



**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
AND
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
MOORE TRACT -
ESPC GRADING PLAN**

PREPARED FOR:
JDA STANTON SPRINGS

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DOCUMENT 00 11 16**INVITATION TO BID****Legal Notice**

1. Sealed proposals for Moore Tract – ESPC & Grading owned by JDA Stanton Springs will be received by Thomas & Hutton at 2127 Usher Street, NW Covington, GA 30014 until 2:00 PM on July 27th, 2026 at which time they will be publicly opened.
2. The project consists of the following generally described work: Clearing and Erosion Control for 22.0 Acres located at 13924 HWY 278, Social Circle, GA 30025. TMS# 0124 039, 0124 048, 0134 005J, 0134 005I, 0134 005K.
3. Plans and Specifications are open to inspection and PDF copies may be obtained from Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., from William Eubank, Eubank.w@tandh.com.
4. Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier's check in an amount not less than 10% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in **Georgia** with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability." Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.
5. Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.
6. A **Mandatory** Pre-Bid Conference will be held on July 9th, 2026 at 10:00 AM on-site at 13924 HWY 278, Social Circle, GA 30025. All prospective bidders are required to attend. Failure to attend could be cause for rejection of the bid.]

JDA STANTON SPRINGS

END OF INVITATION TO BID

DOCUMENT 00 21 13

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

INTENTION: It is intended the Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Technical Specifications and Construction Drawings shall cover the complete work to which they relate.

ARTICLE 1 **DEFINED TERMS:** In addition to the terms defined in the General Conditions, Section 00 72 43, (EJCDC C-700) (2007), additional terms used in these Instructions to Bidders have the meanings indicated below which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof.

- 1.1. **Bidder** – One who submits a Bid directly to Owner as distinct from a sub-bidder, who submits a bid to a Bidder.
- 1.2. **Successful Bidder** – The lowest, responsible, and responsive Bidder to whom Owner (based on Owner's evaluation as hereinafter provided) makes an award.
- 1.3. **Bid** – A complete and properly signed offer to execute work for the prices stipulated in Bid Form and submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents.
- 1.4. **Addenda** – Graphic or written documents issued by Engineer prior to the opening of Bids issued to clarify, revise, add to, or delete information in the original bidding documents or in previous addenda.
- 1.5. **Contract** – The agreement(s) to be entered into between the Owner and Successful Offeror pursuant to this RFP and the Proposal, which shall be in such form and contain such terms as specified by Owner. A draft version of the principal agreement proposed to be entered into is made a part of this RFP; provided, however, that all Offerors are notified that said agreement is subject to revision and restatement by Owner at its discretion.
- 1.6. **Project** – That certain project defined in the public notice made a part of this RFP.
- 1.7. **Work** – all labor, services, and work of whatever kind and required to be performed under the Contract by the Successful Offeror in connection with the Project.
- 1.8. **Engineer** – Thomas & Hutton, located at 50 Park of Commerce Way, Savannah, GA 31405.

ARTICLE 2 **BID FORM:** All Bids must be made upon the Bid Forms hereto annexed, and shall state the amount bid for each item shown, and all bids must be for materials and work called for in the specifications. **Deposits for plans and specifications are not refundable.**

- 2.1 The Bid Form is included with the Bidding Documents; additional copies may be obtained from Engineer.
- 2.2 All blanks on the Bid Form must be completed by printing in black ink or by typewriter.
- 2.3 Bids by corporations must be executed in the corporate name by the president or a vice-president (or other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign) and the corporate seal must be affixed and attested by the secretary or an assistant secretary. The corporate address and state of incorporation must be shown below the signature.
- 2.4 All names must be typed or printed in black ink below the signature.
- 2.5 The Bid shall contain an acknowledgment of receipt of all Addenda (the numbers of which must be filled in on the Bid Form.)
- 2.6 The address and telephone number for communications regarding the Bid must be shown.
- 2.7 The Proposal shall contain an acknowledgment of receipt of all Addenda (the numbers of which must be filled in on the Proposal Form.)
- 2.8 The address, email address and telephone number for communications regarding the Proposal must be shown.

ARTICLE 3 OMITTED

ARTICLE 4 COPIES OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS:

- 4.1 Complete sets of Bidding Documents must be used in preparing Bids; neither Owner nor Engineer assumes any responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents.
- 4.2 Owner and Engineer in making PDF copies of Bidding Documents available for a non-refundable deposit do so only for the purpose of obtaining Bids for the Work and do not confer a license or grant for any other use.

ARTICLE 5 EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS, OTHER DATA, AND SITE:

- 5.1 It is the responsibility of each Bidder before submitting a bid:
 - 5.1.1 To examine and study thoroughly the Bidding Documents and other related data identified in the Bidding Documents;
 - 5.1.2 To visit the work site to ascertain by inspection pertinent local conditions such as location, character and accessibility of the site including existing surface and subsurface conditions in the work area; availability of facilities, location and character of existing work within or adjacent thereto, labor conditions, etc.

- 5.1.3 To become familiar with and satisfy Bidder as to all federal, state, and local Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, or performance of the Work;
- 5.1.4 To obtain and carefully study (or assume responsibility for doing so) all addition or supplementary examination investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data concerning conditions (surface, subsurface, an Underground Facilities) at or contiguous to the Site which may affect cost, progress, or performance or the Work or which relate any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Bidder, including any specific means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction expressly required of the bidding documents, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto;
- 5.1.5 To study and carefully correlate Bidder's knowledge and observations with the Bidding Documents and such other related data; and
- 5.1.6 To promptly notify Engineer of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities or discrepancies which Bidder has discovered in or between the Bidding Documents and such other related documents;
- 5.1.7 to agree at the time of submitting its Bid that no further examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies or data are necessary for the determination of its Bid for performance of the Work at the price bid and within the times and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents;
- 5.1.8 To become aware of the general nature of the work to be performed by OWNER and others at the Site that relates to the Work as indicated in the Bidding Documents;
- 5.1.9 To determine that the Bidding Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for the performance of the Work.
- 5.2 The Owner shall make available to all prospective bidders, previous to receipt of bids, information that it may have as to sub-soil conditions and surface topography at the work site. Such information shall be given as the best factual information available without being considered as a representation of the Owner.
- 5.3 The submission of a Bid will constitute an incontrovertible representation by Bidder that Bidder has complied with every requirement of this Article 5, that without exception, the Bid is premised upon performing and furnishing the Work required by the Bidding Documents and applying any specific means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction that may be shown or indicated or expressly required by the Bidding Documents, that Bidder has given ENGINEER written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, and discrepancies that Bidder has

discovered in the Bidding Documents and the written resolutions thereof by ENGINEER are acceptable to Bidder, and that the Bidding Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performing and furnishing the Work.

ARTICLE 6 PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A **Mandatory** pre-Bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM on July 9, 2026 on-site at 13924 HWY 278, Social Circle, GA 30025. Representatives of OWNER and ENGINEER will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference. ENGINEER will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda as ENGINEER considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

ARTICLE 7 INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA:

- 7.1 All questions about the meaning or intent of the Bidding Documents are to be directed to Engineer. The person submitting the request shall do so in writing and be responsible for its prompt delivery. Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary by Engineer in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda mailed or delivered to all parties recorded by Engineer as having received the Bidding Documents. Questions received less than ten days prior to the date for opening of Bids may not be answered. Only questions answered by formal written Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.
- 7.2 Addenda may also be issued to modify the Bidding Documents as deemed advisable by Owner or Engineer.

ARTICLE 8 BID SECURITY:

- 8.1 Each Bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to Owner in an amount of ten percent of Bidder's maximum Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond (on form attached, if a form is prescribed) issued by a surety company licensed in **Georgia** with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability."
- 8.2 The Bid security of Successful Bidder will be retained until such Bidder has executed the Agreement, furnished the required contract security and met the other conditions of the Notice of Award, whereupon the Bid security will be returned. If the Successful Bidder fails to execute and deliver the Agreement and furnish the required contract security within fifteen days after the Notice of Award, Owner may annul the Notice of Award and the Bid security of that Bidder will be forfeited. The Bid security of other Bidders whom Owner believes to have a reasonable chance of receiving the award may be retained by Owner until the earlier of the seventh day after the Effective Date of the Agreement or the sixty-first day after the Bid opening, whereupon Bid security furnished by such bidders will be returned. Bid security with Bids that are not competitive will be returned within seven days after the Bid opening.

ARTICLE 9 CONTRACT COMPLETION TIME: The number of days within which, or by which the Work is to be (a) Substantially Completed and (b) also completed and ready for final payment are set forth in the Agreement. Provisions for liquidated damages, if any, are set forth in the Agreement.

ARTICLE 10 SUBSTITUTE AND “OR-EQUAL” ITEMS:

10.1 The Contract, if awarded, will be on the basis of materials and equipment specified or described in the Bidding Documents without consideration of possible substitute or “or-equal” items. Whenever it is specified or described in the Bidding Documents that a substitute or “or-equal” item of material or equipment may be furnished or used by CONTRACTOR if acceptable to ENGINEER, application for such acceptance will not be considered by ENGINEER until after the Effective Date of the Agreement. The procedure for submission of any such application by CONTRACTOR and consideration by ENGINEER is set forth in the General Conditions and may be supplemented in the General Requirements.

ARTICLE 11 SUBCONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS, AND OTHERS:

11.1 Each bid must be accompanied by a list of Subcontractors, Suppliers, individuals, or entities proposed for those portions of the Work for which such identification is required. Such list shall be accompanied by an experience statement with pertinent information regarding similar projects and other evidence of qualification for each such Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity. If OWNER or ENGINEER, after due investigation, has reasonable objection to any proposed Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity, OWNER or ENGINEER may, before the Notice of Award is given, request apparent Successful Bidder to submit a substitute, in which case apparent Successful Bidder shall submit an acceptable substitute, Bidder's Bid price will be increased (or decreased) by the difference in cost occasioned by such substitution, and OWNER may consider such price adjustment in evaluating Bids and making the contract award.

11.2 If apparent Successful Bidder declines to make any such substitution, OWNER may award the Contract to the next lowest Bidder proposing to use acceptable Subcontractors, Suppliers, individuals, or entities. Declining to make requested substitutions will not constitute grounds for forfeiture of the Bid security of any Bidder. Any Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity so listed and against which OWNER or ENGINEER makes no written objection prior to the giving of the Notice of Award will be deemed acceptable to OWNER and ENGINEER subject to revocation of such acceptance after the Effective Date of the Agreement as provided in paragraph 6.06 of the General Conditions.

11.3 CONTRACTOR shall not be required to employ any Subcontractor, Supplier, individual, or entity against whom CONTRACTOR has reasonable objection.

ARTICLE 12 SUBMITTAL OF BIDS: Bids shall be submitted at the time and place indicated in the Invitation to Bid and shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope, marked

with the project title, and name and address of Bidder, and accompanied by the Bid security and other required documents. If the Bid is sent through the mail or other delivery system, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate envelope with the notation "BID ENCLOSED" on the face of it. Contractor license number(s) shall be written on the face of the bid envelope.

Each Bidder is responsible for seeing their Bid is received by the Owner not later than the advertised time set for the opening of Bids.

ARTICLE 13 MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:

- 13.1 Bids may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed (in the manner a Bid must be executed) and delivered to the place where Bids are to be submitted at any time prior to the opening of bids.
- 13.2 If, within twenty-four hours after Bids are opened, any Bidder files a duly signed, written notice with Owner and promptly thereafter demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of Owner there was a material and substantial mistake in the preparation of its Bid, Bidder may withdraw its Bid and the Bid security will be returned. Thereafter, Bidder will be disqualified from further bidding on the Work to be provided.

ARTICLE 14 OPENING OF BIDS: Bids will be opened publicly at the place where Bids are to be submitted.

ARTICLE 15 ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS: Bids may not be withdrawn (except as noted in Paragraph 13) after the time set for the opening of Bids. Bids will remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the day of the Bid opening, but the Owner may, in its sole discretion, release any Bid and return the Bid security prior to expiration of the acceptance period.

ARTICLE 16 AWARD OF CONTRACT:

- 16.1 Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to a Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive, or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.
- 16.2 Owner also reserves the right to waive all informalities not involving price, time, or changes in the Work and to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder. Discrepancies between the multiplication of units of Work and unit prices will be resolved in favor of the unit prices. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum. Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of the words.
- 16.3 In evaluating Bids, Owner will consider the qualification of Bidders, whether or not the Bids comply with the prescribed requirements, and

such alternates, unit prices and other data, as may be requested in the Bid Form or prior to the Notice of Award.

The Owner will also consider whether the Bidder involved:

- a) Maintains a permanent place of business;
- b) Has adequate plant and equipment to do the work properly and expeditiously;
- c) Has suitable financial status to meet obligations incidental to the work;
- d) Has appropriate technical experience.

- 16.4. Owner may consider the qualifications and experience of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations proposed for those portions of the Work as to which the identity of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations must be submitted as provided in the Supplementary Conditions. Owner also may consider the operating costs, maintenance requirements, performance data and guarantees of major items of materials and equipment proposed for incorporation in the Work when such data is required to be submitted prior to the Notice of Award.
- 16.5. Owner may conduct such investigations as Owner deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of any bid and to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial ability of Bidders, proposed Subcontractors, Suppliers and other persons and organizations to perform and furnish the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents to Owner's satisfaction within the prescribed time.
- 16.6. If the contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the Bidder whose evaluation by Owner indicates the award will be in the best interest of the Project.
- 16.7. If the contract is to be awarded, Owner will give Successful Bidder a Notice of Award within 60 days after the day of the Bid opening.

ARTICLE 17 MODIFICATIONS OF QUANTITIES: If the lowest bona fide Bid exceeds the money available for the Work, the Owner reserves the right to delete enough of the Work to bring the cost within the available funds. The Owner also reserves the right to delete whichever items or portions of items considered to be in the best interest of the Owner.

ARTICLE 18 CONTRACT SECURITY: The General Conditions and Supplementary Conditions set forth Owner's requirements as to performance and payment bonds. When the Successful Bidder delivers the executed Agreement to the Owner, it must be accompanied by the required performance and payment bonds.

ARTICLE 19 SIGNING THE AGREEMENT: When the Owner gives a Notice of Award to the Successful Bidder, it will be accompanied by the required number of unsigned counterparts of the Agreement with all other written Contract Documents attached. Within 15 days thereafter, Contractor shall sign and deliver the required counterparts of the Agreement and attached documents to Owner with

the required Bonds. Within 10 days thereafter, Owner shall deliver one fully signed counterpart to Contractor.

ARTICLE 20 LAWS AND REGULATIONS: The Contractor shall comply with local, District, County, State, and Federal laws applicable to the work.

The Contractor shall comply with the Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulations for Construction promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 as amended through January 1, 2004 (PL 91-596) and under Section 107 of the Contract Work and Safety Standards Act (PL) 91-54). The regulations are administered by the Department of Labor and the Contractor shall allow access to the project to personnel from this Department.

ARTICLE 21 CONTRACTOR'S AND SUBCONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE: Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until obtaining all the insurance required by the Supplementary Conditions.

ARTICLE 22 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT: If the Owner is made to stop construction of the work because of an order from a Court or State Department, the contract shall be terminated. Payment will be made for work completed and a proration of the work underway, materials stored, and for the overhead and profit of the completed work and work underway. Payment will not be made for anticipated profit and overhead on work not completed or underway.

ARTICLE 23 MODIFICATION BY OWNER: Subject to O.C.G.A. §36-91-20(d), Owner expressly reserves the right to revise, amend or otherwise change, at any time, any and all of the terms and requirements for proposals set forth herein. Upon such revision, change or amendment, Owner will send written notification to all offerors regarding the same, said written notices to be made a part of these materials. Any proposal submitted prior to receipt of such written notification may be returned to offeror upon request.

ARTICLE 24 CONFLICT: Any conflict between the Request for Proposals advertised pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-91-20 et seq. and the proposal documents made available to offerors following such advertisement shall be controlled by the latter.

ARTICLE 25 COSTS INCURRED BY OFFERER: All costs, fees (including legal and engineering fees), charges, and expenses incurred by Offeror in connection with its proposal and participation in the RFP process, of whatever amount and nature, direct or indirect, shall be borne exclusively and completely by Offeror, and Owner shall have absolutely no liability or obligation of any kind for the same. In no event will any claim whatsoever be made against Owner, or its employees, agents, or consultants, for reimbursement of any costs, fees, charges, and expenses incurred during the preparation of any proposal or participation in the RFP process. **All proposals upon receipt by Owner shall become the property of Owner, without payment or reimbursement of any kind.**

DOCUMENT 00 41 43**BID FORM****PROJECT IDENTIFICATION: MOORE TRACT – ESPC & GRADING****CONTRACT IDENTIFICATION AND NUMBER: J-26900.0015****THIS BID IS SUBMITTED TO: JDA STANTON SPRINGS**

1. The undersigned BIDDER proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to enter into an agreement with OWNER in the form included in the Contract Documents to perform and furnish all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents for the Bid Price and within the Bid Times indicated in this Bid and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.
2. BIDDER accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Advertisement or Invitation to Bid and Instructions to Bidders, including without limitation those dealing with the disposition of Bid security. This Bid will remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the day of Bid opening, or for such longer period of time BIDDER may agree to in writing upon request of OWNER.
3. In submitting this Bid, BIDDER represents, as more fully set forth in the Agreement, that:
 - a. BIDDER has examined and carefully studied the Plans and Specifications for the work and contractual documents relative thereto, and has read all Technical Provisions, Supplementary Conditions, and General Conditions, furnished prior to the opening of Bids and can fulfill the requirements of the work to be performed.
 - b. BIDDER further acknowledges hereby receipt of the following Addenda:

ADDENDUM NO.	DATE

- c. BIDDER has visited the site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local and site conditions possibly affecting cost, progress, performance and furnishing of the Work;
- d. BIDDER is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state, and local Laws and Regulations possibly affecting cost, progress, performance and furnishing of the Work.

- e. BIDDER has carefully studied all reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or contiguous to the site and all drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface or subsurface structure at or contiguous to the site (except underground Facilities) have been identified in the Supplementary Conditions. BIDDER acknowledges such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents and may not be complete for BIDDER's purposes. BIDDER acknowledges OWNER and Engineer do not assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information and data shown or indicated in the Bidding Documents with respect to Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the site. BIDDER has obtained and carefully studied (or assumes responsibility for having done so) all such additional or supplementary examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies and data concerning conditions (surface, subsurface and Underground Facilities) at or contiguous to the site or otherwise which may affect cost progress, performance or furnishing of the work or which relate to any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction to be employed by BIDDER and safety precautions and programs incident thereto. BIDDER does not consider any additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the determination of this Bid for performance and furnishing of the Work in accordance with the times, price and other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents.
 - f. BIDDER is aware of the general nature of Work to be performed by Owner and others at the site relating to Work for which this Bid is submitted as indicated in the Bidding Documents.
 - g. BIDDER has correlated the information known to BIDDER, information and observations obtained from visits to the site, reports and drawings identified in the Bidding Documents and all additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data with the Bidding Documents.
 - h. BIDDER has given ENGINEER written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies BIDDER has discovered in the Bidding Documents and the written resolution thereof by ENGINEER is acceptable to BIDDER. The Bidding Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performing and furnishing the Work for which this Bid is submitted.
 - i. This bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; BIDDER has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid; BIDDER has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from bidding; and BIDDER has not sought by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other Bidder or over OWNER.
4. BIDDER will complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents for the following price(s):

MOORE TRACT - ESPC GRADING PLANS					
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY		COST	
		NUMBER OF UNITS	UNIT MEASURE	PER UNIT	TOTAL COST
Erosion Control					
	Silt Fence - Sd1-S	5,500	LF		
	Construction Entrance	1	EA		
	Rip Rap Outlet Protection	4	EA		
	Temporary Grassing - Seed	106,480	SY		
	Permanent Grassing - Seed	106,480	SY		
	Sediment Basin (including skimmer & outfall)	2	EA		
	Sediment Trap	1	EA		
	Down Drains (18" HDPE)	16	EA		
	Check Dams	32	EA		
Sub-Total, Erosion Control					
Clearing & Grading					
	Site Clearing	22	AC		
	Grading	1	LS		
Sub-Total, Clearing & Grading					
Storm Drainage					
	18" RCP	64	LF		
	18" FES	2	EA		
	24" RCP	64	LF		
	24" FES	2	EA		
Sub-Total, Storm Drainage					
PROJECT TOTAL (WITHOUT ADDITIONALS)					
Additional Items as Approved by Engineer					
	Remove unsuitable material	100	CY		
	Import Borrow Material	100	CY		
	Additional Rip Rap	15	CY		
Sub-Total, Additional Items as Approved by Engineer					
PROJECT TOTAL (WITH ADDITIONALS)					

TOTAL BID FOR ALL ESTIMATED PRICES _____
(Use words)

_____ (\$ _____)
(Figures)

Unit Prices have been computed in accordance with paragraph 11.03.C of the General Conditions.

BIDDER acknowledges estimated quantities are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids, and final payment for all Unit Price Bid items will be based on actual

quantities determined as provided, determined as provided in the Contract Documents.

5. BIDDER agrees the Work will be substantially complete within 60 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run as provided in paragraph 2.03 of the General Conditions, and completed and ready for final payment in accordance with paragraph 14.07 of the General Conditions within 90 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run.
6. BIDDER accepts provisions of the Agreement as to liquidated damages in the event of failure to complete the Work within times specified in the Agreement.
7. The following documents are attached to and made a condition of this Bid:
 - a. Required Bid Security in the form of 10 percent of the Bid Total Price.
 - b. The Addendums attached hereto and entitled Schedule of Prices and Additional Evaluation Factors, and all data, materials and information supporting the same.
 - c. All other forms, documents, materials, and other information required to be made a part of this Proposal Form, as indicated herein or in the Instructions to Offerors.
8. The undersigned further agrees in case of failure on his/her part to execute the said contract and the Bond within 15 consecutive calendar days after written notice being given of the award of the contract, the check or bid bond accompanying this bid, and the monies payable thereon shall be paid into the funds of the Owner as liquidated damages for such failure, otherwise, the check or bid bond accompanying this proposal shall be returned to the undersigned.
9. Communications concerning this Bid shall be addressed to:

Thomas & Hutton
3633 Wheeler Road
Suite 385
Augusta, GA 309096

Attn: William Eubank
Eubank.w@tanh.com
10. Terms used in this Bid which are defined in the General Conditions or Instructions will have the meanings indicated in the General Conditions of Instructions.

SUBMITTED on _____, 20__.

CONTRACTOR'S NAME

ADDRESS:

BY: _____

State Contractor License No. _____

State Utility Contractor License No. _____

DOCUMENT 00 43 13

BID SECURITY FORM

BIDDER (Name and Address):

SURETY (Name and Address of Principal Place of Business):

OWNER (Name and Address):

_____ JDA Stanton Springs

_____ 300 E. Church St.

_____ Monroe, Georgia 30655

BID

BID DUE DATE: _____

PROJECT (Brief Description Including Location):

Clearing and Erosion Control for 22.0 Acres located at 13924 HWY 278, Social Circle, GA 30025. TMS# 0124 039,
0124 048, 0134 005J, 0134 005I, 0134 005K.

BOND

BOND NUMBER: _____ DATE: _____

(Not later than Bid Due Date)

PENAL SUM: _____
(10% of Bid Sum)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Surety and Bidder, intending to be legally bound hereby, subject to the terms printed on the reverse side hereof, do each cause this Bid Bond to be duly executed on its behalf by its authorized officer, agent, or representative.

BIDDER**SURETY**

_____ (Seal) _____ (Seal)

Bidder's Name and Corporate Seal Surety's Name and Corporate Seal

By: _____

Signature and Title

By: _____

Signature and Title
(Attach Power of Attorney)

Attest: _____

Signature and Title

Attest: _____

Signature and Title

Note: (1) Above addresses are to be used for giving required notice.
(2) Any singular reference to Bidder, Surety, Owner, or other party shall be considered plural where applicable.

PENAL SUM FORM

1. Bidder and Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to pay to Owner upon default of Bidder the penal sum set forth on the face of this Bond.
2. Default of Bidder shall occur upon the failure of Bidder to deliver within the time required by the Bidding Documents the executed Agreement required by the Bidding Documents and any performance and payment bonds required by the Bidding Documents and Contract Documents.
3. This obligation shall be null and void if:
 - 3.1 Owner accepts Bidder's bid and Bidder delivers within the time required by the Bidding Documents (or any extension thereof agreed to in writing by Owner) the executed Agreement required by the Bidding Documents and any performance and payment bonds required by the Bidding Documents and Contract Document, or
 - 3.2 All bids are rejected by Owner, or
 - 3.3 Owner fails to issue a notice of award to Bidder within the time specified in the Bidding Documents (or any extension thereof agreed to in writing by bidder and, if applicable, consented to by Surety when required by paragraph 5 hereof.)
4. Payment under this Bond will be due and payable upon default of Bidder and within 30 calendar days after receipt by Bidder and Surety of written notice of default from Owner, which notice will be given with reasonable promptness, identifying this Bond and the Project and including a statement of the amount due.
5. Surety waives notice of and any and all defenses based on arising out of any time extension to issue notice of award agreed to in writing by Owner and Bidder, provided that the time for issuing notice of award including extensions shall not in the aggregate exceed 120 days from Bid Due Date without Surety's written consent.
6. No suit or action shall be commenced under this Bond prior to 30 calendar days after the notice of default required in paragraph 4 above is received by Bidder and Surety, and in no case later than one year after Bid Due Date.
7. Any suit or action under this Bond shall be commenced only in a court of competent jurisdiction located in the state in which the Project is located.
8. Notice required hereunder shall be in writing and sent to Bidder and Surety at their respective addresses shown on the face of this Bond. Such notices may be sent by personal delivery, commercial courier or by United States Registered or Certified Mail, return receipt requested, postage pre-paid, and shall be deemed to be effective upon receipt by the party concerned.
9. Surety shall cause to be attached to this Bond a current and effective Power of Attorney evidencing the authority of the officer, agent or representative who executed this Bond on behalf of Surety to execute, seal and deliver such Bond and bind the Surety thereby.
10. This Bond is intended to conform to all applicable statutory requirements. Any applicable requirement of any applicable statute that has been omitted from this Bond shall be deemed to be included herein as if set forth at length. If any provision of the Bond conflicts with any applicable provision of any applicable statute, then the provision of said statute shall govern and the remainder of this Bond that is not in conflict therewith shall continue in full force and effect.
11. The term "bid" as used herein includes a bid, offer or proposal as applicable.

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- B. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY** (up to 15 points) (please describe management efforts proposed to be undertaken so as to ensure cost-effective, safe and timely construction, to include, without limitation, analysis of personnel/trade/contractor/material availability in the market, quality control process, method of construction supervision, and post-construction warranty; please also indicate ability to deliver to the project by the completion date identified in the Request for Proposal, and describe, without limitation, your present workload and what resources are to be made available or additional efforts undertaken to ensure such timely delivery, to include, without limitation, measures which may minimize dispute or aid in dispute resolution):

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C. OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY (up to 20 points) (please describe your current financial capacity and resources; Offeror should be prepared to furnish materials in support of the same upon request (e.g. certificates of accountants or bankers, financial statements, etc.):

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- D. ADEQUACY AND ABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL** (up to 15 points) (please describe your current key personnel (and in particular those key personnel assigned to the Project) and any and all appropriate data regarding the same (e.g. education, certifications, professional licenses, experience, etc.) and well as any organizational qualifications which may be relevant.

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- E. Proposed Schedule** (up to 20 points) Please provide a detailed CPM schedule including all required schedule milestones identified in the RFP.

NOTE: The spaces provided above are not intended to limit the offeror's response, and attachments for the purpose of providing a more detailed response are welcomed.

NOTE: An AIA DOCUMENT A305 (Contractor's Qualification Statement) or other similar document may be fully and accurately completed by offeror and attached to this form. If any of the information requested hereinabove appears on the AIA DOCUMENT A305 form or similar document and is otherwise redundant, reference to

said AIA DOCUMENT A305 form or similar document may be made hereinabove in lieu of the required statement.

AUTHORIZATION TO INVESTIGATE: Offeror consents to and authorizes the full investigation of the information given herein or in such other forms completed in connection with this proposal and consents to representatives of the Joint Development Authority contacting the named references, named financial institutions, and such other persons as may be needed to confirm such information, and waives any right offeror may have for such information to remain confidential. The furnishing of false or misleading information or the intentional withholding of material facts (as determined by the Authority in its sole discretion), shall be a reason for rejection of the proposal.

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 36-91-21(d): Offeror affirms that it has not prevented or endeavored to prevent any other person or entity from submitting a competing sealed proposal by any means whatsoever, or otherwise caused or induced another to withdraw a proposal from consideration. Offeror further affirms and covenants that it will make an oath confirming the foregoing (as required by O.C.G.A. § 36-91-21(e)) prior to commencing any work, should it be awarded the contract which is the subject of this proposal.

Date: _____

Offeror: _____

Signature: _____

If other than individual:

Entity Name

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

END OF SECTION 00 41 43A

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SECTION 00 51 00**NOTICE OF AWARD**

Dated _____

TO: _____
(Bidder)ADDRESS: _____

JOB NO.: J-26900.0015 _____

PROJECT: Moore Tract – ESPC & Grading _____

CONTRACT
FOR: **Erosion Control, Clearing, Earthwork, Storm Drainage, and all other appurtenant items indicated on the plans and in the Contract Documents and Technical Specifications for Moore Tract ESPC & Grading, located in Newton County, GA.**

You are notified your Bid dated _____, 20____, for the above Contract has been considered. You are the apparent successful bidder and have been awarded a contract for:

Erosion Control, Clearing, Earthwork, Storm Drainage, and all other appurtenant items indicated on the plans and in the Contract Documents and Technical Specifications for Moore Tract ESPC & Grading, located in Newton County, GA.

The Contract Price of your contract is _____

_____ Dollars (\$_____).

3 copies of each of the proposed Contract Documents (except drawings) accompany this Notice of Award.

3 sets of the Drawings will be delivered separately or otherwise made available to you immediately.

You must comply with the following conditions precedent within 15 days of this Notice of Award, which is by _____, 2026.

1. You must deliver to the OWNER 3 fully executed counterparts of the Agreement including all the Contract Documents. Each of the appropriate Contract Documents must bear your signature.
2. You must deliver with the executed Agreement the Contract Security (Bonds) as specified in the Instructions to Bidders (Article 8), General Conditions (paragraph 5.01) and Supplementary Conditions.

Failure to comply with these conditions within the time specified will entitle OWNER to consider your bid in default, to annul this Notice of Award and to declare your Bid Security forfeited.

Within ten days after you comply with the above conditions, OWNER will return to you one fully signed counterpart of the Agreement with the Contract Documents attached.

JDA STANTON SPRINGS
OWNER

By: _____

(Title)

ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
(Authorized Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

DOCUMENT 00 52 43**AGREEMENT FORM**

THIS AGREEMENT is dated as of the _____ day of _____ in the year 2026, by and between JDA Stanton Springs (hereinafter called OWNER) and _____ (hereinafter called CONTRACTOR).

OWNER and CONTRACTOR, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 WORK

CONTRACTOR shall complete all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents. The Work is generally described as follows:

Erosion Control, Clearing, Earthwork, Storm Drainage, and all other appurtenant items indicated on the plans and in the Contract Documents and Technical Specifications for Moore Tract EPC & Grading, located in Newton County, GA.

ARTICLE 2 ENGINEER

The Project has been designed by Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. who is hereinafter called ENGINEER and who is to act as OWNER's representative, assume all duties and responsibilities and have the rights and authority assigned to ENGINEER in the Contract Documents in connection with the completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 3 CONTRACT TIMES

All time limits for Substantial Completion and completion and readiness for final payment as stated in the Contract Documents are of essence to the Contract.

- 3.1 The Work will be substantially completed within 60 days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run as provided in paragraph 2.03 of the General Conditions and completed and ready for final payment in accordance with paragraph 14.07 of the General Conditions within 90 days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run. Included in the contract times are 5 days for rain delay. Time delays due to rain in excess of the above days shall be reported by the Contractor to the Engineer in writing, within 30 days of each event.
- 3.2 *Liquidated Damages.* OWNER and CONTRACTOR recognize time is of the essence for this Agreement and OWNER will suffer financial loss if the Work is not completed within the times specified in paragraph 3.1 above, plus any extensions thereof allowed in accordance with Article 12 of the General Conditions. The parties also recognize the delays, expense, and difficulties involved in proving the actual loss suffered by OWNER if the Work is not substantially complete on time. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof, OWNER and CONTRACTOR agree to liquidated damages for delay (but not as a penalty) the CONTRACTOR shall pay OWNER Two Thousand and 00/100 dollars \$2,000.00 for each day expiring after the time specified in paragraph 3.1 for Substantial Completion until the Work is substantially complete. After Substantial completion, if CONTRACTOR shall

neglect, refuse or fail to complete the remaining Work within the time specified in paragraph 3.1 for completion and readiness for final payment or any proper extension thereof granted by OWNER, CONTRACTOR, shall pay OWNER Two Thousand and 00/00 dollars \$2,000.00 for each day expiring after the time specified in paragraph 3.1 for completion and readiness for final payment.

ARTICLE 4 CONTRACT PRICE

4.1 UNIT PRICE WORK

OWNER shall pay CONTRACTOR for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents an amount in current funds of the amounts determined for all Unit Price Work, an amount equal to the sum of the established unit price for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work times the estimated quantity of item as indicated in the CONTRACTOR'S UNIT PRICE BID (attached hereto as an exhibit), said amount being:

_____ (dollars), \$ _____
(use words) (figures)

As provided in paragraph 11.03 of the General Conditions estimated quantities are not guaranteed, and determinations of actual quantities and classification are to be made by ENGINEER as provided in paragraph 9.07 of the General Conditions. Unit prices have been computed as provided in paragraph 11.03C of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE 5 PAYMENT PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall submit Applications for Payment in accordance with Article 14 of the General Conditions. Applications for Payment will be processed by ENGINEER as provided in the General Conditions.

- 5.1 *Progress Payments; Retainage.* OWNER shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Price on the basis of CONTRACTOR's Applications for Payment as recommended by ENGINEER, on or about the **25th** day of each month during performance of the Work as provided in paragraphs 5.1.1., 5.1.1.2. and 5.2. below. All such payments will be measured by the schedule of values established in paragraph 2.07 of the General Conditions (and in the case of Unit Price Work based on the number of units completed) as provided in the General Requirements.
- 5.1.1 *For Cost of Work:* Progress payments on account of the Cost of the Work will be made:
- 5.1.1.1 Prior to Substantial Completion, progress payments will be made in an amount equal to the percentage indicated below, but, in each case, less the aggregate of payments previously made and less such amounts as ENGINEER shall determine, or OWNER may withhold, in accordance with paragraph 14.02 of the General Conditions.

90% of the Work completed (with the balance being retainage). If Work has been 50% completed as determined by ENGINEER, and if the character and progress of the Work have been satisfactory to OWNER and ENGINEER, OWNER, on recommendation of ENGINEER, may determine as long as the character and progress of the Work remain satisfactory to them, there will be no additional retainage on account of Work completed, in which case the remaining progress payments prior to Substantial Completion will be in an amount equal to 100% of the Work completed.

90% of Cost of the Work (with the balance being retainage) applicable to materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work (but delivered, suitably stored and accompanied by documentation satisfactory to OWNER as provided in paragraph 14.02.A.1 of the General Conditions).

5.1.1.2 Upon Substantial Completion, in an amount sufficient to increase the total payments to CONTRACTOR to **95%** of the Cost of the Work, (with the balance being retainage), less such amounts as ENGINEER shall determine, or OWNER may withhold, in accordance with paragraph 14.02 of the General Conditions.

5.2 *Final Payment.* Upon final completion and acceptance of the Work in accordance with paragraph 14.07 of the General Conditions, OWNER shall pay the remainder of the Contract Price as recommended by ENGINEER as provided in said paragraph 14.07.

ARTICLE 6 INTEREST

All moneys not paid within thirty (30) days of the due date as provided in Article 14 of the General Conditions, shall bear interest at the rate of 6 percent annually or the minimum required by law at the place of the Project, whichever is greater.

ARTICLE 7 CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

In order to induce OWNER to enter into this Agreement CONTRACTOR makes the following representations:

- 7.1 CONTRACTOR has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents (including the Addenda indicated in Article 8 hereinafter) and the other related data identified in the Bidding Documents.
- 7.2 CONTRACTOR has visited the site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local and site conditions possibly affecting cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work.
- 7.3 CONTRACTOR is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state, and local Laws and Regulations possibly affecting cost, progress, performance and furnishing of the Work.
- 7.4 CONTRACTOR has carefully studied all reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or contiguous to the Site and all drawings of physical

conditions in or relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at or contiguous to the Site (except Underground Facilities) which have been identified in the Supplementary Conditions as provided in the General Conditions. CONTRACTOR acknowledges such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents and may not be complete for CONTRACTOR's purposes. CONTRACTOR acknowledges OWNER and ENGINEER do not assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the site. CONTRACTOR has obtained and carefully studied (or assumes responsibility for having done so) all such additional supplementary examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies and data concerning conditions (surface, subsurface and Underground Facilities) at or contiguous to the site or otherwise which may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the construction to be employed by CONTRACTOR and safety precautions and programs incident thereto. CONTRACTOR does not consider any additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the performance and furnishing of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Times and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

- 7.5 CONTRACTOR is aware of the general nature of work to be performed by OWNER and others at the site relating to the Work as indicated in the Contract Documents.
- 7.6 CONTRACTOR has correlated the information known to CONTRACTOR, information and observations obtained from visits to the site, reports and drawings identified in the Contract Documents and all additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data with the Contract Documents.
- 7.7 CONTRACTOR has given ENGINEER written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies CONTRACTOR has discovered in the Contract Documents and the written resolution thereof by ENGINEER is acceptable to CONTRACTOR, and the Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.

ARTICLE 8 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents which comprise the entire agreement between OWNER and CONTRACTOR concerning the Work consist of the following:

- 8.1 Invitation to Bid (Pages 00 11 16-1 to 00 11 16-1, inclusive)
- 8.2 Instructions to Bidders (pages 00 21 13-1 to 00 21 13-8, inclusive)
- 8.3 Bid Form (pages 00 41 43-1 to 00 41 43-5, inclusive)
- 8.4 Bid Security (pages 00 43 13-1 to 00 43 13-2, inclusive)
- 8.5 Supplemental Info Form (pages 00 43 13A-1 to 00 43 13A-6, inclusive)
- 8.6 Notice of Award (pages 00 51 00-1 to pages 00 51 00-3, inclusive)

- 8.7 Agreement Form – Unit Price (Single – Prime Contract) (pages 00 52 43-1 to 00 52 43-8, inclusive)
- 8.8 Notice to Proceed (pages 00 55 00-1 to 00 55 00-2, inclusive)
- 8.9 Performance Bond (pages 00 61 13.13-1 to 00 61 13.13-6, Inclusive)
- 8.10 Payment Bond (pages 00 61 13.16-1 to 00 61 13.16-6, inclusive)
- 8.11 General Conditions (pages 00 72 43-1 to 00 72 43-62, inclusive)
- 8.12 Supplementary Conditions (pages 00 73 00-1 to 00 73 00-4, inclusive)
- 8.13 Special Conditions (pages 00 80 00-1 to 00 80 00-6, inclusive)
- 8.14 Summary of Work (pages 01 11 00-1 to 01 11 00-2, inclusive)
- 8.15 Unit Prices (pages 01 22 00-1 to 01 22 00-2, inclusive)
- 8.16 Submittal Procedures (pages 01 33 00-1 to 01 33 00-7, inclusive)
- 8.17 Quality Control (pages 01 45 00-1 to 01 45 00-3, inclusive)
- 8.18 Testing and Inspecting Services (pages 01 45 23-1 to 01 45 23-5, inclusive)
- 8.19 Closeout Procedures (pages 01 77 00-1 to 01 77 00-2, inclusive)
- 8.20 Technical Specifications consisting of 6 sections, as listed in the Table of Contents.
- 8.21 Drawings consisting of sheets C0 through C3.3 with each sheet bearing the following general title:

Sheet	Description	Job No.	P.E. Signature Date
C0	COVER SHEET	26900.0015	05/12/2026
C1.1	EXISTING CONDITIONS - OVERALL SITE	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC0.1	EROSION CONTROL NOTES	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC0.2	EROSION CONTROL NOTES	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC0.3	EROSION CONTROL NOTES	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC1.1	EROSION CONTROL PLAN - INITIAL PHASE	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC1.2	EROSION CONTROL PLAN - INITIAL PHASE	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC2.1	EROSION CONTROL PLAN - CONSTRUCTION - FINAL PHASE	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC2.2	EROSION CONTROL PLAN - CONSTRUCTION - FINAL PHASE	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC4.1	EROSION CONTROL DETAILS	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC4.2	EROSION CONTROL DETAILS	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC4.3	EROSION CONTROL DETAILS	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC4.4	EROSION CONTROL DETAILS	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC4.5	EROSION CONTROL DETAILS	26900.0015	05/12/2026

Sheet	Description	Job No.	P.E. Signature Date
C3.1	GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN AND PROFILE	26900.0015	05/12/2026
C3.2	GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN	26900.0015	05/12/2026
C3.3	GRADING AND DRAINAGE DETAILS	26900.0015	05/12/2026

8.22 Addenda numbers ____ to ____, inclusive.

Exhibits to this Agreement:

- a. CONTRACTOR's Bid (page ____ through page ____ inclusive) marked "Exhibit ____."
- b. Documentation submitted by CONTRACTOR prior to Notice of Award (pages ____ to ____, inclusive).
- c. Any modification, including Change Orders, duly delivered after execution of Agreement.

There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above in this Article 8. The Contract Documents may only be amended, modified, or supplemented as provided in paragraph 3.04 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE 9 MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.1 Terms used in this Agreement which are defined in Article 1 of the General Conditions will have the meanings indicated in the General Conditions.
- 9.2 No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Contract Documents will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and, specifically but without limitation, moneys becoming due and moneys due, may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract Documents.
- 9.3 OWNER and CONTRACTOR each binds itself, its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto, its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.
- 9.4 Any provision or part of the Contract Documents held to be void or unenforceable under any Law or Regulation shall be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and binding upon OWNER and CONTRACTOR, who agree the Contract Documents shall be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision coming as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OWNER and CONTRACTOR have signed this Agreement in five counterparts. Two counterparts each have been delivered to OWNER and CONTRACTOR and

one counterpart to ENGINEER. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed, initialed or identified by Owner and Contractor or identified by ENGINEER on their behalf.

This Agreement will be effective on _____, 2026 (which is the Effective Date of the Agreement).

OWNER JDA Stanton Springs

CONTRACTOR_____

BY (typed) _____

BY (typed)_____

BY _____

BY_____

ATTEST _____

ATTEST_____

Address for giving notices

300 E. Church Street
Monroe, GA 30655

Address for giving notices

License No. _____

Agent for service of process: _____

CORPORATE SEAL

CORPORATE SEAL

Section 00 55 00
NOTICE TO PROCEED

Dated: _____

TO: _____
(Bidder)

ADDRESS: _____

JOB NO.: J-26900.0015

PROJECT: MOORE TRACT – ESPC & GRADING

CONTRACT
FOR: Erosion Control, Clearing, Earthwork, Storm Drainage, and all other appurtenant items indicated on the plans and in the Contract Documents and Technical Specifications for Moore Tract ESPC & Grading, located in Newton County, GA.

You are notified the Contract Times under the above contract will commence to run on _____, 20____. By such date, you are to start performing your obligations under the Contract Documents. In accordance with Article 3 of the Agreement the dates of Substantial Completion and completion and readiness for final payment are _____, 20__ and _____, 20__, respectively.

Before you may start any Work at the site, paragraph 2.01 of the General Conditions provides you and OWNER must each deliver to the other (with copies to ENGINEER and other identified additional insureds) certificates of insurance which each is required to purchase and maintain in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Before you may start any Work at the site, you must have submitted the following: Certificate of Insurance, Performance Bond, and Payment Bond.

JDA Stanton Springs
OWNER

By: _____

(Title)

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE TO PROCEED

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
(Authorized Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

DOCUMENT 00 61 13.13**PERFORMANCE BOND FORM**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, _____,
(Name & Address of Contractor)

hereinafter called "Principal" and _____,
(Name & Address of Surety)

_____ of _____

State of Georgia, hereinafter called the "Surety" are held and

firmly bound unto JDA Stanton Springs

hereinafter called the "Owner" in the penal sum of _____

_____ Dollars (\$_____)
(Contract Sum)

lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to OWNER, for the payment whereof well and truly to be made we do bind ourselves, our respective executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the above bounden Principal has entered into a certain contract with the Owner dated the _____ day of _____, 20____ for the construction of:

Moore Tract – ESPC & Grading
(Name of Contract/Project)

which said contract is incorporated hereby by reference and made a part hereof, and is hereinafter referred to as the Construction Contract.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such, if the Principal shall promptly and faithfully perform and comply with the terms and conditions of said contract; and shall indemnify and save harmless the Owner against and from all costs, expenses, damages, injury or loss to which said Owner may be subjected by reason of any wrongdoing, including patent infringement, misconduct, want of care or skill, default, or failure of performance on the part of said Principal, its agents, subcontractors or employees, in the execution or performance of said Construction Contract, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

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

2. If the Contractor performs the Construction Contract, the Surety and the Contractor shall have no obligation under this Bond, except to participate in conferences as provided in Subparagraph 3.1.
3. If there is no Owner Default, the Surety's obligations under this Bond shall arise after:
 - 3.1 The Owner has notified the Contractor and the Surety at its address described in Paragraph 10 below, the Owner is considering declaring a Contractor Default and has requested and attempted to arrange a conference with the Contractor and the Surety to be held not later than fifteen days after receipt of such notice to discuss methods of performing the Construction Contract. If the Owner, the Contractor and the Surety agree, the Contractor shall be allowed a reasonable time to perform the Construction Contract, but such an agreement shall not waive the Owner's right, if any, subsequently to declare a Contractor Default; and
 - 3.2 The Owner has declared a Contractor Default and formally terminated the Contractor's right to complete the contract. Such Contractor Default shall not be declared earlier than twenty days after the Contractor and the Surety have received notice as provided in Subparagraph 3.1; and
 - 3.3 The Owner has agreed to pay the Balance of the Contract Price to the Surety in accordance with the terms of the Construction Contract or to a Contractor selected to perform the Construction Contract in accordance with the terms of the contract with the Owner.
4. When the Owner has satisfied the conditions of Paragraph 3, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense, take one of the following actions:
 - 4.1 Arrange for the Contractor, with consent of the Owner, to perform and complete the Construction Contract; or
 - 4.2 Undertake to perform and complete the Construction Contract itself, through its agents or through independent Contractors; or
 - 4.3 Obtain bids or negotiated proposals from qualified Contractors acceptable to the Owner in a contract for performance and completion of the Construction Contract, arrange for a contract to be prepared for execution by the Owner and the Contractor selected with the Owner's concurrence, to be secured with performance and payment bonds executed by a qualified surety equivalent to the bonds issued on the Construction Contract, and pay to the Owner the amount of damages as described in Paragraph 6 in excess of the Balance of the Contract Price incurred by the Owner resulting from the Contractor's default; or
 - 4.4 Waive its right to perform and complete, arrange for completion, or obtain a new Contractor and with reasonable promptness under the circumstances;

- 4.4.1 After investigation, determine the amount for which it may be liable to the Owner and, as soon as practicable after the amount is determined, tender payment therefor to the Owner; or
 - 4.4.2 Deny liability in whole or in part and notify the Owner citing reasons therefor.
- 5. If the Surety does not proceed as provided in paragraph 4 with reasonable promptness, the Surety shall be deemed to be in default on this Bond fifteen days after receipt of an additional written notice from the Owner to the Surety demanding that the Surety perform its obligations under this Bond, and the Owner shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Owner. If the Surety proceeds as provided in Subparagraph 4.4, and the Owner refuses the payment tendered or the Surety has denied liability, in whole or in part, without further notice the Owner shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Owner.
- 6. After the Owner has terminated the Contractor's right to complete the Construction Contract, and if the Surety elects to act under Subparagraph 4.1, 4.2, or 4.3 above, then the responsibilities of the Surety to the Owner shall not be greater than those of the Contractor under the Construction Contract. To the limit of the amount of this Bond, but subject to commitment by the Owner of the Balance of the Contract Price to mitigation of costs and damages on the Construction Contract, the Surety is obligated without duplication for:
 - 6.1 The responsibilities of the Contractor for correction of defective work and completion of the Construction Contract:
 - 6.2 Additional legal, design professional and delay costs resulting from the Contractor's Default, and resulting from the actions or failure to act of the Surety under Paragraph 4; and
 - 6.3 Liquidated damages, or if no liquidated damages are specified in the Construction Contract, actual damages caused by delayed performance or non-performance of the Contractor.
- 7. The Surety shall not be liable to the Owner or others for obligations of the Contractor unrelated to the Contract, and the Balance of the Contract Price shall not be reduced or set off on account of any such unrelated obligations. No right of action shall accrue on this Bond to any person or entity other than the Owner or its heirs, executors, administrators, or successors.
- 8. The Surety hereby waives notice of any changes, including changes of time, to the Construction Contract or to related subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.
- 9. Any proceeding, legal or equitable, under this Bond may be instituted in any court of competent jurisdiction in the location in which the work or part of the work is located and shall be instituted within two years after Contractor Default or within two years after the Contractor ceased working or within two years after the Surety refuses or fails to perform its obligations under this Bond, whichever occurs first. If the provisions of this Paragraph are void or prohibited by law, the minimum

period of limitation available to sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable.

10. Notice to the Surety, the Owner or the Contractor shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the signature page.
11. When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction was to be performed, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. The intent is this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.
12. DEFINITIONS:
 - 12.1 Balance of the Contract Price: The total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor under the Construction Contract after all proper adjustments have been made, including allowance to the Contractor of any amounts received or to be received by the Owner in settlement of insurance or other claims for damages to which the Contractor is entitled, reduced by all valid and proper payments made to or on behalf of the Contractor under the Construction Contract.
 - 12.2 Construction Contract: The agreement between the Owner and the Contractor identified on the signature page, including all Contract Documents and changes thereto;
 - 12.3 Contractor Default: Failure of the Contractor, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to perform or otherwise to comply with the terms of the Construction Contract.
 - 12.4 Owner Default: Failure of the Owner, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to pay the Contractor as required by the Construction Contract or to perform and complete or comply with the other terms thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed in six counterparts, each one of which shall be deemed an original, on this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL:

Principal

(Principal) Secretary

By: _____
(Signature & Title)

(SEAL)

Address

Witness as to Principal

Address

SURETY:

Surety (Company)

(Surety) Secretary

By: _____
Attorney-in-Fact

(SEAL)

Witness as to Surety

Address

Notes:

1. Date of Bond must not be prior to date of Contract. If Contractor is a Partnership, all partners should execute bond.
2. Bond must be countersigned by a Georgia resident agent.
3. Surety companies executing bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the state where the project is located.

DOCUMENT 00 61 13.16**PAYMENT BOND FORM**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, _____,
(Name & Address of Contractor)

hereinafter called "Principal" and _____,
(Name & Address of Surety)

_____ of _____

State of Georgia, hereinafter called the "Surety" are held and

firmly bound unto JDA Stanton Springs

hereinafter called the "Owner" in the penal sum of _____

_____ Dollars (\$_____)
(Contract Sum)

lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to OWNER, for the payment whereof well and truly to be made we do bind ourselves, our respective executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the above bounden Principal has entered into a certain contract with the Owner dated the _____ day of _____, 20____ for the construction of:

Moore Track – ESPC & Grading
(Name of Contract/Project)

which said contract is incorporated hereby by reference and made a part hereof, and is hereinafter referred to as the Construction Contract.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such, if the Principal shall promptly make payment to all claimants as hereinafter defined, for all labor and materials supplied in the prosecution of the work provided for in said Construction Contract, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect, subject, however, to the following conditions:

1. The Contractor and the Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Owner for the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. With respect to the Owner, this obligation shall be null and void if the Contractor:

- 2.1 Promptly makes payment, directly or indirectly, for all sums due Claimants; and
- 2.2 Defends, indemnifies and holds harmless the Owner from claims, demands, liens or suits by any person or entity whose claim, demand, lien or suit is for payment for labor, materials or equipment furnished for use in the performance of the Construction Contract, provided the Owner has promptly notified the Contractor and the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) of any claims, demands, liens or suits and tendered defense of such claims, demands, liens or suits to the Contractor and the Surety, and provided there is no Owner Default.
- 3. With respect to Claimants, this obligation shall be null and void if the Contractor promptly makes payment, directly or indirectly, for all sums due.
- 4. The Surety shall have no obligation to Claimants under this Bond until:
 - 4.1 Claimants who are employed by or have a direct contract with the Contractor have given notice to the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the Owner, stating a claim is being made under this Bond and, with substantial accuracy, the amount of claim.
 - 4.2 Claimants who do not have a direct contract with the Contractor:
 - 4.2.1 Have furnished written notice to the Contractor and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the Owner, within 90 days after having last performed labor or last furnished materials or equipment included in the claim stating, with substantial accuracy, the amount of the claim and the name of the party to whom the materials were furnished or supplied or for whom the labor was performed; and
 - 4.2.2 Have either received a rejection in whole or in part from the Contractor, or not received within 30 days of furnishing the above notice, any communication from the Contractor by which the Contractor has indicated the claim will be paid directly or indirectly; and
 - 4.2.3 Not having been paid within 30 days, have sent a written notice to the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the Owner, stating a claim is being made under this Bond and enclosing a copy of the previous written notice furnished to the Contractor.
- 5. Compliance shall be considered sufficient if a notice required by paragraph 4 is given by the Owner to the Contractor or to the Surety.
- 6. When the Claimant has satisfied the conditions of Paragraph 4, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense take the following actions:

- 6.1 Send an answer to the Claimant, with a copy to the Owner, within 45 days after receipt of the claim stating the amounts undisputed and basis for challenging any amounts disputed.
- 6.2 Pay or arrange for payment of any undisputed amounts.
- 7. The Surety's total obligation shall not exceed the amount of this Bond, and the amount of this Bond shall be credited for any payments made in good faith by the Surety.
- 8. Amounts owed by the Owner to the Contractor under the Construction Contract shall be used for the performance of the Construction Contract and to satisfy claims, if any, under any Construction Performance Bond. By the Contractor furnishing and the Owner accepting this Bond, they agree all funds earned by the Contractor in the performance of the Construction Contract are dedicated to satisfy obligations of the Contractor and the Surety under this Bond, subject to the Owner's priority to use the funds for the completion of the work.
- 9. The Surety shall not be liable to the Owner, Claimants or others for obligations of the Contractor unrelated to the Construction Contract. The Owner shall not be liable for payment of any costs or expenses of any Claimant under this Bond, and shall have under this Bond no obligations to make payments to, give notices on behalf of, or otherwise have obligations to Claimants under this Bond.
- 10. The Surety hereby waives notice of any change, including changes of time, to the Construction Contract or to related subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.
- 11. No suit or action shall be commenced by a Claimant under this bond other than in a court of competent jurisdiction in the location in which the work or part of the work is located or after the expiration of one year from the date (1) on which the Claimant gave the notice required by Subparagraph 4.1 or Clause 4.2.3, or (2) on which the last labor or service was performed by anyone or the last materials or equipment were furnished by anyone under the Construction Contract, whichever of (1) or (2) first occurs. If the provisions of this paragraph are void or prohibited by law, the minimum period of limitation available to Sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable.
- 12. Notice to the Surety, Owner or Contractor shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the signature page. Actual receipt of notice by the Surety, Owner, or Contractor, however accomplished, shall be sufficient compliance as of the date received at the address shown on the signature page.
- 13. When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction was to be performed, any provision in the Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. The intent is this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

14. Upon request of any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of this Bond, the Contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of this Bond or shall permit a copy to be made.
15. DEFINITIONS:
 - 15.1 Claimant: An individual or entity having a direct contract with the Contractor or with a Subcontractor of the Contractor to furnish labor, material, or equipment for use in the performance of the Contract. The intent of this Bond shall be to include without limitation in the terms "labor, materials or equipment," that part of water, gas, power, light, heat, oil, gasoline, telephone service or rental equipment used in the Construction Contract, architectural and engineering services required for performance of the work of the Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors, and all other items for which a mechanic's lien may be asserted in the jurisdiction where the labor, materials or equipment were furnished.
 - 15.2 Construction Contract: The agreement between the Owner and the Contractor identified on the signature page, including all Contract Documents and changes thereto.
 - 15.3 Owner Default: Failure of the Owner, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to pay the Contractor as required by the Construction Contract or to perform and complete or comply with the other terms thereof.

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ARTICLE 1—DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

1.01 *Defined Terms*

- A. Wherever used in the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents, a term printed with initial capital letters, including the term's singular and plural forms, will have the meaning indicated in the definitions below. In addition to terms specifically defined, terms with initial capital letters in the Contract Documents include references to identified articles and paragraphs, and the titles of other documents or forms.
1. *Addenda*—Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the opening of Bids which clarify, correct, or change the Bidding Requirements or the proposed Contract Documents.
 2. *Agreement*—The written instrument, executed by Owner and Contractor, that sets forth the Contract Price and Contract Times, identifies the parties and the Engineer, and designates the specific items that are Contract Documents.
 3. *Application for Payment*—The document prepared by Contractor, in a form acceptable to Engineer, to request progress or final payments, and which is to be accompanied by such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents.
 4. *Bid*—The offer of a Bidder submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the prices for the Work to be performed.
 5. *Bidder*—An individual or entity that submits a Bid to Owner.
 6. *Bidding Documents*—The Bidding Requirements, the proposed Contract Documents, and all Addenda.
 7. *Bidding Requirements*—The Advertisement or invitation to bid, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Bond or other Bid security, if any, the Bid Form, and the Bid with any attachments.
 8. *Change Order*—A document which is signed by Contractor and Owner and authorizes an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times, or other revision to the Contract, issued on or after the Effective Date of the Contract.
 9. *Change Proposal*—A written request by Contractor, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth herein, seeking an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times; contesting an initial decision by Engineer concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents or the acceptability of Work under the Contract Documents; challenging a set-off against payments due; or seeking other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract.
 10. *Claim*
 - a. A demand or assertion by Owner directly to Contractor, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth herein, seeking an adjustment of Contract Price or Contract Times; contesting an initial decision by Engineer concerning the

requirements of the Contract Documents or the acceptability of Work under the Contract Documents; contesting Engineer's decision regarding a Change Proposal; seeking resolution of a contractual issue that Engineer has declined to address; or seeking other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract.

- b. A demand or assertion by Contractor directly to Owner, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth herein, contesting Engineer's decision regarding a Change Proposal, or seeking resolution of a contractual issue that Engineer has declined to address.
 - c. A demand or assertion by Owner or Contractor, duly submitted in compliance with the procedural requirements set forth herein, made pursuant to Paragraph 12.01.A.4, concerning disputes arising after Engineer has issued a recommendation of final payment.
 - d. A demand for money or services by a third party is not a Claim.
- 11. *Constituent of Concern*—Asbestos, petroleum, radioactive materials, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), lead-based paint (as defined by the HUD/EPA standard), hazardous waste, and any substance, product, waste, or other material of any nature whatsoever that is or becomes listed, regulated, or addressed pursuant to Laws and Regulations regulating, relating to, or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning, any hazardous, toxic, or dangerous waste, substance, or material.
 - 12. *Contract*—The entire and integrated written contract between Owner and Contractor concerning the Work.
 - 13. *Contract Documents*—Those items so designated in the Agreement, and which together comprise the Contract.
 - 14. *Contract Price*—The money that Owner has agreed to pay Contractor for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
 - 15. *Contract Times*—The number of days or the dates by which Contractor shall: (a) achieve Milestones, if any; (b) achieve Substantial Completion; and (c) complete the Work.
 - 16. *Contractor*—The individual or entity with which Owner has contracted for performance of the Work.
 - 17. *Cost of the Work*—See Paragraph 13.01 for definition.
 - 18. *Drawings*—The part of the Contract that graphically shows the scope, extent, and character of the Work to be performed by Contractor.
 - 19. *Effective Date of the Contract*—The date, indicated in the Agreement, on which the Contract becomes effective.
 - 20. *Electronic Document*—Any Project-related correspondence, attachments to correspondence, data, documents, drawings, information, or graphics, including but not limited to Shop Drawings and other Submittals, that are in an electronic or digital format.
 - 21. *Electronic Means*—Electronic mail (email), upload/download from a secure Project website, or other communications methods that allow: (a) the transmission or communication of Electronic Documents; (b) the documentation of transmissions, including sending and receipt; (c) printing of the transmitted Electronic Document by the

recipient; (d) the storage and archiving of the Electronic Document by sender and recipient; and (e) the use by recipient of the Electronic Document for purposes permitted by this Contract. Electronic Means does not include the use of text messaging, or of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or similar social media services for transmission of Electronic Documents.

22. *Engineer*—The individual or entity named as such in the Agreement.
23. *Field Order*—A written order issued by Engineer which requires minor changes in the Work but does not change the Contract Price or the Contract Times.
24. *Hazardous Environmental Condition*—The presence at the Site of Constituents of Concern in such quantities or circumstances that may present a danger to persons or property exposed thereto.
 - a. The presence at the Site of materials that are necessary for the execution of the Work, or that are to be incorporated into the Work, and that are controlled and contained pursuant to industry practices, Laws and Regulations, and the requirements of the Contract, is not a Hazardous Environmental Condition.
 - b. The presence of Constituents of Concern that are to be removed or remediated as part of the Work is not a Hazardous Environmental Condition.
 - c. The presence of Constituents of Concern as part of the routine, anticipated, and obvious working conditions at the Site, is not a Hazardous Environmental Condition.
25. *Laws and Regulations; Laws or Regulations*—Any and all applicable laws, statutes, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, and binding decrees, resolutions, and orders of any and all governmental bodies, agencies, authorities, and courts having jurisdiction.
26. *Liens*—Charges, security interests, or encumbrances upon Contract-related funds, real property, or personal property.
27. *Milestone*—A principal event in the performance of the Work that the Contract requires Contractor to achieve by an intermediate completion date, or by a time prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work.
28. *Notice of Award*—The written notice by Owner to a Bidder of Owner's acceptance of the Bid.
29. *Notice to Proceed*—A written notice by Owner to Contractor fixing the date on which the Contract Times will commence to run and on which Contractor shall start to perform the Work.
30. *Owner*—The individual or entity with which Contractor has contracted regarding the Work, and which has agreed to pay Contractor for the performance of the Work, pursuant to the terms of the Contract.
31. *Progress Schedule*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, describing the sequence and duration of the activities comprising Contractor's plan to accomplish the Work within the Contract Times.
32. *Project*—The total undertaking to be accomplished for Owner by engineers, contractors, and others, including planning, study, design, construction, testing, commissioning, and start-up, and of which the Work to be performed under the Contract Documents is a part.

33. *Resident Project Representative*—The authorized representative of Engineer assigned to assist Engineer at the Site. As used herein, the term Resident Project Representative (RPR) includes any assistants or field staff of Resident Project Representative.
34. *Samples*—Physical examples of materials, equipment, or workmanship that are representative of some portion of the Work and that establish the standards by which such portion of the Work will be judged.
35. *Schedule of Submittals*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, of required submittals and the time requirements for Engineer's review of the submittals.
36. *Schedule of Values*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, allocating portions of the Contract Price to various portions of the Work and used as the basis for reviewing Contractor's Applications for Payment.
37. *Shop Drawings*—All drawings, diagrams, illustrations, schedules, and other data or information that are specifically prepared or assembled by or for Contractor and submitted by Contractor to illustrate some portion of the Work. Shop Drawings, whether approved or not, are not Drawings and are not Contract Documents.
38. *Site*—Lands or areas indicated in the Contract Documents as being furnished by Owner upon which the Work is to be performed, including rights-of-way and easements, and such other lands or areas furnished by Owner which are designated for the use of Contractor.
39. *Specifications*—The part of the Contract that consists of written requirements for materials, equipment, systems, standards, and workmanship as applied to the Work, and certain administrative requirements and procedural matters applicable to the Work.
40. *Subcontractor*—An individual or entity having a direct contract with Contractor or with any other Subcontractor for the performance of a part of the Work.
41. *Submittal*—A written or graphic document, prepared by or for Contractor, which the Contract Documents require Contractor to submit to Engineer, or that is indicated as a Submittal in the Schedule of Submittals accepted by Engineer. Submittals may include Shop Drawings and Samples; schedules; product data; Owner-delegated designs; sustainable design information; information on special procedures; testing plans; results of tests and evaluations, source quality-control testing and inspections, and field or Site quality-control testing and inspections; warranties and certifications; Suppliers' instructions and reports; records of delivery of spare parts and tools; operations and maintenance data; Project photographic documentation; record documents; and other such documents required by the Contract Documents. Submittals, whether or not approved or accepted by Engineer, are not Contract Documents. Change Proposals, Change Orders, Claims, notices, Applications for Payment, and requests for interpretation or clarification are not Submittals.
42. *Substantial Completion*—The time at which the Work (or a specified part thereof) has progressed to the point where, in the opinion of Engineer, the Work (or a specified part thereof) is sufficiently complete, in accordance with the Contract Documents, so that the Work (or a specified part thereof) can be utilized for the purposes for which it is intended. The terms "substantially complete" and "substantially completed" as applied to all or part of the Work refer to Substantial Completion of such Work.

43. *Successful Bidder*—The Bidder to which the Owner makes an award of contract.
44. *Supplementary Conditions*—The part of the Contract that amends or supplements these General Conditions.
45. *Supplier*—A manufacturer, fabricator, supplier, distributor, or vendor having a direct contract with Contractor or with any Subcontractor to furnish materials or equipment to be incorporated in the Work by Contractor or a Subcontractor.
46. *Technical Data*
- a. Those items expressly identified as Technical Data in the Supplementary Conditions, with respect to either (1) existing subsurface conditions at or adjacent to the Site, or existing physical conditions at or adjacent to the Site including existing surface or subsurface structures (except Underground Facilities) or (2) Hazardous Environmental Conditions at the Site.
 - b. If no such express identifications of Technical Data have been made with respect to conditions at the Site, then Technical Data is defined, with respect to conditions at the Site under Paragraphs 5.03, 5.04, and 5.06, as the data contained in boring logs, recorded measurements of subsurface water levels, assessments of the condition of subsurface facilities, laboratory test results, and other factual, objective information regarding conditions at the Site that are set forth in any geotechnical, environmental, or other Site or facilities conditions report prepared for the Project and made available to Contractor.
 - c. Information and data regarding the presence or location of Underground Facilities are not intended to be categorized, identified, or defined as Technical Data, and instead Underground Facilities are shown or indicated on the Drawings.
47. *Underground Facilities*—All active or not-in-service underground lines, pipelines, conduits, ducts, encasements, cables, wires, manholes, vaults, tanks, tunnels, or other such facilities or systems at the Site, including but not limited to those facilities or systems that produce, transmit, distribute, or convey telephone or other communications, cable television, fiber optic transmissions, power, electricity, light, heat, gases, oil, crude oil products, liquid petroleum products, water, steam, waste, wastewater, storm water, other liquids or chemicals, or traffic or other control systems. An abandoned facility or system is not an Underground Facility.
48. *Unit Price Work*—Work to be paid for on the basis of unit prices.
49. *Work*—The entire construction or the various separately identifiable parts thereof required to be provided under the Contract Documents. Work includes and is the result of performing or providing all labor, services, and documentation necessary to produce such construction; furnishing, installing, and incorporating all materials and equipment into such construction; and may include related services such as testing, start-up, and commissioning, all as required by the Contract Documents.
50. *Work Change Directive*—A written directive to Contractor issued on or after the Effective Date of the Contract, signed by Owner and recommended by Engineer, ordering an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work.

1.02 Terminology

- A. The words and terms discussed in Paragraphs 1.02.B, C, D, and E are not defined terms that require initial capital letters, but, when used in the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents, have the indicated meaning.
- B. *Intent of Certain Terms or Adjectives:* The Contract Documents include the terms “as allowed,” “as approved,” “as ordered,” “as directed” or terms of like effect or import to authorize an exercise of professional judgment by Engineer. In addition, the adjectives “reasonable,” “suitable,” “acceptable,” “proper,” “satisfactory,” or adjectives of like effect or import are used to describe an action or determination of Engineer as to the Work. It is intended that such exercise of professional judgment, action, or determination will be solely to evaluate, in general, the Work for compliance with the information in the Contract Documents and with the design concept of the Project as a functioning whole as shown or indicated in the Contract Documents (unless there is a specific statement indicating otherwise). The use of any such term or adjective is not intended to and shall not be effective to assign to Engineer any duty or authority to supervise or direct the performance of the Work, or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility contrary to the provisions of Article 10 or any other provision of the Contract Documents.
- C. *Day:* The word “day” means a calendar day of 24 hours measured from midnight to the next midnight.
- D. *Defective:* The word “defective,” when modifying the word “Work,” refers to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty, or deficient in that it:
 - 1. does not conform to the Contract Documents;
 - 2. does not meet the requirements of any applicable inspection, reference standard, test, or approval referred to in the Contract Documents; or
 - 3. has been damaged prior to Engineer’s recommendation of final payment (unless responsibility for the protection thereof has been assumed by Owner at Substantial Completion in accordance with Paragraph 15.03 or Paragraph 15.04).
- E. *Furnish, Install, Perform, Provide*
 - 1. The word “furnish,” when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, means to supply and deliver said services, materials, or equipment to the Site (or some other specified location) ready for use or installation and in usable or operable condition.
 - 2. The word “install,” when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, means to put into use or place in final position said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.
 - 3. The words “perform” or “provide,” when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, means to furnish and install said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.
 - 4. If the Contract Documents establish an obligation of Contractor with respect to specific services, materials, or equipment, but do not expressly use any of the four words “furnish,” “install,” “perform,” or “provide,” then Contractor shall furnish and install said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.

- F. *Contract Price or Contract Times*: References to a change in “Contract Price or Contract Times” or “Contract Times or Contract Price” or similar, indicate that such change applies to (1) Contract Price, (2) Contract Times, or (3) both Contract Price and Contract Times, as warranted, even if the term “or both” is not expressed.
- G. Unless stated otherwise in the Contract Documents, words or phrases that have a well-known technical or construction industry or trade meaning are used in the Contract Documents in accordance with such recognized meaning.

ARTICLE 2—PRELIMINARY MATTERS

2.01 *Delivery of Performance and Payment Bonds; Evidence of Insurance*

- A. *Performance and Payment Bonds*: When Contractor delivers the signed counterparts of the Agreement to Owner, Contractor shall also deliver to Owner the performance bond and payment bond (if the Contract requires Contractor to furnish such bonds).
- B. *Evidence of Contractor’s Insurance*: When Contractor delivers the signed counterparts of the Agreement to Owner, Contractor shall also deliver to Owner, with copies to each additional insured (as identified in the Contract), the certificates, endorsements, and other evidence of insurance required to be provided by Contractor in accordance with Article 6, except to the extent the Supplementary Conditions expressly establish other dates for delivery of specific insurance policies.
- C. *Evidence of Owner’s Insurance*: After receipt of the signed counterparts of the Agreement and all required bonds and insurance documentation, Owner shall promptly deliver to Contractor, with copies to each additional insured (as identified in the Contract), the certificates and other evidence of insurance required to be provided by Owner under Article 6.

2.02 *Copies of Documents*

- A. Owner shall furnish to Contractor four printed copies of the Contract (including one fully signed counterpart of the Agreement), and one copy in electronic portable document format (PDF). Additional printed copies will be furnished upon request at the cost of reproduction.
- B. Owner shall maintain and safeguard at least one original printed record version of the Contract, including Drawings and Specifications signed and sealed by Engineer and other design professionals. Owner shall make such original printed record version of the Contract available to Contractor for review. Owner may delegate the responsibilities under this provision to Engineer.

2.03 *Before Starting Construction*

- A. *Preliminary Schedules*: Within 10 days after the Effective Date of the Contract (or as otherwise required by the Contract Documents), Contractor shall submit to Engineer for timely review:
 - 1. a preliminary Progress Schedule indicating the times (numbers of days or dates) for starting and completing the various stages of the Work, including any Milestones specified in the Contract;
 - 2. a preliminary Schedule of Submittals; and
 - 3. a preliminary Schedule of Values for all of the Work which includes quantities and prices of items which when added together equal the Contract Price and subdivides the Work

into component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during performance of the Work. Such prices will include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work.

2.04 *Preconstruction Conference; Designation of Authorized Representatives*

- A. Before any Work at the Site is started, a conference attended by Owner, Contractor, Engineer, and others as appropriate will be held to establish a working understanding among the parties as to the Work, and to discuss the schedules referred to in Paragraph 2.03.A, procedures for handling Shop Drawings, Samples, and other Submittals, processing Applications for Payment, electronic or digital transmittals, and maintaining required records.
- B. At this conference Owner and Contractor each shall designate, in writing, a specific individual to act as its authorized representative with respect to the services and responsibilities under the Contract. Such individuals shall have the authority to transmit and receive information, render decisions relative to the Contract, and otherwise act on behalf of each respective party.

2.05 *Acceptance of Schedules*

- A. At least 10 days before submission of the first Application for Payment a conference, attended by Contractor, Engineer, and others as appropriate, will be held to review the schedules submitted in accordance with Paragraph 2.03.A. No progress payment will be made to Contractor until acceptable schedules are submitted to Engineer.
 - 1. The Progress Schedule will be acceptable to Engineer if it provides an orderly progression of the Work to completion within the Contract Times. Such acceptance will not impose on Engineer responsibility for the Progress Schedule, for sequencing, scheduling, or progress of the Work, nor interfere with or relieve Contractor from Contractor's full responsibility therefor.
 - 2. Contractor's Schedule of Submittals will be acceptable to Engineer if it provides a workable arrangement for reviewing and processing the required submittals.
 - 3. Contractor's Schedule of Values will be acceptable to Engineer as to form and substance if it provides a reasonable allocation of the Contract Price to the component parts of the Work.
 - 4. If a schedule is not acceptable, Contractor will have an additional 10 days to revise and resubmit the schedule.

2.06 *Electronic Transmittals*

- A. Except as otherwise stated elsewhere in the Contract, the Owner, Engineer, and Contractor may send, and shall accept, Electronic Documents transmitted by Electronic Means.
- B. If the Contract does not establish protocols for Electronic Means, then Owner, Engineer, and Contractor shall jointly develop such protocols.
- C. Subject to any governing protocols for Electronic Means, when transmitting Electronic Documents by Electronic Means, the transmitting party makes no representations as to long-term compatibility, usability, or readability of the Electronic Documents resulting from the recipient's use of software application packages, operating systems, or computer hardware differing from those used in the drafting or transmittal of the Electronic Documents.

ARTICLE 3—CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: INTENT, REQUIREMENTS, REUSE

3.01 *Intent*

- A. The Contract Documents are complementary; what is required by one Contract Document is as binding as if required by all.
- B. It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete Project (or part thereof) to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- C. Unless otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, if there is a discrepancy between the electronic versions of the Contract Documents (including any printed copies derived from such electronic versions) and the printed record version, the printed record version will govern.
- D. The Contract supersedes prior negotiations, representations, and agreements, whether written or oral.
- E. Engineer will issue clarifications and interpretations of the Contract Documents as provided herein.
- F. Any provision or part of the Contract Documents held to be void or unenforceable under any Law or Regulation will be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions will continue to be valid and binding upon Owner and Contractor, which agree that the Contract Documents will be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision that comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.
- G. Nothing in the Contract Documents creates:
 - 1. any contractual relationship between Owner or Engineer and any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity performing or furnishing any of the Work, for the benefit of such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity; or
 - 2. any obligation on the part of Owner or Engineer to pay or to see to the payment of any money due any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity, except as may otherwise be required by Laws and Regulations.

3.02 *Reference Standards*

- A. *Standards Specifications, Codes, Laws and Regulations*
 - 1. Reference in the Contract Documents to standard specifications, manuals, reference standards, or codes of any technical society, organization, or association, or to Laws or Regulations, whether such reference be specific or by implication, means the standard specification, manual, reference standard, code, or Laws or Regulations in effect at the time of opening of Bids (or on the Effective Date of the Contract if there were no Bids), except as may be otherwise specifically stated in the Contract Documents.
 - 2. No provision of any such standard specification, manual, reference standard, or code, and no instruction of a Supplier, will be effective to change the duties or responsibilities of Owner, Contractor, or Engineer from those set forth in the part of the Contract Documents prepared by or for Engineer. No such provision or instruction shall be effective to assign to Owner or Engineer any duty or authority to supervise or direct the performance of the Work, or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility

inconsistent with the provisions of the part of the Contract Documents prepared by or for Engineer.

3.03 *Reporting and Resolving Discrepancies*

A. *Reporting Discrepancies*

1. *Contractor's Verification of Figures and Field Measurements:* Before undertaking each part of the Work, Contractor shall carefully study the Contract Documents, and check and verify pertinent figures and dimensions therein, particularly with respect to applicable field measurements. Contractor shall promptly report in writing to Engineer any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy that Contractor discovers, or has actual knowledge of, and shall not proceed with any Work affected thereby until the conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy is resolved by a clarification or interpretation by Engineer, or by an amendment or supplement to the Contract issued pursuant to Paragraph 11.01.
2. *Contractor's Review of Contract Documents:* If, before or during the performance of the Work, Contractor discovers any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy within the Contract Documents, or between the Contract Documents and (a) any applicable Law or Regulation, (b) actual field conditions, (c) any standard specification, manual, reference standard, or code, or (d) any instruction of any Supplier, then Contractor shall promptly report it to Engineer in writing. Contractor shall not proceed with the Work affected thereby (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15) until the conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy is resolved, by a clarification or interpretation by Engineer, or by an amendment or supplement to the Contract issued pursuant to Paragraph 11.01.
3. Contractor shall not be liable to Owner or Engineer for failure to report any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy in the Contract Documents unless Contractor had actual knowledge thereof.

B. *Resolving Discrepancies*

1. Except as may be otherwise specifically stated in the Contract Documents, the provisions of the part of the Contract Documents prepared by or for Engineer take precedence in resolving any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy between such provisions of the Contract Documents and:
 - a. the provisions of any standard specification, manual, reference standard, or code, or the instruction of any Supplier (whether or not specifically incorporated by reference as a Contract Document); or
 - b. the provisions of any Laws or Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work (unless such an interpretation of the provisions of the Contract Documents would result in violation of such Law or Regulation).

3.04 *Requirements of the Contract Documents*

- A. During the performance of the Work and until final payment, Contractor and Owner shall submit to the Engineer in writing all matters in question concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents (sometimes referred to as requests for information or interpretation—RFIs), or relating to the acceptability of the Work under the Contract Documents, as soon as possible after such matters arise. Engineer will be the initial interpreter of the requirements of the Contract Documents, and judge of the acceptability of the Work.

- B. Engineer will, with reasonable promptness, render a written clarification, interpretation, or decision on the issue submitted, or initiate an amendment or supplement to the Contract Documents. Engineer's written clarification, interpretation, or decision will be final and binding on Contractor, unless it appeals by submitting a Change Proposal, and on Owner, unless it appeals by filing a Claim.
- C. If a submitted matter in question concerns terms and conditions of the Contract Documents that do not involve (1) the performance or acceptability of the Work under the Contract Documents, (2) the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), or (3) other engineering or technical matters, then Engineer will promptly notify Owner and Contractor in writing that Engineer is unable to provide a decision or interpretation. If Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on resolution of such a matter in question, either party may pursue resolution as provided in Article 12.

3.05 *Reuse of Documents*

- A. Contractor and its Subcontractors and Suppliers shall not:
 - 1. have or acquire any title to or ownership rights in any of the Drawings, Specifications, or other documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the seal of Engineer or its consultants, including electronic media versions, or reuse any such Drawings, Specifications, other documents, or copies thereof on extensions of the Project or any other project without written consent of Owner and Engineer and specific written verification or adaptation by Engineer; or
 - 2. have or acquire any title or ownership rights in any other Contract Documents, reuse any such Contract Documents for any purpose without Owner's express written consent, or violate any copyrights pertaining to such Contract Documents.
- B. The prohibitions of this Paragraph 3.05 will survive final payment, or termination of the Contract. Nothing herein precludes Contractor from retaining copies of the Contract Documents for record purposes.

ARTICLE 4—COMMENCEMENT AND PROGRESS OF THE WORK

4.01 *Commencement of Contract Times; Notice to Proceed*

- A. The Contract Times will commence to run on the 30th day after the Effective Date of the Contract or, if a Notice to Proceed is given, on the day indicated in the Notice to Proceed. A Notice to Proceed may be given at any time within 30 days after the Effective Date of the Contract. In no event will the Contract Times commence to run later than the 60th day after the day of Bid opening or the 30th day after the Effective Date of the Contract, whichever date is earlier.

4.02 *Starting the Work*

- A. Contractor shall start to perform the Work on the date when the Contract Times commence to run. No Work may be done at the Site prior to such date.

4.03 *Reference Points*

- A. Owner shall provide engineering surveys to establish reference points for construction which in Engineer's judgment are necessary to enable Contractor to proceed with the Work. Contractor shall be responsible for laying out the Work, shall protect and preserve the

established reference points and property monuments, and shall make no changes or relocations without the prior written approval of Owner. Contractor shall report to Engineer whenever any reference point or property monument is lost or destroyed or requires relocation because of necessary changes in grades or locations, and shall be responsible for the accurate replacement or relocation of such reference points or property monuments by professionally qualified personnel.

4.04 *Progress Schedule*

- A. Contractor shall adhere to the Progress Schedule established in accordance with Paragraph 2.05 as it may be adjusted from time to time as provided below.
 - 1. Contractor shall submit to Engineer for acceptance (to the extent indicated in Paragraph 2.05) proposed adjustments in the Progress Schedule that will not result in changing the Contract Times.
 - 2. Proposed adjustments in the Progress Schedule that will change the Contract Times must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of Article 11.
- B. Contractor shall carry on the Work and adhere to the Progress Schedule during all disputes or disagreements with Owner. No Work will be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, or during any appeal process, except as permitted by Paragraph 16.04, or as Owner and Contractor may otherwise agree in writing.

4.05 *Delays in Contractor's Progress*

- A. If Owner, Engineer, or anyone for whom Owner is responsible, delays, disrupts, or interferes with the performance or progress of the Work, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times.
- B. Contractor shall not be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times for delay, disruption, or interference caused by or within the control of Contractor. Delay, disruption, and interference attributable to and within the control of a Subcontractor or Supplier shall be deemed to be within the control of Contractor.
- C. If Contractor's performance or progress is delayed, disrupted, or interfered with by unanticipated causes not the fault of and beyond the control of Owner, Contractor, and those for which they are responsible, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in Contract Times. Such an adjustment will be Contractor's sole and exclusive remedy for the delays, disruption, and interference described in this paragraph. Causes of delay, disruption, or interference that may give rise to an adjustment in Contract Times under this paragraph include but are not limited to the following:
 - 1. Severe and unavoidable natural catastrophes such as fires, floods, epidemics, and earthquakes;
 - 2. Abnormal weather conditions;
 - 3. Acts or failures to act of third-party utility owners or other third-party entities (other than those third-party utility owners or other third-party entities performing other work at or adjacent to the Site as arranged by or under contract with Owner, as contemplated in Article 8); and
 - 4. Acts of war or terrorism.

- D. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of Contract Times or Contract Price is limited as follows:
1. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is conditioned on the delay, disruption, or interference adversely affecting an activity on the critical path to completion of the Work, as of the time of the delay, disruption, or interference.
 2. Contractor shall not be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price for any delay, disruption, or interference if such delay is concurrent with a delay, disruption, or interference caused by or within the control of Contractor. Such a concurrent delay by Contractor shall not preclude an adjustment of Contract Times to which Contractor is otherwise entitled.
 3. Adjustments of Contract Times or Contract Price are subject to the provisions of Article 11.
- E. Each Contractor request or Change Proposal seeking an increase in Contract Times or Contract Price must be supplemented by supporting data that sets forth in detail the following:
1. The circumstances that form the basis for the requested adjustment;
 2. The date upon which each cause of delay, disruption, or interference began to affect the progress of the Work;
 3. The date upon which each cause of delay, disruption, or interference ceased to affect the progress of the Work;
 4. The number of days' increase in Contract Times claimed as a consequence of each such cause of delay, disruption, or interference; and
 5. The impact on Contract Price, in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 11.07.
- Contractor shall also furnish such additional supporting documentation as Owner or Engineer may require including, where appropriate, a revised progress schedule indicating all the activities affected by the delay, disruption, or interference, and an explanation of the effect of the delay, disruption, or interference on the critical path to completion of the Work.
- F. Delays, disruption, and interference to the performance or progress of the Work resulting from the existence of a differing subsurface or physical condition, an Underground Facility that was not shown or indicated by the Contract Documents, or not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy, and those resulting from Hazardous Environmental Conditions, are governed by Article 5, together with the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D and 4.05.E.
- G. Paragraph 8.03 addresses delays, disruption, and interference to the performance or progress of the Work resulting from the performance of certain other work at or adjacent to the Site.

ARTICLE 5—SITE; SUBSURFACE AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS; HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

5.01 *Availability of Lands*

- A. Owner shall furnish the Site. Owner shall notify Contractor in writing of any encumbrances or restrictions not of general application but specifically related to use of the Site with which Contractor must comply in performing the Work.

- B. Upon reasonable written request, Owner shall furnish Contractor with a current statement of record legal title and legal description of the lands upon which permanent improvements are to be made and Owner's interest therein as necessary for giving notice of or filing a mechanic's or construction lien against such lands in accordance with applicable Laws and Regulations.
- C. Contractor shall provide for all additional lands and access thereto that may be required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment.

5.02 *Use of Site and Other Areas*

A. *Limitation on Use of Site and Other Areas*

1. Contractor shall confine construction equipment, temporary construction facilities, the storage of materials and equipment, and the operations of workers to the Site, adjacent areas that Contractor has arranged to use through construction easements or otherwise, and other adjacent areas permitted by Laws and Regulations, and shall not unreasonably encumber the Site and such other adjacent areas with construction equipment or other materials or equipment. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for (a) damage to the Site; (b) damage to any such other adjacent areas used for Contractor's operations; (c) damage to any other adjacent land or areas, or to improvements, structures, utilities, or similar facilities located at such adjacent lands or areas; and (d) for injuries and losses sustained by the owners or occupants of any such land or areas; provided that such damage or injuries result from the performance of the Work or from other actions or conduct of the Contractor or those for which Contractor is responsible.
 2. If a damage or injury claim is made by the owner or occupant of any such land or area because of the performance of the Work, or because of other actions or conduct of the Contractor or those for which Contractor is responsible, Contractor shall (a) take immediate corrective or remedial action as required by Paragraph 7.13, or otherwise; (b) promptly attempt to settle the claim as to all parties through negotiations with such owner or occupant, or otherwise resolve the claim by arbitration or other dispute resolution proceeding, or in a court of competent jurisdiction; and (c) to the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them, from and against any such claim, and against all costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to any claim or action, legal or equitable, brought by any such owner or occupant against Owner, Engineer, or any other party indemnified hereunder to the extent caused directly or indirectly, in whole or in part by, or based upon, Contractor's performance of the Work, or because of other actions or conduct of the Contractor or those for which Contractor is responsible.
- B. *Removal of Debris During Performance of the Work:* During the progress of the Work the Contractor shall keep the Site and other adjacent areas free from accumulations of waste materials, rubbish, and other debris. Removal and disposal of such waste materials, rubbish, and other debris will conform to applicable Laws and Regulations.
 - C. *Cleaning:* Prior to Substantial Completion of the Work Contractor shall clean the Site and the Work and make it ready for utilization by Owner. At the completion of the Work Contractor shall remove from the Site and adjacent areas all tools, appliances, construction equipment

and machinery, and surplus materials and shall restore to original condition all property not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents.

- D. *Loading of Structures:* Contractor shall not load nor permit any part of any structure to be loaded in any manner that will endanger the structure, nor shall Contractor subject any part of the Work or adjacent structures or land to stresses or pressures that will endanger them.

5.03 *Subsurface and Physical Conditions*

- A. *Reports and Drawings:* The Supplementary Conditions identify:

1. Those reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or adjacent to the Site that contain Technical Data;
2. Those drawings of existing physical conditions at or adjacent to the Site, including those drawings depicting existing surface or subsurface structures at or adjacent to the Site (except Underground Facilities), that contain Technical Data; and
3. Technical Data contained in such reports and drawings.

- B. *Underground Facilities:* Underground Facilities are shown or indicated on the Drawings, pursuant to Paragraph 5.05, and not in the drawings referred to in Paragraph 5.03.A. Information and data regarding the presence or location of Underground Facilities are not intended to be categorized, identified, or defined as Technical Data.

- C. *Reliance by Contractor on Technical Data:* Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of the Technical Data expressly identified in the Supplementary Conditions with respect to such reports and drawings, but such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents. If no such express identification has been made, then Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of the Technical Data as defined in Paragraph 1.01.A.46.b.

- D. *Limitations of Other Data and Documents:* Except for such reliance on Technical Data, Contractor may not rely upon or make any claim against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, with respect to:
1. the completeness of such reports and drawings for Contractor's purposes, including, but not limited to, any aspects of the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto;
 2. other data, interpretations, opinions, and information contained in such reports or shown or indicated in such drawings;
 3. the contents of other Site-related documents made available to Contractor, such as record drawings from other projects at or adjacent to the Site, or Owner's archival documents concerning the Site; or
 4. any Contractor interpretation of or conclusion drawn from any Technical Data or any such other data, interpretations, opinions, or information.

5.04 *Differing Subsurface or Physical Conditions*

- A. *Notice by Contractor:* If Contractor believes that any subsurface or physical condition that is uncovered or revealed at the Site:
1. is of such a nature as to establish that any Technical Data on which Contractor is entitled to rely as provided in Paragraph 5.03 is materially inaccurate;
 2. is of such a nature as to require a change in the Drawings or Specifications;
 3. differs materially from that shown or indicated in the Contract Documents; or
 4. is of an unusual nature, and differs materially from conditions ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in the Contract Documents;

then Contractor shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before further disturbing the subsurface or physical conditions or performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15), notify Owner and Engineer in writing about such condition. Contractor shall not further disturb such condition or perform any Work in connection therewith (except with respect to an emergency) until receipt of a written statement permitting Contractor to do so.

- B. *Engineer's Review:* After receipt of written notice as required by the preceding paragraph, Engineer will promptly review the subsurface or physical condition in question; determine whether it is necessary for Owner to obtain additional exploration or tests with respect to the condition; conclude whether the condition falls within any one or more of the differing site condition categories in Paragraph 5.04.A; obtain any pertinent cost or schedule information from Contractor; prepare recommendations to Owner regarding the Contractor's resumption of Work in connection with the subsurface or physical condition in question and the need for any change in the Drawings or Specifications; and advise Owner in writing of Engineer's findings, conclusions, and recommendations.
- C. *Owner's Statement to Contractor Regarding Site Condition:* After receipt of Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations, Owner shall issue a written statement to Contractor (with a copy to Engineer) regarding the subsurface or physical condition in question, addressing the resumption of Work in connection with such condition, indicating whether any change in the Drawings or Specifications will be made, and adopting or rejecting Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations, in whole or in part.
- D. *Early Resumption of Work:* If at any time Engineer determines that Work in connection with the subsurface or physical condition in question may resume prior to completion of Engineer's review or Owner's issuance of its statement to Contractor, because the condition in question has been adequately documented, and analyzed on a preliminary basis, then the Engineer may at its discretion instruct Contractor to resume such Work.
- E. *Possible Price and Times Adjustments*
1. Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, to the extent that the existence of a differing subsurface or physical condition, or any related delay, disruption, or interference, causes an increase or decrease in

Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of the Work; subject, however, to the following:

- a. Such condition must fall within any one or more of the categories described in Paragraph 5.04.A;
 - b. With respect to Work that is paid for on a unit price basis, any adjustment in Contract Price will be subject to the provisions of Paragraph 13.03; and,
 - c. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D and 4.05.E.
2. Contractor shall not be entitled to any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times with respect to a subsurface or physical condition if:
 - a. Contractor knew of the existence of such condition at the time Contractor made a commitment to Owner with respect to Contract Price and Contract Times by the submission of a Bid or becoming bound under a negotiated contract, or otherwise;
 - b. The existence of such condition reasonably could have been discovered or revealed as a result of any examination, investigation, exploration, test, or study of the Site and contiguous areas expressly required by the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents to be conducted by or for Contractor prior to Contractor's making such commitment; or
 - c. Contractor failed to give the written notice required by Paragraph 5.04.A.
 3. If Owner and Contractor agree regarding Contractor's entitlement to and the amount or extent of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, then any such adjustment will be set forth in a Change Order.
 4. Contractor may submit a Change Proposal regarding its entitlement to or the amount or extent of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, no later than 30 days after Owner's issuance of the Owner's written statement to Contractor regarding the subsurface or physical condition in question.
- F. *Underground Facilities; Hazardous Environmental Conditions:* Paragraph 5.05 governs rights and responsibilities regarding the presence or location of Underground Facilities. Paragraph 5.06 governs rights and responsibilities regarding Hazardous Environmental Conditions. The provisions of Paragraphs 5.03 and 5.04 are not applicable to the presence or location of Underground Facilities, or to Hazardous Environmental Conditions.

5.05 *Underground Facilities*

- A. *Contractor's Responsibilities:* Unless it is otherwise expressly provided in the Supplementary Conditions, the cost of all of the following are included in the Contract Price, and Contractor shall have full responsibility for:
1. reviewing and checking all information and data regarding existing Underground Facilities at the Site;
 2. complying with applicable state and local utility damage prevention Laws and Regulations;

3. verifying the actual location of those Underground Facilities shown or indicated in the Contract Documents as being within the area affected by the Work, by exposing such Underground Facilities during the course of construction;
 4. coordination of the Work with the owners (including Owner) of such Underground Facilities, during construction; and
 5. the safety and protection of all existing Underground Facilities at the Site, and repairing any damage thereto resulting from the Work.
- B. *Notice by Contractor:* If Contractor believes that an Underground Facility that is uncovered or revealed at the Site was not shown or indicated on the Drawings, or was not shown or indicated on the Drawings with reasonable accuracy, then Contractor shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before further disturbing conditions affected thereby or performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15), notify Owner and Engineer in writing regarding such Underground Facility.
- C. *Engineer's Review:* Engineer will:
1. promptly review the Underground Facility and conclude whether such Underground Facility was not shown or indicated on the Drawings, or was not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy;
 2. identify and communicate with the owner of the Underground Facility; prepare recommendations to Owner (and if necessary issue any preliminary instructions to Contractor) regarding the Contractor's resumption of Work in connection with the Underground Facility in question;
 3. obtain any pertinent cost or schedule information from Contractor; determine the extent, if any, to which a change is required in the Drawings or Specifications to reflect and document the consequences of the existence or location of the Underground Facility; and
 4. advise Owner in writing of Engineer's findings, conclusions, and recommendations.
- During such time, Contractor shall be responsible for the safety and protection of such Underground Facility.
- D. *Owner's Statement to Contractor Regarding Underground Facility:* After receipt of Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations, Owner shall issue a written statement to Contractor (with a copy to Engineer) regarding the Underground Facility in question addressing the resumption of Work in connection with such Underground Facility, indicating whether any change in the Drawings or Specifications will be made, and adopting or rejecting Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations in whole or in part.
- E. *Early Resumption of Work:* If at any time Engineer determines that Work in connection with the Underground Facility may resume prior to completion of Engineer's review or Owner's issuance of its statement to Contractor, because the Underground Facility in question and conditions affected by its presence have been adequately documented, and analyzed on a preliminary basis, then the Engineer may at its discretion instruct Contractor to resume such Work.
- F. *Possible Price and Times Adjustments*
1. Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, to the extent that any existing Underground Facility at the Site that was not shown

or indicated on the Drawings, or was not shown or indicated with reasonable accuracy, or any related delay, disruption, or interference, causes an increase or decrease in Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of the Work; subject, however, to the following:

- a. With respect to Work that is paid for on a unit price basis, any adjustment in Contract Price will be subject to the provisions of Paragraph 13.03;
 - b. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D and 4.05.E; and
 - c. Contractor gave the notice required in Paragraph 5.05.B.
2. If Owner and Contractor agree regarding Contractor's entitlement to and the amount or extent of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, then any such adjustment will be set forth in a Change Order.
 3. Contractor may submit a Change Proposal regarding its entitlement to or the amount or extent of any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, no later than 30 days after Owner's issuance of the Owner's written statement to Contractor regarding the Underground Facility in question.
 4. The information and data shown or indicated on the Drawings with respect to existing Underground Facilities at the Site is based on information and data (a) furnished by the owners of such Underground Facilities, or by others, (b) obtained from available records, or (c) gathered in an investigation conducted in accordance with the current edition of ASCE 38, Standard Guideline for the Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data, by the American Society of Civil Engineers. If such information or data is incorrect or incomplete, Contractor's remedies are limited to those set forth in this Paragraph 5.05.F.

5.06 *Hazardous Environmental Conditions at Site*

A. *Reports and Drawings:* The Supplementary Conditions identify:

1. those reports known to Owner relating to Hazardous Environmental Conditions that have been identified at or adjacent to the Site;
2. drawings known to Owner relating to Hazardous Environmental Conditions that have been identified at or adjacent to the Site; and
3. Technical Data contained in such reports and drawings.

B. *Reliance by Contractor on Technical Data Authorized:* Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of the Technical Data expressly identified in the Supplementary Conditions with respect to such reports and drawings, but such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents. If no such express identification has been made, then Contractor may rely on the accuracy of the Technical Data as defined in Paragraph 1.01.A.46.b. Except for such reliance on Technical Data, Contractor may not rely upon or make any claim against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, with respect to:

1. the completeness of such reports and drawings for Contractor's purposes, including, but not limited to, any aspects of the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures

- of construction to be employed by Contractor, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto;
2. other data, interpretations, opinions, and information contained in such reports or shown or indicated in such drawings; or
 3. any Contractor interpretation of or conclusion drawn from any Technical Data or any such other data, interpretations, opinions or information.
- C. Contractor shall not be responsible for removing or remediating any Hazardous Environmental Condition encountered, uncovered, or revealed at the Site unless such removal or remediation is expressly identified in the Contract Documents to be within the scope of the Work.
- D. Contractor shall be responsible for controlling, containing, and duly removing all Constituents of Concern brought to the Site by Contractor, Subcontractors, Suppliers, or anyone else for whom Contractor is responsible, and for any associated costs; and for the costs of removing and remediating any Hazardous Environmental Condition created by the presence of any such Constituents of Concern.
- E. If Contractor encounters, uncovers, or reveals a Hazardous Environmental Condition whose removal or remediation is not expressly identified in the Contract Documents as being within the scope of the Work, or if Contractor or anyone for whom Contractor is responsible creates a Hazardous Environmental Condition, then Contractor shall immediately: (1) secure or otherwise isolate such condition; (2) stop all Work in connection with such condition and in any area affected thereby (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 7.15); and (3) notify Owner and Engineer (and promptly thereafter confirm such notice in writing). Owner shall promptly consult with Engineer concerning the necessity for Owner to retain a qualified expert to evaluate such condition or take corrective action, if any. Promptly after consulting with Engineer, Owner shall take such actions as are necessary to permit Owner to timely obtain required permits and provide Contractor the written notice required by Paragraph 5.06.F. If Contractor or anyone for whom Contractor is responsible created the Hazardous Environmental Condition in question, then Owner may remove and remediate the Hazardous Environmental Condition, and impose a set-off against payments to account for the associated costs.
- F. Contractor shall not resume Work in connection with such Hazardous Environmental Condition or in any affected area until after Owner has obtained any required permits related thereto, and delivered written notice to Contractor either (1) specifying that such condition and any affected area is or has been rendered safe for the resumption of Work, or (2) specifying any special conditions under which such Work may be resumed safely.
- G. If Owner and Contractor cannot agree as to entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, as a result of such Work stoppage, such special conditions under which Work is agreed to be resumed by Contractor, or any costs or expenses incurred in response to the Hazardous Environmental Condition, then within 30 days of Owner's written notice regarding the resumption of Work, Contractor may submit a Change Proposal, or Owner may impose a set-off. Entitlement to any such adjustment is subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D, 4.05.E, 11.07, and 11.08.
- H. If, after receipt of such written notice, Contractor does not agree to resume such Work based on a reasonable belief it is unsafe, or does not agree to resume such Work under such special

conditions, then Owner may order the portion of the Work that is in the area affected by such condition to be deleted from the Work, following the contractual change procedures in Article 11. Owner may have such deleted portion of the Work performed by Owner's own forces or others in accordance with Article 8.

- I. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Contractor, Subcontractors, and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them, from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals, and all court, arbitration, or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to a Hazardous Environmental Condition, provided that such Hazardous Environmental Condition (1) was not shown or indicated in the Drawings, Specifications, or other Contract Documents, identified as Technical Data entitled to limited reliance pursuant to Paragraph 5.06.B, or identified in the Contract Documents to be included within the scope of the Work, and (2) was not created by Contractor or by anyone for whom Contractor is responsible. Nothing in this Paragraph 5.06.I obligates Owner to indemnify any individual or entity from and against the consequences of that individual's or entity's own negligence.
- J. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them, from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to the failure to control, contain, or remove a Constituent of Concern brought to the Site by Contractor or by anyone for whom Contractor is responsible, or to a Hazardous Environmental Condition created by Contractor or by anyone for whom Contractor is responsible. Nothing in this Paragraph 5.06.J obligates Contractor to indemnify any individual or entity from and against the consequences of that individual's or entity's own negligence.
- K. The provisions of Paragraphs 5.03, 5.04, and 5.05 do not apply to the presence of Constituents of Concern or to a Hazardous Environmental Condition uncovered or revealed at the Site.

ARTICLE 6—BONDS AND INSURANCE

6.01 *Performance, Payment, and Other Bonds*

- A. Contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond, each in an amount at least equal to the Contract Price, as security for the faithful performance and payment of Contractor's obligations under the Contract. These bonds must remain in effect until one year after the date when final payment becomes due or until completion of the correction period specified in Paragraph 15.08, whichever is later, except as provided otherwise by Laws or Regulations, the terms of a prescribed bond form, the Supplementary Conditions, or other provisions of the Contract.
- B. Contractor shall also furnish such other bonds (if any) as are required by the Supplementary Conditions or other provisions of the Contract.
- C. All bonds must be in the form included in the Bidding Documents or otherwise specified by Owner prior to execution of the Contract, except as provided otherwise by Laws or

Regulations, and must be issued and signed by a surety named in “Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies” as published in Department Circular 570 (as amended and supplemented) by the Bureau of the Fiscal Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury. A bond signed by an agent or attorney-in-fact must be accompanied by a certified copy of that individual’s authority to bind the surety. The evidence of authority must show that it is effective on the date the agent or attorney-in-fact signed the accompanying bond.

- D. Contractor shall obtain the required bonds from surety companies that are duly licensed or authorized, in the state or jurisdiction in which the Project is located, to issue bonds in the required amounts.
- E. If the surety on a bond furnished by Contractor is declared bankrupt or becomes insolvent, or the surety ceases to meet the requirements above, then Contractor shall promptly notify Owner and Engineer in writing and shall, within 20 days after the event giving rise to such notification, provide another bond and surety, both of which must comply with the bond and surety requirements above.
- F. If Contractor has failed to obtain a required bond, Owner may exclude the Contractor from the Site and exercise Owner’s termination rights under Article 16.
- G. Upon request to Owner from any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other person or entity claiming to have furnished labor, services, materials, or equipment used in the performance of the Work, Owner shall provide a copy of the payment bond to such person or entity.
- H. Upon request to Contractor from any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other person or entity claiming to have furnished labor, services, materials, or equipment used in the performance of the Work, Contractor shall provide a copy of the payment bond to such person or entity.

6.02 *Insurance—General Provisions*

- A. Owner and Contractor shall obtain and maintain insurance as required in this article and in the Supplementary Conditions.
- B. All insurance required by the Contract to be purchased and maintained by Owner or Contractor shall be obtained from insurance companies that are duly licensed or authorized in the state or jurisdiction in which the Project is located to issue insurance policies for the required limits and coverages. Unless a different standard is indicated in the Supplementary Conditions, all companies that provide insurance policies required under this Contract shall have an A.M. Best rating of A-VII or better.
- C. Alternative forms of insurance coverage, including but not limited to self-insurance and “Occupational Accident and Excess Employer’s Indemnity Policies,” are not sufficient to meet the insurance requirements of this Contract, unless expressly allowed in the Supplementary Conditions.
- D. Contractor shall deliver to Owner, with copies to each additional insured identified in the Contract, certificates of insurance and endorsements establishing that Contractor has obtained and is maintaining the policies and coverages required by the Contract. Upon request by Owner or any other insured, Contractor shall also furnish other evidence of such required insurance, including but not limited to copies of policies, documentation of applicable self-insured retentions (if allowed) and deductibles, full disclosure of all relevant exclusions, and evidence of insurance required to be purchased and maintained by

Subcontractors or Suppliers. In any documentation furnished under this provision, Contractor, Subcontractors, and Suppliers may block out (redact) (1) any confidential premium or pricing information and (2) any wording specific to a project or jurisdiction other than those applicable to this Contract.

- E. Owner shall deliver to Contractor, with copies to each additional insured identified in the Contract, certificates of insurance and endorsements establishing that Owner has obtained and is maintaining the policies and coverages required of Owner by the Contract (if any). Upon request by Contractor or any other insured, Owner shall also provide other evidence of such required insurance (if any), including but not limited to copies of policies, documentation of applicable self-insured retentions (if allowed) and deductibles, and full disclosure of all relevant exclusions. In any documentation furnished under this provision, Owner may block out (redact) (1) any confidential premium or pricing information and (2) any wording specific to a project or jurisdiction other than those relevant to this Contract.
- F. Failure of Owner or Contractor to demand such certificates or other evidence of the other party's full compliance with these insurance requirements, or failure of Owner or Contractor to identify a deficiency in compliance from the evidence provided, will not be construed as a waiver of the other party's obligation to obtain and maintain such insurance.
- G. In addition to the liability insurance required to be provided by Contractor, the Owner, at Owner's option, may purchase and maintain Owner's own liability insurance. Owner's liability policies, if any, operate separately and independently from policies required to be provided by Contractor, and Contractor cannot rely upon Owner's liability policies for any of Contractor's obligations to the Owner, Engineer, or third parties.
- H. Contractor shall require:
 - 1. Subcontractors to purchase and maintain worker's compensation, commercial general liability, and other insurance that is appropriate for their participation in the Project, and to name as additional insureds Owner and Engineer (and any other individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions as additional insureds on Contractor's liability policies) on each Subcontractor's commercial general liability insurance policy; and
 - 2. Suppliers to purchase and maintain insurance that is appropriate for their participation in the Project.
- I. If either party does not purchase or maintain the insurance required of such party by the Contract, such party shall notify the other party in writing of such failure to purchase prior to the start of the Work, or of such failure to maintain prior to any change in the required coverage.
- J. If Contractor has failed to obtain and maintain required insurance, Contractor's entitlement to enter or remain at the Site will end immediately, and Owner may impose an appropriate set-off against payment for any associated costs (including but not limited to the cost of purchasing necessary insurance coverage), and exercise Owner's termination rights under Article 16.
- K. Without prejudice to any other right or remedy, if a party has failed to obtain required insurance, the other party may elect (but is in no way obligated) to obtain equivalent insurance to protect such other party's interests at the expense of the party who was required to provide such coverage, and the Contract Price will be adjusted accordingly.

- L. Owner does not represent that insurance coverage and limits established in this Contract necessarily will be adequate to protect Contractor or Contractor's interests. Contractor is responsible for determining whether such coverage and limits are adequate to protect its interests, and for obtaining and maintaining any additional insurance that Contractor deems necessary.
- M. The insurance and insurance limits required herein will not be deemed as a limitation on Contractor's liability, or that of its Subcontractors or Suppliers, under the indemnities granted to Owner and other individuals and entities in the Contract or otherwise.
- N. All the policies of insurance required to be purchased and maintained under this Contract will contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled, or renewal refused, until at least 10 days prior written notice has been given to the purchasing policyholder. Within three days of receipt of any such written notice, the purchasing policyholder shall provide a copy of the notice to each other insured and Engineer.

6.03 *Contractor's Insurance*

- A. *Required Insurance:* Contractor shall purchase and maintain Worker's Compensation, Commercial General Liability, and other insurance pursuant to the specific requirements of the Supplementary Conditions.
- B. *General Provisions:* The policies of insurance required by this Paragraph 6.03 as supplemented must:
 - 1. include at least the specific coverages required;
 - 2. be written for not less than the limits provided, or those required by Laws or Regulations, whichever is greater;
 - 3. remain in effect at least until the Work is complete (as set forth in Paragraph 15.06.D), and longer if expressly required elsewhere in this Contract, and at all times thereafter when Contractor may be correcting, removing, or replacing defective Work as a warranty or correction obligation, or otherwise, or returning to the Site to conduct other tasks arising from the Contract;
 - 4. apply with respect to the performance of the Work, whether such performance is by Contractor, any Subcontractor or Supplier, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable; and
 - 5. include all necessary endorsements to support the stated requirements.
- C. *Additional Insureds:* The Contractor's commercial general liability, automobile liability, employer's liability, umbrella or excess, pollution liability, and unmanned aerial vehicle liability policies, if required by this Contract, must:
 - 1. include and list as additional insureds Owner and Engineer, and any individuals or entities identified as additional insureds in the Supplementary Conditions;
 - 2. include coverage for the respective officers, directors, members, partners, employees, and consultants of all such additional insureds;
 - 3. afford primary coverage to these additional insureds for all claims covered thereby (including as applicable those arising from both ongoing and completed operations);

4. not seek contribution from insurance maintained by the additional insured; and
5. as to commercial general liability insurance, apply to additional insureds with respect to liability caused in whole or in part by Contractor's acts or omissions, or the acts and omissions of those working on Contractor's behalf, in the performance of Contractor's operations.

6.04 *Builder's Risk and Other Property Insurance*

- A. *Builder's Risk*: Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, Contractor shall purchase and maintain builder's risk insurance upon the Work on a completed value basis, in the amount of the Work's full insurable replacement cost (subject to such deductible amounts as may be provided in the Supplementary Conditions or required by Laws and Regulations). The specific requirements applicable to the builder's risk insurance are set forth in the Supplementary Conditions.
- B. *Property Insurance for Facilities of Owner Where Work Will Occur*: Owner is responsible for obtaining and maintaining property insurance covering each existing structure, building, or facility in which any part of the Work will occur, or to which any part of the Work will attach or be adjoined. Such property insurance will be written on a special perils (all-risk) form, on a replacement cost basis, providing coverage consistent with that required for the builder's risk insurance, and will be maintained until the Work is complete, as set forth in Paragraph 15.06.D.
- C. *Property Insurance for Substantially Complete Facilities*: Promptly after Substantial Completion, and before actual occupancy or use of the substantially completed Work, Owner will obtain property insurance for such substantially completed Work, and maintain such property insurance at least until the Work is complete, as set forth in Paragraph 15.06.D. Such property insurance will be written on a special perils (all-risk) form, on a replacement cost basis, and provide coverage consistent with that required for the builder's risk insurance. The builder's risk insurance may terminate upon written confirmation of Owner's procurement of such property insurance.
- D. *Partial Occupancy or Use by Owner*: If Owner will occupy or use a portion or portions of the Work prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work, as provided in Paragraph 15.04, then Owner (directly, if it is the purchaser of the builder's risk policy, or through Contractor) will provide advance notice of such occupancy or use to the builder's risk insurer, and obtain an endorsement consenting to the continuation of coverage prior to commencing such partial occupancy or use.
- E. *Insurance of Other Property; Additional Insurance*: If the express insurance provisions of the Contract do not require or address the insurance of a property item or interest, then the entity or individual owning such property item will be responsible for insuring it. If Contractor elects to obtain other special insurance to be included in or supplement the builder's risk or property insurance policies provided under this Paragraph 6.04, it may do so at Contractor's expense.

6.05 *Property Losses; Subrogation*

- A. The builder's risk insurance policy purchased and maintained in accordance with Paragraph 6.04 (or an installation floater policy if authorized by the Supplementary Conditions), will contain provisions to the effect that in the event of payment of any loss or damage the insurer will have no rights of recovery against any insureds thereunder, or against

Engineer or its consultants, or their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors.

1. Owner and Contractor waive all rights against each other and the respective officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them, for all losses and damages caused by, arising out of, or resulting from any of the perils, risks, or causes of loss covered by such policies and any other property insurance applicable to the Work; and, in addition, waive all such rights against Engineer, its consultants, all individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions as builder's risk or installation floater insureds, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them, under such policies for losses and damages so caused.
 2. None of the above waivers extends to the rights that any party making such waiver may have to the proceeds of insurance held by Owner or Contractor as trustee or fiduciary, or otherwise payable under any policy so issued.
- B. Any property insurance policy maintained by Owner covering any loss, damage, or consequential loss to Owner's existing structures, buildings, or facilities in which any part of the Work will occur, or to which any part of the Work will attach or adjoin; to adjacent structures, buildings, or facilities of Owner; or to part or all of the completed or substantially completed Work, during partial occupancy or use pursuant to Paragraph 15.04, after Substantial Completion pursuant to Paragraph 15.03, or after final payment pursuant to Paragraph 15.06, will contain provisions to the effect that in the event of payment of any loss or damage the insurer will have no rights of recovery against any insureds thereunder, or against Contractor, Subcontractors, or Engineer, or the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors of each and any of them, and that the insured is allowed to waive the insurer's rights of subrogation in a written contract executed prior to the loss, damage, or consequential loss.
1. Owner waives all rights against Contractor, Subcontractors, and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them, for all losses and damages caused by, arising out of, or resulting from fire or any of the perils, risks, or causes of loss covered by such policies.
- C. The waivers in this Paragraph 6.05 include the waiver of rights due to business interruption, loss of use, or other consequential loss extending beyond direct physical loss or damage to Owner's property or the Work caused by, arising out of, or resulting from fire or other insured peril, risk, or cause of loss.
- D. Contractor shall be responsible for assuring that each Subcontract contains provisions whereby the Subcontractor waives all rights against Owner, Contractor, all individuals or entities identified in the Supplementary Conditions as insureds, the Engineer and its consultants, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them, for all losses and damages caused by, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from fire or other peril, risk, or cause of loss covered by builder's risk insurance, installation floater, and any other property insurance applicable to the Work.

6.06 *Receipt and Application of Property Insurance Proceeds*

- A. Any insured loss under the builder's risk and other policies of property insurance required by Paragraph 6.04 will be adjusted and settled with the named insured that purchased the policy. Such named insured shall act as fiduciary for the other insureds, and give notice to such other insureds that adjustment and settlement of a claim is in progress. Any other insured may state its position regarding a claim for insured loss in writing within 15 days after notice of such claim.
- B. Proceeds for such insured losses may be made payable by the insurer either jointly to multiple insureds, or to the named insured that purchased the policy in its own right and as fiduciary for other insureds, subject to the requirements of any applicable mortgage clause. A named insured receiving insurance proceeds under the builder's risk and other policies of insurance required by Paragraph 6.04 shall maintain such proceeds in a segregated account, and distribute such proceeds in accordance with such agreement as the parties in interest may reach, or as otherwise required under the dispute resolution provisions of this Contract or applicable Laws and Regulations.
- C. If no other special agreement is reached, Contractor shall repair or replace the damaged Work, using allocated insurance proceeds.

ARTICLE 7—CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

7.01 *Contractor's Means and Methods of Construction*

- A. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction.
- B. If the Contract Documents note, or Contractor determines, that professional engineering or other design services are needed to carry out Contractor's responsibilities for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures, or for Site safety, then Contractor shall cause such services to be provided by a properly licensed design professional, at Contractor's expense. Such services are not Owner-delegated professional design services under this Contract, and neither Owner nor Engineer has any responsibility with respect to (1) Contractor's determination of the need for such services, (2) the qualifications or licensing of the design professionals retained or employed by Contractor, (3) the performance of such services, or (4) any errors, omissions, or defects in such services.

7.02 *Supervision and Superintendence*

- A. Contractor shall supervise, inspect, and direct the Work competently and efficiently, devoting such attention thereto and applying such skills and expertise as may be necessary to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- B. At all times during the progress of the Work, Contractor shall assign a competent resident superintendent who will not be replaced without written notice to Owner and Engineer except under extraordinary circumstances.

7.03 *Labor; Working Hours*

- A. Contractor shall provide competent, suitably qualified personnel to survey and lay out the Work and perform construction as required by the Contract Documents. Contractor shall maintain good discipline and order at the Site.

- B. Contractor shall be fully responsible to Owner and Engineer for all acts and omissions of Contractor's employees; of Suppliers and Subcontractors, and their employees; and of any other individuals or entities performing or furnishing any of the Work, just as Contractor is responsible for Contractor's own acts and omissions.
- C. Except as otherwise required for the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Site or adjacent thereto, and except as otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, all Work at the Site will be performed during regular working hours, Monday through Friday. Contractor will not perform Work on a Saturday, Sunday, or any legal holiday. Contractor may perform Work outside regular working hours or on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays only with Owner's written consent, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

7.04 *Services, Materials, and Equipment*

- A. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall provide and assume full responsibility for all services, materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, light, heat, telephone, water, sanitary facilities, temporary facilities, and all other facilities and incidentals necessary for the performance, testing, start up, and completion of the Work, whether or not such items are specifically called for in the Contract Documents.
- B. All materials and equipment incorporated into the Work must be new and of good quality, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. All special warranties and guarantees required by the Specifications will expressly run to the benefit of Owner. If required by Engineer, Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence (including reports of required tests) as to the source, kind, and quality of materials and equipment.
- C. All materials and equipment must be stored, applied, installed, connected, erected, protected, used, cleaned, and conditioned in accordance with instructions of the applicable Supplier, except as otherwise may be provided in the Contract Documents.

7.05 *"Or Equals"*

- A. *Contractor's Request; Governing Criteria:* Whenever an item of equipment or material is specified or described in the Contract Documents by using the names of one or more proprietary items or specific Suppliers, the Contract Price has been based upon Contractor furnishing such item as specified. The specification or description of such an item is intended to establish the type, function, appearance, and quality required. Unless the specification or description contains or is followed by words reading that no like, equivalent, or "or equal" item is permitted, Contractor may request that Engineer authorize the use of other items of equipment or material, or items from other proposed Suppliers, under the circumstances described below.
 - 1. If Engineer in its sole discretion determines that an item of equipment or material proposed by Contractor is functionally equal to that named and sufficiently similar so that no change in related Work will be required, Engineer will deem it an "or equal" item. For the purposes of this paragraph, a proposed item of equipment or material will be considered functionally equal to an item so named if:
 - a. in the exercise of reasonable judgment Engineer determines that the proposed item:
 - 1) is at least equal in materials of construction, quality, durability, appearance, strength, and design characteristics;

- 2) will reliably perform at least equally well the function and achieve the results imposed by the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole;
 - 3) has a proven record of performance and availability of responsive service; and
 - 4) is not objectionable to Owner.
- b. Contractor certifies that, if the proposed item is approved and incorporated into the Work:
- 1) there will be no increase in cost to the Owner or increase in Contract Times; and
 - 2) the item will conform substantially to the detailed requirements of the item named in the Contract Documents.
- B. *Contractor's Expense*: Contractor shall provide all data in support of any proposed "or equal" item at Contractor's expense.
- C. *Engineer's Evaluation and Determination*: Engineer will be allowed a reasonable time to evaluate each "or-equal" request. Engineer may require Contractor to furnish additional data about the proposed "or-equal" item. Engineer will be the sole judge of acceptability. No "or-equal" item will be ordered, furnished, installed, or utilized until Engineer's review is complete and Engineer determines that the proposed item is an "or-equal," which will be evidenced by an approved Shop Drawing or other written communication. Engineer will advise Contractor in writing of any negative determination.
- D. *Effect of Engineer's Determination*: Neither approval nor denial of an "or-equal" request will result in any change in Contract Price. The Engineer's denial of an "or-equal" request will be final and binding, and may not be reversed through an appeal under any provision of the Contract.
- E. *Treatment as a Substitution Request*: If Engineer determines that an item of equipment or material proposed by Contractor does not qualify as an "or-equal" item, Contractor may request that Engineer consider the item a proposed substitute pursuant to Paragraph 7.06.

7.06 Substitutes

- A. *Contractor's Request; Governing Criteria*: Unless the specification or description of an item of equipment or material required to be furnished under the Contract Documents contains or is followed by words reading that no substitution is permitted, Contractor may request that Engineer authorize the use of other items of equipment or material under the circumstances described below. To the extent possible such requests must be made before commencement of related construction at the Site.
1. Contractor shall submit sufficient information as provided below to allow Engineer to determine if the item of material or equipment proposed is functionally equivalent to that named and an acceptable substitute therefor. Engineer will not accept requests for review of proposed substitute items of equipment or material from anyone other than Contractor.
 2. The requirements for review by Engineer will be as set forth in Paragraph 7.06.B, as supplemented by the Specifications, and as Engineer may decide is appropriate under the circumstances.

3. Contractor shall make written application to Engineer for review of a proposed substitute item of equipment or material that Contractor seeks to furnish or use. The application:
 - a. will certify that the proposed substitute item will:
 - 1) perform adequately the functions and achieve the results called for by the general design;
 - 2) be similar in substance to the item specified; and
 - 3) be suited to the same use as the item specified.
 - b. will state:
 - 1) the extent, if any, to which the use of the proposed substitute item will necessitate a change in Contract Times;
 - 2) whether use of the proposed substitute item in the Work will require a change in any of the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with Owner for other work on the Project) to adapt the design to the proposed substitute item; and
 - 3) whether incorporation or use of the proposed substitute item in connection with the Work is subject to payment of any license fee or royalty.
 - c. will identify:
 - 1) all variations of the proposed substitute item from the item specified; and
 - 2) available engineering, sales, maintenance, repair, and replacement services.
 - d. will contain an itemized estimate of all costs or credits that will result directly or indirectly from use of such substitute item, including but not limited to changes in Contract Price, shared savings, costs of redesign, and claims of other contractors affected by any resulting change.
- B. *Engineer's Evaluation and Determination*: Engineer will be allowed a reasonable time to evaluate each substitute request, and to obtain comments and direction from Owner. Engineer may require Contractor to furnish additional data about the proposed substitute item. Engineer will be the sole judge of acceptability. No substitute will be ordered, furnished, installed, or utilized until Engineer's review is complete and Engineer determines that the proposed item is an acceptable substitute. Engineer's determination will be evidenced by a Field Order or a proposed Change Order accounting for the substitution itself and all related impacts, including changes in Contract Price or Contract Times. Engineer will advise Contractor in writing of any negative determination.
- C. *Special Guarantee*: Owner may require Contractor to furnish at Contractor's expense a special performance guarantee or other surety with respect to any substitute.
- D. *Reimbursement of Engineer's Cost*: Engineer will record Engineer's costs in evaluating a substitute proposed or submitted by Contractor. Whether or not Engineer approves a substitute so proposed or submitted by Contractor, Contractor shall reimburse Owner for the reasonable charges of Engineer for evaluating each such proposed substitute. Contractor shall also reimburse Owner for the reasonable charges of Engineer for making changes in the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with Owner) resulting from the acceptance of each proposed substitute.

- E. *Contractor's Expense*: Contractor shall provide all data in support of any proposed substitute at Contractor's expense.
- F. *Effect of Engineer's Determination*: If Engineer approves the substitution request, Contractor shall execute the proposed Change Order and proceed with the substitution. The Engineer's denial of a substitution request will be final and binding, and may not be reversed through an appeal under any provision of the Contract. Contractor may challenge the scope of reimbursement costs imposed under Paragraph 7.06.D, by timely submittal of a Change Proposal.

7.07 *Concerning Subcontractors and Suppliers*

- A. Contractor may retain Subcontractors and Suppliers for the performance of parts of the Work. Such Subcontractors and Suppliers must be acceptable to Owner. The Contractor's retention of a Subcontractor or Supplier for the performance of parts of the Work will not relieve Contractor's obligation to Owner to perform and complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- B. Contractor shall retain specific Subcontractors and Suppliers for the performance of designated parts of the Work if required by the Contract to do so.
- C. Subsequent to the submittal of Contractor's Bid or final negotiation of the terms of the Contract, Owner may not require Contractor to retain any Subcontractor or Supplier to furnish or perform any of the Work against which Contractor has reasonable objection.
- D. Prior to entry into any binding subcontract or purchase order, Contractor shall submit to Owner the identity of the proposed Subcontractor or Supplier (unless Owner has already deemed such proposed Subcontractor or Supplier acceptable during the bidding process or otherwise). Such proposed Subcontractor or Supplier shall be deemed acceptable to Owner unless Owner raises a substantive, reasonable objection within 5 days.
- E. Owner may require the replacement of any Subcontractor or Supplier. Owner also may require Contractor to retain specific replacements; provided, however, that Owner may not require a replacement to which Contractor has a reasonable objection. If Contractor has submitted the identity of certain Subcontractors or Suppliers for acceptance by Owner, and Owner has accepted it (either in writing or by failing to make written objection thereto), then Owner may subsequently revoke the acceptance of any such Subcontractor or Supplier so identified solely on the basis of substantive, reasonable objection after due investigation. Contractor shall submit an acceptable replacement for the rejected Subcontractor or Supplier.
- F. If Owner requires the replacement of any Subcontractor or Supplier retained by Contractor to perform any part of the Work, then Contractor shall be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times, with respect to the replacement; and Contractor shall initiate a Change Proposal for such adjustment within 30 days of Owner's requirement of replacement.
- G. No acceptance by Owner of any such Subcontractor or Supplier, whether initially or as a replacement, will constitute a waiver of the right of Owner to the completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

- H. On a monthly basis, Contractor shall submit to Engineer a complete list of all Subcontractors and Suppliers having a direct contract with Contractor, and of all other Subcontractors and Suppliers known to Contractor at the time of submittal.
- I. Contractor shall be solely responsible for scheduling and coordinating the work of Subcontractors and Suppliers.
- J. The divisions and sections of the Specifications and the identifications of any Drawings do not control Contractor in dividing the Work among Subcontractors or Suppliers, or in delineating the Work to be performed by any specific trade.
- K. All Work performed for Contractor by a Subcontractor or Supplier must be pursuant to an appropriate contractual agreement that specifically binds the Subcontractor or Supplier to the applicable terms and conditions of the Contract for the benefit of Owner and Engineer.
- L. Owner may furnish to any Subcontractor or Supplier, to the extent practicable, information about amounts paid to Contractor for Work performed for Contractor by the Subcontractor or Supplier.
- M. Contractor shall restrict all Subcontractors and Suppliers from communicating with Engineer or Owner, except through Contractor or in case of an emergency, or as otherwise expressly allowed in this Contract.

7.08 *Patent Fees and Royalties*

- A. Contractor shall pay all license fees and royalties and assume all costs incident to the use in the performance of the Work or the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product, or device which is the subject of patent rights or copyrights held by others. If an invention, design, process, product, or device is specified in the Contract Documents for use in the performance of the Work and if, to the actual knowledge of Owner or Engineer, its use is subject to patent rights or copyrights calling for the payment of any license fee or royalty to others, the existence of such rights will be disclosed in the Contract Documents.
- B. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Contractor, and its officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors, from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals, and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to any infringement of patent rights or copyrights incident to the use in the performance of the Work or resulting from the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product, or device specified in the Contract Documents, but not identified as being subject to payment of any license fee or royalty to others required by patent rights or copyrights.
- C. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them, from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to any infringement of patent rights or copyrights incident to the use in the performance of the Work or resulting from the incorporation in the Work of any invention, design, process, product, or device not specified in the Contract Documents.

7.09 *Permits*

- A. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall obtain and pay for all construction permits, licenses, and certificates of occupancy. Owner shall assist Contractor, when necessary, in obtaining such permits and licenses. Contractor shall pay all governmental charges and inspection fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work which are applicable at the time of the submission of Contractor's Bid (or when Contractor became bound under a negotiated contract). Owner shall pay all charges of utility owners for connections for providing permanent service to the Work.

7.10 *Taxes*

- A. Contractor shall pay all sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes required to be paid by Contractor in accordance with the Laws and Regulations of the place of the Project which are applicable during the performance of the Work.

7.11 *Laws and Regulations*

- A. Contractor shall give all notices required by and shall comply with all Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Neither Owner nor Engineer shall be responsible for monitoring Contractor's compliance with any Laws or Regulations.
- B. If Contractor performs any Work or takes any other action knowing or having reason to know that it is contrary to Laws or Regulations, Contractor shall bear all resulting costs and losses, and shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them, from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such Work or other action. It is not Contractor's responsibility to make certain that the Work described in the Contract Documents is in accordance with Laws and Regulations, but this does not relieve Contractor of its obligations under Paragraph 3.03.
- C. Owner or Contractor may give written notice to the other party of any changes after the submission of Contractor's Bid (or after the date when Contractor became bound under a negotiated contract) in Laws or Regulations having an effect on the cost or time of performance of the Work, including but not limited to changes in Laws or Regulations having an effect on procuring permits and on sales, use, value-added, consumption, and other similar taxes. If Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times resulting from such changes, then within 30 days of such written notice Contractor may submit a Change Proposal, or Owner may initiate a Claim.

7.12 *Record Documents*

- A. Contractor shall maintain in a safe place at the Site one printed record copy of all Drawings, Specifications, Addenda, Change Orders, Work Change Directives, Field Orders, written interpretations and clarifications, and approved Shop Drawings. Contractor shall keep such record documents in good order and annotate them to show changes made during construction. These record documents, together with all approved Samples, will be available to Engineer for reference. Upon completion of the Work, Contractor shall deliver these record documents to Engineer.

7.13 *Safety and Protection*

- A. Contractor shall be solely responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. Such responsibility does not relieve Subcontractors of their responsibility for the safety of persons or property in the performance of their work, nor for compliance with applicable safety Laws and Regulations.
- B. Contractor shall designate a qualified and experienced safety representative whose duties and responsibilities are the prevention of Work-related accidents and the maintenance and supervision of safety precautions and programs.
- C. Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to:
 - 1. all persons on the Site or who may be affected by the Work;
 - 2. all the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Site; and
 - 3. other property at the Site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, other work in progress, utilities, and Underground Facilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of construction.
- D. All damage, injury, or loss to any property referred to in Paragraph 7.13.C.2 or 7.13.C.3 caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by Contractor, any Subcontractor, Supplier, or any other individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, shall be remedied by Contractor at its expense (except damage or loss attributable to the fault of Drawings or Specifications or to the acts or omissions of Owner or Engineer or anyone employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, and not attributable, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the fault or negligence of Contractor or any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them).
- E. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Laws and Regulations relating to the safety of persons or property, or to the protection of persons or property from damage, injury, or loss; and shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for such safety and protection.
- F. Contractor shall notify Owner; the owners of adjacent property; the owners of Underground Facilities and other utilities (if the identity of such owners is known to Contractor); and other contractors and utility owners performing work at or adjacent to the Site, in writing, when Contractor knows that prosecution of the Work may affect them, and shall cooperate with them in the protection, removal, relocation, and replacement of their property or work in progress.
- G. Contractor shall comply with the applicable requirements of Owner's safety programs, if any. Any Owner's safety programs that are applicable to the Work are identified or included in the Supplementary Conditions or Specifications.
- H. Contractor shall inform Owner and Engineer of the specific requirements of Contractor's safety program with which Owner's and Engineer's employees and representatives must comply while at the Site.

- I. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for safety and protection will continue until all the Work is completed, Engineer has issued a written notice to Owner and Contractor in accordance with Paragraph 15.06.C that the Work is acceptable, and Contractor has left the Site (except as otherwise expressly provided in connection with Substantial Completion).
- J. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for safety and protection will resume whenever Contractor or any Subcontractor or Supplier returns to the Site to fulfill warranty or correction obligations, or to conduct other tasks arising from the Contract Documents.

7.14 *Hazard Communication Programs*

- A. Contractor shall be responsible for coordinating any exchange of safety data sheets (formerly known as material safety data sheets) or other hazard communication information required to be made available to or exchanged between or among employers at the Site in accordance with Laws or Regulations.

7.15 *Emergencies*

- A. In emergencies affecting the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Site or adjacent thereto, Contractor is obligated to act to prevent damage, injury, or loss. Contractor shall give Engineer prompt written notice if Contractor believes that any significant changes in the Work or variations from the Contract Documents have been caused by an emergency, or are required as a result of Contractor's response to an emergency. If Engineer determines that a change in the Contract Documents is required because of an emergency or Contractor's response, a Work Change Directive or Change Order will be issued.

7.16 *Submittals*

A. *Shop Drawing and Sample Requirements*

- 1. Before submitting a Shop Drawing or Sample, Contractor shall:
 - a. review and coordinate the Shop Drawing or Sample with other Shop Drawings and Samples and with the requirements of the Work and the Contract Documents;
 - b. determine and verify:
 - 1) all field measurements, quantities, dimensions, specified performance and design criteria, installation requirements, materials, catalog numbers, and similar information with respect to the Submittal;
 - 2) the suitability of all materials and equipment offered with respect to the indicated application, fabrication, shipping, handling, storage, assembly, and installation pertaining to the performance of the Work; and
 - 3) all information relative to Contractor's responsibilities for means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto;
 - c. confirm that the Submittal is complete with respect to all related data included in the Submittal.
- 2. Each Shop Drawing or Sample must bear a stamp or specific written certification that Contractor has satisfied Contractor's obligations under the Contract Documents with respect to Contractor's review of that Submittal, and that Contractor approves the Submittal.

3. With each Shop Drawing or Sample, Contractor shall give Engineer specific written notice of any variations that the Submittal may have from the requirements of the Contract Documents. This notice must be set forth in a written communication separate from the Submittal; and, in addition, in the case of a Shop Drawing by a specific notation made on the Shop Drawing itself.
- B. *Submittal Procedures for Shop Drawings and Samples:* Contractor shall label and submit Shop Drawings and Samples to Engineer for review and approval in accordance with the accepted Schedule of Submittals.
1. *Shop Drawings*
 - a. Contractor shall submit the number of copies required in the Specifications.
 - b. Data shown on the Shop Drawings must be complete with respect to quantities, dimensions, specified performance and design criteria, materials, and similar data to show Engineer the services, materials, and equipment Contractor proposes to provide, and to enable Engineer to review the information for the limited purposes required by Paragraph 7.16.C.
 2. *Samples*
 - a. Contractor shall submit the number of Samples required in the Specifications.
 - b. Contractor shall clearly identify each Sample as to material, Supplier, pertinent data such as catalog numbers, the use for which intended and other data as Engineer may require to enable Engineer to review the Submittal for the limited purposes required by Paragraph 7.16.C.
 3. Where a Shop Drawing or Sample is required by the Contract Documents or the Schedule of Submittals, any related Work performed prior to Engineer's review and approval of the pertinent submittal will be at the sole expense and responsibility of Contractor.
- C. *Engineer's Review of Shop Drawings and Samples*
1. Engineer will provide timely review of Shop Drawings and Samples in accordance with the accepted Schedule of Submittals. Engineer's review and approval will be only to determine if the items covered by the Submittals will, after installation or incorporation in the Work, comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents, and be compatible with the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole as indicated by the Contract Documents.
 2. Engineer's review and approval will not extend to means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or to safety precautions or programs incident thereto.
 3. Engineer's review and approval of a separate item as such will not indicate approval of the assembly in which the item functions.
 4. Engineer's review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample will not relieve Contractor from responsibility for any variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents unless Contractor has complied with the requirements of Paragraph 7.16.A.3 and Engineer has given written approval of each such variation by specific written notation thereof incorporated in or accompanying the Shop Drawing or Sample. Engineer will

document any such approved variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents in a Field Order or other appropriate Contract modification.

5. Engineer's review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample will not relieve Contractor from responsibility for complying with the requirements of Paragraphs 7.16.A and B.
6. Engineer's review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample, or of a variation from the requirements of the Contract Documents, will not, under any circumstances, change the Contract Times or Contract Price, unless such changes are included in a Change Order.
7. Neither Engineer's receipt, review, acceptance, or approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample will result in such item becoming a Contract Document.
8. Contractor shall perform the Work in compliance with the requirements and commitments set forth in approved Shop Drawings and Samples, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 7.16.C.4.

D. Resubmittal Procedures for Shop Drawings and Samples

1. Contractor shall make corrections required by Engineer and shall return the required number of corrected copies of Shop Drawings and submit, as required, new Samples for review and approval. Contractor shall direct specific attention in writing to revisions other than the corrections called for by Engineer on previous Submittals.
2. Contractor shall furnish required Shop Drawing and Sample submittals with sufficient information and accuracy to obtain required approval of an item with no more than two resubmittals. Engineer will record Engineer's time for reviewing a third or subsequent resubmittal of a Shop Drawing or Sample, and Contractor shall be responsible for Engineer's charges to Owner for such time. Owner may impose a set-off against payments due Contractor to secure reimbursement for such charges.
3. If Contractor requests a change of a previously approved Shop Drawing or Sample, Contractor shall be responsible for Engineer's charges to Owner for its review time, and Owner may impose a set-off against payments due Contractor to secure reimbursement for such charges, unless the need for such change is beyond the control of Contractor.

E. Submittals Other than Shop Drawings, Samples, and Owner-Delegated Designs

1. The following provisions apply to all Submittals other than Shop Drawings, Samples, and Owner-delegated designs:
 - a. Contractor shall submit all such Submittals to the Engineer in accordance with the Schedule of Submittals and pursuant to the applicable terms of the Contract Documents.
 - b. Engineer will provide timely review of all such Submittals in accordance with the Schedule of Submittals and return such Submittals with a notation of either Accepted or Not Accepted. Any such Submittal that is not returned within the time established in the Schedule of Submittals will be deemed accepted.
 - c. Engineer's review will be only to determine if the Submittal is acceptable under the requirements of the Contract Documents as to general form and content of the Submittal.

- d. If any such Submittal is not accepted, Contractor shall confer with Engineer regarding the reason for the non-acceptance, and resubmit an acceptable document.
- 2. Procedures for the submittal and acceptance of the Progress Schedule, the Schedule of Submittals, and the Schedule of Values are set forth in Paragraphs 2.03, 2.04, and 2.05.
- F. Owner-delegated Designs: Submittals pursuant to Owner-delegated designs are governed by the provisions of Paragraph 7.19.

7.17 Contractor's General Warranty and Guarantee

- A. Contractor warrants and guarantees to Owner that all Work will be in accordance with the Contract Documents and will not be defective. Engineer is entitled to rely on Contractor's warranty and guarantee.
- B. Owner's rights under this warranty and guarantee are in addition to, and are not limited by, Owner's rights under the correction period provisions of Paragraph 15.08. The time in which Owner may enforce its warranty and guarantee rights under this Paragraph 7.17 is limited only by applicable Laws and Regulations restricting actions to enforce such rights; provided, however, that after the end of the correction period under Paragraph 15.08:
 - 1. Owner shall give Contractor written notice of any defective Work within 60 days of the discovery that such Work is defective; and
 - 2. Such notice will be deemed the start of an event giving rise to a Claim under Paragraph 12.01.B, such that any related Claim must be brought within 30 days of the notice.
- C. Contractor's warranty and guarantee hereunder excludes defects or damage caused by:
 - 1. abuse, or improper modification, maintenance, or operation, by persons other than Contractor, Subcontractors, Suppliers, or any other individual or entity for whom Contractor is responsible; or
 - 2. normal wear and tear under normal usage.
- D. Contractor's obligation to perform and complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents is absolute. None of the following will constitute an acceptance of Work that is not in accordance with the Contract Documents, a release of Contractor's obligation to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, or a release of Owner's warranty and guarantee rights under this Paragraph 7.17:
 - 1. Observations by Engineer;
 - 2. Recommendation by Engineer or payment by Owner of any progress or final payment;
 - 3. The issuance of a certificate of Substantial Completion by Engineer or any payment related thereto by Owner;
 - 4. Use or occupancy of the Work or any part thereof by Owner;
 - 5. Any review and approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample submittal;
 - 6. The issuance of a notice of acceptability by Engineer;
 - 7. The end of the correction period established in Paragraph 15.08;
 - 8. Any inspection, test, or approval by others; or

9. Any correction of defective Work by Owner.
- E. If the Contract requires the Contractor to accept the assignment of a contract entered into by Owner, then the specific warranties, guarantees, and correction obligations contained in the assigned contract will govern with respect to Contractor's performance obligations to Owner for the Work described in the assigned contract.

7.18 Indemnification

- A. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, and in addition to any other obligations of Contractor under the Contract or otherwise, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them, from losses, damages, costs, and judgments (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals, and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising from third-party claims or actions relating to or resulting from the performance or furnishing of the Work, provided that any such claim, action, loss, cost, judgment or damage is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or to damage to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), including the loss of use resulting therefrom, but only to the extent caused by any negligent act or omission of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.
- B. In any and all claims against Owner or Engineer, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, by any employee (or the survivor or personal representative of such employee) of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under Paragraph 7.18.A will not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for Contractor or any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

7.19 Delegation of Professional Design Services

- A. Owner may require Contractor to provide professional design services for a portion of the Work by express delegation in the Contract Documents. Such delegation will specify the performance and design criteria that such services must satisfy, and the Submittals that Contractor must furnish to Engineer with respect to the Owner-delegated design.
- B. Contractor shall cause such Owner-delegated professional design services to be provided pursuant to the professional standard of care by a properly licensed design professional, whose signature and seal must appear on all drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications, and Submittals prepared by such design professional. Such design professional must issue all certifications of design required by Laws and Regulations.
- C. If a Shop Drawing or other Submittal related to the Owner-delegated design is prepared by Contractor, a Subcontractor, or others for submittal to Engineer, then such Shop Drawing or other Submittal must bear the written approval of Contractor's design professional when submitted by Contractor to Engineer.

- D. Owner and Engineer shall be entitled to rely upon the adequacy, accuracy, and completeness of the services, certifications, and approvals performed or provided by the design professionals retained or employed by Contractor under an Owner-delegated design, subject to the professional standard of care and the performance and design criteria stated in the Contract Documents.
- E. Pursuant to this Paragraph 7.19, Engineer's review, approval, and other determinations regarding design drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications, and other Submittals furnished by Contractor pursuant to an Owner-delegated design will be only for the following limited purposes:
 - 1. Checking for conformance with the requirements of this Paragraph 7.19;
 - 2. Confirming that Contractor (through its design professionals) has used the performance and design criteria specified in the Contract Documents; and
 - 3. Establishing that the design furnished by Contractor is consistent with the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents.
- F. Contractor shall not be responsible for the adequacy of performance or design criteria specified by Owner or Engineer.
- G. Contractor is not required to provide professional services in violation of applicable Laws and Regulations.

ARTICLE 8—OTHER WORK AT THE SITE

8.01 *Other Work*

- A. In addition to and apart from the Work under the Contract Documents, the Owner may perform other work at or adjacent to the Site. Such other work may be performed by Owner's employees, or through contracts between the Owner and third parties. Owner may also arrange to have third-party utility owners perform work on their utilities and facilities at or adjacent to the Site.
- B. If Owner performs other work at or adjacent to the Site with Owner's employees, or through contracts for such other work, then Owner shall give Contractor written notice thereof prior to starting any such other work. If Owner has advance information regarding the start of any third-party utility work that Owner has arranged to take place at or adjacent to the Site, Owner shall provide such information to Contractor.
- C. Contractor shall afford proper and safe access to the Site to each contractor that performs such other work, each utility owner performing other work, and Owner, if Owner is performing other work with Owner's employees, and provide a reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of such other work.
- D. Contractor shall do all cutting, fitting, and patching of the Work that may be required to properly connect or otherwise make its several parts come together and properly integrate with such other work. Contractor shall not endanger any work of others by cutting, excavating, or otherwise altering such work; provided, however, that Contractor may cut or alter others' work with the written consent of Engineer and the others whose work will be affected.

- E. If the proper execution or results of any part of Contractor's Work depends upon work performed by others, Contractor shall inspect such other work and promptly report to Engineer in writing any delays, defects, or deficiencies in such other work that render it unavailable or unsuitable for the proper execution and results of Contractor's Work. Contractor's failure to so report will constitute an acceptance of such other work as fit and proper for integration with Contractor's Work except for latent defects and deficiencies in such other work.
- F. The provisions of this article are not applicable to work that is performed by third-party utilities or other third-party entities without a contract with Owner, or that is performed without having been arranged by Owner. If such work occurs, then any related delay, disruption, or interference incurred by Contractor is governed by the provisions of Paragraph 4.05.C.3.

8.02 *Coordination*

- A. If Owner intends to contract with others for the performance of other work at or adjacent to the Site, to perform other work at or adjacent to the Site with Owner's employees, or to arrange to have utility owners perform work at or adjacent to the Site, the following will be set forth in the Supplementary Conditions or provided to Contractor prior to the start of any such other work:
 - 1. The identity of the individual or entity that will have authority and responsibility for coordination of the activities among the various contractors;
 - 2. An itemization of the specific matters to be covered by such authority and responsibility; and
 - 3. The extent of such authority and responsibilities.
- B. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, Owner shall have sole authority and responsibility for such coordination.

8.03 *Legal Relationships*

- A. If, in the course of performing other work for Owner at or adjacent to the Site, the Owner's employees, any other contractor working for Owner, or any utility owner that Owner has arranged to perform work, causes damage to the Work or to the property of Contractor or its Subcontractors, or delays, disrupts, interferes with, or increases the scope or cost of the performance of the Work, through actions or inaction, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times. Contractor must submit any Change Proposal seeking an equitable adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times under this paragraph within 30 days of the damaging, delaying, disrupting, or interfering event. The entitlement to, and extent of, any such equitable adjustment will take into account information (if any) regarding such other work that was provided to Contractor in the Contract Documents prior to the submittal of the Bid or the final negotiation of the terms of the Contract, and any remedies available to Contractor under Laws or Regulations concerning utility action or inaction. When applicable, any such equitable adjustment in Contract Price will be conditioned on Contractor assigning to Owner all Contractor's rights against such other contractor or utility owner with respect to the damage, delay, disruption, or interference that is the subject of the adjustment. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times or Contract Price is subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D and 4.05.E.

- B. Contractor shall take reasonable and customary measures to avoid damaging, delaying, disrupting, or interfering with the work of Owner, any other contractor, or any utility owner performing other work at or adjacent to the Site.
 - 1. If Contractor fails to take such measures and as a result damages, delays, disrupts, or interferes with the work of any such other contractor or utility owner, then Owner may impose a set-off against payments due Contractor, and assign to such other contractor or utility owner the Owner's contractual rights against Contractor with respect to the breach of the obligations set forth in this Paragraph 8.03.B.
 - 2. When Owner is performing other work at or adjacent to the Site with Owner's employees, Contractor shall be liable to Owner for damage to such other work, and for the reasonable direct delay, disruption, and interference costs incurred by Owner as a result of Contractor's failure to take reasonable and customary measures with respect to Owner's other work. In response to such damage, delay, disruption, or interference, Owner may impose a set-off against payments due Contractor.
- C. If Contractor damages, delays, disrupts, or interferes with the work of any other contractor, or any utility owner performing other work at or adjacent to the Site, through Contractor's failure to take reasonable and customary measures to avoid such impacts, or if any claim arising out of Contractor's actions, inactions, or negligence in performance of the Work at or adjacent to the Site is made by any such other contractor or utility owner against Contractor, Owner, or Engineer, then Contractor shall (1) promptly attempt to settle the claim as to all parties through negotiations with such other contractor or utility owner, or otherwise resolve the claim by arbitration or other dispute resolution proceeding or at law, and (2) indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against any such claims, and against all costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such damage, delay, disruption, or interference.

ARTICLE 9—OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

9.01 *Communications to Contractor*

- A. Except as otherwise provided in these General Conditions, Owner shall issue all communications to Contractor through Engineer.

9.02 *Replacement of Engineer*

- A. Owner may at its discretion appoint an engineer to replace Engineer, provided Contractor makes no reasonable objection to the replacement engineer. The replacement engineer's status under the Contract Documents will be that of the former Engineer.

9.03 *Furnish Data*

- A. Owner shall promptly furnish the data required of Owner under the Contract Documents.

9.04 *Pay When Due*

- A. Owner shall make payments to Contractor when they are due as provided in the Agreement.

9.05 *Lands and Easements; Reports, Tests, and Drawings*

- A. Owner's duties with respect to providing lands and easements are set forth in Paragraph 5.01.
- B. Owner's duties with respect to providing engineering surveys to establish reference points are set forth in Paragraph 4.03.
- C. Article 5 refers to Owner's identifying and making available to Contractor copies of reports of explorations and tests of conditions at the Site, and drawings of physical conditions relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at the Site.

9.06 *Insurance*

- A. Owner's responsibilities, if any, with respect to purchasing and maintaining liability and property insurance are set forth in Article 6.

9.07 *Change Orders*

- A. Owner's responsibilities with respect to Change Orders are set forth in Article 11.

9.08 *Inspections, Tests, and Approvals*

- A. Owner's responsibility with respect to certain inspections, tests, and approvals is set forth in Paragraph 14.02.B.

9.09 *Limitations on Owner's Responsibilities*

- A. The Owner shall not supervise, direct, or have control or authority over, nor be responsible for, Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Owner will not be responsible for Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

9.10 *Undisclosed Hazardous Environmental Condition*

- A. Owner's responsibility in respect to an undisclosed Hazardous Environmental Condition is set forth in Paragraph 5.06.

9.11 *Evidence of Financial Arrangements*

- A. Upon request of Contractor, Owner shall furnish Contractor reasonable evidence that financial arrangements have been made to satisfy Owner's obligations under the Contract (including obligations under proposed changes in the Work).

9.12 *Safety Programs*

- A. While at the Site, Owner's employees and representatives shall comply with the specific applicable requirements of Contractor's safety programs of which Owner has been informed.
- B. Owner shall furnish copies of any applicable Owner safety programs to Contractor.

ARTICLE 10—ENGINEER'S STATUS DURING CONSTRUCTION

10.01 *Owner's Representative*

- A. Engineer will be Owner's representative during the construction period. The duties and responsibilities and the limitations of authority of Engineer as Owner's representative during construction are set forth in the Contract.

10.02 *Visits to Site*

- A. Engineer will make visits to the Site at intervals appropriate to the various stages of construction as Engineer deems necessary in order to observe, as an experienced and qualified design professional, the progress that has been made and the quality of the various aspects of Contractor's executed Work. Based on information obtained during such visits and observations, Engineer, for the benefit of Owner, will determine, in general, if the Work is proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents. Engineer will not be required to make exhaustive or continuous inspections on the Site to check the quality or quantity of the Work. Engineer's efforts will be directed toward providing for Owner a greater degree of confidence that the completed Work will conform generally to the Contract Documents. On the basis of such visits and observations, Engineer will keep Owner informed of the progress of the Work and will endeavor to guard Owner against defective Work.
- B. Engineer's visits and observations are subject to all the limitations on Engineer's authority and responsibility set forth in Paragraph 10.07. Particularly, but without limitation, during or as a result of Engineer's visits or observations of Contractor's Work, Engineer will not supervise, direct, control, or have authority over or be responsible for Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work.

10.03 *Resident Project Representative*

- A. If Owner and Engineer have agreed that Engineer will furnish a Resident Project Representative to represent Engineer at the Site and assist Engineer in observing the progress and quality of the Work, then the authority and responsibilities of any such Resident Project Representative will be as provided in the Supplementary Conditions, and limitations on the responsibilities thereof will be as provided in the Supplementary Conditions and in Paragraph 10.07.
- B. If Owner designates an individual or entity who is not Engineer's consultant, agent, or employee to represent Owner at the Site, then the responsibilities and authority of such individual or entity will be as provided in the Supplementary Conditions.

10.04 *Engineer's Authority*

- A. Engineer has the authority to reject Work in accordance with Article 14.
- B. Engineer's authority as to Submittals is set forth in Paragraph 7.16.
- C. Engineer's authority as to design drawings, calculations, specifications, certifications and other Submittals from Contractor in response to Owner's delegation (if any) to Contractor of professional design services, is set forth in Paragraph 7.19.
- D. Engineer's authority as to changes in the Work is set forth in Article 11.

E. Engineer's authority as to Applications for Payment is set forth in Article 15.

10.05 *Determinations for Unit Price Work*

A. Engineer will determine the actual quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor as set forth in Paragraph 13.03.

10.06 *Decisions on Requirements of Contract Documents and Acceptability of Work*

A. Engineer will render decisions regarding the requirements of the Contract Documents, and judge the acceptability of the Work, pursuant to the specific procedures set forth herein for initial interpretations, Change Proposals, and acceptance of the Work. In rendering such decisions and judgments, Engineer will not show partiality to Owner or Contractor, and will not be liable to Owner, Contractor, or others in connection with any proceedings, interpretations, decisions, or judgments conducted or rendered in good faith.

10.07 *Limitations on Engineer's Authority and Responsibilities*

A. Neither Engineer's authority or responsibility under this Article 10 or under any other provision of the Contract, nor any decision made by Engineer in good faith either to exercise or not exercise such authority or responsibility or the undertaking, exercise, or performance of any authority or responsibility by Engineer, will create, impose, or give rise to any duty in contract, tort, or otherwise owed by Engineer to Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, any other individual or entity, or to any surety for or employee or agent of any of them.

B. Engineer will not supervise, direct, control, or have authority over or be responsible for Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Engineer will not be responsible for Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

C. Engineer will not be responsible for the acts or omissions of Contractor or of any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or of any other individual or entity performing any of the Work.

D. Engineer's review of the final Application for Payment and accompanying documentation, and all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, certificates of inspection, tests and approvals, and other documentation required to be delivered by Contractor under Paragraph 15.06.A, will only be to determine generally that their content complies with the requirements of, and in the case of certificates of inspections, tests, and approvals, that the results certified indicate compliance with the Contract Documents.

E. The limitations upon authority and responsibility set forth in this Paragraph 10.07 also apply to the Resident Project Representative, if any.

10.08 *Compliance with Safety Program*

A. While at the Site, Engineer's employees and representatives will comply with the specific applicable requirements of Owner's and Contractor's safety programs of which Engineer has been informed.

ARTICLE 11—CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT

11.01 *Amending and Supplementing the Contract*

- A. The Contract may be amended or supplemented by a Change Order, a Work Change Directive, or a Field Order.
- B. If an amendment or supplement to the Contract includes a change in the Contract Price or the Contract Times, such amendment or supplement must be set forth in a Change Order.
- C. All changes to the Contract that involve (1) the performance or acceptability of the Work, (2) the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), or (3) other engineering or technical matters, must be supported by Engineer's recommendation. Owner and Contractor may amend other terms and conditions of the Contract without the recommendation of the Engineer.

11.02 *Change Orders*

- A. Owner and Contractor shall execute appropriate Change Orders covering:
 - 1. Changes in Contract Price or Contract Times which are agreed to by the parties, including any undisputed sum or amount of time for Work actually performed in accordance with a Work Change Directive;
 - 2. Changes in Contract Price resulting from an Owner set-off, unless Contractor has duly contested such set-off;
 - 3. Changes in the Work which are: (a) ordered by Owner pursuant to Paragraph 11.05, (b) required because of Owner's acceptance of defective Work under Paragraph 14.04 or Owner's correction of defective Work under Paragraph 14.07, or (c) agreed to by the parties, subject to the need for Engineer's recommendation if the change in the Work involves the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise) or other engineering or technical matters; and
 - 4. Changes that embody the substance of any final and binding results under: Paragraph 11.03.B, resolving the impact of a Work Change Directive; Paragraph 11.09, concerning Change Proposals; Article 12, Claims; Paragraph 13.02.D, final adjustments resulting from allowances; Paragraph 13.03.D, final adjustments relating to determination of quantities for Unit Price Work; and similar provisions.
- B. If Owner or Contractor refuses to execute a Change Order that is required to be executed under the terms of Paragraph 11.02.A, it will be deemed to be of full force and effect, as if fully executed.

11.03 *Work Change Directives*

- A. A Work Change Directive will not change the Contract Price or the Contract Times but is evidence that the parties expect that the modification ordered or documented by a Work Change Directive will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order, following negotiations by the parties as to the Work Change Directive's effect, if any, on the Contract Price and Contract Times; or, if negotiations are unsuccessful, by a determination under the terms of the Contract Documents governing adjustments, expressly including Paragraph 11.07 regarding change of Contract Price.

- B. If Owner has issued a Work Change Directive and:
 - 1. Contractor believes that an adjustment in Contract Times or Contract Price is necessary, then Contractor shall submit any Change Proposal seeking such an adjustment no later than 30 days after the completion of the Work set out in the Work Change Directive.
 - 2. Owner believes that an adjustment in Contract Times or Contract Price is necessary, then Owner shall submit any Claim seeking such an adjustment no later than 60 days after issuance of the Work Change Directive.

11.04 *Field Orders*

- A. Engineer may authorize minor changes in the Work if the changes do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times and are compatible with the design concept of the completed Project as a functioning whole as indicated by the Contract Documents. Such changes will be accomplished by a Field Order and will be binding on Owner and also on Contractor, which shall perform the Work involved promptly.
- B. If Contractor believes that a Field Order justifies an adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times, then before proceeding with the Work at issue, Contractor shall submit a Change Proposal as provided herein.

11.05 *Owner-Authorized Changes in the Work*

- A. Without invalidating the Contract and without notice to any surety, Owner may, at any time or from time to time, order additions, deletions, or revisions in the Work. Changes involving the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise) or other engineering or technical matters will be supported by Engineer's recommendation.
- B. Such changes in the Work may be accomplished by a Change Order, if Owner and Contractor have agreed as to the effect, if any, of the changes on Contract Times or Contract Price; or by a Work Change Directive. Upon receipt of any such document, Contractor shall promptly proceed with the Work involved; or, in the case of a deletion in the Work, promptly cease construction activities with respect to such deleted Work. Added or revised Work must be performed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents.
- C. Nothing in this Paragraph 11.05 obligates Contractor to undertake work that Contractor reasonably concludes cannot be performed in a manner consistent with Contractor's safety obligations under the Contract Documents or Laws and Regulations.

11.06 *Unauthorized Changes in the Work*

- A. Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times with respect to any work performed that is not required by the Contract Documents, as amended, modified, or supplemented, except in the case of an emergency as provided in Paragraph 7.15 or in the case of uncovering Work as provided in Paragraph 14.05.C.2.

11.07 *Change of Contract Price*

- A. The Contract Price may only be changed by a Change Order. Any Change Proposal for an adjustment in the Contract Price must comply with the provisions of Paragraph 11.09. Any Claim for an adjustment of Contract Price must comply with the provisions of Article 12.
- B. An adjustment in the Contract Price will be determined as follows:

1. Where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, then by application of such unit prices to the quantities of the items involved (subject to the provisions of Paragraph 13.03);
 2. Where the Work involved is not covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, then by a mutually agreed lump sum (which may include an allowance for overhead and profit not necessarily in accordance with Paragraph 11.07.C.2); or
 3. Where the Work involved is not covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents and the parties do not reach mutual agreement to a lump sum, then on the basis of the Cost of the Work (determined as provided in Paragraph 13.01) plus a Contractor's fee for overhead and profit (determined as provided in Paragraph 11.07.C).
- C. *Contractor's Fee:* When applicable, the Contractor's fee for overhead and profit will be determined as follows:
1. A mutually acceptable fixed fee; or
 2. If a fixed fee is not agreed upon, then a fee based on the following percentages of the various portions of the Cost of the Work:
 - a. For costs incurred under Paragraphs 13.01.B.1 and 13.01.B.2, the Contractor's fee will be 15 percent;
 - b. For costs incurred under Paragraph 13.01.B.3, the Contractor's fee will be 5 percent;
 - c. Where one or more tiers of subcontracts are on the basis of Cost of the Work plus a fee and no fixed fee is agreed upon, the intent of Paragraphs 11.07.C.2.a and 11.07.C.2.b is that the Contractor's fee will be based on: (1) a fee of 15 percent of the costs incurred under Paragraphs 13.01.B.1 and 13.01.B.2 by the Subcontractor that actually performs the Work, at whatever tier, and (2) with respect to Contractor itself and to any Subcontractors of a tier higher than that of the Subcontractor that actually performs the Work, a fee of 5 percent of the amount (fee plus underlying costs incurred) attributable to the next lower tier Subcontractor; provided, however, that for any such subcontracted Work the maximum total fee to be paid by Owner will be no greater than 27 percent of the costs incurred by the Subcontractor that actually performs the Work;
 - d. No fee will be payable on the basis of costs itemized under Paragraphs 13.01.B.4, 13.01.B.5, and 13.01.C;
 - e. The amount of credit to be allowed by Contractor to Owner for any change which results in a net decrease in Cost of the Work will be the amount of the actual net decrease in Cost of the Work and a deduction of an additional amount equal to 5 percent of such actual net decrease in Cost of the Work; and
 - f. When both additions and credits are involved in any one change or Change Proposal, the adjustment in Contractor's fee will be computed by determining the sum of the costs in each of the cost categories in Paragraph 13.01.B (specifically, payroll costs, Paragraph 13.01.B.1; incorporated materials and equipment costs, Paragraph 13.01.B.2; Subcontract costs, Paragraph 13.01.B.3; special consultants costs, Paragraph 13.01.B.4; and other costs, Paragraph 13.01.B.5) and applying to each such cost category sum the appropriate fee from Paragraphs 11.07.C.2.a through 11.07.C.2.e, inclusive.

11.08 *Change of Contract Times*

- A. The Contract Times may only be changed by a Change Order. Any Change Proposal for an adjustment in the Contract Times must comply with the provisions of Paragraph 11.09. Any Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Times must comply with the provisions of Article 12.
- B. Delay, disruption, and interference in the Work, and any related changes in Contract Times, are addressed in and governed by Paragraph 4.05.

11.09 *Change Proposals*

- A. *Purpose and Content:* Contractor shall submit a Change Proposal to Engineer to request an adjustment in the Contract Times or Contract Price; contest an initial decision by Engineer concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents or relating to the acceptability of the Work under the Contract Documents; challenge a set-off against payment due; or seek other relief under the Contract. The Change Proposal will specify any proposed change in Contract Times or Contract Price, or other proposed relief, and explain the reason for the proposed change, with citations to any governing or applicable provisions of the Contract Documents. Each Change Proposal will address only one issue, or a set of closely related issues.

- B. *Change Proposal Procedures*

- 1. *Submittal:* Contractor shall submit each Change Proposal to Engineer within 30 days after the start of the event giving rise thereto, or after such initial decision.
- 2. *Supporting Data:* The Contractor shall submit supporting data, including the proposed change in Contract Price or Contract Time (if any), to the Engineer and Owner within 15 days after the submittal of the Change Proposal.
 - a. Change Proposals based on or related to delay, interruption, or interference must comply with the provisions of Paragraphs 4.05.D and 4.05.E.
 - b. Change proposals related to a change of Contract Price must include full and detailed accounts of materials incorporated into the Work and labor and equipment used for the subject Work.

The supporting data must be accompanied by a written statement that the supporting data are accurate and complete, and that any requested time or price adjustment is the entire adjustment to which Contractor believes it is entitled as a result of said event.

- 3. *Engineer's Initial Review:* Engineer will advise Owner regarding the Change Proposal, and consider any comments or response from Owner regarding the Change Proposal. If in its discretion Engineer concludes that additional supporting data is needed before conducting a full review and making a decision regarding the Change Proposal, then Engineer may request that Contractor submit such additional supporting data by a date specified by Engineer, prior to Engineer beginning its full review of the Change Proposal.
- 4. *Engineer's Full Review and Action on the Change Proposal:* Upon receipt of Contractor's supporting data (including any additional data requested by Engineer), Engineer will conduct a full review of each Change Proposal and, within 30 days after such receipt of the Contractor's supporting data, either approve the Change Proposal in whole, deny it in whole, or approve it in part and deny it in part. Such actions must be in writing, with a copy provided to Owner and Contractor. If Engineer does not take action on the Change

Proposal within 30 days, then either Owner or Contractor may at any time thereafter submit a letter to the other party indicating that as a result of Engineer's inaction the Change Proposal is deemed denied, thereby commencing the time for appeal of the denial under Article 12.

5. *Binding Decision*: Engineer's decision is final and binding upon Owner and Contractor, unless Owner or Contractor appeals the decision by filing a Claim under Article 12.
- C. *Resolution of Certain Change Proposals*: If the Change Proposal does not involve the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), the acceptability of the Work, or other engineering or technical matters, then Engineer will notify the parties in writing that the Engineer is unable to resolve the Change Proposal. For purposes of further resolution of such a Change Proposal, such notice will be deemed a denial, and Contractor may choose to seek resolution under the terms of Article 12.
- D. *Post-Completion*: Contractor shall not submit any Change Proposals after Engineer issues a written recommendation of final payment pursuant to Paragraph 15.06.B.

11.10 *Notification to Surety*

- A. If the provisions of any bond require notice to be given to a surety of any change affecting the general scope of the Work or the provisions of the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, Contract Price or Contract Times), the giving of any such notice will be Contractor's responsibility. The amount of each applicable bond will be adjusted to reflect the effect of any such change.

ARTICLE 12—CLAIMS

12.01 *Claims*

- A. *Claims Process*: The following disputes between Owner and Contractor are subject to the Claims process set forth in this article:
 1. Appeals by Owner or Contractor of Engineer's decisions regarding Change Proposals;
 2. Owner demands for adjustments in the Contract Price or Contract Times, or other relief under the Contract Documents;
 3. Disputes that Engineer has been unable to address because they do not involve the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), the acceptability of the Work, or other engineering or technical matters; and
 4. Subject to the waiver provisions of Paragraph 15.07, any dispute arising after Engineer has issued a written recommendation of final payment pursuant to Paragraph 15.06.B.
- B. *Submittal of Claim*: The party submitting a Claim shall deliver it directly to the other party to the Contract promptly (but in no event later than 30 days) after the start of the event giving rise thereto; in the case of appeals regarding Change Proposals within 30 days of the decision under appeal. The party submitting the Claim shall also furnish a copy to the Engineer, for its information only. The responsibility to substantiate a Claim rests with the party making the Claim. In the case of a Claim by Contractor seeking an increase in the Contract Times or Contract Price, Contractor shall certify that the Claim is made in good faith, that the supporting data are accurate and complete, and that to the best of Contractor's knowledge

and belief the amount of time or money requested accurately reflects the full amount to which Contractor is entitled.

- C. *Review and Resolution*: The party receiving a Claim shall review it thoroughly, giving full consideration to its merits. The two parties shall seek to resolve the Claim through the exchange of information and direct negotiations. The parties may extend the time for resolving the Claim by mutual agreement. All actions taken on a Claim will be stated in writing and submitted to the other party, with a copy to Engineer.
- D. *Mediation*
 - 1. At any time after initiation of a Claim, Owner and Contractor may mutually agree to mediation of the underlying dispute. The agreement to mediate will stay the Claim submittal and response process.
 - 2. If Owner and Contractor agree to mediation, then after 60 days from such agreement, either Owner or Contractor may unilaterally terminate the mediation process, and the Claim submittal and decision process will resume as of the date of the termination. If the mediation proceeds but is unsuccessful in resolving the dispute, the Claim submittal and decision process will resume as of the date of the conclusion of the mediation, as determined by the mediator.
 - 3. Owner and Contractor shall each pay one-half of the mediator's fees and costs.
- E. *Partial Approval*: If the party receiving a Claim approves the Claim in part and denies it in part, such action will be final and binding unless within 30 days of such action the other party invokes the procedure set forth in Article 17 for final resolution of disputes.
- F. *Denial of Claim*: If efforts to resolve a Claim are not successful, the party receiving the Claim may deny it by giving written notice of denial to the other party. If the receiving party does not take action on the Claim within 90 days, then either Owner or Contractor may at any time thereafter submit a letter to the other party indicating that as a result of the inaction, the Claim is deemed denied, thereby commencing the time for appeal of the denial. A denial of the Claim will be final and binding unless within 30 days of the denial the other party invokes the procedure set forth in Article 17 for the final resolution of disputes.
- G. *Final and Binding Results*: If the parties reach a mutual agreement regarding a Claim, whether through approval of the Claim, direct negotiations, mediation, or otherwise; or if a Claim is approved in part and denied in part, or denied in full, and such actions become final and binding; then the results of the agreement or action on the Claim will be incorporated in a Change Order or other written document to the extent they affect the Contract, including the Work, the Contract Times, or the Contract Price.

ARTICLE 13—COST OF THE WORK; ALLOWANCES; UNIT PRICE WORK

13.01 *Cost of the Work*

- A. *Purposes for Determination of Cost of the Work*: The term Cost of the Work means the sum of all costs necessary for the proper performance of the Work at issue, as further defined below. The provisions of this Paragraph 13.01 are used for two distinct purposes:
 - 1. To determine Cost of the Work when Cost of the Work is a component of the Contract Price, under cost-plus-fee, time-and-materials, or other cost-based terms; or

2. When needed to determine the value of a Change Order, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other adjustment in Contract Price. When the value of any such adjustment is determined on the basis of Cost of the Work, Contractor is entitled only to those additional or incremental costs required because of the change in the Work or because of the event giving rise to the adjustment.
- B. *Costs Included:* Except as otherwise may be agreed to in writing by Owner, costs included in the Cost of the Work will be in amounts no higher than those commonly incurred in the locality of the Project, will not include any of the costs itemized in Paragraph 13.01.C, and will include only the following items:
1. Payroll costs for employees in the direct employ of Contractor in the performance of the Work under schedules of job classifications agreed upon by Owner and Contractor in advance of the subject Work. Such employees include, without limitation, superintendents, foremen, safety managers, safety representatives, and other personnel employed full time on the Work. Payroll costs for employees not employed full time on the Work will be apportioned on the basis of their time spent on the Work. Payroll costs include, but are not limited to, salaries and wages plus the cost of fringe benefits, which include social security contributions, unemployment, excise, and payroll taxes, workers' compensation, health and retirement benefits, sick leave, and vacation and holiday pay applicable thereto. The expenses of performing Work outside of regular working hours, on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holidays, will be included in the above to the extent authorized by Owner.
 2. Cost of all materials and equipment furnished and incorporated in the Work, including costs of transportation and storage thereof, and Suppliers' field services required in connection therewith. All cash discounts accrue to Contractor unless Owner deposits funds with Contractor with which to make payments, in which case the cash discounts will accrue to Owner. All trade discounts, rebates, and refunds and returns from sale of surplus materials and equipment will accrue to Owner, and Contractor shall make provisions so that they may be obtained.
 3. Payments made by Contractor to Subcontractors for Work performed by Subcontractors. If required by Owner, Contractor shall obtain competitive bids from subcontractors acceptable to Owner and Contractor and shall deliver such bids to Owner, which will then determine, with the advice of Engineer, which bids, if any, will be acceptable. If any subcontract provides that the Subcontractor is to be paid on the basis of Cost of the Work plus a fee, the Subcontractor's Cost of the Work and fee will be determined in the same manner as Contractor's Cost of the Work and fee as provided in this Paragraph 13.01.
 4. Costs of special consultants (including but not limited to engineers, architects, testing laboratories, surveyors, attorneys, and accountants) employed or retained for services specifically related to the Work.
 5. Other costs consisting of the following:
 - a. The proportion of necessary transportation, travel, and subsistence expenses of Contractor's employees incurred in discharge of duties connected with the Work.
 - b. Cost, including transportation and maintenance, of all materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, appliances, office, and temporary facilities at the Site, which are

consumed in the performance of the Work, and cost, less market value, of such items used but not consumed which remain the property of Contractor.

- 1) In establishing included costs for materials such as scaffolding, plating, or sheeting, consideration will be given to the actual or the estimated life of the material for use on other projects; or rental rates may be established on the basis of purchase or salvage value of such items, whichever is less. Contractor will not be eligible for compensation for such items in an amount that exceeds the purchase cost of such item.

c. *Construction Equipment Rental*

- 1) Rentals of all construction equipment and machinery, and the parts thereof, in accordance with rental agreements approved by Owner as to price (including any surcharge or special rates applicable to overtime use of the construction equipment or machinery), and the costs of transportation, loading, unloading, assembly, dismantling, and removal thereof. All such costs will be in accordance with the terms of said rental agreements. The rental of any such equipment, machinery, or parts must cease when the use thereof is no longer necessary for the Work.
 - 2) Costs for equipment and machinery owned by Contractor or a Contractor-related entity will be paid at a rate shown for such equipment in the equipment rental rate book specified in the Supplementary Conditions. An hourly rate will be computed by dividing the monthly rates by 176. These computed rates will include all operating costs.
 - 3) With respect to Work that is the result of a Change Order, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other adjustment in Contract Price ("changed Work"), included costs will be based on the time the equipment or machinery is in use on the changed Work and the costs of transportation, loading, unloading, assembly, dismantling, and removal when directly attributable to the changed Work. The cost of any such equipment or machinery, or parts thereof, must cease to accrue when the use thereof is no longer necessary for the changed Work.
- d. Sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes related to the Work, and for which Contractor is liable, as imposed by Laws and Regulations.
- e. Deposits lost for causes other than negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, and royalty payments and fees for permits and licenses.
- f. Losses and damages (and related expenses) caused by damage to the Work, not compensated by insurance or otherwise, sustained by Contractor in connection with the performance of the Work (except losses and damages within the deductible amounts of builder's risk or other property insurance established in accordance with Paragraph 6.04), provided such losses and damages have resulted from causes other than the negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable. Such losses include settlements made with the written consent and approval of Owner. No such losses, damages, and expenses will be included in the Cost of the Work for the purpose of determining Contractor's fee.

- g. The cost of utilities, fuel, and sanitary facilities at the Site.
 - h. Minor expenses such as communication service at the Site, express and courier services, and similar petty cash items in connection with the Work.
 - i. The costs of premiums for all bonds and insurance that Contractor is required by the Contract Documents to purchase and maintain.
- C. *Costs Excluded:* The term Cost of the Work does not include any of the following items:
 - 1. Payroll costs and other compensation of Contractor's officers, executives, principals, general managers, engineers, architects, estimators, attorneys, auditors, accountants, purchasing and contracting agents, expeditors, timekeepers, clerks, and other personnel employed by Contractor, whether at the Site or in Contractor's principal or branch office for general administration of the Work and not specifically included in the agreed upon schedule of job classifications referred to in Paragraph 13.01.B.1 or specifically covered by Paragraph 13.01.B.4. The payroll costs and other compensation excluded here are to be considered administrative costs covered by the Contractor's fee.
 - 2. The cost of purchasing, renting, or furnishing small tools and hand tools.
 - 3. Expenses of Contractor's principal and branch offices other than Contractor's office at the Site.
 - 4. Any part of Contractor's capital expenses, including interest on Contractor's capital employed for the Work and charges against Contractor for delinquent payments.
 - 5. Costs due to the negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, including but not limited to, the correction of defective Work, disposal of materials or equipment wrongly supplied, and making good any damage to property.
 - 6. Expenses incurred in preparing and advancing Claims.
 - 7. Other overhead or general expense costs of any kind and the costs of any item not specifically and expressly included in Paragraph 13.01.B.
- D. *Contractor's Fee*
 - 1. When the Work as a whole is performed on the basis of cost-plus-a-fee, then:
 - a. Contractor's fee for the Work set forth in the Contract Documents as of the Effective Date of the Contract will be determined as set forth in the Agreement.
 - b. for any Work covered by a Change Order, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other adjustment in Contract Price on the basis of Cost of the Work, Contractor's fee will be determined as follows:
 - 1) When the fee for the Work as a whole is a percentage of the Cost of the Work, the fee will automatically adjust as the Cost of the Work changes.
 - 2) When the fee for the Work as a whole is a fixed fee, the fee for any additions or deletions will be determined in accordance with Paragraph 11.07.C.2.
 - 2. When the Work as a whole is performed on the basis of a stipulated sum, or any other basis other than cost-plus-a-fee, then Contractor's fee for any Work covered by a Change

Order, Change Proposal, Claim, set-off, or other adjustment in Contract Price on the basis of Cost of the Work will be determined in accordance with Paragraph 11.07.C.2.

- E. *Documentation and Audit:* Whenever the Cost of the Work for any purpose is to be determined pursuant to this Article 13, Contractor and pertinent Subcontractors will establish and maintain records of the costs in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. Subject to prior written notice, Owner will be afforded reasonable access, during normal business hours, to all Contractor's accounts, records, books, correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, vouchers, memoranda, and similar data relating to the Cost of the Work and Contractor's fee. Contractor shall preserve all such documents for a period of three years after the final payment by Owner. Pertinent Subcontractors will afford such access to Owner, and preserve such documents, to the same extent required of Contractor.

13.02 Allowances

- A. It is understood that Contractor has included in the Contract Price all allowances so named in the Contract Documents and shall cause the Work so covered to be performed for such sums and by such persons or entities as may be acceptable to Owner and Engineer.
- B. *Cash Allowances:* Contractor agrees that:
1. the cash allowances include the cost to Contractor (less any applicable trade discounts) of materials and equipment required by the allowances to be delivered at the Site, and all applicable taxes; and
 2. Contractor's costs for unloading and handling on the Site, labor, installation, overhead, profit, and other expenses contemplated for the cash allowances have been included in the Contract Price and not in the allowances, and no demand for additional payment for any of the foregoing will be valid.
- C. *Owner's Contingency Allowance:* Contractor agrees that an Owner's contingency allowance, if any, is for the sole use of Owner to cover unanticipated costs.
- D. Prior to final payment, an appropriate Change Order will be issued as recommended by Engineer to reflect actual amounts due Contractor for Work covered by allowances, and the Contract Price will be correspondingly adjusted.

13.03 Unit Price Work

- A. Where the Contract Documents provide that all or part of the Work is to be Unit Price Work, initially the Contract Price will be deemed to include for all Unit Price Work an amount equal to the sum of the unit price for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work times the estimated quantity of each item as indicated in the Agreement.
- B. The estimated quantities of items of Unit Price Work are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids and determining an initial Contract Price. Payments to Contractor for Unit Price Work will be based on actual quantities.
- C. Each unit price will be deemed to include an amount considered by Contractor to be adequate to cover Contractor's overhead and profit for each separately identified item.
- D. Engineer will determine the actual quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor. Engineer will review with Contractor the Engineer's preliminary determinations on such matters before rendering a written decision thereon (by recommendation of an Application for Payment or otherwise). Engineer's written decision

thereon will be final and binding (except as modified by Engineer to reflect changed factual conditions or more accurate data) upon Owner and Contractor, and the final adjustment of Contract Price will be set forth in a Change Order, subject to the provisions of the following paragraph.

E. *Adjustments in Unit Price*

1. Contractor or Owner shall be entitled to an adjustment in the unit price with respect to an item of Unit Price Work if:
 - a. the quantity of the item of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor differs materially and significantly from the estimated quantity of such item indicated in the Agreement; and
 - b. Contractor's unit costs to perform the item of Unit Price Work have changed materially and significantly as a result of the quantity change.
2. The adjustment in unit price will account for and be coordinated with any related changes in quantities of other items of Work, and in Contractor's costs to perform such other Work, such that the resulting overall change in Contract Price is equitable to Owner and Contractor.
3. Adjusted unit prices will apply to all units of that item.

ARTICLE 14—TESTS AND INSPECTIONS; CORRECTION, REMOVAL, OR ACCEPTANCE OF DEFECTIVE WORK

14.01 *Access to Work*

- A. Owner, Engineer, their consultants and other representatives and personnel of Owner, independent testing laboratories, and authorities having jurisdiction have access to the Site and the Work at reasonable times for their observation, inspection, and testing. Contractor shall provide them proper and safe conditions for such access and advise them of Contractor's safety procedures and programs so that they may comply with such procedures and programs as applicable.

14.02 *Tests, Inspections, and Approvals*

- A. Contractor shall give Engineer timely notice of readiness of the Work (or specific parts thereof) for all required inspections and tests, and shall cooperate with inspection and testing personnel to facilitate required inspections and tests.
- B. Owner shall retain and pay for the services of an independent inspector, testing laboratory, or other qualified individual or entity to perform all inspections and tests expressly required by the Contract Documents to be furnished and paid for by Owner, except that costs incurred in connection with tests or inspections of covered Work will be governed by the provisions of Paragraph 14.05.
- C. If Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction require any Work (or part thereof) specifically to be inspected, tested, or approved by an employee or other representative of such public body, Contractor shall assume full responsibility for arranging and obtaining such inspections, tests, or approvals, pay all costs in connection therewith, and furnish Engineer the required certificates of inspection or approval.

- D. Contractor shall be responsible for arranging, obtaining, and paying for all inspections and tests required:
1. by the Contract Documents, unless the Contract Documents expressly allocate responsibility for a specific inspection or test to Owner;
 2. to attain Owner's and Engineer's acceptance of materials or equipment to be incorporated in the Work;
 3. by manufacturers of equipment furnished under the Contract Documents;
 4. for testing, adjusting, and balancing of mechanical, electrical, and other equipment to be incorporated into the Work; and
 5. for acceptance of materials, mix designs, or equipment submitted for approval prior to Contractor's purchase thereof for incorporation in the Work.

Such inspections and tests will be performed by independent inspectors, testing laboratories, or other qualified individuals or entities acceptable to Owner and Engineer.

- E. If the Contract Documents require the Work (or part thereof) to be approved by Owner, Engineer, or another designated individual or entity, then Contractor shall assume full responsibility for arranging and obtaining such approvals.
- F. If any Work (or the work of others) that is to be inspected, tested, or approved is covered by Contractor without written concurrence of Engineer, Contractor shall, if requested by Engineer, uncover such Work for observation. Such uncovering will be at Contractor's expense unless Contractor had given Engineer timely notice of Contractor's intention to cover the same and Engineer had not acted with reasonable promptness in response to such notice.

14.03 *Defective Work*

- A. *Contractor's Obligation:* It is Contractor's obligation to assure that the Work is not defective.
- B. *Engineer's Authority:* Engineer has the authority to determine whether Work is defective, and to reject defective Work.
- C. *Notice of Defects:* Prompt written notice of all defective Work of which Owner or Engineer has actual knowledge will be given to Contractor.
- D. *Correction, or Removal and Replacement:* Promptly after receipt of written notice of defective Work, Contractor shall correct all such defective Work, whether or not fabricated, installed, or completed, or, if Engineer has rejected the defective Work, remove it from the Project and replace it with Work that is not defective.
- E. *Preservation of Warranties:* When correcting defective Work, Contractor shall take no action that would void or otherwise impair Owner's special warranty and guarantee, if any, on said Work.
- F. *Costs and Damages:* In addition to its correction, removal, and replacement obligations with respect to defective Work, Contractor shall pay all claims, costs, losses, and damages arising out of or relating to defective Work, including but not limited to the cost of the inspection, testing, correction, removal, replacement, or reconstruction of such defective Work, fines levied against Owner by governmental authorities because the Work is defective, and the costs of repair or replacement of work of others resulting from defective Work. Prior to final payment, if Owner and Contractor are unable to agree as to the measure of such claims, costs,

losses, and damages resulting from defective Work, then Owner may impose a reasonable set-off against payments due under Article 15.

14.04 *Acceptance of Defective Work*

- A. If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, Owner prefers to accept it, Owner may do so (subject, if such acceptance occurs prior to final payment, to Engineer's confirmation that such acceptance is in general accord with the design intent and applicable engineering principles, and will not endanger public safety). Contractor shall pay all claims, costs, losses, and damages attributable to Owner's evaluation of and determination to accept such defective Work (such costs to be approved by Engineer as to reasonableness), and for the diminished value of the Work to the extent not otherwise paid by Contractor. If any such acceptance occurs prior to final payment, the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents with respect to the Work will be incorporated in a Change Order. If the parties are unable to agree as to the decrease in the Contract Price, reflecting the diminished value of Work so accepted, then Owner may impose a reasonable set-off against payments due under Article 15. If the acceptance of defective Work occurs after final payment, Contractor shall pay an appropriate amount to Owner.

14.05 *Uncovering Work*

- A. Engineer has the authority to require additional inspection or testing of the Work, whether or not the Work is fabricated, installed, or completed.
- B. If any Work is covered contrary to the written request of Engineer, then Contractor shall, if requested by Engineer, uncover such Work for Engineer's observation, and then replace the covering, all at Contractor's expense.
- C. If Engineer considers it necessary or advisable that covered Work be observed by Engineer or inspected or tested by others, then Contractor, at Engineer's request, shall uncover, expose, or otherwise make available for observation, inspection, or testing as Engineer may require, that portion of the Work in question, and provide all necessary labor, material, and equipment.
 - 1. If it is found that the uncovered Work is defective, Contractor shall be responsible for all claims, costs, losses, and damages arising out of or relating to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, and testing, and of satisfactory replacement or reconstruction (including but not limited to all costs of repair or replacement of work of others); and pending Contractor's full discharge of this responsibility the Owner shall be entitled to impose a reasonable set-off against payments due under Article 15.
 - 2. If the uncovered Work is not found to be defective, Contractor shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, testing, replacement, and reconstruction. If the parties are unable to agree as to the amount or extent thereof, then Contractor may submit a Change Proposal within 30 days of the determination that the Work is not defective.

14.06 *Owner May Stop the Work*

- A. If the Work is defective, or Contractor fails to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, or fails to perform the Work in such a way that the completed Work will conform to the Contract Documents, then Owner may order Contractor to stop the Work,

or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of Owner to stop the Work will not give rise to any duty on the part of Owner to exercise this right for the benefit of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, any other individual or entity, or any surety for, or employee or agent of any of them.

14.07 Owner May Correct Defective Work

- A. If Contractor fails within a reasonable time after written notice from Engineer to correct defective Work, or to remove and replace defective Work as required by Engineer, then Owner may, after 7 days' written notice to Contractor, correct or remedy any such deficiency.
- B. In exercising the rights and remedies under this Paragraph 14.07, Owner shall proceed expeditiously. In connection with such corrective or remedial action, Owner may exclude Contractor from all or part of the Site, take possession of all or part of the Work and suspend Contractor's services related thereto, and incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere. Contractor shall allow Owner, Owner's representatives, agents and employees, Owner's other contractors, and Engineer and Engineer's consultants access to the Site to enable Owner to exercise the rights and remedies under this paragraph.
- C. All claims, costs, losses, and damages incurred or sustained by Owner in exercising the rights and remedies under this Paragraph 14.07 will be charged against Contractor as set-offs against payments due under Article 15. Such claims, costs, losses and damages will include but not be limited to all costs of repair, or replacement of work of others destroyed or damaged by correction, removal, or replacement of Contractor's defective Work.
- D. Contractor shall not be allowed an extension of the Contract Times because of any delay in the performance of the Work attributable to the exercise by Owner of Owner's rights and remedies under this Paragraph 14.07.

ARTICLE 15—PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR; SET-OFFS; COMPLETION; CORRECTION PERIOD

15.01 Progress Payments

- A. *Basis for Progress Payments:* The Schedule of Values established as provided in Article 2 will serve as the basis for progress payments and will be incorporated into a form of Application for Payment acceptable to Engineer. Progress payments for Unit Price Work will be based on the number of units completed during the pay period, as determined under the provisions of Paragraph 13.03. Progress payments for cost-based Work will be based on Cost of the Work completed by Contractor during the pay period.
- B. *Applications for Payments*
 - 1. At least 20 days before the date established in the Agreement for each progress payment (but not more often than once a month), Contractor shall submit to Engineer for review an Application for Payment filled out and signed by Contractor covering the Work completed as of the date of the Application and accompanied by such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents.
 - 2. If payment is requested on the basis of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the Site or at another location agreed to in writing, the Application for Payment must also be accompanied by: (a) a bill of sale, invoice, copies of subcontract or purchase order payments, or other documentation

establishing full payment by Contractor for the materials and equipment; (b) at Owner's request, documentation warranting that Owner has received the materials and equipment free and clear of all Liens; and (c) evidence that the materials and equipment are covered by appropriate property insurance, a warehouse bond, or other arrangements to protect Owner's interest therein, all of which must be satisfactory to Owner.

3. Beginning with the second Application for Payment, each Application must include an affidavit of Contractor stating that all previous progress payments received by Contractor have been applied to discharge Contractor's legitimate obligations associated with prior Applications for Payment.
4. The amount of retainage with respect to progress payments will be as stipulated in the Agreement.

C. Review of Applications

1. Engineer will, within 10 days after receipt of each Application for Payment, including each resubmittal, either indicate in writing a recommendation of payment and present the Application to Owner, or return the Application to Contractor indicating in writing Engineer's reasons for refusing to recommend payment. In the latter case, Contractor may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application.
2. Engineer's recommendation of any payment requested in an Application for Payment will constitute a representation by Engineer to Owner, based on Engineer's observations of the executed Work as an experienced and qualified design professional, and on Engineer's review of the Application for Payment and the accompanying data and schedules, that to the best of Engineer's knowledge, information and belief:
 - a. the Work has progressed to the point indicated;
 - b. the quality of the Work is generally in accordance with the Contract Documents (subject to an evaluation of the Work as a functioning whole prior to or upon Substantial Completion, the results of any subsequent tests called for in the Contract Documents, a final determination of quantities and classifications for Unit Price Work under Paragraph 13.03, and any other qualifications stated in the recommendation); and
 - c. the conditions precedent to Contractor's being entitled to such payment appear to have been fulfilled in so far as it is Engineer's responsibility to observe the Work.
3. By recommending any such payment Engineer will not thereby be deemed to have represented that:
 - a. inspections made to check the quality or the quantity of the Work as it has been performed have been exhaustive, extended to every aspect of the Work in progress, or involved detailed inspections of the Work beyond the responsibilities specifically assigned to Engineer in the Contract; or
 - b. there may not be other matters or issues between the parties that might entitle Contractor to be paid additionally by Owner or entitle Owner to withhold payment to Contractor.

4. Neither Engineer's review of Contractor's Work for the purposes of recommending payments nor Engineer's recommendation of any payment, including final payment, will impose responsibility on Engineer:
 - a. to supervise, direct, or control the Work;
 - b. for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto;
 - c. for Contractor's failure to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to Contractor's performance of the Work;
 - d. to make any examination to ascertain how or for what purposes Contractor has used the money paid by Owner; or
 - e. to determine that title to any of the Work, materials, or equipment has passed to Owner free and clear of any Liens.
5. Engineer may refuse to recommend the whole or any part of any payment if, in Engineer's opinion, it would be incorrect to make the representations to Owner stated in Paragraph 15.01.C.2.
6. Engineer will recommend reductions in payment (set-offs) necessary in Engineer's opinion to protect Owner from loss because:
 - a. the Work is defective, requiring correction or replacement;
 - b. the Contract Price has been reduced by Change Orders;
 - c. Owner has been required to correct defective Work in accordance with Paragraph 14.07, or has accepted defective Work pursuant to Paragraph 14.04;
 - d. Owner has been required to remove or remediate a Hazardous Environmental Condition for which Contractor is responsible; or
 - e. Engineer has actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the events that would constitute a default by Contractor and therefore justify termination for cause under the Contract Documents.

D. *Payment Becomes Due*

1. Ten days after presentation of the Application for Payment to Owner with Engineer's recommendation, the amount recommended (subject to any Owner set-offs) will become due, and when due will be paid by Owner to Contractor.

E. *Reductions in Payment by Owner*

1. In addition to any reductions in payment (set-offs) recommended by Engineer, Owner is entitled to impose a set-off against payment based on any of the following:
 - a. Claims have been made against Owner based on Contractor's conduct in the performance or furnishing of the Work, or Owner has incurred costs, losses, or damages resulting from Contractor's conduct in the performance or furnishing of the Work, including but not limited to claims, costs, losses, or damages from workplace injuries, adjacent property damage, non-compliance with Laws and Regulations, and patent infringement;

- b. Contractor has failed to take reasonable and customary measures to avoid damage, delay, disruption, and interference with other work at or adjacent to the Site;
 - c. Contractor has failed to provide and maintain required bonds or insurance;
 - d. Owner has been required to remove or remediate a Hazardous Environmental Condition for which Contractor is responsible;
 - e. Owner has incurred extra charges or engineering costs related to submittal reviews, evaluations of proposed substitutes, tests and inspections, or return visits to manufacturing or assembly facilities;
 - f. The Work is defective, requiring correction or replacement;
 - g. Owner has been required to correct defective Work in accordance with Paragraph 14.07, or has accepted defective Work pursuant to Paragraph 14.04;
 - h. The Contract Price has been reduced by Change Orders;
 - i. An event has occurred that would constitute a default by Contractor and therefore justify a termination for cause;
 - j. Liquidated or other damages have accrued as a result of Contractor's failure to achieve Milestones, Substantial Completion, or final completion of the Work;
 - k. Liens have been filed in connection with the Work, except where Contractor has delivered a specific bond satisfactory to Owner to secure the satisfaction and discharge of such Liens; or
 - l. Other items entitle Owner to a set-off against the amount recommended.
2. If Owner imposes any set-off against payment, whether based on its own knowledge or on the written recommendations of Engineer, Owner will give Contractor immediate written notice (with a copy to Engineer) stating the reasons for such action and the specific amount of the reduction, and promptly pay Contractor any amount remaining after deduction of the amount so withheld. Owner shall promptly pay Contractor the amount so withheld, or any adjustment thereto agreed to by Owner and Contractor, if Contractor remedies the reasons for such action. The reduction imposed will be binding on Contractor unless it duly submits a Change Proposal contesting the reduction.
 3. Upon a subsequent determination that Owner's refusal of payment was not justified, the amount wrongfully withheld will be treated as an amount due as determined by Paragraph 15.01.D.1 and subject to interest as provided in the Agreement.

15.02 *Contractor's Warranty of Title*

- A. Contractor warrants and guarantees that title to all Work, materials, and equipment furnished under the Contract will pass to Owner free and clear of (1) all Liens and other title defects, and (2) all patent, licensing, copyright, or royalty obligations, no later than 7 days after the time of payment by Owner.

15.03 *Substantial Completion*

- A. When Contractor considers the entire Work ready for its intended use Contractor shall notify Owner and Engineer in writing that the entire Work is substantially complete and request that Engineer issue a certificate of Substantial Completion. Contractor shall at the same time

submit to Owner and Engineer an initial draft of punch list items to be completed or corrected before final payment.

- B. Promptly after Contractor's notification, Owner, Contractor, and Engineer shall make an inspection of the Work to determine the status of completion. If Engineer does not consider the Work substantially complete, Engineer will notify Contractor in writing giving the reasons therefor.
- C. If Engineer considers the Work substantially complete, Engineer will deliver to Owner a preliminary certificate of Substantial Completion which will fix the date of Substantial Completion. Engineer shall attach to the certificate a punch list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment. Owner shall have 7 days after receipt of the preliminary certificate during which to make written objection to Engineer as to any provisions of the certificate or attached punch list. If, after considering the objections to the provisions of the preliminary certificate, Engineer concludes that the Work is not substantially complete, Engineer will, within 14 days after submission of the preliminary certificate to Owner, notify Contractor in writing that the Work is not substantially complete, stating the reasons therefor. If Owner does not object to the provisions of the certificate, or if despite consideration of Owner's objections Engineer concludes that the Work is substantially complete, then Engineer will, within said 14 days, execute and deliver to Owner and Contractor a final certificate of Substantial Completion (with a revised punch list of items to be completed or corrected) reflecting such changes from the preliminary certificate as Engineer believes justified after consideration of any objections from Owner.
- D. At the time of receipt of the preliminary certificate of Substantial Completion, Owner and Contractor will confer regarding Owner's use or occupancy of the Work following Substantial Completion, review the builder's risk insurance policy with respect to the end of the builder's risk coverage, and confirm the transition to coverage of the Work under a permanent property insurance policy held by Owner. Unless Owner and Contractor agree otherwise in writing, Owner shall bear responsibility for security, operation, protection of the Work, property insurance, maintenance, heat, and utilities upon Owner's use or occupancy of the Work.
- E. After Substantial Completion the Contractor shall promptly begin work on the punch list of items to be completed or corrected prior to final payment. In appropriate cases Contractor may submit monthly Applications for Payment for completed punch list items, following the progress payment procedures set forth above.
- F. Owner shall have the right to exclude Contractor from the Site after the date of Substantial Completion subject to allowing Contractor reasonable access to remove its property and complete or correct items on the punch list.

15.04 *Partial Use or Occupancy*

- A. Prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work, Owner may use or occupy any substantially completed part of the Work which has specifically been identified in the Contract Documents, or which Owner, Engineer, and Contractor agree constitutes a separately functioning and usable part of the Work that can be used by Owner for its intended purpose without

significant interference with Contractor's performance of the remainder of the Work, subject to the following conditions:

1. At any time, Owner may request in writing that Contractor permit Owner to use or occupy any such part of the Work that Owner believes to be substantially complete. If and when Contractor agrees that such part of the Work is substantially complete, Contractor, Owner, and Engineer will follow the procedures of Paragraph 15.03.A through 15.03.E for that part of the Work.
2. At any time, Contractor may notify Owner and Engineer in writing that Contractor considers any such part of the Work substantially complete and request Engineer to issue a certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Work.
3. Within a reasonable time after either such request, Owner, Contractor, and Engineer shall make an inspection of that part of the Work to determine its status of completion. If Engineer does not consider that part of the Work to be substantially complete, Engineer will notify Owner and Contractor in writing giving the reasons therefor. If Engineer considers that part of the Work to be substantially complete, the provisions of Paragraph 15.03 will apply with respect to certification of Substantial Completion of that part of the Work and the division of responsibility in respect thereof and access thereto.
4. No use or occupancy or separate operation of part of the Work may occur prior to compliance with the requirements of Paragraph 6.04 regarding builder's risk or other property insurance.

15.05 *Final Inspection*

- A. Upon written notice from Contractor that the entire Work or an agreed portion thereof is complete, Engineer will promptly make a final inspection with Owner and Contractor and will notify Contractor in writing of all particulars in which this inspection reveals that the Work, or agreed portion thereof, is incomplete or defective. Contractor shall immediately take such measures as are necessary to complete such Work or remedy such deficiencies.

15.06 *Final Payment*

A. *Application for Payment*

1. After Contractor has, in the opinion of Engineer, satisfactorily completed all corrections identified during the final inspection and has delivered, in accordance with the Contract Documents, all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, certificates or other evidence of insurance, certificates of inspection, annotated record documents (as provided in Paragraph 7.12), and other documents, Contractor may make application for final payment.
2. The final Application for Payment must be accompanied (except as previously delivered) by:
 - a. all documentation called for in the Contract Documents;
 - b. consent of the surety, if any, to final payment;
 - c. satisfactory evidence that all title issues have been resolved such that title to all Work, materials, and equipment has passed to Owner free and clear of any Liens or other title defects, or will so pass upon final payment.

- d. a list of all duly pending Change Proposals and Claims; and
 - e. complete and legally effective releases or waivers (satisfactory to Owner) of all Lien rights arising out of the Work, and of Liens filed in connection with the Work.
- 3. In lieu of the releases or waivers of Liens specified in Paragraph 15.06.A.2 and as approved by Owner, Contractor may furnish receipts or releases in full and an affidavit of Contractor that: (a) the releases and receipts include all labor, services, material, and equipment for which a Lien could be filed; and (b) all payrolls, material and equipment bills, and other indebtedness connected with the Work for which Owner might in any way be responsible, or which might in any way result in liens or other burdens on Owner's property, have been paid or otherwise satisfied. If any Subcontractor or Supplier fails to furnish such a release or receipt in full, Contractor may furnish a bond or other collateral satisfactory to Owner to indemnify Owner against any Lien, or Owner at its option may issue joint checks payable to Contractor and specified Subcontractors and Suppliers.
- B. *Engineer's Review of Final Application and Recommendation of Payment:* If, on the basis of Engineer's observation of the Work during construction and final inspection, and Engineer's review of the final Application for Payment and accompanying documentation as required by the Contract Documents, Engineer is satisfied that the Work has been completed and Contractor's other obligations under the Contract have been fulfilled, Engineer will, within 10 days after receipt of the final Application for Payment, indicate in writing Engineer's recommendation of final payment and present the final Application for Payment to Owner for payment. Such recommendation will account for any set-offs against payment that are necessary in Engineer's opinion to protect Owner from loss for the reasons stated above with respect to progress payments. Otherwise, Engineer will return the Application for Payment to Contractor, indicating in writing the reasons for refusing to recommend final payment, in which case Contractor shall make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application for Payment.
- C. *Notice of Acceptability:* In support of its recommendation of payment of the final Application for Payment, Engineer will also give written notice to Owner and Contractor that the Work is acceptable, subject to stated limitations in the notice and to the provisions of Paragraph 15.07.
- D. *Completion of Work:* The Work is complete (subject to surviving obligations) when it is ready for final payment as established by the Engineer's written recommendation of final payment and issuance of notice of the acceptability of the Work.
- E. *Final Payment Becomes Due:* Upon receipt from Engineer of the final Application for Payment and accompanying documentation, Owner shall set off against the amount recommended by Engineer for final payment any further sum to which Owner is entitled, including but not limited to set-offs for liquidated damages and set-offs allowed under the provisions of this Contract with respect to progress payments. Owner shall pay the resulting balance due to Contractor within 30 days of Owner's receipt of the final Application for Payment from Engineer.

15.07 *Waiver of Claims*

- A. By making final payment, Owner waives its claim or right to liquidated damages or other damages for late completion by Contractor, except as set forth in an outstanding Claim,

appeal under the provisions of Article 17, set-off, or express reservation of rights by Owner. Owner reserves all other claims or rights after final payment.

- B. The acceptance of final payment by Contractor will constitute a waiver by Contractor of all claims and rights against Owner other than those pending matters that have been duly submitted as a Claim, or appealed under the provisions of Article 17.

15.08 *Correction Period*

- A. If within one year after the date of Substantial Completion (or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by the Supplementary Conditions or the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents), Owner gives Contractor written notice that any Work has been found to be defective, or that Contractor's repair of any damages to the Site or adjacent areas has been found to be defective, then after receipt of such notice of defect Contractor shall promptly, without cost to Owner and in accordance with Owner's written instructions:
 - 1. correct the defective repairs to the Site or such adjacent areas;
 - 2. correct such defective Work;
 - 3. remove the defective Work from the Project and replace it with Work that is not defective, if the defective Work has been rejected by Owner, and
 - 4. satisfactorily correct or repair or remove and replace any damage to other Work, to the work of others, or to other land or areas resulting from the corrective measures.
- B. Owner shall give any such notice of defect within 60 days of the discovery that such Work or repairs is defective. If such notice is given within such 60 days but after the end of the correction period, the notice will be deemed a notice of defective Work under Paragraph 7.17.B.
- C. If, after receipt of a notice of defect within 60 days and within the correction period, Contractor does not promptly comply with the terms of Owner's written instructions, or in an emergency where delay would cause serious risk of loss or damage, Owner may have the defective Work corrected or repaired or may have the rejected Work removed and replaced. Contractor shall pay all costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such correction or repair or such removal and replacement (including but not limited to all costs of repair or replacement of work of others). Contractor's failure to pay such costs, losses, and damages within 10 days of invoice from Owner will be deemed the start of an event giving rise to a Claim under Paragraph 12.01.B, such that any related Claim must be brought within 30 days of the failure to pay.
- D. In special circumstances where a particular item of equipment is placed in continuous service before Substantial Completion of all the Work, the correction period for that item may start to run from an earlier date if so provided in the Specifications.
- E. Where defective Work (and damage to other Work resulting therefrom) has been corrected or removed and replaced under this paragraph, the correction period hereunder with respect to such Work will be extended for an additional period of one year after such correction or removal and replacement has been satisfactorily completed.

- F. Contractor's obligations under this paragraph are in addition to all other obligations and warranties. The provisions of this paragraph are not to be construed as a substitute for, or a waiver of, the provisions of any applicable statute of limitation or repose.

ARTICLE 16—SUSPENSION OF WORK AND TERMINATION

16.01 *Owner May Suspend Work*

- A. At any time and without cause, Owner may suspend the Work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than 90 consecutive days by written notice to Contractor and Engineer. Such notice will fix the date on which Work will be resumed. Contractor shall resume the Work on the date so fixed. Contractor shall be entitled to an adjustment in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times directly attributable to any such suspension. Any Change Proposal seeking such adjustments must be submitted no later than 30 days after the date fixed for resumption of Work.

16.02 *Owner May Terminate for Cause*

- A. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events will constitute a default by Contractor and justify termination for cause:
 - 1. Contractor's persistent failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, or failure to adhere to the Progress Schedule);
 - 2. Failure of Contractor to perform or otherwise to comply with a material term of the Contract Documents;
 - 3. Contractor's disregard of Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction; or
 - 4. Contractor's repeated disregard of the authority of Owner or Engineer.
- B. If one or more of the events identified in Paragraph 16.02.A occurs, then after giving Contractor (and any surety) 10 days' written notice that Owner is considering a declaration that Contractor is in default and termination of the Contract, Owner may proceed to:
 - 1. declare Contractor to be in default, and give Contractor (and any surety) written notice that the Contract is terminated; and
 - 2. enforce the rights available to Owner under any applicable performance bond.
- C. Subject to the terms and operation of any applicable performance bond, if Owner has terminated the Contract for cause, Owner may exclude Contractor from the Site, take possession of the Work, incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere, and complete the Work as Owner may deem expedient.
- D. Owner may not proceed with termination of the Contract under Paragraph 16.02.B if Contractor within 7 days of receipt of notice of intent to terminate begins to correct its failure to perform and proceeds diligently to cure such failure.
- E. If Owner proceeds as provided in Paragraph 16.02.B, Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Work is completed. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds the cost to complete the Work, including all related claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects,

- attorneys, and other professionals) sustained by Owner, such excess will be paid to Contractor. If the cost to complete the Work including such related claims, costs, losses, and damages exceeds such unpaid balance, Contractor shall pay the difference to Owner. Such claims, costs, losses, and damages incurred by Owner will be reviewed by Engineer as to their reasonableness and, when so approved by Engineer, incorporated in a Change Order. When exercising any rights or remedies under this paragraph, Owner shall not be required to obtain the lowest price for the Work performed.
- F. Where Contractor's services have been so terminated by Owner, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of Owner against Contractor then existing or which may thereafter accrue, or any rights or remedies of Owner against Contractor or any surety under any payment bond or performance bond. Any retention or payment of money due Contractor by Owner will not release Contractor from liability.
 - G. If and to the extent that Contractor has provided a performance bond under the provisions of Paragraph 6.01.A, the provisions of that bond will govern over any inconsistent provisions of Paragraphs 16.02.B and 16.02.D.

16.03 *Owner May Terminate for Convenience*

- A. Upon 7 days' written notice to Contractor and Engineer, Owner may, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of Owner, terminate the Contract. In such case, Contractor shall be paid for (without duplication of any items):
 - 1. completed and acceptable Work executed in accordance with the Contract Documents prior to the effective date of termination, including fair and reasonable sums for overhead and profit on such Work;
 - 2. expenses sustained prior to the effective date of termination in performing services and furnishing labor, materials, or equipment as required by the Contract Documents in connection with uncompleted Work, plus fair and reasonable sums for overhead and profit on such expenses; and
 - 3. other reasonable expenses directly attributable to termination, including costs incurred to prepare a termination for convenience cost proposal.
- B. Contractor shall not be paid for any loss of anticipated profits or revenue, post-termination overhead costs, or other economic loss arising out of or resulting from such termination.

16.04 *Contractor May Stop Work or Terminate*

- A. If, through no act or fault of Contractor, (1) the Work is suspended for more than 90 consecutive days by Owner or under an order of court or other public authority, or (2) Engineer fails to act on any Application for Payment within 30 days after it is submitted, or (3) Owner fails for 30 days to pay Contractor any sum finally determined to be due, then Contractor may, upon 7 days' written notice to Owner and Engineer, and provided Owner or Engineer do not remedy such suspension or failure within that time, terminate the contract and recover from Owner payment on the same terms as provided in Paragraph 16.03.
- B. In lieu of terminating the Contract and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, if Engineer has failed to act on an Application for Payment within 30 days after it is submitted, or Owner has failed for 30 days to pay Contractor any sum finally determined to be due, Contractor may, 7 days after written notice to Owner and Engineer, stop the Work until payment is made of all such amounts due Contractor, including interest thereon. The

provisions of this paragraph are not intended to preclude Contractor from submitting a Change Proposal for an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times or otherwise for expenses or damage directly attributable to Contractor's stopping the Work as permitted by this paragraph.

ARTICLE 17—FINAL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

17.01 *Methods and Procedures*

- A. *Disputes Subject to Final Resolution:* The following disputed matters are subject to final resolution under the provisions of this article:
 - 1. A timely appeal of an approval in part and denial in part of a Claim, or of a denial in full, pursuant to Article 12; and
 - 2. Disputes between Owner and Contractor concerning the Work, or obligations under the Contract Documents, that arise after final payment has been made.
- B. *Final Resolution of Disputes:* For any dispute subject to resolution under this article, Owner or Contractor may:
 - 1. elect in writing to invoke the dispute resolution process provided for in the Supplementary Conditions;
 - 2. agree with the other party to submit the dispute to another dispute resolution process; or
 - 3. if no dispute resolution process is provided for in the Supplementary Conditions or mutually agreed to, give written notice to the other party of the intent to submit the dispute to a court of competent jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 18—MISCELLANEOUS

18.01 *Giving Notice*

- A. Whenever any provision of the Contract requires the giving of written notice to Owner, Engineer, or Contractor, it will be deemed to have been validly given only if delivered:
 - 1. in person, by a commercial courier service or otherwise, to the recipient's place of business;
 - 2. by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the recipient's place of business; or
 - 3. by e-mail to the recipient, with the words "Formal Notice" or similar in the e-mail's subject line.

18.02 *Computation of Times*

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

18.03 *Cumulative Remedies*

- A. The duties and obligations imposed by these General Conditions and the rights and remedies available hereunder to the parties hereto are in addition to, and are not to be construed in any way as a limitation of, any rights and remedies available to any or all of them which are otherwise imposed or available by Laws or Regulations, by special warranty or guarantee, or by other provisions of the Contract. The provisions of this paragraph will be as effective as if repeated specifically in the Contract Documents in connection with each particular duty, obligation, right, and remedy to which they apply.

18.04 *Limitation of Damages*

- A. With respect to any and all Change Proposals, Claims, disputes subject to final resolution, and other matters at issue, neither Owner nor Engineer, nor any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, shall be liable to Contractor for any claims, costs, losses, or damages sustained by Contractor on or in connection with any other project or anticipated project.

18.05 *No Waiver*

- A. A party's non-enforcement of any provision will not constitute a waiver of that provision, nor will it affect the enforceability of that provision or of the remainder of this Contract.

18.06 *Survival of Obligations*

- A. All representations, indemnifications, warranties, and guarantees made in, required by, or given in accordance with the Contract, as well as all continuing obligations indicated in the Contract, will survive final payment, completion, and acceptance of the Work or termination of the Contract or of the services of Contractor.

18.07 *Controlling Law*

- A. This Contract is to be governed by the law of the state in which the Project is located.

18.08 *Assignment of Contract*

- A. Unless expressly agreed to elsewhere in the Contract, no assignment by a party to this Contract of any rights under or interests in the Contract will be binding on the other party without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and, specifically but without limitation, money that may become due and money that is due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract.

18.09 *Successors and Assigns*

- A. Owner and Contractor each binds itself, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives to the other party hereto, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

18.10 *Headings*

- A. Article and paragraph headings are inserted for convenience only and do not constitute parts of these General Conditions.

DOCUMENT 00 73 00**SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS**

These Supplementary Conditions amend or supplement the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract, Section 00 72 43, (EJCDC C-700, 2007 Edition) and other provisions of the Contract Documents as indicated below. All provisions that are not so amended or supplemented remain in full force and effect.

SC-1 The terms used in these Supplementary Conditions which are defined in the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract, Section 00 72 43, (EJCDC C-700, 2007 Edition) have the meanings assigned to them in the General Conditions.

SC-2.05.A.4 Add the following new paragraph to the General Conditions after paragraph 2.05.A.3:

4. "A schedule of anticipated shipping dates for materials and equipment. It is intended that equipment and materials be so scheduled as to arrive at the job site just prior to time for installation to prevent excessive materials on hand for inventory and necessity for extensive storage facilities at the job site."

SC-5.04.B.7 Add the following new paragraph to the General Conditions after paragraph 5.04.B.6:

7. Bonding surety shall be located in the state in which the work is being performed.

The Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until it has obtained all the insurance required under this paragraph and such insurance has been accepted by the Owner, nor shall the Contractor allow any Subcontractor to commence work on its subcontract until the insurance required of the Subcontractor has been so obtained and accepted.

- a. Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of the contract, the statutory Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all of its employees to be engaged in work on the project under the contract and, in case such work is sublet, the Contractor should require the Subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all the latter's employees to be engaged in such work.
- b. Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of the contract, Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance. The policy shall protect Contractor and any Subcontractor performing work covered by the contract from claims for damages or personal injury, including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damage, which may arise from

operations under the contract, whether such operations be by Contractor, Subcontractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them and the amount of such insurance should be not less than:

- (1) Bodily Injury Liability Insurance, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for injuries, including wrongful death to any one person and subject to the same limit for each person in an amount not less than \$2,000,000.00 on account of one accident. Contractual liability should be endorsed on the policy.
- (2) Property Damage Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for damages on account of any one accident, and in an amount not less than \$2,000,000.00 for damages on account of all accidents.

- c. Builder's Risk Insurance (Fire and Extended Coverage): The Contractor shall have adequate fire and standard extended coverage, with a company or companies acceptable to the Owner, in force on the project.

The provisions with respect to Builder's Risk Insurance shall in no way relieve the Contractor of its obligation of completing the work covered by the Contract.

- d. Proof of Carriage of Insurance: The Contractor shall furnish the Owner with certificates showing the type, amount, class of operations, effective dates, and date of expiration of policies. Such certificates shall contain substantially the following statement: "The insurance covered by this certification shall not be canceled or materially altered, except after 10 days written notice has been received by the Owner."

SC-6.02.B Add the following:

The Contractor shall provide in writing any requests to work on weekends. Requests shall be submitted to the Owner and Engineer for consideration a minimum of 48 hours prior to the requested weekend.

SC-6.08 Add the following:

The Contractor shall not proceed until all encroachment permits, curb cut permits, highway crossing permits, and railroad crossing permits have been secured. Contact Owner to ascertain status of permits.

SC-6.09.D Add a new paragraph after paragraph 6.09.C of the General Conditions that reads as follows:

"D. The Contractor shall comply with the Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulations for Construction promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 as amended through January 1, 2004 (PL

91–596) and under Section 107 of the Contract Work and Safety Standards Act (PL 91–54). The regulations are administered by the Department of Labor and the Contractor shall allow access to the project to personnel from that Department.

The Bidder's attention is directed to the fact all applicable State 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 in full.

The Contractor shall keep fully informed of all laws, ordinances and regulations of Federal, State, City and County, 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. Contractor shall at all times, observe and comply with all such existing and future laws, ordinances, and regulations."

SC–6.12.B Add a new paragraph after paragraph 6.12.A of the General Conditions that is to read as follows:

"B. Record Data Drawings:

1. The Contractor shall keep accurate, legible records of the elevations, locations, types, and sizes of sanitary sewage lines, service laterals, manholes, cleanouts, water lines, fittings, valves, hydrants, drainage pipes, drainage structures, and other related work performed under this project. Where proposed and existing utilities cross, the Contractor shall measure and record the horizontal location and vertical separation between each crossing. Separation shall be measured between exteriors of pipes. On a set of project prints provided by the Owner, the Contractor shall prepare a set of "record" drawings from the data stated above. The horizontal locations of all portions of items installed on this project shall be accurately tied down to the State Plane Coordinate System. Invert and frame elevations of all manholes, storm sewers and structures, sanitary sewers and lift stations shall be clearly indicated. These "record" drawings shall be kept clean and dry and maintained in a current state with the progress of the work. If at any time, a copy of this plan or portion of it is requested by the Owner, such copy shall be made available within 24 hours after the request is made.
2. Before final acceptance of the completed installation and before final payment by the Owner, the Contractor shall deliver to the Engineer a completed set of "record" drawings accurately depicting the data described above. The horizontal and vertical locations as shown on the "record" drawings for the items installed on this project shall be certified by a licensed surveyor, other than Thomas & Hutton, registered in the State in which the project is located. "Record" Drawings shall be submitted on a marked up set of project construction prints or electronically. Thomas & Hutton shall prepare

original "record" drawings from the submitted data. When completed, Thomas & Hutton shall have the licensed surveyor stamp and sign the original "record" drawings before making copies available to the Owner or other appropriate agencies."

SC-6.13.A.3 Add the following:

"Safely guard the Owner's property from damages, injury, or loss in connection with this contract. Contractor shall at all times guard and protect its own work and all materials of every description both before and after being used in the work.

Contractor shall provide any enclosing or special protection from weather deemed necessary by Engineer without additional cost to the Owner. Partial payments under the contract will not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for protection of material, work, and property."

SC-9.02.C Add a new paragraph after paragraph 9.02.B of the General Conditions that is to read as follows:

"C. If at any time before the commencement or during the progress of the work, tools, plant or equipment appear to the Engineer to be insufficient, inefficient, or inappropriate to secure the quality of the work required or the proper rate of progress, the Engineer may order the Contractor to increase their efficiency, to improve their character, to augment their number, or to substitute new tools, plant or equipment as the case may be, and the Contractor must conform to such order; but a failure of the Engineer to demand such increase or efficiency, number, or improvements, shall not relieve the Contractor's obligation to secure the quality of work and the rate of progress necessary to complete the work within the time required by this contract to the satisfaction of the Owner."

SC-9.05 Add the following sentence at the end of paragraph 9.05 of the General Conditions:

"Owner and Engineer have the right to reject defective materials. Defective materials shall not be used in the work."

SC-13.03.A Add the following sentences to paragraph 13.03.A of the General Conditions:

"The Contractor will be required to maintain all work in a condition acceptable to the Engineer for a 30 day operating period after the same has been completed as a whole, and the Engineer has notified the Contractor in writing that the work has been finished. The Contractor shall give the Project Engineer or Project Representative a minimum of 48 hours notice for all required observations and tests."

END OF SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS

DOCUMENT 00 80 00**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

SC-1 DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: The work consists of Erosion Control, Clearing, Earthwork, Storm Drainage, and all other appurtenant items indicated on the plans and in the Contract Documents and Technical Specifications for Moore Tract ESPC & Grading, located in Newton County, Georgia and incidental construction in accordance with the plans and specifications.

SC-2 COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF WORK: The Contractor shall commence work within 15 days after Notice to Proceed is issued. Work shall be completed within 90 calendar days.

If the Contractor fails to prosecute the work with such diligence as will insure the completion of each portion of the work within the time shown on the above schedule, plus any extensions made in accordance with Article 12 of the General Conditions; and, if the Owner does not exercise reservations as set forth in Article 13 of the General Conditions, the Contractor shall continue the work in which event liquidated damages for the delay will be impossible to determine. In lieu thereof, liquidated damages in the amount of \$2,000.00 per each day of delay of the work until the work is completed.

SC-3 DRAWINGS: The work shall conform to the following drawings, all of which form a part of, and are included in, these specifications and are available in the office of JDA Stanton Springs, 300 E. Church St., Monroe, Georgia 30655.

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C0	COVER SHEET	26900.0015	05/12/2026
C1.1	EXISTING CONDITIONS - OVERALL SITE	26900.0015	05/12/2026
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EC0.2	EROSION CONTROL NOTES	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC0.3	EROSION CONTROL NOTES	26900.0015	05/12/2026
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EC1.2	EROSION CONTROL PLAN - INITIAL PHASE	26900.0015	05/12/2026
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EC4.1	EROSION CONTROL DETAILS	26900.0015	05/12/2026
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EC4.4	EROSION CONTROL DETAILS	26900.0015	05/12/2026
EC4.5	EROSION CONTROL DETAILS	26900.0015	05/12/2026
C3.1	GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN AND PROFILE	26900.0015	05/12/2026
C3.2	GRADING AND DRAINAGE PLAN	26900.0015	05/12/2026
C3.3	GRADING AND DRAINAGE DETAILS	26900.0015	05/12/2026

SC-4 LAYOUT OF WORK: Control lines and master benchmarks will be furnished by the Owner. The Contractor will lay out work and will be responsible for all measurements in connection therewith.

SC-5 OBSERVATIONS AND TESTS: Before acceptance of the whole or any part of the work, it shall be subjected to observation and tests to determine it is in accordance with the plans and

specifications. The Contractor will be required to maintain all work in a first class condition for a 30 day operating period after the same has been completed as a whole and the Engineer has notified the Contractor in writing the work has been finished. The Owner shall pay for all testing and shall engage a mutually acceptable laboratory or qualified individual to conduct the tests in accordance with these specifications. No portion of the work will be accepted until tests prove it has been satisfactorily completed. The Contractor shall give the Project Engineer or Project Representative a minimum of 48 hours notice for all required observations or tests.

SC-6 BONDS: The Performance Bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract amount and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract amounts shall be furnished in accordance with Article 5 of the General Conditions.

SC-7 CONTRACTOR'S AND SUBCONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE: The Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until obtaining all the insurance required under this paragraph and such insurance has been accepted by the Owner, nor shall the Contractor allow any Subcontractor to commence work on a subcontract until the insurance required of the Subcontractor has been so obtained and accepted.

- a. Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of the contract the statutory Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all of its employees to be engaged in work on the project under the contract and, in case and such work is sublet, the Contractor should require the Subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all the latter's employees to be engaged in such work.
- b. Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of the contract Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance to protect itself and any Subcontractor performing work covered by the contract from claims for damages or personal injury, including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damage, which may arise from operations under the contract, whether such operations be by the Contractor, Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them and the amount of such insurance should be not less than:
 - (1) Bodily Injury Liability Insurance, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for injuries, including wrongful death to any one person and subject to the same limit for each person in an amount not less than \$2,000,000.00 on account of one accident. Contractual liability should be endorsed on the policy.
 - (2) Property Damage Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for damages on account of any one accident, and in an amount not less than \$2,000,000.00 for damages on account of all accidents.
- c. Builder's Risk Insurance (Fire and Extended Coverage): The Contractor shall have adequate fire and standard extended coverage, with a company or companies acceptable to the Owner, in force on the project.

The provisions with respect to Builder's Risk Insurance shall in no way relieve the Contractor of its obligation of completing the work covered by the Contract.

- d. Proof of Carriage of Insurance: The Contractor shall furnish the Owner with certificates showing the type, amount, class of operations, effective dates, and date of expiration of policies. Such certificates shall contain substantially the following statement: "The insurance covered by this certification shall not be cancelled or materially altered, except after ten (10) days written notice has been received by the Owner."

SC-8 HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE: The Contractor agrees to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the Owner and its agents, architects, engineers and employees from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, demands, causes of action and any an all related costs and expenses, of every kind and character, growing out of, incidental to, or resulting directly or indirectly from the Contractor's performance of the work described herein, whether such loss, damage, injury, or liability is contributed to by the negligence of the Owner, its agents, architects, engineers, or employees, except the Contractor shall have no liability for damages or the costs incidental thereto caused by the sole negligence of the Owner, its agents, architects, engineers, or employees. The Contractor will require any and all subcontractors to conform with the provisions of this clause prior to commencing any work and agrees to ensure this clause is in conformity with the insurance provisions of the contract.

SC-9 CONTRACTOR'S STATUS: It is agreed the Contractor shall occupy the status of an Independent Contractor and the Contractor's employees are not employees of the Owner.

SC-10 CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVIT: Upon completion of the work and prior to final payment and settlement of all sums due hereunder, Contractor will furnish to Owner a Contractor's Affidavit in the usual form submitted by Contractor under the laws of the State of Georgia to the effect all bills for labor, materials and services in connection with said contract have been paid in full, acknowledging receipt of the contract price and averring there are no outstanding claims under said contract which could become a lien on the real estate arising out of said contract.

SC-11 RESIDENT PROJECT ENGINEER: The Owner reserves the right to furnish a Resident Project Engineer as deemed necessary to insure the Project quality control and conformance to Plans and Specifications, who will act as the Owner's Representative on the Project and will have the authority of the Engineer as set forth in the Contract Documents.

SC-12 BARRICADES, DANGER AND WARNING SIGNS: The Contractor shall install and maintain barricades, suitable and sufficient lights, danger signals, signs, and other traffic control devices and shall take all necessary precautions for the protection of the work and safety of the public. Lanes closed to traffic shall be protected by effective barricades, lighted during hours of darkness. Suitable warning signs shall be provided to control, direct traffic, and warn pedestrians. Upon completion all barricades, signs and the like shall be removed.

SC-13 TOOLS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT: If at any time before the commencement or during the progress of the work, tools, plant or equipment appear to the Engineer to be insufficient, inefficient or inappropriate to secure the quality of the work required or the proper rate of progress, the Engineer may order the Contractor to increase their efficiency, to improve their character, to augment their number, or to substitute new tools, plant, or equipment, as the

case may be, and the Contractor must conform to such order; but a failure of the Engineer to demand such increase of efficiency, number, or improvement shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to secure the quality of work and the rate of progress necessary to complete the work within the time required by the contract to the satisfaction of the Owner.

SC-14 ACCIDENTS: The Contractor shall provide, at the site, such equipment and medical facilities as are necessary to supply first-aid service to anyone who may be injured in connection with the work. The Contractor must report in writing to the Engineer all accidents whatsoever arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of the work, whether on or adjacent to the site, which causes death, personal injury or property damages, giving full details and statement of witnesses. In addition, if death or serious injuries or serious damages are caused, the accident shall be reported immediately by telephone or messenger to both the Contractor and any subcontractor on account of any accident, the Contractor shall promptly report the facts to the Engineer, giving full details in writing of the claim. The Contractor shall advise its superintendent and foreman, who are on the site of the work, the name of the hospital and phone number and the name and phone number of the doctor to use in case of an accident.

SC-15 SANITARY PROVISIONS: The Contractor shall provide temporary sanitary facilities for the use of the workmen during the progress of the work. The sanitary facilities shall conform to the requirements of the County health Engineer. All facilities shall be removed at the completion of the contract.

SC-16 MODIFICATION OF QUANTITIES: The itemized quantities shall be considered by the Contractor as the quantities required to complete the work for the purpose of bidding. Should actual quantities required in the construction of the work be greater or less than the quantities shown on the items, an amount equal to the difference in quantities at the unit prices for the item will be added to or deducted from the contract price.

When itemized quantities are not given in the Proposal, the work shown on the plans or specified shall be considered by the Contractor to be included in the contract for the lump sum prices bid.

SC-17 RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING EXISTING UTILITIES AND STRUCTURES: The existence and location of underground utilities will be investigated and verified in the field by the Contractor before starting work. The Contractor shall call for underground utility locations. Underground utilities location service can be contacted at 1-800-282-7411 (GA) or 811. The location of all known interferences based on the best information available has been shown on the drawings, but this information may not be complete. Excavation in the vicinity of existing structures and utilities shall be carefully done by hand. The Contractor shall be held responsible for any damage to and for maintenance and protection of existing utilities and structures. The Contractor is responsible for coordinating with the utility companies any relocation, adjustment, or replacement of utility facilities.

SC-18 INTERRUPTION OF UTILITY SERVICE: The Contractor's operations shall be conducted to interfere as little as possible with utility services. Any proposed interruption by the Contractor must be accepted in advance by the Engineer.

SC-19 OMISSION: The drawings and specifications shall both be considered as a part of the contract. Any work and material shown in the one and omitted in the other, or described in the one and not shown in the other, or which may fairly be implied by both or either, shall be

furnished and performed as though shown in both, in order to give a complete and first class job.

SC-20 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT: Measurement and payment shall be made for the units and at the lump sum contract prices shown on the Bid Schedule. Direct payment shall only be made for those items or work specifically listed in the proposal and the cost of any other work must be included in the contract price for the applicable items to which it relates.

SC-21 "OR EQUIVALENT," CLAUSE: Although the plans and specifications make reference to particular manufacturers and model numbers for various products, such reference is made only to establish function and quality of such products. If it is desired to use materials or equipment of trade names or of manufacturer's names that are different from those mentioned in the contract documents, information pertaining to such items must reach the hands of the Engineer at least 10 days prior to the date set for the opening of bids. The burden of proving equality of a proposed substitute to an item designated by trade name or by manufacturer's name in the contract document rests on the party submitting the request for acceptance. The written application for review of a proposed substitute must be accompanied by technical data that the party requesting review desires to submit in support of its application. The Engineer will give consideration to reports from reputable independent testing laboratories, verified experience records showing the reputation of the proposed product with previous users or any other written information that is reasonable in the circumstances. The application to the Engineer for review of a proposed substitute must be accompanied by a schedule setting forth in what respects the material or equipment submitted for consideration differs from the materials or equipment designated in the contract documents. The degree of proof required for acceptance of a proposed substitute as equivalent to a named product is the amount of proof necessary to convince the Engineer beyond all doubt. To be acceptable, a proposed substitute must, in addition, meet or exceed all express requirements of the contract documents.

If submittal is accepted by the Engineer, an addendum will be issued to all prospective bidders at least five days prior to the date set for the opening of bids.

The Engineer shall be the final judge on questions of similarity and equality.

SC-22 SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS: The Contractor shall comply with the Department of Labor Safety and Health Regulations for Construction promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 as amended through January 1, 2004 (PL 91-596) and under Section 107 of the Contract Work and Safety Standards Act (PL 91-54). The regulations are administered by the Department of Labor and the Contractor shall allow access to the project to personnel from that Department.

SC-23 RECORD DATA AND DRAWINGS: The Contractor shall keep accurate, legible records of the locations, types, and sizes of sanitary lines, service laterals, manholes, cleanouts, water lines, fittings, valves, hydrants, drainage pipes, drainage structures, and other related work performed under this project. Where proposed and existing utilities cross, the Contractor shall measure and record the horizontal location and vertical separation between each crossing. Separation shall be measured between exteriors of pipes. On a set of project prints provided by the Owner, the Contractor shall prepare a set of "record" drawings from the data stated above. The horizontal locations of all portions of items installed on this project shall be accurately tied down to features that are physical and visible, such as property corner markers and/or permanent type structures. Invert elevations of all manholes, storm sewers and structures, sanitary sewers and lift stations shall be clearly

indicated. These "record" drawings shall be kept clean and dry and maintained in a current state with the progress of the work. If at any time, a copy of this plan or portion of it is requested by the Owner, such copy shall be made available within 24 hours after the request is made.

Before final acceptance of the completed installation and final payment by the Owner, the Contractor shall deliver to the Engineer, four sets of "Record" Drawings accurately depicting the horizontal and vertical as-built data described in the above paragraph. "Record" drawings for the items installed on this project shall be certified by a licensed surveyor, other than Thomas & Hutton, registered in Georgia. The size of the drawings shall be 24" x 36". The "Record" drawings shall have a coordinate system based on the Georgia State Plane Coordinate System, West Zone, North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83). Elevations shall be based on the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88). All measurements and coordinates shown shall use the U.S. Survey flood definition. Coordinates shall be shown on all drainage structures, sanitary sewer manholes, storm manholes/boxes, valve boxes/vaults, valve manholes, valves, fire hydrants, fittings, and all other related work performed under this contract. Vertical data including but not limited to, structure and manhole frame and inverts, pipe inverts, lift station frame, inverts, control levels, bottom, site grading, and as-built grading shall be shown. In addition to the "Record" drawings, Contractor shall deliver to Engineer electronic AutoCAD (v. 14 or later) files of all the data described above through electronic means.

SC-24 PROPERTY CORNERS: The Contractor shall be responsible for restoring any property corners or monuments disturbed during construction. They shall be restored by a professional surveyor registered in the State of Georgia.

SC-25 VIDEO: A video showing existing site conditions shall be made by the Contractor prior to start of construction. Contractor shall provide Owner and Engineer a copy of the video. Contractor is encouraged to record any existing damaged facilities that could be questioned later by property owners. A written or recorded narrative shall be provided with the video. Engineer shall be notified 72 hours in advance making the video. Contractor is responsible for all costs associated with video and shall be considered a subsidiary part of the contract.

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PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

SECTION 01 11 00

SUMMARY OF WORK

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Contract Description.
- B. Work required by Contract.
- C. Contract Drawings.
- D. Contract Technical Specifications.
- E. Contractor use of site [and premises].
- F. Work Schedule.

1.2 CONTRACT DESCRIPTION

- A. Contract Type: 00 52 43 – Agreement Form – Unit Price (Single – Prime Contract)

1.3 WORK REQUIRED

- A. Consists of Contractor furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment and incidentals to complete the Work generally described below:
 - 1. Clearing and Erosion Control for 22.0 Acres located at 13924 HWY 278, Social Circle, GA 30025. TMS# 0124 039, 0124 048, 0134 005J, 0134 005I, 0134 005K.
- B. All work shall be performed as shown on the Drawings and as described in the Contract Documents and Technical Specifications.
- C. All work shall comply with standards described by the Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 29 CFR Part 1926, Subpart P, latest revision.

1.4 CONTRACT DRAWINGS

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1.5 CONTRACT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

SECTION NO.	TITLE
02 30 00	Subsurface Investigation
31 00 00	Earthwork
31 10 00	Site Clearing
31 25 00GA	Erosion and Sedimentation Controls (GA)
31 37 00	Rip-Rap
32 92 00	Turf and Grasses
33 40 00	Storm Drainage Utilities

1.6 WORK SCHEDULE

- A. Coordinate construction schedule and operations with Owner and Engineer.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not used

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PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

SECTION 01 22 00**UNIT PRICES****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Criteria applicable to the Work performed under a unit price payment method.

1.2 AUTHORITY

- A. Measurement methods delineated in the individual specification sections complement the criteria of this section. In the event of conflict, the requirements of the individual specification section govern.
- B. Take all measurements and compute quantities. The Engineer and Owner will verify measurements and quantities.
- C. Assist by providing necessary equipment, workers, and survey personnel as required.

1.3 UNIT QUANTITIES SPECIFIED

- A. Quantities indicated in the Bid Form are for bidding and contract purposes only. Quantities and measurements supplied or placed in the Work and verified by the Owner and Engineer determine payment.
- B. If the actual Work requires more or fewer quantities than those quantities indicated, provide the required quantities at the unit sum/prices contracted.

1.4 MEASUREMENT OF QUANTITIES

- A. Measurement by Weight: Concrete reinforcing steel, rolled or formed steel or other metal shapes will be measured by handbook weights. Welded assemblies will be measured by handbook or scale weight.
- B. Measurement by Volume: Measured by cubic dimension using mean length, width and height or thickness.
- C. Measurement by Area: Measured by square dimension using mean length and width or radius.
- D. Linear Measurement: Measured by linear dimension, at the item centerline or mean chord.
- E. Stipulated Sum/Price Measurement: Items measured by weight, volume, area, or linear means or combination, as appropriate, as a completed item or unit of the Work.

1.5 PAYMENT

- A. Payment Includes: Full compensation for all required labor, products, tools, equipment, plant, transportation, services, and incidentals; erection, application or installation of an item of the Work including overhead and profit.
- B. Final payment for Work governed by unit prices will be made on the basis of the actual measurements and quantities accepted by the Engineer multiplied by the unit sum/price for Work which is incorporated in or made necessary by the Work.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

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PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

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- A. Submittal procedures.
- B. Construction progress schedules.
- C. Product Data.
- D. Shop Drawings.
- E. Samples.
- F. Design data.
- G. Test reports.
- H. Certificates.
- I. Manufacturer's instructions.
- J. Manufacturer's field reports.
- K. Erection drawings.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 01 45 00 – Quality Control: Manufacturers' field services and reports.
- B. Section 01 77 00 – Closeout Procedures: Contract warranties, bonds, and closeout submittals.

1.3 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

- A. Transmit each submittal with Engineer accepted form.
- B. Sequentially number the transmittal form. Revise submittals with original number and a sequential alphabetic suffix. Resubmit as specified for initial submittal. Indicate on revised drawings all changes that have been made other than those requested by the Engineer.
- C. Identify Project, Contractor, Subcontractor, or supplier; pertinent drawing and detail number, and specification section number, as appropriate.

- D. Apply Contractor's stamp, signed or initialed verifying review, approval, products required, field dimensions, adjacent construction Work, and coordination of information is in accordance with the requirements of the Work and Contract Documents. Submittal without the Contractor's stamp will be returned to Contractor without Engineer's review.
- E. Make all submittals far enough in advance of scheduled dates for installation to provide all required time for reviews, for securing necessary approvals, for possible revision and resubmittal, and for placing orders and securing delivery. In scheduling, allow sufficient time for the Engineer's review following the receipt of the submittal. Coordinate submission of related items. For each submittal for review, allow 15 days excluding delivery time to and from the Contractor.
- F. Identify variations from Contract Documents and product or system limitations that may be detrimental to successful performance of the completed Work.
- G. Provide space for Contractor and Architect/Engineer review stamps.
- H. When revised for resubmission, identify all changes made since previous submission.
- I. Distribute copies of reviewed submittals as appropriate. Instruct parties to promptly report any inability to comply with requirements.

1.4 CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS SCHEDULES

- A. Submit initial schedule in duplicate within 15 days after date established in Notice to Proceed.
- B. Revise and resubmit as required.
- C. Submit revised schedules with each Application for Payment, identifying changes since previous version.
- D. Submit a computer generated or horizontal bar chart with separate line for each major portion of Work or operation, identifying first work day of each week.
- E. Show complete sequence of construction by activity, identifying Work of separate stages and other logically grouped activities. Indicate the early and late start, early and late finish, float dates, and duration.
- F. Indicate estimated percentage of completion for each item of Work at each submission.
- G. Indicate submittal dates required for shop drawings, product data, samples, and product delivery dates, including those furnished by Owner and required by allowances.

1.5 PRODUCT DATA

- A. Product Data For Review:

1. Submitted to Engineer for review and conformance with information given in specifications and the design concept expressed in contract documents.
 2. After review, provide copies and distribute in accordance with SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES article above.
- B. Submit copies in a PDF format via email to Owner and Engineer.
 - C. Mark each copy to identify applicable products, models, options, and other data. Supplement manufacturers' standard data to provide information specific to this Project.
 - D. Indicate product utility and electrical characteristics, utility connection requirements, and location of utility outlets for service for functional equipment and appliances.
 - E. After review, distribute in accordance with the Submittal Procedures article above.

1.6 SHOP DRAWINGS

- A. Contractor shall submit via email a PDF copy of each shop drawing to the Owner and Engineer for review.
- B. Submitted to Engineer for review and conformance with information given in specifications and design concept expressed in contract documents. Review of shop drawings by Engineer shall not relieve Contractor of its responsibility for accuracy of shop drawings nor for furnishing of all materials and equipment required by the contract even though such items may not be indicated on shop drawings reviewed by Engineer.
- C. Shop drawings shall include applicable technical information, drawings, diagrams, performance curves, schedules, templates, calculations, instructions, measurements, and similar information as applicable to the specific item for which shop drawing is prepared.
- D. Do not use Engineer's Drawings for shop or erection purposes.
- E. Each shop drawing copy shall bear a Contractor's stamp showing they have been checked. Shop drawings submitted to the Engineer without Contractor's stamp will be returned to Contractor without review.

No review will be given to partial submittals of shop drawings for items which interconnect and/or are interdependent. It is the Contractor's responsibility to assemble shop drawings for all such interconnecting and/or interdependent items, check them and then make one submittal to Engineer.

Schedule of Submittals: Within 30 days of Contract award and prior to any shop drawing submittal, Contractor shall submit a schedule showing the estimated submittal date and desired acceptance date for each shop drawing

anticipated. Time lost due to unacceptable submittals shall be the Contractor's responsibility.

1.7 SAMPLES

- A. Samples For Review:
 - 1. Submitted to Engineer for review and conformance with information given in specifications and design concept expressed in contract documents.
 - 2. After review, produce duplicates and distribute in accordance with SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES article above.
- B. Samples For Information:
 - 1. Submitted for Engineer's knowledge as contract administrator or for the Owner.
- C. Include identification on each sample, with full product information.
- D. Submit the number of samples specified in individual specification sections. Samples will not be returned unless agreed upon by Owner and Engineer.
- E. Reviewed samples which may be used in the Work are indicated in individual specification sections.
- F. Samples will not be used for testing purposes unless specifically stated in the specification section.

1.8 DESIGN DATA

- A. Submit for Engineer's knowledge as contract administrator or for the Owner.
- B. Submit for information and conformance with information given in specifications and design concept expressed in contract documents.

1.9 TEST REPORTS

- A. Submit for Engineer's knowledge as contract administrator or for the Owner.
- B. Submit test reports for information and assessing conformance with information given in specifications and design concept expressed in contract documents.

1.10 CERTIFICATES

- A. When specified in individual specification sections, submit certification by manufacturer, installation/application subcontractor, or the Contractor to Engineer, in quantities specified for Product Data.
- B. Indicate material or product conforms to or exceeds specified requirements. Submit supporting reference data, affidavits, and certifications as appropriate.

- C. Certificates may be recent or previous test results on material or product, but must be acceptable to Engineer.

1.11 MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS

- A. When specified in individual specification sections, submit printed instructions for delivery, storage, assembly, installation, adjusting, and finishing, to Engineer for delivery to Owner in quantities specified for product Data.
- B. Indicate special procedures, perimeter conditions requiring special attention, and special environmental criteria required for application or installation.
- C. Refer to Section 01 45 00 – Quality Control, Manufacturers' Field Services article.

1.12 MANUFACTURER'S FIELD REPORTS

- A. Submit reports for Engineer's benefit as contract administrator or for the Owner.
- B. Submit report via email in PDF format within 14 days of observation to Engineer for information.
- C. Submit for information and assessing conformance with information given in specifications and design concept expressed in contract documents.

1.13 ERECTION DRAWINGS

- A. Submit drawings for Engineer's benefit as contract administrator or for the Owner.
- B. Submit for information and assessing conformance with information given in specifications and design concept expressed in contract documents.
- C. Data indicating inappropriate or unacceptable Work may be subject to action by the Engineer or Owner.

1.14 REVIEWED SHOP DRAWINGS

- A. Engineer Review.
 - 1. Acceptable submittals will be marked "No Exceptions Taken."
 - 2. Submittals requiring minor corrections before the product is acceptable will be marked "Furnish as Corrected." Contractor may order, fabricate, and ship items included in submittals, provided the indicated corrections are made.
 - 3. Submittals marked "Revise and Resubmit" must be revised to reflect required changes and the initial review procedure repeated.
 - 4. The "Rejected" notation is used to indicate products not acceptable. Upon return of a submittal so marked, Contractor shall repeat the initial review procedure utilizing acceptable products.

- B. No Work or products shall be installed without a drawing or submittal bearing the "No Exceptions Taken" or "Furnish as Corrected" notation. Contractor shall maintain at the job site a complete set of shop drawings bearing Engineer's stamp.
- C. Substitutions: In the event Contractor obtains Engineer's acceptance for use of products other than those listed first in Contract Documents, Contractor shall, at Contractor's own expense and using methods accepted by Engineer, make any changes to structures, piping and electrical work necessary to accommodate these products.
- D. Use of "No Exceptions Taken" or "Furnish as Corrected" notation on shop drawings or other submittals is general and shall not relieve Contractor of the responsibility of furnishing products of proper dimension, size, quality, quantity, materials, all performance characteristics, and to efficiently perform requirements and intent of Contract Documents. Engineer's review shall not relieve Contractor of the responsibility of errors of any kind on shop drawings. Review is intended only to assure conformance with design concept of the project and compliance with information given in Contract Documents.

1.15 SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

- A. This checklist is not necessarily complete. Contractor is responsible to submit all items and materials as specified in each section.

Section	Submittal	Date Received by T & H	Accepted Submittal Returned to Owner/ Contractor	Submittal Rejected & Returned	Comments
31 00 00 – Earthwork					
	Borrow				
31 25 00 – Soil Erosion Control					
	Silt Fence				
31 37 00 – Rip-Rap					
	Stone				
	Sand-Cement Bag				
	Filter Fabric				
32 92 00 – Turf and Grasses					
	Seed Mix – Temporary				
	Seed Mix – Permanent				

Section	Submittal	Date Received by T & H	Accepted Submittal Returned to Owner/ Contractor	Submittal Rejected & Returned	Comments
	Fertilizer				
	Lime				
33 40 00 – Storm Drainage Utilities					
	Reinforced Concrete Pipe				
	Aluminum Pipe				
	Polyethylene Pipe				
	Gaskets				
	Drainage Structures				
	Fiberglass Grating				
	Frames, Covers & Grates				
	Subgrade Drain pipe				
	Filter Fabric				
	Tracing Wire				

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

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SECTION 01 45 00**QUALITY CONTROL****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Quality assurance – control of installation.
- B. Tolerances
- C. References and standards.
- D. Testing laboratory services.
- E. Manufacturer's field services.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 01 33 00 – Submittal Procedures: Submission of manufacturer's instructions and certificates.
- B. Section 01 45 23 – Testing and Inspecting Services.

1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE – CONTROL OF INSTALLATION

- A. Monitor quality control over suppliers, manufacturers, products, services, site conditions, and workmanship, to produce Work of specified quality.
- B. Comply with manufacturer's instructions, including each step in sequence.
- C. Should manufacturer's instructions conflict with Contract Documents, request clarification from Engineer before proceeding.
- D. Comply with specified standards as minimum quality for the Work except where more stringent tolerances, codes, or specified requirements indicate higher standards or more precise workmanship.
- E. Perform Work by persons qualified to produce required and specified quality.
- F. Verify field measurements are as indicated on shop drawings or as instructed by the manufacturer.
- G. Secure products in place with positive anchorage devices designed and sized to withstand stresses, vibration, physical distortion, or disfigurement.

1.4 TOLERANCES

- A. Monitor fabrication and installation tolerance control of products to produce acceptable Work. Do not permit tolerances to accumulate.

- B. Comply with manufacturer's tolerances. Should manufacturer's tolerances conflict with Contract Documents, request clarification from Architect/Engineer before proceeding.
- C. Adjust products to appropriate dimensions and position before securing in place.
- D. Accessible routes shall not exceed maximum ADA allowable slopes.

1.5 REFERENCES AND STANDARDS

- A. For products or workmanship specified by association, trade, or other consensus standards, complies with requirements of the standard, except when more rigid requirements are specified or are required by applicable codes.
- B. Conform to reference standard by date of issue current with date specified in the individual specification sections, except where a specific date is established by code.
- C. Obtain copies of standards where required by product specification sections.
- D. Neither the contractual relationships, duties, nor responsibilities of the parties in Contract or those of the Architect/Engineer shall be altered from the Contract Documents by mention or inference otherwise in any reference document.

1.6 TESTING SERVICES

- A. Owner will appoint, employ, and pay for specified services of an independent firm to perform testing. Contractor shall pay for all retesting of failed tests.
- B. The independent firm will perform tests and other services specified in individual specification sections and as required by the Owner.
- C. Testing and source quality control may occur on or off the project site. Perform off-site testing as required by the Owner.
- D. Reports will be submitted by the independent firm to the Engineer and Contractor, indicating observations and results of tests and indicating compliance or non-compliance with Contract Documents.
- E. Cooperate with independent firm; furnish samples of materials, design mix, equipment, tools, storage, safe access, and assistance by incidental labor as requested.
 - 1. Notify Architect/Engineer and independent firm 48 hours prior to expected time for operations requiring services.
 - 2. Make arrangements with independent firm and pay for additional samples and tests required for Contractor's use.
- F. Testing does not relieve Contractor to perform Work to contract requirements.

- G. Re-testing required because of non-conformance to specified requirements shall be performed by the same independent firm on instructions by the Engineer. Payment for re-testing will be made by the Contractor.

1.7 MANUFACTURER'S FIELD SERVICES

- A. When specified in individual specification sections, require material or product suppliers or manufacturers to provide qualified staff personnel to observe site conditions, conditions of surfaces and installation, quality of workmanship, as applicable, and to initiate instructions when necessary.
- B. Submit qualifications of observer to Architect/Engineer 30 days in advance of required observations. [Observer subject to approval of Engineer/Owner.
- C. Report observations and site decisions or instructions given to applicators or installers supplemental or contrary to manufacturer's written instructions.
- D. Refer to Section 01 33 00 – SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES, MANUFACTURER'S FIELD REPORTS article.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Verify existing site conditions and substrate surfaces are acceptable for subsequent Work. Beginning new Work means acceptance of existing conditions.
- B. Verify existing substrate is capable of structural support or attachment of new Work being applied or attached.
- C. Examine and verify specific conditions described in individual specification sections.
- D. Verify utility services are available, of the correct characteristics, and in the correct locations.

3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Clean substrate surfaces prior to applying next material or substance.
- B. Seal cracks or openings of substrate prior to applying next material or substance.
- C. Apply manufacturer required or recommended substrate primer, sealer, or conditioner prior to applying any new material or substance in contact or bond.

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PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

SECTION 01 45 23**TESTING AND INSPECTING SERVICES****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

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- B. Contractor submittals.
- C. Testing agency responsibilities.
- D. Testing agency reports.
- E. Limits on testing authority.
- F. Contractor responsibilities.
- G. Schedule of tests.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Testing and acceptance required by public authorities.
- B. Section 01 33 00 – Submittal Procedures: Manufacturer's certificates.
- C. Section 01 77 00 – Closeout Procedures: Project record documents.

1.3 REFERENCES (LATEST REVISION)

- A. ASTM C 802 – Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Test Program to Determine the Precision of Test Methods for Construction Materials.
- B. ASTM C 1077 – Practice for Laboratories Testing Concrete and Concrete Aggregates for Use in Construction and Criteria for Laboratory Evaluation.
- C. ASTM C 1093 – Practice for Accreditation of Testing Agencies for Masonry.
- D. ASTM D 3740 – Practice for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction.
- E. ASTM D 4561 – Practice for Quality Control Systems for Organizations Producing and Applying Bituminous Paving Materials.
- F. ASTM E 329 – Specification for Agencies Engaged in Construction Inspection and/or Testing.
- G. ASTM E 543 – Practice for Agencies Performing Nondestructive Testing.
- H. ASTM E 548 – Guide for General Criteria Used for Evaluating Laboratory Competence.

- I. ASTM E 699 – Practice for Evaluation of Agencies Involved in Testing, Quality Assurance, and Evaluating of Building Components.
- J. ASTM D 2321 – Standard Practice for Underground Installation of Thermoplastic Pipe for Sewers and Other Gravity-Flow Applications
- K. ASTM F 3080 – Standard Practices for Laser Technologies for Measurement of Cross-Sectional Shape of Pipeline and Conduit by Non-Rotating Laser Projector, Infrared Measurement, and CCTV Camera System.
- L. ASTM F 1417 – Standard Practice for Installation Acceptance of Plastic Non-Pressure Sewer Lines Using Low-Pressure Air

1.4 SELECTION AND PAYMENT

- A. Owner will employ and pay for services of an independent testing agency or laboratory to perform specified testing. Contractor shall pay for all retesting of failed tests.
- B. Employment of testing agency or laboratory in no way relieves Contractor of obligation to perform Work in accordance with requirements of Contract Documents.

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Comply with requirements of practices listed in paragraph 1.3.
- B. Laboratory: Authorized to operate in State in which project is located.
- C. Laboratory Staff: Maintain a full-time registered Engineer on staff to review services.
- D. Testing Equipment: Calibrated at reasonable intervals with devices of an accuracy traceable to either National Bureau of Standards or accepted values of natural physical constants.

1.6 CONTRACTOR SUBMITTALS

- A. Prior to start of Work, submit testing laboratory name, address, and telephone number, and names of full-time registered Engineer and responsible officer.
- B. Submit copy of report of laboratory facilities inspection made by Materials Reference Laboratory of National Bureau of Standards during most recent inspection, with memorandum of remedies of any deficiencies reported by the inspection.

1.7 TESTING AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Test samples of mixes and materials submitted by Contractor.
- B. Provide qualified personnel at site. Cooperate with Engineer and Contractor in performance of services.
- C. Perform specified sampling and testing of products in accordance with specified standards.

- D. Ascertain compliance of materials and mixes with requirements of Contract Documents.
- E. Promptly notify Engineer and Contractor of observed irregularities or non-conformance of Work or products.
- F. Perform additional tests required by Engineer.
- G. Attend preconstruction meetings and progress meetings.

1.8 TESTING AGENCY REPORTS

- A. After each test, promptly submit one electronic copy of report to Owner, Engineer, and to Contractor.
- B. Include:
 - 1. Date issued.
 - 2. Project title and number.
 - 3. Name of inspector.
 - 4. Date and time of sampling or inspection.
 - 5. Identification of product and specifications section.
 - 6. Location in the Project.
 - 7. Type of inspection or test.
 - 8. Date of test.
 - 9. Results of tests.
 - 10. Conformance with Contract Documents.
- C. When requested by Engineer, provide interpretation of test results.

1.9 LIMITS ON TESTING AUTHORITY

- A. Agency or laboratory may not release, revoke, alter, or enlarge on requirements of Contract Documents.
- B. Agency or laboratory may not approve or accept any portion of the Work.
- C. Agency or laboratory may not assume any duties of Contractor.
- D. Agency or laboratory has no authority to stop the Work.

1.10 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Deliver to agency or laboratory at designated location, adequate samples of materials proposed to be used requiring testing, along with proposed mix designs.
- B. Cooperate with laboratory personnel and provide access to the Work and to manufacturer's facilities.
- C. Provide incidental labor and facilities:
 - 1. To provide access to Work to be tested.

2. To obtain and handle samples at the site or at source of products to be tested.
 3. To facilitate tests.
 4. To provide storage and curing of test samples.
- D. Notify Engineer and laboratory 48 hours prior to expected time for operations requiring testing services.
- E. Arrange with laboratory and pay for additional samples and tests required by Contractor beyond specified requirements.

1.11 SCHEDULE OF TESTS

Section	Test	Frequency	Date	Performed By	Notes
31 00 00 – Earthwork					
	Compaction				
	Unpaved	1 test per horizontal layer per 10,000 sf of fill area			
	Paved	1 test per horizontal layer per 5,000 sf of subgrade			
	Building Pad	1 test per horizontal layer per 1,500 sf of fill area			
	Curb & gutter	1 test per 300 lf			
	Proof Rolling	As necessary			
33 40 00 – Storm Drainage Utilities					
	Compaction				
	Traffic Areas (Rigid Pipe)	1 per 100 lf or less for each 4 ft. of depth			
	Non-Traffic (Rigid Pipe)	1 per 500 lf or less for each 6 ft. of depth			
	Traffic Areas (Flexible Pipe)	1 per 20 lf or less for each 4 ft. of depth			
	Non-Traffic (Flexible Pipe)	1 per 100 lf or less for each 4 ft. of depth			
	Deflection (Flexible Pipe)	100% of system			
	Television Inspection	As requested			
	Leakage	As requested			
	Warranty	Completion			

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

END OF SECTION

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PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

SECTION 01 77 00
CLOSEOUT PROCEDURES

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Closeout procedures.
- B. Project record documents.
- C. Operation and maintenance data.
- D. Warranties and bonds.
- E. Maintenance service.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 01 33 00 – Submittal Procedures.
- B. Operation and Maintenance Data.
- C. Warranties.
- D. Bonds.

1.3 CLOSEOUT PROCEDURES

- A. Submit written verification Contract Documents being reviewed, Work has been observed at appropriate times, and Work is complete in accordance with Contract Documents and ready for Engineer's review.
- B. Provide submittals to Engineer required by governing or other authorities.
- C. Submit final Application for Payment identifying total adjusted Contract Sum, previous payments, and sum remaining due.

1.4 FINAL CLEANING

- A. Execute final cleanup prior to final project assessment.
- B. Remove waste and surplus materials, rubbish, and construction facilities from the site.

1.5 ADJUSTING

- A. Adjust operating products and equipment to ensure smooth and unhindered operation.

1.6 PROJECT RECORD DOCUMENTS

- A. Maintain on site one set of the following record documents; record actual revisions to the Work:
 - 1. Drawings.
 - 2. Specifications.
 - 3. Addenda.
 - 4. Change Orders and other modifications to the Contract.
 - 5. Reviewed Shop Drawings, Product Data, and Samples.
 - 6. Manufacturer's instruction for assembly, installation, and adjusting.
- B. Ensure entries are complete and accurate, enabling future reference by Owner.
- C. Store record documents separate from documents used for construction.
- D. Record information concurrent with construction progress.
- E. Equipment Specifications: Legibly mark and record at each product section description of actual products installed, including the following:
 - 1. Manufacturer's name and product model and number.
 - 2. Product substitutions or alternates utilized.
 - 3. Changes made by Addenda and modifications.
- F. Project Record Drawings and Shop Drawings: Legibly mark each item to record actual construction including:
 - 1. Measured horizontal and vertical locations of underground utilities and appurtenances, referenced to permanent surface improvements.
 - 2. Measured locations of internal utilities and appurtenances concealed in construction, referenced to visible and accessible features of the Work.
 - 3. Where proposed and existing utilities cross, the Contractor shall measure and record the horizontal location and vertical separation between each crossing. Separation shall be measured between exteriors and pipes.
 - 4. Field changes of dimension and detail.
 - 5. Details not on original Contract drawings.
 - 6. Piling data locations, tip and cut-off elevations, and driving records.
- G. Submit documents to Engineer with claim for final Application for Payment.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

Not Used

PART 3 – EXECUTION

Not Used

END OF SECTION

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SECTION 02 30 00

SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section includes subsurface data logs for information only.

1.2 SOIL INVESTIGATION DATA

- A. Subsurface data logs are available for information only. Actual conditions may vary. If bidders are not satisfied with accuracy and completeness of all available data, they are at liberty to make borings or perform soil investigation work for their own use at its expense. If Contractor chooses to perform their own investigation, work shall be coordinated with the Engineer. Any results from Contractor's investigation shall be shared promptly with the Engineer. Owner reserves the right to share Contractor's investigation data with other potential bidders if information could affect bidding process.
- B. The boring logs and test results are for information of the Contractor. Owner and Engineer assume no responsibility for the information.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

See attached report.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

None this Section.

END OF SECTION

Moore Tract

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Re: Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering Report
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Terracon Project No. 49265122

Dear Mr. Eubank:

We have completed the scope of Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering services for the above referenced project in general accordance with Terracon Proposal No. P49265122_rev2 dated April 29, 2026. This report presents the findings of the subsurface exploration and provides preliminary geotechnical recommendations concerning earthwork and the design and construction of foundations, floor slabs and pavements for the proposed project.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you on this project. If you have any questions concerning this report or if we may be of further service, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Terracon



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Senior Engineer

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'William J. Sheffield'.

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Principal | Geotechnical Manager

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Introduction

This report presents the results of our subsurface exploration and Preliminary Geotechnical Engineering services performed for the proposed development to be located at Stanton Springs Parkway in Social Circle, GA. The purpose of these services was to provide information and preliminary geotechnical engineering recommendations relative to:

- Subsurface soil conditions
- Groundwater conditions
- Seismic site classification per IBC
- Site preparation and earthwork
- Foundation design and construction
- Floor slab design and construction
- Pavement design and construction

The geotechnical engineering Scope of Services for this project included the advancement of test borings, laboratory testing, engineering analysis, and preparation of this report.

Drawings showing the site and boring locations are shown on the [Site Location](#) and [Exploration Plan](#), respectively. The results of the laboratory testing performed on soil samples obtained from the site during our field exploration are included on the boring logs and/or as separate graphs in the [Exploration and Laboratory Results](#) section.

Project Description

We have submitted scope of work for preliminary geotechnical study of either the overall site or the proposed graded pad. Based on latest input from Thomas & Hutton, we have completed our field work with most borings located in the proposed graded pad area. Therefore, this report is mainly focused on the graded pad area.

Our initial understanding of the project was provided in our proposal and was discussed during project planning. A period of collaboration has transpired since the project was initiated, and our final understanding of the project conditions is as follows:

Item	Description
Information Provided	An email request for proposal was initially provided by Mr. Eubank on April 17, 2026. The following files were provided: ■ Stanton-Springs.pdf ■ 26900.0015 - Cut-Fill Map.pdf This following file was subsequently provided to us through email: ■ Moore Tract Geotech – markup.pdf
Project Description	An area of the overall site was selected to be a graded pad (colored area in the Exploration Plan); it has a size of approximately 21.4 acres. The overall site has a size of approximately 88 acres. Additional development of the overall site is being considered. Our borings were performed at the locations requested by Thomas & Hutton. 5 out of 7 performed borings were in the graded pad area. This preliminary geotechnical report is focused on the planned grading pad area. We recommend additional borings to be performed for the site once a grading plan of the overall site is formulated and building information (structural details/loads) are available.
Proposed Structure (assumed)	Unknown at the time of this proposal. For this report, we have assumed a warehouse type structure will be considered.
Building Construction (assumed)	Unknown at the time of this proposal. For this report, we have assumed the warehouse structure will be tilt-up concrete panels on a concrete slab-on-grade.
Finished Floor Elevation (assumed)	Not provided but anticipated to be near the finished pad grade. Based on the provided cut and fill map, we anticipate that the finished floor elevation will be close to the planned grades at approximately 710 feet.
Maximum Loads (assumed)	Anticipated structural loads were not provided. For this report, we have assumed the following structural loads: ■ Columns: up to 250 kips ■ Walls: up to 6 klf ■ Floor Slabs: up to 500 psf

Item	Description
Grading/Slopes	Based on a provided cut/fill map, it appears that up to approximately 11 feet of cut and 17 feet of fill are planned to develop a pad in the western portion of the overall site, excluding remedial grading requirements. We assumed that approximately up to 25 feet of cut and fill could be required for the overall site.
Below-Grade Structures	Unknown at the time of this report.
Free-Standing Retaining Walls	Retaining walls are expected to be constructed as part of site development to achieve final grades. Exact wall types, locations and heights are unknown at the time of this report. This geotechnical study did not include retaining wall exploration and was not scoped to provide geotechnical parameters for wall design.
Pavements (assumed)	A preferred pavement surfacing has not been identified to us as part of the preliminary information. Asphalt/Concrete surfacing is common in the area for projects of this nature and is the assumed preference. The pavement design period is 20 years.
Building Code	2024 IBC

Terracon should be notified if any of the above information is inconsistent with the planned construction, especially the grading limits, as modifications to our recommendations may be necessary.

Site Conditions

The following description of site conditions is derived from our site visit in association with the field exploration and our review of publicly available geologic and topographic maps.

Item	Description
Parcel Information	The project is located at Stanton Springs Parkway in Social Circle, GA. The size of the overall property is approximately 88 acres. The size of the grading pad is approximately 21.4 acres. Latitude/Longitude (approximate): 33.6020°N / 83.7141°W See Site Location

Item	Description
Existing Improvements	Existing structures in the northeast portion of the site.
Current Ground Cover	Based on readily available aerial photos and our site visits, the planned pad area, as well as the overall site appear to be covered with grass and trees.
Existing Topography	Based on the topographic information provided and a USGS topographic map, the overall site appears to generally slope down from higher areas in the northwestern and southern portions towards the remaining areas, with a maximum relief on the order of 70 feet. It appears that a creek runs along the east side of the site, and wetland areas are located in the eastern portion of the site. The planned graded pad area appears to generally slope down from the two higher spots in the southeastern and northwestern portions of the grading pad area towards the remaining areas, with a maximum relief on the order of 30 feet.

Geotechnical Characterization

Site Geology

The project site is located in the Piedmont Physiographic Province of Georgia which is characterized by medium to high grade metamorphic rocks and scattered igneous intrusions. The term metamorphic describes rocks that have been subjected to high temperatures and/or pressures, usually deep within the earth's crust. These high temperatures and pressures cause the textural and mineralogical characteristics of the original rock to be altered and can also cause certain rock types to fully melt, becoming what is known as magma. Magma is less dense than the surrounding solidified rock and tends to move upward through fractures and joints, displacing the surrounding rock. This rock type is known as an igneous intrusion. Metamorphic rocks are predominant in this region but, due to erosion and uplift, both of these rocks will eventually become exposed at the land surface.

The subsurface bedrock in this region has undergone differing rates of weathering, which often produces a considerable variation in depth to competent rock over short horizontal distances. It is also not unusual for lenses and boulders of hard rock and zones of partially weathered rock to be present within the soil mantle above the general bedrock level. The typical residual soil profile consists of clayey soils near the surface, where soil weathering is more advanced, underlain by sandy silts and silty sands, which often consist of saprolites (native soils which maintain the original fabric of the parent rock).

Generally, the soil becomes harder with depth to the top of parent crystalline rock or "massive bedrock" which occurs at depth.

The boundary between soil and rock is typically not sharply defined. A transitional zone termed "partially weathered rock" is normally found overlying bedrock. Partially weathered rock (PWR) is defined for engineering purposes as residual material with a standard penetration resistance exceeding 100 blows per foot (bpf).

According to information from the USGS Preliminary Integrated Geologic Map Database of the Conterminous United States, the site is underlain by granitic gneiss undifferentiated from Precambrian-Paleozoic Era.

Typical Subsurface Profile

The borings drilled at the site generally encountered residual soils, partially weathered rock (PWR), and auger refusal materials.

Based on the results of the borings, subsurface conditions on the project site can be generalized as follows:

Typical Subsurface Profile

Description	Approximate Depth to Bottom of Stratum (Feet)	Material Encountered	Consistency/Density
Stratum 1	1 to 2 inches	Topsoil	--
Stratum 2	6 feet to beyond boring termination depth of 35 feet	Residuum – Silty SAND (SM) Sandy SILT (ML)	Loose to Very Dense Very Stiff
Stratum 3¹	16 feet to beyond boring termination depth of 35 feet	PWR – sampled as Silty SAND (SM)	Very Dense
Stratum 4²	Beyond auger refusal depth of 16 feet	Auger Refusal Materials	--

1. Encountered in borings B-3 and B-6.
2. Encountered in boring B-6.

Specific conditions encountered at each boring location are indicated on the individual boring logs. Stratification boundaries on the boring logs represent the approximate location of changes in soil types; in situ, the transition between materials may be

gradual. Details for each of the borings are presented on the boring logs included in the [Exploration and Laboratory Results](#).

Laboratory Testing

Laboratory tests were conducted on selected soil samples and the test results are presented in the [Exploration and Laboratory Results](#), and are summarized in the following tables.

Natural Moisture Content

Boring Number	Depth (Feet)	Natural Moisture Content (%)
B-3	1-2.5	18.4
B-4	1-2.5	19.6
B-6	1-2.5	15.4
B-6	3.5-5	27.0

Atterberg Limits

Boring Number	Depth (Feet)	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index
B-6	1-2.5	48	30	18

Grain Size Analysis

Boring Number	Depth (Feet)	Sand (%)	Fines (%)
B-6	1-2.5	46.7	53.3

Groundwater

The boreholes were observed while drilling and after completion for the presence and level of groundwater. Groundwater was not observed in the borings while drilling, or for the short duration that the borings were allowed to remain open. However, this does not necessarily mean the borings terminated above groundwater. Due to the low permeability of the soils encountered in the borings, a relatively long period of time may be necessary for a groundwater level to develop and stabilize in a borehole in these

materials. Long term observations in piezometers or observation wells sealed from the influence of surface water are often required to define groundwater levels in materials of this type.

Groundwater level fluctuations occur due to seasonal variations in the amount of rainfall, runoff and other factors not evident at the time the borings were performed. In addition, perched water can develop over low permeability soil or rock strata. Therefore, groundwater levels during construction or at other times in the life of the structure may be higher or lower than the levels indicated on the boring logs. The possibility of groundwater level fluctuations should be considered when developing the design and construction plans for the project.

Seismic Site Class

The seismic design requirements for buildings and other structures are based on Seismic Design Category. Site Classification is required to determine the Seismic Design Category for a structure. Per the 2024 International Building Code (2024 IBC), the seismic site classification is based on a site subsurface profile extending to a depth of 100 feet. Based on the soil conditions observed at the site and as described on the exploration logs and results, it is our professional opinion that a default **Seismic Site Classification of D** be considered for the project. Subsurface explorations at this site were only extended to a maximum depth of 35 feet. Therefore, the recommended seismic site class was selected to represent the most critical site conditions per ASCE 7-22 Section 20.1 as referenced by the 2024 IBC. Additional geophysical testing may be performed to confirm or potentially improve the site class.

Preliminary Geotechnical Overview

The purpose of this preliminary geotechnical study was not to provide specific geotechnical design recommendations for the project, but to assess general conditions relative to their potential impact on the proposed development.

The site appears suitable for the proposed construction based upon geotechnical conditions encountered in the test borings, provided that the recommendations presented in this report are implemented in the design and construction phases of this project.

The subsurface materials generally consisted of Piedmont residual soils underlain by partially weathered rock (PWR) and auger refusal materials. Groundwater was not encountered within the maximum depths of exploration during drilling.

Depending upon the site plan, in areas within the structure footprints where more than 15 feet of fill is to be placed, we expect settlement induced by consolidation within the fill mass and underlying native soils could impact the performance of the structures. Therefore, for these conditions, we recommend a waiting period following fill placement, to allow sufficient settlement to occur, prior to constructing the structure foundations and floor slabs. The option to surcharge the deep fill areas may be considered to meet the total and differential settlement requirements.

We anticipate that difficult to excavate materials, such as PWR, PWR lenses, and possible auger refusal materials likely will be encountered in some areas during mass grading and trench excavation.

The near surface, very stiff sandy silt soils could become unstable with typical earthwork and construction traffic, especially after precipitation events. The effective drainage should be completed early in the construction sequence and maintained after construction to avoid potential issues. If possible, the grading should be performed during the warmer and drier times of the year. If grading is performed during the winter months, an increased risk for possible undercutting and replacement of unstable subgrade will persist. Additional site preparation recommendations, including subgrade improvement and fill placement, are provided in the **Preliminary Earthwork Considerations** section.

The **Preliminary Shallow Foundations Considerations** section addresses support of structures on shallow foundations. If the site has been prepared in accordance with the requirements noted in the **Preliminary Earthwork considerations** section, lightly loaded structures can be supported by a shallow foundation system bearing on residual soils, newly placed structural fill, or partially weathered rock (PWR) and rock; heavily loaded structures can be supported by a shallow foundation system bearing on PWR, rock, or improved ground. We note that the actual bearing strata and bearing pressures to be used in design must be further evaluated by additional exploration after a grading plan is formulated and building information (structural details/loads) are available.

The **Preliminary Floor Slabs Considerations** section addresses slab-on-grade support of buildings.

We anticipate that an asphaltic concrete or a PCC pavement system will generally be considered for this site. The **Preliminary Pavements Considerations** section addresses the considerations of pavement systems.

Supplemental borings and engineering analysis will need to be performed once site plan and building design have further progressed and the building locations/elevations are established.

The preliminary recommendations contained in this report are based upon the results of field and laboratory testing (presented in the **Exploration and Laboratory Results**),

engineering analyses, and our current understanding of the proposed project. The **General Comments** section provides an understanding of the report limitations.

Preliminary Earthwork Considerations

Earthwork is anticipated to include clearing and grubbing, excavations, and engineered fill placement. The following sections provide preliminary recommendations for use in the preparation of specifications for the work. Preliminary recommendations include critical quality criteria, as necessary, to render the site in the state considered in our geotechnical engineering evaluation for foundations, floor slabs, and pavements.

Site Preparation

Depending upon the site plan, if building(s) will be constructed within the footprint of existing structures (northeastern portion of the overall site) which will need to be demolished, as well as exterior sidewalks, pavements, and utilities. We recommend existing foundations, slabs, and utilities be removed from within the proposed building footprint and at least 5 feet beyond the outer edge of foundations. For areas outside the proposed building footprints and foundation bearing zones, existing foundations, floor slabs, and utilities should be removed where they conflict with proposed utilities, retaining walls, and pavements. In such cases, existing foundations, floor slabs, and utilities should be removed to a depth of at least 2 feet below the affected utility or design pavement subgrade elevation.

Prior to placing fill, existing vegetation, topsoil, and root mats should be removed. Complete stripping of the topsoil should be performed in the proposed building and parking/driveway areas.

If mature trees are located within or near the footprint of proposed buildings, they will require removal at the onset of construction. Tree root systems can remove substantial moisture from surrounding soils. Where trees are removed, the full root ball and all associated dry and desiccated soils should be removed. The soil materials which contain less than 5 percent organics can be reused as engineered fill provided the material is moisture conditioned and properly compacted.

Where fill is placed on existing slopes steeper than 5H:1V, benches should be cut into the existing slopes prior to fill placement. The benches should have a minimum vertical face height of 1 foot and a maximum vertical face height of 3 feet and should be cut wide enough to accommodate the compaction equipment. This benching will help provide a positive bond between the fill and natural soils and reduce the possibility of failure along the fill/natural soil interface.

Although no evidence of underground facilities (such as septic tanks, cesspools, basements, and utilities) was observed during the exploration and site reconnaissance, such features could be encountered during construction. If unexpected underground facilities are encountered, such features should be removed, and the excavation thoroughly cleaned prior to backfill placement and/or construction.

Subgrade Preparation

Prior to placing fill, existing vegetation, topsoil, and root mats should be removed. Complete stripping of the topsoil should be performed in the proposed building and parking/driveway areas.

The subgrade should be proofrolled with an adequately loaded vehicle such as a fully loaded tandem-axle dump truck. The proofrolling should be performed under the observation of the Geotechnical Engineer or representative. Areas excessively deflecting under the proofroll should be delineated and subsequently addressed by the Geotechnical Engineer. Such areas should either be removed or modified as indicated in the field by the Geotechnical Engineer. Excessively wet or dry material should either be removed, or moisture conditioned and recompacted.

Based upon the subsurface conditions determined from the geotechnical exploration, subgrade soils exposed in the upland areas of the site during construction are anticipated to be relatively workable; however, the workability of the subgrade may be affected by precipitation, repetitive construction traffic or other factors. If unworkable conditions develop, workability may be improved by scarifying and drying. Construction activity should be monitored and curtailed if the construction activity is causing subgrade disturbance. Terracon can help with monitoring and developing recommendations to aid in limiting subgrade disturbance.

Existing Fill

As noted in **Geotechnical Characterization**, existing fill was not encountered during our exploration. However, previously placed fill could be present at the site, especially in the area with existing structures. If existing fill materials are encountered during construction, we recommend them to be either fully removed or further evaluated by the Geotechnical Engineer.

Excavation

For the graded pad area, based on the results of our borings, we anticipate that difficult to excavate materials, such as PWR, PWR lenses, and possibly auger refusal materials will be encountered during mass grading in the vicinity of boring B-6. Difficult to excavate materials could also be encountered in other areas outside the graded pad

area, therefore additional borings in those areas are recommended to better understand excavation conditions. Excavation techniques will vary based on the weathering of the materials, fracturing and jointing in the rock, and the overall stratigraphy of the feature.

Very dense soil and PWR typically require loosening by ripping with large dozers pulling single tooth rippers in mass excavation and possibly blasting in confined (trench) excavation. Any ripped PWR fragments can be re-used and mixed into engineered fill provided that it is pulverized to less than four inches in diameter and mixed with soil to create a well graded fill material. Typically, large compaction equipment such as a Caterpillar 815 is required to properly compact and break down very dense soil and PWR.

Excavation of auger refusal material (apparent rock) typically requires blasting. Mass excavation by blasting is generally less expensive on a cubic yard basis than blasting in trenches; therefore, it may be more cost effective to over-excavate (overshoot) the auger refusal materials below planned footings and utilities and backfill the over-excavated area with engineered soil fill. This will allow conventional installation of foundation and utilities. In addition, support of the building on engineered fill will aid in limiting differential settlement between areas supported on rock and engineered fill.

The descriptions provided below are a guide to conditions generally encountered in the region of the project site. Required excavation techniques will vary based on weathering of the materials to be excavated, and the fracturing, jointing and overall stratigraphy of the feature. Actual field conditions usually display a gradual weathering progression with poorly defined and uneven boundaries between layers of different materials. We recommend that the following definitions for rock in earthwork excavation be included in bid documents:

Excavation Definition Summary

Excavation Type	Definition
Mass Excavation	Any material occupying an original volume of more than 1 cubic yard which cannot be excavated with a single-toothed ripper drawn by a crawler tractor having a minimum draw bar pull rating of not less than 56,000 pounds usable pull (Caterpillar D-8K or larger).
Trench Excavation	Any material occupying an original volume of more than 1/2 cubic yard which cannot be excavated with a backhoe having a bucket curling rate of not less than 25,600 pounds, using a rock bucket and rock teeth (Caterpillar M318 or larger).

Removal of rock by blasting is expensive. Hence, control of quantities is important. Survey methods are the best way to measure in-place rock quantities using cross-

sectioning when the top of rock is identified by ripping or large excavator, as per the rock definition. However, there may be site constraints or conditions that will hinder the use of ripping or a large excavator to identify rock. Contractors may request that the soil overburden be left in-place, and the top of rock “profile” be estimated using an air-track drill. This approach is open to interpretation, and can result in greater rock excavation quantities and costs. Before the definition of rock is changed by using air-track drilling or other approach, the owner and design team should agree to the change while being aware of potential additional costs.

In addition, we recommend pricing for mass and trench rock excavation be obtained prior to award of the grading contract. Excavation limits beyond those required to install utilities should also be defined.

All over-shot rock must be removed from the building footprints before fill placement begins. A Terracon geotechnical engineer or his representative should observe and document removal of over-shot rock prior to beginning fill placement.

Actual field conditions usually display a gradual weathering progression with poorly defined and uneven boundaries between layers of different materials. Rock levels in the Piedmont physiographic province can vary considerably in short horizontal distances and may be at higher or lower elevation between our boring locations.

Fill Material Types

Fill required to achieve design grade should be classified as structural fill and general fill. Structural fill is material used below, or within 10 feet of structures, pavements or constructed slopes. General fill is material used to achieve grade outside of these areas.

A large portion of the existing fill is expected to be suitable for reuse as new fill provided it is free of organics, debris, and unsuitable materials. Terracon should evaluate existing fill materials for use.

Soils used for structural and general fill should meet the following material property requirements:

Fill Material Types

Soil Type ^{1,2,3}	USCS Classification	Acceptable Parameters (for Structural Fill)
Fine Grain	CL and ML	Liquid Limit less than 45 Plasticity index less than 25
Granular	SP, SM, SC, and SW	Less than 50% passing No. 200 sieve

Fill Material Types

Soil Type ^{1,2,3}	USCS Classification	Acceptable Parameters (for Structural Fill)
On-Site Soils ⁴	SM and ML	Liquid Limit less than 45 Plasticity index less than 25 Less than 50% passing No. 200 sieve

1. Structural and general fill should consist of approved materials free of organic matter and debris. Frozen material should not be used, and fill should not be placed on a frozen subgrade. A sample of each material type should be submitted to the Geotechnical Engineer for evaluation prior to use on this site.
2. All fill should have a maximum dry density of at least 95 pounds per cubic foot (pcf) as determined by the standard Proctor test (ASTM D 698).
3. Any materials proposed as fill from off-site sources should be tested for compliance with these criteria before being hauled to the site.
4. Re-use of existing fill should meet the requirements noted above.

Fill Placement and Compaction Requirements

Structural and general fill should meet the following compaction requirements:

Fill Placement and Compaction Requirements

Item ^{2,3}	Structural Fill	General Fill
Maximum Lift Thickness	8 inches or less in loose thickness when heavy, self-propelled compaction equipment is used 4 to 6 inches in loose thickness when hand-guided equipment (i.e. jumping jack or plate compactor) is used	Same as structural fill
Minimum Compaction Requirements ^{1,2}	98% of max. dry density within 1 foot of floor slabs or finished pavement subgrades 95% of max. dry density below foundations and more than 1 foot below finished floor slabs or pavement subgrades	92% of max.
Water Content Range ^{1,2,3}	Fine Grain Soils: -2% to +3% of optimum Granular: -2% to +3% of optimum	As required to achieve min. compaction requirements

Fill Placement and Compaction Requirements

Item ^{2,3}	Structural Fill	General Fill
1.	Maximum density and optimum water content as determined by the standard Proctor test (ASTM D 698).	
2.	Fill should be tested for compaction and moisture content during placement. Should the results of the in-place density tests indicate that the specified moisture or compaction requirements have not been met, the area represented by the test should be reworked and retested as required until the specified moisture and compaction requirements are achieved.	
3.	Moisture levels should be maintained low enough to allow for satisfactory compaction to be achieved without pumping when proofrolled.	

Utility Trench Backfill

Any soft or unsuitable materials encountered at the bottom of utility trench excavations should be removed and replaced with structural fill or bedding material in accordance with public works specifications for the utility being supported. This recommendation is particularly applicable to utility work requiring grade control and/or in areas where subsequent grade raising could cause settlement in the subgrade supporting the utility. Trench excavation should not be conducted below a downward 1:1 projection from existing foundations without engineering review of shoring requirements and geotechnical observation during construction.

On-site materials are considered suitable for backfill of utility and pipe trenches from 1 foot above the top of the pipe to the final ground surface, provided the material is free of organic matter and deleterious substances.

Trench backfill should be mechanically placed and compacted as discussed earlier in this report. Compaction of initial lifts should be accomplished with hand-operated tampers or other lightweight compactors.

Grading and Drainage

Adequate positive drainage should be provided during construction and maintained throughout the life of the development to prevent an increase in moisture content of the foundation, pavement and backfill materials. Surface water drainage should be controlled to prevent undermining of fill slopes and structures during and after construction.

Gutters and downspouts that drain water a minimum of 10 feet beyond the footprint of the proposed structures are recommended. This can be accomplished through the use of

splash-blocks, downspout extensions, and flexible pipes that are designed to attach to the end of the downspout. Flexible pipe should only be used if it is daylighted in such a manner that it gravity-drains collected water. Splash-blocks should also be considered below hose bibs and water spigots.

It is recommended that all exposed earth slopes be seeded to provide protection against erosion as soon as possible after completion. Seeded slopes should be protected until the vegetation is established. Sprinkler systems should not be installed behind or in front of walls or near slopes.

Groundwater Considerations

Groundwater was not encountered in any of the borings during our exploration. Based on our understanding of the proposed development, we generally do not expect groundwater to affect construction. If groundwater is encountered during construction, some form of temporary or permanent dewatering may be required. Conventional dewatering methods, such as pumping from sumps, should likely be adequate for temporary removal of any groundwater encountered during excavation at the site. Well points would likely be required for significant groundwater flow, or where excavations penetrate groundwater.

Earthwork Construction Considerations

Upon completion of filling and grading, care should be taken to maintain the subgrade water content prior to construction of grade-supported improvements such as floor slabs and pavements. Construction traffic over the completed subgrades should be avoided. The site should also be graded to prevent ponding of surface water on the prepared subgrades or in excavations. Water collecting over or adjacent to construction areas should be removed. If the subgrade freezes, desiccates, saturates, or is disturbed, the affected material should be removed, or the materials should be scarified, moisture conditioned, and recompact prior to floor slab construction.

As a minimum, excavations should be performed in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR, Part 1926, Subpart P, "Excavations" and its appendices, and in accordance with any applicable local and/or state regulations.

Construction site safety is the sole responsibility of the contractor who controls the means, methods, and sequencing of construction operations. Under no circumstances shall the information provided herein be interpreted to mean Terracon is assuming responsibility for construction site safety or the contractor's activities; such responsibility shall neither be implied nor inferred.

Excavations or other activities resulting in ground disturbance have the potential to affect adjoining properties and structures. Our scope of services does not include review of available final grading information or consider potential temporary grading performed by the contractor for potential effects such as ground movement beyond the project limits. A preconstruction/ precondition survey should be conducted to document nearby property/infrastructure prior to any site development activity. Excavation or ground disturbance activities adjacent or near property lines should be monitored or instrumented for potential ground movements that could negatively affect adjoining property and/or structures.

Construction Observation and Testing

The earthwork efforts should be observed by the Geotechnical Engineer (or others under their direction). Observation should include documentation of adequate removal of surficial materials (vegetation, topsoil, and pavements), evaluation and remediation of existing fill materials, as well as proofrolling and mitigation of unsuitable areas delineated by the proofroll.

Each lift of compacted fill should be tested, evaluated, and reworked, as necessary, as recommended by the Geotechnical Engineer prior to placement of additional lifts. Any areas that do not meet the compaction specifications should be reworked to achieve compliance.

In areas of foundation excavations, the bearing subgrade should be evaluated by the Geotechnical Engineer. If unanticipated conditions are observed, the Geotechnical Engineer should prescribe mitigation options.

In addition to the documentation of the essential parameters necessary for construction, the continuation of the Geotechnical Engineer into the construction phase of the project provides the continuity to maintain the Geotechnical Engineer's evaluation of subsurface conditions, including assessing variations and associated design changes.

Preliminary Foundation Considerations

Development of the proposed graded pad will involve grading activities with cuts and fills on the order of 11 feet and 17 feet in places, respectively. Depending on the final configuration of the buildings, structures with lighter loads on the order of 250 kips or less may be supported by shallow foundations bearing on residual soils or newly placed structural fill. Allowable bearing pressures on the order of 3,000 psf appears to be feasible. Where very dense residual soils, PWR, or rock are exposed at foundation bearing levels in portions of structures in cut areas, shallow foundation support with higher allowable bearing pressures on the order of 6,000 psf to 15,000 psf or more may be feasible.

For structures with heavy loads on the order of 1,000 kips or less, several foundation concepts and combinations of foundation types should be considered. For the portions of the structures over the fill areas, ground improvement or deep foundations will be necessary to support the heavy loads and maintain settlements within tolerable limits. Where very dense residual soils, PWR, or rock are exposed at foundation bearing levels in portions of structures in cut areas, shallow foundation support with higher allowable bearing pressures on the order of 6,000 psf to 15,000 psf or more maybe feasible. If the loads are higher than 1,000 kips or the depth to rock is not sufficient for ground improvement to work, deep foundations will have to be considered.

Once structure loads, locations, and grades are established, additional geotechnical exploration should be performed to establish the most suited foundation option. Please see the [Supplemental Geotechnical Exploration](#) section for more information.

Preliminary Floor Slab Considerations

The materials encountered in our borings, generally appear suitable for supporting floor slabs depending upon proposed grades. As noted above for the foundations, portions of the slabs will be supported on native materials and portions on newly placed structural fill. Slabs should not bear directly on PWR or rock. Where PWR and rock are present at slab level, overblasting and backfilling with stone or soil to allow for a cushion layer may be needed. Additional floor slab recommendations will be provided during the final geotechnical study once plans are more developed.

Preliminary Pavement Considerations

The materials encountered in our borings appear suitable for supporting pavements depending upon proposed grades. For preliminary purposes, we believe typical pavement sections will be acceptable on the site, but pavement design needs to be performed using anticipated traffic loadings once determined. Additional pavement recommendations will be provided during the supplemental geotechnical study once plans are more developed.

Supplemental Geotechnical Exploration

Once development plans are more established, including structural loading, finished floor elevations, and building locations, supplemental geotechnical exploration(s) should be performed to establish foundation design and site development recommendations. The supplemental studies may include additional soil test borings and possibly rock coring as well as geophysical testing, additional laboratory testing and engineering analysis. The remaining portions of the overall site that has not been explored but planned with

developed will also need exploration with borings and possibly geophysical testing. We can provide a scope and fee for the supplemental explorations upon request.

General Comments

Our analysis and opinions are based upon our understanding of the project, the geotechnical conditions in the area, and the data obtained from our site exploration. Variations will occur between exploration point locations or due to the modifying effects of construction or weather. The nature and extent of such variations may not become evident until during or after construction. Terracon should be retained as the Geotechnical Engineer, where noted in this report, to provide observation and testing services during pertinent construction phases. If variations appear, we can provide further evaluation and supplemental recommendations. If variations are noted in the absence of our observation and testing services on-site, we should be immediately notified so that we can provide evaluation and supplemental recommendations.

Our Scope of Services does not include either specifically or by implication any environmental or biological (e.g., mold, fungi, bacteria) assessment of the site or identification or prevention of pollutants, hazardous materials or conditions. If the owner is concerned about the potential for such contamination or pollution, other studies should be undertaken.

Our services and any correspondence are intended for the sole benefit and exclusive use of our client for specific application to the project discussed and are accomplished in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical engineering practices with no third-party beneficiaries intended. Any third-party access to services or correspondence is solely for information purposes to support the services provided by Terracon to our client. Reliance upon the services and any work product is limited to our client and is not intended for third parties. Any use or reliance of the provided information by third parties is done solely at their own risk. No warranties, either express or implied, are intended or made.

Site characteristics as provided are for design purposes and not to estimate excavation cost. Any use of our report in that regard is done at the sole risk of the excavating cost estimator as there may be variations on the site that are not apparent in the data that could significantly affect excavation cost. Any parties charged with estimating excavation costs should seek their own site characterization for specific purposes to obtain the specific level of detail necessary for costing. Site safety and cost estimating including excavation support and dewatering requirements/design are the responsibility of others. Construction and site development have the potential to affect adjacent properties. Such impacts can include damages due to vibration, modification of groundwater/surface water flow during construction, foundation movement due to undermining or subsidence from excavation, as well as noise or air quality concerns. Evaluation of these items on

nearby properties are commonly associated with contractor means and methods and are not addressed in this report. The owner and contractor should consider a preconstruction/precondition survey of surrounding development. If changes in the nature, design, or location of the project are planned, our conclusions and recommendations shall not be considered valid unless we review the changes and either verify or modify our conclusions in writing.

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Attachments

Exploration and Testing Procedures

Field Exploration

Number of Borings	Approximate Boring Depth (feet)	Location
5	16 (auger refusal) to 35	Proposed graded pad area
2	25	General site area

Boring Layout and Elevations: Terracon personnel provided the boring layout using handheld GPS equipment (estimated horizontal accuracy of about ± 10 feet) and referencing existing site features. Approximate ground surface elevations were obtained by interpolation from the Provided topographic information. If elevations and a more precise boring layout are desired, we recommend borings be surveyed.

Subsurface Exploration Procedures: We advanced the borings with a truck-mounted drill rig using continuous, hollow stem augers. Four samples were obtained in the upper 10 feet of each boring and at intervals of 5 feet thereafter. In the split-barrel sampling procedure, a standard 2-inch outer diameter split-barrel sampling spoon was driven into the ground by a 140-pound automatic hammer falling a distance of 30 inches. The number of blows required to advance the sampling spoon the last 12 inches of a normal 18-inch penetration is recorded as the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) resistance value. The SPT resistance values, also referred to as N-values, are indicated on the boring logs at the test depths. We observed and recorded groundwater levels during drilling and sampling. All borings were backfilled with auger cuttings after their completion.

The sampling depths, penetration distances, and other sampling information was recorded on the field boring logs. The samples were placed in appropriate containers and taken to our soil laboratory for testing and classification by a Geotechnical Engineer. Our exploration team prepared field boring logs as part of the drilling operations. These field logs included visual classifications of the materials observed during drilling and our interpretation of the subsurface conditions between samples. Final boring logs were prepared from the field logs. The final boring logs represent the Geotechnical Engineer's interpretation of the field logs and include modifications based on observations and tests of the samples in our laboratory.

Laboratory Testing

The project engineer reviewed the field data and assigned laboratory tests. The laboratory testing program included the following types of tests:

- Moisture Content

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- Grain Size Analysis
- Atterberg Limits

The laboratory testing program often included examination of soil samples by an engineer. Based on the results of our field and laboratory programs, we described and classified the soil samples in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System.

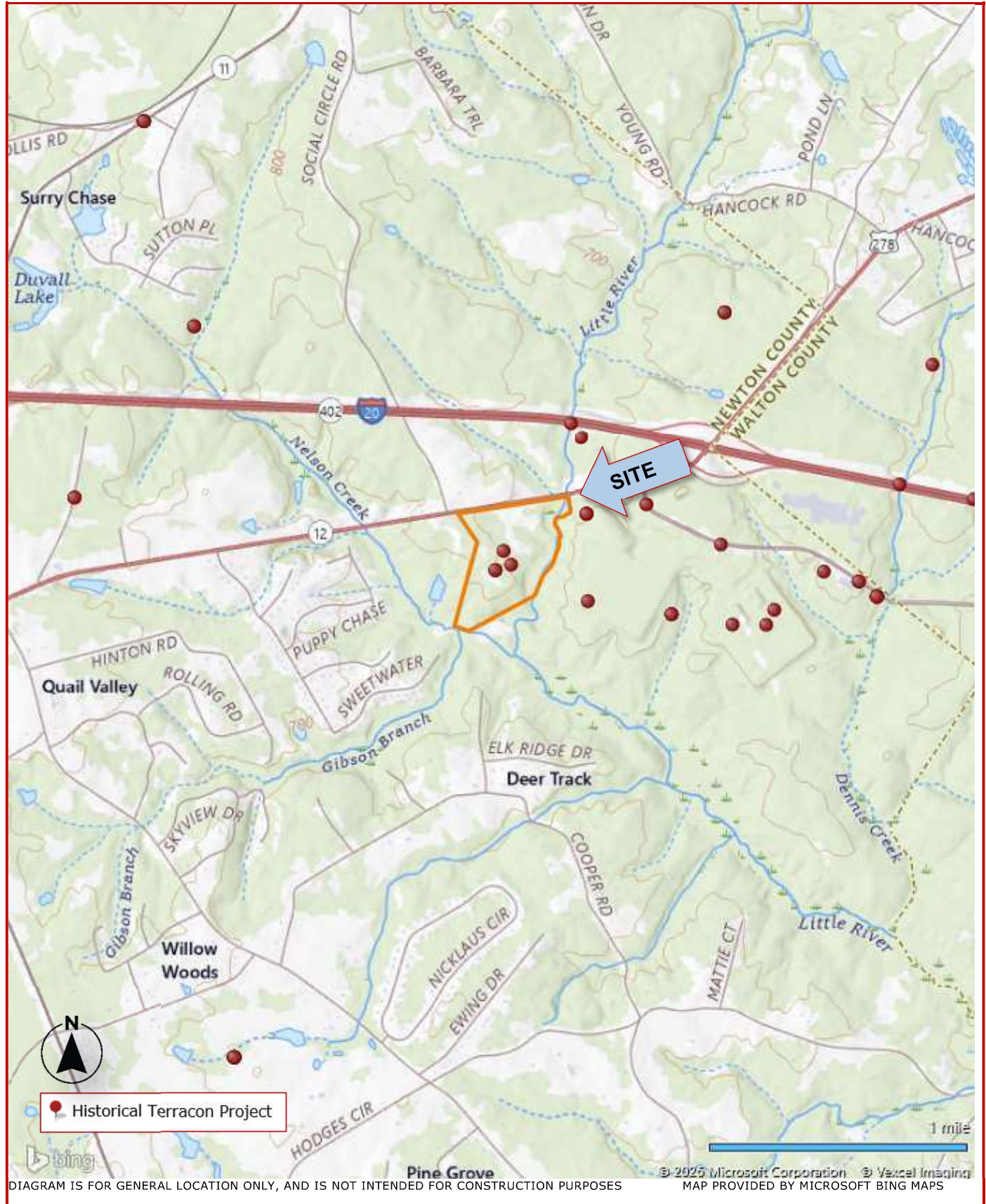
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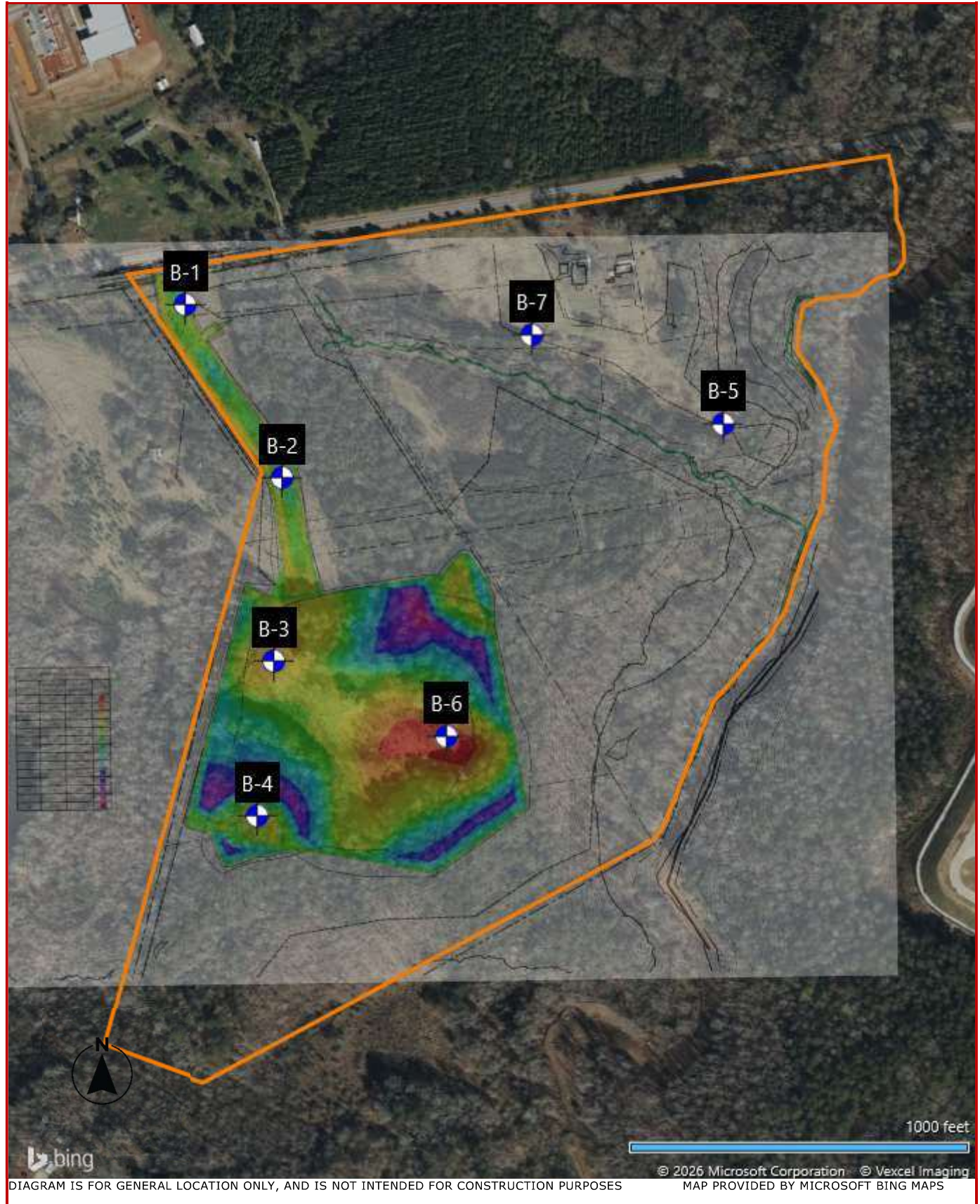
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Site Location



Exploration Plan



Exploration and Laboratory Results

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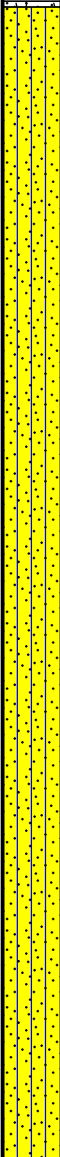
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Graphic Log	Location: See Exploration Plan		Depth (Ft.)	Water Level Observations	Sample Type	Field Test Results	Water Content (%)
	Latitude: 33.6056° Longitude: -83.7158°						
Depth (Ft.)			Elevation: 709 (Ft.)				
	RESIDUUM - SILTY SAND (SM) , fine to medium grained sand, red, moist, dense		5 10 15 20 25			20-20-20 N=40 9-19-30 N=49 10-15-23 N=38 10-10-11 N=21 9-11-10 N=21 10-10-13 N=23 12-11-11 N=22	
	- trace mica, orange, medium dense						
	- with mica, brown						
	25.0						
	684						
	Boring Terminated at 25 Feet						
See Exploration and Testing Procedures for a description of field and laboratory procedures used and additional data (If any). See Supporting Information for explanation of symbols and abbreviations.			Water Level Observations None Encountered While Drilling			Drill Rig CME 550	
						Hammer Type Safety	
						Driller Sunrise Drilling	
Notes			Advancement Method Hollow Stem Auger			Boring Started 05-18-2026	
			Abandonment Method Backfilled with soil cuttings			Boring Completed 05-18-2026	

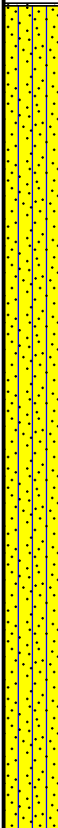
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Graphic Log	Location: See Exploration Plan Latitude: 33.6027° Longitude: -83.7149°	Depth (Ft.)	Water Level Observations	Sample Type	Field Test Results	Water Content (%)
	Depth (Ft.)	Elevation: 715 (Ft.)				
	RESIDUUM - SILTY SAND (SM) , fine grained sand, red, moist, medium dense - with mica, red, white - dense - brown, white					
28.0	687					
PARTIALLY WEATHERED ROCK - SAMPLED AS SILTY SAND (SM) , with mica, fine to medium grained sand, brown, white, moist, very dense						
35.0	680					
Boring Terminated at 35 Feet		35				

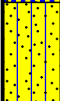
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Graphic Log	Location: See Exploration Plan Latitude: 33.6014° Longitude: -83.7151° Depth (Ft.) Elevation: 712 (Ft.)	Depth (Ft.)	Water Level Observations	Sample Type	Field Test Results	Water Content (%)
	0.2' TOPSOIL , 2 Inches	711.83				
	RESIDUUM - SILTY SAND (SM) , fine grained sand, red, moist, medium dense			X	10-14-14 N=28	19.6
				X	8-9-9 N=18	
	- orange			X	5-7-8 N=15	
				X	6-8-8 N=16	
	- with mica, orange, white			X	5-7-7 N=14	
				X	6-6-7 N=13	
	- white, brown			X	7-6-7 N=13	
				X	6-7-9 N=16	
	- brown			X	7-13-15 N=28	
35.0	677	35				
Boring Terminated at 35 Feet						
See Exploration and Testing Procedures for a description of field and laboratory procedures used and additional data (If any). See Supporting Information for explanation of symbols and abbreviations.		Water Level Observations None Encountered While Drilling		Drill Rig CME 550 Hammer Type Safety Driller Sunrise Drilling		
Notes		Advancement Method Hollow Stem Auger Abandonment Method Backfilled with soil cuttings		Boring Started 05-18-2026 Boring Completed 05-18-2026		

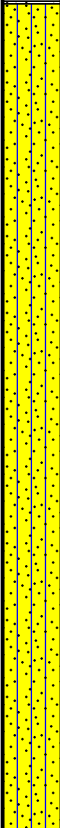
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Graphic Log	Location: See Exploration Plan Latitude: 33.6046° Longitude: -83.7105°		Depth (Ft.)	Water Level Observations	Sample Type	Field Test Results	Water Content (%)
	Depth (Ft.)	Elevation: 658 (Ft.)					
	0.1	TOPSOIL , 1 Inch	657.92				
		RESIDUUM - SILTY SAND (SM) , fine to medium grained sand, red, moist, medium dense			X	9-10-11 N=21	
		- orange			X	9-9-9 N=18	
					X	8-9-9 N=18	
		- with mica, orange, red			X	9-9-11 N=20	
					X	8-10-13 N=23	
		- brown, dense			X	12-12-18 N=30	
					X	13-15-18 N=33	
	25.0		633				
		Boring Terminated at 25 Feet		25			
See Exploration and Testing Procedures for a description of field and laboratory procedures used and additional data (If any). See Supporting Information for explanation of symbols and abbreviations.			Water Level Observations None Encountered While Drilling			Drill Rig CME 550	
Notes			Advancement Method Hollow Stem Auger			Hammer Type Safety	
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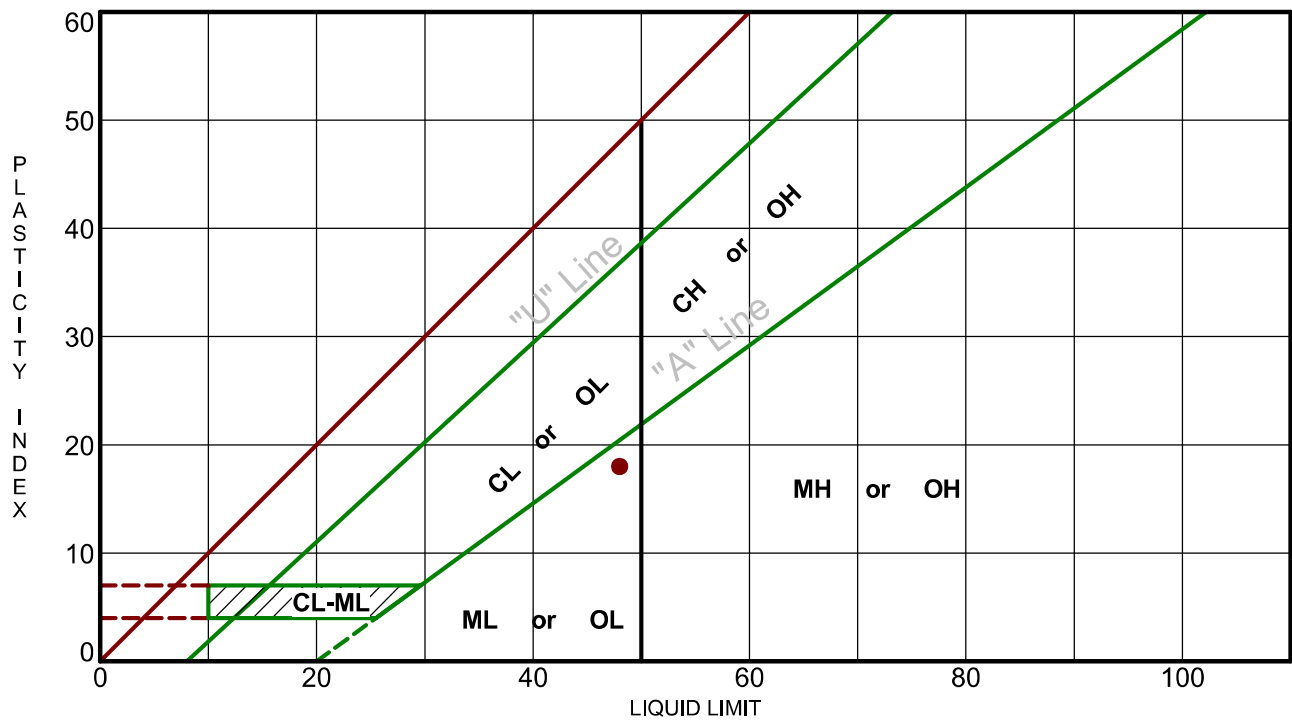
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Graphic Log	Location: See Exploration Plan Latitude: 33.6021° Longitude: -83.7132° Depth (Ft.) Elevation: 719 (Ft.)	Depth (Ft.)	Water Level Observations	Sample Type	Field Test Results	Water Content (%)
	RESIDUUM - SANDY SILT (ML) , fine to medium grained sand, orange, moist, very stiff	716		X	8-8-10 N=18	15.4
	SILTY SAND (SM) , with mica, fine to medium grained sand, orange, moist, very dense	713		X	10-30-30 N=60	27.0
	PARTIALLY WEATHERED ROCK - SAMPLED AS SILTY SAND (SM) , with mica, fine to medium grained sand, orange, moist, very dense - with mica, with rock fragments, orange brown - No sample	703		X	50/6"	
				X	50/5"	
				X	50/0"	
	Auger Refusal at 16 Feet					
See Exploration and Testing Procedures for a description of field and laboratory procedures used and additional data (If any). See Supporting Information for explanation of symbols and abbreviations. Notes Offset 15 Feet South Away from Road Auger Refusal at 11 Feet			Water Level Observations None Encountered While Drilling Advancement Method Hollow Stem Auger Abandonment Method Backfilled with soil cuttings		Drill Rig CME 550 Hammer Type Safety Driller Sunrise Drilling Boring Started 05-18-2026 Boring Completed 05-18-2026	

Boring Log No. B-7

Graphic Log	Location: See Exploration Plan Latitude: 33.6053° Longitude: -83.7124° Depth (Ft.) Elevation: 676 (Ft.)	Depth (Ft.)	Water Level Observations	Sample Type	Field Test Results	Water Content (%)
	0.1 TOPSOIL , 1 Inch RESIDUUM - SILTY SAND (SM) , fine to medium grained sand, red, moist, medium dense	675.92				
	- orange			X	9-7-9 N=16	
				X	10-9-11 N=20	
				X	9-10-10 N=20	
				X	7-7-7 N=14	
				X	5-7-8 N=15	
	- with mica, loose					
				X	4-4-4 N=8	
	- medium dense			X	4-5-5 N=10	
25.0	Boring Terminated at 25 Feet	651	25			
See Exploration and Testing Procedures for a description of field and laboratory procedures used and additional data (If any). See Supporting Information for explanation of symbols and abbreviations.		Water Level Observations None Encountered While Drilling		Drill Rig CME 550 Hammer Type Safety Driller Sunrise Drilling		
Notes		Advancement Method Hollow Stem Auger Abandonment Method Backfilled with soil cuttings		Boring Started 05-19-2026 Boring Completed 05-19-2026		

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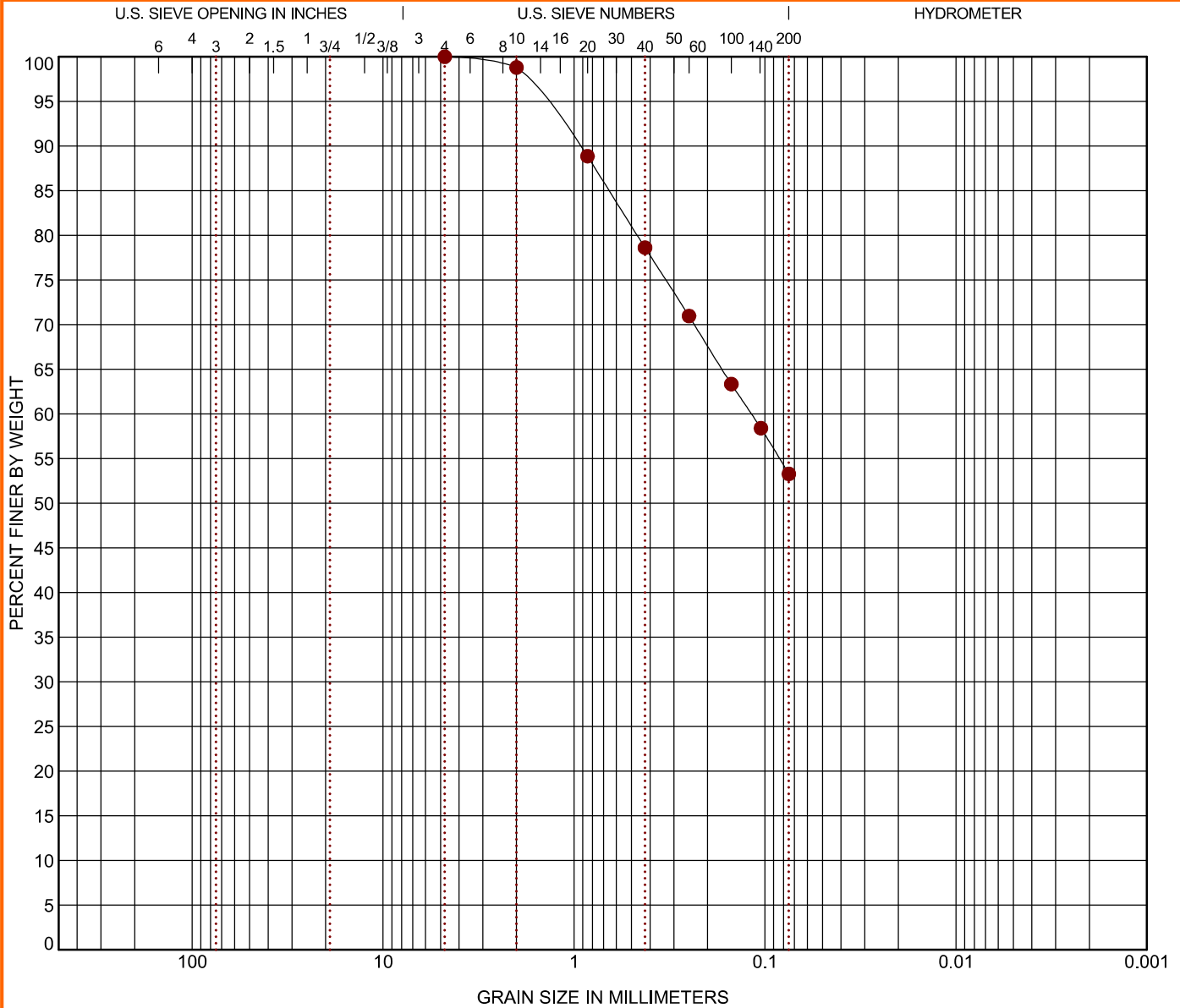
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COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY
	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine	

Boring ID	Depth (Ft)	USCS Classification				WC (%)	LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● B-6	1 - 2.5	SANDY SILT (ML)				15.4	48	30	18		

Boring ID	Depth (Ft)	D ₁₀₀	D ₆₀	D ₃₀	D ₁₀	%Cobbles	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt	%Fines	%Clay
● B-6	1 - 2.5	4.75	0.118			0.0	0.0	46.7		53.3	

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Supporting Information

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General Notes

Sampling	Water Level	Field Tests
 Split Spoon	 Water Initially Encountered  Water Level After a Specified Period of Time  Water Level After a Specified Period of Time  Cave In Encountered Water levels indicated on the soil boring logs are the levels measured in the borehole at the times indicated. Groundwater level variations will occur over time. In low permeability soils, accurate determination of groundwater levels is not possible with short term water level observations.	N Standard Penetration Test Resistance (Blows/Ft.) (HP) Hand Penetrometer (T) Torvane (DCP) Dynamic Cone Penetrometer UC Unconfined Compressive Strength (PID) Photo-Ionization Detector (OVA) Organic Vapor Analyzer

Descriptive Soil Classification
Soil classification as noted on the soil boring logs is based Unified Soil Classification System. Where sufficient laboratory data exist to classify the soils consistent with ASTM D2487 "Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes" this procedure is used. ASTM D2488 "Description and Identification of Soils (Visual-Manual Procedure)" is also used to classify the soils, particularly where insufficient laboratory data exist to classify the soils in accordance with ASTM D2487. In addition to USCS classification, coarse grained soils are classified on the basis of their in-place relative density, and fine-grained soils are classified on the basis of their consistency. See "Strength Terms" table below for details. The ASTM standards noted above are for reference to methodology in general. In some cases, variations to methods are applied as a result of local practice or professional judgment.

Location And Elevation Notes
Exploration point locations as shown on the Exploration Plan and as noted on the soil boring logs in the form of Latitude and Longitude are approximate. See Exploration and Testing Procedures in the report for the methods used to locate the exploration points for this project. Surface elevation data annotated with +/- indicates that no actual topographical survey was conducted to confirm the surface elevation. Instead, the surface elevation was approximately determined from topographic maps of the area.

Strength Terms				
Relative Density of Coarse-Grained Soils (More than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve.) Density determined by Standard Penetration Resistance		Consistency of Fine-Grained Soils (50% or more passing the No. 200 sieve.) Consistency determined by laboratory shear strength testing, field visual-manual procedures or standard penetration resistance		
Relative Density	Standard Penetration or N-Value (Blows/Ft.)	Consistency	Unconfined Compressive Strength Qu (tsf)	Standard Penetration or N-Value (Blows/Ft.)
Very Loose	0 - 3	Very Soft	less than 0.25	0 - 1
Loose	4 - 9	Soft	0.25 to 0.50	2 - 4
Medium Dense	10 - 29	Firm	0.50 to 1.00	5 - 8
Dense	30 - 50	Stiff	1.00 to 2.00	9 - 15
Very Dense	> 50	Very Stiff	2.00 to 4.00	16 - 30
		Hard	> 4.00	> 30

Relevance of Exploration and Laboratory Test Results
Exploration/field results and/or laboratory test data contained within this document are intended for application to the project as described in this document. Use of such exploration/field results and/or laboratory test data should not be used independently of this document.

Unified Soil Classification System

Criteria for Assigning Group Symbols and Group Names Using Laboratory Tests ^A				Soil Classification	
				Group Symbol	Group Name ^B
Coarse-Grained Soils: More than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve	Gravels: More than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve	Clean Gravels: Less than 5% fines ^C	Cu≥4 and 1≤Cc≤3 ^E	GW	Well-graded gravel ^F
		Gravels with Fines: More than 12% fines ^C	Cu<4 and/or [Cc<1 or Cc>3.0] ^E	GP	Poorly graded gravel ^F
			Fines classify as ML or MH	GM	Silty gravel ^{F, G, H}
		Sands: 50% or more of coarse fraction passes No. 4 sieve	Clean Sands: Less than 5% fines ^D	Fines classify as CL or CH	GC
	Cu≥6 and 1≤Cc≤3 ^E			SW	Well-graded sand ^I
	Sands with Fines: More than 12% fines ^D	Cu<6 and/or [Cc<1 or Cc>3.0] ^E	SP	Poorly graded sand ^I	
		Fines classify as ML or MH	SM	Silty sand ^{G, H, I}	
			Fines classify as CL or CH	SC	Clayey sand ^{G, H, I}
Fine-Grained Soils: 50% or more passes the No. 200 sieve		Inorganic:	PI > 7 and plots above “A” line ^J	CL	Lean clay ^{K, L, M}
	PI < 4 or plots below “A” line ^J		ML	Silt ^{K, L, M}	
	Organic:	$\frac{LL \text{ oven dried}}{LL \text{ not dried}} < 0.75$	OL	Organic clay ^{K, L, M, N}	
				Organic silt ^{K, L, M, O}	
	Inorganic:	PI plots on or above “A” line	CH	Fat clay ^{K, L, M}	
		PI plots below “A” line	MH	Elastic silt ^{K, L, M}	
	Organic:	$\frac{LL \text{ oven dried}}{LL \text{ not dried}} < 0.75$	OH	Organic clay ^{K, L, M, P}	
				Organic silt ^{K, L, M, Q}	
Highly organic soils:	Primarily organic matter, dark in color, and organic odor			PT	Peat

^A Based on the material passing the 3-inch (75-mm) sieve.

^B If field sample contained cobbles or boulders, or both, add "with cobbles or boulders, or both" to group name.

^C Gravels with 5 to 12% fines require dual symbols: GW-GM well-graded gravel with silt, GW-GC well-graded gravel with clay, GP-GM poorly graded gravel with silt, GP-GC poorly graded gravel with clay.

^D Sands with 5 to 12% fines require dual symbols: SW-SM well-graded sand with silt, SW-SC well-graded sand with clay, SP-SM poorly graded sand with silt, SP-SC poorly graded sand with clay.

$$^E \quad Cu = D_{60}/D_{10} \quad Cc = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$$

^F If soil contains $\geq 15\%$ sand, add "with sand" to group name.

^G If fines classify as CL-ML, use dual symbol GC-GM, or SC-SM.

^H If fines are organic, add "with organic fines" to group name.

^I If soil contains $\geq 15\%$ gravel, add "with gravel" to group name.

^J If Atterberg limits plot in shaded area, soil is a CL-ML, silty clay.

^K If soil contains 15 to 29% plus No. 200, add "with sand" or "with gravel," whichever is predominant.

^L If soil contains $\geq 30\%$ plus No. 200 predominantly sand, add "sandy" to group name.

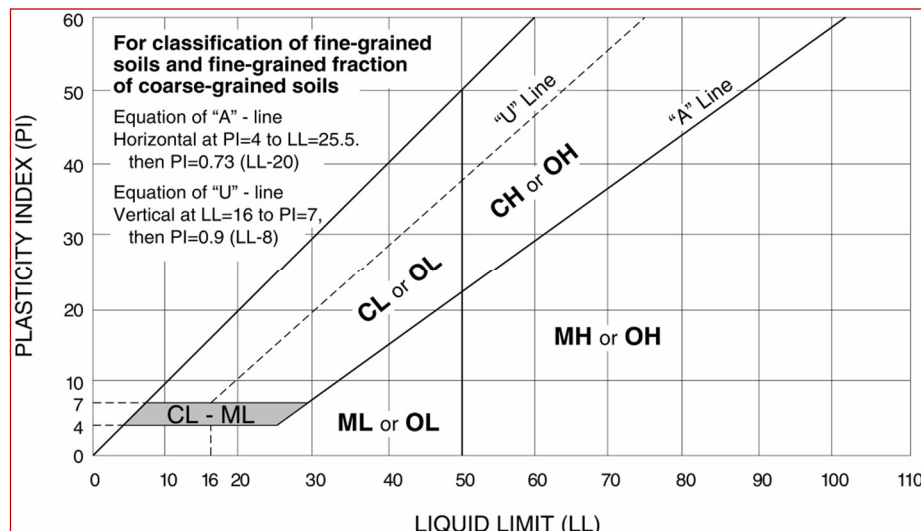
^M If soil contains $\geq 30\%$ plus No. 200, predominantly gravel, add "gravelly" to group name.

^N $PI \geq 4$ and plots on or above "A" line.

^O $PI < 4$ or plots below "A" line.

^P PI plots on or above "A" line.

^Q PI plots below "A" line.



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SECTION 31 00 00**EARTHWORK****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Grading
- B. Excavation
- C. Backfilling
- D. Compaction
- E. Remove and Replace Topsoil
- F. Dressing of Shoulders and Banks
- G. Stone Drainage Filter
- H. Water Control
- I. Testing

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 01 45 00 – Quality Control
- B. Section 01 45 23 – Testing and Inspecting Services
- C. Section 31 10 00 – Site Clearing
- D. Section 31 25 00GA – Erosion and Sedimentation Controls(GA)

1.3 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Grading to subgrades, construction of ditches, dressing of disturbed areas, removing and replacing topsoil, excavating, backfilling and compacting to required elevations, testing, staking, and construction supervision shall be included in the contract lump sum price for "Grading."
- B. Unsuitable Material – Payment will be made on a contract unit price for each cubic yard removed. Payment will include excavation and disposal of unsuitable material. Use of this pay item requires written approval from the Owner prior to work being performed.
- C. Borrow – Payment will be made on a contract unit price for each cubic yard in place. Payment will include furnishing materials required in excess of suitable

materials available on site. Use of this pay item requires written approval from the Owner prior to work being performed.

- D. Earthwork – All earthwork associated with the installation of bulkheads, headwalls, wingwalls, weir structures, drainage filters, rip-rap, etc. shall not be measured for direct payment. Payment for the earthwork shall be included in the item to which it pertains.
- E. Dewatering – No direct payment shall be made for dewatering. Dewatering shall be included in the item to which it pertains.

1.4 REFERENCES (LATEST REVISION)

- A. ASTM D 448 – Sizes of Aggregate for Road and Bridge Construction.
- B. ASTM D 1557 – Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Modified Effort.
- C. ASTM D 2487 – Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System).
- D. ASTM D 3740 – Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction.
- E. ASTM D 6938 – In-Place Density and Water Content of Soil and Soil-Aggregate by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth).
- F. ASTM E 329 – Agencies Engaged in Construction Inspection, Testing, or Special Inspection.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Section 01 33 00 – Submittal Procedures: Procedures for submittals.
- B. Materials Source: Submit gradation analysis, proctor results, and soil classification for all borrow material.

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Perform work in accordance with Federal, State of Georgia, and County of Newton, standards.

1.7 TESTING

- A. Laboratory tests for moisture density relationship for fill materials shall be in accordance with ASTM D 1557, (Modified Proctor).
- B. In place density tests in accordance with ASTM D 6938.
- C. Testing laboratory shall operate in accordance with ASTM D 3740 and E 329 and be acceptable to the Engineer.

- D. The testing laboratory and Project Engineer/Project Representative shall be given a minimum of 48 hours notice prior to taking any of the tests.
- E. Testing shall be Contractor's responsibility and performed at Contractor's expense by a commercial testing laboratory operating in accordance with subparagraph C above.
- F. Test results shall be furnished to the Engineer prior to continuing with associated or subsequent work.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

- A. Borrow shall consist of sand or sand-clay soils capable of being readily shaped and compacted to the required densities, and shall be reasonably free of roots, trash, rock larger than 2 inches, and other deleterious material.
- B. All soils used for structural fills shall have a PI (plastic index) of less than 10, and a LL (liquid limit) of less than 30. Fill soils shall be dried or wetted to appropriate moisture contents prior to compaction. Additionally, fill soils used for the top 2 feet of fill beneath roads and parking lots shall have no more than 15% passing the # 200 sieve. Fill soils used for house lots shall have no more than 25% passing the # 200 sieve.
- C. Contractor shall furnish all borrow material.
- D. Contractor shall be responsible for and bear all expenses in developing borrow sources including securing necessary permits, drying the material, haul roads, clearing, grubbing, excavating the pits, placing, compaction and restoration of pits and haul roads to a condition satisfactory to property owners and in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

2.2 SOURCE QUALITY CONTROL

- A. If tests indicate materials do not meet specified requirements, change material and retest.
- B. Provide materials of each type from same source throughout the Work.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 TOPSOIL

- A. Contractor shall strip topsoil and stockpile on site at a location determined by the Owner at the Contractor's expense.
- B. Topsoil shall be placed to a depth of 4 inches over all disturbed or proposed landscaped areas.

- C. Topsoil shall be provided at Contractor's expense if it is not available from site.
- D. Any remaining topsoil determined by the Owner or Engineer to be useful will be stored on site at a location determined by the Owner at the Contractor's expense.
- E. Do not excavate wet topsoil.

3.2 EXCAVATION

- A. Excavation is unclassified and includes excavation to subgrade elevations indicated, regardless of character of materials or obstructions encountered.
- B. Suitable excavation material shall be transported to and placed in fill areas within limits of the work.
- C. Unsuitable material encountered in areas to be paved and under building pads, shall be excavated 2 feet below final grade and replaced with suitable material from site or borrow excavations. Contractor shall notify Engineer if more than 2 feet of excavation is needed to replace unsuitable material.
- D. Unsuitable and surplus excavation material not required for fill shall be disposed of off site.
- E. Proper drainage, including sediment and erosion control, shall be maintained at all times. Methods shall be in accordance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System standards and other local, state, and federal regulations.
- F. Unsuitable materials as stated herein are defined as highly plastic clay soils, of the CH and MH designation, border line soils of the SC-CH description, and organic soils of the OL and OH description based on the Unified Soils Classification System. Further, any soils for the top two feet of pavement subbase shall have no more than 15% passing the # 200 sieve.

3.3 GROUND SURFACE PREPARATION FOR FILL

- A. All vegetation, roots, brush, heavy sods, heavy growth of grass, decayed vegetable matter, rubbish, and other unsuitable material within the areas to be filled shall be stripped and removed prior to beginning the fill operation.
- B. Sloped ground surfaces steeper than 1 vertical to 4 horizontal, on which fill is to be placed shall be plowed, stepped, or benched, or broken up as directed, in such a manner where fill material will bond with the existing surface.
- C. Surfaces on which fill is to be placed and compacted shall be wetted or dried as may be required to obtain the specified compaction.

3.4 FILL

- A. Shall be placed in successive horizontal layers 8 inches to 12 inches in loose depth for the full width of the cross-section and compacted as required.

3.5 FINISHED GRADING

- A. All areas covered by the project including excavated and filled sections and adjacent transition areas shall be smooth graded and free from irregular surface changes.
- B. Degree of finish shall be that ordinarily obtainable from either blade-grader or scraper operations, supplemented with hand raking and finishing, except as otherwise specified.
- C. Unpaved areas to within 0.1 feet of elevations shown on the drawings provided such deviation does not create low spots that do not drain.
- D. Ditches and lagoon banks shall be finished graded, dressed, and seeded within 14 calendar days of work to reduce erosion and permit adequate drainage.

3.6 DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIAL

- A. All vegetation, roots, brush, sod, broken pavements, curb and gutter, rubbish, and other unsuitable or surplus material stripped or removed from limits of construction shall be disposed of by the Contractor.

3.7 PROTECTION

- A. Graded areas shall be protected from traffic, erosion, settlement, or any washing away occurring from any cause prior to acceptance.
- B. Contractor shall be responsible for protection of below grade utilities shown on the drawings or indicated by the Owner at all times during earthwork operations.
- C. Repair or re-establishment of graded areas prior to final acceptance shall be at the Contractors expense.
- D. Site drainage shall be provided and maintained by Contractor during construction until final acceptance of the project. Drainage may be by supplemental ditching, or pumping if necessary, prior to completion of permanent site drainage.

3.8 DRAINAGE

- A. Contractor shall be responsible for providing surface drainage away from all construction areas. This shall include maintenance of any existing ditches or those constructed in the immediate vicinity of the work. Contractor shall provide proper and effective measures to prevent siltation of wetlands, streams, and ditches on both the Owner's property, and those properties downstream.

3.9 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Compaction testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM D 6938. Where tests indicate the backfill does not meet specified requirements, the backfill shall be reworked or removed and replaced, and then retested at the Contractor's expense.

- B. Unpaved areas – at least 90% of maximum laboratory density within 2% optimum moisture content unless otherwise approved by the Engineer.
- C. Paved Areas and Under Structures – top 6 inch layer of subbase to at least 98% of maximum laboratory density within 2% optimum moisture content. Layers below top 6 inches shall be compacted to 95% of maximum laboratory density within 2% optimum moisture content.
- D. Rolling and compaction equipment and methods shall be subject to acceptance by the Engineer. Acceptance in no way relieves Contractor of the responsibility to perform in correct and timely means.

3.10 PROOF ROLLING

- A. Shall be required on the subbase of all curb and gutter and paved areas and on the base of all paved areas where designated by the Engineer. Proof rolling shall take place after all underground utilities are installed and backfilled. The operation shall consist of rolling the subbase or base with a fully loaded 10-wheeled dump truck. A full load shall consist of 10 to 12 cubic yards of soil or rock. The dump truck shall be capable of traveling at a speed of two to five miles per hour and be in sound mechanical shape with no exhaust leaks or smoking from burning oil. The Engineer shall determine number of passes and areas rolled.

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SECTION 31 10 00**SITE CLEARING****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Removal of surface debris.
- B. Removal of trees, shrubs, and other plant life.
- C. Topsoil excavation.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 31 00 00 – Earthwork.

1.3 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Site Clearing: Clearing, grubbing and other items to be removed will be included in the unit price in the proposal for clearing work. Includes clearing site, removing stumps, loading and removing waste materials from site.

1.4 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Conform to State of Georgia and County of Newton code for environmental requirements, disposal of debris, burning debris on site, and use of herbicides.
- B. Coordinate clearing Work with utility companies.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS**2.1 MATERIALS**

- A. Provide tree protection materials as detailed on the construction drawings.

PART 3 – EXECUTION**3.1 PREPARATION**

- A. Verify existing plant life designated to remain is tagged or identified.
- B. Identify a waste area for placing removed materials.

3.2 PROTECTION

- A. All trees on site will be saved except those marked specifically by the Owner's representative for removal during construction. No trees, including those marked for removal on site or any other tree, may be removed prior to the preconstruction conference. All trees not to be removed will be protected from

injury to their roots and to their top to a distance three feet beyond the drip-line and no grading, trenching, pruning, or storage of materials may go in this area except as provided by an Owner's representative stakeout. Contractor will pay a penalty for any tree removed from the site that has not been marked specifically for removal. Contractor also will pay for any tree that dies due to damage during construction. This applies to all trees on site whether or not they are shown on the plans.

- B. Contractor shall not be held accountable for damages to trees resulting from placement of fill or removal of soils where such action is required by the contract documents. Any tree, the trunk of which is within 10 feet of any footing or trench, shall be exempt from these penalties except Contractor shall exercise all reasonable precautions to preserve even these trees. Contractor agrees to pay fines as established below in the event he or any of his subcontractors causes loss or removal of trees designated to be saved under provisions of this contract.

The fines are as follows:

<u>Caliper</u>	<u>Fine</u>
1" – 2"	\$ 150.00
2" – 3"	200.00
3" – 4"	250.00
4" – 5"	400.00
5" – 6"	500.00
6" – 7"	600.00
7" – 8"	750.00
8" – 11"	1,500.00
12" – 20"	2,000.00
21" & larger	\$ 2,500.00

- C. Trees shall be graded by Owner's representative as to variety, condition, and site importance, with above figures acting as a maximum fine. Lowest assessment amount shall be no less than one-half of the above fine figures.
- D. Protect benchmarks, survey control points, and existing structures from damage or displacement.
- E. Protect all remaining utilities.
- F. Clearing operations shall be conducted to prevent damage by falling trees to trees left standing, to existing structures and installations, and to those under construction, and to provide for the safety of employees and others.

3.3 CLEARING

- A. Clear areas required for access to site and execution of work. Clearing shall consist of felling and cutting trees into sections, and satisfactory disposal of trees and other vegetation designated for removal, including downed timber, snags, brush, and rubbish occurring within area to be cleared. Trees, stumps, roots, brush, and other vegetation in areas to be cleared shall be burned or removed completely from the site, except such trees and vegetation as may be indicated

or directed to be left standing. Trees designated to be left standing within cleared areas shall be trimmed of dead branches 1-1/2 inch or more in diameter. Limbs and branches to be trimmed shall be neatly cut close to the trunk of the tree or main branches. Cuts more than 1-1/2 inches in diameter shall be painted with an accepted treewound paint. Trees and vegetation to be left standing shall be protected from damage incident to clearing, grubbing, and construction operations, by the erection of timber barriers or by such other means as circumstances require. Such barriers must be placed and be checked by the OWNER before construction observations can proceed (See 3.2). Clearing shall also include removal and disposal of structures obtruding, encroaching upon, or otherwise obstructing the work.

3.4 REMOVAL

- A. Where indicated or directed, trees and stumps shall be removed from areas outside those areas designated for clearing and grubbing. Work shall include felling of such trees and removal of their stumps and roots. Trees shall be disposed of as hereinafter specified.
- B. Remove debris, rock, and other extracted plant life from site.
- C. Partially remove paving and curbs; as indicated. Neatly saw cut edges at right angle to surface.

3.5 DISPOSAL

- A. Disposal of trees, branches, snags, brush, stumps, etc., resulting from clearing and grubbing shall be the Contractor's responsibility and shall be disposed of by burning, removal from site, or a combination of both. All costs in connection with disposing of materials will be at the Contractor's expense. Material disposed of by burning shall be burned in a manner avoiding all hazards, such as damage to existing structures, construction in progress, trees, and vegetation. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with all local and State laws and regulations relative to the building of fires. Disposal by burning shall be kept under constant attendance until fires have burned out or extinguished. All liability of any nature resulting from disposal of cleared and grubbed material shall become the Contractor's responsibility. Disposal of all materials cleared and grubbed will be in accordance with rules and regulations of the State of Georgia. No material will be burned unless directed to do so by the OWNER. Contractor shall obtain a permit to burn on site from local fire department, before beginning the work.

3.6 GRUBBING

- A. Grubbing shall consist of removal and disposal of stumps, roots larger than one inch in diameter, and matted roots from designated grubbing areas. This material, together with logs and other organic or metallic debris not suitable for building of pavement subgrade or building pads, shall be excavated and removed to a depth of not less than 18 inches below original surface level of the ground in embankment areas and not less than 2 feet below finished earth surface in excavated areas. Depressions made by grubbing shall be filled with suitable material and compacted to make the surface conform to original adjacent ground.

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SECTION 31 25 00GA**EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROLS (GA)****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Soil erosion, sediment, and pollution control measures shall include all temporary and permanent means of soil protection, trapping soils and containment of pollutants on the construction site during land disturbing activities. Activities covered in this section are regulated by the Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia (latest revision) and Georgia's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES), General Permit No. GAR100001.
- B. Reporting
- C. Sampling

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 31 00 00 – Earthwork
- B. Section 31 10 00 – Site Clearing
- C. Section 33 40 00 – Storm Drainage Utilities

1.3 PURPOSES

- A. The purpose of this section is to achieve the following goals:
 - 1. Minimize soil exposure by proper timing of clearing grading and construction.
 - 2. Retain existing vegetation whenever feasible.
 - 3. Vegetate and mulch disturbed areas as soon as possible.
 - 4. Divert runoff away from disturbed areas.
 - 5. Minimize length and steepness of slopes when it is practical.
 - 6. Reduce runoff velocities with check dams or surface roughing.
 - 7. Trap sediment on site.
 - 8. Inspect and maintain erosion, sedimentation, and pollution control measures.
 - 9. Report on condition of Best Management Practices (BMPs).
 - 10. Sample site run off per Georgia's NPDES Permit.

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Manufacturer's Qualifications: Firms regularly engaged in manufacture of soil erosion, sedimentation and pollution control systems products of types, materials, and sizes required, whose products have been in satisfactory use in similar service for not less than 5 years.

Codes and Standards: Comply with all applicable Local, State, and Federal Standards pertaining to soil erosion, sedimentation, and pollution control.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's technical product data and installation instruction for soil erosion, sedimentation and pollution control materials and products.

1.6 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. No unit measurements will be made for soil erosion control. Payment will be made at the lump sum price as shown on the bid proposal. The cost of soil erosion control shall include all equipment, labor, maintenance, monitoring, reporting, and materials necessary to comply with the State of Georgia NPDES Permit.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.1 VEGETATIVE MATERIALS

- A. Mulch
 - 1. Dry straw or hay.
 - 2. Wood chips, sawdust or bark.
 - 3. Cutback asphalt.
- B. Temporary Seeding
 - 1. Annual Ryegrass
 - 2. Browntop Millet
- C. Permanent Seeding
 - 1. Common Bermuda
 - 2. Centipede
- D. Fertilizer
 - 1. Commercial 6-12-12

2.2 STRUCTURAL MATERIALS

A. Check Dam

1. Stone (2" – 10")
2. Bales of densely baled hay or straw wrapped with synthetic or wire bands (two minimum per bale).

B. Construction Exit

1. Minimum 20' x 50' x 0.5' layer of 1.5" to 3.5" stone with a geotextile underliner.

C. Filter Ring

1. Minimum 2' high stone ring. Stone shall be no smaller than 3" to 5" when utilized at storm drain inlets and pond outlets with pipe diameters less than 12".
2. Minimum 2' high stone ring. Stone shall be no smaller than 10" to 15" when utilized at storm drain inlets and pond outlets with pipe diameters greater than 12".

D. Sediment Barrier

1. Bales of densely baled hay or straw wrapped with synthetic or wire bands (two minimum per bale).
2. Silt Fence – Shall be a woven geotextile fabric sheet of plastic yarn composed of a long chain synthetic polymer with at least 85% by weight propylene, ethylene, amide, ester or vinylidene chloride, and shall contain stabilizers and/or inhibitors added to the base plastic to make the filaments resistant to deterioration due to ultra-violet and/or heat exposure. The fabric shall be finished so the filaments will retain their relative position with respect to each other. The fabric shall be free of defects, rips, holes, or flaws. The manufacturer shall have either an approved color mark yarn in the fabric or label the fabricated silt fence with both the manufacturer and fabric name every 100'.

The fabric shall meet the following requirements:

Grab Strength	90 lbs.
Mullen Burst Strength	150 lbs.
UV Resistance	80 %

E. Inlet Sediment Trap

1. Silt fence (Type C) supported by steel posts.
2. Baffle Box – Constructed of 2" x 4" boards spaced a maximum of 1" apart or plywood with weep holes 2" in diameter (See detail).

3. Sod Inlet Protection – Four – 1 foot wide strips of sod on each side of the inlet (See detail).
 4. Curb Inlet Protection – Eight inch concrete blocks wrapped in filter fabric, placed in front of a curb inlet.
- F. Storm Drain Outlet Protection
1. Geotextile fabric equivalent to Mirafi FW700.
 2. Rip-rap (See detail for size).

2.3 CHEMICAL MATERIALS

- A. Dust Control – Calcium Chloride, Anionic Asphalt Emulsion, Latex Emulsion, or Resin-in-Water Emulsion.
- B. Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) – Consult state and local laws concerning the regulations of this chemical.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 GENERAL

- A. All disturbed soil areas except those to support paving shall be graded and protected from erosion with vegetative materials. Sedimentation discharge from the construction site into natural drainage ways and storm drainage systems shall be prevented by means of vegetative measures and temporary structural practices. These vegetative measures and structural practices are known as Best Management Practices (BMPs). Rainfall, pollution control measures, and construction exit condition shall be monitored and reported on each day when construction activities take place. Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be monitored and reported on every seven days and within 24 hours of a qualifying rainfall event of 0.5 inches or more. Sampling of construction site discharging water shall be sampled within 45 minutes of a qualifying rainfall event and analyzed immediately or no later than 48 hours after collection. The above reports shall be submitted to the Georgia EPD by the fifteenth day of the month following the reporting period.
- B. The Contractor (Operator) is considered a "Primary Permittee" and shall submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) in accordance with General Permit No. GAR100001 at least 14 days prior to the commencement of construction activities. Contractor shall retain a copy of the Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Plan and Comprehensive Monitoring Program required by above permit at construction site or be readily available at a designated alternate location from date of project initiation to date of final stabilization. Copies of all Notice of Intent, Notice of Termination, plans, monitoring reports and all other records required by above permit shall be retained by Contractor for a period of at least three years from date the site is finally stabilized. Copies of Notice of Intent (NOI), Notice of Termination (NOT) and General Permit Number GAR100001 are found at the end of this section.

3.2 ON-SITE OBSERVATION

- A. Engineer is required by General Permit No. GAR100001 to check the installation of Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control measures within one week after initial construction activities commence. The Contractor shall notify Engineer within 24 hours of control measures installation for the above site visit. Engineer, within the above parameters, shall check subsequent installation of control measures.

3.3 VEGETATIVE PRACTICES

- A. Mulch
 - 1. Dry straw or hay shall be applied at a depth of 2 to 4 inches by hand or mechanical equipment providing complete soil coverage. Straw or hay shall be anchored immediately after application. Straw or hay can be anchored with a disk harrow, packer disk or emulsified asphalt.
 - 2. Wood chips, sawdust, or bark shall be applied at a depth of 2 to 3 inches by hand or mechanical equipment providing complete soil coverage. Netting of the appropriate size shall be used to anchor the above materials.
 - 3. Cutback asphalt shall be applied at 1,200 gallons per acre or 1/4 gallon per square yard.
- B. Seeding
 - 1. Seed shall be applied uniformly by hand, cyclone seeder, drill, cultipacker seeder, or hydraulic seeder. Drill or cultipacker seeders shall place seed 1/4" to 1/2" deep. Soil shall be raked lightly to cover seed with soil if seeded by hand.
 - 2. During times of drought, water shall be applied at a rate not causing runoff and erosion. The soil shall be thoroughly wetted to depth insuring germination of the seed. Subsequent applications of water shall be made when needed.
 - 3. Refer to Section 32 92 00 – Turf and Grasses for additional seeding requirements.

3.4 STRUCTURAL MEASURES

- A. Check Dam
 - 1. Stone – Shall be constructed of graded size 2–10 inch stone underlaid with a geotextile fabric. Mechanical or hand placement shall be required to insure complete coverage of entire width of ditch or swale and center of dam is lower than edges. Sediment shall be removed when it reaches a depth of one-half the original dam height or before.

2. Haybale – Shall be staked and embedded a minimum of 4" and may be used as temporary check dams in concentrated flow areas while vegetation is becoming established. They should not be used where the drainage area exceeds one acre. Sediment shall be removed when it reaches a depth of one-half the original dam height or before.

B. Construction Exit

1. A stone stabilized pad shall be located at any point where traffic will be leaving the construction site to a public right-of-way, street, alley, sidewalk, parking area or any other area where there is a transition from bare soil to a paved area. The pad shall be constructed of 1.5" to 3.5" stone, having a minimum thickness of 6" and not less than 20' wide and 50' long. The pad shall be underlaid with a geotextile fabric. The pad shall be maintained in a condition, which will prevent tracking or flow of mud onto public rights-of-way. This may require periodic top dressing with 1.5" to 3.5" stone. All materials spilled, dropped, washed, or tracked from vehicles or site onto roadways or into storm drains must be removed immediately.

C. Filter Ring

1. Shall surround all sides of the structure receiving runoff from disturbed areas. It shall be placed a minimum of 4' from the structure. It may also be used below storm drains discharging into detention ponds, creating a centralized area for sediment accumulation. When utilized below a storm drain outlet, it shall be placed such that it does not create a condition causing water to back-up into the storm drain and inhibit the function of the storm drain system. The larger stone can be faced with smaller filter stone on the upstream side for added sediment filtering capabilities. Mechanical or hand placement of stone shall be required to uniformly surround the structure.
2. Filter ring must be kept clear of trash and debris. This requires continuous monitoring and maintenance, which includes sediment removal when one-half full. Filter rings are temporary and should be removed when the site has been stabilized.

D. Sediment Barrier

1. Hay or straw bales may be used in areas of low sheet flow rates. They shall not be use if the project duration is expected to exceed three months. Bales shall be placed in a single row, lengthwise, and embedded in the soil to a depth of 4". Bales must be securely anchored in place by stakes or bars driven through the bales or by other acceptable means to prevent displacement. Bales shall be placed so the binding wire or twine around the bale will not touch the soil. Sediment shall be removed once it has accumulated to one-half the original height of the barrier. Barriers shall remain in place until disturbed areas have been permanently stabilized. All sediment accumulated at the barrier shall be removed and properly disposed of before the barrier is removed. The slope lengths contributing runoff to a bale barrier cannot exceed those listed below.

<u>Land Slope</u> (Percent)	<u>Maximum Slope Length</u> <u>Above Bale</u> (Feet)
< 2	75
2 to 5	50
5 to 10	35
10 to 20	20
> 20	10

2. Silt fence may be used in areas of higher sheet flow rates. The drainage area shall not exceed ¼ acre for every 100' of silt fence. **Silt fence shall not be installed across streams, ditches, waterways or other concentrated flow areas.** Silt fence shall be installed according to this specification, as shown on the construction drawings or as directed by the Engineer. See details on the construction drawings for installation requirements.
 - a. Type A – A 36" wide filter fabric silt fence shall be used on construction sites where the life of the project is greater than or equal to six months.
 - b. Type B – A 22" wide filter fabric silt fence shall be limited to use on minor projects, such as residential home sites or small commercial developments where permanent stabilization will be achieved in less than six months.
 - c. Type C – A 36" wide filter fabric silt fence with wire reinforcement shall be used where runoff flows or velocities are particularly high or where slopes exceed a vertical height of 10'. Along stream buffers and other sensitive areas, two rows of Type C silt fence or one row of Type C silt fence backed by hay bales shall be used.
3. Where all runoff is to be stored behind the silt fence (where no stormwater disposal system is present), the slope lengths contributing runoff to a silt fence barrier cannot exceed those listed below.

<u>Land Slope</u> (Percent)	<u>Maximum Slope Length</u> <u>Above Fence</u> (Feet)
< 2	100
2 to 5	75
5 to 10	50
10 to 20	25
> 20*	15

*In areas where the slope is greater than 20%, a flat area length of 10' between the toe of the slope and the fence shall be provided.

4. Sediment shall be removed once it has accumulated to one-half the original height of the barrier. Filter fabric shall be replaced whenever it

has deteriorated to such an extent that the effectiveness of the fabric is reduced (approximately six months). Barriers shall remain in place until disturbed areas have been permanently stabilized. All sediment accumulated at the barrier shall be removed and properly disposed of before the barrier is removed.

E. Inlet Sediment Trap

1. Shall be installed at or around all storm drain inlets receiving runoff from disturbed areas. Sediment traps must be self draining unless they are otherwise protected in an approved manner that will not present a safety hazard. The drainage area entering the inlet sediment trap shall be no greater than one acre. Sediment traps may be constructed on natural ground surface, on an excavated surface or on machine compacted fill provided they have a non-erodible outlet.
2. Type C silt fence supported by steel posts may be used where the inlet drains a relatively flat area (slope no greater than 5%) and shall not apply to inlets receiving concentrated flows, such as in street or highway medians. The stakes shall be spaced evenly around the perimeter of the inlet a maximum of 3' apart and securely driven into the ground, approximately 18" deep. The fabric shall be entrenched 12" and backfilled with crushed stone or compacted soil. Fabric and wire shall be securely fastened to the posts and fabric ends must be overlapped a minimum of 18" or wrapped together around a post to provide a continuous fabric barrier around the inlet. The trap shall be inspected daily and after each rain. Repairs are to be made as needed. Sediment shall be removed once it has accumulated to one-half the height of the trap. **Sediment shall not be washed into the inlet.** It shall be removed from the sediment trap and disposed of and stabilized so it will not enter the inlet again. When the contributing drainage area has been permanently stabilized, all materials and any sediment shall be removed and either salvaged or disposed of properly. The disturbed area shall be brought to proper grade, smoothed and compacted. Appropriately stabilize all disturbed areas around the inlet.
3. A baffle box shall be used for inlets receiving runoff with a higher volume or velocity. The box shall be constructed of 2" x 4" boards spaced a maximum of 1" apart or of plywood with weep holes 2" in diameter. The weep holes shall be placed approximately 6" on center vertically and horizontally. The entire box shall be wrapped in Type C filter fabric that is entrenched 12" and backfilled. Gravel shall be placed around the box to a depth of 2" to 4". The trap shall be inspected daily and after each rain. Repairs are to be made as needed. Sediment shall be removed once it has accumulated to one-half the height of the trap. **Sediment shall not be washed into the inlet.** It shall be removed from the sediment trap and disposed of and stabilized so it will not enter the inlet again. When the contributing drainage area has been permanently stabilized, all materials and any sediment shall be removed and either salvaged or disposed of properly. The disturbed area shall be brought to proper grade, smoothed and compacted. Appropriately stabilize all disturbed areas around the inlet.

4. Sod Inlet Protection shall be used only at the time of permanent seeding, to protect the inlet from sediment and mulch material until permanent vegetation has become established. The sod shall be placed to form a turf mat covering the soil for a distance of 4' from each side of the inlet structure. Sod strips shall be staggered so adjacent strip ends are not aligned. Re-sod areas where an adequate stand of sod is not obtained. New sod should be mowed sparingly. Grass height should not be less than 2" to 3".
5. Curb Inlet Protection shall be used on curb inlets receiving runoff from disturbed areas once pavement has been installed. Place 8" concrete blocks wrapped in filter fabric in front of the curb inlet opening. A gap of approximately 4" shall be left between the inlet filter and the inlet to allow for overflow and prevention of hazardous ponding in the roadway. **This method of inlet protection shall be removed if a safety hazard is created.** Sediment shall be removed from curb inlet protection immediately.

F. Storm Drain Outlet Protection

1. Outlet protection aprons shall be constructed at all storm drain outlets, road culverts, paved channel outlets discharging into natural or constructed channels. Apron will extend from end of the conduit, channel, or structure to the point of entry into an existing stream or publicly maintained drainage system. Apron length, width, and stone size shall conform to details on the construction drawings. Apron shall be constructed with no slope along its length. Invert elevation of the downstream end of apron shall be equal to the elevation of the receiving channel invert. There shall be no overfall at the end of apron. Apron shall be located so there are no bends in the horizontal alignment.
2. Subgrade for geotextile fabric and rip-rap shall follow required lines and grades shown on the construction drawings. Compact any subgrade fill required to the density of surrounding undisturbed material. Low areas in subgrade on undisturbed soil may also be filled by increasing rip-rap thickness. Geotextile fabric shall be protected from punching or tearing during installation. Repair any damage by removing rip-rap and placing another piece of fabric over the damaged area. All connecting joints shall overlap a minimum of 1'. If damage is extensive, replace entire geotextile fabric. Rip-rap shall be placed by equipment or hand. Minimum thickness of rip-rap shall be 1.5 times the maximum stone diameter. Immediately after construction, stabilize all disturbed areas around apron with vegetation.
3. Check outlet apron after heavy rains to see if any erosion around or below the rip-rap has taken or if stones have been dislodged. Immediately make all needed repairs to prevent further damage.

3.5 CHEMICAL MEASURES

A. Dust Control

1. Dust raised from vehicular traffic shall be controlled by wetting down roads with water or by the use of chemicals. Chemicals shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

B. Soil Binding

1. This temporary practice is intended for direct soil surface application to sites where the timely establishment of vegetation may not be feasible or where vegetative cover is absent or inadequate. **This temporary practice is not intended for application to surface waters of the state.** It is intended for application within construction storm water ditches and storm drains that feed into previously constructed sediment ponds or basins.
2. Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) is available in emulsions, powders, gel bars, and logs. It is required that other Best Management Practices be used in combination with anionic PAM. The use of seed and mulch for additional erosion protection beyond the life of anionic PAM is recommended. Use 50' setbacks when applying anionic PAM near natural water bodies. Never add water to PAM, add PAM slowly to water. If water is added to PAM, globs can form which can clog dispensers. This signifies incomplete dissolving of PAM and therefore increases the risk of under application. Application rates shall conform to manufacturer's guidelines. **The maximum application rate of PAM, in pure form, shall not exceed 200pounds/acre/year.** Contractors using anionic PAM shall obtain and follow all Material Safety Data Sheet requirements and manufacturer's recommendations. Gel bars and logs of anionic PAM mixtures may be used in ditch systems. This application shall meet the same testing requirements as anionic PAM emulsions and powders. Maintenance will consist of reapplying anionic PAM to disturbed areas, including high traffic areas, which interfere in the performance of this practice.

3.6 MONITORING AND REPORTING

- A. Each day, when any type of construction activity takes place on the construction site, Contractor's qualified personnel shall monitor and record rainfall, inspect all areas where petroleum products are stored, used or handled for spills and leaks from vehicles and equipment and check all locations where vehicles enter or exit the site for evidence of off site sediment tracking. These inspections shall be conducted until a Notice of Termination (NOT) is submitted. For linear construction where a phased activity is conducted, this paragraph applies to the active phase(s) of work.
- B. Once every seven calendar days and within 24 hours of the end of a storm 0.5 inches or greater, Contractor's qualified personnel shall inspect disturbed areas of the construction site that have not undergone final stabilization, areas used for storage of materials that are exposed to precipitation that have not undergone final stabilization and structural control measures (BMPs). Erosion and sediment control measures identified in the Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Plan shall be observed to ensure they are operating correctly. Where discharge locations or points are accessible, they shall be inspected to ascertain whether erosion control measures are effective in preventing significant impacts to receiving water(s). These inspections must be conducted until a Notice of

Termination is submitted. For linear construction where a phase activity is conducted, this paragraph applies to the active phase(s) of work.

- C. Contractor's qualified personnel shall inspect at least once per month during the term of the General Permit, areas of the construction site having undergone final stabilization. These areas shall be inspected for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system and receiving water(s). Erosion and sediment control measures shall be observed to ensure they are operating correctly. Where discharge locations or points are accessible, they shall be inspected to ascertain whether erosion control measures are effective in preventing significant impacts to receiving water(s). For linear construction, monthly inspections in accordance with this paragraph shall be made for those phases on which final stabilization has been completed.
- D. Contractor shall prepare a report summarizing the scope of inspections, name(s) of qualified personnel making the inspections, date(s) of inspections, major observations relating to the implementation of the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan and any actions taken. This report shall be retained on the construction site or be readily available at a designated alternate location until the entire site or portion of a construction project that was phased, has undergone final stabilization and a Notice of Termination (NOT) is submitted to EPD. Such reports shall identify any incidents of non-compliance. Where the report does not identify any incidents of non-compliance, the report shall contain a certification that the facility is in compliance with the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan and the General Permit. The report shall be signed in accordance with the General Permit.

3.7 SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

- A. Contractor must manually or automatically sample in accordance with the Comprehensive Monitoring Plan (CMP) at least once for each rainfall event described below. For a qualifying event, samples must be taken within forty-five (45) minutes of:
 - 1. The accumulation of the minimum amount of rainfall, if the storm water discharge to a monitored receiving water or from a monitored outfall has begun at or prior to the accumulation.
 - 2. The beginning of any storm water discharge to a monitored receiving water or from a monitored outfall, if the discharge begins after the accumulation of the minimum amount of rainfall.

However, where manual and automatic sampling are impossible (as defined in the permit), or are beyond the Contractor's control, the Contractor shall take samples as soon as possible, but in no case more than 12 hours after the beginning of the storm water discharge.

- B. Sampling shall occur for the following events:
 - 1. For each area of the site discharging to a receiving stream, the first rain event reaching or exceeding 0.5 inch and allows for monitoring during normal business hours* (Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and

Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. when construction activity is being conducted by the Primary permittee) occurring after all clearing and grubbing operations are completed in the drainage area of the location selected as the sampling location;

2. In addition to (1) above, for each area of the site discharging to a receiving stream, the first rain event reaching or exceeding 0.5 inch and allows for monitoring during normal business hours* occurring either 90 days after the first sampling event or after all mass grading operations are completed in the drainage area of the location selected as the sampling location, whichever comes first.
3. At the time of the sampling performed pursuant to (1) and (2) above, if BMPs are found to be properly designed, installed, and maintained, no further action is required. If BMPs in any area of the site discharging to a receiving stream are not properly designed, installed, and maintained, corrective action shall be defined and implemented within two business days, and turbidity samples shall be taken from discharges of the same area for each subsequent rain event reaching or exceeding 0.5 inch during normal business hours* until the selected turbidity standard is attained, or until post-storm event inspections determine BMPs are properly designed, installed, and maintained;
4. Existing construction activities, i.e., those occurring on or before the effective date of this permit, having met the sampling required by (1) above shall sample in accordance with (2). Those existing construction activities having met the sampling required by (2) above shall not be required to conduct additional sampling other than as required by (3) above.

* Note the Permittee may choose to meet the requirements of (1) and (2) above by collecting turbidity samples from any rain event reaching or exceeding 0.5 inch and allows for monitoring at any time of the day or week.

5. For linear construction, if at any time during the life of the project, BMPs have not been properly designed, installed or maintained for the construction activities that discharge into a receiving water which is not being sampled, the Contractor shall sample that receiving water for the first rainfall event greater than or equal to 0.5 inches thereafter and for every rainfall event greater than or equal to 0.5 inches until BMPs are properly designed, installed and maintained.

- C. Sampling shall be collected by "grab samples" and the analysis of these samples must be conducted in accordance with methodology and test procedures established in the General Permit. Sample containers shall be labeled prior to collecting the samples. Samples shall be well mixed before transferring to a secondary container. Large mouth, well cleaned and rinsed glass or plastic jars shall be used for collecting samples. The jars shall be cleaned thoroughly to avoid contamination. Manual or automatic sampling shall be utilized. Samples required by the General Permit shall be analyzed immediately, but in no case later than 48 hours after collection. However, samples from automatic samplers

must be collected no later than the next business day after their accumulation, unless flow through automated analysis is utilized. Samples are not required to be cooled. Samples taken for the purpose of compliance with the General Permit shall be representative of the monitored activity and representative of the water quality of the receiving water(s) and/or the storm water outfalls using the following minimum guidelines:

1. The upstream sample for each receiving water(s) must be taken immediately upstream of the confluence of the first storm water discharge from the permitted construction site but downstream of any other storm water discharges not associated with the site. Where appropriate, several upstream samples from across the receiving water(s) may need to be taken and the average turbidity of these samples used for an upstream turbidity value.
 2. The downstream sample for each receiving water(s) must be taken downstream of the confluence of the last storm water discharge from the construction site but upstream of any other storm water discharge not associated with the site. Where appropriate, several downstream samples from across the receiving water(s) may need to be taken and the average turbidity of these samples used for a downstream turbidity value.
 3. Samples shall be taken from the horizontal and vertical center of the receiving water(s) or the storm water outfall channel(s).
 4. Care shall be taken to avoid stirring the bottom sediments in the receiving water(s) or in the outfall storm water channel(s).
 5. Sampling container shall be held so the opening faces upstream.
 6. Samples shall be kept from floating debris.
- D. For all construction sites and common developments other than linear construction projects, the Contractor shall sample all receiving water(s), or all outfall(s) or a combination of receiving water(s) and outfall(s). For linear construction projects, the Contractor must sample all perennial and intermittent streams and other water bodies shown on an USGS topographic map and all other field verified perennial and intermittent streams and other water bodies, or all outfalls into such streams and other water bodies, or a combination thereof.
- E. Contractor shall provide and implement all safety equipment and procedures necessary for sampling during hazardous weather conditions and in the event of biological, chemical or physical hazards
- F. Contractor shall submit a summary of the monitoring results to the EPD at the address shown in the General Permit by the fifteenth day of the month following the reporting period. For a monitoring period during which no qualifying rainfall events occur, a monitoring report must be submitted stating such. Monitoring periods are calendar months beginning with the first month after the effective date of the General Permit. Monitoring reports shall be signed in accordance with the General Permit and submitted to EPD until such time as a NOT is submitted.

- G. Contractor must retain copies of all monitoring results and monitoring information reported. In addition to other record keeping requirements, the monitoring information shall include:
1. Date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements.
 2. Name(s) of the individual(s) who performed the sampling and measurements.
 3. Date(s) analyses were performed.
 4. Time(s) analyses were initiated.
 5. Name(s) of the individual(s) who performed the analyses.
 6. References and written procedures, when available, for the analytical techniques or methods used. A quality control/quality assurance program must be included in the written procedures.
 7. The results of such analyses, including the bench sheets, instrument readouts, computer disks or tapes, used to determine these results.
 8. Results exceeding 1,000 NTU shall be reported as "Exceeds 1,000 NTU."
- H. Suggested monitoring and report forms are found at the end of this section.

End of Section



**Authorization To Discharge Under The
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
Stormwater Discharges Associated With Construction Activity
For Stand Alone Construction Projects**

In compliance with the provisions of the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (Georgia Laws 1964, p.416, as amended), hereinafter called the "State Act," the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), hereinafter called the "Clean Water Act," and the Rules and Regulations promulgated pursuant to each of these Acts, new and existing stormwater point sources within the State of Georgia that are required to have a permit, upon submittal of a Notice of Intent, are authorized to discharge stormwater associated with construction activity to the waters of the State of Georgia in accordance with the limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth in Parts I through VI hereof.

This permit shall become effective on August 1, 2023.

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight, July 31, 2028.

Signed this 06/20/2023



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Dunn'.

Richard E. Dunn, Director
Environmental Protection Division

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Part I. COVERAGE UNDER THIS PERMIT

A. Permit Area.

This permit regulates point source discharges of stormwater to the waters of the State of Georgia from construction activities, as defined in this permit.

B. Definitions. All terms used in this permit shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions as set forth in the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (Act) and the Georgia Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control Chapter 391-3-6 (Rules), unless otherwise defined in this permit:

1. “Best Management Practices” (BMPs) means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent and minimize erosion and resultant sedimentation, which are consistent with, and no less stringent than, those practices contained in the “Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia” (Manual) published by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of Georgia. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.
2. “Buffer” means the area of land immediately adjacent to the banks of State waters in its natural state of vegetation, which facilitates the protection of water quality and aquatic habitat.
3. “Certified Personnel” means a person who has successfully completed the appropriate certification course approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
4. “Commencement of Construction” means the initial disturbance of soils associated with clearing, grading, or excavating activities or other construction activities.
5. “Common Development” means a contiguous area where multiple, separate, and distinct construction activities will be taking place at different times on different schedules under one plan of development.
6. “Construction Activity” means the disturbance of soils associated with clearing, grading, excavating, filling of land, or other similar activities which may result in soil erosion. Construction activity does not include agricultural and silvicultural practices, but does include agricultural buildings.
7. “CPESC” means Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control with current certification by EnviroCert International, Inc.
8. “CWA” means Federal Clean Water Act (formerly referred to as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972).

9. “Design Professional” means a professional licensed by the State of Georgia in the field of: engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, forestry, geology, or land surveying; or a person that is a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) with a current certification by EnviroCert International, Inc. and that has completed the appropriate certification course approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission in accordance with O.C.G.A 12-7-9. Design Professionals shall practice in a manner that complies with applicable Georgia law governing professional licensure.

10. “Director” means the Director of the Environmental Protection Division or an authorized representative.

11. “Division” or “EPD” means the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

12. “Drainage Structure” means a device composed of virtually nonerodible material such as concrete, steel, plastic, or other such material that conveys water from one place to another by intercepting the flow and carrying it to a release point for storm water management, drainage control, or flood control purposes.

13. “Erosion” means the process by which land surface is worn away by the action of wind, water, ice or gravity.

14. “Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan” or “Plan” means a plan for the control of soil erosion, sediment and pollution resulting from a construction activity.

15. “Filling” means the placement of any soil or solid material either organic or inorganic on a natural ground surface or an excavation.

16. “Final Stabilization” means that all soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed, and that for unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures and areas located outside the waste disposal limits of a landfill cell that has been certified by EPD for waste disposal, 100% of the soil surface is uniformly covered in permanent vegetation with a density of 70% or greater, or landscaped according to the Plan (uniformly covered with landscaping materials in planned landscaped areas), or equivalent permanent stabilization measures as defined in the Manual (excluding a crop of annual vegetation and a seeding of target crop perennials appropriate for the region).

17. “General Contractor” means the operator of the stand alone construction or site.

18. “Impossible” means the monitoring location(s) are either physically or legally inaccessible, or access would cause danger to life or limb.

19. “Infeasible” means not technologically possible, or not economically practicable and achievable in light of best industry practices.

20. "Landfill" means an area of land or an excavation in which waste materials are placed for permanent disposal, and which is not a land application unit, surface impoundment, injection well or waste pile as defined by Georgia NPDES General Permit GAR050000, and which area of land or excavation must be certified by EPD before it can begin waste disposal operations.
21. "Landfill Cell(s)" means a defined area within a landfill where waste materials are permanently disposed and that must be certified by EPD for use before such cell(s) can begin receiving waste materials after which those activities associated with waste receipt and disposal in the landfill cell(s) shall not be considered construction activity as defined by this permit.
22. "Local Issuing Authority" means the governing authority of any county or municipality which is certified pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Section 12-7-8(a).
23. "Mass Grading" means the movement of earth by mechanical means to alter the gross topographic features (elevations, slopes, etc.) to prepare a site for final grading and the construction of facilities (buildings, roads, parking, etc.).
24. "Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)" means a numerical unit of measure based upon photometric analytical techniques for measuring the light scattered by fine particles of a substance in suspension.
25. "NOI" means Notice of Intent to be covered by this permit (see Part II).
26. "NOT" means Notice of Termination (see Part VI).
27. "Operator" means the entity that has the primary day-to-day operational control of those activities at the construction site necessary to ensure compliance with Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan requirements and permit conditions.
28. "Other Water Bodies" means ponds, lakes, marshes and swamps which are waters of the State.
29. "Outfall" means the location where stormwater, in a discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, leaves a facility or construction site or, if there is a receiving water on site, becomes a point source discharging into that receiving water.
30. "Owner" means the legal title holder to the real property on which is located the facility or site where construction activity takes place.
31. "Permittee" means any entity that has submitted a Notice of Intent and obtained permit coverage.
32. "Phase" or "Phased" means sub-parts or segments of construction sites where the sub-part or segment is constructed and stabilized prior to completing the entire construction site.

33. "Point Source" means any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure or container from which pollutants are or may be discharged. This term also means sheet flow which is later conveyed via a point source to waters of the State. This term does not include return flows from irrigated agriculture or agricultural stormwater runoff.

34. "Primary Permittee" means the Owner and/or the Operator of a tract of land for a construction site subject to this permit.

35. "Proper Design" and "Properly Designed" means designed in accordance with the design requirements and specifications contained in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" (Manual) published by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted and amendments to the Manual as approved by the GSWCC up until the date of NOI submittal.

36. "Receiving Water(s)" means all perennial and intermittent waters of the State into which the runoff of stormwater from a construction activity will actually discharge, either directly or indirectly.

37. "Roadway Drainage Structure" means a device, such as a bridge, culvert, or ditch, composed of a virtually nonerodible material such as concrete, steel, plastic, or other such material that conveys water under a roadway by intercepting the flow on one side of a traveled way consisting of one or more defined lanes, with or without shoulder areas, and carrying water to a release point on the other side.

38. "Roadway Project(s)" means traveled ways including but not limited to roads, sidewalks, multi-use paths and trails, and airport runways and taxiways. This term also includes the accessory components to a roadway project that are necessary for the structural integrity of the roadway and the applicable safety requirements. These accessory components include but are not limited to slopes, shoulders, stormwater drainage ditches and structures, guardrails, lighting, signage, cameras and fences and exclude subsequent landscaping and beautification projects.

39. "Sediment" means solid material, both organic and inorganic, that is in suspension, is being transported, or has been moved from its site of origin by, wind, water, ice, or gravity as a product of erosion.

40. "Sedimentation" means the action or process of forming or depositing sediment.

41. "Sheet Flow" means runoff which flows over the ground surface as a thin, even layer, not concentrated in a channel.

42. "Site" or "Construction Site" means a facility of any type on which construction activities are occurring or are to occur which may result in the discharge of pollutants from a point source into the waters of the State.

43. “Stand Alone Construction” or “Stand Alone Construction Project” means construction activities that are not part of a common development where the Primary Permittee chooses not to use Secondary Permittees.

44. “Stormwater” means stormwater runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage.

45. “Structural Erosion and Sediment Control Practices” means measures for the stabilization of erosive or sediment producing areas by utilizing the mechanical properties of matter for the purpose of either changing the surface of the land or storing, regulating or disposing of runoff to prevent excessive sediment loss.

46. “Sub-contractor” means an entity employed or retained by the permittee to conduct any type of construction activity (as defined in this permit) at a stand alone construction site. Sub-contractors must complete the appropriate certification course approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 12-7-19. Sub-contractors are not permittees unless they meet the definition of either a Primary, Secondary or Tertiary Permittee.

47. “Surface Water Drainage Area” means the hydrologic area starting from the lowest downstream point where the stormwater from the construction activity enters the receiving water(s) and following the receiving water(s) upstream to the highest elevation of land that divides the direction of water flow. This boundary will connect back with the stormwater entrance point. Boundary lines follow the middle of the highest ground elevation or halfway between contour lines of equal elevation.

48. “Trout Streams” means waters of the State classified as either primary trout waters or secondary trout waters, as designated in the Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6.

49. “Utility Company or Utility Contractor” means, for purposes of this Permit, an entity or sub-contractor that is responsible, either directly or indirectly, for the construction, installation, and maintenance of conduits, pipes, pipelines, cables, wires, trenches, vaults, manholes, and similar structures or devices for the conveyance of natural gas (or other types of gas), liquid petroleum products, electricity, telecommunications (telephone, data, television, etc.), water, stormwater or sewage.

50. “USGS Topographic Map” means a current quadrangle, 7½ minute series map prepared by the United States Department of the Interior, Geological Survey.

51. “Vegetative Erosion and Sediment Control Practices” means measures for the stabilization of erosive or sediment producing areas by covering the soil with: (1) permanent seeding, sprigging or planting, producing long-term vegetative cover; (2) temporary seeding, producing short-term vegetative cover; or (3) sodding, covering areas with a turf of perennial sod forming grass.

52. “Waters Supporting Warm Water Fisheries” means all waters of the State that sustain, or have the potential to sustain, aquatic life but excluding trout streams.

53. “Waters of Georgia” or “Waters of the State” means any and all rivers, streams, creeks, branches, lakes, reservoirs, ponds, drainage systems, springs, wells, wetlands, and all other bodies of surface or subsurface water, natural or artificial, lying within or forming a part of the boundaries of the State which are not entirely confined and retained completely upon the property of a single individual, partnership, or corporation.

C. Eligibility.

1. Construction Activities. This permit authorizes, subject to the conditions of this permit:

- a. all discharges of stormwater associated with stand alone construction projects that will result in land disturbance equal to or greater than one (1) acre occurring on or before, and continuing after, the effective date of this permit, (henceforth referred to as existing stormwater discharges from construction activities) except for discharges identified under Part I.C.3.;
- b. all discharges of stormwater associated with stand alone construction projects that will result in land disturbance equal to or greater than one (1) acre occurring after the effective date of this permit, (henceforth referred to as stormwater discharges from construction activities); and
- c. coverage under this permit is not required for discharges of stormwater associated with minor land disturbing activities (such as home gardens and individual home landscaping, repairs, maintenance work, fences and other related activities which result in minor soil erosion) conducted outside of the 25 foot buffer along the banks of all State waters requiring a buffer and outside of the 50 foot buffer along the banks of all State waters classified as 'trout streams' requiring a buffer on individual residential lots sold to homeowners where all planned construction activities on that lot have been completed and have undergone final stabilization.

2. Mixed Stormwater Discharges. This permit may only authorize a stormwater discharge from a construction site or construction activities mixed with a stormwater discharge from an industrial source or activity other than construction where:

- a. the industrial source or activity other than construction is located on the same site as the construction activity and is an integral part of the construction activity;
- b. the stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity from the areas of the site where construction activities are occurring are in compliance with the terms of this permit; and
- c. stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity from the areas of the site where industrial activity other than construction are occurring are covered by a different NPDES general permit or individual permit authorizing such discharges and the discharges are in compliance with a different NPDES permit.

3. Limitations on Coverage. The following stormwater discharges from construction sites are not authorized by this permit:

- a. stormwater discharges associated with an industrial activity that originate from the site after construction activities have been completed and the site has undergone final stabilization;
- b. discharges that are mixed with sources of non-stormwater other than discharges which are identified in Part III.A.2. of this permit and which are in compliance with Part IV.D.7. (non-stormwater discharges) of this permit;
- c. stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity that are subject to an existing NPDES individual or general permit. Such discharges may be authorized under this permit after an existing permit expires provided the existing permit did not establish numeric limitations for such discharges; and
- d. stormwater discharges from construction sites that the Director (EPD) has determined to be or may reasonably be expected to be contributing to a violation of a water quality standard.

4. Compliance with Water Quality Standards. No discharges authorized by this permit shall cause violations of Georgia's in-stream water quality standards as provided by the Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6-.03.

D. Authorization.

- 1. Any person desiring coverage under this permit must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the EPD and the NOI must be received by the EPD in accordance with the requirements of Part II, using the electronic submittal service provided by the EPD, in order for stormwater discharges from construction sites to be authorized.
- 2. Unless notified by the Director to the contrary, a permittee who submits an NOI in accordance with the requirements of this permit is authorized to discharge stormwater from construction sites under the terms and conditions of this permit fourteen (14) days after the date that the NOI is submitted and confirmation of submittal is received. The Director may deny coverage under this permit and require submittal of an application for an individual NPDES permit or alternative general NPDES permit based on a review of the NOI or other information. Should the Director deny coverage under this permit, coverage under this permit is authorized until the date specified in the notice of denial by the Director.
- 3. Where a new permittee is to begin work on-site after an NOI for the facility/construction site has been submitted, that new permittee must submit a new NOI in accordance with Part II.

E. Continuing Obligations of Permittees. Unless and until responsibility for a site covered under this permit is properly terminated or ownership changes, according to the terms of the permit, the current permittee remains responsible for compliance with all applicable terms of the permit and for any violations of said terms.

Part II. NOTICE OF INTENT REQUIREMENTS

A. Deadlines for Notification.

1. Except as provided in Part II.A.2., II.A.3. and II.A.5., Owners or Operators or both who intend to obtain coverage under this general permit for stormwater discharges from a construction site (where construction activities begin after issuance of this permit), shall submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) in accordance with the requirements of Part II at least fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of construction activities.

2. For sites where construction activities, subject to this permit, are occurring on the effective date of this permit, the Owner or Operator or both shall submit a re-issuance NOI for an existing construction site in accordance with the requirements of this part no later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this permit. Failure to comply with this requirement shall constitute a violation of the Georgia Water Quality Control Act for each day until the Owner or Operator or both submit an initial NOI for a new construction site in accordance with Part II.A.1., comply with the special conditions in Part III., prepare and submit a new Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan in accordance with Part IV., and pay all applicable fees in accordance with Part II.D.

3. A discharger is not precluded from submitting an NOI in accordance with the requirements of this part after the dates provided in Parts II.A.1. or II.A.2. of this permit. In such instances, EPD may bring an enforcement action for failure to submit an NOI in a timely manner or for any unauthorized discharges of stormwater associated with construction activity that have occurred on or after the dates specified in Part II.A.1. and II.A.2.

4. Where an Owner or an Operator or both changes after an NOI has been filed, the subsequent Owner or Operator or both must submit a modification NOI in accordance with this Part by the earlier to occur of (a) seven (7) days before beginning work at the facility/construction site or (b) thirty (30) days from acquiring legal title to the facility/construction site. In the event a lender or other secured creditor acquires legal title to the facility/construction site, such party must submit a modification NOI in accordance with this Part by the earlier to occur of (a) seven (7) days before beginning work at the facility/construction site; or (b) thirty (30) days from acquiring legal title to the facility/construction site. Stabilization and BMP installation and/or maintenance measures of a disturbed site, by the subsequent Owner or Operator, may occur in advance of filing a new NOI, without violation of this permit. Failure to comply with this requirement shall constitute a violation of the Georgia Water Quality Control Act for each day until the Owner or Operator or both submit an initial NOI for a new construction site in accordance with Part II.A.1., comply with the special conditions in Part III., prepare and submit a new Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan in accordance with Part IV., and pay all applicable fees in accordance with Part II.D.

5. For sites where construction activities will result in land disturbance equal to or greater than one (1) acre that are required as a result of storm- or emergency-related repair work, the Owner or Operator or both shall notify the appropriate EPD District Office within three (3) days of commencement of said construction activities. The Owner or Operator or both shall submit the NOI to the appropriate EPD district office as soon as possible after the storm- or emergency-related

event but no later than fourteen (14) days after the commencement of construction activities and shall submit the Plan in accordance with Part IV.A.6.

B. Notice of Intent Contents.

1. Primary Permittee. A single Notice of Intent for the Primary Permittee (i.e., one NOI signed by the Owner or the Operator or both) shall be signed in accordance with Part V.G.1. of this permit and shall include the following information:

a. The project construction site name, GPS location (decimal degrees) of construction exit, construction site location (e.g., street address), city (if applicable) and county of the construction site for which the notification is submitted. The construction site location information must be sufficient to accurately locate the construction site;

b. The Owner's legal name, address, telephone number and email address; and if available, the Operator's legal name, address, telephone number and email address; and if applicable, the Duly Authorized Representative's legal name and/or position name, telephone number and email address;

c. The name, telephone number and email address of the individual to whom the permittee has assigned the responsibility for the daily operational control (i.e., construction superintendent, etc.) of the construction site;

d. The name of the initial receiving water(s) or if unnamed the first named blue line stream indicated on the appropriate USGS Topographic map, and when the discharge is through a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), the name of the local government operating the municipal separate storm sewer system and the name of the receiving water(s) which receives the discharge from the MS4, and the permittee's determination of whether the receiving water(s) supports warm water fisheries or is a trout stream as indicated in the Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6;

e. The name of the receiving water(s) located within one (1) linear mile upstream of and within the same watershed as, any portion of an Impaired Stream Segment identified as "not supporting" its designated use(s) shown on Georgia's most current "305(b)/303(d) List Documents (Approved)" for the criteria violated/cause, "Bio F" (Impaired Fish Community) and/or "Bio M" (Impaired Macroinvertebrate Community), within Category 4a, 4b or 5, and the potential cause is either "NP" (nonpoint source) or "UR" (urban runoff);

f. An estimate of project start date and completion date, a schedule for the timing of the various construction activities, the number of acres of the site on which soil will be disturbed, and the surface water drainage area (if applicable). For projects that began on or before the effective date of this permit, the start date must be the actual start date of construction;

g. The following certification shall be signed in accordance with Part V.G.1. of this permit:

“I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan (Plan) was prepared by a design professional, as defined by this permit, that has completed the appropriate certification course approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 12-7-19 and that I will adhere to the Plan and comply with all requirements of this permit.”

- h. The type of construction activity category (from those listed on the NOI) conducted at the site;
- i. The location of the receiving water(s) or outfall(s) or a combination of receiving water(s) and outfall(s) to be sampled on a map or drawing of appropriate scale. When it is determined by the Primary Permittee that some or all of the outfall(s) will be sampled, the applicable nephelometric turbidity unit (NTU) selected from Appendix B (i.e., based upon the size of the construction site and the surface water drainage area) must be shown for each outfall to be sampled.
- j. NOIs may be submitted for separate phases of projects with a total planned disturbance greater than 5.0 acres, provided that each phase shall not be less than 1.0 acre. Phased NOIs shall include all documentation required by this permit for each phase, including fees; and
- k. Any other information specified on the NOI in effect at the time of submittal.

C. Notice of Intent Submittal. NOIs are to be submitted to EPD using the electronic submittal service provided by EPD and a copy to the Local Issuing Authority in jurisdictions authorized to issue a Land Disturbance Activity permit for the permittee's construction site pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-7-1, et seq. The permittee shall retain a copy of the proof of submittal at the construction site or the proof of submittal shall be readily available at a designated alternative location from commencement of construction until such time as a Notice of Termination (NOT) is submitted in accordance with Part VI.

D. Fees. Any applicable fees shall be submitted by the **Primary Permittee** in accordance with Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control (Rules) promulgated by the Board of Natural Resources. By submitting an NOI for coverage under this permit the Primary Permittee agrees to pay any fees required, now or in the future, by such Rules authorized under O.C.G.A. Section 12-5-23(a)(5)(A), which allows the Board of Natural Resources to establish a fee system. Fees may be assessed on land disturbing activity proposed to occur on or after the effective date of this permit and shall be paid in accordance with such Rules.

E. Renotification. Upon issuance of a new or different general permit for some or all of the stormwater discharges covered by this permit, the permittee is required to notify the EPD of their intent to be covered by the new or different general permit. The permittee must submit a renewal Notice of Intent in accordance with the notification requirements of the new or different general permit.

PART III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS, MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, PERMIT VIOLATIONS AND OTHER LIMITATIONS

A. Prohibition on Non-Stormwater Discharges.

1. Except as provided in Part I.C.2. and III.A.2., all discharges covered by this permit shall be composed entirely of stormwater.
2. The following non-stormwater discharges may be authorized by this permit provided the non-stormwater component of the discharge is explicitly listed in the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan and is in compliance with Part IV.D.7.; discharges from firefighting activities; fire hydrant flushing; potable water sources including water line flushing; irrigation drainage; air conditioning condensate; springs; uncontaminated ground water; and foundation or footing drains where flows are not contaminated with process materials or pollutants.
3. This permit does not authorize the discharge of soaps or solvents used in vehicle and equipment washing.
4. This permit does not authorize the discharge of wastewater from washout and cleanout of stucco, paint, form release oils, curing compounds and other construction materials.

B. Releases in Excess of Reportable Quantities.

1. The discharge of hazardous substances or oil in the stormwater discharge(s) from a site shall be prevented. This permit does not relieve the permittee of the reporting requirements of Georgia's Oil or Hazardous Material Spills or Releases Act (O.C.G.A. §§12-14-2, et seq.), 40 CFR Part 117 and 40 CFR Part 302. Where a release containing a hazardous substance in an amount equal to or in excess of a reporting quantity established under either Georgia's Oil or Hazardous Material Spills or Releases Act (O.C.G.A. §§12-14-2, et seq.), 40 CFR 117 or 40 CFR 302 occurs during a 24 hour period, the permittee is required to notify EPD at (404) 656-4863 or (800) 241-4113 and the National Response Center (NRC) at (800) 424-8802 in accordance with the requirements of Georgia's Oil or Hazardous Material Spills or Releases Act (O.C.G.A. §§12-14-2, et seq.), 40 CFR 117 and 40 CFR 302 as soon as he/she has knowledge of the discharge.
2. This permit does not authorize the discharge of hazardous substances or oil resulting from an on-site spill.

C. Discharges into, or within One Mile Upstream of and within the Same Watershed as, Any Portion of a Biota Impaired Stream Segment.

Any permittee who intends to obtain coverage under this permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activity into an Impaired Stream Segment, or within one (1) linear mile upstream of and within the same watershed as, any portion of an Impaired Stream Segment identified as "not supporting" its designated use(s), as shown on Georgia's most current

“305(b)/303(d) List Documents (Approved)” at the time of NOI submittal, must satisfy the requirements of Part III.C. of this permit if the Impaired Stream Segment has been listed for criteria violated/cause, “Bio F” (Impaired Fish Community) and/or “Bio M” (Impaired Macroinvertebrate Community), within Category 4a, 4b or 5, and the potential cause is either “NP” (nonpoint source) or “UR” (urban runoff). Those discharges that are located within one (1) linear mile of an Impaired Stream Segment, but are not located within the watershed of any portion of that stream segment, are excluded from this requirement. Georgia’s “305(b)/303(d) List Documents (Approved)” can be viewed on the EPD website.

1. If a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for sediment has been finalized at least six (6) months prior to the permittee’s submittal of the NOI, the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan (Plan) must address any site-specific conditions or requirements included in the TMDL Implementation Plan that are applicable to the permittee’s discharge(s) to the Impaired Stream Segment within the timeframe specified in the TMDL Implementation Plan. If the TMDL Implementation Plan establishes a specific numeric wasteload allocation that applies to a permittee’s discharge(s) to the Impaired Stream Segment, then the permittee must incorporate that allocation into the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan and implement all necessary measures to meet that allocation. A list of TMDL Implementation Plans can be viewed on the EPD website.

2. In order to ensure that the permittee’s discharge(s) do not cause or contribute to a violation of State water quality standards, the Plan must include at least four (4) of the following best management practices (BMPs) for those areas of the site which discharge into or within one (1) linear mile upstream and within the same watershed as the Impaired Stream Segment:

a. During all construction activities as defined in this permit, double the width of the 25 foot undisturbed vegetated buffer along all State waters requiring a buffer and the 50 foot undisturbed vegetated buffer along all State waters classified as “trout streams” requiring a buffer. During construction activities, EPD will not grant variances to any such buffers that are increased in width pursuant to this section.

b. Increase all temporary sediment basins and retrofitted stormwater management basins to provide sediment storage of at least 3600 cubic feet (134 cubic yards) per acre drained.

c. Use baffles in all temporary sediment basins and retrofitted stormwater management basins to at least double the conventional flow path length to the outlet structure.

d. A large sign (minimum 4 feet x 8 feet) must be posted on site by the actual start date of construction. The sign must be visible from a public roadway. The sign must identify the following: (1) the construction site, (2) the permittee(s), (3) the contact person(s) along with their telephone number(s), and (4) the permittee-hosted website where the Plan can be viewed. The permittee-hosted website where the Plan can be viewed must be provided on the submitted NOI. The sign must remain on site and the Plan must be available on the provided website until a NOT has been submitted.

- e. Use tackifiers and/or mulch to stabilize all areas left disturbed for more than seven (7) calendar days in accordance with Part III.D.1. of this permit.
- f. Conduct turbidity sampling after every rain event of 0.5 inch or greater within any 24 hour period, recognizing the exceptions specified in Part IV.D.6.d. of this permit.
- g. Comply with the applicable end-of-pipe turbidity effluent limit, without the “BMP defense” as provided for in O.C.G.A. 12-7-6(a)(1).
- h. Reduce the total planned site disturbance to less than 50% impervious surfaces (excluding any State-mandated buffer areas from such calculations). All calculations must be included on the Plan.
- i. Limit the amount of area disturbed at any one time to no greater than 25 acres or 50% of the total planned site, whichever is less. All calculations must be included on the Plan.
- j. Use “Dirt II” techniques available on the EPD website, to model and manage all construction stormwater runoff (including sheet flow). All calculations must be included on the Plan.
- k. Conduct soil tests representative of conditions at the time of planting to identify and to implement site-specific fertilizer needs and/or add appropriate organic soil amendments (e.g., compost) and conduct pre- and post-construction soil sampling to a depth of six (6) inches to document improved levels of soil carbon after final stabilization of the construction site.
- l. Use mulch filter berms, in addition to a silt fence, on the site perimeter wherever construction stormwater (including sheet flow) may be discharged. Mulch filter berms cannot be placed in waterways or areas of concentrated flow.
- m. Use appropriate erosion control slope stabilization instead of concrete in all construction stormwater ditches and storm drainages designed for a 25 year, 24 hour rainfall event.
- n. Use flocculants or coagulants under a passive dosing method (e.g., flocculant blocks) within all construction stormwater ditches and storm drainages that feed into temporary sediment basins and retrofitted management basins.
- o. Install sod for a minimum 20 foot width (in lieu of seeding) after final grade has been achieved, along the site perimeter wherever construction stormwater (including sheet flow) may be discharged.
- p. Certified personnel shall conduct inspections at least twice every seven (7) calendar days and within 24 hours of the end of the storm that is 0.5 inches rainfall or greater in accordance with Part IV.D.4.a.(3)(a)–(c) of this permit.

- q. Apply the appropriate compost blankets (minimum depth 1.5 inches) to protect soil surfaces until vegetation is established during the final stabilization phase of the construction activity.
- r. Use alternative BMPs whose performance has been documented to be superior to conventional BMPs as certified by a Design Professional (unless disapproved by EPD or the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission).
- s. Limit the total planned site disturbance to less than 15% impervious surfaces (excluding any State-mandated buffer areas from such calculations). All calculations must be included in the Plan.
- t. Conduct inspections during the intermediate grading and drainage BMP phase and during the final BMP phase of the project by the design professional who prepared the Plan in accordance with Part IV.A.5. of the permit.
- u. Install Post Construction BMPs (e.g., runoff reduction BMPs) which remove 80% TSS as outlined in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual known as the Blue Book or an equivalent or more stringent design manual.

D. Management Practices and Permit Violations.

1. Best management practices, as set forth in this permit, are required for all construction activities, and must be implemented in accordance with the design specifications contained in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" (Manual) published by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of Georgia. Proper design, installation, and maintenance of best management practices shall constitute a complete defense to any action by the Director or to any other allegation of noncompliance with Part III.D.4. and Part III.D.5.
2. Except as required to install the initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter control BMPs as described in Part IV.D.3., the initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter control BMPs must be installed and implemented prior to conducting any other construction activities (e.g., clearing, grubbing and grading) within the construction site or when applicable, within phased sub-parts or segments of the construction site. Failure to comply shall constitute a violation of this permit for each day on which construction activities occur. The design professional who prepared the Plan must inspect the initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter control BMPs in accordance with Part IV.A.5. within seven (7) days after installation.
3. Failure to properly design, install, or maintain best management practices shall constitute a violation of this permit for each day on which such failure occurs. BMP maintenance as a result of the permittee's routine inspections shall not be considered a violation for the purposes of this paragraph. If during the course of the permittees routine inspection BMP failures are observed which have resulted in sediment deposition into Waters of the State, the permittee shall correct the

BMP failures and shall submit a summary of the violations to EPD in accordance with Part V.A.2. of this permit.

4. A discharge of stormwater runoff from disturbed areas where best management practices have not been properly designed, installed, and maintained shall constitute a separate violation for each day on which such discharge results in the turbidity of receiving water(s) being increased by more than ten (10) nephelometric turbidity units for waters classified as trout streams or more than twenty-five (25) nephelometric turbidity units for waters supporting warm water fisheries, regardless of a permittee's certification under Part II.B.1.i. This paragraph shall not apply to any land disturbance associated with the construction of single-family homes which are not part of a subdivision or planned common development unless five (5) acres or more will be disturbed.

5. When the permittee has elected to sample outfall(s), the discharge of stormwater runoff from disturbed areas where best management practices have not been properly designed, installed, and maintained shall constitute a separate violation for each day on which such condition results in the turbidity of the discharge exceeding the value selected from Appendix B applicable to the construction site. As set forth therein, the nephelometric turbidity unit (NTU) value shall be selected from Appendix B based upon the size of the construction site, the surface water drainage area and whether the receiving water(s) supports warm water fisheries or is a trout stream as indicated in the Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6.

6. Whenever a permittee finds that a BMP has failed or is deficient (beyond routine maintenance) and has resulted in sediment deposition into waters of the State, the permittee shall immediately take all reasonable steps to address the condition, including cleaning up any impacted areas so the material will not discharge in subsequent rain events. The permittee shall submit a summary of the violations to EPD in accordance with Part V.A.2. of this permit and shall correct such BMP as follows:

a. When the repair does not require a new or replacement BMP or significant repair, the BMP failure or deficiency must be repaired within two (2) business days from the time of discovery;

b. When the repair requires a new or replacement BMP or significant repair, the installation of the new or modified BMP must be completed and the BMP must be operational by no later than seven (7) days from the time of discovery. If it is infeasible to complete the installation or repair within seven (7) days, the permittee must document why it is infeasible to complete the installation or repair within the seven (7) day timeframe and document the schedule for installing or repairing the BMPs and making the BMPs operational as soon as feasible after the seven (7) day timeframe.

Part IV. EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN

A site-specific Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan (Plan) shall be designed, installed and maintained for the entire construction activity covered by this permit. The Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan must be prepared by a design professional as defined by

this permit. All persons involved in Plan preparation shall have completed the appropriate certification course, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-7-19(b), approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The design professional preparing the Plan must include and sign the following certification in the Plan:

“I certify that the permittee’s Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan provides for an appropriate and comprehensive system of best management practices required by the Georgia Water Quality Control Act and the document “Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia” (Manual) published by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted, provides for the sampling of the receiving water(s) or the sampling of the stormwater outfalls and that the designed system of best management practices and sampling methods is expected to meet the requirements contained in the General NPDES Permit No. GAR100001.”

The Plan shall include any additional certifications regarding the design professional's site visit in accordance with the Rules for Erosion and Sedimentation Control promulgated by the Board of Natural Resources:

“I certify under penalty of law that this Plan was prepared after a site visit to the locations described herein by myself or my authorized agent, under my supervision.”

The Plan shall include, as a minimum, best management practices, including sound conservation and engineering practices to prevent and minimize erosion and resultant sedimentation, which are consistent with, and no less stringent than, those practices contained in the “Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia” (Manual) published by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted and O.C.G.A. 12-7-6, as well as the following:

(i). Except as provided in Part IV.(iii). below, no construction activities shall be conducted within a 25 foot buffer along the banks of all State waters, as measured horizontally from the point where vegetation has been wrested by normal stream flow or wave action, except where the Director has determined to allow a variance that is at least as protective of natural resources and the environment in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 12-7-6, or where a drainage structure or a roadway drainage structure must be constructed, provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated in the project plans and specifications and are implemented, or along any ephemeral stream, or where bulkheads and seawalls must be constructed to prevent the erosion of the shoreline on Lake Oconee and Lake Sinclair. The buffer shall not apply to the following activities provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated into the project plans and specifications and are implemented:

- (1) public drinking water system reservoirs;
- (2) stream crossings for water lines and sewer lines, provided that the stream crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the

- stream and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, and native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer;
- (3) stream crossings for any utility lines of any electric membership corporation or municipal electrical system or any public utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, any utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, any cable television system as defined in Code Section 36-18-1, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States engaged in the generation, transmission or distribution of power, provided that: (a) the stream crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the stream and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, (b) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (c) the entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit;
 - (4) buffer crossing for fences, provided that the crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the stream and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, and native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer;
 - (5) stream crossings for aerial utility lines, provided that: (a) the new utility line right-of-way width does not exceed 100 linear feet, (b) utility lines are routed and constructed so as to minimize the number of stream crossings and disturbances to the buffer, (c) only trees and tree debris are removed from within the buffer resulting in only minor soil erosion (i.e., disturbance to underlying vegetation is minimized), and (d) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer. The Plan shall include a description of the stream crossings with details of the buffer disturbance including area and length of buffer disturbance, estimated length of time of buffer disturbance, and justification;
 - (6) right-of-way posts, guy-wires, anchors, survey markers and the replacement or maintenance of existing utility structures within the current right-of-way undertaken or financed in whole or in part by the Department of Transportation, the Georgia Highway Authority or the State Road and Tollway Authority or undertaken by any county or municipality, provided that: (a) the area of land disturbance does not exceed 100 square feet per structure, (b) the area of buffer vegetation to be cut (not grubbed) does not exceed 1,000 square feet per structure, (c) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (d) the entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit;
 - (7) right-of-way posts, guy-wires, anchors, survey markers and the replacement or maintenance of existing utility structures within the current right-of-way by any electric membership corporation or municipal electrical system or any public utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, any utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, any cable television system as defined in Code Section 36-18-1, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States engaged in the generation, transmission or distribution of power, provided that: (a) the area of land disturbance does not exceed 100 square feet per structure, (b) the area of buffer vegetation to be cut (not grubbed) does not exceed 1,000 square feet per structure, (c) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (d) the entity

is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit; and

- (8) maintenance (excluding dredging), repair and/or upgrade of Soil and Water Conservation District watershed dams when under the technical supervision of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

(ii). No construction activities shall be conducted within a 50 foot buffer, as measured horizontally from the point where vegetation has been wrested by normal stream flow or wave action, along the banks of any State waters classified as "trout streams" except when approval is granted by the Director for alternate buffer requirements in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 12-7-6, or where a roadway drainage structure must be constructed; provided, however, that small springs and streams classified as "trout streams" which discharge an average annual flow of 25 gallons per minute or less shall have a 25 foot buffer or they may be piped, at the discretion of the permittee, pursuant to the terms of a rule providing for a general variance promulgated by the Board of Natural Resources including notification of such to EPD and the Local Issuing Authority of the location and extent of the piping and prescribed methodology for minimizing the impact of such piping and for measuring the volume of water discharged by the stream. Any such pipe must stop short of the downstream permittee's property, and the permittee must comply with the buffer requirement for any adjacent trout streams. The buffer shall not apply to the following activities provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated into the project plans and specifications and are implemented:

- (1) public drinking water system reservoirs;
- (2) stream crossings for water lines and sewer lines, provided that the stream crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the stream and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, and native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer;
- (3) stream crossings for any utility lines of any electric membership corporation or municipal electrical system or any public utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, any utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, any cable television system as defined in Code Section 36-18-1, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States engaged in the generation, transmission or distribution of power, provided that: (a) the stream crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the stream and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, (b) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (c) the entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit;
- (4) buffer crossing for fences, provided that the crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the stream and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, and native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer;
- (5) stream crossings for aerial utility lines, provided that: (a) the new utility line right-of-way width does not exceed 100 linear feet, (b) utility lines are routed and constructed so as to minimize the number of stream crossings and disturbances to the buffer, (c) only trees and

tree debris are removed from within the buffer resulting in only minor soil erosion (i.e., disturbance to underlying vegetation is minimized), and (d) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer. The Plan shall include a description of the stream crossings with details of the buffer disturbance including area and length of buffer disturbance, estimated length of time of buffer disturbance, and justification;

- (6) right-of-way posts, guy-wires, anchors, survey markers and the replacement or maintenance of existing utility structures within the current right-of-way undertaken or financed in whole or in part by the Department of Transportation, the Georgia Highway Authority or the State Road and Tollway Authority or undertaken by any county or municipality, provided that: (a) the area of land disturbance does not exceed 100 square feet per structure, (b) the area of buffer vegetation to be cut (not grubbed) does not exceed 1,000 square feet per structure, (c) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (d) the entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit;
- (7) right-of-way posts, guy-wires, anchors, survey markers and the replacement or maintenance of existing utility structures within the current right-of-way undertaken by any electric membership corporation or municipal electrical system or any public utility under the, provided that: (a) the area of land disturbance does not exceed 100 square feet per structure, (b) the area of buffer vegetation to be cut (not grubbed) does not exceed 1,000 square feet per structure, (c) native riparian vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (d) the entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit; and
- (8) maintenance (excluding dredging), repair and/or upgrade of Soil and Water Conservation District watershed dams when under the technical supervision of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

(iii). Except as provided in Part IV(iv) below, no construction activities shall be conducted within a 25 foot buffer along coastal marshlands, as measured horizontally from the coastal marshland-upland interface, as determined in accordance with Part 4 of Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 12, the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, except where the Director determines to allow a variance that is at least as protective of natural resources and the environment in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. 12-7-6, or where otherwise allowed by the Director pursuant to Code Section 12-2-8, or where an alteration within the buffer area has been authorized pursuant to Code Section 12-5-286, or for maintenance of any currently serviceable structure, landscaping, or hardscaping, including bridges, roads, parking lots, golf courses, golf cart paths, retaining walls, bulkheads, and patios, provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated into the project plans and specifications and such measures are fully implemented, or where a drainage structure or roadway drainage structure is constructed or maintained, provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated into the project plans and specifications and such measures are fully implemented, or on the landward side of any currently serviceable shoreline stabilization structure, or for the maintenance of any manmade stormwater detention basin, golf course pond, or impoundment that is located entirely within the property of a single individual, partnership, or corporation, provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated into the project plans and specifications and such measures are fully

implemented. The buffer shall not apply to the following activities provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated into the project plans and specifications and such measures are fully implemented:

- (1) Public drinking water system reservoirs;
- (2) Crossings for utility lines that cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer;
- (3) Any land-disturbing activity conducted pursuant to and in compliance with a valid and effective land-disturbing permit issued subsequent to April 22, 2014, and prior to December 31, 2015;
- (4) Any lot for which the preliminary plat has been approved prior to December 31, 2015 if roadways, bridges, or water and sewer lines have been extended to such lot prior to the effective date of this Act and if the requirement to maintain a 25 foot buffer would consume at least 18 percent of the high ground of the platted lot otherwise available for development;
- (5) Buffer crossings for fences, provided that the crossings occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the Jurisdictional Line and cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer, and vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer;
- (6) Crossings for aerial utility lines, provided that: (a) the new utility line right-of-way width does not exceed 100 linear feet, (b) utility lines are routed and constructed so as to minimize the number of crossings and disturbances to the buffer, (c) only trees and tree debris are removed from within the buffer resulting in only minor soil erosion (i.e., disturbance to underlying vegetation is minimized), and (d) vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer. The Plan shall include a description of the crossings with details of the buffer disturbance including area and length of buffer disturbance, estimated length of time of buffer disturbance, and justification;
- (7) Right-of-way posts, guy wires, anchors, survey markers and the replacement or maintenance of existing utility structures within the current right-of-way undertaken or financed in whole or in part by the Department of Transportation, the Georgia Highway Authority or the State Road and Tollway Authority or undertaken by any county or municipality, provided that: (a) the area of land disturbance does not exceed 100 square feet per structure, (b) the area of buffer vegetation to be cut (not grubbed) does not exceed 1,000 square feet per structure, (c) vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (d) the entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit;
- (8) Right-of-way posts, guy wires, anchors, survey markers and the replacement or maintenance of existing utility structures within the current right-of-way by any electric membership corporation or municipal electrical system or any public utility under the regulator jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, any utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, any cable television system as defined in Code Section 36-18-1, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States engaged in the generation, transmission or distribution of power, provided that (a) the area of land disturbance does not exceed 100 square feet per structure, (b) the area of buffer vegetation to be cut (not grubbed) does not exceed 1,000 square feet per structure, (c) vegetation is re-established in any bare or disturbed areas within the buffer and (d) the

entity is not a Secondary Permittee for a project located within a common development or sale under this permit; and

- (9) maintenance (excluding dredging), repair and/or upgrade of Soil and Water Conservation District watershed dams when under the technical supervision of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

(iv). Except as provided above, for buffers required pursuant to Part IV.(i). and (ii) and (iii), no construction activities shall be conducted within a buffer and a buffer shall remain in its natural, undisturbed, state of vegetation until all land-disturbing activities on the construction site are completed. During coverage under this permit, a buffer cannot be thinned or trimmed of vegetation and a protective vegetative cover must remain to protect water quality and aquatic habitat and a natural canopy must be left in sufficient quantity to keep shade on the stream bed or marsh.

The Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan shall identify all potential sources of pollution which may reasonably be expected to affect the quality of stormwater discharges from the construction site. In addition, the Plan shall describe, and the applicable permittee shall ensure, the implementation of practices which will be used to reduce the pollutants in stormwater discharges associated with construction activity at the site and to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. The applicable permittee must implement and maintain the provisions of the Plan required under this part as a condition of this permit.

Except as provided in Part IV.A.2., a single Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan must be prepared by the Primary Permittee for the stand alone construction project.

A. Deadlines for Plan Preparation and Compliance.

1. Except as provided in Part IV.A.2. and Part IV.A.6., the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan shall be completed prior to submitting the NOI and prior to conducting any construction activity by any permittee.

2. For construction activities that began on or before the effective date of this permit and were subject to the regulations under the previous permit, the permittee(s) shall continue to operate under the existing Plan.

3. For construction activities that begin after the effective date of this permit, the Primary Permittee shall be required to prepare the Plan for that phase of the stand alone development that corresponds with the NOI being submitted and the Primary Permittee(s) shall implement the Plan on or before the day construction activities begin.

4. Additional Plan Submittals.

a. For all projects identified under Part I.C.1.b., which begin after the effective date of this permit, in a jurisdiction where there is no certified Local Issuing Authority regulating that project, a single copy of the Plan must be submitted to the EPD Watershed Protection Branch to the address provided in Appendix A or through the electronic submittal method

provided by EPD and a second copy of the Plan must be submitted to the appropriate EPD District Office prior to or concurrent with the NOI submittal. The second copy of the Plan must be submitted electronically as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file through the electronic submittal method provided by EPD, or by return receipt certified mail or similar service to the appropriate EPD District Office. The permittee shall retain a copy of the proof of the submittal at the construction site or the proof of submittal shall be readily available at a designated alternative location from commencement of construction until such a time as a Notice of Termination (NOT) is submitted in accordance with Part VI. The EPD Watershed Protection Branch will review Plans for deficiencies using the applicable Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan Checklist established by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted.

b. For all projects where the construction activity as indicated on the existing NOI has changed, the amended Plans must be submitted in accordance with Part IV.A.4.a. In addition, the permittee must submit a modification NOI in accordance with Part II.

5. For stand alone projects that begin construction activity after the effective date of this permit, the Primary Permittee must retain the design professional who prepared the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan, or an alternative design professional approved by EPD in writing, to inspect and certify the installation of the initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter control BMPs which the design professional designed within seven (7) days after installation. The design professional shall determine if these BMPs have been installed and are being maintained as designed. The design professional shall report the results of the inspection to the Primary Permittee within seven (7) days and the permittee must correct all deficiencies within two (2) business days of receipt of the inspection report from the design professional prior to commencing with construction activities as required by Part III.D.2 of this Permit unless weather related site conditions are such that additional time is required.

6. For storm- or emergency-related repair work, the permittee shall implement appropriate BMPs and certified personnel (provided by the Primary Permittee) shall inspect at least once every seven (7) calendar days and within 24 hours of the end of a storm that is 0.5 inches rainfall or greater. If the storm- or emergency-related repair work will not be completed within sixty (60) days of commencement of construction activity, a single copy of the Plan shall be submitted to EPD and the permittee shall comply with all requirements of this permit on the sixty-first (61st) day.

B. Signature and Plan Review.

1. The Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan shall be signed in accordance with Part IV., and be retained on the site (or, if not possible, at a readily accessible location) which generates the stormwater discharge in accordance with Part IV.F. of this permit.

2. The Primary Permittee shall make Plans available upon request to the EPD; to designated officials of the local government reviewing soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plans, grading plans, or stormwater management plans; or in the case of a stormwater discharge

associated with construction activity which discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer system with an NPDES permit, to the local government operating the municipal separate storm sewer system.

3. EPD may notify the Primary Permittee at any time that the Plan does not meet one or more of the minimum requirements of this Part. Within seven (7) days of such notification (or as otherwise provided by EPD), the Primary Permittee shall make the required changes to the Plan and shall submit to EPD either the amended Plan or a written certification that the requested changes have been made.

C. Keeping Plans Current. The Primary Permittee(s) shall amend their Plan whenever there is a change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance, which has a significant effect on BMPs with a hydraulic component (i.e., those BMPs where the design is based upon rainfall intensity, duration and return frequency of storms) or if the Plan proves to be ineffective in eliminating or significantly minimizing pollutants from sources identified under Part IV.D.3. Amendments to the Plan must be certified by a design professional as provided in this permit.

D. Contents of Plan. The Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan shall include, as a minimum, best management practices, including sound conservation and engineering practices to prevent and minimize erosion and resultant sedimentation, which are consistent with, and no less stringent than, those practices contained in the “Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia” (Manual) published by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted, as well as the following:

1. Checklist. Each plan shall include a completed Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan Checklist established by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) as of January 1 of the year in which the land-disturbing activity was permitted and amendments to the applicable Checklist as approved by the GSWCC up until the date of the NOI submittal. The applicable checklists are available on the GSWCC website.

2. Site description. Each site-specific Plan shall provide a description of pollutant sources and other information as indicated:

- a. A description of the nature of the construction activity;
- b. A description of normal business hours as established by the Permittee;
- c. A detailed description and chart or timeline of the intended sequence of major activities which disturb soils for major portions of the site (i.e., initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter BMPs, clearing and grubbing activities, excavation activities, grading activities, infrastructure activities, immediate and final stabilization activities);
- d. Estimates of the total area of the site and the total area of the site that is expected to be disturbed by excavation, grading, or other activities;

e. An estimate of the runoff coefficient or peak discharge flow of the site prior to the construction activities and after construction activities are completed and existing data describing the soil or the quality of any discharge from the site¹;

f. A site-specific map indicating drainage patterns and approximate slopes anticipated after major grading activities, areas of soil disturbance, an outline of areas which are not to be disturbed, the location of major structural and nonstructural controls identified in the Plan, the location of areas where stabilization practices are expected to occur, surface waters (including wetlands), and locations where stormwater is discharged to a surface water; and

g. Identify the receiving water(s) and areal extent of wetland acreage at the site;

3. Controls. Each Plan shall include a description of appropriate controls and measures that will be implemented at the construction site including: (1) initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter control BMPs, (2) intermediate grading and drainage BMPs, and (3) final BMPs. For construction sites where there will be no mass grading and the initial sediment storage requirements and perimeter control BMPs, intermediate grading and drainage BMPs, and final BMPs are the same, the Plan may combine all of the BMPs into a single-phase Plan. The Plan will include appropriate staging and access requirements for construction equipment. Plans submitted after the effective date of this permit shall limit the amount of disturbed area to less than 50 acres at any one time without prior written authorization from the appropriate EPD District Office according to the schedule in Appendix A of this permit. EPD will approve or disapprove such requests within 35 days of receipt. Failure of EPD to act within 35 days shall be considered an approval of such requests. If the EPD District Office approves a request to disturb 50 acres or more at any one time, the Plan must include at least four (4) of the best management practices listed in Part III.C.2. of this permit.

The Plan will clearly describe for each major activity identified in Part IV.D.2.b. appropriate control measures and the timing during the construction process that the measures will be implemented. The Primary Permittee is encouraged to utilize the document, Developing Your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan: A Guide for Construction Sites, EPA 833-R-060-04, May 2007, when preparing the Plan. The description and implementation of controls shall address the following minimum components:

a. Erosion and sediment controls.

(1). Stabilization measures. A description of interim and permanent stabilization measures, including site-specific scheduling of the implementation of the measures. Site plans should ensure that existing vegetation is preserved and that disturbed portions of the site are stabilized. Stabilization measures may include: temporary seeding, permanent seeding, mulching, geotextiles, sod stabilization, vegetative buffer strips, protection of trees, preservation of mature vegetation, and other

¹ For solar farm projects, solar panels are to be considered impervious areas when determining the calculations and the post-construction impervious area shall be calculated as 70% of the square footage of the solar panels.

appropriate measures. A record of the dates when major grading activities occur, when construction activities temporarily or permanently cease on a portion of the site, and when stabilization measures are initiated shall be included in the Plan. Except as provided in paragraphs IV.D.3(a)(1)(a). below, stabilization measures shall be initiated as soon as practicable in portions of the site where construction activities have temporarily or permanently ceased, but in no case more than 14 days after the construction activity in that portion of the site has temporarily or permanently ceased.

(a). Where the initiation of stabilization measures by the 14th day after construction activity temporarily or permanently cease is precluded by snow cover or other adverse weather conditions, stabilization measures shall be initiated as soon as practicable.

(2). Structural practices. A description of structural practices to divert flows from exposed soils, store flows or otherwise limit runoff and the discharge of pollutants from exposed areas of the site to the degree attainable. Such practices may include silt fences, earth dikes, drainage swales, sediment traps, check dams, subsurface drains, pipe slope drains, level spreaders, storm drain inlet protection, rock outlet protection, reinforced soil retaining systems, gabions, and temporary or permanent sediment basins. Structural practices should be placed on upland soils to the degree attainable. The installation of these devices may be subject to Section 404 of the CWA.

(3). Sediment basins. For common drainage locations a temporary (or permanent) sediment basin providing at least 1800 cubic feet (67 cubic yards) of storage per acre drained, or equivalent control measures, shall be provided until final stabilization of the site. The 1800 cubic feet (67 cubic yards) of storage area per acre drained does not apply to flows from off-site areas and flows from on-site areas that are either undisturbed or have undergone final stabilization where such flows are diverted around both the disturbed area and the sediment basin. For drainage locations where a temporary sediment basin providing at least 1800 cubic feet (67 cubic yards) of storage per acre drained, or equivalent controls is not attainable, sediment traps, silt fences, wood mulch berms or equivalent sediment controls are required for all side slope and down slope boundaries of the construction area. When the sediment fills to a volume at most of 22 cubic yards per acre for each acre of drainage area, the sediment shall be removed to restore the original design volume. This sediment must be properly disposed. Sediment basins may not be feasible at some construction sites. Careful consideration must be used to determine when a sediment basin cannot be used and/or when 67 cubic yards of storage per acre drained is not attainable and a written justification explaining the decision(s) must be included in the Plan. Perennial and intermittent waters of the State shall not be used for temporary or permanent sediment detention.

When discharging from sediment basins and impoundments, permittees are required to utilize outlet structures that withdraw water from the surface, unless infeasible. If outlet structures that withdraw water from the surface are not feasible, a written justification explaining this decision must be included in the Plan. Outlet structures that withdraw water from the surface are temporary BMPs and must be removed prior to submitting a Notice of Termination. For construction activities where the NOI was submitted prior to January 1, 2014, this requirement of the permit is not applicable.

(4). Alternative BMPs. The use of alternative BMPs whose performance has been documented to be equivalent or superior to conventional BMPs as certified by a Design Professional may be allowed (unless disapproved by EPD or the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission).

(5). High performance BMPs. The use of infiltration trenches, seep berms, sand filters, dry wells, flocculants or coagulants, etc. for minimizing point source discharges except for large rainfall events is encouraged.

b. Stormwater management. A description of measures that will be installed during the construction process to control pollutants in stormwater discharges that will occur after construction operations have been completed. Structural measures should be placed on upland soils to the degree attainable. The installation of these devices may be subject to Section 404 of the CWA. This permit only addresses the installation of stormwater management measures, and not the ultimate operation and maintenance of such structures after the construction activities have been completed and the site has undergone final stabilization. Operators are only responsible for the installation and maintenance of stormwater management measures prior to final stabilization of the site and are not responsible for maintenance after stormwater discharges associated with construction activity have been eliminated from the site.

(1). Such practices may include: stormwater detention structures (including wet ponds); stormwater retention structures; flow attenuation by use of open vegetated swales and natural depressions; infiltration of runoff on-site; and sequential systems (which combine several practices). The Plan shall include an explanation of the technical basis used to select the practices to control pollution where flows exceed pre-development levels.

(2). Velocity dissipation devices shall be placed at discharge locations and along the length of any outfall channel for the purpose of providing a non-erosive velocity flow from the structure to a water course so that the natural physical and biological characteristics and functions are maintained and protected (e.g., no significant changes in the hydrological regime of the receiving water(s)).

(3). Installation and use of green infrastructure approaches and practices that mimic natural processes and direct stormwater where it can be infiltrated,

evapotranspired or re-used with significant utilization of soils and vegetation rather than traditional hardscape collection, conveyance and storage structures are encouraged to the maximum extent practicable. Green Infrastructure practices or approaches include permeable or porous paving, vegetated swales instead of curbs and gutters, green roofs, tree boxes, rain gardens, constructed wetlands, infiltration planters, vegetated median strips, protection and enhancement of riparian buffers and floodplains, and the overall reduction in site disturbance and impervious area. Design information on Green Infrastructure practices and other ways to manage stormwater can be found in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual and Coastal Stormwater Supplement. Additional information on Green Infrastructure can be found at the USEPA website.

c. Other controls.

(1). Waste disposal. Locate waste collection areas away from streets, gutters, watercourses and storm drains. Waste collection areas, such as dumpsters, are often best located near construction site entrances to minimize traffic on disturbed soils. The Plan should include secondary containment around liquid waste collection areas to further minimize the likelihood of contaminated discharges. Solid materials, including building materials, shall not be discharged to waters of the State, except as authorized by a Section 404 permit.

(2). For building materials, building products, construction wastes, trash, landscape materials, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, detergents, sanitary waste and other materials present on the site, provide cover (e.g., plastic sheeting, temporary roofs) to minimize the exposure of these products to precipitation and to stormwater, or a similarly effective means designed to minimize the discharge of pollutants from these areas. Minimization of exposure is not required in cases where exposure to precipitation and to stormwater will not result in a discharge of pollutants, or where exposure of a specific material or product poses little risk to stormwater contamination (such as final products and materials intended for outdoor use).

(3). Off-site vehicle tracking of dirt, soils, and sediments and the generation of dust shall be minimized or eliminated to the maximum extent practical. The Plan shall include the best management practice to be implemented at the site or construction activity.

(4). Nothing in this permit relieves a permittee from any obligation to comply with all applicable State and local regulations of waste disposal, sanitary sewer, septic and petroleum storage systems.

(5). The Plan shall include best management practices for the remediation of all petroleum spills and leaks as appropriate.

(6). The Plan shall include best management practices for concrete washdown of tools, concrete mixer chutes, hoppers and the rear of vehicles. Washout of the drum at the construction site is prohibited. Additional information about best management practices for concrete washout is available at the USEPA website.

(7). All permittees are required to minimize the discharge of pollutants from dewatering trenches and excavations. Discharges are prohibited unless managed by appropriate controls.

4. Inspections.

a. Permittee requirements.

(1). Each day when any type of construction activity has taken place at a Primary Permittee's site, certified personnel provided by the Primary Permittee shall inspect: (a) all areas at the Primary Permittee's site where petroleum products are stored, used, or handled for spills and leaks from vehicles and equipment and (b) all locations at the Primary Permittee's site where vehicles enter or exit the site for evidence of off-site sediment tracking. These inspections must be conducted until a Notice of Termination is submitted.

(2). Measure and record rainfall within disturbed areas of the site that have not met final stabilization once every 24 hours except any non-working Saturday, non-working Sunday and non-working Federal holiday. The data collected for the purpose of compliance with this permit shall be representative of the monitored activity. Measurement of rainfall may be suspended if all areas of the site have undergone final stabilization or established a crop of annual vegetation and a seeding of target perennials appropriate for the region.

(3). Certified personnel (provided by the Primary Permittee) shall inspect the following at least once every seven (7) calendar days: (a) disturbed areas of the Primary Permittee's construction site; (b) areas used by the Primary Permittee for storage of materials that are exposed to precipitation; and (c) structural control measures. Erosion and sediment control measures identified in the Plan applicable to the Primary Permittee's site shall be observed to ensure that they are operating correctly. Certified personnel shall also conduct inspections within 24 hours of the end of a storm that is 0.5 inches rainfall or greater (unless such storm ends after 5:00 PM on any Friday or on any non-working Saturday, non-working Sunday or any non-working Federal holiday in which case the inspection shall be completed by the end of the next business day and/or working day, whichever occurs first). Post-rain inspections will reset the 7-day inspection frequency requirement. Where discharge locations or points are accessible, they shall be inspected to ascertain whether erosion control measures are effective in preventing significant impacts to receiving water(s). For areas of a site that have undergone final stabilization or established a crop of annual vegetation and a seeding of target perennials

appropriate for the region, the permittee must comply with Part IV.D.4.a.(4). These inspections must be conducted until a Notice of Termination is submitted.

(4). Certified personnel (provided by the Primary Permittee) shall inspect at least once per month during the term of this permit (i.e., until a Notice of Termination has been submitted) the areas of the site that have undergone final stabilization or established a crop of annual vegetation and a seeding of target perennials appropriate for the region. These areas shall be inspected for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system and the receiving water(s). Erosion and sediment control measures identified in the Plan shall be observed to ensure that they are operating correctly. Where discharge locations or points are accessible, they shall be inspected to ascertain whether erosion control measures are effective in preventing significant impacts to receiving water(s).

(5). Based on the results of each inspection, the site description and the pollution prevention and control measures identified in the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan, the Plan shall be revised as appropriate not later than seven (7) calendar days following each inspection. Implementation of such changes shall be made as soon as practical but in no case later than seven (7) calendar days following each inspection.

(6). A report of each inspection that includes the name(s) of certified personnel making each inspection, the date(s) of each inspection, construction phase (i.e., initial, intermediate or final), major observations relating to the implementation of the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan, and actions taken in accordance with Part IV.D.4.a.(5). of the permit shall be made and retained at the site or be readily available at a designated alternate location until the entire site or that portion of a construction site that has been phased has undergone final stabilization and a Notice of Termination is submitted to EPD. Such reports shall be readily available by end of the second business day and/or working day and shall identify all incidents of best management practices that have not been properly installed and/or maintained as described in the Plan. Where the report does not identify any incidents, the inspection report shall contain a certification that the best management practices are in compliance with the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan. The report shall be signed in accordance with Part V.G.2. of this permit.

5. Maintenance. The Plan shall include a description of procedures to ensure the timely maintenance of vegetation, erosion and sediment control measures and other protective measures identified in the site plan.

6. Sampling Requirements. This permit requires the monitoring of nephelometric turbidity in receiving water(s) or outfalls in accordance with this permit. This paragraph shall not apply to any land disturbance associated with the construction of single-family homes which are not part of a

subdivision or planned common development unless five (5) acres or more will be disturbed. The following procedures constitute EPD's guidelines for sampling turbidity.

a. *Sampling Requirements* shall include the following:

- (1). A USGS topographic map, a topographic map or a drawing (referred to as a topographic map) that is a scale equal to or more detailed than a 1:24000 map showing the location of the site or the stand alone construction; (a) the location of all perennial and intermittent streams and other water bodies as shown on a USGS topographic map, and all other perennial and intermittent streams and other water bodies located during mandatory field verification, into which the stormwater is discharged and (b) the receiving water and/or outfall sampling locations. When the permittee has chosen to use a USGS topographic map and the receiving water(s) is not shown on the USGS topographic map, the location of the receiving water(s) must be hand-drawn on the USGS topographic map from where the stormwater(s) enters the receiving water(s) to the point where the receiving water(s) combines with the first blue line stream shown on the USGS topographic map;
- (2). A written narrative of site specific analytical methods used to collect, handle and analyze the samples including quality control/quality assurance procedures. This narrative must include precise sampling methodology for each sampling location;
- (3). When the permittee has determined that some or all outfalls will be sampled, a rationale must be included on the Plan for the NTU limit(s) selected from Appendix B. This rationale must include the size of the construction site, the calculation of the size of the surface water drainage area, and the type of receiving water(s) (i.e., trout stream or supporting warm water fisheries); and
- (4). Any additional information EPD determines necessary to be part of the Plan. EPD will provide written notice to the permittee of the information necessary and the timeline for submittal.

b. *Sample Type*. All sampling shall be collected by "grab samples" and the analysis of these samples must be conducted in accordance with methodology and test procedures established by 40 CFR Part 136 (unless other test procedures have been approved); the guidance document titled "NPDES Storm Water Sampling Guidance Document, EPA 833-B-92-001" and guidance documents that may be prepared by the EPD.

- (1). Sample containers should be labeled prior to collecting the samples.
- (2). Samples should be well mixed before transferring to a secondary container.
- (3). Large mouth, well cleaned and rinsed glass or plastic jars should be used for collecting samples. The jars should be cleaned thoroughly to avoid contamination.

(4). Manual, automatic or rising stage sampling may be utilized. Samples required by this permit should be analyzed immediately, but in no case later than 48 hours after collection. However, samples from automatic samplers must be collected no later than the next business day after their accumulation, unless flow through automated analysis is utilized. If automatic sampling is utilized and the automatic sampler is not activated during the qualifying event, the permittee must utilize manual sampling or rising stage sampling during the next qualifying event. Dilution of samples is not required. Samples may be analyzed directly with a properly calibrated turbidimeter. Samples are not required to be cooled.

(5). Sampling and analysis of the receiving water(s) or outfalls beyond the minimum frequency stated in this permit must be reported to EPD as specified in Part IV.E.

c. Sampling Points.

(1). For construction activities the Primary Permittee must sample all receiving water(s), or all outfall(s), or a combination of receiving water(s) and outfall(s). Sampling points shall be located on applicable pages of the Initial, Intermediate, and Final phase of the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plans. Samples taken for the purpose of compliance with this permit shall be representative of the monitored activity and representative of the water quality of the receiving water(s) and/or the stormwater outfalls using the following minimum guidelines:

(a). The upstream sample for each receiving water(s) must be taken immediately upstream of the confluence of the first stormwater discharge from the permitted activity (i.e., the discharge farthest upstream at the site) but downstream of any other stormwater discharges not associated with the permitted activity. Where appropriate, several upstream samples from across the receiving water(s) may need to be taken and the arithmetic average of the turbidity of these samples used for the upstream turbidity value.

(b). The downstream sample for each receiving water(s) must be taken downstream of the confluence of the last stormwater discharge from the permitted activity (i.e., the discharge farthest downstream at the site) but upstream of any other stormwater discharge not associated with the permitted activity. Where appropriate, several downstream samples from across the receiving water(s) may need to be taken and the arithmetic average of the turbidity of these samples used for the downstream turbidity value.

- (c). Ideally the samples should be taken from the horizontal and vertical center of the receiving water(s) or the stormwater outfall channel(s).
- (d). Care should be taken to avoid stirring the bottom sediments in the receiving water(s) or in the outfall stormwater channel.
- (e). The sampling container should be held so that the opening faces upstream.
- (f). The samples should be kept free from floating debris.
- (g). Permittees do not have to sample sheet flow that flows onto undisturbed natural areas or areas stabilized by the project. For purposes of this section, stabilized shall mean, for unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures and areas located outside the waste disposal limits of a landfill cell that has been certified by EPD for waste disposal, 100% of the soil surface is uniformly covered in permanent vegetation with a density of 70% or greater, or landscaped according to the Plan (uniformly covered with landscaping materials in planned landscaped areas), or equivalent permanent stabilization measures as defined in the Manual (excluding a crop of annual vegetation and a seeding of target crop perennials appropriate for the region).
- (h). All sampling pursuant to this permit must be done in such a way (including generally accepted sampling methods, locations, timing, and frequency) as to accurately reflect whether stormwater runoff from the construction site is in compliance with the standard set forth in Parts III.D.4. or III.D.5., whichever is applicable.

d. Sampling Frequency.

- (1). The Primary Permittee must sample in accordance with the Plan at least once for each rainfall event described below. For a qualifying event, the permittee shall sample at the beginning of any stormwater discharge to a monitored receiving water and/or from a monitored outfall location within in forty-five (45) minutes or as soon as possible.
- (2). However, where manual and automatic sampling are impossible (as defined in this permit), or are beyond the permittee's control, the permittee shall take samples as soon as possible, but in no case more than twelve (12) hours after the beginning of the stormwater discharge.
- (3). Sampling by the permittee shall occur for the following qualifying events:
 - (a). For each area of the site that discharges to a receiving water or from an outfall, the first rain event that reaches or exceeds 0.5 inch with a

stormwater discharge that occurs during normal business hours after all clearing and grubbing operations have been completed, but prior to completion of mass grading operations, in the drainage area of the location selected as the sampling location;

(b). In addition to (a) above, for each area of the site that discharges to a receiving water or from an outfall, the first rain event that reaches or exceeds 0.5 inch with a stormwater discharge that occurs during normal business hours either 90 days after the first sampling event or after all mass grading operations have been completed, but prior to submittal of a NOT, in the drainage area of the location selected as the sampling location, whichever comes first;

(c). At the time of sampling performed pursuant to (a) and (b) above, if BMPs in any area of the site that discharges to a receiving water or from an outfall are not properly designed, installed and maintained, corrective action shall be defined and implemented within two (2) business days, and turbidity samples shall be taken from discharges from that area of the site for each subsequent rain event that reaches or exceeds 0.5 inch during normal business hours* until the selected turbidity standard is attained, or until post-rain event inspections determine that BMPs are properly designed, installed and maintained;

(d). Where sampling pursuant to (a), (b) or (c) above is required but not possible (or not required because there was no discharge), the permittee, in accordance with Part IV.D.4.a.(6), must include a written justification in the inspection report of why sampling was not performed. Providing this justification does not relieve the permittee of any subsequent sampling obligations under (a), (b) or (c) above; and

(e). Existing construction activities, i.e., those that are occurring on or before the effective date of this permit, that have met the sampling required by (a) above shall sample in accordance with (b). Those existing construction activities that have met the sampling required by (b) above shall not be required to conduct additional sampling other than as required by (c) above.

*Note that the permittee may choose to meet the requirements of (a) and (b) above by collecting turbidity samples from any rain event that reaches or exceeds 0.5 inch and allows for sampling at any time of the day or week.

7. Non-stormwater discharges. Except for flows from fire-fighting activities, sources of non-stormwater listed in Part III.A.2. of this permit that are combined with stormwater discharges associated with construction activity must be identified in the Plan. The Plan shall identify and ensure the implementation of appropriate pollution prevention measures for the non-stormwater component(s) of the discharge.

E. Reporting.

1. The applicable permittees are required to submit the sampling results to the EPD at the address shown in Part II.C. by the fifteenth day of the month following the reporting period. Reporting periods are months during which samples are taken in accordance with this permit. Sampling results shall be in a clearly legible format. Upon written notification, EPD may require the applicable permittee to submit the sampling results on a more frequent basis. Sampling and analysis of any stormwater discharge(s) or the receiving water(s) beyond the minimum frequency stated in this permit must be reported in a similar manner to the EPD. The sampling reports must be signed in accordance with Part V.G.2. Sampling reports must be submitted to EPD using the electronic submittal service provided by EPD. Sampling reports must be submitted to EPD until such time as a NOT is submitted in accordance with Part VI.

2. All sampling reports shall include the following information:

- a. The rainfall amount, date, exact place and time of sampling or measurements;
- b. The name(s) of the certified personnel who performed the sampling and measurements;
- c. The date(s) analyses were performed;
- d. The time(s) analyses were initiated;
- e. The name(s) of the certified personnel who performed the analyses;
- f. References and written procedures, when available, for the analytical techniques or methods used;
- g. The results of such analyses, including the bench sheets, instrument readouts, computer disks or tapes, etc., used to determine these results;
- h. Results which exceed 1000 NTU shall be reported as "exceeds 1000 NTU;" and
- i. Certification statement that sampling was conducted as per the Plan.

3. All written correspondence required by this permit shall be submitted by return receipt certified mail (or similar service) to the appropriate EPD District Office or delivery receipt email to the appropriate EPD District Office resource mailbox according to the schedule in Appendix A of this permit. The permittee shall retain a copy of the proof of submittal at the construction site or the proof of submittal shall be readily available at a designated location from commencement of construction until such time as a NOT is submitted in accordance with Part VI.

F. Retention of Records.

1. The Primary Permittee shall retain the following records at the construction site or the records shall be readily available at a designated alternate location from commencement of construction until such time as a NOT is submitted in accordance with Part VI:

- a. A copy of all Notices of Intent submitted to EPD;
- b. A copy of the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan required by this permit;
- c. The design professional's report of the results of the inspection conducted in accordance with Part IV.A.5. of this permit;

- d. A copy of all sampling information, results, and reports required by this permit;
 - e. A copy of all inspection reports generated in accordance with Part IV.D.4.a. of this permit;
 - f. A copy of all violation summaries and violation summary reports generated in accordance with Part III.D. of this permit; and
 - g. Daily rainfall information collected in accordance with Part IV.D.4.a.(2). of this permit.
2. Copies of all Notices of Intent, Notices of Termination, inspection reports, sampling reports (including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation) or other reports requested by the EPD, Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plans, records of all data used to complete the Notice of Intent to be covered by this permit and all other records required by this permit shall be retained by the permittee who either produced or used it for a period of at least three years from the date that the NOT is submitted in accordance with Part VI. of this permit. These records must be maintained at the permittee's primary place of business or at a designated alternative location once the construction activity has ceased at the permitted site. This period may be extended by request of the EPD at any time upon written notification to the permittee.

Part V. STANDARD PERMIT CONDITIONS

A. Duty to Comply.

1. Each permittee must comply with all applicable conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (O.C.G.A. §§12-5-20, et seq.) and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination; or for denial of a permit renewal application. Failure of a Primary Permittee to comply with any applicable term or condition of this permit shall not relieve any other Primary Permittee from compliance with their applicable terms and conditions of this permit.
2. Each permittee must document in their records any and all known violations of this permit at his/her site within seven (7) days of his/her knowledge of the violation. A summary of these violations must be submitted to EPD by the permittee at the addresses shown in Appendix A within fourteen (14) days of his/her discovery of the violation.
3. Penalties for violations of permit conditions. The Federal Clean Water Act and the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (O.C.G.A. §§12-5-20, et seq.) provide that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit, makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or noncompliance shall, upon conviction be punished by a fine or by imprisonment, or by both. The Federal Clean Water Act and the Georgia Water Quality Control Act also provide procedures for imposing civil penalties which may be levied for violations of the Acts, any permit condition or limitation established pursuant to the Acts, or

negligently or intentionally failing or refusing to comply with any final or emergency order of the Director.

B. Continuation of the Expired General Permit. This permit expires on the date shown on the cover page of this permit. However, an expired general permit continues in force and effect until a new general permit is issued, final and effective.

C. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense. It shall not be a defense for the permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

D. Duty to Mitigate. The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

E. Duty to Provide Information. The permittee shall furnish to the Director; a State or local agency approving soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plans, grading plans, or stormwater management plans; or in the case of a stormwater discharge associated with construction activity which discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer system with an NPDES permit, to the local government operating the municipal separate storm sewer system, any information which is requested to determine compliance with this permit. In the case of information submitted to the EPD such information shall be considered public information and available under the Georgia Open Records Act.

F. Other Information. When the permittee becomes aware that he failed to submit any relevant facts or submitted incorrect information in the Notice of Intent or in any other report required to be submitted to the EPD, the permittee shall promptly submit such facts or information.

G. Signatory Requirements. All Notices of Intent, Notice of Terminations, inspection reports, sampling reports or other reports requested by the EPD shall be signed as follows:

1. All Notices of Intent and Notices of Termination shall be signed as follows:

a. For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this permit, a responsible corporate officer means: (1) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation; or (2) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production or operating facilities provided the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where

authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures;

b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

c. For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public facility: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official; and

d. Changes to authorization. If an authorization under Part II.B. is no longer accurate, a modification NOI satisfying the requirements of Part II.B. must be submitted to the EPD prior to or together with any inspection reports, sampling reports, or other reports requested by the EPD to be signed by a person described above or by a duly authorized representative of that person.

2. All inspection reports, sampling reports, or other reports requested by the EPD shall be signed by a person described above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:

a. The authorization is made in writing by a person(s) described above and submitted to the EPD;

b. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for specified operation(s) of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of manager, operator, superintendent, or position of equivalent responsibility or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company. (A duly authorized representative may be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position); and

c. *Certification.* Reports delineated in Part V.G.2. shall be signed by the permittee or duly authorized representative and shall make the following certification:

“I certify under penalty of law that this report and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that certified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.”

H. Oil and Hazardous Substance Liability. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject under the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-8-60, et seq. or under Chapter 14 of Title 12 of the Official Code

of Georgia Annotated; nor is the Operator relieved from any responsibilities, liabilities or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject under Section 311 of the Clean Water Act or Section 106 of Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation And Liability Act.

I. Property Rights. The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, nor any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property nor any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of Federal, State or local laws or regulations.

J. Severability. The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby.

K. Other Applicable Environmental Regulations and Laws. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable State law or regulation under authority preserved by Section 510 of the Clean Water Act. Nothing in this permit, unless explicitly stated, exempts the permittee from compliance with other applicable local, state and federal ordinances, rules, regulations, and laws. Furthermore, it is not a defense to compliance with this permit that a local government authority has approved the permittee's Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan or failed to take enforcement action against the permittee for violations of the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan, or other provisions of this permit.

No condition of this permit shall release the permittee from any responsibility or requirements under other environmental statutes or regulations.

L. Proper Operation and Maintenance. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit and with the required plans. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. Proper operation and maintenance requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems, installed by a permittee only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

M. Inspection and Entry. The permittee shall allow the Director or an authorized representative of EPA, EPD or to designated officials of the local government reviewing soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plans, grading plans, or stormwater management plans; or, in the case of a construction site which discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer system, an authorized representative of the municipal operator of the separate storm sewer system receiving the discharge, upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

1. Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit; and

2. Have access to and copy at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit; and
3. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities or equipment (including monitoring and control equipment).

N. Permit Actions. This permit may be revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause including but not limited to changes in the law or regulations. The filing of a request by the permittee for termination of the permit, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance, does not stay any permit condition.

Part VI. TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

A. Notice of Termination Eligibility. Notice of Termination signed in accordance with Part V.G.1. of this permit must be submitted:

1. For construction activities, by the permittee where the entire stand alone development has undergone final stabilization, all stormwater discharges associated with construction activity that are authorized by this permit have ceased, the site is in compliance with this permit and all temporary BMPs have been removed. For construction activities where the Primary Permittee has elected to submit NOIs for separate phases of the stand alone development, the phase or phases of the stand alone development on the NOT shall correspond to the phase or phases on the NOI.
2. By the Owner or Operator when the Owner or Operator of the site changes. Where stormwater discharges will continue after the identity of the Owner or Operator changes, the permittee must, prior to filing the Notice of Termination, notify any subsequent Owner or Operator of the permitted site as to the requirements of this permit.

B. Notice of Termination Contents:

1. The NPDES permit number for the stormwater discharge associated with construction activity identified by the Notice of Termination (i.e., GAR100001 – Stand Alone);
2. The project construction site name, GPS location (decimal degrees) of construction exit, construction site location, city (if applicable) and county of the construction site for which the notification is submitted. This information must correspond to the similar information as provided on the NOI. Where an address for the construction site is not available, the construction site location information must be sufficient to accurately locate the construction site;
3. The Owner's legal name, address, telephone number and email address and the Operator's legal name, address, telephone and email address;

4. The name of the initial receiving water(s), and when the discharge is through a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), the name of the local government operating the municipal separate storm sewer system and the name of the receiving water(s) which receives the discharge from the MS4;
5. If sampling was not conducted for the permitted site, then provide a written justification for why that sampling was not conducted within electronic NOT submittal;
6. Any other information specified on the NOT in effect at the time of submittal; and
7. The following certification signed in accordance with Part V.G.1. (signatory requirements):

“I certify under penalty of law that either: (a) all stormwater discharges associated with construction activity authorized by this permit have ceased, the site is in compliance with this permit and all temporary BMPs have been removed or (b) I am no longer an Owner or Operator at the construction site and a new Owner or Operator has assumed operational control of the permitted construction site where I previously had ownership or operational control; and that discharging pollutants in stormwater associated with construction activity to waters of Georgia is unlawful under the Georgia Water Quality Control Act and the Clean Water Act where the discharge is not authorized by a NPDES permit.”

C. Notice of Termination Submittal. All Notices of Termination (NOT) by this permit shall be submitted to EPD using the electronic submittal service provided by EPD no more than 14 days after the site has completed construction related activities, achieved final stabilization and temporary BMPs have been removed as referenced in Part VI.A.1.A copy of the NOT shall also be submitted to the Local Issuing Authority in jurisdictions authorized to issue a Land Disturbance Activity permit for the permittee's construction site pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-7-1, et seq.

APPENDIX A

EPD DISTRICT OFFICES

A. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Bibb, Bleckley, Chattahoochee, Crawford, Dooly, Harris, Houston, Jones, Lamar, Macon, Marion, Meriwether, Monroe, Muscogee, Peach, Pike, Pulaski, Schley, Talbot, Taylor, Troup, Twiggs, Upson

Information shall be submitted to: Wcd.epd.reporting@dnr.ga.gov
West Central District Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
2640 Shurling Drive
Macon, GA 31211-3576
(478) 751-6612

B. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Burke, Columbia, Emanuel, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, McDuffie, Montgomery, Richmond, Screven, Treutlen, Warren, Washington, Wheeler, Wilkinson

Information shall be submitted to: ECD.EPDReporting@dnr.ga.gov
East Central District Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
3525 Walton Way Extension
Augusta, GA 30909-1821
(706) 667-4343

C. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Baldwin, Banks, Barrow, Butts, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Hall, Hancock, Hart, Jackson, Jasper, Lincoln, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Stephens, Taliaferro, Walton, Wilkes

Information shall be submitted to: epd.athens@dnr.ga.gov
Northeast District Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
745 Gaines School Road
Athens, GA 30605-3129
(706) 369-6376

D. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Carroll, Clayton, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Heard, Henry, Rockdale, Spalding

Information shall be submitted to: MDOAtlanta.SW@dnr.ga.gov
Mountain District - Atlanta Satellite
Georgia Environmental Protection Division

4244 International Parkway, Suite 114
Atlanta, GA 30354-3906
(404) 362-2671

E. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Cobb, Dade, Dawson, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Haralson, Lumpkin, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Towns, Union, Walker, White, Whitfield

Information shall be submitted to: MDOCartersville.SW@dnr.ga.gov
Mountain District - Cartersville Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
16 Center Road
Cartersville, GA 30120
(770) 387-4900

F. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Jeff Davis, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Pierce, Tattnall, Toombs, Ware, Wayne

Information shall be submitted to: coast.epdreporting@dnr.ga.gov
Coastal District - Brunswick Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
1050 Canal Road
Brunswick, GA 31523-6856
(912) 264-7284

G. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Calhoun, Clay, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Grady, Irwin, Lanier, Lee, Lowndes, Miller, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Stewart, Sumter, Telfair, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner, Webster, Wilcox, Worth

Information shall be submitted to: southwest.districtreporting@dnr.ga.gov
Southwest District Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
2024 Newton Road
Albany, GA 31701-3576
(229) 430-4144

H. For facilities/construction sites required to submit Plans required under Part IV.A.4.a. of this Permit:

Information shall be submitted to: Watershed Protection Branch
Environmental Protection Division

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1462 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
(404) 463-1511

APPENDIX B

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) TABLES

		Trout Streams							
		Surface Water Drainage Area, square miles							
		0-4.99	5-9.99	10-24.99	25-49.99	50-99.99	100-249.99	250-499.99	500+
Site Size, acres	1.00-10	25	50	75	150	300	500	500	500
	10.01-25	25	25	50	75	150	200	500	500
	25.01-50	25	25	25	50	75	100	300	500
	50.01-100	20	25	25	35	59	75	150	300
	100.01+	20	20	25	25	25	50	60	100

		Waters Supporting Warm Water Fisheries							
		Surface Water Drainage Area, square miles							
		0-4.99	5-9.99	10-24.99	25-49.99	50-99.99	100-249.99	250-499.99	500+
Site Size, acres	1.00-10	75	150	200	400	750	750	750	750
	10.01-25	50	100	100	200	300	500	750	750
	25.01-50	50	50	100	100	200	300	750	750
	50.01-100	50	50	50	100	100	150	300	600
	100.01+	50	50	50	50	50	100	200	100

To use these tables, select the size (acres) of the construction site. Then, select the surface water drainage area (square miles). The NTU matrix value arrived at from the above tables is the one to use in Part III.D.5.

Example 1: For a site size of 12.5 acres and a “trout stream” drainage area of 37.5 square miles, the NTU value to use in Part III.D.5. is 75 NTU.

Example 2: For a site size of 51.7 acres and “waters supporting warm water fisheries” drainage area of 72 square miles, the NTU value to use in Part III.D.5. is 100 NTU.

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SECTION 31 37 00**RIP-RAP****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Material placed as bank protection and erosion control.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 33 40 00 – Storm Drainage Utilities

1.3 ALLOWABLE TOLERANCES

- A. Depth of rip-rap blanket as shown on the drawings and in these specifications is a minimum depth.

1.4 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Rip-Rap: Payment will be made at the contract unit price for rip rap needed above the quantities required for check dams and outlet protection. Payment for the rip rap required for those items will be included in the price of those items. Payment will include furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment and placing on a prepared surface. Use of this pay item requires written approval from the Owner prior to work being performed.

1.5 REFERENCES (LATEST REVISION)

- A. ASTM C 150 – Portland Cement.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS**2.1 MATERIALS**

- A. Stone Rip-Rap: Shall be hard quarry or field stone of such quality the pieces will not disintegrate on exposure to water, sunlight, or weather. Stone shall be solid and non-friable and range in weight from a minimum of 25 pounds to a maximum of 150 pounds. At least 50 percent of the stone pieces shall weigh more than 60 pounds. The stone pieces shall have a minimum dimension of 12 inches. Documents indicating stone analysis, source and other pertinent data (i.e. – filter fabric) shall be submitted for review by the Engineer prior to delivery.
- B. Sand-Cement Bag Rip-Rap:
 - 1. Bags: Shall be of cotton, burlap, or fiber-reinforced paper capable of containing the sand-cement mixture without leakage during handling and placing. Bags previously used for any purpose shall not be used.

Capacity shall be not less than 0.75 cubic foot nor more than two cubic feet.

2. Cement: Portland cement shall be Type I meeting requirements of ASTM C 150. Cement which has been damaged, or which is partially set, lumpy, or caked shall not be used.
 3. Fine Aggregate: Shall be composed of hard, durable particles, free from injurious amounts of organic impurities and shall contain, in the material passing the No. 10 sieve, not more than 7 percent clay, and not more than 20 percent passing the No. 200 sieve.
- C. Filter Fabric: Shall be a woven fabric of monofilament and multifilament yarn equivalent to Mirafi FW700. Fabric shall be finished so the filaments will retain their relative position with respect to each other. Fabric shall contain stabilizers and/or inhibitors added to make filaments resistant to deterioration due to ultraviolet and/or heat exposure. Fabric shall be free of flaws, rips, holes, or defects.

2.2 PRODUCT REVIEW

- A. Contractor shall provide the Engineer with a complete description of all products before ordering. Engineer will review all products before they are ordered.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

- A. The surface to receive rip-rap shall be prepared to a relatively smooth condition free of obstruction, depressions, debris, rises, and soft or low density pockets of material. Contours and elevations on construction drawings are to the surface of rip-rap material.

3.2 PLACEMENT

- A. Filter fabric shall be placed with the long dimension running up slope. The strips shall be placed to provide a minimum width of one foot of overlap for each joint. Fabric shall be anchored in place with securing pins of the type recommended by fabric manufacturer. Pins shall be placed on or within 3 inches of the overlap. Place fabric so upstream strip will overlap the downstream strip. Fabric shall be placed loosely to give and avoid stretching and tearing during placement of the stones.
- B. Minimum depth or thickness of stone blanket shall be 12 inches with no under tolerance. Stones shall be dropped no more than three feet during construction. Placing shall begin at bottom of slope. Provide a toe trench if required as detailed on the construction drawings. Entire mass of stone shall be placed to conform with lines, grades, and thickness shown on the plans. Rip-rap shall be placed to its full course thickness at one operation and in such a manner as to avoid displacing the underlying material. Placing of rip-rap in layers, or by dumping into chutes, or by similar methods likely to cause segregation, will not be permitted.

Larger stones shall be well distributed and the entire mass of stone shall conform to gradation specified. All material used in rip-rap protection shall be placed and distributed so there will be no large accumulations of either the larger or smaller sizes of stone.

It is the intent of these specifications to produce a fairly compact rip-rap protection in which all sizes of material are placed in their proper proportions. Hand placing or rearranging of individual stones by mechanical equipment may be required to secure the results specified.

- C. Sand-Cement Bag Rip-Rap: Bags shall be uniformly filled. Bagged rip-rap shall be placed by hand with tied ends facing the same direction, with close, broken joints. After placing, bags shall be rammed or packed against one another to produce the required thickness and form a consolidated mass. The top of each bag shall not vary more than 3 inches above or below required plane. When directed by the Engineer or required by construction drawings, header courses shall be placed.

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SECTION 32 92 00**TURF AND GRASSES****PART 1 – GENERAL****1.1 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Seeding, planting grass, and fertilizing graded areas behind the structures, pipeline rights-of-way, roadway shoulders, and other disturbed areas.
- B. Seed protection.
- C. Maintaining seeded areas until final acceptance.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Civil and Landscape plans and specifications.

1.3 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver grass seed in original containers showing analysis of seed mixture, percentage of pure seed, year of production, net weight, date of packaging, and location of packaging. Damaged packages are not acceptable. Store in cool, dry locations away from contaminants.
- B. Deliver fertilizer in waterproof bags showing weight, chemical analysis, and name of manufacturer. Damaged bags are not acceptable. Store in cool, dry locations away from contaminants.
- C. Deliver sod on pallets.
- D. All material shall be acceptable to Engineer prior to use.

1.4 PLANTING DATES

- A. This specification provides for establishment of a permanent grass cover between the dates of March 1 and September 30. If finished earth grades are not completed in time to permit planting and establishment of permanent grass during the favorable season between dates specified above unless otherwise accepted, Contractor will be required to plant a temporary cover to protect new graded areas from erosion and to keep windborne dust to a minimum. The temporary cover shall be planted between October 1 and February 28 unless otherwise permitted.

1.5 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. When the season or stage of project is such results of grassing work cannot be determined, conditional acceptance will be made on work completed. When conditional acceptance is made for items of work covered, Contractor shall be entitled to 50% of bid price for the actual work placed and shall receive remaining 50% of bid price when final acceptance is made. Conditional acceptance shall not apply to the remaining items of work, and full bid price payment shall be made

when work is acceptably placed and completed in accordance with specifications.

- B. Payment for grassing will be made at contract unit price for the items "Temporary and Permanent Grassing" and such payment shall constitute full compensation for furnishing and placing seed and fertilizer and protecting and maintaining seed in all graded and disturbed areas.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

- A. Contractor shall submit source and species certification documents to Engineer and Owner's Representative for review prior to installation. Supply complete information on all analysis/test methodologies and results; laboratory certifications, manufacturer's specifications, and agency approvals to the Landscape Architect/Project Engineer prior to placement of soil mixtures. In addition, provide the Landscape Architect/Project Engineer with thoroughly mixed sample of soil mixes for acceptance prior to placement. Landscape Contractor shall make modifications and improvements to soil mixes deemed necessary by the soil analysis to meet requirements specified here in before, and to ensure proper growing medium for plant material.

2.1 SEED

- A. All seed shall conform to State Laws and requirements and regulations of the State Department of Agriculture.
- B. The varieties of seed, as specified in Section 2.2, shall be individually packaged or bagged, and tagged to show name of seed, net weight, origin, germination, lot number, and other information required by the State Department of Agriculture.
- C. Engineer reserves the right to test, reject, or accept all seed before seeding.

2.2 SEEDING SCHEDULE

A.	<u>SEED</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>PLANTING DATES</u>
	Bermuda	15-lbs/acre	March 1 – September 30
	Rye	75-lbs/acre	October 1 – February 28

2.3 FERTILIZER

- A. Commercial fertilizer of accepted type, conforming to State fertilizer laws at the rate as recommended by soils test.

2.4 LIME

- A. Agricultural grade, ground limestone at the rate as recommended by soils test.

2.5 OMITTED

2.6 OMITTED

2.7 OMITTED**2.8 ACCESSORIES**

- A. Straw Mulch: Oat or wheat straw, reasonably free from weeds, foreign matter detrimental to plant life, and in dry condition.
- B. Excelsior Mulch: Excelsior mulch shall consist of wood fibers cut from sound, green timber. The average length of fibers shall be 4 to 6 inches. Cut shall be made in such a manner as to provide maximum strength of fiber, but at a slight angle to natural grain of the wood to cause splintering of fibers when weathering in order to provide adherence to each other and to soil.
- C. Wood cellulose fiber shall be made from wood chip particles manufactured particularly for discharging uniformly on the ground surface when dispersed by a hydraulic water sprayer. It shall remain in uniform suspension in water under agitation and blend with grass seed and fertilizer to form a homogenous slurry. Mulch fibers shall intertwine physically to form a strong moisture holding mat on the ground surface and allow rainfall to percolate into underlying soil. The mulch shall be heat processed to contain no germination or growth-inhibiting factors. It shall be dyed (non-toxic) an appropriate color to facilitate metering of material.

2.9 PRODUCT REVIEW

- A. Contractor shall provide the Engineer with a complete description of all products before ordering. The Engineer will review all products before they are ordered.

PART 3 – EXECUTION**3.1 PREPARATION**

- A. Areas to be seeded shall be made smooth and uniform and shall conform to the finished grade indicated on plans.
- B. Remove foreign materials, plants, roots, stones, and debris from surfaces to be seeded.
- C. Grassing areas, if not loose, shall be loosened to a minimum depth of 3 inches before fertilizer, seed or sod is applied.
- D. Amendments to soils shall be incorporated into loosened 3-inch top soil layer as recommended by soils tests.
- E. Contractor shall provide Topsoil Analysis Tests performed by a State Agricultural Experiment Station, Soil and Water Conservation District, State University, or other qualified private testing laboratory, as acceptable to Landscape Architect/Project Engineer. Soils test shall identify existing pH and nutrient levels, as well as recommended adjustments based on the type of grass to be installed.

3.2 STAND OF GRASS

- A. Before acceptance of seeding, sodding, or sprigging is performed for the establishment of permanent vegetation, Contractor will be required to produce a satisfactory stand of perennial grass whose root system shall be developed sufficiently to survive dry periods and winter weather and be capable of re-establishment in spring.
- B. Before acceptance of seeding is performed for the establishment of temporary vegetation, Contractor will be required to produce a stand of grass sufficient to control erosion for a given area and length of time before the next phase of construction or establishment of permanent vegetation is to commence.

3.3 SEEDING AND SPRIGGING DATES

- A. Seeding and sprigging shall be performed during periods and at rates specified in their respective schedules. Seeding and sprigging work may, at discretion of Contractor, be performed throughout the year using schedule prescribed for given period. Seeding and sprigging work shall not be conducted when the ground is frozen or excessively wet. Contractor will be required to produce a satisfactory stand of grass regardless of the period of year work is performed.

3.4 APPLYING LIME AND FERTILIZER

- A. Following advance preparation and placing selected material for shoulders and slopes, lime and fertilizer, if called for based on soil tests, shall be spread uniformly over the designated areas, and shall be thoroughly mixed with the soil to a depth of approximately 2 inches. Fertilizer and lime shall be applied at the rate recommended by required soils test. Unless otherwise provided, lime will not be applied for temporary seeding. In all cases where practicable, acceptable mechanical spreaders shall be used for spreading fertilizer. On steep slopes subject to slides and inaccessible to power equipment, the slopes shall be adequately scarified. Fertilizer may be applied on steep slopes by hydraulic methods as a mixture of fertilizer and seed. When fertilizer is applied with combination seed and fertilizer drills, no further incorporation will be necessary. The fertilizer and seed shall be applied together when Wood Cellulose Fiber Mulch is used. Any stones larger than 2-1/2 inches in any dimension, larger clods, roots, or other debris brought to the surface shall be removed.

3.5 SEEDING

- A. Seed shall be sown within 24 hours following application of fertilizer and lime and preparation of the seedbed as specified in Section 3.4. Seed shall be uniformly sown at rate specified by the use of acceptable mechanical seed drills. Rotary hand seeders, power sprayers or other satisfactory equipment may be used on steep slopes or on other areas inaccessible to seed drills.
- B. Seeds shall be covered and lightly compacted by means of cultipacker or light roller if the drill does not perform this operation. On slopes inaccessible to compaction equipment, the seed shall be covered by dragging spiked chains, by light harrowing or by other satisfactory methods.
- C. Apply water with fine spray immediately after each area has been sown.

- D. Do not sow seed when ground is too dry, during windy periods or immediately following a rain.
- E. If permitted by the special provisions, wood cellulose fiber mulch or excelsior fiber mulch may be used.

3.6 SEED PROTECTION (STRAW MULCH)

- A. All seeded areas seeded with permanent grasses shall be uniformly mulched in a continuous blanket immediately following seeding and compacting operations, using at least 2 tons of straw per acre.

3.7 SEED PROTECTION (EXCELSIOR MULCH)

- A. Seed shall be sown as specified in Section 3.5. Within 24 hours after covering of seed, excelsior mulch shall be uniformly applied at the rate of 2 tons per acre. The mulch may be applied hydraulically or by other acceptable methods. Should the mulch be placed in a dry condition, it shall be thoroughly wetted immediately after placing. Engineer may require light rolling of the mulch to form a tight mat.

3.8 SEED PROTECTION (WOOD CELLULOSE FIBER MULCH)

- A. After the lime has been applied and ground prepared as specified in Section 3.4, wood cellulose fiber mulch shall be applied at a rate of 1,500 pounds per acre in a mixture of seed and fertilizer. Hydraulic equipment shall be used for application of fertilizer, seed, and slurry of the prepared wood pulp. This equipment shall have a built-in agitation system with an operating capacity sufficient to agitate, suspend, and homogeneously mix a slurry of the specified amount of fiber, fertilizer, seed, and water. The slurry distribution lines shall be large enough to prevent stoppage. The discharge line shall be equipped with a set of hydraulic spray nozzles which will provide an even distribution of slurry on various areas to be seeded. The slurry tank shall have a minimum capacity of 1,000 gallons.

Seed, fertilizer, wood pulp mulch, and water shall all be combined into the slurry tank for distribution of all ingredients in one operation by hydraulic seeding method specified herein. Materials shall be combined in a manner recommended by the manufacturer. The slurry mixture shall be regulated so amounts and rates of application shall result in a uniform application of all materials at rates not less than amount specified. Using the color of wood pulp as a guide, equipment operator shall spray prepared seedbed with a uniform visible coat. The slurry shall be applied in a sweeping motion, in an arched stream to fall like rain, allowing wood fibers to build upon each other until an even coat is achieved.

PART 4 – MAINTENANCE, WARRANTY AND ACCEPTANCE

4.1 MAINTENANCE

- A. Maintain grassed surfaces until final acceptance.
- B. Maintenance shall consist of providing protection against traffic, watering to ensure uniform seed germination and to keep surface of soil damp, and repairing any areas damaged as a result of construction operations or erosion. Maintenance shall also include, but is not limited to, watering, weeding,

cultivating, removal of dead material, lawn mowing, fertilizing, and other necessary operations.

- C. The Contractor shall maintain all proposed plantings until the date of substantial completion issued by the Owner.

4.2 WARRANTY

- A. All grassed areas shall be guaranteed by Contractor to be alive and healthy for a one year period from date of substantial completion issued by the Owner. A final walk through with the Owner shall be conducted at end of warranty period to determine if any areas require replanting. At end of warranty period, sod shall show evidence of rooting to underlying soil and shall have no competitive weed growth from either the sod or from between sod joints.
- B. Any grassed area which is dead or not showing satisfactory growth shall be replaced at Contractor's expense at the end of warranty period. All replacement shall be of original quality. Replacement required because of vandalism, excessive use, or other causes beyond the control of Contractor are not part of this contract.

4.3 ACCEPTANCE

- A. Before acceptance of seeding performed for the establishment of permanent vegetation, Contractor will be required to produce a satisfactory stand of perennial grass whose root system shall be developed sufficiently to survive dry periods and winter weather and be capable of reestablishment in spring.
- B. A minimum coverage of 80% density over 100% of the disturbed area is required for seeded areas before project acceptance. Sprig and sod areas shall have 95% coverage over 100% of the disturbed area prior project acceptance.

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- A. Construction of pipes, drainage inlets, manholes, headwalls, and various drainage structures.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 03 00 00 –Concrete
- B. Section 33 30 00 – Sanitary Sewerage Utilities

1.3 OPTIONS

- A. The bid form and specifications describe several pipe materials. Where manufacturers of material or equipment are named in the specifications, Contractor may use equipment or materials of other manufacturers provided they are reviewed and accepted by Engineer as equivalent to those specified.

1.4 REFERENCES (Latest Revision)

- A. ASTM B 745/B 745M – Corrugated Aluminum Pipe for Sewers and Drains.
- B. ASTM C 55 – Concrete Building Brick.
- C. ASTM C 62 – Building Brick (Solid Masonry Units Made from Clay or Shale).
- D. ASTM C 76 – Reinforced Concrete Culvert, Storm Drain, and Sewer Pipe.
- E. ASTM C 144 – Aggregate for Masonry Mortar.
- F. ASTM C 150 – Portland Cement.
- G. ASTM C 207 – Hydrated Lime for Masonry Purposes.
- H. ASTM C 443 – Joints for Concrete Pipe and Manholes, Using Rubber Gaskets.
- I. ASTM C 478 – Precast Reinforced Concrete Manhole Sections.
- J. ASTM C 913 – Precast Concrete Water and Wastewater Structures.
- K. ASTM C 1433 – Precast Reinforced Concrete Monolithic Box Sections for Culverts, Storm Drains, and Sewers.
- L. ASTM D 1056 – Flexible Cellular Materials – Sponge or Expanded Rubber.

- M. ASTM D 1557 – Test Method for Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Modified Effort.
- N. ASTM D 1751 – Preformed Expansion Joint Filler for Concrete Paving and Structural Construction (Non-extruding and Resilient Bituminous Types).
- O. ASTM D 1752 – Preformed Sponge Rubber Cork and Recycled PVC Expansion Joint Fillers for Concrete Paving and Structural Construction.
- P. ASTM D 2321 – Underground Installation of Thermoplastic Pipe for Sewers and Other Gravity Flow Applications.
- Q. ASTM D 3212 – Joints for Drain and Sewer Plastic Pipes Using Flexible Elastomeric Seals.
- R. ASTM D 3740 – Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction.
- S. ASTM D 6938 – In Place Density and Water Content of Soil and Soil-Aggregate by Nuclear Methods (Shallow Depth).
- T. ASTM E 329 – Agencies Engaged in Construction Inspection, Testing, or Special Inspection.
- U. ASTM F 405 – Corrugated Polyethylene (PE) Pipe and Fittings.
- V. ASTM F 477 – Elastomeric Seals (Gaskets) for Joining Plastic Pipe.
- W. ASTM F667 – 3 through 24 in. Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe and Fittings.
- X. ASTM F 2306/F 2306M – 12 to 60-Inch (300 to 1,500 mm) Annular Corrugated Profile-Wall Polyethylene (PE) Pipe and Fittings for Gravity-Flow Storm Sewer and Subsurface Drainage Applications
- Y. AASHTO M 294 – Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe, 300 to 1500-mm (12 – to 60-in.) Diameter.
- Z. ASTM D 3350 - Standard Specification for Polyethylene Plastics Pipe And Fittings Materials
- AA. ASTM F 2881 - Standard Specification For 12 To 60 In. [300 To 1500 Mm] Polypropylene (PP) Dual Wall Pipe And Fittings For Non-Pressure Storm Sewer Applications
- BB. ASTM F 3080 - Standard Practice for Laser Technologies for Measurement of Cross-Sectional Shape of Pipeline and Conduit by Non-Rotating Laser Projector, Infrared Measurement, and CCTV Camera System

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Material Review – Contractor will furnish the Engineer and Owner a description of all material before ordering. Engineer will review the Contractor's submittals and provide in writing an acceptance or rejection of material.
- B. Manufacturer – Material and equipment shall be standard products of a manufacturer who has manufactured them for a minimum of 2 years and provides published data on their quality and performance.
- C. Subcontractor – A subcontractor for any part of the work must have experience on similar work, and if required, furnish Engineer with a list of projects and Owners or Engineers who are familiar with their competence.
- D. Design – Devices, equipment, structures and systems not designed by Engineer and Contractor wishes to furnish, shall be designed by either a Registered Professional Engineer or by someone the Engineer accepts as qualified. If required, complete design calculations and assumptions shall be furnished to the Engineer or Owner before ordering.
- E. Testing Agencies – Soil tests shall be taken by a testing laboratory operating in accordance to ASTM D-3740 and E-329 and be acceptable to the Engineer prior to engagement. Mill certificates of tests on materials made by manufacturers will be accepted provided the manufacturer maintains an adequate testing laboratory, makes regularly scheduled tests, spot checked by an outside laboratory and furnishes satisfactory certificates.

1.6 PRODUCT DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Material shall be unloaded in a manner avoiding damage and shall be stored where it will be protected and will not be hazardous to traffic. Contractor shall repair any damage caused by the storage. Material shall be examined before installation. Neither damaged nor deteriorated material shall be used in the work.

1.7 SEQUENCING AND SCHEDULING

- A. Contractor shall arrange work so sections of pipes between structures are backfilled, checked, pavement replaced and the section placed in service as soon as reasonable after installation.

1.8 ALTERNATIVES

- A. The intention of these specifications is to produce the best system for the Owner. If Contractor suggests alternate material, equipment or procedures will improve results at no additional cost, the Engineer and Owner will examine suggestion, and if accepted, it may be used. The basis upon which acceptance of an alternate will be given is its value to Owner and not for Contractor's convenience.

1.9 GUARANTEE

- A. Contractor shall guarantee quality of materials, equipment and workmanship for a minimum period of 12 months or as required by the local governing agency after

acceptance. Defects discovered during this period shall be repaired by Contractor at no cost to the Owner.

1.10 EXISTING UTILITIES

- A. All known utility facilities are shown schematically on the construction drawings and are not necessarily accurate in location as to plan or elevation. Utilities such as service lines or unknown facilities not shown, will not relieve the Contractor of responsibility under this requirement. "Existing Utilities Facilities" means any utility existing on the project in its original, relocated or newly installed position. Contractor will be held responsible for cost of repairs to damaged underground facilities; even when such facilities are not shown on the drawings.
- B. The Contractor shall call for underground utility locations before starting work. Underground utilities location service can be contacted at 1-800-282-8411 (GA).

1.11 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Pipe Culverts and Storm Drains – Length of pipe will be paid for on a linear foot basis, as measured along the centerline, from end of pipe to end of pipe, end of pipe to center of structure or center of structure to center of structure. Payment of which will constitute full payment for all pipe, joints, filter fabric and bedding, including trenching, dewatering, excavation, backfill and compaction, surface clean-up, and all incidental labor, testing and material necessary to complete the construction of pipe as required by this section of specifications.
- B. Drainage Structures – Payment will be made on a contract unit price basis. Payment will constitute full payment for all dewatering, excavation, formwork, precast concrete, backfill, compaction, frames, gratings or covers, concrete, brick and all miscellaneous materials, surface clean-up and labor necessary to complete the construction.
- C. Headwalls – Payment will be made on a contract unit price of each type. Payment will constitute full compensation for dewatering, excavation, formwork, all materials, and incidentals necessary to complete the construction.
- D. Sheet piling and Bracing – Will not be measured for direct payment. All costs and charges in connection therewith shall be reflected and included in the item of work to which it pertains.
- E. Stone Foundation – Will not be measured for direct payment. All costs and charges in connection therewith shall be reflected and included in the item of work to which it pertains.
- F. Sand Foundation – Will not be measured for direct payment. All costs and charges in connection therewith shall be reflected and included in the item of work to which it pertains.
- G. Ditch and Swale Excavation – Excavations required for the construction of new ditches or swales and regrading of existing ditches or swales will not be paid separately and shall be included in the lump sum contract price for grading.

1.12 TESTING

- A. Laboratory tests for moisture density relationship for fill materials shall be in accordance with ASTM D 1557, (Modified Proctor).
- B. In place density tests in accordance with ASTM D 1556 or ASTM D 6938.
- C. Testing laboratory shall operate in accordance with ASTM D 3740 and E 329 and be acceptable to the Engineer.
- D. Testing laboratory and Project Engineer/Project Representative shall be given a minimum of 48-hours notice prior to taking any tests.
- E. Owner shall select and engage the testing laboratory. Testing laboratory shall be responsible to the Owner and Owner's Engineer. Payment for laboratory and all tests shall be by Owner, except Owner specifically reserves the right to deduct from Contractor's payment, expenses and charges of testing laboratory when:
 - 1. Contractor gives notice work is ready for inspection and testing, and fails to be ready for the test, and/or
 - 2. testing of the Contractor's work, products, or materials fail, and retesting is required, and/or
 - 3. Contractor abuses the services or interferes with work of testing laboratory in conduct of this work.
- F. Test results shall be furnished to the Engineer prior to continuing with associated or subsequent work.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.1 PIPE

- A. Concrete Pipe – Shall be reinforced Class III, Class IV, or Class V and shall conform to ASTM Specification C-76. Pipe shall be manufactured without lifting holes. Gasketed single offset joints may be used in lieu of 'O' ring joints if acceptable to the Engineer.

Joint design shall be bell and spigot. Joints shall be water tight and soil tight using a confined gasket joint consisting of an O-ring rubber gasket conforming to requirements of ASTM C 443. Joint assemblies shall be accurately formed so when each pipe section is forced together, the assembled pipe shall form a continuous watertight conduit with smooth and uniform interior surface. Gaskets shall be the sole element of providing joint water tightness. Ends of pipe shall be in planes at right angles to the longitudinal centerline of pipe. Ends shall be finished to regular smooth surfaces.
- B. Corrugated Aluminum Alloy Pipe – Shall conform to ASTM B745. Pipe may be annular or helical.

1. Joints – Coupling bands shall be one piece lap-type, having a width conforming to the pipe manufacturer's recommendations. They shall be of the angle lug, rod and lug, or U-bolt type. The type, size and gauge of bands and size of angles, bolts and rods shall be as specified in applicable standards or specifications for pipe. Exterior rivet heads in longitudinal seam under coupling band shall be countersunk or rivets shall be omitted and the seam welded.
 2. Gaskets – Gaskets shall be made of 3/8 inch thick by 6-1/2 inch minimum width closed cell expanded synthetic rubber, fabricated in the form of a cylinder with a diameter approximately 10% less than nominal pipe size. The gasket material shall conform to requirements of ASTM D1056, Grade Number SBE-43.
 3. Bends – Where specified, shall be shop fabricated to angles and dimensions shown on the construction drawings.
- C. Polyethylene (HDPE) – Shall be high density polyethylene corrugated pipe having an integrally formed smooth interior, equivalent to Advanced Drainage Systems N-12WT, N-12STIB or Hancor Blue Seal or Sure-Lok ST. Pipe shall conform to ASTM F667 and F2306.
1. Joints – Pipe shall be joined using an integral bell and spigot joint meeting ASTM F2306 specifications. The joint shall be soil and water tight and gaskets, when applicable, shall meet requirements of ASTM F477. A joint lubricant supplied by manufacturer shall be used on the gasket and bell during assembly.
- D. Polypropylene (PP) – Shall be corrugated polypropylene dual wall pipe and having an integrally formed smooth interior, equivalent to Advanced Drainage Systems HP Storm. Pipe shall conform to ASTM F2881.
1. Joints – Pipe shall be joined using a welded or integral bell and spigot joint meeting ASTM D3212. The joint shall be soil and water tight and gaskets shall meet requirements of ASTM F477. A joint lubricant supplied by manufacturer shall be used on the gasket and bell during assembly.
- E. Subgrade Drain – Shall be heavy duty corrugated polyethylene perforated pipe manufactured by Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS) or equivalent and shall conform to ASTM F-405.
- F. Roof Drain – Shall be SDR 26 PVC pipe. Pipe shall be green or white in color.

2.2 DRAINAGE STRUCTURES

- A. Details – See plans.
- B. Concrete – Reinforced and non-reinforced.
 1. Minimum compressive strength = 3,000 p.s.i. at 28 days.

2. Reinforcing shall be covered by a minimum 1 inch of concrete for top slabs and 1-1/2 inches for walls and bases and 3 inches where concrete is deposited directly against the ground.
 3. Expansion joint filler materials shall conform to ASTM D 1751 or D 1752.
- C. Mortar – Connection of pipe and drainage structures shall be composed of one part by volume of Portland cement and two parts of sand. The Portland cement shall conform to ASTM C-150, Type I or II. The sand shall conform to ASTM C-144 and shall be of an accepted gradation. Hydrated lime may be added to the mixture of sand and cement in an amount equal to 25% of cement volume used. Hydrated lime shall conform to ASTM C-207, Type S. Quantity of water in the mixture shall be sufficient to produce a workable mortar but shall in no case exceed 7 gallons of water per sack of cement. Water shall be clean and free of harmful acids, alkalies and organic impurities. The mortar shall be used within 30 minutes from time ingredients are mixed with water. After mortaring, flexible pipe connections, including HDPE, PP and corrugated aluminum shall include a 12" filter fabric extending a minimum 12" up the pipe and structure adhered with a bituminous coating.
- D. Brick Masonry – Brick shall conform to ASTM Specification C-62, Grade SW or C-55, Grade S. Mortar for jointing and plastering shall consist of one part Portland cement and two parts fine sand. Lime may be added to the mortar in an amount not more than 25% of the cement volume used. Joints shall be completely filled and shall be smooth and free from surplus mortar on the inside of structure. Brick structures shall be plastered with 1/2 inch of mortar over entire outside surface of the walls. For square or rectangular structures, brick shall be laid in stretcher courses with a header course every sixth course, and for round structures, brick shall be laid radially with every sixth course a stretcher course.
- E. Precast – Shall be constructed in accordance with ASTM C-478, C-913, or C-1433 and conform to details on the project drawings.
1. Joints – Shall be tongue and groove sealed with flexible gaskets or mastic sealant. Gaskets shall be O-Ring or Type A or B "Tylox" conforming to ASTM C443 and mastic shall be "Ram-nek" or equivalent with primer. Primer shall be applied to all contact surfaces of manhole joints at the factory in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
 2. Steps – Shall be polypropylene equivalent to M.A. Industries, Type PS-1 or PS-1-PF. Steps shall be installed at the manhole factory and in accordance with recommendations of step manufacturer. Manholes will not be acceptable if steps are not installed accordingly.
 3. Leaks – No leaks in the manhole will be acceptable. All repairs made from inside the manhole shall be made with mortar composed of one part portland cement and two parts clean sand; mixing liquid shall be straight bonding agent equivalent to "Acryl 60."
- F. Frame, cover & grating shall conform to details shown on the project drawings. Grates in pavement and in other flush-mounted type surfaces shall be of a "bicycle-safe" configuration consisting of 45 degree diagonal bars or slotted grates

with a maximum clear opening of 1 inch and a maximum length of 9-inches. In any case, the long dimension of openings should be located transverse to direction of traffic when possible.

2.3 FILTER FABRIC

- A. Shall be a non-woven heat-bonded fiber of polypropylene and nylon filaments equivalent to Mirafi 140 N. The fabric shall be finished so filaments will retain their relative position with respect to each other. Fabric shall contain stabilizers and/or inhibitors added to the base plastic to make filaments resistant to deterioration due to ultraviolet and/or heat exposure. The product shall be free of flaws, rips, holes, or defects.

2.4 SOILS AND STONE AGGREGATES

- A. Stone aggregate shall be clean crushed granite or concrete meeting the gradation requirements of grade No. 57.
- B. Soils used for bedding, haunching, and initial backfill shall be as shown in the following table and shall meet requirements and classifications of ASTM D2321 and ASTM D2487.

Class	Type	Soil Group Symbol D 2487	Description	Percentage Passing Sieve Sizes		
				1-1/2 inch (40 mm)	No. 4 (4.75 mm)	No. 200 (0.075 mm)
IB	Manufactured, Processed Aggregates; dense-graded, clean.	None	Angular, crushed stone (or other Class 1A materials) and stone/sand mixtures with gradations selected to minimize migration of adjacent soils; contain little or no fines.	100%	≤50%	<5%
II	Coarse – Grained Soils, clean	GW	Well-graded gravels and gravel-sand mixtures; little or no fines.	100%	<50% of “Coarse Fraction ”	<5%
		GP	Poorly-graded gravels and gravel-sand mixtures; little or no fines.			
		SW	Well-graded sands and gravelly sands; little or no fines.		>50% of “Coarse Fraction ”	
		SP	Poorly-graded sands and gravelly sands; little or no fines.			
	Coarse-Grained Soils; borderline clean to w/fines.	Eg. GW–GC, SP–SM.	Sands and gravels that are borderline between clean and with fines.	100%	Varies	5% to 12%
III	Coarse-Grained Soils with Fines	GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures.	100%	<50% of “Coarse	5%

		GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures.		Fraction "	
		SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures.		>50% of	
		SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures.		"Coarse Fraction "	
IVA	Fine-grained soils (inorganic)	ML	Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands, silts with slight plasticity.	100%	100%	>50%
		CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravely clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays.			

2.5 PRODUCT REVIEW

- A. Contractor shall provide the Engineer with a complete description of all products before ordering. Engineer will review all products by the submittal of shop drawings before they are ordered.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 ON SITE OBSERVATIONS OF WORK

- A. The line, grade, deflection, and infiltration of storm sewers shall be tested by Contractor under direction of Engineer. Owner's Representative or Engineer will have the right to require any portion of work be completed in their presence and if work is covered up after such instruction, it shall be exposed by Contractor for observation. However, if Contractor notifies Engineer such work is scheduled and the Engineer fails to appear within 48-hours, Contractor may proceed. All work completed and material furnished shall be subject to review by the Engineer or Project Representative. All improper work shall be reconstructed. All materials not conforming to requirements of specifications shall be removed from the work upon notice being received from Engineer for rejection of such materials. Engineer shall have the right to mark rejected materials to distinguish them as such.

Contractor shall give the Project Engineer or Project Representative a minimum of 48-hours' notice for all required observations or tests. Storm sewers shall be dry for observation by the Engineer. Lines under water shall be pumped out by Contractor prior to observation, at no additional cost to the Owner.

It will also be required of Contractor to keep accurate, legible records of the location of all storm sewer lines and appurtenances. These records will be prepared in accordance with paragraph on "Record Data and Drawings" in the Special Conditions. Final payment to the Contractor will be withheld until all such information is received and accepted.

3.2 EXCAVATION FOR PIPE AND STRUCTURES

- A. Excavated material shall be piled a sufficient distance from the trench banks to avoid overloading to prevent slides or cave-ins.
- B. Remove from site all material not required or suitable for backfill.
- C. Grade as necessary to prevent water from flowing into excavations.
- D. Remove all water accumulating in the excavation, from surface flow, seepage, or otherwise, by pumping or other acceptable method.
- E. Sheet piling, bracing or shoring shall be used as necessary for protection of the work and safety of personnel.

3.3 TRENCHING FOR PIPE

- A. Trenching for Pipe – The width of trenches at any point below top of pipe shall be not greater than outside diameter of pipe plus 4 feet to permit satisfactory jointing and thorough bedding, haunching, backfilling and compacting under and around pipes. Sheet piling and bracing where required shall be placed within the trench width as specified. Care shall be taken not to over-excavate. Where trench widths are exceeded, redesign with a resultant increase in cost of stronger pipe or special installation procedures shall be necessary. Cost of this re-design and increased cost of pipe or installation shall be borne by Contractor without additional cost to the Owner. When installing pipe in a positive projecting embankment installation, the embankment shall be installed to an elevation of at least 1 foot above top of pipe for a width of five pipe diameters on each side of pipe before installation of pipe.
- B. Removal of Unsuitable Material – Where wet or otherwise unstable soil, incapable of supporting the pipe is encountered in bottom of trench, such material shall be removed to depth required and replaced to proper grade with stone or sand foundation as determined by Engineer. This foundation shall be compacted to 95% modified proctor.

3.4 PROTECTION OF UTILITY LINES

- A. Existing utility lines shown on drawings or locations of which are made known to the Contractor prior to excavation, and are to be retained, as well as utility lines constructed during excavation operations, shall be protected from damage during excavation and backfilling, and if damaged, shall be repaired at Contractor's expense. If the Contractor damages any existing utility lines not shown on drawings or locations of which are not known to Contractor, report thereof shall be made immediately. If Engineer determines repairs shall be made by Contractor, such repairs will be ordered under the clause in GENERAL CONDITIONS of contract entitled "CHANGES." When utility lines to be removed are encountered within the area of operations, Contractor shall notify Engineer in ample time for necessary measures taken to prevent interruption of service.

3.5 FOUNDATION AND BEDDING

- A. Stone Foundation – Where the subgrade of pipe is unsuitable material, Contractor shall remove unsuitable material to a depth determined by Engineer or Geotechnical Consultant and furnish and place stone foundation in trench to stabilize subgrade.
- B. Sand Foundation – Where the character of soil is unsuitable, even though dewatered, additional excavation to a depth determined by Engineer or Geotechnical Consultant shall be made and replaced with clean sand furnished by Contractor.
- C. Bedding for pipe shall provide a firm surface of uniform density throughout the entire length of pipe. Before laying pipe, trench bottom shall be de-watered by the use of well points. Where well points will not remove the water, Contractor shall construct sumps and use pumps to remove all water from bedding surface. Pipe shall be carefully bedded in stone accurately shaped and rounded to conform to lowest 1/3 outside portion of circular pipe, or lower curved portion of arch pipe for the entire length of pipe. Bell holes and depressions for joints shall be only of such length, depth, and width as required for properly making the particular type joint.
- D. Concrete Pipe:
 - 1. Materials for bedding concrete pipe shall be either Class II, Class III, or Class IB if processed, to minimize migration of adjacent material.
 - 2. Depth of bedding shall be equal to 1/24 the outer diameter of pipe or 3 inches, whichever is greater.
 - 3. Bedding area under the center of pipe, for a width 1/3 outer diameter of pipe, known as middle bedding, shall be loosely placed. Remainder of bedding for full width of the trench shall be compacted to a minimum density of 85% for Class II bedding and 90% for Class III bedding as determined by ASTM D1557.
- E. Polyethylene, Polypropylene and Corrugated Aluminum Alloy Pipe
 - 1. Materials for bedding polyethylene, polypropylene and corrugated aluminum alloy pipe shall be either Class II, Class III, or Class IB if processed to minimize migration of adjacent materials.
 - 2. Depth of bedding shall be equal to 1/10 the outer diameter of pipe or a minimum of 6 inches, whichever is greater.
 - 3. Bedding area under the center of pipe, for a width 1/3 outer diameter of pipe, known as middle bedding, shall be loosely placed. Remainder of bedding for full width of the trench shall be compacted to a minimum density of 90% for Class II bedding and 95% for Class III bedding.

3.6 HAUNCHING, INITIAL BACKFILL, AND FINAL BACKFILL

- A. Haunching – After the bedding has been prepared and pipe is installed, Class II or Class III soil shall be placed along both sides of pipe, in layers not exceeding 6 inches in compacted depth. Care shall be taken to insure thorough compaction and fill under haunches of the pipe. Each layer shall be thoroughly compacted with mechanical tampers and rammers. Haunching shall extend up to the spring line of pipe and be compacted to following densities:
 - 1. RCP: Minimum density shall be 90% as determined by ASTM D1557.
 - 2. PVC, HDPE, PP and Corrugated Aluminum Alloy Pipe: Minimum density shall be 95% as determined by ASTM D1557.
- B. Initial Backfill – PVC, HDPE, PP and corrugated aluminum alloy pipe require initial backfill material of either Class II or Class III soils to be placed from the spring line to a minimum of 6 inches above top of pipe in 6 inch lifts. This initial backfill shall be compacted to a minimum density of 95% as determined by ASTM D1557. Reinforced concrete pipe does not specifically require initial backfill. Initial backfill for reinforced concrete pipe can be the same as final backfill.
- C. Final Backfill – For all pipes, it should extend to the surface and shall be select materials compacted to a minimum of 98% as determined by ASTM D1557 if pipe is under pavement. If pipe is in grassed areas final backfill may be native materials compacted to a minimum density of 90% as determined by ASTM D1557.

3.7 PLACING PIPE

- A. Each pipe shall be carefully examined before being laid, and defective or damaged pipe shall not be used. Pipe lines shall be laid to the grades and alignment indicated. Proper facilities shall be provided for lowering sections of pipe into trenches. Under no circumstances shall pipe be laid in water, and no pipe shall be laid when trench conditions or weather are unsuitable for such work. Diversion of drainage or dewatering of trenches during construction shall be provided as necessary. All pipe in place shall have been checked before backfilling. When storm drain pipe terminates in a new ditch, headwall or end section, together with ditch pavement, if specified, shall be constructed immediately as called for on the plans. Ditch slopes and disturbed earth areas shall be grassed and mulched as required. Contractor will be responsible for maintaining these newly constructed ditches and take immediate action subject to acceptance, keeping erosion of the ditch bottom and slopes to a minimum during life of contract. No additional compensation will be given to Contractor for the required diversion of drainage and/or dewatering of trenches. Grassing the trench backfill shall conform to requirements of Section 32 92 00 – “Turf and Grasses.”
- B. Concrete Pipe: Laying shall proceed upgrade with spigot ends of bell and spigot pipe and tongue ends of tongue and groove pipe pointing in the direction of flow. Place pipe in trench with the invert conforming to required elevations, slopes and alignment. Provide bell holes in pipe bedding in order to insure uniform pipe support. Fill all voids under the pipe by working in backfill material.

- C. Corrugated Aluminum Pipe: Shall be laid with separate sections joined firmly together, with outside laps of circumferential joints pointing upstream and with longitudinal laps on the side. Lifting lugs, where used, shall be placed to facilitate moving the pipe without damage to exterior or interior coatings. Place pipe in trench with the invert conforming to required elevations, slopes and alignment. Fill all voids under the pipe by working in backfill material.
- D. Polyethylene Polypropylene and PVC Pipe – Laying shall proceed upgrade with spigot ends of bell and spigot pipe pointing in the direction of flow. Place pipe in trench with the invert conforming to required elevations, slopes, and alignment. Provide bell holes in pipe bedding in order to ensure uniform pipe support. Fill all voids under the pipe by working in bedding material. Pipe shall be installed in accordance with ASTM D-2321.
- E. Subgrade Drain Tubing – Shall be laid as detailed on construction drawings with the invert conforming to required elevations and alignment.

3.8 JOINTS IN PIPES

- A. Concrete Pipe – Maintain pipe alignment and prevent infiltration of fill material at joints during installation. Manufacturer's recommendations and requirements shall be followed.

All joints shall receive one layer of filter fabric completely around exterior of the joint. Filter fabric shall be a minimum of 2 feet wide, centered on the joint, and overlapped a minimum of 1 foot.

- B. Corrugated Aluminum Pipe – Maintain pipe alignment and prevent infiltration of fill material at joints during installation.
 - 1. Installation of Gaskets – Shall be in accordance with recommendations of the manufacturer in regard to use of lubricants and cements and other special installation requirements. Gasket shall be placed over one end of a section of pipe for half the width of a gasket. The other half shall be doubled over end of same pipe. When adjoining section of pipe is in place, the double-over half of gasket shall then be rolled over the adjoining section. Any unevenness in overlap shall be corrected so gasket covers ends of pipe sections equally. Connecting bands shall then be centered over the adjoining sections of pipe, and rods or bolts placed in position and nuts tightened. The band shall be tightened evenly. Tension shall be kept on rods or bolts and gasket shall be closely observed to see it is seating properly in the corrugations.
 - 2. Installation of Filter Fabric at Joint – After the connecting band has been tightened; Contractor shall place one layer of filter fabric completely around exterior of joint, a minimum of 2 feet wide, centered on joint, and overlapped a minimum of 1 foot.
- C. Polyethylene Pipe (HDPE), Polypropylene Pipe (PP) and PVC Pipe – Maintain pipe alignment and prevent infiltration of fill material at joints during installation

1. Joints shall be gasketed soil-tight and water-tight bell and spigot meeting ASTM D3212. Gaskets shall meet the requirements of ASTM F477. A joint lubricant supplied by manufacturer shall be used on the gasket and bell during assembly. Spigot end of pipe shall be inserted into bell using methods recommended by the manufacturer. Pipe shall be kept true to line and grade during assembly.
 2. Installation of Filter Fabric at Joint – All HDPE and PP joints shall receive one layer of filter fabric completely around exterior of the joint. Filter fabric shall be a minimum of 2 feet wide, centered on the joint, and overlapped a minimum of 1 foot.
- D. Subgrade Drain Tubing – Joints shall be joined using snap couplings. When installing sock wrapped pipe, overlap sock ends over coupling and secure with polyethylene tape.

3.9 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Soil and density tests shall be made by a testing laboratory acceptable to the Engineer. Laboratory tests of the soil shall be made in accordance with ASTM D 1557. In-place density tests shall be made in accordance with ASTM D 6938. Results of tests shall be furnished to the Engineer.

The minimum number of tests required shall be:

Rigid Pipe:

Haunching and Initial Backfill in all areas....	1 per 100-linear feet of pipe, minimum of one per run of pipe for both the haunching and initial backfill zones.
Final Backfill over pipe in traffic areas.....	1 per 100-linear feet or less for each 4-feet of depth or portion thereof.
Final Backfill over pipe in non-traffic areas....	1 per 500-linear feet or less for each 6-feet of depth or portion thereof.

Flexible Pipe:

Haunching and Initial Backfill in all areas....	1 per 20-linear feet of pipe, minimum of one per run of pipe for both the haunching and initial backfill zones.
Final Backfill over pipe in traffic areas.....	1 per 20-linear feet or less for each 4-feet of depth or portion thereof.
Final Backfill over pipe in non-traffic areas....	1 per 100-linear feet or less for each 4-feet of depth or portion thereof.

The minimum percent of compaction of the backfill material (in accordance to ASTM D1557) shall be the following:

In traffic Areas. 98% of maximum laboratory density.

In non-traffic Areas . . . 90% of maximum laboratory density, unless otherwise accepted by the Engineer.

- B. It is the Contractor's responsibility to assure backfill is sufficient to limit pipe deflection to no more than 5%. When flexible pipe is used, a deflection test shall be made by the Contractor on entire length of installed pipeline, not less than 30-days after completion of all backfill and placement of any fill. Deflection shall be determined by use of a deflection device per ASTM F3080 or a nine-fin deflection mandrel. Failure of the mandrel to pass freely through a pipe run shall be cause for rejection of a run. When a deflection device is used for the test such device per ASTM F3080 or nine fin deflection mandrel shall be given acceptance prior to use. Device shall be sensitive to 1.0% of pipe diameter being measured and shall be accurate to 1.0% of the indicated dimension. Installed pipe showing deflections greater than 5% of normal pipe diameter shall be replaced at no cost to Owner. Testing pull force shall not exceed 200 lbs.
- C. 100% of pipes under roadways and paved areas shall be televised and video recorded. The video observation shall include a complete pan view of each joint. If the video observation indicates problems, further televising may be required. Additional televising and video recording will be at no additional cost to the Owner.

3.10 DRAINAGE STRUCTURES

- A. Drainage structures shall be constructed of materials specified for each type and in accordance with details shown on the drawings.

3.11 REMOVE AND REPLACE PAVEMENT

- A. Pavement shall only be removed after prior written authorization by the Owner. Pavement removed and replaced shall be constructed in accordance with latest specifications of the State Department of Transportation. Traffic shall be maintained and controlled per State Department of Transportation regulations.

3.12 CONNECT PIPE TO EXISTING STRUCTURES

- A. Contractor shall connect pipe to the existing structure where indicated. For brick or precast structures, a hole not more than 4 inches larger than outside diameter of new pipe shall be cut or cored neatly in the structure, new pipe laid so it is flush with inside face of structure, and annular space around pipe filled with a damp, expanding mortar or grout to make a watertight seal. After mortaring, flexible pipe connections, including HDPE, PP and corrugated aluminum shall include a 12" filter fabric extending a minimum 12" up the pipe and structure adhered with a bituminous coating.

END OF SECTION