

**Notice to Vendors
Request for Quotations
Imperial County Juvenile Hall
New Irrigation System & Sod**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

This county of Imperial Department of Public Works is seeking the services of a Landscaping Contractor to install a new irrigation system & sod in an area of 7690 sq ft. The items offered for bid shall include all standard manufacturers' equipment. The system can be Hunter's current production model or equal quality. Sod can be Harmony Play Bermuda or equal. Schedule 40 pipes highly recommended to be used with the system.

The Contractor shall possess a California Contractor's B - general building license with a C-27 Landscape or C-27 contractor license at the time of this contract is awarded.

I. Scope of Work

- The scope of the work is for the installation of a new irrigation system (Hunter's or equal system quality), including pipes, fittings, sprinkles, valves, and controllers.
- Prepare the soil, inclusive of removal of weeds as, trees, rocks & level ground to ensure uniform sod placement, as needed to provide a final by industry standard project.
- Excavate trenches for pipes, install new valves, install sprinkle heads.

The CONTRACTOR shall perform the work as herein defined, and shall provide all labor, materials, tools, utility services and transportation to complete in a workman like manner all of the work required in connection with the following titled project:

**Imperial County Juvenile Hall
New Irrigation System & Sod.
324 Applestill Road, El Centro, CA 92243**

In addition, to all other conditions and requirements, CONTRACTOR agrees to execute and comply with the requirements and conditions as set forth in this document.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

EVENT	DATE
Contractor's and Subcontractor's Walkthrough	April 15, 2024, 10:00 AM
Deadline to submit RFQ	April 24, 2024 by 2:00pm PST
Tentative Construction Completion Date	TBD

II. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR to visit the job site to verify existing conditions prior to submitting quotes.

A Contractor's and Subcontractor's walkthrough will be held on: April 15, 2024, at 10:00 AM at 324 Applestill Road, El Centro, CA 92243.

Attendance at the Pre-Bid Walkthrough is MANDATORY.

Before submitting a quote, the CONTRACTOR is required to examine the project site and fully inform themselves as to all existing site conditions and limitations. The quote shall include the cost of all items necessary for the irrigation system; as shown herein. The CONTRACTOR shall not receive any additional compensation for costs resulting from conditions that the CONTRACTOR could have discovered with due diligence prior to submitting a quote.

III. QUOTATION REQUIREMENTS:

The quotations shall include the following:

Cost of materials and labor to complete the project. Note "Prevailing Wage Rates" must be complied with as defined under the California Labor Code.

IV. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that it is a lawful entity possessing all required licenses and authorities to do business in the State of California and perform all aspects of this Agreement.

Upon request by the County Purchasing Agent the CONTRACTOR shall be required to submit proof of the following documents to the County Purchasing Agent prior to being awarded this project proposal:

- a. Valid Contractor's License.
- b. DIR Registration No.
- c. Business License from the appropriate city/jurisdiction.
- d. Exhibit "A": Non-Collusion Affidavit
- e. Exhibit "B": Designation of Subcontractors
- f. Exhibit "C": Public Contract Code Section 10162 Questionnaire

- g. Exhibit "D": Contractor's Certificate Regarding Workers Compensation
- h. Exhibit "E": Performance Bond
- i. Exhibit "F": Payment Bond
- j. Exhibit "G": Minimum Insurance Amounts and Certificates of Insurance
- k. Exhibit "H": General Conditions

VI. QUOTATIONS DUE:

Quotations shall be submitted to the Procurement Department (Purchasing) located at 1125 Main St, El Centro, California, no later than the date and time specified by the Purchasing Department.

VII. REJECTION OF QUOTATIONS:

COUNTY reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any quotes pursuant to Public Contract Code, Section 20150.9. The award of the project, if made by COUNTY, will be to the lowest responsible CONTRACTOR.

VIII. CONTACT PERSON:

Any questions regarding this project shall be addressed to Simon De La Rosa, Construction Technician; Department of Public Works by calling 760.604.3360 or by email at simondelarosa@co.imperial.ca.us

IX. GENERAL NOTES:

1. All equipment differing from the specific equipment noted shall be equal or better.
2. Remove all debris from job site.
3. All work will meet all current state, federal and local building codes and comply with manufacturer's recommendations.
4. The contractor's quote shall include all charges, including labor (inclusive of prevailing wages), materials, taxes, shipping (if applicable).
5. The Contractor shall possess a California Contractor's license Class B and C-27 Landscape License at the time the contract is awarded.

6. Employees must wear company badge or uniform.
7. Company employees must report to the juvenile hall front office before commencing work.
8. Standard Irrigation & Sod maintenance warranty period. (90 day)

X. Work Location:




	<p>IMPERIAL COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EL CENTRO, CA</p>	<p>Imperial County Juvenile Hall New Irrigation System & Sod. 324 Applestill Rd. El Centro, CA. 7690 sq ft Working Area Highlighted in Map.</p>
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EXHIBIT "A"

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT TO BE EXECUTED
BY BIDDER AND SUBMITTED WITH BID**

State of California

County of Imperial

_____ [name of individual], being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is _____ [title of individual] of _____ [name of business] the party making the foregoing bid that the bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other bidder to put in a false or sham bid, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the bidder or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the bid are true; and, further, that the bidder has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any corporation, partnership, company association, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid.

Signature

EXHIBIT "B"

DESIGNATION OF SUBCONTRACTORS

In compliance with the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act (Ch. 4 (commencing at section 4100), Div. 2, part 1 of the Cal. Pub. Cont. Code) and any amendments thereof, each bidder shall set forth below:

(a) (1) The name, the location of the place of business, the California contractor license number, and public works contractor registration number issued pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the Labor Code of each subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render service to the prime contractor in or about the construction of the work or improvement, or a subcontractor licensed by the State of California who, under subcontract to the prime contractor, specially fabricates and installs a portion of the work or improvement according to detailed drawings contained in the plans and specifications, in an amount in excess of one-half of 1 percent of the prime contractor's total bid or, in the case of bids or offers for the construction of streets or highways, including bridges, in excess of one-half of 1 percent of the prime contractor's total bid or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), whichever is greater.

(b) the portion of the work which will be done by each subcontractor under this act. The prime Contractor shall list only one subcontractor for each such portion as is defined by the prime Contractor in this bid.

If a prime contractor fails to specify a subcontractor or if a prime contractor specifies more than one subcontractor for the same portion of work to be performed under the contract in excess of one-half of 1 percent of the prime contractor's total bid, the prime contractor agrees that he or she is fully qualified to perform that portion himself or herself, and that the prime contractor shall perform that portion itself.

No prime Contractor whose bid is accepted shall (a) substitute any subcontractor, (b) permit any subcontractor to be voluntarily assigned or transferred or allow it to be performed by anyone other than the original subcontractor listed in the original bid, or (c) sublet or subcontract any portion of the work in excess of one-half of one percent (1/2%) of 1 percent of the prime Contractor's total bid as to which his original bid did not designate a subcontractor, except as authorized in *Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act*.

Subletting or subcontracting of any portion of the work in excess of one-half of one percent (1/2%) of 1 percent of the prime Contractor's total bid as to which no subcontractor was designated in the original bid shall only be permitted in cases of public emergency or necessity, and then only after a finding reduced to writing as a public record of the authority awarding this contract setting forth the facts constituting the emergency or necessity.

If all work is to be done without subcontractors, write "None" in the following space:

(Proper Name of Bidder)

By:

(Signature of bidder)

(Print/type signator's name)

(Print/type title)

EXHIBIT "C"
PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 10162 QUESTIONNAIRE

In accordance with Public Contract Code section 10162, the Bidder shall complete, under penalty of perjury, the following questionnaire:

Has the bidder, any officer of the bidder, or any employee of the bidder who has a proprietary interest in the bidder, ever been disqualified, removed or otherwise prevented from bidding on, or completing a federal, state or local government project because of a violation of law or a safety regulation?

Yes _____ No _____

If the answer is yes, explain the circumstances in the following space.

PUBLIC CONTRACT SECTION 10232 STATEMENT

In accordance with Public Contract Code section 10232, the Contractor hereby states, under penalty of perjury, that no more than one final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a federal court has been issued against the Contractor within the immediately preceding two year period because of the Contractor's failure to comply with an order of a federal court which orders the Contractor to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board.

TITLE 23, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 112 NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

In accordance with Title 23, United States Code, section 112, the bidder hereby states under penalty of perjury, that he has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this contract.

Note: The above Statement questionnaire, and Non-Collusion Affidavit are part of the Proposal. Signing this Proposal on the signature portion thereof shall also constitute Signature of this Statement, Questionnaire, and Non-Collusion Affidavit.

Bidders are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the certifier to criminal prosecution.

PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 10285.1 STATEMENT

In accordance with Public Contract Code section 10285.1 (Chapter 376, Stat. 1985), the bidder hereby declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the bidder has _____, has not _____ been convicted within the preceding three (3) years of any offenses referred to in that section, including any charge of fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or any other act in violation of any state or federal antitrust

law in connection with the bidding upon, award of, or performance of, any public works contract, as defined in Public Contract Code section 1101, with any public entity, as defined in Public Contract Code section 1100, including the Regents of the University of California or the Trustees of the California State University. The term "bidder" is understood to include any partner, member, officer, director, responsible managing officer, or responsible managing employee thereof, as referred to in section 10285.1

NOTE: THE BIDDER MUST PLACE A CHECK MARK AFTER "HAS" or "HAS NOT" IN ONE OF THE BLANK SPACES PROVIDED.

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS PART OF THE PROPOSAL. SIGNING THIS PROPOSAL ON THE SIGNATURE PORTION THEREOF SHALL ALSO CONSTITUTE SIGNATURE OF THIS STATEMENT.

BIDDERS ARE CAUTIONED THAT MAKING A FALSE CERTIFICATION MAY SUBJECT THE CERTIFIER TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

EXHIBIT "D"
CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATE
REGARDING WORKERS COMPENSATION

Labor Code section 3700 in relevant part provides:

"Every employer except the State shall secure the payment of compensation in one or more of the following ways:

- (a) By being insured against liability to pay compensation in one or more insurers duly authorized to write compensation insurance in this State.
- (b) By securing from the Director of Industrial Relations a *Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure*, either as an individual employer, or as one employer in a group of employers, which may be given upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the Director of Industrial Relations of ability to be self-insured and to pay any compensation that may become due to his or her employees."

I am aware of the provisions of section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this contract.

(Proper Name of Bidder)

By:

(Signature of bidder)

(Print/type signator's name)

(Print/type title)

(In accordance with Article 5 (commencing at section 1860), Chapter 1, Part 7, Division 2 of the Labor Code, the above certificate must be signed and filed with the awarding body prior to performing any work under this contract.)

EXHIBIT "E"
PERFORMANCE BOND

Whereas, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Imperial, State of California, and _____, (hereinafter designated as "principal") have entered into an agreement whereby principal agrees to install and complete certain designated public improvements, which said agreement, dated _____, 20____, and identified as project **Imperial County Juvenile Hall, New Irrigation System & Sod, 324 APPLESTILL RD, EL CENTRO, CA. 92243 - SRV REQ NO:00053967**, is hereby referred to and made a part hereof; and

Whereas, Said principal is required under the terms of said agreement to furnish a bond for the faithful performance of said agreement.

Now, therefore, we, the principal and _____ (hereinafter designated as "surety"), are held and firmly bound unto the County of Imperial (hereinafter designated as "County") in the penal sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, successors, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above-bounded principal, his or its heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, shall in all things stand to and abide by, and well and truly keep and perform the covenants, conditions and provisions in the said agreement and any alteration thereof made as therein provided, on his or their part, to be kept and performed at the time and in the manner therein specified, and in all respects according to their true intent and meaning, and shall indemnify and save harmless County, its officers, agents and employees, as therein stipulated, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and effect.

As a part of the obligation secured hereby and in addition to the face amount specified therefore, there shall be included costs and reasonable expenses and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by County in successfully enforcing such obligation, all to be taxed as costs and included in any judgment rendered.

The surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the agreement or to the work to be performed thereunder or the specifications accompanying the same shall in anywise affect its obligations on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the agreement or to the work or to the specifications.

In witness whereof, this instrument has been duly executed by the principal and surety above named, on _____, 20_____.

Principal

By:

Surety

By:

[Attach Required Acknowledgment]

Attorney-In-Fact

EXHIBIT "F"
PAYMENT BOND

Whereas, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Imperial, State of California, and _____ hereinafter designated as "the principal") have entered into an agreement whereby the principal agrees to install and complete certain designated public improvements, which agreement, dated _____, 20____, and identified as project **IMPERIAL COUNTY JUVENILE HALL, NEW IRRIGATION SYSTEM & SOD, 324 APPLESTILL RD, EL CENTRO, CA. 92243 – PROJECT #00053967**, is hereby referred to and made a part hereof; and

Whereas, Under the terms of the agreement, the principal is required before entering upon the performance of the work, to file a good and sufficient payment bond with the County of Imperial to secure the claims to which reference is made in Title 3 (commencing with section 9000) of Part 6 of Division 4 of the Civil Code.

Now, therefore, the principal and the undersigned as corporate surety, are held firmly bound unto the County of Imperial and all contractors, subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and other persons employed in the performance of the agreement and referred to in Title 3 (commencing with section 9000) of Part 6 of Division 4 of the Civil Code in the sum of _____ dollars (\$_____), for materials furnished or labor thereon of any kind, or for amounts due under the Unemployment Insurance Act with respect to this work or labor, that the surety will pay the same in an amount not exceeding the amount hereinabove set forth, and also in case suit is brought upon this bond, will pay, in addition to the face amount thereof, costs and reasonable expenses and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the County of Imperial in successfully enforcing this obligation, to be awarded and fixed by the court, and to be taxed as costs and to be included in the judgment therein rendered.

It is hereby expressly stipulated and agreed that this bond shall inure to the benefit of any and all persons, companies, and corporations entitled to file claims under Title 3 (commencing with section 9000) of Part 6 of Division 4 of the Civil Code, so as to give a right of action to them or their assigns in any suit brought upon this bond.

Should the condition of this bond be fully performed, then this obligation shall become null and void, otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and effect.

The surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration, or addition to the terms of the agreement or the specifications accompanying the same shall in any manner affect its obligations on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension, alteration, or addition.

In witness whereof, this instrument has been duly executed by the principal and surety above named, on _____20_____.

Principal

By:

Surety

By:

[Attach Required Acknowledgment]

Attorney-In-Fact

EXHIBIT "G"
INSURANCE COVERAGES

Contractor hereby agrees at its own cost and expense to procure and maintain, during the entire term of this Agreement and any extended term therefore, insurance in a sum acceptable to COUNTY and adequate to cover potential liabilities arising in connection with the performance of this Agreement and in any event not less than the minimum limit set forth as follows:

<u>INSURANCE</u>	<u>MINIMUM LIMIT</u>
<u>Worker's Compensation, Coverage A</u>	Statutory
<u>Employers Liability, Coverage B</u>	\$1,000,000.00 per accident for bodily injury or disease
<u>Commercial General Liability Including Contractual Liability Operations, Products and Completed Operations:</u>	
Personal/Bodily Injury	\$5,000,000.00 / occurrence \$10,000,000.00 / aggregate
Property Damage	\$5,000,000.00 / occurrence \$10,000,000.00 / aggregate
<u>Commercial Automobile Liability (owned, hired, & non-owned vehicles)</u>	
Personal/Bodily Injury & Property Damage	\$1,000,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	To Be Determined by Scope of Work
Disability Insurance	To Be Determined by Scope of Work
Liability Insurance	To Be Determined by Scope of Work
Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000.00 / aggregate

SPECIAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

(a) All insurance required under Article 20 shall:

- (1) Be procured from an insurer authorized to do business in California.
- (2) Be primary coverage as respects COUNTY and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by COUNTY shall be in excess of Contractor's insurance coverage and shall not contribute to it.
- (3) Name COUNTY as an additional insured on all policies, except Workers' Compensation, and provide that COUNTY may recover for any loss suffered by COUNTY by reason of Contractor's negligence.
- (4) State that it is primary insurance and regards COUNTY as an additional insured and contains a cross-liability or severability of interest clause.
- (5) Not be canceled, non-renewed, or reduced in scope of coverage until after thirty (30) days written notice has been given to COUNTY. However, Contractor may not terminate such coverage until it provides COUNTY with proof that equal or better insurance has been secured and is in place. Cancellation or change

without the prior written consent of COUNTY shall, at the option of COUNTY, be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

(b) Additional Insurance Requirements.

- (1) Complete copies of certificates of insurance for all required coverages including additional insured endorsements and thirty-day (30-day) notice of cancellation clause endorsements shall be attached hereto as Exhibit E and incorporated herein as though fully set forth.
- (2) COUNTY is to be notified immediately of all insurance claims. COUNTY is also to be notified if any aggregate insurance limit is exceeded.

(c) Nothing in this, or any other provision of this Agreement, shall be construed to preclude Contractor from obtaining and maintaining any additional insurance policies in addition to those required pursuant to this Agreement.

INSURANCE ENDORSEMENTS, CLAUSES, & INFORMATION

(a) The comprehensive/commercial general liability insurance shall contain a provision of endorsements stating that such insurance:

- (1) Includes contractual liability;
- (2) Does not contain a "pro rata" provision which looks to limit the insurer's liability to the total proportion that its policy limits bear to the total coverage available to the insured;
- (3) Does not contain an "excess only" clause which requires the exhaustion of other insurance prior to providing coverage;
- (4) Does not contain an "escape clause" which extinguishes the insurer's liability if the loss is covered by other insurance;
- (5) Includes COUNTY, architect, and the construction manager as an additional insured;
- (6) States that it is primary insurance and regards COUNTY as an additional insured and contains a cross-liability or severability of interest clause; and
- (7) Does not contain any exclusion as to loss or damage to property caused by explosion or resulting from collapse of buildings or structures or damage to property underground, commonly referred to by insurers as the "XCU Hazards."

(b) Certificates and insurance policies shall include the following clause: "This policy shall not be canceled or reduced in required limits of liability or amount of insurance until notice has been mailed to COUNTY stating date of cancellation or reduction. Date of cancellation may not be less than thirty (30) days after date of mailing

notice."

- (c) Certificates of insurance shall state, in particular, those insured, extent of insurance, location and operation to which insurance applies, expiration date, and cancellation and reduction notice.

PROOF OF INSURANCE

Contractor shall not commence work nor shall it allow any subcontractor to commence work under this Agreement until Contractor has obtained all required insurance, certificates and endorsements, including but not limited to, Additional Insured Endorsements and thirty-days (30-days) Notice of Cancellation Clause endorsements have been delivered in duplicate to and approved by COUNTY. The above referenced insurance documents must be received by COUNTY on or before the effective date of this Agreement and shall be sent to the following addresses:

- (i) County of Imperial
Risk Management Department
940 Main Street, Suite 101
El Centro, CA 92243
- and
- (ii) Department of Public Works
Attn: Director of Public Works
1002 State Street
El Centro, CA 92243

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

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Article 1. WARRANTIES

- (a) One-Year Warranty. Contractor agrees to provide a one-year warranty for all of its work and component parts and guarantees that all work shall be performed in a professional and workman-like manner and be free from defects. Contractor guarantees to timely correct all work performed by it under this Agreement which COUNTY determines to be defective in design, material, and/or workmanship within a period of one (1) year from the date of the completion of the Work. The warranties set forth in this Agreement shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all other statutory and case law warranties and obligations of Contractor. Contractor expressly agrees that all warranties made by Contractor, all obligations under this Agreement and all remedies for breach of such warranties shall survive this Agreement in the event it is terminated or expires for any reason prior to the running of the full warranty periods listed above.

Note: Product Warranty on specifications.

- (b) Materials. All materials furnished by Contractor shall be new unless otherwise stated, manufactured during the current year, of first quality, and carrying full manufacturer's warranty. Contractor shall be responsible for any expiration of manufacturer or other warranties of material or equipment being supplied for this Agreement. Contractor guarantees that all warranties of material and equipment shall become effective when the project is accepted by COUNTY's Board of Supervisors, not at time of installation by Contractor.
- (c) Manufacturers' Warranty Information. Contractor agrees to promptly provide such information and maintenance recommendations to COUNTY at the inception of Contractor's work to the extent such information is reasonably available. In the event of failure of Contractor to comply with above-mentioned conditions within one (1) week after being notified in writing, COUNTY is hereby authorized to proceed to have defects repaired and made good at expense of Contractor, who hereby agrees to pay costs and charges therefore immediately on demand.

Article 2. WORKERS

- (a) Contractor shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among its employees, and shall not employ on work any unfit person or anyone not skilled in work assigned to that person. Contractor shall at all times enforce rules and standards regarding sensitive information. Contractor shall not permit workers to touch or otherwise touch, read, review, copy, or access any sensitive or confidential information. Contractor shall be responsible for any worker violating sensitive information standards.
- (b) Any person in the employ of the Contractor whom COUNTY may deem incompetent or unfit shall be dismissed from work, and shall not again be employed on it except with written consent of COUNTY.
- (c) Contractor shall provide COUNTY with a list of all current employees. Contractor

shall notify COUNTY of all new employees one week prior to their start date.

- (d) All Contractor's employees shall be required to comply with the work rules established for the project site; and shall be identified while on the premises by picture identification card furnished at his/her expense, indicating their name or number; and by shirt, blouse or smock indicating the company name or logo in print large enough to be easily read. Contractor's employees shall have effective communication skills to perform such tasks and communicate with the COUNTY and its representatives.
- (e) It shall be the responsibility of Contractor to ensure all workers do not access sensitive information. COUNTY shall have the right to perform a background check and clearance requirements of all workers that have access to sensitive information. Notwithstanding anything in this agreement to the contrary, the Contractor must comply with background check and clearance requirements of the California Department of Justice (DOJ) and the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) relating to any Contractor employee who has physical access to any area which is either connected to, or contains records from, the DOJ criminal computer database, including without limitation, the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System and the Criminal Offender Record Information, or the DMV computer database (collectively, "the Databases"). If requested by the COUNTY, the Contractor must provide to the COUNTY suitable documentation evidencing the Contractor's compliance with the policies, practices, and procedures of the DOJ and the DMV regarding background check and clearance requirements relating to access to the Databases.

Article 3. PREVAILING WAGE AND PAYROLL RECORDS

- (a) Contractor agrees to comply with sections 1775 and 1776 of the California Labor Code relating to the payment of prevailing wage and the maintenance of certified payroll records and to make the certified payroll records available for inspection at all reasonable hours at Contractor's principal office. For those Public Works Projects that are subject to the State Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE) compliance monitoring and enforcement it is the Contractor's responsibility to submit certified payroll records directly to the state Compliance Monitoring Unit (CMU). More information concerning state compliance can be found at <https://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/publicworks.html>. The responsibility for compliance with these provisions is fixed with Contractor. Contractor understands and agrees that it shall, as a penalty to COUNTY, forfeit specific monetary fines for each worker paid less than the prevailing wage rates as determined by the Labor Commissioner for the work or craft in which the worker is employed for any Work done pursuant to this Agreement.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), Contractor is not liable for any penalties pursuant to paragraph (a) when a subcontractor on the Project fails to pay its workers the general prevailing rate of per diem wages unless:

- (1) Contractor had knowledge of that failure of the subcontractor to pay the specified prevailing rate of wages to those workers; or
- (2) Contractor fails to comply with all of the following requirements:
 - (1) The contract executed between Contractor and the subcontractor for the performance of Work on the Project shall include a copy of the provisions of California Labor Code sections 1771, 1775, 1776, 1777.5, 1813 and 1815; and
 - (2) Contractor shall monitor the payment of the specified general prevailing rate of per diem wages by the subcontractor to the employees, by periodic review of the certified payroll records of the subcontractor; and
 - (3) Upon becoming aware of the failure of the subcontractor to pay his or her workers the specified prevailing rate of wages, Contractor shall diligently take corrective action to halt or rectify the failure, including, but not limited to, retaining sufficient funds due the subcontractor for work performed on the public works project; and
 - (4) Prior to making final payment to the subcontractor for Work performed on the Project, Contractor shall obtain an affidavit signed under penalty of perjury from the subcontractor that the subcontractor has paid the specified general prevailing rate of per diem wages to his or her employees on the Project and any amounts due pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1813.
 - (5) Prevailing Wage Compliance. Contractor and its subcontractors shall pay all workers employed on the Project the rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). Copies of the State prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file with the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards, 445 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, and at COUNTY's Department of Public Works, and are available to Contractor and any other interested party upon request. Contractor shall post the prevailing rate of per diem wages to be posted at the Project site.

Article 4. APPRENTICES

- (a) Contractor agrees to comply with sections 1777.5, 1777.6 and 1777.7 of the California Labor Code relating to the employment of apprentices and to provide COUNTY with copies of any contract award information and verified statements of the journeyman and apprentice hours performed pursuant to this Agreement as required by section 1777.5(e). The responsibility for compliance with these provisions is fixed with Contractor for all apprenticeable occupations, where journeymen in the craft are employed on the public work, in a ratio of not less than one (1) apprentice for each five (5) journeymen (unless an exemption is granted in

accordance with section 1777.5) and Contractor and its subcontractors shall not discriminate among otherwise qualified employees as indentured apprentices on any public work solely on the ground of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or age, except as provided in California Labor Code section 3077. Only apprentices, as defined in California Labor Code section 3077, who are in training under apprenticeship standards and who have signed written apprentice agreements will be employed on public works in apprenticeable occupations. This section shall not be enforced if the not-to-exceed amount of this Agreement is less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).

- (b) If the Project falls within the jurisdiction of California Labor Code section 1777.5, COUNTY shall, within five (5) days of the award, send a copy of the award to the Division of Apprenticeship Standards. In addition, COUNTY shall notify the Division of Apprenticeship Standards of a finding of any discrepancy regarding the ratio of apprentices to journeymen within five (5) days of the finding.

Article 5. HOURS OF WORK

Contractor agrees to comply with sections 1810 through 1815 of the California Labor Code and, when applicable, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act ([40 USC §327 et seq.](#); [29 CFR Part 5](#)) which provide that Contractor's workers and its subcontractor's workers may not be required or permitted to work more than eight (8) hours in any one (1) calendar day and forty (40) hours in any one (1) calendar week. Further, work performed by employees of Contractor or its subcontractor in excess of eight (8) hours per day, and forty (40) hours during any one (1) week, shall be compensated for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day at not less than one and one-half (1½) times the basic rate of pay. The responsibility for compliance with these provisions is fixed with Contractor. Contractor understands and agrees that it shall, as a penalty to COUNTY, forfeit specific monetary fines to COUNTY should Contractor or its subcontractors fail to comply with the provisions contained within this paragraph.

Article 6. PERMITS AND LICENSES

Permits and licenses necessary for prosecution of work shall be secured and paid for by Contractor, unless otherwise specified.

Article 7. MATERIALS

Except as otherwise specifically stated in this contract, Contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, tools, equipment, water, light, power, transportation, superintendence, temporary constructions of every nature, and all other services and facilities of every nature whatsoever necessary to execute and complete this contract within the specified time.

Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be new, and both workmanship and materials shall be of good quality.

Materials shall be furnished in ample quantities and at such times as to insure uninterrupted progress of work, and shall be stored properly and protected as required. Contractor shall be entirely responsible for damage or loss by weather or other causes to

materials or work under this contract. No material, supplies, or equipment for work under this contract shall be purchased subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sale or other agreement by which an interest herein or in any part thereof is retained by seller or supplier. Contractor warrants good title to all material, supplies, and equipment installed or incorporated in work, and agrees upon completion of all work to deliver premises, together with all improvements and appurtenances constructed or placed thereon by Contractor, to COUNTY free from any claims, liens, or charges. Contractor further agrees that neither Contractor nor any person, firm, or corporation furnishing materials or labor for any work covered by this contract shall have any right to lien upon premises or any improvement or appurtenance thereon, except that Contractor may install metering devices or other equipment of utility companies or of political subdivisions title to which is commonly retained by utility company or political subdivision. In event of installation of any such metering device or equipment, Contractor shall advise COUNTY as to owner thereof. Nothing contained in this Article, however, shall defeat or impair the right of persons furnishing material or labor under any bond given by Contractor for their protection or any rights under any law permitting such persons to look to funds due Contractor in hands of COUNTY, and this provision shall be inserted in all subcontracts and material contracts, and notice of its provisions shall be given to all persons furnishing material for work when no formal contract is entered into for such material.

See Comprehensive Specifications for material requirements.

Article 8. SUBSTITUTIONS

Whenever specifications for any material, product, thing, service, or process is indicated or specified by grade, patent or propriety name or by name of manufacturer, such specifications shall be deemed to be used for the purpose of facilitating the description of material, product, thing, service, or process desired, and shall be deemed to be followed by the words "or equal", and Contractor may, unless otherwise stated, offer any material, product, thing, service or process which shall be equal or better in every respect to that so indicated or specified. If the material, product, thing, service, or process offered by Contractor is not, in the opinion of COUNTY and Architect/Engineer, equal or better in every respect to that specified, then Contractor shall furnish the material, product, thing, service, or process specified. The burden of proof as to equality of any material, product, thing, service, or process shall rest with Contractor. Contractor shall only be authorized to substitute any designated material, product, thing, service or process required under this contract if such request, together with substantiating data for substitution of an "or equal" item is timely submitted in accordance with the Calendar of Events set forth under section 19.3 of the "INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS" form and approval thereof is authorized in writing by COUNTY within the time frame set forth under Public Contract Code section 4104.5(a). Notwithstanding, in the event CONTRACTOR discovers after the stated substitution request filing deadline that a designated material, product, thing, service or process is no longer available and/or the use of the same is necessary to complete the project, CONTRACTOR may within thirty (30) days after award of the contract submit a "late substitution request", together with substantiating data for substitution of an "or equal" item for COUNTY's review and consideration. However, COUNTY shall have the sole discretion in granting such a late substitution request and

shall not be required to accept the same even if the material, product, thing, service or process is equal or better in every respect.

It should be emphasized that a Contractor's request to substitute an "equal" material, product, thing or service for one designated in the contract specifications and/or COUNTY's subsequent written approval thereof, shall not in any way authorize an extension of time for performance of this contract. Moreover, in event Contractor furnishes a material, product, thing or service that is more expensive than that specified, the difference in cost of such material, product, thing, service or process, so furnished shall be borne solely by Contractor.

Article 9. CHANGES AND EXTRA WORK

All change orders shall be subject to the Public Contract Code, including but not limited to sections 20137 and 20142, *et seq.*

- (a) Change Orders. Contractor shall make no changes to the Work to be performed pursuant to this Agreement, including but not limited to additions, deletions, modifications or substitutions, nor shall Contractor perform any extra work (collectively, "Change Order Work") without the prior written consent of COUNTY. If Contractor encounters conditions it considers different from those described in Exhibit A to this Agreement, Contractor may request a change order in conformance with COUNTY's standard procedure ("Change Order"). If COUNTY approves the request, Contractor will execute a Change Order and Contractor's execution of the Change Order shall confirm approval thereof. COUNTY may order additional work, and Contractor shall perform such changes in the Work as directed by COUNTY in any Change Order prepared by Contractor. COUNTY's rights to eliminate portions of the Work or to initiate a Change Order shall not be limited in any way. The Change Order shall be in writing and shall include:
- (1) Any and all supporting documents and drawings depicting the source and location of the desired change, and explain in detail the field conditions and reasons for the requested change;
 - (2) Any change or adjustment to the compensation set forth in this Agreement in Article 3 as a result of changes in the Work based on a lump sum or time and material basis, as may be directed by COUNTY; and
 - (3) Any request for adjustments to time for completion of the Project.
- (b) Payment for Change Order Work. Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any compensation for work, labor, materials or changes of any kind, regardless of whether ordered by COUNTY or any of its representatives, unless a Change Order has been submitted in writing and approved prior to the commencement of any Change Order Work as described above. If the changes are required by any inspecting governmental agencies or utility companies, or are otherwise required to comply with any codes, laws, rules or regulations, including those set forth in this Agreement, then Contractor shall not be entitled to any increases in the compensation set forth in this Agreement

at Article 3 or other compensation as a result of the changes.

- (c) Disputed Change Order Work. Any dispute concerning the performance of such Change Order Work or the amount of compensation to be paid to Contractor by COUNTY shall not affect Contractor's obligation to perform such Change Order Work. Contractor agrees that it shall timely complete all Change Order Work even if there shall be a dispute between Contractor and COUNTY over the amount or scope of the Change Order Work. Contractor shall have the right to be compensated for any undisputed Change Order Work amounts as determined to be undisputed in COUNTY's sole discretion.
- (d) Authorized Representative. No Change Order shall be valid or binding against COUNTY unless such Change Order has been executed by COUNTY's designated representative, who is the Director of Public Works. COUNTY shall notify Contractor in writing if the designated representative is changed. The authority to execute a Change Order on this project shall not exceed the amount allowed by law pursuant to Government Code sections 20137-20142, *et seq.*

Article 10. DEDUCTIONS FOR UNCORRECTED WORK

If COUNTY deems it inexpedient to correct work injured or done not in accordance with contract, an equitable deduction from contract price shall be made therefore.

Article 11. CONTRACTOR'S SUPERVISION

Unless personally present on premises where work is being done, Contractor shall keep on the work, during its progress, a competent superintendent satisfactory to COUNTY.

Contractor represents and warrants that any superintendent, employee, subcontractor and agent who will be performing any of the duties and obligations of Contractor herein possess all required licenses and authorities, as well as the experience, training, and communication skills to perform such tasks and communicate with the COUNTY and its representatives.

Superintendent shall not be changed except with consent of COUNTY unless superintendent proves to be unsatisfactory to Contractor and ceases to be in his employ. Superintendent shall represent Contractor in Contractor's absence, and all directions given to superintendent shall be as binding as if given to Contractor. Other directions shall be so confirmed in written request in each case.

Contractor shall give efficient supervision to work, using Contractor's best skill and attention. Contractor shall carefully study and compare all drawings, specifications and other instructions, and shall at once report to Architect/Engineer any error, inconsistency or omission which Contractor may discover.

Article 12. UTILITIES AND RELOCATION

- (a) All utilities, including, but not limited to, electricity, water, gas and telephone used on work, shall be furnished and paid for by Contractor. Contractor shall furnish and

install necessary temporary distribution systems, including meters if necessary, from distribution points to points on site where utility is necessary to carry on the work. Upon completion of work, Contractor shall remove all temporary systems.

If contract is for addition to existing facility, Contractor may, with written permission of COUNTY, use COUNTY's existing utilities by making prearranged payments to COUNTY for utilities used by Contractor for construction.

- (b) Contractor shall not be assessed damages for delay in completion of the project when such delay was caused by the failure of the awarding authority of this contract or the owner of the utility to provide for removal or relocation of the existing main or trunkline utility facilities; however, when the Contractor is aware that removal or relocation of an existing utility has not been provided for, Contractor shall promptly notify the awarding authority and the utility in writing, so that provision for such removal or relocation may be made to avoid and minimize any delay which might be caused by the failure to remove or relocate the main or trunk line utility facilities, or to provide for its removal or relocation.

In accordance with section 4215 of the Government Code, if the Contractor, while performing the contract, discovers any existing main or trunkline utility facilities not identified by the public agency in the contract plans or specifications, Contractor shall immediately notify the public agency and utility in writing. The public utility, where they are the owner, shall have the sole discretion to perform repairs or relocation work at a reasonable price. The Contractor shall be compensated for the costs of locating and repairing damage not due to the failure of the Contractor to exercise reasonable care, and removing or relocating such utility facilities not indicated in the plans and specification with reasonable accuracy and for equipment on the project necessarily idled during such work. Such compensation shall be in accordance with the extra work provisions set out at Article 37 hereof.

Article 13. SANITARY FACILITIES

Contractor shall provide a sanitary, temporary, portable toilet facility as directed by the COUNTY and its representative for the use of all workers. The building shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times, and shall be left at the site until removal is directed by the COUNTY and its representative.

Article 14. TRENCHES

- (a) Trenching Requirements – Four Feet (4') Below the Surface. In the event the Project involves digging trenches or other excavations that extend deeper than four feet (4') below the surface, Contractor shall:

- (1) Promptly, and before the following conditions are disturbed, notify COUNTY, in writing, of any:
 - (A) Material that Contractor believes may be material that is hazardous waste, as defined in Health & Safety Code section 25117, that is required

- to be removed to a Class I, Class II, or Class III disposal site in accordance with provisions of existing law;
- (B) Subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site differing from those indicated by information about the site made available to bidders prior to the deadline for submitting bids; and
 - (C) Unknown physical conditions at the site of any unusual nature, different materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in the Agreement.
- (2) In response to any written notice generated pursuant to paragraph (a) above, COUNTY shall promptly investigate the conditions, and if it finds that the conditions do materially so differ, or do involve hazardous waste, and cause a decrease or increase in Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the Work, shall issue a change order under the procedures described in paragraph 37 of the General Conditions.
- (3) In the event that a dispute arises between COUNTY and Contractor whether the conditions materially differ, or involve hazardous waste, or cause a decrease or increase in Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the Work, Contractor shall not be excused from any scheduled completion date provided for by this Agreement, but shall proceed with all Work to be performed under this Agreement. Contractor shall retain any and all rights provided either by contract or by law which pertain to the resolution of disputes and protests between the Parties.
- (b) Trenching Requirements – Project in Excess of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) and Five Feet (5') Below the Surface. For projects involving both an estimated expenditure in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and the excavation of any trench five feet (5') or more in depth, Contractor shall submit a detailed plan showing the design of shoring, bracing, sloping or other provisions to be made for worker protection from the hazard of caving ground during the excavation of such trench. The plan must be accepted by COUNTY (or by a registered civil or structural engineer, employed by COUNTY, to whom authority to accept has been delegated) in advance of excavation. If such plan varies from the shoring system standards, the plan shall be prepared by a registered civil or structural engineer. Nothing in this paragraph shall allow Contractor to use a shoring, sloping, or protective system less effective than that required by California Construction Safety Orders. Further, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to impose tort liability on COUNTY or any of its employees.

Article 15. PROTECTION OF WORK AND PROPERTY

Contractor shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property that occur as a result of Contractor's fault or negligence in connection with the prosecution of this contract, and shall be responsible for the proper care and protection of all materials delivered and work performed until completion and final acceptance by COUNTY. All work shall be solely at Contractor's risk. Contractor shall adequately protect adjacent

property from settlement or loss of lateral support as provided by law and contract documents. Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for safety of employees on the work, and shall comply with all applicable safety laws and building codes to prevent accidents or injury to persons on; about or adjacent to premises where work is being performed. Contractor shall erect and properly maintain, at all times, as required by conditions and progress of work, all necessary safeguards, signs, barriers, lights and watchmen for protection of workers and the public, and shall post danger signs warning against hazards created by such features in the course of construction. Contractor shall designate a responsible member of its organization on the work, whose duty shall be prevention of accidents. Name and position of person so designated shall be reported to COUNTY by Contractor.

In an emergency affecting safety of life or of work or of adjoining property, Contractor, without special instruction or authorization from COUNTY and its representative, is hereby permitted to act, at Contractor's discretion, to prevent such threatened loss or injury, and Contractor shall so act, without appeal, if so authorized or instructed by COUNTY and its representative. Any compensation claimed by Contractor on account of emergency work shall be determined by agreement.

Contractor shall provide such heat, covering, and enclosures as are necessary to protect all work, materials, equipment, appliances, and tools against damage by weather conditions.

Contractor shall take adequate precautions to protect existing sidewalks, curbs, pavements, utilities, adjoining property and structures, and to avoid damage thereto, and repair any damage thereto caused by construction operations.

Contractor shall:

- (1) Enclose working area with a substantial dust reducing barrier and public safety barricade, and arrange work to cause minimum amount of inconvenience to public and COUNTY Staff in their regular business activities.
- (2) Provide substantial barricades around any shrubs or trees indicated to be preserved.
- (3) Deliver materials to building area over route designated by Architect.
- (4) When directed by COUNTY, take preventative measures to eliminate objectionable dust.
- (5) Confine Contractor's apparatus, the storage of materials, and the operations of workers to limits indicated by law, ordinances, permits or directions of Architect, and shall not unreasonably encumber premises with materials, and enforce all instructions of COUNTY and Architect regarding signs, advertising, fires, danger signals, barricades and smoking, and require that all persons employed on work comply with all regulations while on construction site. Hazardous materials of any kind are not allowed on site, without prior written approval from COUNTY.

- (6) Take care to prevent disturbing or covering any survey markers, monuments, or other devices marking property boundaries or corners. If such markers are disturbed by accident, they shall be replaced by an approved civil engineer at no cost to COUNTY.

Article 16. CUTTING AND PATCHING

Contractor shall do all cutting, fitting, or patching of work as required to make its several parts come together properly and fit it to receive or received by work of other Contractors showing upon, or reasonably implied by, the drawings and specifications for the completed structure, and Contractor shall make good after them as Architect/Engineer may direct. Contractor shall not endanger any work by cutting, excavating or otherwise altering work, and shall not cut or alter work of any other Contractor save with consent of Architect/Engineer.

Article 17. CLEANING UP

Contractor at all times shall keep premises free from debris such as waste, rubbish, and excess materials and equipment caused by work; debris shall be removed from premises. Contractor shall not leave debris under, in or about the premises. Upon completion of work, Contractor shall clean any areas where debris has collected. Contractor shall remove temporary fencing, barricades, and any temporary facilities from site.

Article 18. CORRECTION OF WORK

Contractor shall promptly remove from premises all work determined by COUNTY as failing to conform to contract, whether incorporated or not. Contractor shall promptly replace and re-execute his own work to comply with contract documents without additional expense to COUNTY, and shall bear the expense of making good all work of other Contractors destroyed or damaged by such removal or replacement.

If Contractor does not remove such work and materials within a reasonable time, fixed by written notice, COUNTY may remove the work and materials and may store the material at Contractor's expense. If Contractor does not pay expenses of such removal within ten (10) days' time thereafter, COUNTY may liquidate such work and materials upon private sale, and shall account for net proceeds thereof, after deducting all costs and expenses that should have been borne by Contractor.

Article 19. ACCESS TO WORK

COUNTY and its representative shall at all times have access to work wherever it is in preparation or progress. Contractor shall provide safe and proper facilities for such access so that COUNTY's representative may perform their functions under contract.

Article 20. OCCUPANCY

COUNTY reserves the right to occupy buildings at any time before completion, and such occupancy shall not constitute final acceptance of any part of work covered by this contract.

Article 21. COUNTY'S INSPECTOR

COUNTY may assign a representative to oversee work. Such representative shall have access to Inspector's Field Office and shall be fully informed of all progress and manner of work and character of materials. Representative shall have authority to stop work whenever provisions of the contract documents are not being complied with and Contractor shall instruct Contractor's employees accordingly.

All work shall be under observation of said COUNTY and its representative. Such personnel shall have free access to any or all parts of work at any time. Contractor shall furnish COUNTY and its representative reasonable facilities "Inspector's Field Office" for obtaining such information as may be necessary to keep COUNTY and its representative fully informed respecting progress and manner of work and character of materials. Inspection of work shall not relieve Contractor from any obligation to fulfill Contractor's contract. COUNTY and its representative shall have authority to stop work whenever provisions of contract documents are not being complied with, and Contractor shall instruct Contractor's employees accordingly.

Article 22. TESTS AND INSPECTIONS

If contract, COUNTY's instructions, laws, ordinances or any public authority require any work to be specially tested or approved, Contractor shall give notice in accordance with such authority of its readiness for observation or inspection at least two (2) working days prior to being tested or covered up. If inspection is by authority other than COUNTY, Contractor shall inform COUNTY of the date fixed for such inspection. Required certificates of inspection shall be secured by Contractor. Observations by COUNTY, its representative and other public authority shall be promptly made, and where practicable, at source of supply. If any work should be covered up without approval or consent of COUNTY, its representative and public authority, it must, if required by COUNTY, its representative and public authority, be uncovered for examination and satisfactorily reconstruction at Contractor's expenses in compliance with contract.

Costs of tests of any material found to be not in compliance with contract shall be paid for by Contractor.

See Comprehensive Specifications for materials to be tested.

Where such inspection and testing are to be conducted by an independent laboratory or agency, such materials or samples of materials to be tested shall be selected by such laboratory or agency or COUNTY's representative, and not by Contractor.

Contractor shall notify COUNTY a sufficient time in advance of manufacture of materials to be supplied by Contractor under contract which must by terms of contract be tested, in order that COUNTY may arrange for testing of same at source of supply. Any materials shipped by Contractor from source of supply prior to having satisfactorily passed such testing and inspection, or prior to receipt of notice from said representative that such testing and inspection will not be required, shall not be incorporated in work without prior approval of COUNTY and subsequent testing and inspection.

Re-examination of questioned work may be ordered by COUNTY, and, if so ordered, work must be uncovered by Contractor. If such work be found in accordance with contract documents, COUNTY shall pay costs of re-examination and replacement. If such work be found not in accordance with contract documents, Contractor shall pay such costs.

Article 23. SOILS INVESTIGATION REPORT

When a soils investigation report obtained from test holes in site is available, such report shall not be part of this contract. Any information obtained from such report or any information given on drawings as to subsurface soil condition or to elevations of existing grades or elevations of underlying rock is approximate only and is not guaranteed, and does not form a part of the contract. Contractor is required to make a visual examination of site, and must make whatever tests Contractor deems appropriate to determine underground condition of soil. Contractor agrees that it will make no claim against COUNTY for damages in the event that, during progress of the work, Contractor encounters subsurface or latent conditions at site materially differing from those shown on drawings or indicated in specifications, or for unknown conditions of an unusual nature which differ materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the work of the character provided for in plans and specifications.

Article 24. ARCHITECT/ENGINEER'S AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S STATUS

The construction manager shall be COUNTY's representative during the construction period, and shall observe the progress and quality of the work on behalf of COUNTY. The construction manager shall have the authority to act on behalf of COUNTY only to the extent expressly provided in the contract documents. The construction manager shall have authority to stop work whenever such stoppage may be necessary in construction manager's reasonable opinion to insure the proper execution of the contracts.

The Architect/Engineer shall be, in the first instance, the judge of compliance with the design intent of the contract documents.

Article 25. LABOR - EMPLOYMENT SAFETY

Contractor shall maintain emergency first aid treatment for Contractor's employees which complies with the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C.A. 651, *et seq.*).

Article 26. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

- (a) During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor and its subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (cancer), age (over forty (40)), marital status and denial of family care leave. Contractor and its subcontractors shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such

discrimination and harassment. Contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code section 12990 (a-f) *et seq.*) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 *et seq.*). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. The applicable regulations of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. section 794 (a)) are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. Contractor and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement. Contractor shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform Work under this Agreement.

- (b) Contractor and its subcontractors shall reference and abide by the guidance and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise specifications contained in the California Department of Transportation's Local Programs Procedures 06-01 (which has been approved and released at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/> when working pursuant to this Agreement.

Article 27. LABOR STANDARDS COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- (a) It is Contractor's responsibility to provide all labor compliance documentation from its subcontractors completely and accurately in a timely manner. Contractor is responsible to review promptly and then forward on all required documentation to COUNTY per the time schedules in the Labor Compliance Handout. Included with the Labor Compliance Handout, COUNTY will provide training, documentation requirements, forms, etc., at the preconstruction conference or at a time designated by COUNTY.

For those Public Works Projects that are subject to the State Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE) compliance monitoring and enforcement it is the Contractor's responsibility to submit certified payroll records directly to the state Compliance Monitoring Unit (CMU). More information concerning state compliance can be found at <https://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/publicworks.html>. The responsibility for compliance with these provisions is fixed with the Contractor.

- (b) In the event, during the review process of labor compliance documentation from COUNTY's labor compliance monitor, inaccurate, missing or incomplete information was provided, the labor compliance monitor will request from Contractor the items, revisions and documentation needed. The cost of this additional labor compliance enforcement shall be borne by Contractor.