

EXHIBIT A
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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GR-1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

The section captions contained in this Contract are for convenience only and do not in any way limit or amplify any term or provision hereof. The use of the terms "hereof," "hereunder" and "herein" shall refer to this Contract as a whole, inclusive of the Attachments, except when noted otherwise. The use of the masculine or neuter genders herein shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter genders and the singular form shall include the plural when the context so requires. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

"Addendum" or "Addenda" shall mean written or graphic instruments issued prior to the execution of the Contract, which modify or interpret the Work, or the Invitation to Bid by additions, deletions, clarifications, or corrections.

"Bid" shall mean the offer of the Bidder submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the price(s) for the Work to be performed.

"Bid Document Package" shall consist of documents entitled as follows: Acknowledgement of Contractor, Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Addenda, Business License, Utility Systems Contractor's License, Utility Manager's Certificate, Utility Foreman's Certificate, General Contractor's License, Bidder's Lump Sum Cost, Bidder's Unit Price, SLBE Program Information Sheet with SLBE Exhibits, Certificate of Corporate Bidder, Certificate of Authority/Joint Venture, Bidder's Affidavit of Compliance with O.C.G.A.13-10-91, Reference and Release Form, Preferred Employee Tracking Form, Subcontractor Tracking Form, Bid Bond and Power of Attorney, Public Works Construction Affidavit and Oath of Successful Bidder, Technical Specifications, and Drawings.

"Bidder" shall mean any person, firm, or corporation submitting a Bid for the Work.

"Bonds" shall mean bid, performance, and payment bonds and other instruments of security, furnished by the Contractor and his surety in accordance with the Contract.

"Change Order" includes the term "amendment" and shall mean a written order authorizing a change in the Work, if applicable, and an adjustment in the Contract Price, Contract Time or Contract Term, as adopted and approved by the Contractor and the Clayton County Governing Authority.

"Contract" or "Agreement" shall consist of the written Contract executed by the parties, all attachments to the Contract, Change Orders, Field Orders, and the Bid Document Package. The intent of these documents is for the Contractor to furnish all materials, appliances, tools, labor and services of every kind necessary for the proper execution of the Work, and the terms and conditions of payment therefore.

"Contract Price" shall mean the total monies payable to the Contractor under the terms and conditions of the Contract.

“Contract Time” shall mean the number of days stated in the Contract for the completion of the Work.

“Contract Term” shall mean the length of time the Contract shall remain in effect.

“Contractor” or “General Contractor” shall mean the individual, firm, joint venture or corporation undertaking the execution of the Work as an independent contractor under the terms of the Contract and acting through his or its agents or employees.

“County” shall mean Clayton County, Georgia.

“Day(s)” shall mean calendar day(s).

“Drawings” shall mean the part of the Contract which shows, largely through graphical presentation, the characteristics and scope of the Work to be performed and which have been prepared or approved by the County. The Drawings are included in the Bid Document Package.

“Field Order” shall mean a written order issued by an authorized County official/employee to the Contractor during construction effecting a change in the Work by authorizing an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work within the general scope of the Work not involving an adjustment in the Contract Price or a change to the Contract Time or Term. No Field Order shall be valid or effective unless it is signed by the County employee(s) who has been authorized in writing by the Chief Executive Officer or his/her designee to execute Field Orders.

“Notice of Award” shall mean a written notice of the acceptance of the Bid from the County to the successful Bidder.

“Notice to Proceed” shall mean a written communication issued by the County authorizing the Contractor to proceed with the Work and establishing the date of commencement of the Work. The effective date of the Notice to Proceed shall be the date set forth on the Notice to Proceed.

“Project” shall mean the undertaking to be performed as provided in the Contract.

“Shall” is mandatory; “may” is permissive.

“Specifications” or “Technical Specifications” shall mean a part of the Contract consisting of written descriptions of a technical nature regarding materials, equipment, construction systems, standards, and workmanship specified for this Project.

“Subcontractor” shall mean any person, firm, or corporation having a direct contract with the Contractor or with any other Subcontractor for the performance of a part of the Work.

“Submittals” shall mean all shop drawings, diagrams, illustrations, brochures, schedules, samples, and other data which are prepared by the Contractor, a Subcontractor, manufacturer,

Supplier, or distributor, which illustrate how specific portions of the Work shall be fabricated or installed.

“Substantial Completion” or “Substantial Completion of the Work” shall mean that date determined by the County when the construction of the Project or an expressly stipulated part thereof is sufficiently completed, in accordance with the Contract, so that the Project or stipulated part can be fully utilized for the purposes for which it is intended.

“Superintendent” shall mean the Contractor’s authorized on-the-job representative designated in writing by the Contractor prior to commencement of any work.

“Supplier” shall mean any person, supplier, or organization who furnishes materials or equipment for the Work, including that fabricated to a special design, but who does not perform labor at the site.

“Work” shall have the meaning assigned to that term in the article in the Contract entitled Scope of Work.”

GR-2. PRIOR USE BY COUNTY

Prior to completion of the Work, the County may take over operation and/or use of the Project or portions thereof. Such prior use of facilities by the County shall not be deemed as acceptance of any Work or relieve the Contractor from any of the requirements of the Contract.

GR-3. CONTRACTOR’S OBLIGATIONS

The Contractor shall, in good workmanlike manner, do and perform all work and furnish all supplies and materials, machinery, equipment, facilities, and all things necessary or proper to perform and complete all the Work within the time herein specified and in accordance with the provisions of this Contract, the Specifications, the Drawings, and any and all supplemental drawings pertaining to the Work. Contractor shall furnish, erect, maintain, and remove such construction, plants, and such temporary works as may be required. Contractor alone shall be responsible for the safety, efficiency, and adequacy of its plant, appliances, and methods, and for any damage which may result from their failure or their improper construction, maintenance, or operation. The Contractor shall observe, comply with, and be subject to all terms, conditions, requirements and limitations imposed by the Contract and local ordinances, and state and federal laws; and shall do, carry on, and complete the entire Work.

GR-4. AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY

- A. The Contractor shall perform all of the Work under the general direction, and to the entire satisfaction, approval, and acceptance of the County. The County shall decide all questions relating to measurements of quantities, the character and

acceptability of the Work performed, and as to whether the rate of progress is such that the Work will be completed within the time limit of the Contract. All questions as to the meaning of the Drawings and the Specifications will be decided by the County.

- B. The approval of the County of any materials, plant, equipment, Drawings, or of any other items executed, or proposed by the Contractor, shall be construed only to constitute an approval of general design. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor from the performance of the Work in accordance with the Contract, or from any duty, obligations, performance guarantee, or other liability imposed upon him by the provisions of the Contract.
- C. Whenever in this Contract, the words “directed,” “required,” “permitted,” “ordered,” or words of like import are used, it shall be understood that the direction, requirement, permission, or order of the County is intended, and similar words, “approved,” “acceptable,” “satisfactory,” or words of like import shall mean approved by, acceptable to, or satisfactory to the County.

GR-5. CHANGES IN THE WORK, FIELD ORDERS, AND CHANGE ORDERS

- A. All changes, alterations, or instructions in regard to any feature of the Work that differ from the Drawings and Specifications must be approved in writing by Field Order or Change Order in all cases. No verbal instruction or order will be regarded as a basis for a claim for extra compensation or time.
- B. If a minor change in the Work is found to be necessary due to actual field conditions, the Contractor shall submit detailed drawings and written notification of the problems necessitating such departure for approval by the County before making the change. If the Contractor fails to make such request, no excuse will be entertained thereafter for Contractor’s failure to carry out the Work in the required manner and to provide required guarantees, warranties, and Bonds, and Contractor shall not be entitled to any change in the Contract Price, Contract Time or the Contract Term.
- C. The County may at any time, by issuing a Field Order, make changes in the details of the Work. The Contractor shall proceed with the performance of any changes in the Work so ordered by the County unless such Field Order entitles the Contractor to a change in Contract Price, Time, and/or Term, in which event the Contractor shall give the County written notice thereof within fifteen (15) days after the receipt of the ordered change, and the Contractor shall not execute such changes until it receives an executed Change Order from the County. No extra cost or extension of time shall be allowed unless approved by the County and authorized by execution of a Change Order.

- D. The County may at any time order changes within the scope of the Work without invalidating the Contract.
- E. No claims for extra cost or time will be considered based on an escalation of prices throughout the Contract Term. The value of any work covered by a Change Order or of any claim for increase or decrease in the Contract Price shall be determined by one of the following methods in the order of precedence listed below.
 - (1) Unit prices previously approved.
 - (2) An agreed lump sum.
 - (3) The actual cost for labor, direct overhead, materials, supplies, equipment, and other services necessary to complete the changed Work. In addition, there shall be added an amount agreed upon but not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the actual cost of such work to cover the cost of general overhead and profit.
- F. The parties' execution of any Change Order constitutes a final settlement of all matters relating to the change in the Work which is the subject of the Change Order, including, but not limited to, all direct or indirect costs associated with such change and any and all adjustment to the Contract Price and the construction schedule. In the event a Change Order increases the Contract Price, Contractor must include the Work covered by such Change Orders in requests for payment as if such Work were originally part of the Contract.

GR-6. TIME FOR COMPLETION

- A. The Contractor understands and agrees that the date of the beginning of Work, rate of progress, and time for completion of the Work are essential conditions of this Contract.
- B. The Contractor agrees that the Work shall be executed regularly, diligently, and uninterrupted at such rate of progress as will insure its full completion thereof within the Contract Time. It is expressly understood and agreed, by and between the Contractor and the County, that the time for the completion of the Work described herein is a reasonable time for the completion of the same, taking into consideration the average climate range and usual industrial conditions prevailing in this locality.
- C. If extraordinary adverse weather conditions are the basis for a claim for additional time, such claim shall be supported by the attachment of records of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration showing meaningful variances from historic trends thereby substantiating the fact that weather conditions were

abnormal for the period of time, could not have been reasonably anticipated and had an adverse effect on the scheduled construction activities. The Contractor shall be entitled to an extension of the Contract Time only for extraordinary adverse weather conditions that unavoidably delay activities scheduled at that time, and then only for the number of days of delay which are due solely to such extraordinary adverse weather conditions. The Contractor is not entitled to any costs associated with extraordinary adverse weather conditions.

- D. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor or any Subcontractor for claims or damages of any nature caused by or arising out of delays, regardless of cause. The sole remedy against the County for delays shall be the allowance of additional time for completion of the Work, the amount of which shall be based on actual and unavoidable delay.

GR-7. SCHEDULES, REPORTS, AND RECORDS

- A. The Contractor shall submit to the County such schedule of quantities and costs, progress schedules, payrolls, reports, estimates, records, and other data as the County may request concerning the Work performed or to be performed. The Contractor shall also submit a schedule of payments that he anticipates earning during the course of the Work.
- B. That Contractor shall coordinate and hold a meeting with its major Subcontractors and the County to discuss the Project schedule. Such meeting shall be held prior to Commencement of the Work under this Contract, but in no event later than ten (10) days after execution of this Contract by all parties. At that meeting, the Contractor shall present a draft Project schedule, and the Contractor and its Subcontractors shall, in collaboration with the County, assist in the preparation of a detailed and specific construction schedule. The Contractor shall be responsible for preparing and updating such schedule, which shall be complete in all respects and shall, when approved by the County, become the Construction Schedule and be automatically incorporated into the Contract and shall not be changed without the prior written consent of the County. The Construction Schedule shall not exceed the Contract Time, shall be revised and updated at appropriate intervals as required by the conditions of the Work and Project, shall be related to the entire Project to the extent required by the Contract, shall utilize Critical Path Method (CPM) software that is compatible with County software, and shall provide for expeditious and practicable execution of the Work. The Construction Schedule shall be cost-loaded.
- C. The Construction Schedule shall, in such detail as the County may require, show the order in which Contractor will carry on the Work, including dates on which the various parts of the Work will start, and the estimated date of completion of each part. It shall also depict all requisite shop drawing submittals and approvals,

manufacturing, fabrication, the installation of materials, supplies and equipment, testing, start-up, and training.

- D. The Contractor shall prepare and keep current, for the County's approval, a schedule of submittals which is coordinated with the Construction Schedule and allows the County reasonable time to review submittals. The Contractor shall perform the Work in general accordance with the most recent schedules submitted to the County.
- E. In the event the County determines that the performance of the Work has not progressed or reached the level of completion required by the Contract, the County will have the right to order the Contractor to take corrective measures necessary to expedite the progress of construction, including, without limitation, (1) working additional shifts or overtime; (2) supplying additional manpower, equipment, and facilities; and (3) other similar measures (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Extraordinary Measures"). Such Extraordinary Measures must continue until the progress of the Work complies with the stage of completion required by the Contract and the Construction Schedule. The County's right to require Extraordinary Measures is solely for the purpose of ensuring the Contractor's compliance with the Construction Schedule. The Contractor is not entitled to an adjustment in the Contract Price for undertaking Extraordinary Measures required by the County. The County may exercise the rights furnished the County under or pursuant to this paragraph as frequently as the County deems necessary to ensure that the Contractor's performance of the Work will comply with the completion date set forth in the Contract as the Contract Time.

GR-8. Not used in this contract

GR-9. FINAL INSPECTION

Upon notice from the Contractor that the Work is completed, the County shall make a final inspection of the Work, and shall notify the Contractor of all instances where the Work fails to comply with the Drawings and Specifications, as well as any defects the County may discover. At no cost to the County, the Contractor shall immediately make such alterations as are

necessary to bring the Work into compliance with the Contract, the Drawings, and Specifications.

GR-10. WARRANTIES, GUARANTEES AND CORRECTION OF WORK

- A. The Contractor warrants to the County that materials and equipment furnished under the Contract will be new and of good quality, unless otherwise required or permitted by the Contract; that the Work will be free from defects not inherent in the quality required or permitted; and that the Work will conform to the requirements of the Contract. Work not conforming to these requirements, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized, is considered defective. The County, in its sole discretion, may exclude from the Contractor's warranty; remedies for damage or defect which the County determines were caused by abuse; modifications not executed by the Contractor; improper or insufficient maintenance; improper operation; and normal wear and tear and normal usage.
- B. Upon the completion of the Work, and as a condition of final payment, the Contractor shall guarantee in writing that all Work has been accomplished in conformance with the Contract. If required by the County, the Contractor shall also furnish additional satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment.
- C. The Contractor shall promptly, and in no event later than 48 hours after receiving written demand from the County, remedy any error, omission, defect, or non-compliance in the Work discovered by the County during construction or at any time thereafter until one year after the final completion of the Work. Nothing herein shall be deemed to shorten any statutory period of limitation otherwise applicable to any legal action by the County against the Contractor.
- D. Contractor shall pay for any damage caused by any omission or defect in the Work, including without limitation, any damage to other improvements or facilities. In the event that the Contractor should fail to timely make repairs, adjustments, or other remedy that may be made necessary by such defects, the County may do so, and charge the Contractor the cost thereby incurred.
- E. All warranties and guaranties shall extend for the greatest of one (1) full year commencing on the dates of Substantial Completion of the Project or such longer period of time as is required by the Contract. The one (1) year period shall be extended with respect to portions of the Work first performed after Substantial Completion for a period of one (1) year after the actual performance of the Work. If any defect or deviation should exist, develop, be discovered or appear within such one (1) year period, the Contractor, at it sole cost and expense and immediately upon demand, shall fully and completely repair, correct, and eliminate such defect. The foregoing warranties and guarantees are cumulative of

and in addition to, and not restrictive of or in lieu of, any and all other warranties and guarantees provided for or required by law. No one or more of the warranties contained herein shall be deemed to alter or limit any other. The Performance Bond shall remain in full force and effect throughout the applicable guarantee period set forth in this paragraph.

- F. Neither the final payment nor any provision of the Contract, nor partial or entire occupancy or use of the Work by the County, shall constitute an acceptance of any part of the Work that is not in accordance with the Contract or relieve the Contractor of liability for incomplete or faulty materials or workmanship.
- G. All manufacturer warranties and guarantees shall be delivered to the County prior to Substantial Completion and such delivery shall be a condition precedent to the issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Before final payment, the Contractor shall assign and transfer to the County all guarantees, warranties and agreements from all contractors, Subcontractors, vendors, Suppliers, or manufacturers regarding their performance, quality of workmanship or quality of materials supplied in connection with the Work. The Contractor represents and warrants that all such guarantees, warranties and agreements will be freely assignable to the County, and that upon final completion of the Work, all such guarantees, warranties and agreements shall be in place and enforceable by the County in accordance with their terms. Contractor's obligations pursuant to this General Requirement shall survive any acceptance of Work, or termination or expiration of this Contract.

GR-11. CONTRACTOR'S PERSONNEL

- A. The Contractor will supervise and direct the Work, including the Work of all Subcontractors. Contractor will be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction. An experienced Superintendent and necessary assistants competent to supervise the particular types of work involved shall be assigned to the Project by the Contractor, and shall be available at all times when work is in progress. The name of the Superintendent shall be submitted with qualifications of same prior to the start of the Work. If approved by the County, the Superintendent so named by the Contractor shall be employed by the Contractor and shall have served in a supervisory capacity on at least one Project of like description and size performed by the Contractor during the previous twelve months. Under no circumstances shall an employee of any Subcontractor serve as the Superintendent, unless approved by the County prior to being named Superintendent. The Superintendent shall represent the Contractor, and all directions given to the Superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor. Important communications shall be confirmed in writing. Other communications shall be similarly confirmed on written request in each case.

- B. The Contractor shall not change key members of its staff without the prior consent of the County, unless such staff members prove to be unsatisfactory to the Contractor and cease to be in its employ. If the Contractor intends to change a key staff member (defined as certain full-time personnel stationed at the site including Project Manager, Superintendent, Project Engineer, Assistant Project Manager, Assistant Superintendent, or Assistant Project Engineer) it shall give the County written notice at least fifteen (15) days prior to the intended change. The written notice shall include a description of qualifications for the new proposed key staff member. The County shall have the right to approve or disapprove the proposed key staff member.
- C. Only persons skilled in the type of work which they are to perform shall be employed. The Contractor shall, at all times, maintain discipline and good order among his employees, and shall not employ any unfit person or persons or anyone unskilled in the work assigned him.

GR-12. SUBCONTRACTING

- A. The Contractor understands and agrees that it shall be a breach of this Contract to subcontract any portion of the Work on this Project unless
 - 1. The Work and the Subcontractor proposed to perform it have been declared in the Bid to the Contract; or
 - 2. The Contractor shall have obtained advance written approval from the County.
- B. The Contractor further understands and agrees that any work on this Project, which the Contractor secures in violation of this General Requirement, shall be deemed a donation from the Contractor for which the County shall not be

obligated to pay. Nothing contained in this Contract shall create any contractual relation between any Subcontractor and the County. Upon request, Contractor shall provide the County with copies of each of its contract(s) and amendments with each Subcontractor.

- C. Nothing contained in this Contract shall create, nor be interpreted to create privity, or any other relationship whatsoever, between the County and any person, or entity or than Contractor.

GR-13. Not used in this Contract

GR-14. Not used in this Contract

GR-15. Not used in this contract

GR-16. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- A. The Contractor's attention is directed to the fact that all applicable federal, state, and County laws, municipal ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the Project shall apply to the Contract throughout, and they will be deemed to be included in the Contract the same as though herein written out in full. The Contractor shall keep itself and its employees and Subcontractors fully informed of all laws, ordinances, and regulations in any manner affecting those engaged or employed in the Work or the materials used in the Work or in any way affecting the conduct of the Work and of all orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals having any jurisdiction or

authority over same. If Contractor discovers any discrepancy or inconsistency in this Contract or in the Drawings or Specifications in relation to any such law, regulation, ordinance, order, or decree, Contractor shall promptly report the same, in writing, to the County. Contractor shall at all times observe and comply with all such laws, ordinances, and regulations, and shall protect and indemnify the County and its agents against any all damages and claims arising out of any violation of such law, ordinance, regulation, order, or decree, whether by Contractor or its employees or Subcontractors.

- B. Contractor shall maintain a Drug Free Workplace.

GR-17. PERMITS AND INSPECTION FEES

- A. The Contractor shall secure and pay for any permits and inspection fees required by the County or any other governmental entity or agency.
- B. Contractor hereby warrants and represents that at all times during the Contract Term it shall maintain in good standing all required licenses, certifications, and permits required under federal, state and local laws necessary to perform the services required by this Contract.

GR-18. LAND AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Prior to entering on any land or right-of-way, the Contractor shall ascertain the requirements of applicable permits or easements obtained by the County, and shall conduct his work in accordance with requirements thereof, including the giving of notice. The Contractor shall be fully responsible for performing work to the requirements of any permit or easement granting entity, even though such requirements may exceed or be more stringent than that

otherwise required by the Contract, and shall compensate the County fully for any loss or expense arising from failure of the Contractor to perform as required by such entity. The Contractor shall provide, at its own expense without liability to the County, any additional land and access thereto that the Contractor may desire for temporary construction facilities, or for storage of materials.

GR-19. PROTECTION OF WORK, PROPERTY, AND PERSONS

- A. The Contractor is responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and will provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to all employees on the Project and other persons who may be affected thereby, all the Work and all materials or equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site, and other property at the site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, lakes, drainage ways, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction.
- B. The Contractor shall erect and maintain, as required by the conditions and progress of the Work, all necessary warning safeguards for devices and the safety and protection of the Work, the public and adjoining property.
- C. If existing utilities or structures are indicated by the Contract, no warranty is made as to the accuracy or completeness of such indication or the information provided regarding such utilities or structures. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable state law concerning the marking and location of existing utilities. The Contractor shall, prior to commencing other on-site work, accurately locate above and below ground utilities and structures, which may be affected by the Work, using whatever means may be appropriate, and shall verify the nature and condition of such utilities and structures. The Contractor shall mark the location of existing utilities and structures, if they are not otherwise readily visible, with flagging, stakes, barricades, or other suitable means, and shall preserve and protect all utilities and structures not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of construction. Contractor shall notify the County promptly of discovery of any conflict between the Contract and any existing facility.
- D. All existing utilities, both public and private, including but not limited to, sewer, gas, water, electrical, and telephone services, shall be protected and their operation shall be maintained through the course of the Work. Any temporary shutdown of an existing service shall be arranged between the Contractor and the responsible agency. The Contractor shall assume full responsibility and hold the County harmless from the result of any damage that may occur as a result of the Contractor's activities in this regard.

- E. In emergencies affecting the safety of persons or the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, or unanticipated conditions where delay would substantially impact the time or cost of work, the Contractor, upon notification to the County, shall act to prevent threatened damage, injury, or loss. Any claim for compensation or extension of time by the Contractor due to such extra work shall be submitted to the County within ten (10) days of the date of performing such work or deviations in the manner prescribed for a Change Order.

GR-20. PROHIBITED INTERESTS

No official of the County who is authorized in such capacity and on behalf of the County to negotiate, make, accept, or approve, or to take part in negotiating, making, accepting, or approving any architectural, engineering, inspection, construction, or material supply contract, or any subcontract in connection with the construction of the Project, shall become directly or indirectly interested personally in this Contract or in any part hereof. No officer, employee, architect, attorney, engineer, or inspector of or for the County who is authorized in such capacity and on behalf of the County to exercise any legislative, executive, supervisory, or other similar functions in connection with the construction of the Project, shall become directly or indirectly interested personally in this Contract or in any part thereof, any material supply contract, subcontract, insurance contract, or any other contract pertaining to the Project.

GR-21. Not used in this Contract

GR-22. FOREIGN CORPORATIONS

In the event the Contractor is a foreign corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship, the Contractor hereby irrevocably appoints the Georgia Secretary of State as its agent for service of all legal process for the purposes of this Contract only.

GR-23. SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS

- A. The Specifications, the Drawings and the Contract shall be supplementary to each other, and any material, workmanship, and/or service which may be in one, but not called for in the others, shall be as binding as if indicated, called for, or implied by all.

- B. Each section or type of work is described separately in the Technical Specifications; however, should any item of material, equipment, work, or combinations of such be required in one section, and not be described in that section and a similar item described in another section, that description shall apply regardless of the section under which it is described.
- C. Any discrepancies found between the Drawings and Specifications and site conditions, or any inconsistencies or ambiguities in the Drawings or Specifications shall be immediately reported to the County, in writing, who shall promptly correct such inconsistencies or ambiguities in writing. Work done by the Contractor after his discovery of such discrepancies, inconsistencies, or ambiguities shall be done at the Contractor's risk.
- D. Upon award of the Contract, the Contractor will be supplied, free of charge, up to three complete sets of the Contract Drawings and Specifications. Any prints and Specifications in excess of these shall be furnished at cost at the Contractor's expense.
- E. The Contractor shall furnish, with reasonable promptness, all samples as directed by the County for approval for conformance with the design concept of the Project and for compliance with the information stated in the Contract. The Work shall be in accordance with approved samples.
- F. The County may, without changing the scope of the Work, furnish the Contractor additional instructions and detail drawings, as necessary to carry out the Work required by the Contract. The additional drawings and instructions thus supplied will become a part of the Contract. The Contractor shall carry out the Work in accordance with the additional detail drawings and instructions.
- G. Attention is directed to the fact that the detailed Specifications and separate sections may be written in short or abridged form. In regard to every section of the Specifications and all parts thereof, mentioned therein, or indications on the Drawings of articles, materials, operations, or methods, requires that the Contractor:
 - (1) Provide each item mentioned and indicated of a quality or subject to qualifications noted;
 - (2). Perform according to conditions stated, each operation prescribed; and
 - (3) Provide therefore all necessary labor, equipment, and incidentals.
- H. For convenience of reference and to facilitate the letting of contracts and subcontracts, these Specifications are separated into titled sections. Such separation shall not, however, operate to make the County an arbiter to establish limits for the contracts between the Contractor and Subcontractors.

- I. Notwithstanding the appearance of such language in the various sections of the Specifications as, "The Paving Contractor," "The Grading Contractor," etc., the Contractor is responsible to the County for the entire Contract and the execution of all Work referred to in the Contract.

GR-24. CONTRACTOR'S SUBMITTALS

- A. The Contractor shall submit all Submittals to the official or employee so designated by the County all Submittals as required under the Specifications and in such time and manner that will allow at least ten (10) days for the County's review, pursuant to the Construction Schedule. No portion of the Work shall commence until all Submittals relating to such portion have been approved by the County.
- B. The approved Drawings will be supplemented by such shop drawings as are needed to adequately control the Work. Shop Drawings, product data, samples and other Submittals are not parts of the Contract. The purpose of their submittal is to demonstrate for those portions of the Work for which Submittals are required by the Contract, the way by which the Contractor proposes to conform to the information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract. Informational Submittals, upon which a County employee, the Architect or Engineer, if retained by the County in connection with the Project, is not expected to take responsive action, may be so identified in the Contract. Submittals which are not required by the Contract may be returned by the County without action. The approval of a Submittal shall not authorize any deviation from or alteration of the Drawings or Specifications absent a Change Order or Field Order.
- C. Shop drawings to be furnished by the Contractor for any structure shall consist of such detailed drawings as may be required for the execution of the Work.
- D. Drawings for false work, centering, and form work may also be required per the Specifications and in such cases shall be likewise subjected to approval unless approval is waived.
- E. The County's review will be within reasonable promptness as to cause no delay in the Work. Approval of the Contractor's Submittals does not relieve the Contractor of any responsibility for accuracy of dimensions and details or from otherwise ensuring that the Work complies with the requirements of the Contract. It is mutually agreed that the Contractor shall be responsible for agreement and conformity of Submittals with the Drawings and Specifications. The County will review and approve or take other appropriate action upon the Contractor's Submittals such as shop drawings, product data and samples, but only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract. Review of submittals is not conducted for the purpose of determining the accuracy and completeness of details such as dimensions and quantities, or for substantiating instructions for installation or

performance of equipment or systems, all of which remain the responsibility of the Contractor as required by the Contract. The County's review shall not constitute approval of safety precautions or of any construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures. The County's approval of a specific item shall not indicate approval of an assembly of which the item is a component.

- D. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to check all Submittals before same are submitted to the County for approval. Submittals which have not been checked and approved by the Contractor will not be reviewed by the County.
- E. Submittals shall be submitted only by the Contractor who shall indicate by a signed stamp on the drawings that he has checked the Submittals and that the work shown on them is in accordance with Contract requirements and has been checked for dimensions and relationship with work of all other trades involved. Under no conditions shall Submittals be accepted from anyone other than the Contractor.
- F. The Contractor shall furnish the County with at least six copies of all Submittals for approval. Two finally approved copies will be returned to the Contractor for his use. The Contract Price shall include the cost of furnishing all Submittals and the Contractor will be allowed no extra compensation for such drawings.
- G. The approval of such Submittals shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for deviations from Drawings or the Specifications unless he has in writing called attention to such deviations, and the County has approved the changes or deviations in writing at the time of submission, nor shall it relieve him from the responsibility for errors of any kind in Submittals. When the Contractor does call such deviations to the attention of the County, he shall state in writing whether or not such deviations involve any extra cost. If this is not mentioned, it will be assumed that no extra cost is involved for making the change.
- H. The Contractor shall prepare and maintain a log of all Submittals which includes, at a minimum, the submittal number, revision number, description, responsible company, proposed submittal date, date actually submitted, date approved, any comments received, approval status, and resubmittal information. The log shall be updated at least on a monthly basis and made available to the County for review upon request.

GR-25. AS-BUILT DRAWINGS

The Contractor shall maintain a red-lined set of drawings on site during the progress of the Work, indicating any Field Orders, Change Orders and the location of the portion of the Work or equipment actually installed. The Contractor shall, upon completion of the Work, furnish a marked set of reproducible drawings indicating any field changes and the location of Work as actually installed, if different from the requirements of the Contract, and deliver them to

the County in hard copy as well as an electronic copy compatible with the County's software and hardware system.

GR-26. EXAMINATION OF WORK BY CONTRACTOR

It is understood and agreed that the Contractor has, by careful examination, satisfied himself as to the nature and location of the Work, the configuration of the ground, the character, quality, and quantity of the facilities needed preliminary to and during the prosecution of the Work, the general and local conditions, and all other matters which can in any way affect the Work or the cost thereof under this Contract.

GR-27. INSPECTION AND TESTING OF MATERIALS

Unless otherwise specifically provided for, the inspection and testing of materials and finished articles to be incorporated in the Work as required by the Specifications shall be made by the County, or bureaus, laboratories, or agencies selected by the County. The cost of such inspection and testing shall be paid by the Contractor unless County agrees to pay the cost. Materials and finished articles shall have passed the required tests prior to the incorporation of such materials and finished articles in the Work. The County may require, and the Contractor shall furnish if required to do so, certificates from manufacturers to the effect that the products or materials furnished by them for use in the Work comply with the applicable specified requirements for the materials or products being furnished.

GR-28. INSPECTION OF WORK

- A. The Contractor shall, at all times, permit and facilitate inspection of the Work by authorized representatives of the County and public authorities having jurisdiction in connection with the Work of this Contract. The presence or observations of the County or its representative at the site of the Work shall not be construed to, in any manner, to relieve the Contractor of its responsibility for strict compliance with the provisions of the Contract.
- B. If the Drawings, Specifications, County's instructions, laws, ordinances, or a public authority require any work to be specially tested or approved, the Contractor shall give the County timely notice of its readiness for observation or inspection. If the inspection is by another authority, then the County shall be advised of the date fixed for such inspection. Required certificates of inspection shall be secured by the Contractor. Contractor, having secured all certificates of inspection, will deliver same to the County upon completion. If any Work should be covered up without approval or consent of the County, it shall, if required by the County, be uncovered for examination at the Contractor's expense. The recovering of such Work after inspection shall be at Contractor's expense.
- C. Should any disagreement or difference arise as to the estimate, quantities, or classifications or as to the meaning of the Drawings or Specifications, or any point concerning the character, acceptability, and nature of the several kinds of

work, any materials and construction thereof, the decisions of the County shall be final and conclusive and binding upon all parties to the Contract.

- D. If the County determines that portions of the Work require additional testing, inspection or approval beyond the requirements of the Specifications, the County will instruct the Contractor to make arrangements for such additional testing, inspection or approval by an entity acceptable to the County, and the Contractor shall give timely notice to the County of when and where tests and inspections are to be made so that the County may be present for such procedures. Such costs, except as provided below, shall be at the County's expense.
- E. If such procedures for testing or inspection reveal failure of the portions of the Work to comply with requirements established by the Contract, all costs made necessary by such failure including those of repeated procedures shall be at the Contractor's expense.
- F. Required certificates of testing, inspection or approval shall, unless otherwise required by the Contract, be secured by the Contractor and promptly delivered to the County or the Architect if one is retained by the County in connection with the Project. Tests or inspections conducted, pursuant to the Contract, shall be made promptly to avoid unreasonable delay in the Work.

GR-29. REQUESTS FOR SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. Requests for substitutions of proprietary products or of a particular manufacturer, vendor, or Subcontractor must be accompanied by the following documentation:
 - (1) Full explanation of the proposed substitution and submittal of all supporting data including technical information, catalog cuts, warranties, test results, installation instructions, operating procedures, and other like information necessary for a complete evaluation of the substitution;
 - (2) Reasons the substitution is advantageous or necessary, including benefits to the County and the Work in the event the substitution is acceptable;
 - (3) The adjustment, if any, in the Contract Price, in the event the substitution is acceptable;
 - (4) The adjustment, if any, in the Contract Term or Time and the construction schedule in the event the substitution is acceptable;
 - (5) An affidavit stating that (1) the proposed substitution conforms and meets all the requirements of the pertinent Specifications and the requirements shown on the Drawings and (2) the Contractor accepts the warranty and correction obligations in connection with the proposed substitution as if originally specified;

- (6) Proposals for substitutions must be submitted in triplicate to the County in sufficient time to allow the County no less than ten (10) working days for review; and
 - (7) No substitutions will be considered or allowed without the Contractor's submittal of complete substantiating data and information as stated hereinbefore.
- B. Substitutions and alternates may be rejected at the County's discretion without explanation and will be considered only under one or more of the following conditions:
- (1) Required for compliance with interpretation of code requirements or insurance regulations then existing;
 - (2) Unavailability of specified products, through no fault of the Contractor; or
 - (3) Subsequent information discloses inability of specified products to perform properly or to fit in designated space;
 - (4) Manufacturer/fabricator refuses to certify or guarantee performance of specified product as required; and
 - (5) When in judgment of the County, that a substitution would be substantially to the County's best interests, in terms of costs, time, or other considerations.
- C. Whether or not any proposed substitution is accepted by the County, the Contractor must reimburse the County for any fees charged by the Architect or other consultants for evaluating each proposed substitute. By making requests for substitutions based on the above, the Contractor:
- (1) Represents and warrants that the Contractor has personally investigated the proposed substitute product or Subcontractor and determined that it is equal or superior in all respects to the product or Subcontractor previously specified;
 - (2) Represents and warrants that the Contractor will provide the same warranty for the substituted product or for the workmanship of the substituted Subcontractor, as applicable, that the Contractor would have provided for the product or Subcontractor previously specified;
 - (3) Certifies that the cost data presented, in the form of certified quotations from Suppliers of both specified and proposed equipment is complete and includes all related costs under this Contract, but excludes costs under

separate contracts, and waives all claims for additional costs related to the substitution which subsequently become apparent; and

- (4) Agrees that the Contractor will coordinate the installation of the accepted substitution, making such changes as may be required for the Work to be complete and in accordance with the Contract in all respects.
- D. Contractor shall not propose an item for substitution unless it is equal to or superior to the specified item or items in construction, efficiency, and utility. The opinion of the County as to the equality or superiority of the item shall be final, and no substitute material or article shall be purchased or installed without the County's written approval.
- E. In case of a difference in price, the County shall receive all benefits of the difference in cost involved in any substitution, when lower, and the Contract altered by Change Order to credit the County with any savings to be obtained. However, the County shall not be charged for any additional cost in the case of a price increase.

GR-30. REJECTIONS OF WORK AND MATERIALS

- A. All Work that is defective or deviates from the Drawings or Specifications will be rejected. All rejected Work shall be replaced immediately with other material, equipment, or work which conforms with the Drawings and Specifications at no additional cost to the County. If rejected Work is not removed within forty-eight hours from the date of letter of notification, the County shall have the right and authority to stop the Work immediately and/or to arrange for the removal of said rejected Work at the cost and expense of the Contractor.
- B. Inspection of the Work shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations, and defective Work shall be made good regardless of whether it has been previously inspected by the County and accepted or estimated for payment. The failure of the County to reject or condemn improper materials or workmanship shall not be considered as a waiver of any defect that may be discovered later.

GR-31. MATERIALS, SERVICES, AND FACILITIES

- A. The Contractor shall at all times employ sufficient labor and equipment for executing the Work to full completion in the manner and time specified. Failure of the Contractor to provide adequate labor and equipment shall constitute a default of the Contract. The labor and equipment to be used in the Work by the Contractor shall be sufficient to meet the requirements of the Work and shall be such as to produce a satisfactory quality of work in accordance with accepted industry practices and within the Contract Time.

- B. Materials and equipment shall be so stored and handled as to insure the preservation of their quality and fitness for the Work. Stored materials and equipment to be incorporated in the Work shall be located so as to facilitate prompt inspection. No product which has in any way become unfit for the intended purpose shall be incorporated into the Work.
- C. Manufactured articles, materials, and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, cleaned, and conditioned as directed by the manufacturer. Contractor shall promptly notify the County of any conflict between the instructions of any manufacturer and the requirements of the Drawings or the Specifications.
- D. Materials, supplies, and equipment to be incorporated into the Work shall be new and unused unless otherwise specifically stated in the Contract. The source of supply for all such products shall be submitted to the County, together with detailed descriptions thereof in the form of samples, shop drawings, tests, or other means necessary to adequately describe the items proposed. Approval by the County of a manufacturer or supplier shall not constitute the approval of materials, supplies, or equipment obtained from such manufacturer or supplier if they do not comply with the requirements of the Contract. If, after trial or installation, it is found that sources of supply, even though previously approved by the County, have not furnished products meeting the intent of the Contract, the Contractor shall thereafter furnish products from other approved sources, and shall remove completed Work incorporating products which do not meet Contract requirements.
- E. The Contractor shall confine operations to areas permitted by law, ordinances, permits and the Contract, and shall not unreasonably encumber the site with materials or equipment. The Contractor shall provide parking for all construction vehicles only within the construction limits as indicated on the drawings or make appropriate arrangements as permitted by law.
- F. Only materials and equipment which are to be used directly in the Work may be brought to and stored on the Project site by the Contractor. After equipment is no longer required for the Work, it must be promptly removed from the Project site. Protection of construction materials and equipment stored at the Project site from weather, theft, damage, and all other adversity is the sole responsibility of the Contractor.
- G. The Contractor and any entity for which the Contractor is responsible must not erect any sign on the Project site without the prior written consent of the County, which may be withheld in the sole discretion of the County.
- H. Contractor must ensure that the Work, at all times, is performed in a manner that affords reasonable access, both vehicular and pedestrian, and for emergency response to the site of the Work and all adjacent areas. The Work must be

performed, to the fullest extent reasonably possible, in such a manner that public areas adjacent to the site of the Work are free from debris, building materials and equipment likely to cause hazardous conditions. Without limitation of any other provision of the Contract, Contractor must use its best efforts to minimize any interference with the occupancy or beneficial use of any areas and buildings adjacent to the site of the Work, or the Project.

- I. Without prior approval of the County, the Contractor shall not permit any worker to use any existing facilities at the Project site, including, without limitation, lavatories, toilets, entrances, and parking areas other than those designated by the County for such use. Without limitation of any other provision of the Contract, the Contractor shall use its best efforts to comply with all rules and regulations promulgated by the County in connection with the use and occupancy of the Project site, as amended from time to time. The Contractor shall immediately notify the County in writing if during the performance of the Work, the Contractor finds compliance with any portion of such rules and regulations to be impracticable, setting forth the problems that may be caused by such compliance and suggesting alternatives through which the results intended by such portions of the rules and regulations can be achieved. The County may, in the County's sole discretion, adopt such suggestions, develop new alternatives or require compliance with the existing requirements of the rules and regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all insurance requirements applicable to the use and occupancy of the Project site.
- J. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract, Contractor shall provide and maintain a suitable office on the site for its own use and for the use of representatives of the County. Contractor shall furnish sufficient heat, artificial light, ventilation and janitor's service, and shall also provide a table or desk, plan rack and chairs, all for the use of those visiting the job, in addition to such furnishings as he provides for his own use. Temporary offices and other structures shall be located where approved by the County, and shall be removed from the premises upon completion of the Contract or earlier if so directed by the County.
- K. Contractor may be required by the County, at the beginning of Work, to provide, at the Project site, suitable and adequate temporary toilets and enclosure for use of workers on the job, shall maintain same in sanitary condition, and shall remove same at the completion of construction operations and/or when directed by the County. Contractor shall not allow any sanitary nuisances to be committed in or about the site and shall enforce sanitary regulations of local and state health authorities.
- L. The Contractor shall cooperate with the County in any required use of the property and arrange for storage of materials on the Project site in such areas as are mutually agreed upon. The Contractor shall allot suitable and proper space to its Subcontractors for the storing of their materials and for the erection of their sheds and tool houses. Should it be necessary at any time to move materials,

sheds, or storage platforms, the Contractor shall, at its own expense move same as and when directed by the County.

- M. Unless otherwise instructed by the County, the Contractor shall repair and return to original condition all buildings, streets, curbs, sidewalks, utilities or other facilities affected by the Contractor's performance of the Work. The County's decisions in matters relating to aesthetic effect shall be final if consistent with the intent of the Contract.

GR-32. UTILITIES DURING CONSTRUCTION

Contractor shall furnish all utilities and pay for all bills for utilities used during construction. Utilities shall include electric power, fuel of any sort used for heating, etc., telephone services, cable and internet, if necessary, and water. Contractor shall provide all temporary connections to utilities when not provided by the utility company or others at no additional cost to the County. Contractor shall, if required by the County, install and maintain at his own expense, a job telephone and communications equipment necessary for the execution of the Work for the Contract Time.

GR-33. TEMPORARY HEAT AND AIR CONDITIONING

The Contractor shall provide, at his own expense, temporary heat or air conditioning, as necessary, to protect all Work and materials against injury from heat, dampness or cold. Fuel, equipment and method of heating and cooling shall be satisfactory to the County and shall not present a fire hazard. Contractor shall comply with the requirements in the Specifications for specific temperatures to be maintained.

GR-34. MAINTENANCE MANUAL

Contractor shall, prior to completion of Contract, deliver to the County two (2) copies of a manual, assembled, indexed, and bound, for the County's guidance, full details for care and maintenance of visible surfaces and of equipment included in Contract. Contractor shall, for this manual, obtain from Subcontractors literature of manufacturers relating to equipment, including motors; also furnish cuts, wiring diagrams, instruction sheets and other information pertaining to same that will be useful to the County in over-all operation and maintenance. Where the above-described manuals and data are called for under separate sections of the Specifications, they are to be included in the manual described in this General Requirement.

GR-35. WEATHER CONDITIONS

The Contractor will be required to protect all work and materials against damage or injury from the weather. If, in the opinion of the County, any work or materials shall have been damaged or injured by reason of failure to protect such, all such materials or work shall be removed and replaced at the expense of the Contractor.

GR-36. LINES, GRADES, AND MEASUREMENTS

- A. Such stakes and markings as the County may set for either its or the Contractor's guidance shall be preserved by the Contractor. Failure to protect such stakes or markings may, at the County's discretion, shall result in the Contractor being charged for their replacement.
- B. The Contractor must exercise proper care and caution to verify the grades and figures furnished by or on behalf of the County before proceeding with the Work, and shall be responsible for any damage or defective work caused by its failure to exercise such care and caution. Contractor shall promptly notify the County of any errors or discrepancies it may discover in order that the proper corrections may be made.
- C. Before ordering materials or doing work, the Contractor shall measure and verify the dimensions and locations of all existing structures, substrata, and features that affect the Work and shall be responsible for the correctness of same. No consideration will be given any claim based on the differences between the actual dimensions and those indicated on the Drawings. Contractor shall promptly notify the County of any difference which may be found, and shall obtain direction from the County before proceeding with the affected Work.

GR-37. CLEANING UP

- A. The Contractor shall at all times, keep the premises free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by Contractor's employees or work. Upon completion of the Work, the Contractor shall remove all his plants, tools, materials, and other articles from the property of the County.
- B. If the Contractor fails to clean up, as provided in the Contract, the County may do so, and the cost thereof shall be charged to the Contractor. Contractor shall ensure that neither it, its Subcontractors, nor their employees or agents bring any hazardous materials or other materials/waste regulated by state, federal or local law, which are not commonly used in the construction process or which are not listed in any Specifications for the Project onto the Project site without first obtaining the County's advance written approval. Contractor agrees to ensure that any hazardous materials/waste or other materials/waste regulated by state, federal or local law that Contractor, its Subcontractors or their employees or agents, bring onto or generate at the Project Site are handled in accordance with all applicable laws.
- C. The Contractor shall pay all required material disposal fees and shall dispose of all materials in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Contractor shall be responsible for all costs associated with improper disposal of materials, including any clean-up costs, fines or penalties, whether levied against the Contractor or the County.

- D. In addition to removing rubbish on a periodic basis and leaving the building broom clean, the Contractor shall clean all tile and glass; replace broken glass; remove stains, paint spots, and dirt from all Work; clean and polish all plumbing fixtures and equipment; and remove all temporary protection items. To the maximum extent reasonably possible, the Contractor shall keep the interior of the building free of combustible materials as the Work progresses.
- E. The Contractor shall maintain and keep clean at all times the immediate approach to the Project site, including the roads abutting the Project site.

GR-38. BARRICADES

- A. Contractor shall provide barricades and protective barriers around excavations, so that the public is adequately warned of such hazards. Lanterns shall remain lighted from sundown to sunrise and at all other times when the labor forces are not on the job site.
- B. Delivery of construction materials and equipment shall be only to locations approved by the County.

GR-39. Not used in this contract.

GR-40. Not used in this contract

GR-41. Not used in this contract

GR-42. PRIOR CONTRACTS; CONFLICT IN DOCUMENTS

The Contractor may in no case claim a waiver of any specification requirements on the basis of previous approval of material or workmanship on other jobs of like nature or on the basis of what might be considered “standard” for material or workmanship in any particular location. The Contract for this Project shall govern the Work. If any portion of the Contract shall be in conflict with any other portion, the various documents comprising the Contract shall govern in the following order of precedence: Contract, Change Orders or modifications issued after execution of the Contract; the General Requirements of the Contract; the Specifications; the Drawings, as between schedules and information given on the Drawings, the schedules shall govern; as between figures given on Drawings and the scaled measurements, the figures shall govern; as between large-scale Drawings and small-scale Drawings, the larger scale shall govern; and detailed Drawings shall govern over general Drawings; and the Bid Document Package.

GR-43. Not used in this contract

GR-44. Not used in this contract

GR-45. Not used in this contract