenance of Records**

53.1 The CONTRACTOR shall keep adequate records and supporting documents applicable to this contractual matter. Said records and documentation will be retained by the CONTRACTOR for a minimum of five years from the date of termination of this Contract. The COUNTY and its authorized agents shall have the right to audit, inspect and copy records and documentation as often as the COUNTY deems necessary during the period of this Contract and during the period of five years thereafter; provided, however, such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours. The COUNTY, during the period of time expressed by the preceding sentence, shall also have the right to obtain a copy of, and otherwise inspect, any audit made at the direction of the CONTRACTOR as concerns the aforesaid records and documentation.

53.2 Vendor specifically acknowledges its obligations to comply with §119.0701, F.S., with regard to public records, and shall:

53.2.1 keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the County in order to perform the services required under this Agreement;

53.2.2 provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the County would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;

53.2.3 ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed, except as authorized by law; and

53.2.4 meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost to the County, all public records in possession of Vendor upon termination of this Agreement and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County in a format that is compatible with the information technology system of the County.

53.3 **IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 239-533-2221, 2115 SECOND STREET, FORT MYERS, FL 33901, <http://www.leegov.com/publicrecords>.**

**54 Federal Requirements**

54.1 In the event this Contract is paid in whole or in part from any Federal Governmental agency or source, the specific terms, regulations and requirements governing the disbursement of these funds are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract as if attached hereto and become a part of this clause.

**End of General Conditions Section**